



Monadnock Chapter Trout Unlimited

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President's Message

Monadnock Chapter Trout Unlimited Part II

Improving the health and community awareness of our local aquatic habitat is important. Of equal importance, in the eyes of our chapter, is creating opportunities for people to get together and enjoy our lakes, rivers and streams. The Monadnock Trout Unlimited chapter was created to give people a chance to do both of these things, and I encourage you to join us for some of our events in the coming year. Dates and times can be found on our website or in the newsletter.

- Annual Banquet, April 4, Papagallo's in Swanzey
- Peterborough Kid's Derby
- Otter Brook Stocking/ Canoe stocking on local streams
- Monthly Chapter meetings with speakers, fly raffle and cookies and coffee
- Annual MTU Campout and summer field meetings
- Fly tying: Winter classes and Casting for Recovery donations
- Salmon in the Classroom
- Beaver Brook clean up and improvements

Our March 27 meeting at the Dublin Public Library (fly tying 5:30, meeting 6:30) will feature a talk by Deb Loiselle from DES speaking about the removal of the Old Homestead Dam in Swanzey. Wherever your interest lies, I hope to see you there. 

TU Meetings feature

Local Experts

The two previous Monadnock TU Meetings featured presentations by a couple of experts in their fields. During February, Gabe Gries and John Morgan presented an informal presentation and Q&A session on the topic of smelt in Dublin lake. The smelt population has been deteriorating over the last



Gabe Gries discusses smelt spawning in Dublin Lake tributaries.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14-15, 2008, LL Bean Fly Fishing Expo, Freeport, Maine.

March 13, 2008, Monadnock TU BOD Meeting, Dublin Library, 6:30, everyone welcome.

March 27, 2008, Monadnock TU General Meeting. Deb Loiselle will discuss the Homestead Dam project.

March 12 and 19, 2008, AVEO Bug Night. 6:00 - 9:00 PM at the Science Center. See AVEO.org for details.

April 3, 2008 Charlie Chute - Salmon Fly Dressing, United Fly Tyers, Woburn, MA. Tying at 6:30 PM, presentation at 8:00. Fee.

April 4, 2008, Monadnock TU Fundraising Banquet, Papagallo's, Rt. 12 South, Keene.

May 17-18, 2008, Spey Casting Clinic by Jim Rusher, Sponsored by W.S. Hunter, call 603-228-0880 to reserve a spot. \$175 for both days.

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several years, with the main culprit being a lack of spawning habitat. This is due to road construction affecting one main creek, and an overall influx of sand on other creeks. The sand is thought to be a by-product of road and parking lot sand. Possible courses of action include long-term remediation efforts such as relocating the stream bed, and short-term solutions like the introduction of wood debris into the stream. The efforts will likely be a joint effort

between Monadnock TU, Fish and Game, and the Dublin Lake Preservation Society.

For the January group, Jim Dowd presented on fishing the Deerfield. Jim is a longtime guide, a member of various organizations of note, and co-author of *The Deerfield River Guide*. Jim sets up float trips on various sections of the Deerfield, and was able to provide lots of information to many of the members who fish the river regularly. Some members are investigating the possibility of a float with Jim, and will report back as soon as possible.



Byron Niederhelmen, foreground, discusses some hot spots on the Deerfield River with Jim Dowd during the January meeting.

The newsletter of Chapter 333 of Trout Unlimited is published monthly during the off-season, and more or less as needed during the summer. Submissions in any form are highly encouraged. Please send stories, photos, suggestions, or hot fishing tips to the Secretary.

The Monadnock Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Dublin Library. All facets of trout fishing and habitat preservation are discussed, and anyone with an interest in fish or fishing is welcome. Check the website for the latest calendar.

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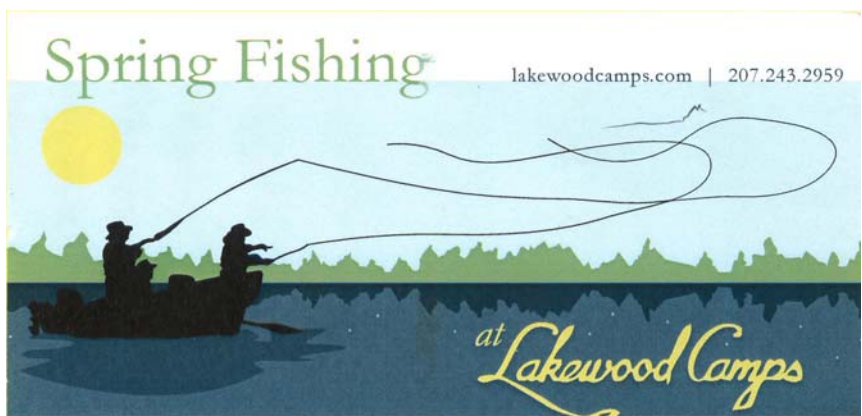
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Mike Elkavitch (MTU Webmeister) was the winner of the February Fly Raffle. Mike also reminds you to MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the April 4th TU Banquet!

(and please RSVP - it makes our life easier!)



ICE OUT
MAY 16, 2008

JUNE 27th - JUNE 29th, 2008

2nd Annual Weekend of Fly Fishing & Workshops
with *American Angler* & *Fly Tyer* Magazines

Salmon in the Classroom

A little update on the Salmon in the Classroom project in the words of people involved.

Andrea Dube, teacher **Franklin School**

“All is well with the salmon here at Franklin School. We have only lost about 3 of our 200 eggs!! The fifth grade students (**Jan Bergeron’s** class) are checking the temp of the water each day and recording the Development Index (50.98 %). Some of the eggs have hatched and we are changing out water to accommodate for ammonia. The fifth graders put on a slide show explaining the life cycle of salmon, and their trip to the ocean for the third graders. This is a wonderful project that involves learning about the environment and having the students feel like they are making a difference in their community.”

Eric Swope, Salmon in the Classroom Coordinator

“The salmon are starting to hatch out at all of the schools now and the kids are really getting excited. Classrooms are all tracking the development on a Developmental Index chart. Speed of development is based upon water temperatures. A daily temp reading is taken and compared to a chart that estimates the percent of development. We will plan to release them when they are somewhere in the 90% range.”



Bug Night Takes off in Keene

Not sure what to do on a cold, March Wednesday night? Why not go over to the college and sort bugs? The Ashuelot Valley Environmental Observatory is sponsoring a weekly Bug Night. The purpose of the meeting is to organize and count the hundreds



of macroinvertebrates that were collected over the past summer. These bugs were caught using kick nets in the Ashuelot and its tributaries. It's felt that aquatic insect life provides a valuable yardstick on water quality, and might point to problems sooner than some water sampling techniques.

The process is fairly straightforward. Currently, the group is sorting samples, just sorting bugs from debris. In coming weeks they'll be identifying different families of bugs in order to provide a count for comparisons with past and future populations. If you're interested, contact brett@aveo.org.



Pelham Fly Show now in its Sixth Year

Once again the Fly Fish Hew Hampshire was held at the Pelham Fish and Game club. As luck would have it, Saturday was painfully quiet at the show, due to the Blizzard of '08. Anyway, Sunday was well attended, and there were plenty of vendors and classes to provide information, education, and a variety of fishing and tying stuff to bring home.

There was a less than successful effort to provide a group bus from the Monadnock Region to the show. This quickly deteriorated into a few guys car pooling on Saturday, to cancelations, and Larry and Scott Miles going over on Sunday morning. If we start planning now, perhaps next year??



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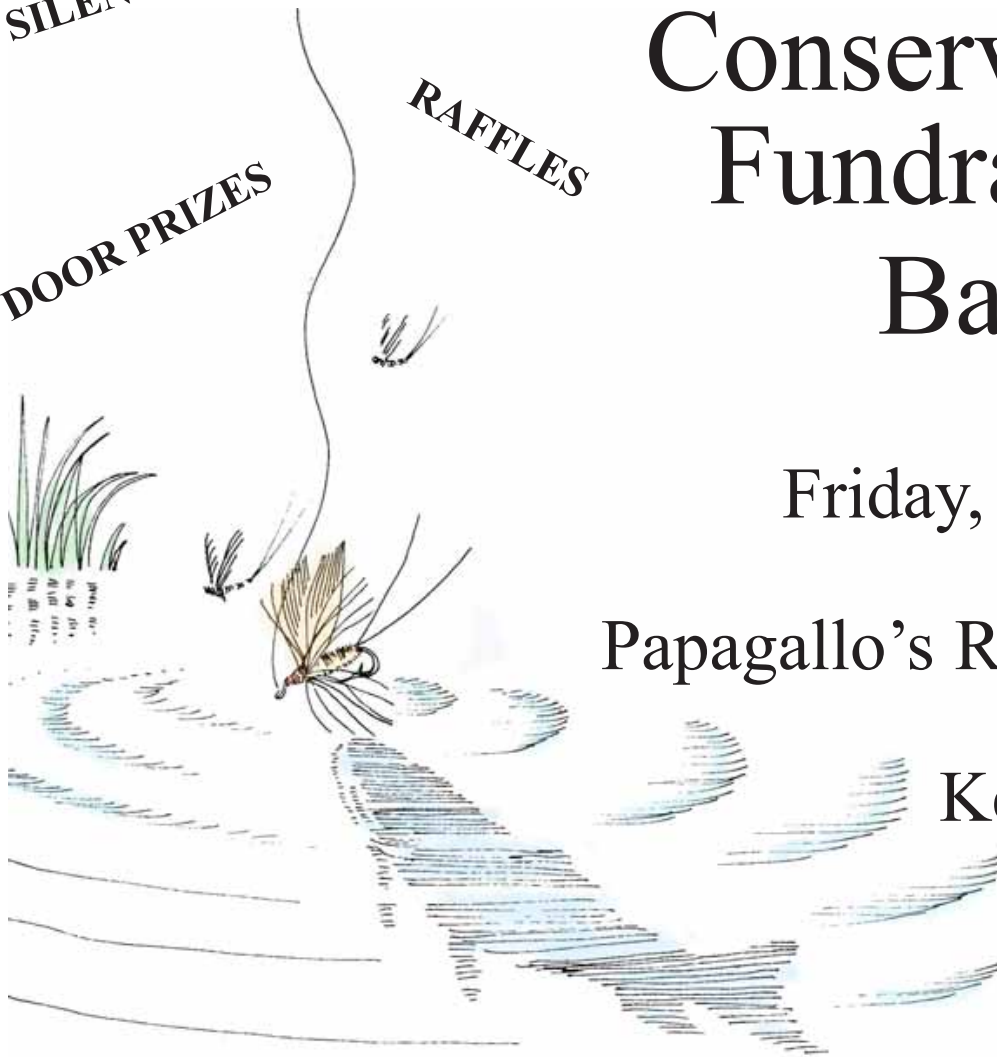
DOOR PRIZES

RAFFLES

Annual Conservation Fundraising Banquet

Friday, April 4th
6:30 PM

Papagallo's Restaurant
Route 12
Keene, NH



\$25 per seat. Doors open at 6:00.

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or phone Tim McMahon, 603-924-7155*