



Nor' East Chapter May 2021 Newsletter

May 3 Monday Night's Speaker

NETU's last meeting of the spring will be next Monday, May 3rd. Our speakers will be Geof Day, Fred Jennings, and Ben Meade about the recent development threats posed to Red Brook in Wareham and Sawmill Brook in Manchester, and NETU's and TU's involvement in both scenarios.

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello all,

Hopefully this note finds you all well, and happy spring! A number of NETU-related items of note this Monday morning:

- 1) Thanks to a truly group effort, the herring count "visibility/counting board" was installed on Saturday morning in the Mill River in Rowley. Pictures are attached! A big thanks to Jim MacDougall for recommending

ZOOM Meeting May 3, 6 PM

Speaker begins at
7:00 PM

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MAY 3, 2021, 6 PM REGULAR MEETING ON ZOOM

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that the Chapter pursue this project last fall, Chett Walsh for his critical assistance with design/construction/transportation/installation of the board and a myriad of auxiliary tasks that went along with its design and construction, Greg Murrer for coordination/verification with IRWA about proper sampling procedures, and the Rowley Conservation Commission and Agent Brent Baeslack for their permission and support. Chett Walsh, Josh Rownd, Geof Day, Floyd Maker, James Goodhart, and Mike O'Neill were on hand for the installation following Chett's lead and helped out also. It was a great morning!

Everyone involved with NETU who contributed in one way or another - even in raising funds, etc for this effort - deserve thanks as well. If I unfortunately omitted anyone, please call me out on it!!

Last - but certainly not least - a thank you to Barry and Cheryl for their permission and support of this project. Without their encouragement and access to their property, this project would not have been able to proceed.

With the herring count underway, please help out with the data collection/herring count efforts. The next few weeks should be the heart of the run. The address is 676 Newburyport Turnpike, and the herring count location is directly downstream of the bridge between their barn and their house.

I have alerted Ben Gahagan of the Division of Marine Fisheries that the board is in and the count is underway. He was glad to hear it! Greg also reached to Lisa Borgatti at the Governor's Academy as well.

As a comparison, the volunteer-driven herring count on the Shawsheen River in Andover - which is also underway - now provides valuable data to the Division of Marine Fisheries and other entities (USFW for example) on the Shawsheen River herring run. Their herring count is now in its 4th year since the removal of the Marland Place Dam and the Balmoral Dam. More information is below:

https://www.eagletribune.com/news/merrimack_valley/return-of-the-herring-volunteers-count-locally-spawned-fish/article_2255179b-411a-57e6-ae07-329d6dcfc8f3.html

https://www.andovertownsman.com/news/shawsheen-greenway-to-hold-second-annual-herring-count/article_f06b0649-f040-5591-9a53-ae0560e6bb9b.html

2) The Division of Marine Fisheries is leading the charge to get removal of the Town of Newbury-owned Larkin Dam in Newbury on the state Division of Ecological Restoration's Priority Projects Lists. Ben Gahagan will contact us for a letter of support, which I am confident we will be happy to provide. More information about DER's Priority Projects and their process are here: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/become-a-der-priority-project>

3) NETU's last meeting of the spring will be next Monday, May 3rd. Our speakers will be Greg, Geof Day, Fred, and I about both of the recent development threats posed to Red Brook and Sawmill Brook, and NETU's and TU's roles/involvement in both scenarios.

Zoom Meeting information and the Zoom invite link will be sent around a little later this week, and more details to come.

4) If there is any other news from the Chapter membership to pass along or agenda items to add for next Monday night, please let me know prior to next Monday's meeting.

5) Thanks, all! Hopefully everyone is getting some time on the water as the spring season continues.

Thanks again,

- Ben

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New Fish Counting Board installed in Mill River, Rowley







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Sample	Depth (m)	Temp (°C)	pH	DO (mg/L)	Turbidity (NTU)	Flow (m³/s)	Velocity (m/s)	Time	Notes
1	0.5	14.2	7.8	8.5	1.2	0.5	0.2	10:00	Sample 1
2	1.0	14.5	7.9	8.6	1.3	0.5	0.2	10:05	Sample 2
3	1.5	14.8	8.0	8.7	1.4	0.5	0.2	10:10	Sample 3
4	2.0	15.1	8.1	8.8	1.5	0.5	0.2	10:15	Sample 4
5	2.5	15.4	8.2	8.9	1.6	0.5	0.2	10:20	Sample 5
6	3.0	15.7	8.3	9.0	1.7	0.5	0.2	10:25	Sample 6
7	3.5	16.0	8.4	9.1	1.8	0.5	0.2	10:30	Sample 7
8	4.0	16.3	8.5	9.2	1.9	0.5	0.2	10:35	Sample 8
9	4.5	16.6	8.6	9.3	2.0	0.5	0.2	10:40	Sample 9
10	5.0	16.9	8.7	9.4	2.1	0.5	0.2	10:45	Sample 10

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Welcome New Board Members!

3 Regular members stepped up to the plate and volunteered to join the Board of Directors and take on a greater role in the accomplishments and administration of the Chapter. They are Floyd Maker, Ben Shea and Carl Soderland. Our new Board member-at-large is Spencer Belson. Thank you Floyd, Ben, DrC and Spencer!

The health of the Chapter is dependent on mindful people who make contributions to what we do which is develop friendships with people who like to fish, make improvements to fish habitat and try to address some of the degradation to cold water fisheries. We are lucky to have these folk volunteer their time and expertise along with our other Board Members and officers. Their collective effort is what puts good programs in front of you every month and generates the successes in restoration and advocacy that garners respect from the public. **The full slate:**

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
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
Geoff Klane	4/2/2018 – 4/2/2021
Floyd Maker	4/5/2021- 4/5/2024
Ben Shea	4/5/2021- 4/5/2024
Carl Soderland	4/5/2021- 4/5/2024
Spencer Belson	4/5/2021- 4/5/2022

FLY FISHING MERIT BADGE

By: Greg Murrer



Boy Scout merit badges are earned, not given. Some are more difficult than others, including Camping, Hiking, Personal Fitness, Lifesaving, First Aid and Wilderness Survival. The merit badge for Fly Fishing is one of the more difficult ones for kids under the age of 18. The requirements include casting proficiency, knot tying, fly tying, understanding stream entomology and fish behavior, knowledge of

regulations, safety, sportsmanship and conservation. As a relatively new (2002) badge, not many scouts or scout leaders are familiar with it and even fewer undertake the challenge for lack of a knowledgeable Merit Badge Counselor and the required equipment. It is, however one of the coolest looking badges which drew my son, Eric to it, in addition to the fact that his Dad volunteered to take on the Counselor role.



Flat Creek, Wyoming

One of the requirements at the time (some of the requirements have since been eased) was to catch three species of fish, cleaning one and cooking it for dinner. With a little guidance Eric knocked off the first two species, a largemouth and small mouth bass, in one outing in Maine. We decided that the third had to be special and memorable, and that meant trout on a dry fly. We fly fishing practitioners all remember the magic of that first trout to hammer a dry fly when our brain said: “That was really cool. I need to do that again”. It was with that thought in mind that we traveled west, to Flat Creek Ranch outside of Jackson Hole Wyoming for a vacation that included Eric catching his first trout on a fly rod.

Flat Creek flows through Jackson and is populated by eager west slope cutthroat trout. The Ranch lies at the headwaters, a pristine lake surrounded by pines and jagged mountains. What better place for Eric go get “hooked” on this sport as a lifelong pursuit. The Creek is very wadeable and we hit it just as the PMD hatch was starting to rev up.



It wasn't long before Eric was into fish, with a minimum of coaching. I acted as guide suggesting the best presentations and trying to correct his casting technique, although by then he was getting pretty good at it. There is something to be said about paying your dues as a fly fisherman, suffering the humiliation of getting “skunked” once in awhile. It makes you appreciate the good days. For Eric, this introduction to an abundance of riches invoked a different response: “This isn't that hard”; and “Okay, I think I've caught enough”. Is it possible to get spoiled and lose interest? Sure, but that is not Eric's nature. He is a transactional kind of guy. Once he accomplishes a task, it's “been there, done that, on to the next”. For him, the magic that we devotees feel just wasn't there. It taught me a lesson: Not everyone gets bitten by the fly fishing bug.



Eric went on to achieve his Eagle Scout rank and hasn't picked up a fly rod since. Ask him to go camping and hiking in the White Mountains and he's ready on a moment's notice. He has all of the latest gear. One day I suspect he will climb all of the 48 four thousand foot peaks. He's already well on his way. Everyone has their passions. For Eric, fly fishing is not one of them. I still harbor the thought that one day he will send me a text and ask: “Hey Dad, can I borrow a fly rod? What about some flies?” Sometimes the passion just takes a while to take hold of you. Then again, maybe not. That however will never discourage me from teaching any interested youngster the fundamentals of the beautifully complex and challenging art that is fly fishing.

Fishing Local submitted by Kalil Boghdan

Malden Anglers

Last year I joined the Malden Anglers Association just off of Rt I South, in Saugus. I had known about Malden Anglers previous to that as I had given presentations there to its members at their monthly meetings. Why I had not joined this club sooner is beyond me, as it is one of those hidden gems in an urban setting. From my home in Hamilton, it is a quick 18 mile ride down Rt 128 and Route 1 South.

There is a very nice clubhouse with a spacious deck overlooking a fairly good size pond. Once one becomes a member, they receive a magnetic key card that allows them to access the gated property and the club house any time they wish. Folks might say, "well I really do not care about pond fishing," but I would hazard to guess that once one becomes a member they quickly learn that this club offers some nice fishing when river fishing is not available.

The pond is stocked three time per year with a lot of large trout of differing species - it is stocked in the spring, in the early fall, and just before Thanksgiving. If the pond is not frozen over, fishing can take place all year round. It is catch and release fly fishing only until Kid's day in mid June. Following that, spin gear can be used. Once the fall stocking takes place, it is back to fly fishing only. The pond also holds a nice population of bass. So summer fishing transitions from trout to bass.

The members are extremely congenial and there is great camaraderie with members willingly sharing techniques, flies used and what has been successful. The common thread here is fly fishing.

The membership fee is very reasonable and if you are interested in joining, call Steve Shea, membership secretary, at 781-789-2823 for more information. Also, please feel free to contact me at downrivercharters@comcast.net if you any questions.

Enjoy the photos!

Kalil Boghdan

The club house with a spacious deck and grills for member use. The clubhouse includes a full kitchen, bathroom facilities and a large meeting room.



The pond with six ramps leading into the water.



Behind this ramp there are canoes and small row boats for member use.



A member fishing off one of the ramps.



Stocking day - fairly large rainbows, brookies, browns and a variety of hybrid trout are stocked.



As you can see the trout are not small.



Stocking day is always a lot of fun.



Once stocked, the trout are given a few days to acclimate before fishing is allowed.



Annual Treasurer's Report

Hello everyone,

Attached below is the financial report for our just finished fiscal year. In summary: we have \$56,741.90 in the bank. We also have some uncashed checks and future commitments (Pond Street Culvert) so our net Assets are: \$44,875.66. For the year: we had a net increase in assets of \$1,299.65, thanks largely to the donation from the Farnsworth Foundation.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

With best regards,

Peter Vandermeulen, Treasurer

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Category	3/1/2020-3/31/20	4/1/2020-8/31/20	9/1/2020-11/30/20	12/1/2020-12/31/20	1/1/2021-2/28/21	3/1/2021-3/31/21	FISCAL YEAR TOTAL	Mar 2021 Notes
INCOME								
Banquet Income	MARCH	APR-AUG	SEP-NOV	DECEMBER	JAN-FEB	MARCH	APR-MAR	
Banquet Income:Banquet Admissions	\$540.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Banquet Income:Banquet Program Book Ad	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Banquet Income:Banquet Raffles	\$14,772.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL Banquet Income	\$15,853.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Income from Dinner	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Income from Raffles	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Cash Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Inc	\$0.00	\$25.44	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,025.44	Donation from Farnsworth Foundation
Rebates TU National Council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$16,053.58	\$25.44	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,025.44	
EXPENSES								
Bank Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Banquet Expenses								
Banquet Expenses:Advertising and Marketin	\$385.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Banquet Expenses:Dinner Costs	\$5,014.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Banquet Expenses:Other	\$0.00	\$183.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$183.28	
Banquet Expenses:Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Banquet Expenses:Raffle Items for Banquet	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Banquet Expenses:Room Costs	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	Deposit for 2022
Banquet Expenses:Supplies	\$364.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL Banquet Expenses	\$7,014.82	\$683.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$683.28	
Conservation Project Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,233.24	\$1,233.24	Fish Counting Board and Materials
Dinner Expenses	\$329.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Gifts & Donations	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,050.00	Redbrook to MA/RI TU Council
Insurance	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Member Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Membership Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	Massachusetts Rivers Alliance
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Raffle Items Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Marketing Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159.27	
Speaker Fees	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$600.00	Native Fish Coalition Speaker
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,744.72	\$2,683.28	\$709.27	\$1,150.00	\$300.00	\$2,883.24	\$7,725.79	
TRANSFERS								
FROM Cash Account	\$3,195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TO Business Green Checking XX7066	-\$3,195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$0.00							
OVERALL TOTAL	\$6,308.86	-\$2,657.84	-\$709.27	\$7,850.00	-\$300.00	-\$2,883.24	\$1,299.65	
ASSETS								
Cash and Bank Accounts								
Business Green Checking XX7066	\$55,299.01	\$51,551.17	\$50,841.90	\$58,691.90	\$58,391.90	\$56,741.90	\$56,741.90	Actual Bank Balance as of 3/31/2021
Zulu Nyala Uncashed Check	-\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Kalil Boghdan Check for Raffle Tickets	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Mark Richey Woodworking Check	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$931.00	-\$931.00	Fish Counting Board
Chett Walsh Check	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$302.24	-\$302.24	Materials for Fish Counting Board
Cash Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$54,209.01	\$51,551.17	\$50,841.90	\$58,691.90	\$58,391.90	\$55,508.66	\$55,508.66	Balance in Quicken
Pond Street Culvert Project (2022)	-\$10,633.00	-\$10,633.00	-\$10,633.00	-\$10,633.00	-\$10,633.00	-\$10,633.00	-\$10,633.00	Future commitments
LIABILITIES	-\$10,633.00							
OVERALL TOTAL	\$43,576.01	\$40,918.17	\$40,208.90	\$48,058.90	\$47,758.90	\$44,875.66	\$44,875.66	Net Assets
INDIVIDUAL TRANSACTIONS								
Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Actual Bank		
BALANCE 3/1/2021						\$58,391.90	Actual Bank Balance as of 2/28/2021	
3/15/2021	Business Gre	1305	Native Fish C	Donation for	Speaker Fees	-\$150.00		
3/16/2021	Business Gre	DBT	Matu Save O	DBT Purchase	Gifts and Dor	-\$1,500.00		
3/23/2021	Business Gre	1306	Mark Richey	Fish Counting	Conservation	-\$931.00	Uncleared	
3/31/2021	Business Gre	1307	Chett Walsh	McMaster	Conservation	-\$302.24	Uncleared	
						-\$2,883.24	Total Expenses (incl. uncleared) 3/1/2021 - 3/31/2021	
3/1/2021 - 3/31/2021 TRANSACTIONS							Exclude Uncleared	
BALANCE 3/31/2021						\$56,741.90	Actual Bank Balance as of 3/31/2021	
CLEARED FROM LAST MONTH						\$0.00		
3/1/2021 - 3/31/2021 UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS							-\$1,233.24	
OTHER OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS							-\$10,633.00	
NET TOTAL						\$44,875.66		