



The Long Cast



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I would like to thank **Pat Beck** for his excellent presentation on some great fishing in this country and abroad; also for the great scenery slides he brought along.

As you know from our November issue of the LongCast, TU National has started a **Back The Brookie Campaign**. At our last meeting, I distributed several copies of the booklet titled, *The New England Brook Trout*. I also provided copies to the RI D.E.M and other organizations that I felt should be aware of this program. Any member of our chapter who wants a copy should look for the sign-up sheet at our December meeting and I will try to get you one. If you can go on line, please check out:

www.brookie.org

for more information.

Peter Ford of the Providence Journal was sent a press release by TU's Jeff Reardon, but as of this time Mr. Ford has not mentioned the program in his column. Please let us know if you come across any mention of this new campaign. It is hoped that the brook trout will be publicized well by TU and that the public at large, and its government representatives will get sensitized to its importance.

At our December meeting I will have the tickets for our January dinner meeting. These tickets are \$10.00 per person.

Our December meeting is our election night; nominations for officers will be accepted from the floor.

As this year closes (and it was a very good year for carrying out our organization's projects) we have started planning for next year. In this newsletter you will find our schedule for the coming year on **float stocking** and **Adopt-a-Highway** clean ups and I hope other **Embrace-a-Stream** projects will follow.

The Fly Fishing show at the Royal Plaza Trade Center in Marlborough, MA, will be held on January 21, 22 & 23, 2005.
Friday: 10:30am to 6:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am to 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Lawson Cary

President Narragansett Chapter #225

Quote of the month:

One thing becomes clearer as one gets older and one's fishing

experience increases, and that is the paramount importance of one's fishing companions.

John Ashley-Cooper

Meeting dates remaining:

- 12-22-2004
- 01-26-2005
- 02-23-2005
- 03-30-2005
- 04-27-2005
- 05-25-2005 Stream Side

Executive Board meetings:

- 12-04-2004
- 01-08-2005
- 02-05-2005
- 03-05-2005
- 04-02-2005
- 05-07-2005

The Executive Board meets at 9 am at Eva's Family Restaurant in Coventry on Rte. 117.

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Our webmaster, Tom Moore, will then send you an email acknowledging that he got your e-mail address. He will finalize your on line subscription.

Stream of Consciousness

Much has been written about the environmental policies of the Bush Administration. Perhaps I am prejudiced: the magazines in which I read these very critical articles are environmental publications such as the Sierra Club Magazine, Fly Rod and Reel, Fly Fisherman, the national TU magazine and others.

On the other hand I do not read the publications of the oil drilling, mining or utilities industries. I would imagine that these journals are extolling the virtues of this Administration's environmental policies.

This week the administration came down squarely on behalf of the major ranchers and mining companies which would have faced increased costs if the (probably) endangered sage grouse were added to the list of endangered species. Since the Bush Administration refused to do so, the grouse habitat can be reduced further without consequence.

A month ago the Administration decided to include hatchery (Pacific) salmon in its population counts for the purpose of determining whether salmon runs in the northwest are endangered!

And on it goes.

I have seen pictures of Bush senior and of Bush junior holding striped bass as though they had caught Muslim terrorists. It is Bush senior who owns the world's largest menhaden "fishing" company. Its technique for obtaining these fish is to send its pilots over waters where runs are anticipated. If schools are spotted the barges can be sent in to scoop

up almost every last one of these oil rich little fish. I spoke with an innkeeper in Florida once who described watching a menhaden roundup. She was particularly distraught about all the big fish that were very confused at having their victuals taken away from them.

As environmentalists, we at Trout Unlimited have picked a topic that has dropped down on the list of Americans' primary concerns. And it may be a while before the public consciousness of such issues regains prominence.

So, as the song goes, "what's a poor boy to do?" As a start, you can contribute to environmental organizations. Right here in our state are several. The Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association and Save the Bay immediately spring to mind. And they are important local groups. Here are their addresses:

Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Assn., 203B Arcadia Road, Hope Valley, RI 02832

Save the Bay, 434 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02908

Our favorite organization is **Trout Unlimited**. You are already members so you get the national publications as well as this newsletter. Respond to some of their requests. Trout Unlimited and the Sierra Club are powerful national lobbies. They are well run and important. Please consider donating to their work.

Here is a newer organization that is becoming an important one: American Rivers. Their web site is worth a visit:

www.amrivers.org

(Read their article about the Bush Administration approach to the Pacific Salmon issue.)

When you are deciding on the size of your donation, think about your grandchildren getting to know the water and the fish and the environment we all love.
Burt Strom



Please make note of the following planned **float stockings**. If you can volunteer, the stockings begin at the route 165 check station at 8am

April 23
May 14
Sept. 17

Summer float stockings will occur on Thursdays at the same location at 8am. They will occur from June to early Sept.

Roadside pickups have also been scheduled. We meet at the check station on pickup dates at 9am

March 19
May 21
Oct 15
Dec. 10

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FLY OF THE MONTH The Stancev Wasp



Two years ago I watched Igor Stancev and his wife Nadia tie flies at the Somerset, New Jersey International Fly Tying Symposium. They hail from Macedonia. They tie both “fishing” and “realistic” flies. To me the fishing flies like this wasp (!) looked like works of art.

The body on this wasp is yellow tightly wound thread overlaid with black thread with paint and coating. I know this fly seems impractical, but some of you might want to tie a few

Recipe

Hook: Standard dry fly hook #8 to #12

Thread: 8/0 black

Rib: Black thread.

Abdomen: Yellow polycrylic thread.

Thorax: Black fur dubbing covered with furry foam.

Wing: Grizzly hackle tips.

Hackle: Dyed yellow deer hair.

Head: Black tying thread.

Antennae: Black herl of cock tail feather.

dozen. Give in to those neurotic tendencies and keep tying until you get it right!

As most of you know, the wasp is a popular summer terrestrial. I will tell you of a funny experience: I was fishing on the Wood River below a spot known as Tom's cabin. My wasp fly (not this one!) got snagged on brush on top of a rock. I waded over to retrieve my fly. When I got to the rock there was my fly right along side a dead wasp! Neither one did get eaten by a fish but I can picture the memorable coincidence almost as though I was there now.

If you would like to see more of the Stancev flies, here is an internet address where you can look at them:

www.danica.com/flytier/istancev/istancev.htm

If you go to the home page there, which is www.danica.com/flytier you will be able to look at the very creative flies of many tiers from around the world. United Fly Tyers' Deb Duran is one of those whose flies are featured at this site.

DECEMBER PRESENTATION

Our December presenter will be **Paul Pezza**. No one wanders around more, exploring, reading maps and testing new waters. Paul has presented in the past on brook trout caught in out of the way places in Rhode Island. Wisely he did not reveal some of his tender spots, (lest he get arrested!) Nevertheless, he made it clear that trout live in nooks and crannies that you don't read about nor are recommended by others. Seek and ye shall find.

Paul does travel to the major sites, including the popular streams of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. Naturally he applies his wanderlust and tests unfamiliar waters there too.

At our meeting Paul will come with his advice on “Unfamiliar Waters of the West.”

Ed Lombardo

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Narragansett Chapter meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month-September through May at the Greek Orthodox Annunciation Church, Oaklawn Ave. (Rte 5), Cranston, RI. Meetings start at 7:00 PM.

**OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE ON DECEMBER 22nd**

(owing to the Holiday weekend following)

