



Nor' East Chapter

January 2021 Newsletter

January 4, Monday Night's Speaker

Andy Bonzagni, "Stillwater Landlockededs"

Just down the road we have a hidden gem, a wild run of landlocked salmon in central Massachusetts. As temperatures start to drop in the fall and New England trout fishing starts to wane, you can extend your freshwater season right here at home. Landlockededs begin to move in to the tributaries that feed the Wachusett reservoir. Join us January 4th to learn about this great fishery we have in our state.



In 1999 Andy Bonzagni combined his lifelong passion of fly fishing with his entrepreneurial drive to open a small business in West Concord. For over 20 years Concord Outfitters has been serving fly fisherman in the greater Boston area. Through educational programs, community outreach and local watershed improvement, Concord Outfitters has been a fixture in the community. Over his years in business, Andy has been fortunate to have people as passionate about the sport and community

ZOOM Meeting
January 4,
6 PM

Speaker begins at
7:00 PM

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Landlock Salmon
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Recap of last month's
talk with link to
presentation.

working in the shop as he has himself. Whether it be fresh our saltwater, our knowledgeable staff at the shop can help out with any fly fishing questions you may have. Through our global travel program, our fishing experiences all over the world have given us the knowledge to outfit you for any experience you may encounter. Just 30 minutes from the North Shore, and an easy ride down 128, we love being your local fly shop and appreciate your support.

Speaker recruitment and this write-up provided by Kalil Boghdan. Thanks Kalil!

Kalil adds this: "I am looking forward to this presentation next Monday evening. To have a location fairly close by to do some landlocked salmon fishing is awesome. I know that I will personally be reaching out to Concord Outfitters to hire one of the fellows there for a guided trip next season. In addition, to have a fly shop close by is wonderful. In the past two months I have paid a visit to Concord Outfitters several time, and it is my hope to get our chapter members to also stop by for their fly fishing and clothing needs. With the internet driving much of today's commerce, fly shops are becoming a rarity. With that said it is imperative that we, personally and collectively, support Concord Outfitters to the best of our abilities."

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ANDY BONZAGNI, "STILLWATER LANDLOCKEDS"

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HELP THREE RIVERS STOCKING ASSOCIATION

Rick Hutchins and his friends at Three Rivers Stocking Association provide a wonderful fall and winter fishery in your backyard with the blessings of the State of New Hampshire but out of their own pocket. If you enjoy the fishing at these rivers, you may wish to send them a donation for their efforts.

Contact them at:

<https://threeriversstocking.com/2020-fundraising-drive>

President's Message

Dear fellow Nor'East Chapter Trout Unlimited Members,

A sincere wish to all members of NETU and your family and friends that this note finds you well.

As I write these words, we are closing in on the first days of the year 2021. Turning the calendar to a new year this time around seems especially poignant – for a myriad of reasons that need no explanation. Happy New Year to everyone, and all the best to you, your family and friends!

Our next NETU meeting – January 4th over Zoom – will feature Andy Bonzagni, owner of Concord Outfitters in West Concord, MA. Andy's presentation will be on fly fishing for still-water landlocked salmon in central MA.

The January 4th Zoom meeting will begin with open discussion at 6:00 PM, and Mr. Bonzagni's presentation will follow at 7:00 PM. An NETU Board meeting will follow the presentation.

Attending a presentation such as Mr. Bonzagni's is a great way to learn of local fishing opportunities that you may not yet be aware of. Generally speaking, we are so fortunate here in Massachusetts to have such incredible fishing opportunities – for both saltwater and freshwater species – so close by. No plane ride or long drive needed! In these times of COVID-19, with much less opportunity for safe and healthy travel, it makes our local angling opportunities all the more special.

As for landlocked salmon, I am embarrassed to say I have never caught one! Years ago, even though I know nothing about catching landlocked, I thought I had one hooked. The key word there is "thought". Many years ago, my grandparents owned a primitive camp on a small, deep, and cold lake in far eastern Maine. This lake holds a population of landlocked salmon. Trolling a metal spoon behind my grandparent's rowboat on a cloudy, cool, and still summer day, I hooked a fish over deep water that struck hard, jumped a couple of times, and headed for the bottom. After a battle, I reeled in a sizeable.....smallmouth bass. Even though that smallmouth bass was a surprise, catching it brought a big smile to my face, and bringing it to hand is a treasured memory of being a young angler catching a big fish. As probably all of you reading this know, sometimes it is the surprise fish – or the fish you didn't catch – that are the most memorable!

Happy New Year everyone, and wishing you all the best. Hope to see you at one of our virtual meetings or a smaller, outside, socially distanced NETU event sometime. As always, please don't hesitate to drop me a line – I would be happy to hear from you.

Ben Meade, President

You missed a good one last month:

At our December monthly meeting, attendees had the pleasure of watching Tim Flagler give us an excellent virtual presentation on “Euro-nymphing.”



A technique that is new to a lot of us and one that was well worth the time to sit in on. This type of fishing is used by fishermen to maximize their catches at competitions so you know it has to be good.

Well, if you want to catch trout consistently, you have to know how to nymph fish. There are at least two types: indicator nymphing and Euro-nymphing. Tim gave us all the techniques, type of gear and which flies work best when Euro-nymphing the Northeast for trout. Tim calls it “fine-tuning high stick nymphing” and you can learn more at his

web page at <https://www.tightlinevideo.com/about-tim>

Euro-nymphing works best with a long fly rod, 11 feet is best and a very thin line “like a piece of shooting line” tied to a special leader that has a section colored to “sight” the depth of the fly. The leader runs to a tippet ring (get the good kind) and your tippet is tied to that. About 18-24” of 6X tippet will do. A fly needs to be weighted, preferably with a tungsten bead head fly with sparse or little materials that will impede its rate of sink. A tandem fly can be added and Tim prefers a non-weighted fly for this as its action is more life like.

We’ve asked Tim if we can host his talk on our web page. And he has agreed. So if you want the entire presentation, [please visit this link](#) or visit our web page. Otherwise his web page is full of information. Please visit it and let him know how much you appreciate his sharing of his techniques, tips and tricks for catching trout.

Check out what other Chapters are up to (click to open their web pages):

[Deerfield River Chapter tracking fish](#)

Need more Zoom in your life: [Join Merrimack River Valley Chapter for "Apex Predators on a Fly, December 8 contact Bob Bluhm at \[bbbluhmmm1953@gmail.com\]\(mailto:bbbluhmmm1953@gmail.com\)](#)

[Sucker Brook Restoration by Squan-A-Tissit Chapter](#)

[Maine Chapters looking for volunteers to survey fish and streams](#)

January 4 TU Nor'East Regular Meeting schedule, is as follows:

Schedule:

6:00 PM: Zoom meeting opens.

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Optional(!) open discussion.

7:00 PM - ~ 8:00 PM: Presentation by Andy Bonzagni.

~ 8:00 PM - ~ 9:00 PM: NETU Board meeting.

Chapter Financial Report from Peter Vandermeulen, Treasurer

12/2/2020

Category	3/1/2020- 3/31/20	4/1/2020- 8/31/20	9/1/2020- 11/30/20	Nov 2020 Notes		
INCOME						
Banquet Income		MARCH	APR-AUG	SEP-NOV		
Banquet Income:Banquet Admissions	\$540.72	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Banquet Income:Banquet Program Book Ac	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Banquet Income:Banquet Raffles	\$14,772.86	\$0.00	\$0.00			
TOTAL Banquet Income	\$15,853.58	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Income from Dinner	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Income from Raffles	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Cash Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Other Inc	\$0.00	\$25.44	\$0.00			
Rebates TU National Council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
TOTAL INCOME	\$16,053.58	\$25.44	\$0.00			
EXPENSES						
Bank Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Banquet Expenses						
Banquet Expenses:Advertising and Marketi	\$385.98	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Banquet Expenses:Dinner Costs	\$5,014.18	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Banquet Expenses:Other	\$0.00	\$183.28	\$0.00			
Banquet Expenses:Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Banquet Expenses:Raffle Items for Banquet	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Banquet Expenses:Room Costs	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00			
Banquet Expenses:Supplies	\$364.66	\$0.00	\$0.00			
TOTAL Banquet Expenses	\$7,014.82	\$683.28	\$0.00			
Conservation Project Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Dinner Expenses	\$329.90	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Gifts & Donations	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$550.00	\$300 Three Rivers Stocking, \$250 IRWA		
Insurance	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Member Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Membership Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Raffle Items Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Marketing Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159.27	Zoom subscription		
Speaker Fees	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,744.72	\$2,683.28	\$709.27			
TRANSFERS						
FROM Cash Account	\$3,195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
TO Business Green Checking XX7066	-\$3,195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
OVERALL TOTAL	\$6,308.86	-\$2,657.84	-\$709.27			
ASSETS						
	3/31/2020 Balance	8/31/2020 Balance	11/30/2020 Balance			
Cash and Bank Accounts						
Business Green Checking XX7066	\$55,299.01	\$51,551.17	\$50,841.90	Actual Bank Balance as of 11/30/2020		
Zulu Nyala Uncashed Check	-\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Kalil Boghdan Check for Raffle Tickets	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Cash Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$54,209.01	\$51,551.17	\$50,841.90	Balance in Quicken		
Pond Street Culvert Project (2022)	-\$10,633.00	-\$10,633.00	-\$10,633.00	Future commitments		
LIABILITIES	-\$10,633.00	-\$10,633.00	-\$10,633.00			
OVERALL TOTAL	\$43,576.01	\$40,918.17	\$40,208.90	Net Assets		
INDIVIDUAL TRANSACTIONS						
Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Actual Bank
BALANCE 8/31/2020						
						\$51,551.17
10/2/2020	Business Gre	1299	Ben Meade	Zoom Subscr	Marketing Ex	-\$159.27
10/15/2020	Business Green Checking X	Threeriver40	DBT Purchas	Gifts & Dona		-\$300.00
11/26/2020	Business Gre	1300	IRWA	Donation for	Gifts & Dona	-\$250.00
9/1/2020 - 11/30/2020 TRANSACTIONS						
						-\$709.27
BALANCE 11/30/2020						
						\$50,841.90
CLEARED FROM LAST MONTH						
9/1/2020 - 11/30/2020 UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS						
OTHER OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS						-\$10,633.00
NET TOTAL						\$40,208.90

Last cast: Who is in charge of the store, as it were.

President – Ben Meade

Vice President – Resume builder (put your name here)

Treasurer – Peter Vandermeulen

Secretary – Gregory Murrer

Directors:

Kalil Boghdan

Geof Day

James Goodhart

Geoff Klane

Fred Jennings

Tom Leahy

Mike O’Neill

Bob Torkildsen

Chett Walsh

David Walsh

Ken Washburn

Committees

Conservation Committee Chair: Chett Walsh

Meeting Programs Chair: Kalil Boghdan

Meeting Dinner Committee Co-Chairs: Ken Washburn, Mike O’Neill

Banquet Committee Co-Chairs: Kalil Boghdan, Bob Torkildsen

Newsletter Editor: Jim MacDougall, pro tempore

Webmaster: Geof Day

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