



Nor' East Chapter December 2021 Newsletter

December 6th Meeting in Person and on Zoom



We're Back!! The tradition of members getting together and trading fish stories is back. The December meeting will be the traditional pizza night with tying flies and spinning yarns. The fly tying is to give us something to think about while we are talking.

**MEETING
DEC. 6TH
6 PM**

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The regular members' meeting is on Monday December 6, at 6 PM, meeting place 143 County Road, Ipswich. This will give the Chapter the opportunity to ease into socializing and try a hybrid meeting for those still uncomfortable with close contact. At the meeting, CDC rules apply, mask up when not eating, try to maintain space between each other and it is assumed attendees will be fully vaccinated. If you can not attend, why not tune in and help us understand how to incorporate Zoom with a real meeting. This may become our method of operation in the future. It will allow us to bring in excellent speakers from around the globe via Zoom or local experts in person but broadcast both to the entire membership. Some like it, so don't. This will allow for the greatest number of members to enjoy their Chapter.

President's Corner

Ben Meade, President

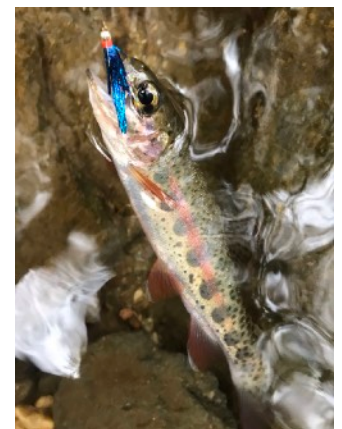
Dear fellow Nor'East Chapter Trout Unlimited Members,

A sincere wish to all members of NETU and your family and friends that this note finds you well. Happy Holidays to all! Hopefully this note finds everyone recovering well from Thanksgiving spent with friends and family.

Speaking of family, in early November I flew to North Carolina to visit my brother. We spent close to a week together. It was the most time we have spent together in many years. The trip was an absolute delight.

One of many trip highlights was a weekend spent in the mountains of western North Carolina near Asheville. During our travels, I was pleased to land a handful of beautiful trout in two separate small streams in this region. I was surprised by what I caught. Not native brook trout - which I expected - but rainbow trout and brown trout.

Undoubtedly, both of these streams were once home exclusively to native brook trout. As we all know, however, rainbow trout and brown trout outcompete brook trout for food and habitat. Where the species overlap, brook trout often come out on the losing end of the deal. At first, I was disappointed to not land a North Carolina brookie. However, a book I read soon after arriving home helped to temper my disappointment. The book - Mount Mitchell and the Black Mountains: An Environmental History of the Highest Peaks in Eastern America, by Timothy Silver - describes a time in the not-so-distant past when





destructive logging practices and overall intensive natural resource exploitation in the North Carolina mountains was commonplace. After the land was heavily cut over, thousands of acres were bought by the United States government with funds appropriated under the Weeks Act. The forests were allowed to regrow and both the federal and state governments promoted tourism and outdoor recreation in the region. More locally, this sequence of events also proceeded this way in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

As I learned in this book, rainbow trout and brown trout were introduced to the streams of this region of North Carolina in the early 20th century when the federal and state governments were promoting this region for tourism and outdoor recreation. The trout I caught are possibly descendants of these originally stocked fish.

Following my initial disappointment at not catching a North Carolina brook trout, I reached the conclusion that it is amazing that these streams still contain self-reproducing populations of trout at all - regardless of the species. It is easy to envision that the logging practices of the early 20th century could have been a permanent death knell for trout of any species in this region. Luckily, this is not the case. The trout are there. The streams, and the mountains, are stunning. In the end, catching fish in beautiful places is what fly fishing is all about anyway, right? Even with that said, on my next trip to North Carolina, I hope to catch my first southern Appalachian brook trout ☺



All the best to everyone. 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 - Hybrid meeting 6:00 - 8:00pm Members night of pizza, kibitzing and tying flies. Speaker bailed out on us last minute. Meeting place is the Ipswich River Watershed office at 143 County Road in Ipswich. We are trying to figure out how to have an in-person meeting and a Zoom meeting for those members who cannot make the meeting. So have patience and tune in or drive over for the pizza and good company. If you tune in, bring your own pizza.

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:

THE THRILL OF PROSPECTING FOR TROUT WITH A DRY FLY

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



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

It is true that trout can be very selective when rising to take a particular insect floating on the water. That is when one needs to know the entomology and “match the hatch” as they say, and present them with an imitation that somewhat resembles the floating insect. However, there are many times when trout are not showing themselves in some form of “rise” and the fly angler still wishes to fish with a dry fly. This type of situation is when I rely on my favorite dry flies to coax a trout into taking my dry fly when they are not showing themselves. Below are some of my favorite searching dry flies that I always seem to be able to

get a strike from a trout. I usually have these flies in my woking fly box that I have handy for the day. I carry each of these flies in sizes from 14 to 20. These flies have proved themselves to be effective not only for prospecting, but also for taking trout that are rising. I am sure that you also have your favorite go to dry flies when prospecting for trout..



Adam's Parachute



Purple Parachute



Royal Wulff



Elk-hair Caddis



Blue-winged Olive

Crooked Pond Brook Tour, November 6 recap

Kalil Boghdan



What a great morning we had November 6! It was so informative and we owe a huge thank you to Jim MacDougall for all of his efforts that day. We met at the Middleton Road culvert first. Jim and Mike O'Neil explained the need for this culvert project and also the construction process for this culvert. Jim then measured some of the physical aspects of the water demonstrating the sampling devise he brought with him. From here we visited the Lockwood Lane culvert project where once again Jim and Mike talked about the process of designing and constructing this culvert, and the importance of it opening stream connectivity for fish to travel back and forth between

aquatic systems.

It is quite clear that we had two "giants" amongst us this morning regarding these projects - Jim and Mike. Mike O'Neil's impact on these two projects is immense as he volunteered a huge amount of his personal time in the design process. This along with Greg Murrer's grant writing expertise, Chett Walsh's project managing expertise in the construction portion, and the hands-on efforts of other NETU volunteers, provided a fine example of how our chapter can carry out its mission regarding cold water conservation efforts. Folks, it does not get any better than this!



Following our culvert experience, Bob T., Dr. C., Floyd M., Geof D., Jim Mac., and I headed to the fish ladder at Willowdale Dam, Ipswich, for some needed clearing of debris.

These face to face activities this morning developed a heightened awareness and excitement of what we as a group of volunteers can do for the good of the order. We did talk about future outings and the importance of getting as many of us involved with each other in meaningful conservation efforts.

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**