

Tight Lines

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A Fishing Fanatics Wish List

Submitted by Orman Hines and Dick Soucy

Wondering what to get your favorite angler for Christmas? Two of Santa's helpers, (otherwise known as MMBTU Vice President Orman Hines and Secretary/Banquet Chair Dick Soucy) have listed their favorite fishing books (see below) to help you out.



MMBTU Membership Update

Welcome New Members

Charles Spies, Phippsburg, ME Leo Soucy, Lewiston, ME
Lou Parent, Sabattus, ME

Thank you Renewing Members

Richard Soucy, Casco Lidija Burden, Bath
Robert Glenn, Harpswell Frank Swenson, Topsham
John Saunders, Durham Thomas Roper, Lewiston
Stephen DeWick, Woolwich Carl Anderson, Greene

Title	Author(s)	Subject	Publisher, ISBN #	Notes. Price
<i>A. K.'s Fly Box</i>	By A. K. Best		1996 Lyons and Burfords	A look at one of North America's most respected fly tyers with 200 color illustrations.
<i>An Orvis Streamside Guide</i>	N/A	Entomology	ISBN# 1-55821-067-9	Favorite Quick Reference. 16.95
<i>Caddis Super Hatches for the United States</i>	By Carl Richards and Bob Braendle		1997 Frank Amato Publications	Keys with relatively easy identification of caddis flies.
<i>Caddisflies</i>	By Gary LaFontaine	Fly Tying / Fishing	1981 Lyons & Burford, ISBN# 0-941130-98-3	Highly Recommend; A major study of the most important aquatic insects-entomology, fly tying and proven fishing techniques. 40.00
<i>Flies For Trout</i>	By Dick Stewart & Farrow Allen	Fly Tying Index	ISBN# 0-936644-15-X	My Favorite Index of Patterns. 29.95
<i>Flies, The Best One Thousand</i>	By Randle Scott Stetzer	Fly Tying Index	ISBN# 1-878175-20-3	My Second Favorite Index. 24.95
<i>Fly Tiers Benchside Reference</i>	By Ted Leeson & Jim Schollmeyer	Fly Tying	ISBN# 15788126-3	The best book on fly tying ever written. 100.00
<i>Hatches II</i>	By Al Caucci and Bob Nastasi	Hatch Guide & Entomology	2004 The Lyons Press, ISBN# 1-55821-060-1	A complete guide to fishing the hatches of North American trout streams; My Favorite Reference. 32.95
<i>LL Bean Fly Casting Handbook</i>	By Macauley Lord	Fly Casting	ISBN# 1-55821-964-1	Highly Recommend. 18.95
<i>Mayflies</i>	By Malcom Knopp and Robert Cormier		1997 The Lyons Press	An angler's study of trout water ephemeroptera.
<i>Midge Magic</i>	By Don Holbrook & Ed Koch	Fly Tying / Fishing	ISBN# 0-8117-0996-5	Highly Recommend. 29.95
<i>My Moby Dick</i>	By William Humphrey		1978 Penguin Books , ISBN#	The season-long pursuit of a large trout by a master story teller.
<i>Production Fly Tying</i>	By A.K. Best	Fly Tying	ISBN# 0-87108-792-8	Tie more flies in less time. Great ideas from a master. 29.95
<i>Royal Coachman</i>	By Paul Schuller			Lore and Legend of Fly Fishing.
<i>The Essence of Fly Casting</i>	By Mel Krieger	Fly Casting	ISBN# 0-944169-02-3	Highly Recommend.
<i>The Spawning Run</i>	By William Humphrey		1970, Alfred Knopf, Inc.	An old Classic, with British humor, grace and rich detail.
<i>Trout Flies</i>	By Gary LaFontaine	Fly Tying / Fishing	ISBN# 0-9626663-1-9	Highly Recommend. 39.95
<i>Trout Stream Insects</i>	By Dick Pobst	Hatch Guide & Entomology		

December Fly of the Month:

Submitted by Dave Martel

Jujubee Midge Larva—Charlie Craven

Hook:

Tiemco 2488

Size: #22 or #24

Thread: 12/0

white Ben-nechi for abdomen; 8/0

Black Uni for thorax/head

Abdomen: 2 strands Olive Superhair/1 strand Olive (wrapped)

Thorax/Head: Black thread covered by white superhair.



As winter descends upon us we need a good Midge larvae pattern. Here's one for the Aquarium at the Presumpscot. Tie it in #20/22. Any color of Superhair will do. I like two strands of olive and one strand of black. Tie in the white/pearl superhair over the black thread thorax; tie down at eye of hook; sweep back alongside the thorax; cut off even with the back of the thorax. Fish. Enjoy.

Exciting Planning Tool Available

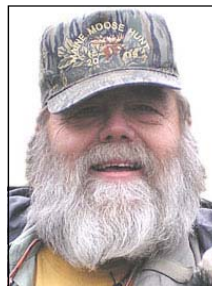
Trout Unlimited recently unveiled an exciting and useful web-based conservation planning tool. It's called the **Conservation Success Index**, or **CSI**. This is a computer model that looks at five different parameters of each of the following classifications: Habitat Integrity, Population Integrity, Vulnerability, and Range-wide Conditions. The model then calculates the most effective approach to the conservation of each sub-watershed whether it be protection, restoration, monitoring or re-introduction. According to Marcia Woolman, Eastern Brook Trout Workgroup (EBTW) chair, "While not a definitive, final answer to conservation decisions, this product could be instrumental in helping local decisions about brook trout." The program is map based and is served by Google Earth - a free, very cool and powerful download available to most computers on a high speed internet connection. The program is available through the www.brookie.org website.

The EBT Workgroup of the National Leadership Council has been given the charge of providing information that supports coordination of all the efforts of TU's chapters, councils, staff, consultants and many federal and state partners in advancing our Eastern Brook Trout Initiative.

MMBTU's Christmas Party is Different

The next general membership is the annual Christmas Party. I'm not sure why we call it a Party, because it's more of a "Dinner with Friends." For me, it's a chance to step out of the hustle & bustle of the season and take a break with friends. And the "take a number" gift exchange is always nice. The gifts are usually valued at under \$20., and always thoughtfully selected by our members.

This year we're bringing something back that we haven't done in a few years — we are giving away two \$100. gift certificates to Mike Holt's "Fly Fishing Only" fly shop in Fairfield. Mike has supported MMBTU forever, so, if you're one the lucky one who takes home one of these gift certificates, be sure to thank him personally when you visit his store.



Message from the President
Gordon "Smitty" Smith

The Christmas Party is a wonderful opportunity for members to get to know each other better. We've seen several new members at the last few meetings, and I encourage them to attend the Christmas Party and become more familiar with we of the old guard. The time is 6:00pm and the place is Graziano's Restaurant in Lisbon. We look forward to seeing you!

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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MMBTU Annual CHRISTMAS PARTY & GIFT EXCHANGE



Door Prize: two \$100. Gift
Certificates to
Fly Fishing Only (On the Kennebec
River in Fairfield, Maine; located at the base of Shawmut
Dam about one-half hour north of Augusta)

Friday, Dec. 15, 6-9 PM
Graziano's Restaurant
Lisbon, ME

RSVP to Graziano's appreciated: 353-4335

Bring a Wrapped Gift

if you plan to participate in the Gift Exchange.

Gifts should be \$10.-\$20. in value, and labeled
'male,' 'female,' 'child,' etc., as necessary.



What is Trout in the Classroom?

Trout in the Classroom is a relatively simple education program developed by The Future Fisherman Foundation. Teachers set up an aquarium and incubate trout eggs in their classroom, under the guidance of a Trout in the Classroom coordinator (often a TU member). Together, they ensure that all of the equipment has been purchased and is assembled by September.



While the program varies from state to state, in general the teacher and students are responsible for daily maintenance and observation of the eggs, while the coordinator is responsible for obtaining permits and locating a certified egg source.

The final result is an aquarium full of trout fry that is released into a state-approved body of water during a class field trip. Trout in the Classroom is an extremely rewarding program for students, teachers, and mentors. The program can be set up in one school, or, as some chapters of Trout Unlimited have done, as a collaboration with many different schools.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) programs have been in place all across the country for more than 20 years. The program was

designed specifically for teachers who want to incorporate more environmental education into their curriculum and need outside help. It gives TU members the opportunity to get involved with their local schools, while teaching kids about water quality, aquatic life, and other environmental issues.

The Future Fisherman Foundation unites the sport fishing industry with a nationwide network of state outdoor educators, national conservation groups, and youth organizations. It offers a variety of fishing and boating programs, equipment, and services to community groups and schools across the country. Efforts help people of all ages have safe and enjoyable fishing experiences that foster conservation ethics.

The fishing education programs are:

- ◆ Hooked on Fishing—Not On Drugs
- ◆ Phys Ed Grants Initiative
- ◆ Fishing Tackle Loaner Program
- ◆ 4-H Sportfishing

Visit the web site at: <http://www.futurefisherman.org/> for more information.

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Events: 2006-07 MMBTU Year

The general membership and the general public are welcome at all meetings including Directors' Meetings. Meetings are held at Graziano's Restaurant, Lisbon, Maine unless otherwise noted. Phone: 353-4335, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

January

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Alaska,
Canada
& New
York
Fishing
Trip Re-
ports

Gordon
"Smitty"

Smith & Dick Soucy



February 13: Building a Drift Boat Dick Soucy

March 13: Bug Night

April 28: Annual Banquet & Fundraising Auction

Knights of Columbus Hall; Brunswick

May 8: Casting Clinic

June 20-22: Chapter Trip

December General Meeting Christmas Party & Gift Exchange

Door Prize:

**TWO \$100 Gift Certificates
from Fly Fishing Only**

**December 15, 6-9 PM
Graziano's Restaurant, Lisbon, ME**
RSVP to Graziano's appreciated: 353-4335

Directors' Meetings: December 19, January 23, February 27, March 27,
April 10, May 22.
Come, get involved, help out, support the cause, have fun!