

Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited

May 2011 Newsletter



Getting Busy

I'll be honest, recently it's been tough keeping up with all of the chapter events. It seems like as soon as one event ends, I'm sending an announcement for the next. But being busy is a good thing.

Over the past couple weeks we helped with some spring cleaning at the Ipswich River Watershed Association and wet lines during the Parker River paddle.

And while our chapter meeting this past Monday will be the last until the summer is in the rear-view mirror, we'll still have plenty of events to keep the membership busy.

Up front I want to mention that we have a stream cleanup of the Mill River in Newbury planned for this coming Saturday. Please read the article for more info. Additionally, in the pages to follow you'll find details on upcoming float stocking and the Mass/Rhode Island TU Council's camping weekend at the end of May.

These are just a sampling of the events we have on the docket for the summer, so read on.

As the longer days allow for more time on the water, I hope you'll stay in touch.

Warm regards,

Kevin Correa
President
Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited



Chett Walsh at IRWA Work Day

Around the Bend

May 7, 2011

Mill River Cleanup

We'll be working with the Parker River Clean Water Association hauling trash from the Mill River in Newbury.

9 a.m.

Rt. 1 Just south Elm St. in Newbury.

May, 2011

Float Stocking the Parker River

We're lending the state (and the trout) a hand by float stocking the Parker River.

Date TBD.

(see article)

May 20-22, 2011

MA/RI Council Camping Weekend

This event is in lieu of the traditional Indian Hollow weekend.

Trout Brook Park, Holden, MA

(see article)

May 22, 2011

IRWA Canoe Dock Opening

Join the Ipswich Stream Team for a morning paddle from Winthrop St. to Riverbend. Ice cream, paddling, and BYO picnic supper.

143 County Road, Ipswich.

(978) 412-8200 for more info.

*The Nor'East Chapter is dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring
Massachusetts' north shore coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.*

Ipswich River Watershed Association Work Day a Great Success

On April 16th, several chapter members spent a few hours working at the Ipswich River Watershed Association's Riverbend property.

The crew tackled many projects including: clearing invasive brush, cleaning/mulching the flower beds, and clearing a trail down to the canoe dock. The new switchback trail includes 6 railroad tie steps at the bottom of the hill, making the final descent substantially less treacherous.

Art Howe rewarded the workers with a tasty lunch cooked on a freshly cleaned grill.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in, and thanks to IRWA for all the support!



Photo courtesy of John LeJeune

Mill River Cleanup Saturday May 7th

The chapter joins forces with the Parker River Clean Water Association this Saturday in a cleanup of the Mill River in Newbury.

Please bring work gloves, waders and any other tools that might help us haul some trash out.

Please meet at 9 a.m. at the Mill River pull out on Rt. 1 just south of Elm St. in Newbury (by the Governor's Academy). Contact Thomas Wooldridge at tswoldridge@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

Chapter to Help Float Stock the Parker River

As we did last year, the chapter will help the state float stock the Parker River. These are fish that would otherwise be dumped at the street crossings and probably end up in buckets before they got their bearings. We aren't advertising a date, but it will be soon. So if you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Tom Schultz at tschultz_215@yahoo.com.



And thanks to our friends at First Light Anglers for providing their stocking pens.

Parker River Fish Counts Continue

The Parker River Clean Water Association is looking for additional volunteers to count fish passing through the ladder at the Central Street dam in Byfield. Counts are fun, easy and can take as little as 10 minutes. When the herring are running, it's quite the sight. To learn more, please contact the Amy Madden, the fish count coordinator, at amymadden185@comcast.net.

MA/RI TU Council Weekend May 20-22

Join chapters from across the area at the annual camping/fishing weekend (though this time not at Indian Hollow).

This year we're gathering at Trout Brook Park in Holden, MA. The park is home to a spring-fed pond (which is stocked) and is a stone's throw away from the Stillwater and Quinepoxt Rivers.

This family friendly event will include plenty of fishing, a bbq and a rod raffle.

Please let us know if you plan to attend. For more information, contact Larry Bush at (508) 755-4645.

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Parker River Paddle Recap



For a couple years now I've told stories of monster pickerel and bass in the Crane Pond section of the Parker River. Many (perhaps rightfully so) dismissed the claims as typical fisherman's tales. Well this year some big fish came to play.

Our group set out from Thurlow Street and paddled downstream to Crane Pond. While there were certainly trout present (and rising), none were to be enticed by creations of fur and feather. As such, the focus shifted to the pond's other inhabitants. Bluegills, perch, crappie, large mouth bass and pickerel were all brought to hand. Though there is some discussion over the largest fish caught, the only one for which there is photographic evidence was landed by



Ken Washburn or Charlie Moore?

John LeJeune and taped out at 23 inches.

John LeJeune and Pickerel

As everyone managed to hook up, we made our way back to Thurlow and a nice lunch cooked up by Mike O'Neill.

Thanks to everyone who participated. Already looking forward to more laughs next year.

May Meeting Recap



Tom Costa

Chapter members Tom Costa and Kevin Correa presented an Introduction to Rod Building at our May chapter meeting.

Tom has extensive experience building rods and offered great insight into the building process. Much of Kevin's contribution focused on the helping others learn from the mistakes he's made.



Kevin Correa

Several members floated the idea of a rod building seminar hosted by the chapter, and it is something that we will look into.

Thank you Tom and Kevin.

Prowling for Natives

In advance of this year's brook trout hunt, we're starting to scour the Gazatteers (and the Internet) for potential native brook trout streams in our area.

If you have any spots you think are worth exploring, let us know and we'll add them to the list of prospects. Once we have a handful of streams, we'll call for volunteers to help us with our search.

Nor'East Chapter Family Day

Stay tuned for details on the Nor'East Chapter Family Day planned for the summer.

Once we have the details settled we'll be making a formal announcement.

We Want to Hear From You

Have information you'd like to share with the chapter? Send it to our newsletter editor at newsletter@tunoreast.org.

Ipswich River Cleanup in North Reading

The Reading/North Reading Ipswich River Stream Team is looking for volunteers to participate in the 21st Annual Ipswich River Cleanup. Free t-shirt and lunch provided.

Details:

Saturday, June 4

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Meet at Ipswich River Park on Central St. in North Reading.

Contact Butch Conary for more information: (781) 942-7505

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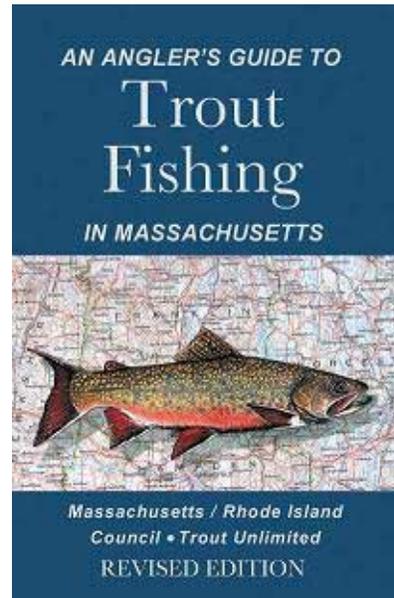
Chapter Tee Shirts

Still don't have your chapter T-shirt? Act fast as only Large and X-Large are left from this first run of shirts. Shirts cost \$15 and are available online or at the meetings.



An Angler's Guide

An Angler's Guide to Trout Fishing in Massachusetts could have been called "The Spot Burners Guide to Trout Fishing In Massachusetts." This book really is a must if you fish around the state. It lists everything you need to know from hidden holes to flies. \$20.



You can always purchase chapter merchandise at any of our meetings.

Donations:

Keep 'em Coming!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed items for use in our bucket raffles.

If you have anything new you'd like to contribute, please send it our way.

Thanks!