



Presented by Dick Soucy

If you have ever thought about building a drift boat and would like to learn more about it, be at Graziano's Restaurant in Lisbon for our next meeting on February 13th. at 6:00PM. After talking about doing it for over ten years I finally did it last summer. Now I wish I hadn't have waited so long. It was not difficult, it was fun, It cost a bit more than I thought it would but it looks great.

I took pictures of the process from the very beginning and I have them arranged in sequence in a digital presentation. This is not a kit. This is what is called a Stitch and Glue, Epoxy Encapsulated process. There are no screws or fasteners of any kind used. All parts are epoxy fiber-glassed inside and out and glued together using composite joints. The result is a smooth, frameless, lightweight boat with a 15'8" centerline 78 inches wide at less than 300 pounds.

I will cover the design, materials, tools, plywood scarphing, assembly, fiber-glassing and painting. We will also discuss cost with an emphasis on what I would do differently if I built another boat.

This is an opportunity to actually see what it's like and I'm sure help in planning a boat if only to learn from my mistakes. So plan to be at Graziano's in Lisbon on February 13th at 6:00PM and we'll build a boat.

Graziano's in Lisbon

February 13, 2007

Dinner at 6 pm

Program at 7 pm



Winter Months Are The Busiest for MMBTU Volunteers

Maybe it's the long stress-free fishing days that the coming of spring promises, I'm not sure. Whatever the impetus, I continue to marvel at the energy, enthusiasm, and commitment of the members who make CTF and the Annual Banquet & Fundraising Auction realities each and every year. Preparations for both programs continue in earnest.

Message from the President

Gordon "Smitty" Smith

We are busy collecting donations of goods and services for the Fundraising Auction set for April 28 at Knights of Columbus in Brunswick. We've learned over the years that a variety of items produce the most success on auction night. Do you own your own business? Or can you approach your boss and request a donation to benefit MMBTU's programs?

Remember, if you know of a youth, age 12-17, who would enjoy the opportunity to learn how to fly fish, now is the time to act.

You can find out more about the 2007 Casting to the Future (CTF) program and the Annual Banquet & Fundraising Auction at the web site, <http://www.mmbtu.org>, or feel free to call me at 207-737-4447.

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About Merrymeeting Bay Trout Unlimited

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.

February General Meeting How to Build a Drift Boat

February 13, 6-9 PM
Graziano's Restaurant, Lisbon, ME

March 13: Bug Night & CTTF Presentation & Sign UP

April 28: Annual Banquet & Fundraising Auction

Knights of Columbus Hall; Brunswick

May 8: Casting Clinic June 20-22: Chapter Trip Grand Lake Stream

Directors' Meetings: February 27, March 27, April 10, May 22.

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

Merrymeeting Bay TU Chapter 329 serves a membership of approximately 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.



MMBTU Membership Update

Welcome New Members

Robbie Johnson—Freeport
Phillip Coyne—Woolwich

Ira A. Bird—Brunswick

Thank you Renewing Members

Thomas Williams—Bath
Scott Owens—Waldoboro

Thomas McFadden—
Cumberland Center

John Allan—Bristol
John Knapp—Nobleboro

Robert Hallett—Harpwell
Kelley Baker—Woolwich

Glen Davis—Bath
Kevin Winsor—Greene

Lois Cunningham—Bowdoinham
David Hawkes—Winter Harbor

Dwane Hubert—Brunswick
James Cargile—Lewiston

Norman Paquette—Lewiston
Clarence Blanchard—Pownal

Roger LaChapelle—Lewiston

Bill Heaphy—Harpwell