

Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited

October 2012 Newsletter



It's Banquet Time!

While we've jumped right into the cool weather of fall, and many of us have been out chasing trout and salmon, a deft team has been working diligently to prepare for the chapter's annual banquet.

There is little doubt that our past banquets have been very successful, but we're looking to make the banquet even better. The Ipswich Masonic Hall is a great venue and we need your help filling the seats.



Join the Chapter for a Great Time

If you have yet to attend a chapter event, the banquet is a wonderful opportunity to get your feet wet. As past attendees can attest, the food, raffle and auction items are all top notch. This year's bounty includes several rods, reels, original art, guided trips and a large selection of gift certificates to local vendors.

The chapter is only as strong as its members, and we're asking that you show your support by joining us at the banquet.

Find more details on the banquet and other chapter happenings on the following pages. See you at the banquet!

Warm regards,

Kevin Correa
President
Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited

Around the Bend

November 3, 2012 Chapter Banquet

5:00PM Doors Open
Ipswich Masonic Hall
70 Topsfield Road
Ipswich
Tickets at the Door or Online at
www.tunoreast.org

December 3, 2012 Chapter Holiday Party & Fly Tying

6:00PM Dinner
Join the chapter for Free Pizza and
an evening of fly tying.
IRWA
143 County Road
Ipswich

Join Us for Our 2012 Banquet

Our annual banquet is a celebration of the year's accomplishments and our major fundraising event. It is a great opportunity to meet other environmentally conscious anglers, swap fishing tales, enjoy a great meal, and potentially walk away with some great raffle and auction prizes. The event is **Open to the Public.**

Event Details:

Saturday, November 3, 2012

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Ipswich Masonic Hall

70 Topsfield Road, Ipswich, MA 01938

Tickets Prices:

\$20 prepaid via www.tunoreast.org

\$25 at the door

\$10 Children 12 & Under



For more information, please visit our website at www.tunoreast.org.
We hope to see you there!

Banquet Volunteers Needed!

With just a couple weeks left before the banquet, we still have plenty of work to do, both prior to and the day of the banquet.

If you can lend a hand helping set up the venue, working the kitchen, or in any other capacity, please contact John LeJeune at jrlejeune@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for the help!

Thank You Meeting Speakers

In September, the chapter hosted Mark Foley for his presentation on DIY fishing Argentina. The presentation was packed with tips and photos that had the attendees checking air fares before they left the building.

Our October meeting provided a great opportunity for members to sit down with Wayne Castonguay, the new Executive Director of the Ipswich River Watershed Association. The discussion focused on ways in which our two organizations can continue to work together protecting our local waterways.

Thank you Mark and Wayne for taking the time to speak to the chapter.

Local(ish) Late Fall/Winter Trout Fishing

“What are the closest rivers I can fish for trout in the late fall and winter?” That is one of the most common questions we field from anglers new to the area.

There are absolutely trout that hold over in some of the rivers within the chapter’s borders (Parker, Ipswich, and Mill to name a few). Finding them, of course, is the trick. Given the scarcity of trout in these waters, it is unlikely that you will be given too much guidance on where to look.

So if you don’t have the patience to find these elusive fish yourself, there are options that are not too far away. Both the Nissitissit and Squannacook Rivers receive fall stockings. From the north shore, these rivers are a little over an hour away. A quick Google search will provide a wealth of information on parking and areas to hit.

The Swift River in Belchertown is a longer drive at over 2 hours away. Because it’s a tailwater from the Quabbin Reservoir, it is fishable after all of the other rivers have begun icing over.

Also, don’t overlook the seacoast rivers of New Hampshire. A few of the rivers (Lamprey, Cocheco and Isinglass) are stocked in the fall and are between 45 minutes and 1.5 hours away. If you plan to fish New Hampshire, don’t forget to purchase a license and check the regulations on these rivers.

Above all, be safe and dress appropriately for the conditions!



Upcoming Meeting Reminders

Just a reminder that there will be **NO NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING** due to the banquet, so we hope to see you November 3rd at the Ipswich Masonic Hall.

December's Chapter Meeting will be held on Monday, December 3rd. This meeting is our informal holiday party and fly tying event.

We provide free pizza, you provide the holiday cheer of your liking.



Have We Mentioned that the Banquet is Coming?

**Saturday, November 3rd
5 PM**

**Purchase your tickets today
at www.tunoreast.org and save!**

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