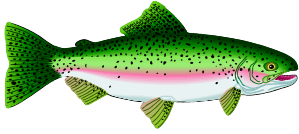


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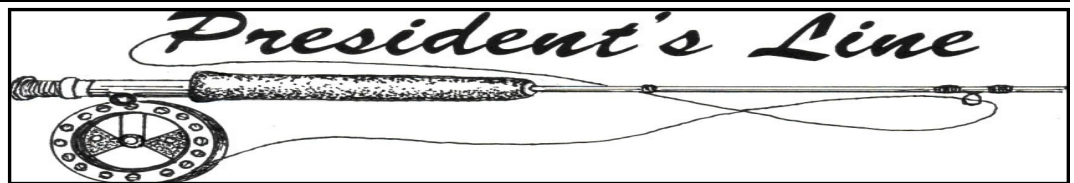
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We believe that trout and salmon fishing isn't just fishing for trout and salmon. It's fishing for sport rather than food, where the true enjoyment of the sport lies in the challenge, the lore, the battle of wits, not necessarily the full creel. It's the feeling of satisfaction that comes from limiting your kill instead of killing your limit. It's communing with nature where the chief reward is a refreshed body and a contented soul, where a license is a permit to use not abuse, to enjoy not destroy our cold water fishery. It's subscribing to the proposition that what's good for trout and salmon is good for the fisherman and that managing trout and salmon for themselves rather than the fisherman is fundamental to the solution of our trout and salmon problems. It's appreciating our fishery resource, respecting fellow anglers and giving serious thought to tomorrow.

Next meeting:

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009
at 7:30 PM*

Pete Dubno with Montana '09



Welcome back!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and got some fishing in along the way. I know I did!

We've had a lot going on since the last edition of Paumonok and our last chapter meeting in June. We held our annual elections at the meeting and I welcome to the Board of Directors Mike Russell and Ed Ciano. Mike was elected to a three year term and Ed was appointed as an "At Large" Director. "Big Ed" will still be our Sergeant-at-arms too. I would also like to sincerely thank each and every member of LITU for bestowing me the honor and privilege to remain President for another year.

Although there have been no chapter meetings for the past two months, the Board has been diligently working towards making our chapter even better yet.

We have what I think is a heck of a line up of guest speakers: We open up with Pete Dubno with Montana '09, then well known author Nick Karras (Brook Trout), for October, the great videographer "Ozzie" Ozefovich (The Underwater World of Trout) in November, then the holiday party in December. And, to top it all off, for our January meeting we are scheduled to have the fly tying legend, A.K. Best! Talk about an awesome line up!

We have also been working on a number of other things too: A new and improved web site, casting clinic dates, clean up dates, and Adopt a Service Person just to name a few. We have also been heavily involved, vociferous and noticeable concerning the problems out at Connetquot. Please see my reply to the editor on page 7 concerning an article that was printed in the Long Island Press on August 20th (<http://www.longislandpress.com/2009/08/20/bad-fish/>) where I explain our position as a chapter on the present situation.

Although I'm sure we all have our own personal opinions on this highly charged topic, I feel strongly that this is clearly the position we are obligated to and must take, to hold true to the Trout Unlimited core mission and goals. However passionate we are about this please remember, **EVERY-ONES** opinion is recognized and respected.

On a brighter note, don't forget to volunteer for a clinic, clean up or anything else you can, as we are getting close to the end of the year for our volunteer rod raffle. There is still time but it is dwindling!

Along with wherever our fishing and travels may take us, remember it is up to us to **Educate, Conserve, Protect and Restore!**

See you on the stream!

Best fishes,

Jay Mooney

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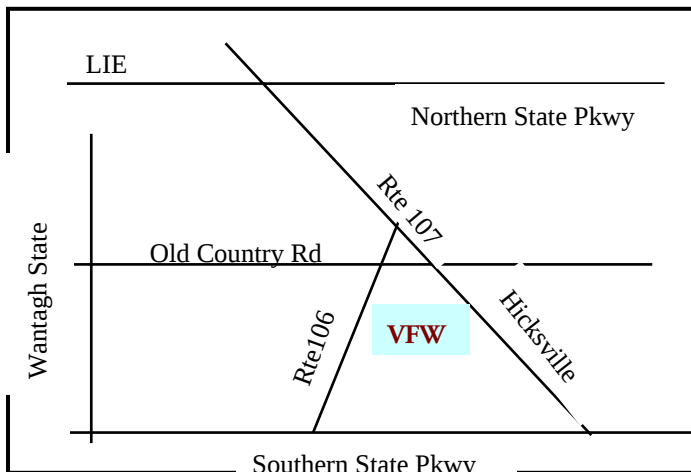
September 2	Directors Meeting, Ground Round, Levittown @ 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY**
September 15	General Meeting, 7:30 PM **3rd TUESDAY**
	Thank you in advance for helping as a River Guide at the Casting for Recovery Retreat on September 27, 2009.
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October 20	General Meeting, 7:30 PM **3rd TUESDAY**
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Welcome back!



Update – Update – Update – Update

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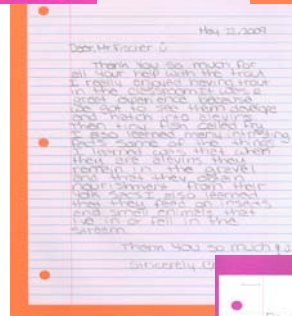


"Fishing Report"

Tom McCoy, Jerry Greenholz and Chuck Neuner took to the
Carman's early August and despite the heat teased the trout
with caddis, BWO and Beetles. The beetles connected, under
the trees. On the salt water side Bob Lutz and son Dan got
into some small Stripers on a fly in Northport Harbor and
Tom McCoy Jr. landed a 24" fluke off Eatons Neck."

I took my little girl to the Conny for the first time for the
CFR retreat in July. We caught nothing but she was im-
pressed meeting my friends from TU and she is looking for-
ward to attending the meetings. May I say thank you to all
our members who help each and every time we call you can-
not imagine what it means to someone fighting for their life.

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Many THANKS
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Adopt a Service Person

As mentioned at the June chapter meeting, we are extremely proud to have selected Ensign Brian Field, USCG, as our "adoptee" for the months of June and September.

Brian was born and raised in Wantagh and has been an avid fisherman for over fifteen years. Besides fishing here on Long Island he has also spent a good deal of time visiting and fishing the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York.

Recently graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy, ENS Field reported for his first duty station on June 20th, 2009 and is currently deployed to the West Coast of Africa. Brian is the Weapons Officer onboard the United States Coast Guard Cutter LEGARE, home ported in Portsmouth, Virginia. LEGARE is a 270 foot medium endurance cutter with a crew of ninety.

As Weapons Officer, Brian supervises the Gunners' Mates onboard. Together, they perform maintenance on, track the use of, and supervise the safe operation of all weapons onboard. Besides the big 76mm naval gun, Brian is also responsible for two .50 caliber (12.7 mm) machine guns, as well as an array of small arm rifles, shotguns, and handguns. He is also accountable for the defensive weapons on board too.

Brian's primary watch onboard is as a Deck Watch Officer. At sea, the Officer of the Deck is stationed on the bridge and is in charge of navigation and safety of the ship, unless relieved by the Captain. A few weeks from being qualified as the OOD, he is currently performing the duties of the conning officer. The Officer of the Deck is assisted by the Conning Officer, who is directly responsible for the maneuvering of the ship.

On July 1st, the USCG cutter LEGARE deployed to the west and central coasts of Africa. During the three-month Africa Partnership Station (APS) mission, the LEGARE and her crew will visit and work with such countries as Morocco, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Cape Verde. LEGARE will support the Navy's 6th Fleet by serving as the primary APS platform, conducting activities and exchanges that bolster maritime safety and security.

For being selected as our "adoptee", Brian will receive a one year complimentary membership in Trout Unlimited and a dozen flies tied by our members along with an LITU fly box. In addition, he will also receive an LITU golf shirt, t-shirt, hat and pin. He will also get to spend a day on a river or pond with one of us as his guide. Also through a generous donation from Fred Versace and the rest of the crew at Orvis Greenvale, Brian will take home a new Orvis Streamline fly rod, reel, and line combination kit.

We all wish Brian the best of luck, health, and safety while on deployment.

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Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to your article published in the Long Island Press on August 20, 2009, titled "Citizens Fight for Connetquot Park", and to also take note of some egregious mistakes that were printed.

Please let me start off by saying that there is indeed a plethora of community minded and environmentally involved groups such as Long Island Trout Unlimited (LITU) and Friends of Connetquot that most certainly wish to see the Connetquot River State Park & Preserve's (CRSPP) fish hatchery re-open. As true Long Islander's I think I can safely say that the entire park, along with it's jewel of a river, is near and dear to many of these groups hearts. It is because of everyone's love for this river and park, that this topic or mere mention of it has become so passionate and highly charged.

However, along with all of the different groups good intentions, quite a bit of misinformation and non factual rumors have been circulating for some time now. In fact, there was a link in the above mentioned story that led to a well written but often misleading document that was put out by a private fly fishing club. Although this document seems to be well intentioned, it is most definitely non factual and "maybe a bit misplaced".

The reason I even mention this document is it seems the reporters that covered the event have come very close to plagiarism. In fact, the first chapter of the article is taken almost verbatim from the above mentioned, albeit frivolous, document. It seems as though the writers only read this one document and did no other research or background for this story. To truly report on a story, especially one so important to Long Islanders, I would have thought more thorough research and understanding of the ENTIRE story should have gone into the actual writing of it.

In the story, the writers mention that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) – via the "report" from Idle Hour Fly Fishers - was the entity that closed the hatchery and released the remaining trout into the river. I would respectfully like to advise you and the general public that both the writers and this private club are completely wrong.

Yes, DEC indeed did not renew that hatchery's permit, but they did not close the hatchery. New York State Parks (NYSP) chose to close their own hatchery. DEC did NOT release the remaining fish into the river, NYSP did.

The reporters and club also claim that IPN is "capable of destroying complete ecosystems through the decimation of trout populations". Again, this is not entirely true, if at all.

As the club even proclaims in one part of their "report", this disease only infects juvenile trout. It has an average mortality rate of approximately ten to fifteen percent. At a ten percent mortality rate on juvenile trout, how can it possibly decimate an entire population? Again, this so called "report" is filled with non scientific based, so called facts that are in all actuality, false or misleading.

No matter who writes what report, or who has done some research and become an overnight "expert" on IPN, the basic and fundamental issue in the two years since the discovery of IPN in the Connetquot River and hatchery is still, how do we rid the watershed of this virus? Are we to accept the virus within this watershed simply because it affects someone's fishing enjoyment and park revenue? Are we to accept the thinking that this localized virus should now be accepted as endemic to Long Island waters?

LITU and anyone else who is remotely concerned about conservation and the health of our environment know of the daily and on-going struggles that our native trout experience here on Long Island. We, along with our sister chapter Art Flick TU, have always spoken out and acted accordingly and promptly to deflect any possible harm being inflicted upon this remaining population and will continue to do so.

Not one person at LITU will deny the historical significance that this river, hatchery, and park has imparted on Long Island and we all hope that this legacy will continue well into the future. However, none of us should fail to realize that this virus if left unchecked has the potential to cause irreparable harm and consequences to our other remaining Long Island watersheds.

A complete ecosystems health is what should be at the forefront of our combined concerns, not just one small part of it. For without a complete ecosystems health, generations to come will not be able to experience the enjoyment that the natural world can impart.

As the ONLY cold water conservation organization here on Long Island, and part of a national organization, our position is clear. Our primary objective would be to eradicate this virus from the river and restoring the hatchery second. As part of our national mission, we would need to hold onto this objective until IF and WHEN it is scientifically proven that there is no potential for this virus to spread to other watersheds, or DEC and its biologists take it off its lists of reportable diseases.

Jay Monney

Meet our Members

Boyd Shockley

Q. When did you first start fishing and how did you catch your first fish?

A. When I was about 5 or 6, I spent the summer with my uncle in Indiana. He lived on a farm that had a quarry on the property. That is my first memory of going fishing, but I don't remember catching anything.

Q. At what point did you move from a guy who fished to a fisherman?

A. I think that evolving from a guy who fished to a conservationist is more appropriate. Before Trout Unlimited I never considered releasing fish and knew nothing about coldwater conservation. Being a member of TU, has been a real education. I still would not consider myself an expert on the subject, but my outlook is totally different.

Q. How did you get involved with catching trout – and with Trout Unlimited?

A. *As a kid living in Pennsylvania, a substantial portion of my fishing was fishing for trout. But when I moved to Long Island it was all very different. I had no idea where to go fishing, so rarely went fishing for anything during my teenage and early adult years. After I got married and moved to West Islip, the idea of fishing and learning how to fly fish kind of crept into my life. My first attempts at fly fishing were at Connetquot, and not very successful. I needed to learn more so I signed up for a Casting Clinic (ran by LITU, and Ken Gaherty) at Caleb Smith State Park.*

Q. When did you join TU and how did you get involved in the chapter? What offices have you held? What chapter history would you like to share with other members?

A. At that Casting Clinic, LITU made me an offer I couldn't refuse and so I joined the chapter. For the first couple of years, or so I just attended the meetings and did not get involved at all. During that time, I started doing some fly tying. After a short-lived move to Phoenix, AZ, we came back to New York, and I went back to attending LITU Meetings. Pete Dubno was VP at that time and he tried to get me to volunteer to run the Video Library. After Pete became President, he asked me to be Treasurer, replacing Bill Teresco who had to resign because of other commitments. Sometimes life gets in the way of TU. During the eight years I served as Treasurer, I got involved with the Banquet. After finishing my tenure as Treasurer, I asked Pete Dubno if he would like a co-chairman for the Banquet Committee. Besides being Treasurer, I have also served as a Director, Vice President, and President.



Q. You are still an active participant on the board. What is it that keeps you coming back to TU?

A. Although I am no longer a member of the Board, I continue to attend the meetings, as does other past Presidents, Peter Dubno, Sol Harz, John Fischer, and Jeff Plackis. I always found the Board Meetings to very interesting, and I enjoy being involved. Another thing that keeps me coming back is the people, the camaraderie. I have met people that I will call friend for the rest of my life. I have often said that TU is what you make of it, and the people you encounter are certainly a great part of it.

Q. I know you love to fish. What is your fondest fishing memory? -

A. I am fortunate to have many fond fishing memories. But the best was probably a time at 3 Dollar Bridge on the Madison River, when Pete Dubno told me that I was standing where I should be fishing. He told me to take a few steps back and cast to where I was standing. A few minutes later, I pulled a 17-inch Brown Trout out of a spot that had less than 6 inches of water.

Q. What is it about fishing you love so much?

A. Ken Gaherty once said, "Trout don't live in ugly places", and I think that is one of the things that I love about fishing. It is doing something that is tremendously relaxing and enjoyable and doing it in beautiful locales. Also, one of the best things is fishing with your friends.

Q. Your favorite stream?

A. Out west I love the Madison; but here in the east, I love the Beaverkill, with the Little Lehigh in Pennsylvania running a close second.

Q. Your favorite Fly?

A. Probably the Bubble Gum Sparkle Dun, but I usually go to that fly too often and too soon.

Q. Advice for new TU'ers?

A. Get involved on some level; be more than just a paper-member. I know that life sometimes gets in the way of TU, but there are many ways of getting involved.

Q. Of all the work you have done with the club which did you find most rewarding?

A. I have probably most enjoyed being a part of the Banquet, and helping it evolve into the successful event that it has become. Besides being the chapter's biggest source of funds, it is a fun event and I believe that it is also a source of great pride for the chapter. I also enjoy being involved in the Casting Clinics. It was a Casting Clinic that brought me into the chapter, so that I feel like I have come full circle when I now conduct the indoor presentations.

Q. Please tell me about your art work?

A. Art has been a part of my life almost as long as fishing has. So it seemed natural to combine my love of drawing and painting with my love of fishing. In recent years, watercolors have become my favorite medium for painting. I enjoy the simplicity of just water, paint, paper, and brushes. Several of my paintings have depicted trout being released.

Conservation

LITU Stream Clean-up at Painter's Bend on the Beavertkill on June 13, 2009



June 13
TU National Stream Clean Up Day



Fly Tyers Needed

By Jay Mooney

Hello Mr. Mooney--

My name is J. C. Jacobs and I represent Fly Tyer magazine. I am also a member of the Long Island chapter of TU. I am contacting you in order to solicit help from you and the members of the Long Island chapters of TU for an article that I am planning to write for Fly Tyer. I have already discussed the idea with Editor Dave Klausmeyer who is quite enthusiastic about it and gave me his OK. The subject of the article will be on the original flies and patterns created and designed exclusively by the Long Island members of TU. Each fly will be photographed and featured along with its recipe and credit to the designer/originator. I will be collecting both fresh and salt water flies from members who would like to contribute samples for this article. I'd also like to run a short paragraph or two (if there's room the photos and recipes take up a lot of space) written in the contributor's own words about how the design of each fly came about; i.e., what was the inspiration for the design, what does the fly imitate or is it an attractor pattern, why were certain dressing materials chosen, where, when, how is it best fished, what is the target species, plus anything else a member feels is relevant. Whether or not I'm able to include all of this will depend on how many flies I collect and as I said, if the space is available.

I would very much appreciate it if you could advise me as to what would be the best way to contact the greatest number of members. I am ready to start working as soon as I receive enough flies to proceed. Any members that you may know who would like to contribute can send their sample flies to me at:

J.C. Jacobs
503 Ashland Avenue
Baldwin, NY 11510

Needless to say I think this may be a great idea for as many of our fly tyers to participate as possible. Not only will you get your name and creation in a national magazine, it will be GREAT press for our chapter!

In speaking further to J.C., he said that the flies DO NOT need to be completely original. Even if you just took an "old regular" and spruced it up somehow or someway. He would like to know HOW you changed, WHY you changed it, and WHERE you fish it. J.C. also mentioned that if there are enough original patterns or "improved" patterns that he may put them into a book. Please feel free to send any of your creations to J.C. at the above address. Thanks and good luck!

The art work of member Boyd Shockley



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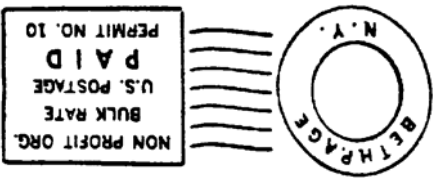
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