GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here we are, in October already! I don’t know why time moves so quickly when it’s summertime, while winter seems never to end… But here we are, hurtling into autumn. But there are still fish to be found. Striped bass are still here, but will be headed down the coast soon. I had some great fishing for false albacore on the Cape (off Bass River) last week. There are trout in the Swift and Farmington Rivers as well as well as many other places. And I suspect that the salmon run in Pulaski, NY has started as well, soon to be followed by steelhead. These are my thoughts about autumn fishing…

This last summer, at least after June was over, the striped bass fishing sucked (at least for me). June was great but the months of July through September were pretty thin. We never got skunked, but there were days of fewer than five fish per person, though occasionally one of us would get 15-20 fish, mostly small. It’s great getting out there, however. It’ll be a long winter with dreams of warm weather and good fishing, while our recollections sustain us through the snows.

Our banquet will be on March 18th, 2017, at the Danversport Yacht Club. Please put it on your calendar! There will be some great auction items, including a mid-June weekend at the Farmington River in CT to fish the Sulphur hatch, which is really fun. We’ll have quite a gathering there, as six cabins (each sleeps 5-6 people if necessary, though 3 works better) have been rented by NETU and CMTU people. This should be a hot item. Please think of other great things to give for our auction; we want this event to be better than last year, and that’ll be hard to do! But we’re getting some great stuff…

But more immediately, we’re having our second meeting of the season on Monday, October 3rd, at the IRWA HQ in Ipswich. We’ll have a great lasagna dinner prepared by Kalil Boghdan at 6:00PM, and then an interesting presentation by Wayne Castonguay, Executive Director of the Ipswich River Watershed Association (IRWA) on “Ipswich River in Crisis: The Impact of A Historic Drought.” IRWA has been very active in dealing with this situation and it will be good to hear about these efforts and his analysis of the crisis at our meeting. So come for a great dinner, an interesting talk and our business meeting at which you will hear about what NETU is doing and planning for the forthcoming year!

Fred Jennings
NETU President

DONATIONS? UNWANTED ITEMS?
Contact Bob Torkildsen if you have any items for the raffle

Upcoming Events

Oct 3
Wayne Castonguay on the status of the Ipswich River and the 2016 drought.

Mar 18, 2017
Mark your calendar: NETU Annual Banquet
Danversport Yacht Club

Jun 16, 2017
Farmington River Fishing Trip

Have you renewed your TU membership?
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REPORT ON DENNYS RIVER TRIP, 3-5 JUNE 2016

Geoffrey Day, Fred Jennings, Josh Rownd

Six of us traveled to Down East Maine on Thursday, 2 June 2016, almost as far as you can go, to Dennysville in Edmunds Township in ME (near the Canadian border) to fish with Bill Robinson and stay at Robinson’s Log Cottages for three nights. What a great trip! Here is our report...

Fred and Geoff rode there and back together in his Volvo wagon, with great conversation both ways in spite of heavy rain showers on the way home. Josh and his three friends – Dick, Peter and Mark – rode together and arrived about a half hour after Fred and Geoff. We were greeted by Theresa Robinson (she and Bill own and manage this lodge), and Bill appeared later while we were having dinner at Cabin #4 on Robinson’s Pond where Josh and his friends were staying. Geoff and Fred were in Cabin #6 right on the Dennys River. The accommodations were perfect: homey and comfortable, with a big fireplace in #4 that warmed us all while we ate and chatted.

On the first day, Friday, Bill took us to fish at the site of an old “Dennys River Fishing Club” camp that is a bit run down but breathes its history as a salmon fishing camp in the days up until 1988 when the Dennys River had an abundant run of Atlantic salmon. We were there to fish for the sea-run “salter” brookies that were rumored to be in this river. The camp was down not far from tidewater, and we fished there all morning until around 1:00PM and then returned to the cabins for a delicious lunch of make-your-own sandwiches with ingredients supplied by Bill.

The fishing results on Friday were not spectacular but we all caught fish. Josh caught two brookies and the rest of us caught chub, smallmouth bass and a few salmon smolts. The Dennys River in that section was quite easily wadable, with riffles and pools that probably held a lot more fish than we disturbed. We fished the water for about a mile above the camp and then fished right there at the camp for a while before we headed back. At that point, Fred found that he no longer had his regular glasses (having used Polaroids during the fishing), so he and Geoff hiked all the way back up to the farthest
REPORT ON DENNYS RIVER TRIP, 3-5 JUNE 2016 (CONTINUED)

point we had fished, where Fred had changed his fly, and – lo and behold – there were Fred’s glasses bobbing at the edge of the river! Very lucky...
On our second day, Saturday, Bill and his father, Jim Robinson, met us at 8:00AM and we drove upriver with four canoes to just below the Meddybemps Dam where we put in, while Jim and Theresa drove the vehicles back to the cabins. Very soon after we started downriver on our nine-mile paddle, we saw a lot of herring coming upriver along with a few pods of very large sea-run brookies with them (perhaps 15-20” long)! That was very encouraging. We fished a bit at the start before quite a long paddle through what Bill described as “dead water” before we got to a long fishable stretch downriver. In this section, the Dennys River is slow and deep and breathtakingly beautiful, running through a marshy area for most of the way, with pine and other trees on the banks in the sections that were not marsh. We saw eagles, ospreys, otters, beavers, a white-tailed deer bounding into the trees, and birds everywhere. It was beautiful.
After a long paddle down through this long flat stretch, we fished (mostly from the canoes) in pools between the rapids. Some brookies and salmon smolt were caught, along with abundant chub and some smallmouth bass too. Everyone caught fish, although the fishing was very slow, largely because the river was at August levels due to a lack of rain. We mostly bumped through the shallows in the more rapid sections – Bill said that it should be at least a foot deeper at this time of year, and that normally we wouldn’t have had to drag canoes in sections or hit so many rocks. I suspect the heavy rains we got on Sunday evening on our drive home were welcome!
We stopped at an old camp for lunch, where Bill made a fire in a firepit and cooked up some burgers which were scrumptious with cheese, lettuce, onions and tomatoes, as we sat around and chatted for a bit before climbing back into our canoes and heading on downriver. The rest of the afternoon had us fishing our way down through mostly smooth water with occasional rapids to negotiate, with more wildlife to see and more fish caught. We got to our takeout after our nine-mile paddle at about 4:00PM, tired but very satisfied with a beautiful day on the river.
We all had dinner at Cabin #4 and Bill came over for a visit to tell us about the plan for the next day. We would leave at 9:00AM and return to our takeout place – where the four canoes had been left overnight – and would paddle the last five miles of the river down to the cabins, not hurrying and fishing the whole way. And that’s what we did on Sunday. It was really perfect and idyllic, paddling and casting under the alders or against the banks, catching occasional trout or smallmouth bass and chub with a few salmon smolts thrown in. Every once in a while we would stop and get out at the best spots, but mostly we just paddled along very slowly and caught fish casting from the canoe. The first part of the day was mostly flat deep water, although the end of the day was what Bill called “bony” and indeed it was that! We bumped down through the rocks, getting out occasionally to pull the canoe through water too shallow to ride, but it was fun and not very difficult or taxing. One could see the trip would be easier with more
This was a great trip and we would recommend it to anyone who wants to try something a bit different from the typical guided trip. Bill Robinson is a delight, as is his father Jim (a real character), and they have both lived on and fished this river all of their lives. The cabins are comfortable and not expensive, fully equipped with kitchens and baths with nice living and dining areas and screened porches sitting right on the water. We all loved the place! You can contact Theresa or Bill at Robinson’s Cottages at 253 King Street, Edmunds Township, ME 04628 at 207-726-9546 or check them out online at www.robinsonscottages.com and you can contact Bill Robinson at DennysRiver Guide Service at 207-726-5579 or check him out online at www.DennysRiverGuide.com. Here is a link to a short video that Bill Robinson made of our trip: https://www.facebook.com/dennysriverguide/
Signed: Fred Jennings, NETU President
Our Cottages have...

- #1, 3, 4, 5 & 6 have free WiFi; as do the playground and beach (limited)
- Modern electric appliances and fully equipped kitchens
- Blankets, linens, towels provided; a change of linens & towels provided weekly
- Good spacing for your privacy, and can be driven to by car
- A source of heat – fireplace, woodstove and/or monitor heater
- Screened porch with water views
- A picnic table and charcoal grill

You have free use of...

- Play area with swing set, horseshoes, volleyball/badminton net
- Row boat, canoes & life jackets
- Swimming & fishing on the premises
- Wood for stoves & fireplaces!

Contact Information:

Robinson's Cottages
253 King Street
Edmunds Twp, ME 04628
207-726-9546
Ask for Teresa or Bill

Down East Sunrise Trail

We are located 7 miles from the trail's end in Pembroke, between mile markers 79 & 80. The cottages entrance is about 300 yards from the trail with direct access – for biking, hiking & ATVs.

There is a log Adirondack building and sign at the crossroad for the cottages.

We also offer guided fishing, hunting or recreation in the Downeast area through Dennys River Guide Service. Bill is a Registered Maine Guide.


Robinson's Log Cottages

Fourth Generation Sporting & Vacation Camps

On the Dennys River and Robinson's Pond

Direct access to the multi-use
Down East Sunrise Trail
Robinson's Cottages are located on the bank of the Denny's River on land owned by generations of Robinsons since 1875.

The business of catering to the public started with one log camp in 1920. Although the original camp has been replaced, several more modern log cottages with stone fireplaces were built in the 1940's, 50's and 60's.

The water supply for the cottages comes from a refreshing, annually tested spring - the same spring that was used for an Atlantic salmon hatchery in the 1890's by the first Robinson owner, to which salmon eggs were transported by stagecoach from the East Orland hatchery.

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For stays of 1-4 nights, the required deposit will be equal to the cost for 1 night.

For stays over 4 nights, the required deposit will be 25% of the total.

The deposit is due at the time of reservation.
The balance is due upon arrival.

Our website has information about the cottages, the area and local attractions; as well as pictures and descriptions of each of the cottages. There is also an interactive map and directions.

[www.robinsonscottages.com](http://www.robinsonscottages.com)

Additional person fee of $10/person/night. No charge for children 6 and under.
Pets are welcome, no additional charge.

#1 sleeps 7, 3 bedrooms, 1 full, 5 twins
#4 sleeps 6, 3 bedrooms, 1 full, 4 twins
#5 sleeps 8, 4 bedrooms, 2 full, 4 twins
#s 2, 3 & 6 sleep 4, 2 bedrooms, 4 twins

An 9% rental tax will be added to all prices.

Follow Us!!

We have a Facebook page where we keep people up-to-date on the latest happenings in the area and at the cottages.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND SHOWS

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Know of any other events that our members might be interested in? Send an email to Peter Vandermeulen, vanderm@comcast.net
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