

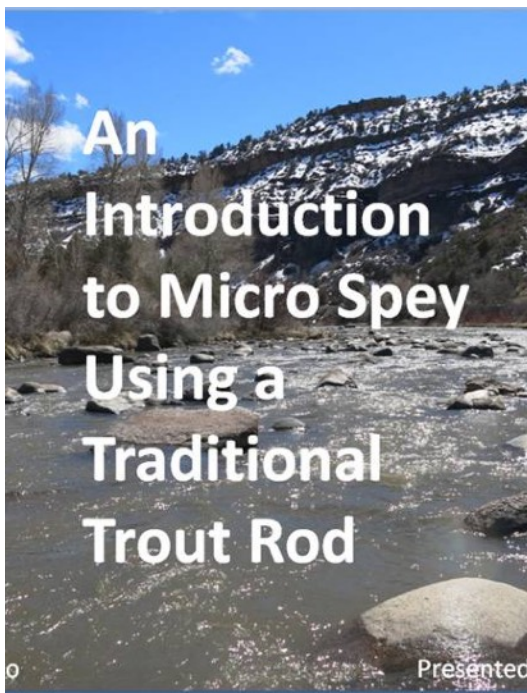


# Nor' East Chapter April 2021 Newsletter

## April 5, Monday Night's Speaker

### Craig Andree, "An Introduction to Micro Spey Using a Traditional Trout Rod."

Did you know you can use your current trout rods for single handed spey casting? The advantages are that it is a water born cast that allows one to cast with obstructions behind you. It is also more efficient and less stressful to the body. Furthermore, you can cast larger and heavier flies like streamers or nymphing . Lastly, you can cover more water than traditional nymphing or dry fly presentations. We will cover what is needed in terms of rod,



### ZOOM Meeting April 5, 6 PM

Speaker begins at  
7:00 PM

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running line, heads, tips, and leaders. A discussion on different presentation techniques will be presented. And if any time is left, a general overview of micro Game Changers and what is needed to tie them.

Craig Andree has been fly fishing for over 40 years and has traveled to amazing fisheries across the US. Since retirement, he has been teaching fly tying and fly casting to adult and youth groups on the North Shore of Boston. He lives in Peabody, with his wife and takes care of his young grandchildren.

## APRIL 5, 2021, 6 PM REGULAR MEETING ON ZOOM

Presentation starts at 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Annual Meeting starts at 8 PM

## President's Message

Members of the Trout Unlimited Nor'East Chapter:

Attached is a **Notice** of our **Annual Meeting** which will be held virtually on **April 5, 2021 at 8:00 PM** utilizing the Zoom platform. Also attached in the **Agenda** for the Annual Meeting. At the Meeting we will be addressing the appointment of Directors to four (4) expiring seats and one (1) vacant seat. As indicated in the Notice and Agenda, the Board's Nominating Committee has made recommendations as to individuals to occupy these seats for three (3) year terms, as required under our Bylaws. Nominations of alternative candidates, if any, should be directed to Josh Rownd at [josh.rownd@jacobs.com](mailto:josh.rownd@jacobs.com) in advance of the Meeting. Alternative nominations may also be made at the meeting as allowed under Article VI, Section 4 of the Bylaws. Directors will be appointed by simple majority vote of those present at the Annual Meeting. Votes will be taken on nominations for each seat.

Our Annual Meeting will also include a very important Amendment of the Chapter's Bylaws. A proposal has been made to expand the Board to a 16<sup>th</sup> member designated a "**Director-At-Large**". This seat would be non-voting and occupied by a person under the age of 21. Such an amendment requires a 2/3 vote. The objective of this change is to encourage and engage a young person to become an active voice on the Board and promote the mission of Trout Unlimited to their peer group. **Even if you are not intending to participate in**

this year's Annual Meeting, you are encouraged to vote on this amendment by either designating a member who is attending to vote on your behalf (proxy) or to send a "YES" or "NO" vote to the Chapter's Secretary, Greg Murrer at [gmurrerlaw@gmail.com](mailto:gmurrerlaw@gmail.com) prior to April 5<sup>th</sup>. The voice and support of this important initiative by all Chapter members is critical to the Chapter fulfilling it's mission. **WE REQUIRE 30 VOTES TO PASS THIS AMENDMENT, SO DON'T BE SHY: VOTE!!** Assuming the proposed amendment is adopted, the members present will vote on the Nominating Committee's recommendation of **Spencer Belson**, a student at Andover High and avid conservationist and fly fisherman, to become the Chapter's first Director-At-Large. Ben Meade, President

## Annual Meeting Notice

### OF THE NOR'EAST CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

**MEETING DATE: APRIL 5, 2021 AT 8:00 PM**

**MEETING LOCATION: VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM PLATFORM**

#### **TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NOR'EAST CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED:**

The Nor'East Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its Annual Meeting on the date, time and location specified above. Attached is an Agenda for the Annual Meeting which will include Annual Reports of the Officers and Committees of the Chapter. All members of the Chapter are invited and encouraged to attend. The election and appointment of Officers and Directors of the Chapter will be addressed at this Meeting. The By Laws of the Chapter require that such appointments are to be determined upon the affirmative vote of the members. Should you be unable to attend this Meeting, you may cast your vote by responding to this Notice by email to the Chapter's Secretary at [gmurrerlaw@gmail.com](mailto:gmurrerlaw@gmail.com). The Secretary will tally the votes and report the results at the Annual Meeting, which results will be added to the results of a hand vote by members present at the Meeting.

**APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:** The office of **Vice President** remains open. This office has a two-year term. Nominations for this office will be accepted at or before the Annual Meeting and voted upon by those present. All other officer positions are occupied.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR VACANCIES:** Four (4) Directors' terms will expire until April 2, 2021. These include Fred Jennings, Tom Leahy, Geoff Klane and Kalil Boghdan. There is an additional vacancy created by the resignation of James Shimer.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:** The Bylaws of the Chapter permit up to 15 members of the Chapter's Board. To the extent Board seats are available, nominations will be received and additional member(s) of the Board approved or rejected by majority vote.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The Chapter's Nominating Committee comprised of Ben Meade, Josh Rownd and Greg Murrer have recommended candidates for the open Board seats as follows. These candidates have affirmed their desire to serve as members of the Board:

1. **Fred Jennings** – To continue for an additional three (3) year term beginning April 5, 2021;
2. **Geoff Klane** – To continue for an additional three (3) year term beginning April 5, 2021;
3. **Ben Shea** – For a three (3) year term beginning April 5, 2021;
4. **Floyd Maker** - For a three (3) year term beginning April 5, 2021; and
5. **Carl Soderland** - For a three (3) year term beginning April 5, 2021.

**BYLAW AMENDMENT:** The Board has endorsed a proposal to amend the Chapter’s Bylaw to create a 16<sup>th</sup> Board seat to be designated the “Director-At-Large”. This seat would be occupied by an individual under the age of 21. The seat would be non-voting and would not count in determining whether a quorum of the Board is present. The Board considers this amendment and the appointment to this new seat to be critical to engaging young persons and communicating the Chapter’s mission to the next generation of fly fisherpersons and conservationists. To this end, Article IV Section 2 of the Chapter’s Bylaws would read as follows:

*The Board shall consist of no fewer than three (3) non-office members pursuant to Article V, Section 1, and no more than **16** members. Each non-officer Directors shall serve for a three-year term, with the Director’s terms staggered to provide for continuity, **provided that one (1) Director may, if appointed, serve as a Director-At-Large serving a one-year term. The Director-At-Large shall be under the age of 21. The Director-At-Large shall be a non-voting seat and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining a quorum of the Board...***

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The Chapter’s Nominating Committee recommends the appointment of **Spencer Belson** as the Chapter’s Director-At-Large.

## **ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA OF THE NOR’EAST CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED**

**MEETING DATE:** APRIL 5, 2021 AT 8:00 PM

**MEETING LOCATION:** VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM PLATFORM

### **MEETING AGENDA**

1. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – Ben Meade
2. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Peter Vendermeulen
3. COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS:
  - A. Banquet Committee
  - B. Conservation Committee

## C. Membership/Communications Committee

### 4. OFFICERS:

Under Article V, Section 1 of the Chapter's Bylaws, Officers are elected for terms of two (2) years. The Bylaws further provide that no Officer may serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms (Article VI, Section 1) and further that all Officers shall be appointed by the Chapter membership at the Chapter's Annual Meeting (Article V, Section 1). Currently, all officer positions are occupied through January 1, 2022 with the exception of **Vice President**. Nominations for the Office of **Vice President** will be taken prior to and during the Annual Meeting.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Appointment of **Vice President** for a two-year term to January 1, 2023. Nominations will be received and appointment made by majority vote of the members who are present and votes received by email. **Nominations, Voting & Tally of Votes.**

### 5. DIRECTORS

The current slate of Directors and their terms are presented in the roster attached to this Meeting Agenda. Four (4) Director terms are set to expire on April 2, 2021, including **Fred Jennings, Geoff Klane, Tom Lahey** and **Kahlil Boghdan**. One seat formerly occupied by **James Shimer**, is vacant.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Membership vote on:

(a) proposed additional terms of **Fred Jennings** and **Geoff Klane**;

(b) Nominating Committee recommendations for three open Board seats (**Ben Shea, Floyd Maker, Carl Soderland**);

(c) alternative nominations for any of the five open Board seats presented by members of the Chapter, if any, prior to or at the Annual Meeting;

(d) creation of the Director-At-Large Board seat by amendment to Article IV Section 2 of the Chapter's Bylaws; and

(e) Nominating Committee recommendation for the seat of Director-At-Large to be occupied for a one year term by **Spencer Belson**. **Nominations, Voting & Tally of Votes.**

**NOTICE:** The current Officers are also members of the Board and hold their seats as Directors until the expiration of their Officer status, i.e. until **January 1, 2022**.

**BOARD LIMITATION:** Under Article IV, Section 2 of the Chapter's Bylaws, the Board is limited to 15 Directors. The proposed amendment of the Bylaws would create a 16<sup>th</sup> seat as the "Director-At-Large".

### 6. OTHER MATTERS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

**CURRENT OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF TU NOR'EAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>REMAINING TERM</u></b>
James Goodhart	4/2/2019 – 4/2/2022
Mike O'Neill	4/2/2019 – 4/2/2022
Bob Torkildsen	4/2/2019 – 4/2/2022
Chett Walsh	4/2/2019 – 4/2/2022
David Walsh	4/2/2019 - 4/2/2022
James Shimer (Resigned)	4/2/2019 - 4/2/2022
Josh Rownd	1/1/2020 – 1/1/2023
Ben Meade (President)*	1/1/2020 – 1/1/2022
Vice President (Open)	1/1/2020 – 1/1/2022
Gregory Murrer ( Secretary)*	1/1/2020 - 1/1/2022
Peter Vandermeulen (Treasurer)*	1/1/2020 – 1/1/2022
Fred Jennings	4/2/2018 – 4/2/2021
Tom Leahy	4/2/2018 – 4/2/2021
Geoff Klane	4/2/2018 – 4/2/2021
Kalil Boghdan	4/2/2018 – 4/2/2021

# Fishing Local submitted by Kalil Boghdan

## Fishing the Connecticut River in Pittsburg, NH

Several years ago, Nor'East TU chapter member and personal friend Mark Richard introduced me to the beautiful and reasonably priced cabins of Lopstick Lodge and to the wonderful waters of the Upper Connecticut River in Pittsburg, NH. Lopstick is an easy five hour ride from the Boston North Shore and offers wonderful accommodations and great fishing opportunities. The photos that follow show the fun one can have fairly close by with an easy car ride. Lopstick was the recipient of the 2013 Orvis Endorsed Outfitter of the Year and has been a runner-up for this award several times.

By Kalil Boghdan

2012 Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide of the Year



Welcome to the Cabins at Lopstick Lodge and Guide Service in Pittsburg, NH -located on the First Connecticut Lake and at the beginning of the the four mile stretch of the Trophy Section of the Upper Connecticut River.



Kalil Boghdan with head guide, Bill Bernhardt. The guide service at Lopstick provides wonderful opportunities for full or half day wade or drift boat outings. A very nice shore lunch is provided on full day guided trips.



Besides well appointed cabins and guides, Lopstick also has an awesome fly fishing shop and gift shop.



The Trophy Section of the Upper Connecticut River is a tailwater which runs four plus miles from the First Connecticut Lake to the inlet of Lake Francis.



Kalil Boghdan fishing the Dam Pool at the outflow of the First Connecticut Lake into the Upper Connecticut River. It is hard to believe can fish hold in this fast water.

But the fact of the matter is, there is structure for trout to hold in front of and behind allowing them to hold in this water to ambush prey. Also the water is a bit slower and less turbulent at the edges.



A nice rainbow plus others taken by Kalil Boghdan in the Dam Pool.



Kalil Boghdan re-rigging on a typical stretch of water on the upper Connecticut River. This is a fine example of the four mile stretch from the First Connecticut Lake to Lake Francis.



Kalil Boghdan with a landlocked salmon.

Mark Richard - Nor'East TU member, accomplished fly angler, and personal friend with a beautiful fish. Mark first introduced me to Lopstick Lodge several years ago. I first met Mark years ago when he hired me to take him striper fishing on the Essex River in Essex, MA. We have become very close friends since then.



Mark Richard with another beauty!





A beautiful brown caught and released by Kalil Boghdan above the Carr Ridge Bridge section.



Dolores Boghdan, Kalil's wife, hooked up on the "Marathon" section of the Connecticut River which allows spin gear. For the non fly fishing person, this drift trip is a wonderful experience.



Head Guide, Bill Bernhardt holding a nice brown trout taken by Dolores Boghdan. One of many fish caught that day by her. She loved the experience!

Dolores Boghdan enjoying a wonderful shore lunch prepared by head guide, Bill Bernhardt. One cannot ask for anything finer than this.



## IN SEARCH OF GOLDEN TROUT By: Greg Murrer



Some years back my brother Ed talked me into an excursion in search of Golden Trout (*Oncorhynchus O. mykiss*). Being naturally curious, I researched the species and found that Golden Trout are a rare cousin of rainbow trout that became isolated when the lake that is now known as the Great Plains began to recede many moons ago. Native Golden Trout only exist in a few very remote and hard-to-get-to locations in the United States. One such place is French Creek in Northern California, above 10,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. As younger men, a little nuts and up for a challenge, we made our plans and upon a whim asked our

wives if they wanted to go. Being independent women never to be outdone, they gave us a resounding “Yes!”, not knowing exactly what they were in for.



Getting to the far reaches of French Creek is itself an adventure. We hired guides and wranglers out of Bishop, CA for the trek from the Pine Creek Pack Station up a mountainside on horses. There is a special kind of fear that grabs you when you’re navigating switchbacks overlooking sheer cliffs on a narrow horse trail for several hours. I never got used to it. It’s wise to check your underwear when you successfully reach basecamp. Once there, however, you are in glorious isolation. One has not lived until you sit by a campfire at 11,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada’s under more stars than you have ever seen and a Milky Way that,

it seems, you can reach out and touch. That alone is worth the trip. Equally intriguing was making nighttime use of the open air port-a-potty our guides placed on top of a knoll away from the campsite. I once had a business overnight at Trump Tower in NYC. The bathrooms there do not compare.

French Creek is not an overly impressive stream, but it is cold and clear and populated by eager Golden Trout up to 12”. Most light colored dry flies will work, particularly size 14-16 elk hair caddis. Bigger fish can be caught in several of the neighboring high altitude lakes if you know where to look. Having a good guide is



essential. Streamers size 10-12 seemed to work best on the lake residents. We very successfully fished French Creek within walking distance of our campsite (yes, the ladies caught their share). The best lakes were a moderate horse ride away with larger prey. The unusual beauty of this fish is their background pastel gold color along with reds, pinks, blues and greens. Your first catch will cause you to do a double take, wondering whether the colors are real.



The return trip down the mountain on horseback seemed more treacherous than the climb. The intrepid Aunt Linda, who is a long time horse trainer, dressage competitor and never at a loss for a blunt assessment of any situation, did give me some sound advice: "Get Over It!" Would I do this again? Yes, if they dropped me in by helicopter. Otherwise, this is a young man's (and woman's) game. If you have COPD or a weak heart, "forgetaboutit".