

Banquet Preparations Well Under Way

Submitted by Dick Soucy

Preparations for the 2008 MMBTU Banquet and Auction have been going on since fall but we've now shifted into high gear. Donations are coming in and we're still out there beating the brush for more and better items for the auction. We have two fine rods and two more on the way. One of them is a complete Spey outfit from Temple Forks. This will include a 14 foot 9 weight spey rod with the reel and line.

We also have an Orvis 9 foot, 9 weight, seven piece, Frequent Flyer rod from Mike Holt at Fly Fishing Only. This is a great travel rod. We have Orvis reels, a number

of books, rod discount certificates from Scott and Thomas & Thomas. Bags and a rod from Cabela's along with a great look-

ing hydration pack. Watch the web site and next issue of *Tight Lines*, as the always-generous donation from LL Bean will be posted soon.

There will be fly tying materials and equipment as well and we'll even have a selection of non fishing items for the poor folks that haven't discovered the joy of fly fishing.

So mark your calendar for Saturday April 26th for the annual MMBTU Banquet and Auction. And keep in mind that we love to get donations from the MMBTU membership so if you'd like to donate to the chapter you can call me at 207-627-7399 or e-mail me at

rsoucy@maine.rr.com.

It's not too early to order your tickets – use the ticket order form below or call me at 207-627-7399.

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2008 Banquet Ticket Order Form

Your Name (s): _____

Mailing Address:

Street : _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ - _____ - _____ *PLEASE! Enter your phone #*

Please reserve tickets for:

Quantity Name

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Total () @ \$25. each = \$ _____

Mail to:

Dick Soucy

69 Highland Shores Rd.

Casco, ME 04015

**ORDER TICKETS BY
PHONE
Call 207- 627-7399**

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make payment by check, money order or credit card. Make Checks & Money Orders payable to: MMBTU

Orders must be postmarked & prepaid by April 25, 2006 to get the \$25 advance sale price. Ticket price at the door is: \$30.

Payment Method:

() Check Number _____

() Money Order

() Credit Card

Type: (VISA) (MasterCard) Expires on: ___/___

Number _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address (if different from mailing address)

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

DIF&W Fisheries Biologist Forrest Bonney to Speak at the March Meeting

Submitted by Dick Soucy

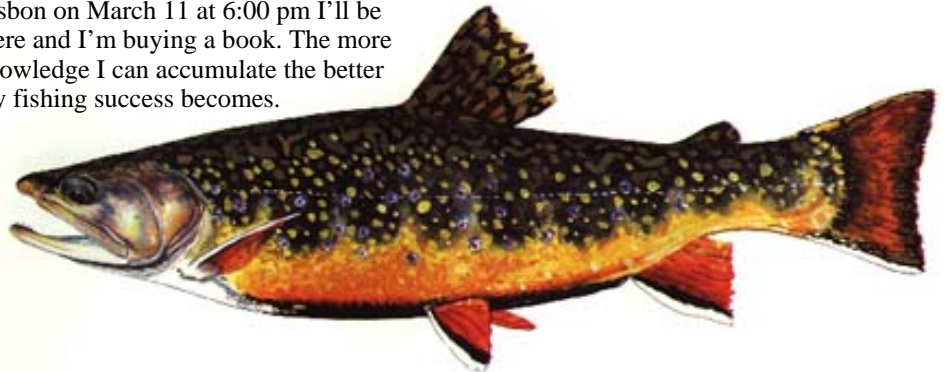
Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist Forrest Bonney has completed his new book *Squaretails: Biology and Management of Maine's Brook Trout* and he will be at Graziano's Restaurant in Lisbon Tuesday March 11th. to discuss, sign and sell the book.

Forrest has specialized in brook trout biology and ecology and took the lead in a study conducted over ten years ago that resulted in the complete replacement of Maine's Hatchery brook trout brood stock. The study also drove sweeping changes in fishing laws based on life-span and age at maturity to insure natural reproduction of wild, genetically pure strains that still exist in many Maine ponds.

These changes have been a tremendous

success with both catch numbers and fish size continuing to increase in many Western Maine waters for both wild and stocked fish. This is a change for the better that I have personally experienced.

So if you love Maine's brook trout, as so many of us do, and would like to know more about them be at Graziano's in Lisbon on March 11 at 6:00 pm I'll be there and I'm buying a book. The more knowledge I can accumulate the better my fishing success becomes.



Penobscot River Restoration Trust Update

Submitted by Jennifer Curtis, Project Associate

The year 2008 is shaping up to be an exciting one for the Penobscot River Restoration



Trust, and we hope you'll take a moment to check out our winter 2008 newsletter to catch up on all of the recent goings-on. Here is the full link - http://www.penobscotriver.org/content/4064/Winter_2008_Newsletter/. Please pass this link on to anyone you feel might have an interest in the project!

If you have not yet signed up as a supporter or to be on our mailing list, you can do so at the action center on our website - www.penobscotriver.org.

About Merrymeeting Bay Trout Unlimited

Merrymeeting Bay TU Chapter 329 serves a membership of 200+ in the mid-coast area of Maine. For more information e-mail: info@mmbtu.org, visit the web site, <http://www.mmbtu.org>, or mail PO Box 191, Richmond, ME 04357.

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Annual Merrymeeting Bay Trout Unlimited

Banquet and Auction

Saturday, April 26, 2008

Knights of Columbus Hall, 2 Columbus Dr., Brunswick

Live Auction, Silent Auction, Raffles

Catered by GRAZIANO'S

Advance Ticket Price: \$25.00 - At the Door: \$30.00

Got Donations?

Submitted by Dick Soucy, MMBTU Banquet Chair

You probably haven't done much thinking, if any, about the MMBTU 2008 Banquet yet but the Board of Directors and Chapter members that help us started working on it weeks ago. This is a process that requires the efforts of many people to prepare and, right now,

we're working on donations for the Auction.

We solicit donations from many retailers that respond but many of the items donated for the Auction come from Board members and the folks that help us.

This year we've decided to reach out to the membership for possible donations. It doesn't have to be a new item as long as it's in good shape. It doesn't have to be a fishing item. In fact we need non-

fishing items badly right now. A fly fishing vest you no longer use. A quilt packed away in a closet. Any item that might sell at auction would be of interest.

So if you have anything to donate send me an e-mail or give me a call and I'll arrange to have it picked up. Phone: 207-627-7399. E-Mail:

rsoucy@maine.rr.com

FLY of the MONTH: Hex Drake

Submitted by Dave Martel

Hook: Orvis dry fly

Size #8 (2 xl) or #6

Thread: Size 8/0 Uni (yellow)

Tails (Whiting Dun Tailing fibres or Amber Z-lon)

Body (Yellow Turkey Biot or Yellow dry fly dubbing)

Rib: doubled 8/0 uni thread

Back: several strands of peacock herl (tied in over the yellow dubbing on the BACK only)

Wing: Depends (no no..NOT the diapers. Do you want a Hex Parachute.....use white turkey T-base feather...you want a Sparkle Dun use deer hair---splayed) You want a Catskill version use *two* wood duck flank feathers. Your call.

Hint: This fly can be tied in three different versions.....using the same tail(s) and abdomen. It only changes at the wing/thorax area. I'm (admittedly) not much of a pond fisher-



man.....but for those of you that do this pattern(s) is dynamite on upcountry Maine trout ponds at dusk/dark. Throw in a Selend Dumaine Hexamongus (Google it) trailing 18" behind any of these three styles. For great flotation use the Catskill version and use three green/grizzly hackles. For more of an emerger ahead of the Hexamongus use the Parachute version.....tied with two Whiting greenish/yellow grizzly hackles. Enjoy! NOW is the time to tie these up (give yourself time to tie a dozen and a half or so).....not 5 minutes before you leave to head upcountry in July. Keep your thread tight.

Want to See a Specific Pattern Tied?

Dave Martel, Dick Soucy and others will demonstrate various patterns at upcoming MMBTU meetings. Watch the newsletter to see what pattern will be tied at the next meeting. If you are interested in seeing a specific pattern, E-Mail Dave Martel. dnsmartel@roadrunner.com

Tight Lines

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Events: 2007-08 MMBTU Year

The general membership and the general public are welcome at all meetings including Directors' Meetings. General Membership Meetings are held at Graziano's Restaurant, Lisbon, Maine on the second Tuesday, unless otherwise noted. Phone: 353-4335, 6-9pm.

March 11: Forrest Bonney

March 15-16: LL Bean Fly Fishing Expo

Kids Fly-Tying Lessons hosted by MMBTU Members

April 26: Annual Banquet & Fundraising

Auction *Knights of Columbus Hall, Brunswick*

May 3, 10, 17: Casting to the Future

June 18-20: Club Trip to GLS



Forrest Bonney and

“Squaretails: Biology and Management of Maine’s Brook Trout”

Book Discussion and Signing

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Graziano's, Lisbon - 6pm

Directors' Meetings: March 25, April 18, May 27

Come, get involved, help out, support the cause, have fun!