



# The Long Cast



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
NARRAGANSETT CHAPTER/TROUT UNLIMITED

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

**Ed Lombardo** came through for us again. His hosts **Gerry Crow** and **Jim Norton** put on a great show for us on wild brook trout fishing in the State of Maine. I want to thank Ed, Gerry and Jim for providing us with a fun and interesting evening.

For those who didn't attend the February 23, 2005 meeting I want everyone to know we have a busy time ahead of us. I'm looking for your help. We need someone to volunteer to be the Wild Brook Trout contact person for TU Regional, from the Narragansett Chapter Representing the Mass/R.I. Council. Please check with me on the "Back the Brookie" campaign. This is a most worthwhile project that is taking shape to publicize and protect the beloved brookie. We need to have a member work on this to help insure that we are heard. Also we will want to keep on top of this project. Anyone who fishes for our native brook trout should encourage our organization's participation in TU's expanding efforts to feature brook trout preservation.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is looking to us to have someone

from the chapter join the Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D).

These are two positions we should fill. Please contact me if you are interested. Reach back and raise your hand.

I know I mentioned this before but we are planning to do some projects this year that we will need volunteers to come forward and help us carry out:

April 23, 2005 with United Fly Tyers of R.I. - Kids' Day at Addieville Farms, for fly tying and fly casting instruction. *Note that this date has been changed from April 16th.*

June 11, 2005 with United Fly Tyers of R.I. - We will be instructing fly tying and fly fishing to about 25 ladies from the Healing Co-Op Inc. which is Rhode Island's non profit center dedicated to the support of woman and their families who've battled cancer. This will be held at the Deer Creek Farm in Foster. Ed Lombardo will be our lead instructor. We need instructors, cooks, tyers, etc.

We want to continue with the fence project that we started last year on the Falls River. The date

will be announced.

We are planning to do a study and hopefully repairs where necessary to the culverts in the Wood/Pawcatuck Watershed Area. This will allow the wild native brook trout to migrate to their spawning areas. Spawning limitations are the biggest threat to our wild brookies.

For opening day we are looking for volunteers to give out hot chocolate and coffee with WPWA at the Frosty Hollow kids' pond, and also at Meadowbrook Pond, the Route 165 check station and at the WPWA Headquarters at 203-B Arcadia Road, Hope Valley, R.I.

*Please don't read all this and run for cover. We need volunteers!*

I want to thank **Dan Beltrami** and **Fred Rugo** for joining me at the Mass/R.I. Council Meeting on February 6, 2005 in Marlborough Mass.

**Quote Of The Month:**  
*Angling may be said to be like mathematics in that it can never fully be learnt.*  
Izaak Walton

**Lawson Cary, Pres.**

## The TU Banquet

The annual TU Banquet is Sunday April 3rd. The banquet starts at 3 PM at the Greek Church meeting hall. We are deep into the work and looking forward to another fun and profitable event: the push is on! We are in the process of collecting items for auction and designing the menu. Please let me know (email or call) what you are planning to donate so I can get it into the system. It is very difficult to organize things at the last minute. I don't have to have the item in hand but need to know before March 26 in order to organize the items.

Already we have many terrific fishing and non-fishing goodies: at least 5 (including bamboo) rods many reels, exotic wood framed fishing net, Scott Dickinson hand made jack knife, fishing trip to mass/conn with Marla Blair, jewelery, home stuff, toys, and much more

Also, please consider volunteering to help at the banquet. A few people do an awful lot of work to make it successful

You can mail your payment for banquet tickets to me (make payable to Trout Unlimited Narragansett Chapter.) Tickets are \$25 each. *A handy order form is inside the last page of this newsletter.* You may also order tickets by phone or email as long as you understand that you'll have to pay even if you don't show because we will have included you in the preparations. I'm happy to reserve tables for 8-10 so just let me know.

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## The New TU Chapter

It is important to launch the new Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Only with two chapters is our state able to have its own state council. This is of critical importance in having the national organization assist with our own state issues. Presently we are one twelfth of the Massachusetts/RI TU Council. This Long Cast edition has an insert for those who wish to be in a northern RI Chapter. Details are on the insert. If you wish to belong to, or just learn more about, the new chapter, please fill out the form and mail it in as indicated. You will still be able to come to our meetings, attend functions, etc.

## Brook Trout Preservation In Rhode Island

As part of our association with the Brook Trout initiative of the national organization, we are pleased to continue our own work to help our RI brookies. We are basing our work on our own observations, but also on the scholarly work of **Saul Salla**, Professor Emeritus of the RI Graduate School of Oceanography and Zoology. He continues to contribute enormously to studies of our own watersheds and brook trout viability.

There will be more on this work as time goes on. One crucial observation made by Professor Salla that we will be working on is *the detrimental effect of culverts in the upper stream areas*. These culverts prevent upstream movement in low water and thus inhibit spawning. Please follow our Chapter's announcements in this newsletter, at our site [www.tu225.org](http://www.tu225.org) and at our meetings. And volunteer for our projects to help our beautiful little buddies.

Lawson

## Fly of the Month Crayfish

The following pattern was tied at the March UFTRI meeting by instructor Dick Pearce. He said he focused on the crayfish after watching a friend of his catch numerous brown trout using the pattern.

Crayfish propel themselves backwards so the claws are tied over the bend of the hook. The natural propels itself backwards in bursts. Stripping should therefore be done sporadically and with quick pulls.

Prepare for hard strikes. Trout will come a long way for a crayfish which is a big desirable meal when they see it.



### Crayfish

**Hook:** 1/0 – 8 streamer hook 1x

**Thread:** Black 6/0 and Monocord—each on a separate bobbin

**Mouth:** Brown hackle barbules

**Claws:** Two bunches of pine squirrel tail

**Body:** Brown-maroon chenille

**Dubbing:** Brown-maroon

**Legs:** Coachman brown hackle, 1 size longer than normal

**Gills:** Honey-tan hackle, 1-2 sizes shorter than normal

**Antennae:** Stripped brown hackle quills

**Shellback and tail:** section of brown goose or turkey wing—prepared by wiping with thin coat of Pliobond or silicone.

**Weight**

--Colors may be varied.

**Wildwood Outfitters** on Main Street in Wakefield will be holding an interesting event on Saturday, March 26th between 1 and 3PM. Cortland Line Representative Tink Nelson will be on hand to demonstrate the new Cortland half weight fly lines. He will be covering their use in tuning your rod for maximum performance. The store is at 271 Main Street, Wakefield. Their phone number is 401-789-1244. The store has a large clothing and fishing product line.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
BROOKSTONE CHAPTER of TROUT UNLIMITED**

*The new second chapter of Trout Unlimited in the State of RI is tentatively named 'The Brookstone Chapter.' This chapter will be composed of members who wish to influence issues relating to the watersheds in the northern part of the state, such as the Blackstone River Watershed.*

*Pollution, water drawdown on the Blackstone, trout stocking issues, regulations and other state issues: season extension, access points, dams etc. are among the concerns of those who live in and fish in Northern RI and southern Mass.*

*The formation of a second chapter would greatly enhance the efforts of Trout Unlimited in Rhode Island. Two primary reasons are the focus of a second chapter on specific watersheds, and most important, a second chapter will fulfill a long overdue requirement for Trout Unlimited in the State of Rhode Island. This is the formation of the first Trout Unlimited Council for the state! Presently the Narragansett Chapter is one twelfth of the Mass./RI council. With the launching of the Brookstone Chapter we, under the national charter (which requires two chapters to enable a "Council), can finally represent our state's own issues with greatly enhanced powers within the national organization.*

*Those of you who are interested in joining the Brookstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited are invited to submit this form or give to*

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OR

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*For further information, contact Lawson or Al:  
Lawson: 401-828-2866 troutchaser@cox.net  
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**Please check one:**

**I am very interested in joining the Brookstone Chapter**

**I would like further information and will consider joining the B. C.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIPCODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fold this page in thirds and tape and stamp, if you wish to mail to Lawson.

## **About Trout Unlimited**

For more than forty years, Trout Unlimited has played the leading role in protecting one of America's last great national treasures: our nation's trout and salmon populations. By combining "on the ground" restoration efforts with cutting-edge scientific research and effective advocacy on behalf of our coldwater fisheries, TU has been an effective steward for trout and salmon nationwide.

**Our Vision:** By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

**Our Mission:** To conserve, protect, and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

### **Our Values:**

#### *Healthy Watersheds & Clean Water*

We are committed to ensuring quantities of cold, clean water sufficient to sustain healthy fish populations and to watershed restoration and wise fisheries management.

#### *Wild & Native Trout & Salmon*

Healthy populations of native and wild fish are the best indicators of watershed health, and we are committed to the protection and restoration of these fish where ecologically sustainable.

#### *Stewardship & Advocacy*

As stewards for future generations, we employ sound science and work cooperatively with a broad spectrum of interests in defending and advocating for our natural resource legacy.

#### *Commitment to Members*

We owe our uniqueness to a passionately committed, diverse, volunteer network of members who pursue our mission in their local councils and chapters. We will sustain this member network through representative governance and a continuous commitment to grassroots support, learning and development.

#### *Quality People*

In the pursuit of our cause, our most important resource is our people-both staff and volunteers-who sustain and support each other's work.

### **Our Goals**

Increase public awareness of TU and its mission.

Strengthen TU's leadership in coldwater conservation nationally, regionally & locally.

Better integrate and enhance the development of the TU team.

Diversify and grow sources of revenue.

Achieve financial stability and security.

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here

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**Meeting dates remaining:**  
03-30-2005  
04-20-2005 (changed because  
of religious holiday)  
05-25-2005 Stream Side (can't  
wait!)

**Executive Board meetings:**  
04-02-2005  
05-07-2005  
The Executive Board meets at 9  
am at Eva's Family Restaurant in  
Coventry on Rte. 117.

*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*

**The Long Cast On Line**

*You can receive the LongCast on  
line via the Chapter's web site:  
www.tu225.org. If your PC has  
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you can click on the link to the  
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and postage.*

**MARCH PRESENTATION  
Fishing the Yellowstone and Beyond  
With Jay Boyer**

Jay Boyer has been fishing the Yellowstone and its tributaries, and the Missouri River for many years. Jay is a long time member, and a Board Member, of TU. (His beautiful hand made wooden nets should be seen and one has been donated for our TU Banquet auction.)

This part of our country has become a "got to get there" destination for trout fishermen. Guided trips and lodges abound, so planning a first trip is a little like a kid jumping into Santa's Village. So hearing from someone who has been there many times and has ferreted out a lot of do's and don'ts is an important step for anyone thinking of going there. And there should be plenty to consider and learn too for those of us who have been there.

**Ed Lombardo**

**Narragansett Chapter - Trout Unlimited  
ANNUAL BANQUET & AUCTION TICKET ORDER FORM**

**Sunday, April 3, 2005**

**\$25.00 Per Person**

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please cut out or copy this form and mail to  
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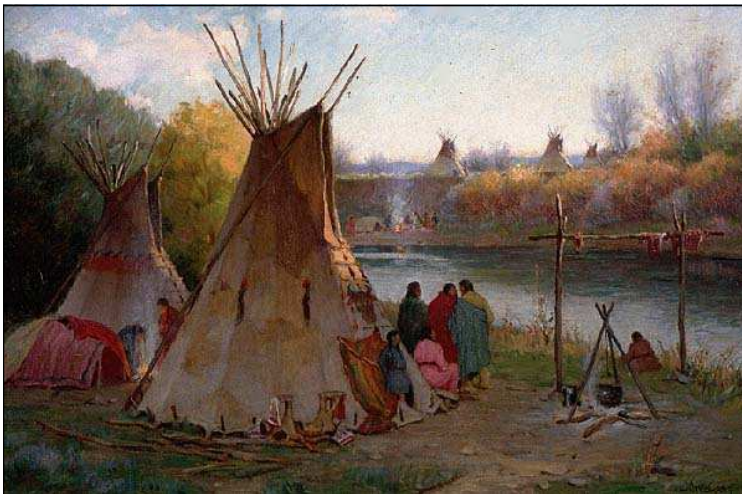
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**OUR NEXT MEETING  
WILL BE ON MARCH 30th**



*Big Moon*

*Joseph H. Sharp 1905*

