



THE BACKCAST

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Trout Unlimited, SE Mass Chapter 241

December 2017

Next Meeting: : December 12th 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

Hello Everyone,

With fishing opportunities waning for all but the hardiest of anglers, the colder weather beckons most of us to gather together to share tales of the past season – and lay plans for the next. In the spirit of the season I hope you will join us on the 12th at the Mitchell club for our Christmas Party, Elections, and Bucket Raffle.

As always, we encourage you to bring an item for the raffle as well as something for the food table. The generosity and creativity of chapter members make this annual event something of a “pot luck buffet “and almost a Yankee swap! The chapter will provide the usual cheese and crackers, soft drinks and coffee to get things rolling, and we build from there! I will be bringing a venison chili as well as a few unique items for the raffle. We value any and all donations, but most of all your good company so please, mark your calendar.

I look forward to stepping back from the hustle and bustle of December to make this meeting, take a couple of hours and join us!

Seasons Greetings,
Jim Augenti

p.s. Looking forward we have Nate Hill of Hill Country Guide Service slated to speak in January. He guides out of North Country Anglers of North Conway NH -Steve Anger's shop. These guys can get you up to speed on northern NH rivers; the Androscoggin, Saco, and Ellis to name a few.



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.

The following is a letter from Lefty Kreh:

To my friends,

I was 92 in January and had a carotid artery operation. During testing the hospital determined my heart was only pumping 35% and must limit my physical activities followed by a rest. The industry was extremely helpful and last season was able to attend the shows, clinics, etc.

Several weeks ago, I realized I was developing another problem, which is normal for someone nearly 93. It turns out I have congested heart failure. My pacemaker revealed there was a series of very rapid hear beats, which could cause a stroke. Fortunately a lot of doctor/friends are fly-fisherman and worked with me. In summary I have to give up travel and presentations as in the past.

Everyone produces a certain amount of fluid in the body and excretes the excess. Because of the low heartbeat my body is not getting rid of all the fluids and I gained weight. My best friend Dr. Mark Lamos put me in the hospital and with back procedure they twice removed a liter and a half of fluid from my chest. After five days in the hospital. I lost weight.

A week or so later I starting gaining weight again so it was back in the hospital for the same treatment. They reduced most of the fluid and returned home. I determined I was not going to continue back to the hospital. Mark decided to use medicine to control the excess fluid. It's been a fine-tuning situation but looks like it's starting work.

This means the schedule I lived for decades is no longer valid and will spend most my time at home. As we get older we learn to adjust to what we can and cannot do. I have a number of interesting computer home projects on the computer and busier than a Syrian bricklayer. I'm not frustrated and I'm content My problem is I don't have a lot of stamina and have to work around that. If Marks medical system works I should be busy and around for a year or two.

I would like to be able to send this email to my friends but I don't really know how to do this. So I'm asking others to help me spread the word through email. Because my lack of energy and stamina I having trouble answering emails (there are more than 400 on the computer) and not talking much on the phone. This is not meant to be unfriendly is learning to adjuster my situation.

In summary I'm busy and content but I want you to know I am so appreciative you've have shared your lives with me.

All The Best Friends,
Lefty

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 12, 2017

DECEMBER MEETING CHRISTMAS PARTY, OFFICER ELECTIONS & BUCKET RAFFLES

We will have an election of new chapter officers at the Dec. meeting. Anyone who is interested can give their name to any of the board of directors or officers.

PLEASE BRING ITEMS FOR THE BUCKET RAFFLE. WE'RE ALWAYS OPEN TO SNACKS AND TREATS TOO!

Speaking of our annual elections.

If you are interested in running for any position, Board of Directors or any officer position, please let a board member know.

January Speaker – Nate Hill

Nate is a professional licensed fishing guide owner of Hill Country Guides in New Hampshire, more on Nate in the January Newsletter.

March 13th -- Tick Talk Blake Dinius a State Entomologist

This will be a talk about Ticks and the problems and sickness they can cause.

March 24th -- Annual Banquet

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

ANNUAL BANQUET

Our major fundraising event is our Annual Banquet. Save the date now for our 2018 Banquet on March 24th.

December Fly Box

Tom Magee

Green Tree Streamer

- Hook:** Mustad 9672 or equal sizes 2 – 10
Thread: Black 6/0
Body: Silver Estaz Chenille
Wing: Green Bucktail
Flash: Silver Krystal Flash
Throat: Red hackle fibers

I will have full instruction sheets at the meeting and all the materials require to tie this fly. I will also have material to tie them up as a pin.



Environmental News

Westport River Stream Team Update and Work Party Schedule

Work party are scheduled for:

January 6

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.

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.

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

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.

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Fisherman's Outfitter on Union St in Plymouth	508-747-7440

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Happy Holidays!



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.