

# Tight Lines

Merrymeeting Bay Trout Unlimited Newsletter

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## *Environmental Education Project Comes to Midcoast Region*

MMBTU proudly brings Trout in the Classroom to two schools in the midcoast region. From left to right, MMBTU volunteer Dick Soucy, Bowdoin Central School fourth grade teacher Christine Egan, Bowdoinham Community School fifth grade teacher Ryan Patrie, and MMBTU volunteer Smitty Smith

take a break after setting up two forty-gallon tanks on Saturday, November 29. The project, which reaches about seventy students, includes classroom talks, a field trip to a local hatchery, and a IF&W biologist-led release of live brook trout in the spring. More photos and information on page two.

## MMBTU Board Cancels '09 Banquet and Auction - Needs New Members

*Submitted by Orman Hines*

The Merrymeeting Bay Trout Unlimited Board of Directories has decided not to put on a Banquet this spring. This was a tough decision for the board, because the banquet is our one big fund raising event and a chance for all of our members to interact

socially. We would still like to hear comments from the club members about this decision and would encourage you to attend the next board meeting in January, and to voice your opinions for a 2010 Banquet.



The MMBTU board is in need of some revi-

talization. We have four board members leaving the board after their terms expire this spring. I encourage anyone interested in seeing MMBTU continue as a Trout Unlimited chapter to step up to the plate. Please contact any of the board members or e-mail [info@mmbtu.org](mailto:info@mmbtu.org).

# MMBTU brings Trout in the Classroom to two schools

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) is an environmental education program in which students in grades K-12, who:

- raise trout from eggs to fry
- monitor tank water quality
- engage in stream habitat study
- learn to appreciate water resources
- begin to foster a conservation ethic
- grow to understand ecosystems

The program ends the year by releasing trout in a state-approved stream near the school or within a nearby watershed. During the year each teacher tailors the program to fit his or her curricular needs. TIC has interdisciplinary applications in science, social studies, mathematics, language arts, fine arts, and physical education. Trout in the Classroom (TIC) programs have been in place all across the country for nearly 20 years, the results of numerous collaborations between teachers, volunteers, government agencies, and local organizations including Trout Unlimited. For more information, visit the TIC web site: <http://www.troutintheclassroom.org>



## Say "Yes" to e-mail, or send a donation to cover printing cost

Submitted by Smitty Smith

If you would like to receive your newsletter and other MMBTU notices by e-mail, contact newsletter editor Lois Cunningham at

[info@mmbtu.org](mailto:info@mmbtu.org).

We understand that not all members have the ability or the interest to receive the newsletter by e-mail, but the savings are significant enough to consider it. Alternatively, the chapter accepts

cash donations to offset newsletter mailing expenses. Checks should be mailed to MMBTU, PO Box 191, Richmond, ME 04357.



### About Merrymeeting Bay Trout Unlimited

Merrymeeting Bay TU Chapter 329 serves a membership of 220+ in the mid-coast area of Maine. For more information e-mail: [info@mmbtu.org](mailto:info@mmbtu.org), visit the web site, <http://www.mmbtu.org>, or mail PO Box 191, Richmond, ME 04357.

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# Holiday Party

6-9 PM, Thursday, Dec. 11

Graziano's Restaurant, Lisbon, ME

Win a \$50 dollar Gift Certificates to Dick's Sporting Goods, L.L. Bean, Chandler Pond Outfitters, Fly Fishing Only



**GIFT EXCHANGE:** Members who wish to participate should bring a wrapped gift 10 to 20 dollars value. Mark accordingly if a gift is gender or age specific. 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.

## FLY OF THE MONTH: Sparkle Dun (Craig Matthews)

Submitted by Dave Martel



**Hook:** Tiemco 100; Mustad 94840

**Thread:** 14/0 Gordon Griffiths; 8/0 Uni

**Color:** Black; or match dubbing

**Tail:** Amber Z-lon

**Body:** Superfine (color to match)

**Wing:** Dark Dun ComparaDun Deer (be SURE to comb out the underhair)

**HINT:** This generic Mayfly can be tied to match any Mayfly; just vary the body color. Stack the deer hair in a stacker; and fan the wing. It can be tied in any size from #6 (Hexagenias) to #24 (Sulphurs). I'd guess I tie 6 or 8 dozen of these per year. Tie up a couple of dozen....you'll get plenty of use out of them. Enjoy.....

## Events: 2008-09 MMBTU Year

The general membership and the general public are welcome at all meetings including Directors' Meetings. General Membership Meetings are held on the second Thursday, and Board Meetings are held the 4th Thursday at Graziano's Restaurant, Lisbon, Maine, 6-9 pm, unless noted. Phone: 353-4335.

**December 11: Holiday Party & Gift Exchange** Come, have fun, and take a chance on going home with a \$50. gift certificate to L.L.Bean, Chandler Pond Outfitters, Fly Fishing Only, or Dick's Sporting Goods.

**January 8: Fishing Out West** with Dick Soucy.

**January 22: Board Meeting** Come, get involved, help out, support the cause, have fun!

**February 12: Fishing for King Salmon in Alaska** with Ron Jack.

**February 26: Board Meeting. Slate of Officers for 2009-10.** Come, get involved, help out, support the cause, have fun!

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And Gift Exchange

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**March 12: Purinton Brook Survey Report**

**March 26: Board Meeting.** Come, get involved, help out, support the cause, have fun!

**April 9. Spring Fly Fishing: Using the Right Fly.**

Also: Elect Officers

**May 16: Club Trip to Solon** (tentative)

**May 28. Board Meeting.** Come, get involved, help out, support the cause, have fun!