



THE BACKCAST

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Trout Unlimited, SE Mass Chapter 241

January 2018

Next Meeting: : : January 9th at the Mitchell Club (29 Elm St.) Middleborough MA, Doors open at 6:00PM for fly tying, General Meeting begins at 7:30 PM and, as always, admission is free.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Augenti

Greetings Folks,

As I write this we are locked in a deep freeze! Our options outdoors include ice fishing and possibly, stream restoration! John Kokoszka is planning a work party at Westport on January 6th. Get in good with him, and he may even invite you ice fishing, another of many things he is good at!

We are entering show season, with the Marlboro Fly fishing show and the Standish Sportsman's Show both on the 3rd weekend of the month. We will have a booth at Standish on the 20th and 21st, with setup on Friday the 19th in the evening if you care to help out. Come by and tie a fly or share a laugh with us. This is a great time to tie flies, get creative and go over your gear and make those repairs and modifications that make your trips more productive during the season. Please consider setting aside a few flies for a raffle prize at our March banquet. It's great to try others creations, and rewarding when someone gets back to you with a story of how one of your flies worked for them!

We will be trying a pizza night at our January meeting. Stop by, have a slice and get to know your fellow members. There is a wealth of information amongst our people, and it's our aim to share that with some younger or newer members. Please check out our Facebook page as well. John Kokoszka is regularly updating it with interesting articles.

Please advocate for your chapter, bring a friend to a meeting or upcoming class, and lets keep this thing we call SEMATU a vibrant player in conservation and stewardship.

Warm Wishes for 2018,
Jim Augenti

p.s. Thank you to Jason Boucher for stepping up to represent us as a MA/RI Council Delegate. Your experience and enthusiasm are much appreciated!



VETERAN'S FLY TYING

BROCKTON V.A. HOSPITAL

Members of our chapter and Project Healing Waters meet with the veterans the third Wed. of every month for fly tying at 5:30p.m. Building #4, Brockton V.A. Hospital. All are welcome. The address for the Brockton V.A. Hospital is 940 Belmont St. Brockton. That is route 123 just off route 24.

January 9th**JANUARY MEETING****Speaker – Nate Hill**

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Nate is a professional licensed fishing guide owner of Hill Country Guides in New Hampshire.

About Nate

Nate Hill grew up fishing the Charles River in Franklin, MA. As a kid He vacationed in North Conway, and learned how to fly fish on the Ellis and Wildcat rivers. Nate attended UNH and fly fished the Lamprey, Cocheco and Isinglass rivers between classes. During the summer between his junior and senior year he completed a Fly Fishing Education internship with the FFF in Livingston, Montana. After graduating from UNH with a major in English teaching Nate landed a job teaching at Kennett High School in North Conway NH. He began guiding part time during summer vacations for North Country Angler Fly Shop. As his client base grew, he expanded his business, by buying a raft and starting his own company, Hill Country Guides. To this day he works as partners with North Country Angler. In 2014 Nate left teaching to pursue guiding as a full time career. In 2016 he began hosting trips to the White River in Cotter Arkansas where he continues to guide for trophy Browns, Rainbows and Cutthroat trout each March. Hill Country Guides now has four other part time guides and continues to grow each year. Guiding over 200 trips in 2017.

Note: There will be pizza for all at the January meeting

Fly Box

*Tom Magee***Ausable Wulff Dry Fly**

- Hook:** Mustad 94831 or equal 2x, fine dry fly hook sizes 8-18.
Thread: Fluorescent orange.
Tail: Woodchuck tail fibers.
Body: Australian Opossum dyed rusty rat or equal.
Wing: White Calf tail upright and divided.
Hackle: Brown and Grizzly.



I will have full instruction sheets at the meeting and all the materials required to tie this fly. Years ago fishing a small stream in New Hampshire I got one hung up in a tree and had to brake it off while sitting on a rock tying on another one the flicker of a bird caught my attention I stopped tying and watched as the bird tried to pull the fly out of the tree thank goodness it was really hung up there. Another good memory from days gone by.

ANNUAL BANQUET***OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT IS OUR ANNUAL BANQUET.******SAVE THE DATE NOW FOR OUR 2018 BANQUET ON MARCH 24TH.***

Upcoming Events

February 13th -- Speaker Adam Kautza Coldwater Fisheries Project Leader
 Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Presentation: I plan on giving an overview of our Massachusetts trout fisheries with a particular emphasis on our wild trout resources and some of what our plans are for wild trout conservation and management moving forward. I'll start with a discussion of Coldwater Fishery Resources, what they are, how they are designated, and how they are protected. From there I'll go over information regarding the distribution and relative abundance of wild trout in Massachusetts. Finally, I'll finish up with an outline of the work we have started and what that means for trout management in the state.

March 13th -- Tick Talk by Blake Dinius a State Entomologist
 This will be a talk about Ticks and the problems and sickness they can cause.

March 24th -- Annual Banquet

North and South Rivers Watershed Association	Jan. 10th	
<i>Will have a Lecture members might be interested in attending - Gary Nelson of DMF is going to talk about Striped Bass at our upcoming WaterWatch Lecture Series January 10th at the South Shore Natural Science Center.</i>		
Marlborough Fly Fishing Show	Jan.19, 20, 21	Royal Trade Plaza, Marlborough
Standish Sportsman's Show	Jan.20, 21	Burr Lane, East Bridgewater
Bears Den Show	Feb, 17	Taunton, MA
Southeastern Mass. Chapter Trout Unlimited Banquet	Mar. 24	Monponsett Inn, Halifax
Mass. Striped Bass Expo	Mar. 24, 25	University Sports Complex, Hanover

North and South Rivers Watershed Association

is hosting a Striped Bass Tournament in June - most likely June 8,9 and 10. They hope to add a flyfishing category this year. I hope you will share with those in Southeast Mass TU. We will have more formal announcement in the new year.

OVERDUE DVDs

If you have had a DVD from our library for a while, please return it so that others can view it. Contact Jim Augenti (SEMASS TU Team Roster) to make arrangements to return if you can't make a meeting. Thanks.

A NEW CLASS – ROD REPAIR

If you have a broken fishing rod, bring it with you to the next meeting. See Larry Cook. I will take a look at it and tell you what will be needed to repair it. I am hoping that, we can start meeting @ 6 PM and show everyone how to repair their rods.

PHOTOS WANTED

We are looking for photos or videos of any and all TU gatherings over the past year or so. We would like to create a presentation of "A Year in Review" of all of our events. If you have any photos that you would be willing to share please email them to me at: larry.cook205@gmail.com
 The Board of Directors have discussed this as a good idea for a May meeting in the future.

Spring Classes

Free Introduction Fly Tying Classes SE MA TU will have 4 evenings of the basics of fly tying. Learn to tie flies in a relaxed atmosphere, this course is designed for the beginner fly tier although experienced tiers will benefit from the class as well. Instructors will teach everything to get you started in fly tying, all tools and materials are provided for each class. If you have your own tools and would like to bring them feel free to do so. You will be taught the basics of fly tying as well as instruction in tying several patterns of both fresh and saltwater flies. What better way to spend a few evenings learning fly tying. Previous students welcome.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings 7 to 9 P.M. March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018 at East Bridgewater Council on Aging 355 Plymouth St, East Bridgewater, MA 02333

To sign up or for information call Tom Magee at 1-781-767-1543

Free Introduction to Fly Casting and Fishing Classes SE MA TU will have 4 evenings of the basics of fly casting and Fishing. Learn the basics of Fly Casting, learn the habitat of fish what they eat when and how to fish for them, learn the proper gear to use and how to use it. All the required Fly Casting equipment will be provided along with handouts and instruction in Fly Casting and Fishing. If you have your own Fly Rod outfit and would like to bring it feel free to do so. This is a great time of year to get your casting into shape for some Spring Fishing. This TU Chapter will have some Spring Fishing trips and class members are welcome to join us on the trips. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018 at East Bridgewater Council on Aging 355 Plymouth St, East Bridgewater, MA 02333.

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SPEAKERS WANTED

Each month the chapter invites a speaker to do a presentation at the monthly meeting. We are always looking for new speakers and new ideas. If you would like to recommend a speaker that would be appropriate for a chapter meeting, or if you as a member have something to present at a monthly meeting, please contact Rick Robinson at 508-992-7024 or extractor27@aol.com

Environmental News

Westport River Stream Team Update and Work Party Schedule
Work party are scheduled for:

January 6

February 3

March 3

April 7

May 5

All of these dates are Saturdays.

Call John Kokoszka to confirm.

We meet at the Brookside Conservation Area on Rt. 177 in Westport at 9 AM. Everyone is welcome. For the up to date information of Westport visit the Chapter website www.southeastmasstu.com.

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Happy New Year!



Directions to our monthly meetings:

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month September to May; 6 PM Fly Tying 7:30 PM Meeting Admission is free and visitors are always welcome. We meet at the Mitchell Memorial Club is near the intersection of routes 28 and 105 in Middleboro. It is also near exit 4 on route 495. From Route 495, head toward Middleboro. Take a left at the lights. If you are coming from Middleboro center, take a right at the lights. The Mitchell Club is a white building that is 1/8 of a mile on the right (29 Elm Street) from that intersection. If you cross the RR tracks, you have passed it.