



The Long Cast



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
NARRAGANSETT CHAPTER/TROUT UNLIMITED

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

If you missed our March meeting you missed a great slide show by our own **Jay Boyer**, on fishing in Yellowstone Park and the Missouri River. He not only had great slides of the fish of these rivers but also of the great wildlife and scenery in the area. Thanks Again Jay!

As everyone knows our banquet was held on April 3rd. Thanks to our Banquet Chairman, **Jim Rubovits**, everything went smoothly. I hope everyone had a great time; most important we made some money for our upcoming projects.

An update on the new Trout Unlimited Chapter: I have had a pretty good response to the applications we included in the last Longcast and I have met with several of the people that are interested in starting this chapter. And of course I have spoken with TU National several times throughout the year and again after the last meeting. This is moving along and hopefully it will become official soon. If you are interested in participating in the new northern RI chapter, tentatively called the "Blackstone Chapter," please contact me.

I have tried to contact the D.E.M. on our fence project but they have been busy in the field. I should have something on this by the next meeting.

I would like to offer a couple of observations on Opening Day. First, there were not as many kids as usually show up at Frosty Hollow Kids Pond. Second, not as many fish were caught at Barberville Dam as has been in previous years. Not implying a trend; just two observations.

**Lawson Cary
President**

Quote Of The Month:

The Angler is never a has-been. He enjoys a lifetime of participation which continues through noon, then on into the sunset, and even into the eventide of life.

Charles K. Fox

The Blackstone Chapter

Lawson is working with the folks who have expressed a desire to form a new Rhode Island Chapter of TU. He held a meeting with them on Tuesday, April 12th. This Long Cast is going to print before we can

report on that meeting.

One purpose of the new Chapter is to allow a new group of people to form a separate focus on RI trout issues. They will create their agenda, but the members are certainly able to commingle with the Narragansett Chapter. In fact, once the two chapters are going we should, finally, be able to apply for a single state TU Council.

The national organization requires two chapters within a state in order for there to be a full state Council. Now we are included with the ten Massachusetts Chapters in a Mass/RI Council in which we are one eleventh of the Council.

Please contact Lawson Cary to be included, if you are not already on the Blackstone list and want to be. His phone number and his email address are in the Board roster in this Long Cast.

Next Year's Board

We have a dedicated group of leaders. We have accomplished a lot, through the work of a pretty constant leadership. It is not that we are tired of the same faces and voices, but we should hear

from new ones.

Lawson is completing his presidency. He expects to work with the incoming president, whomever that will be, in order to effect a continuity of the business of the Chapter. Are you interested in serving on the Board? Are you interested in taking part in, and influencing the growing activism in the Chapter?

If you have ideas, feelings about state regulations and trout related issues, please consider volunteering and even working with our Board of Directors. We need new blood to carry forward. Exciting things may be in the making: Do you want to work for more special regulation waters? Want to influence how stocking is done? Want to have a hand in how the rivers are managed and protected in RI? If your answer is yes to any of the above, take a step forward and let us know you want to help manage the Chapter.

The June 11th Fly Fishing Clinic

On Saturday, June 11th our TU Chapter, along with UFTRI, are conducting a one day fly fishing course and clinic. We are going to provide instruction to the members of **The Healing Coop** who have expressed an interest in learning and getting into the game.

The event will begin at 9AM at Deer Creek Farm in Foster, RI. Deer Creek Farm's entrance is at 59 North Road in Foster.

The Healing Coop is a Rhode Island based organization of women cancer survivors. These folks may have as much to offer us as we them.

Ed Lombardo is our lead instructor. In order to make this work we need several additional volunteers to bring their rods and teaching skills. We are going to show these ladies how to attract fish in the Deer Creek Farm stocked pond.

Jim Rubovits has volunteered to spearhead the food preparation. He will also need helpers. If you want to help Jim with food preparation, please contact him at jrnohackle@aol.com or at 401-647-5384.

If you can bring a rod and instruction capability please contact Lawson Cary (phone and email on Board roster page 3). Bring a couple of red headed wooly buggers, or leeches, maybe a dark dun or two and help these ladies catch their first trout.

Please sign on to contribute to the event.

Why We are Late (Sometimes)

This month the meeting hall is not available to our club on the last Wednesday of the month. **The meeting will be held on April 20th** instead. I know that it is Passover time, but I don't think the Greek Orthodox Church is affected by that, so it must be some other Holiday!

We try to get all the information together and compose the newsletter in time for the members to receive it in advance of the meeting....This was not possible this month. An additional constraint is that we bulk mail our newsletters and so the time of transit is fairly "iffy."

Even if you do not subscribe to the on line version of the Long Cast you are urged to visit our web site: www.tu225.org for current information. The Long Cast is sent electronically to Tom Moore, our webmaster and the information is quickly available on our site thanks to Tom's work. (If you have the Adobe Reader on your PC you can even look at the whole newsletter at the site.)

Sorry for the rush job this month folks!

Fishing Stuff

Word from the Wood River is that the water was high and cold and the fly fishers did not do well on Opening Day, as Lawson indicated in his Message. According to Ed Lombardo's Wood River hatch chart, you should be preparing your Quill Gordons and Red Quills. We should see them soon. The Hendricksons should not be far behind.

Midges are always "in season" though they are even harder to see than our newspaper print. Try a few midge larvae, small, fished with very slow twitches deep. And of course those big red headed 'Buggers.'

Also focus on clothing. The water is cold. Get your neoprene waders out or insulating underwader wear under your breathables. With the water still well under 50 degrees at the time of this writing, you may even want to wear a pair of neoprene socks. Our feet get cold. We can rub our noses and blow on our fingers but our feet are beyond reach.

And please, please: if you go out on a canoe or kayak, keep your PFD on and even a dry top. Falling into cold water can be very dangerous. Be safe.

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Meeting dates remaining:

04-20-2005 (changed because
of religious holiday)
05-25-2005 Stream Side

Executive Board meetings: 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
May 21
Oct 15
Dec. 10*

The Long Cast On Line

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and postage.*

APRIL PRESENTATION

A Fishing Life With Jim Rubovits

Jim Rubovits describes his April presentation as an "ancient and recent history of my fishing life." Jim emphasizes the broader aspects of his fishing: his family, friends, food, trips and how his fishing career evolved. There will be slides of places and fish but Jim will surely deviate from the stuff in the fly fishing magazines.

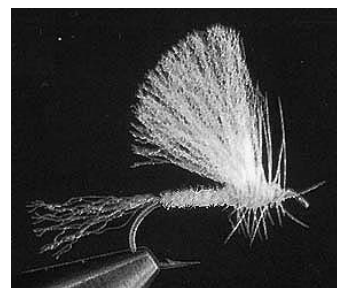
Ed Lombardo

Fly of the Month The Sail Wing Dun

Wings are like neckties. Sometimes they go well, sometimes they don't work and sometimes they out and out clash. Add to that the difficulty of tying them on and we sometimes search for a better way out.

The Sail Wing Dun is a practical solution to the wing issue. You use a sparse length of poly yarn (length can be trimmed, so be sparse and long when you tie on). You tie the yarn on at the midpoint of the yarn

piece and divide it and render it upright as you would a divided classic duck feather wing. The yarn makes a nice gossamer divided wing. You can use some cement to solidify the base of the wing or even squeeze cement into the wing halves shaping them and making them very firm (and markable with veins using a fine pen.) Shown in the picture is a sparkle dun.



Gray Wing Olive Sail Wing Dun

Hook: Dry #18

Thread: Olive 8/0

Tail: Antron or Z-lon fibers, olive.

Body: Olive dubbing or dyed quill.

Hackle: Dun rooster.

Wing: Gray poly yarn, split and trimmed.

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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 APRIL 20th**
(because of the Holiday following week)



"Lamoille River" Thomas Curtin (1899-1977)

