



Nor' East Chapter

November 2021 Newsletter

Speaker for November - Rich Yvon Twin Maples Outdoors in Bradford, Maine.

“Maine Outdoor Adventures.”



Richard Yvon is a year round, dedicated full time Professional Registered Maine Guide. Located in Bradford Maine, Rich guides World Class Maine hunting, fishing and recreation adventures. As well as guiding, Rich is also an outdoor writer, tree farmer, fly-fishing and certified NRA firearms instructor. Spending time in Maine’s North Woods has provided a canvas for Rich to share his passion of the outdoors with all walks of life.

When you come to visit Maine anytime of year, there is something at Twin Maple Outdoors for all walks of life to enjoy. His company motto speaks to everyone, "To Provide All People The Opportunity to Enjoy Maine's Outdoors"

ZOOM Meeting

Nov. 1st

6 PM

Speaker begins at
7:00 PM

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President's Corner

Ben Meade, President

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.

Happy fall! As I write these words a couple of warm, sunny days are in the forecast. While it has been a warm October, we all know that the weather will turn eventually. So hopefully you can spare some time out and about before a winter coat is needed and while the leaves are still on the trees!

Thinking back on the past year, it has been a good one, but busy! Probably like with a lot of you, time for fly fishing has been all too infrequent and brief for me this year. In turn, this makes time spent on the water all the more precious and memorable.



One particular day in spring comes to mind as I mentally review my 2021 fly fishing excursions. On that day in late April, I took some vacation time, drove north into New Hampshire, and parked at a very familiar trailhead. With my 5 foot, 4 weight Fenwick Fenglass fly rod in hand, I dropped a size 10 Woolly Buzzer into each likely pool and pocket of a small stream. Thankfully, the native brookies were still there. I have fished this stream since I had to ride a bike to reach it. This stream is an absolute delight to fish, albeit with some hiking and bushwacking effort needed. The occasional discomfort is - of course - part of the appeal.

With time to fish being such a precious commodity, one of the beautiful things about fishing for native brook trout in a small stream is its simplicity. No waders, no hatch matching, no need for technical "reading the water" techniques, and usually no other anglers. In my mind, it is fly fishing in its most straightforward form. I mentally align this type of fly fishing with using worms to catch sunfish with my two young children. Both methods of fishing are stripped down, pure, straightforward, and immensely enjoyable. In the hectic and stressful journey that is life, sometimes the quiet moments watching a woolly bugger bounce through a pool or a bobber with a worm is just what is needed.



During the informal conversation before NETU's October meeting, I was comparing notes with a friend about fly fishing for native brook trout. I was delighted to hear that he had recently caught native brook trout in a small stream in central Massachusetts. We had a fun conversation comparing notes and catches without divulging locations. It is a conversation that dedicated anglers are often adept at holding!

All the best to everyone as we transition to the fall season. As always, please don't hesitate to drop me a line - I would be happy to hear from you. Ben Meade



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.

Speaker Series for NETU - September, 2021 - May, 2022

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 Dylan Callahan of Concord Outfitters, West Concord, MA. He will discuss flats fishing for striped bass off of Crane Beach and other local waters.

April - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Casey Dreads of Concord Outfitters, West Concord, MA. His presentation will focus on fly fishing the Clark Fork River in Montana.

May - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Craig Andree. His presentation will focus on "Tight-line or aka Czech Nymphing". He will discuss riggings, equipment, and techniques - sighters versus strike indicators. The use of mono "substitute" fly lines as well as the mono and braided core lines made for tight-line nymphing rather than the use of traditional fly lines will also be discussed.

Fish Stories:

My First Trip to the Salmon River, New York

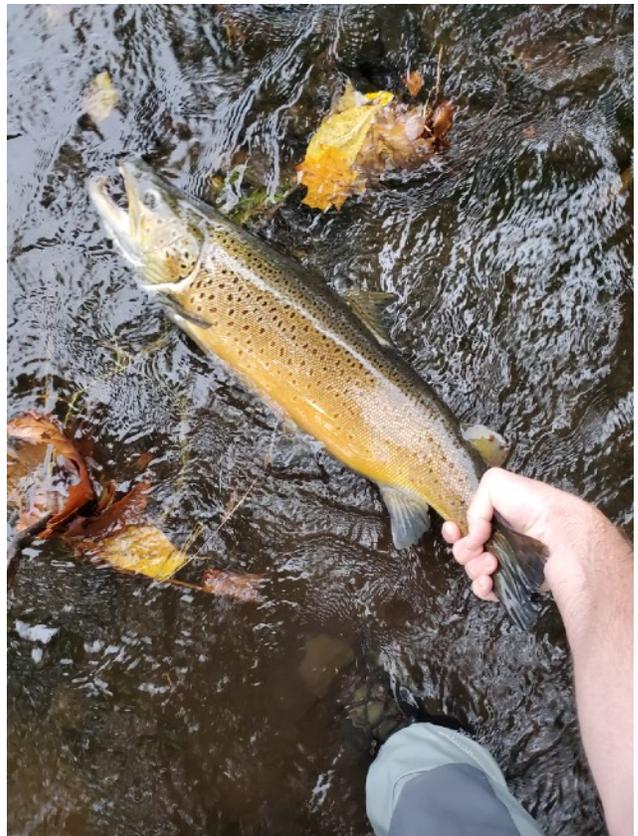
Ben Shea, Vice President

Jim, last week (10/8) I took my first trip to the Salmon River and Ben Meade mentioned that you might want some stories and photos for the newsletter.

I was invited out there by my soon-to-be father-in-law and his fishing crew to stay at the Douglaston River Lodge in Pulaski, NY. This was an incredible trip full of firsts and personal bests. Although the steel-heading was a bit slower than usual we managed to get into some kings, cohos, browns, and a few steelys. I attached a few photos for evidence. Another thing to note is that I learned that when on the salmon river it is very important to imitate the natural food sources as closely as possible, which is why I spent most of my time using neon green and blue egg patterns.



Ben Shea and steelhead friend



My Three Favorite Striper Flies and Why I Prefer Them

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



Capt. Kalil Boghdan with an Essex River striper

After a long career as a public school educator and administrator, I earned my United States Coast Guard Master's License and started a fly fishing and light spin tackle fishing guiding business (downrivercharters.com). My waters included the Essex River, Ipswich Bay, Crane Beach, and the Plum Island Sound Waters. I guided 90 to 110 charters per season from the end of May to the end of September.

I have often been asked that if I could fish only three patterns of flies, what would they be. While I carried many different fly patterns in my tackle bag, my three favorite and go-to flies were: the Monomoy Flatwing in 2/0; the brown or dark olive over white Clouser in 2/0; and the Enrico Puglisi three to four inch bunker pattern in black over purple (or brown over white) at 2/0. These flies will catch fish in almost any water condition.

The Monomoy Flatwing is a very easy fly to tie, and mimics a variety of baitfish.

The Clouser is also a very easy fly to tie, and the brown or dark olive over white are my favorite colors as it mimics a variety of bottom dwelling prey, such as sand shrimp and other small crustaceans.

The black over purple Puglisi fly is an extremely productive fly and mimics larger baitfish. What is especially nice about all of the different Puglisi fly patterns is that they maintain their profile when in the water. The shape you see out of the water is the same shape in the water - they do not compress. It also needs to be noted that a comb or brush needs to be carried in your tackle bag, as the fibers on the fly tend to get tangled when removed from a fish's mouth. The fibers will need to be combed out. In addition, this fly is a little more difficult to tie, and when tying on the fibers above and below the hook shank, the amount of fibers being tied on with each wrap should be no thicker than a toothpick.



From top to bottom: Monomoy Flatwing; brown over white Clouser; Enrico Puglisi black over purple bunker (all in 2/0)

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
(Open Seat)	4/2/2019 - 4/2/2022
Josh Rownd	1/1/2020 – 1/1/2023
Ben Meade (President)*	1/1/2020 – 1/1/2022
Ben Shea (Vice President)**	1/1/2020 – 1/1/2022
(Open Seat) (Secretary)*	1/1/2020 - 1/1/2022
Peter Vandermeulen (Treasurer)*	1/1/2020 – 1/1/2022
Fred Jennings	4/5/2021 – 4/5/2024
Carl Soderland	4/5/2021 – 4/2/2024
Geoff Klane	4/5/2021 – 4/2/2024
Floyd Maker	4/5/2021 – 4/2/2024
Spencer Belson (Director-At-Large)	4/5/2021 – 4/5/2022

***Two-year Board membership upon appointment as Officers**

****Takes vacant VP seat with remaining term to 1/1/2022**