

MMBTU Annual

CHRISTMAS PARTY

& GIFT EXCHANGE

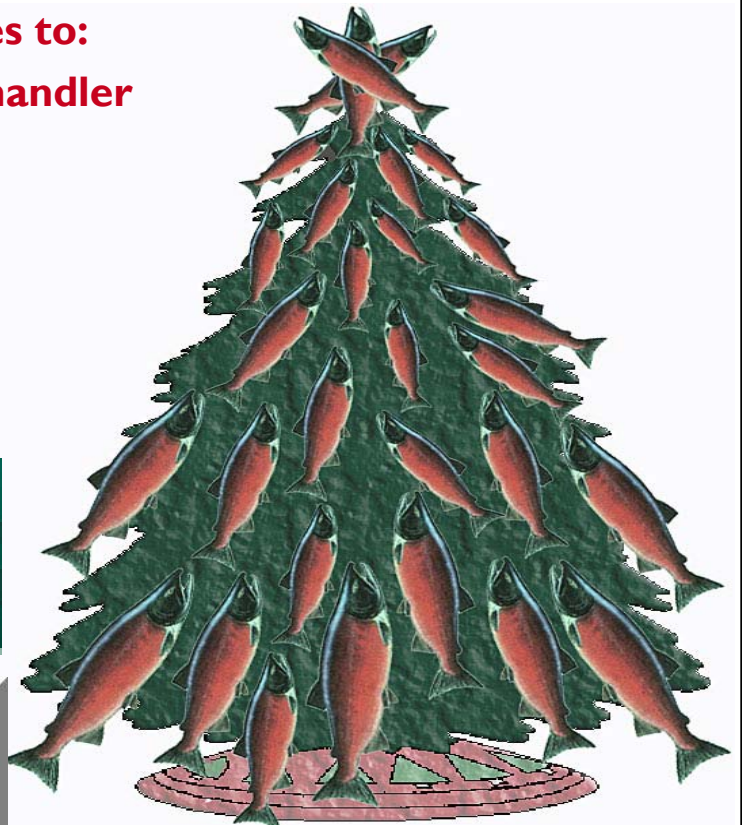
Tuesday, Dec. 11, 6-9 PM

Graziano's Restaurant, Lisbon, ME

RSVP to Graziano's appreciated: 353-4335

Door Prizes: **\$50 dollar Gift Certificates to:**
Dick's Sporting Goods, L.L. Bean, Chandler
Pond Outfitters, Fly Fishing Only

L.L.Bean®



GIFT EXCHANGE: Members who wish to participate should bring a wrapped gift 10 to 20 dollars value. Each member will receive a raffle ticket for one of the gifts. Additionally each person attending the Christmas party will be eligible to win one of the four door prizes with there raffle ticket.

Chapter Member's Donation to be Auctioned on E-Bay

Submitted by Ben Hunsberger

Many thanks to MMBTU member Bill Heaphy for the donation of his fly fishing and tying gear. Bill no longer fishes or ties, and he was hoping that the CTF program could make use of some of his equipment.

As it turns out, Bill had a wonderful South Bend bamboo fly rod and matching reel in the gear. The model 359 is 8 1/2 ft and is probably 40-50 years old. It's in pretty good condition, and the chapter hopes it will generate some interest when it goes up for auction on ebay in December. The funds raised from the auction will funnel into the CTF program, helping to purchase the gear we use to get youngsters out fishing.

Bill's donation helps us grow the next generation of conservationists, kids who can preserve and protect our cold water fisheries in the future. Thanks Bill!

If you're interested in bidding on the rod, drop a note to Ben Hunsberger, huns@zwi.net, and we'll let you know the opening date for bidding. It would make a great gift for someone you know.



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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FLY of the MONTH: Charlie Boy Hopper (Charlie Craven)

Submitted by Dave Martel

Hook: Tiemco 5253

Size 8 (10 or 6 also)

Thread: 6/0 Unithread

Body: 2mm razor foam (*closed* cell foam...NOT open-cell) doubled (tan or yellow)

Wing: Deer Hair....flared

Indicator: Orange closed-cell foam

Legs: Red/black speckled

Hint: This is a bit of a difficult pattern to describe in a couple of sentences.....so if you need a *great* tutorial go to: www.charliesflybox.com and go to "tutorials".

Many tyers are against using foam, opting for more "natural" materials.....but I always say "whatever works". Now.....I'm not convinced Hoppers work very well here in Maine; but



many of us fish out West; and I *hammered* Cutts in Third Meadow on a Foam Hopper last trip.

Most hopper patterns have a yellow body.....but have you ever actually LOOKED at hopper bodies? I do all the time.....and 99 out of every 100 hoppers are *tan*....NOT yellow. (The 1 out of 100 is almost always green.....not yellow. And, by the way, I've NEVER seen an orange bodied hopper. Brookies

love those things; but I'm convinced they're hitting orange hoppers either as an attractor.....or a stonefly. I'm tying up 3 dozen of these for our Western Trip this coming summer. Enjoy. (And a big Thanks to Charlie Craven for great tutorials.)

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.

December 11: Christmas Party

**January 8: Statewide Stream Project/
Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture** - *Merry
Gallagher Fisheries Biologist and Learn to Tie* - TBA

February 12: Canada/Alaska Slide Show
and Learn to Tie - TBA

March 11: Forrest Bonney

**April 26: Annual Banquet & Fundraising
Auction** *Knights of Columbus Hall, Brunswick*

June 18-20: Club Trip to GLS

Christmas Party

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Graziano's, Lisbon - Fun Starts @ 6pm

Directors' Meetings: December 18, January 29, February 26,
March 25, April 18, May 27
Come, get involved, help out, support the cause, have fun!