



# Nor' East Chapter September 2021 Newsletter



## Sept 13 Monday Night's Speaker on Zoom

Joe Cresta, President of Malden Anglers, Ambassador for the Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, VT, and the New England Regional Coordinator for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program. He will speak on the initiatives of Project Healing Waters locally and throughout the United States. This wonderful program has introduced many United States Military Veterans to the world of fly fishing and everything's else that is connected with this wonderful activity. We are sure you find this presentation very meaningful and inspiring.

### ZOOM Meeting Sept 13, 6 PM

Speaker begins at  
7:00 PM

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Board Meeting starts at 8 PM

## Speaker Series September through May

Compiled by Kalil Boghdan

Kalil has been putting together our Programs for awhile and he can use your help. If you know of a speaker that you have seen or would like to see, please pass that information along to Kalil. You can email me or Ben Meade and we will pass it along.

**September** - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Joe Cresta, President of Malden Anglers, Ambassador for the Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, VT, and the New England Regional Coordinator for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program. He will speak on the initiatives of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing.

**October** Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Jay Riley, owner of New England Riverworks. He will speak on productive techniques for targeting late season trout. A comprehensive breakdown of fall feeding habits, gear, rigs, and patterns to make the most of late season time on the water.

**November** Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Rich Yvon, owner of Twin Maple Outdoors in Bradford Maine. He will talk about what his area of Maine has to offer for the fly angler and the outdoor enthusiast.

**December** - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Ben Gahagan, Diadromous Fish Biologist for the MA Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). He will give an update on the status of river herring in Massachusetts rivers for 2021.

**January** - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Josh Greenberg, author of the book, *Trout Water* and owner of Gates Lodge, Fly Shop and Guide Service on the Au Sable River in Grayling, MI. His lodge is just a short distance from where Trout Unlimited was founded in 1959. He will talk about the Au Sable River experience.

**February** Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Alberto Rey, 2021 Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide of the Year, the founder/director of the Children in the Stream/4H Youth Fly Fishing Program, a Distinguished Art Professor at State University of New York at Fredonia, and an artist and author. His presentation will be about steelhead fishing in the Fredonia, NY area.

**March** - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Kalil Boghdan, 2012 Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide of the Year. He will talk about his experiences fly fishing for landlocked salmon and brook trout on the stretches of water of the East and West Outlets of the Kennebec River, leading to Indian Pond. He will also talk about Wilsons Lodge, located on Moosehead Lake in the Greenfield area of Maine.

**April and May** – speakers to be determined.

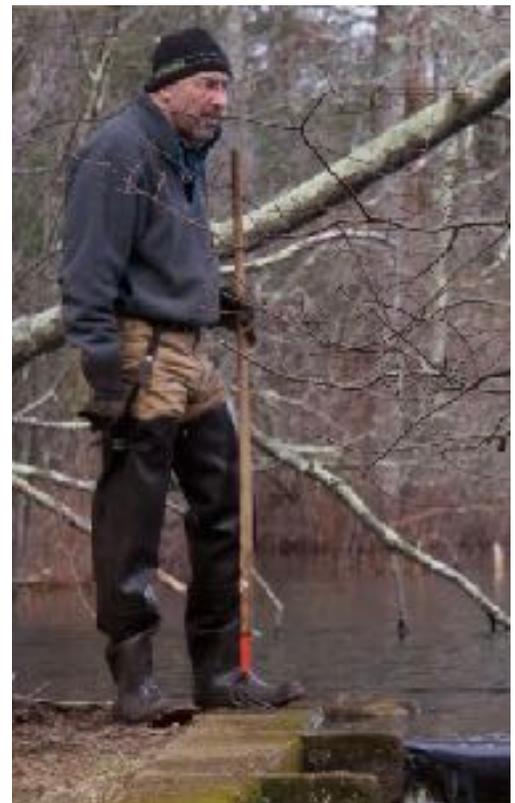
## Tribute

### **Greg Murrer, Retiring from TU Nor'East.**

Greg Murrer, our secretary, has moved to New Hampshire and is leaving our region and Chapter.

In a small organization like TU Nor'East, everyone who volunteers becomes indispensable and that is most true when talking about a member like Greg Murrer.

Greg has been a stalwart for the Chapter. We need to thank Greg for taking on a leadership role on the Conservation Committee assisting us with: reconnecting Long Meadow Brook to Fish Brook in Boxford, restoring the culverts at Lockwood Forest and Middleton Road to reconnect Crooked Pond Brook to Fish Brook, conducting water quality and macro invertebrate sampling in the Mill River with Governor's Academy students, offering legal advice to thwart an oversized residential development on the banks of School Brook in Manchester. As secretary, keeping accurate records of the Chapter's activities to keep us legal in the eyes of the IRS. Greg's attention to detail and his enjoyment of filling out boring applications has netted the Chapter's projects in access of \$400,000 in outside funding. Greg is one of a few who have ever figured out how to fill out a FEMA grant request, and receive a grant! His compilation of the Notice of Intent for the Pond Street restoration was 84 pages long and included reviews from Mass. Marine Fisheries, Mass. Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife and Mass. Natural Heritage Program. This is just a small example of the contributions that Greg has made to the Chapter. We are richer because Greg stepped up to the plate and did all he could to restore fish of the Nor' East region. Thank you Greg.



## Board Members

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. 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
Secretary (Open)	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

## Fish Stories:

### A Day On The Blackfoot River - A River That Runs Pure and Wild

By - Kalil Boghdan, 2012 Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide of the Year.

Several years ago I attended a meeting of Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guides and Outfitters (from around the United States and internationally), in Missoula, Montana. This rendezvous is an annual Orvis Company event bringing professional guides and outfitters from around the world together. Needless to say this multi-day event is highly charged and exciting. It is also a very humbling experience being in the presence of hundreds of fly fishing professionals.

When James Goodhart, our Nor'East TU Chapter Board member, heard I was heading to Missoula, he said I needed to meet his brother David who lives in Missoula in the off season when he was not guiding in Alaska during the summer months (you might remember that David gave a presentation on guiding in Alaska a couple of years back to TU members at a monthly meeting). David and I connected in Missoula, and he said he wanted to take me fishing and show me various trout waters. He introduced me to famous Rock Creek, the Clarks Fork River, and to the Blackfoot River.

The photos below show us on a drift trip he took me on the Blackfoot River in April. The Blackfoot is a snow-fed and spring-fed river that begins in Lewis and Clark County, 10 miles northeast of the town of Lincoln, and flows westward through the town of Milltown and enters the [Clark Fork River](#) approximately five miles east of Missoula. The Blackfoot is a cold, clear river with fast flowing sections interspersed with quiet and smooth sections. The day we fished, we were casting streamers while drifting. One of the photos below show a cutthroat trout with a streamer in its mouth.

I am fill with gratitude towards David Goodhart for introducing me to this beautiful and wild fishery.



Stopping for a rest and a bite to eat with a lot of beautiful water still ahead of us.



David Goodhart maneuvering through some tricky water.



David Goodhart “on the oars” running the gauntlet.



There were many beautiful pools along this run.



Beautiful water and beautiful scenery.



Kalil Boghdan with example of what the Blackfoot River in Montana has to offer.



A great guide with a happy angler. I am forever grateful.