



The Long Cast



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
NARRAGANSETT CHAPTER/TROUT UNLIMITED

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Presidents Message

I want to thank **Jim Rubovits** for his great slide presentation on his life time of fishing with family and friends. With Jim doing the narrating it was, as always, a fun evening.

This is the last LongCast before our summer break. *I want to go over the LongCast mailing policy with all our members:* I have yet to receive the April newsletter. It's easy to sit around playing the "blame game" on this issue. The newsletter was sent to the printer on time and returned from the printer on schedule to us and mailed (via bulk mail, under our bulk permit) that day. In April we had to push the meeting date up a week. The early meeting date and the unreliability of bulk mail created a special problem for us in April. Bulk mail, of course, is not high priority with the post office. It is almost assured that some members' newsletters will be late. Some people have received their copy but I'm not one of them....I don't want to see the chapter pay three times the postage that we now pay and switch to first class mail. We do our best to create the LongCast as early as possible. But there will always be delayed newsletters, owing to bulk mail treatment.

On a related subject: I received a letter from **Tom Moore** that he will not be able to continue as the chapter web master. So if anyone can step up to the task, please contact me or

Tom as soon as possible.

As you know I have been working on forming a second TU Chapter in R.I. for the past several months. We now have a new Chapter lined up! I have sent all the paper work to TU National for their approval. The chapter will be known as the "Northern R.I." Chapter. I will be chairing a committee to form the brand new R.I. Council. As has been outlined in earlier LongCasts and at meeting discussions, it takes two state chapters to allow a state Council. I will be looking for people from both chapters for the new Council Committee.

On April 23, 2005 we had a very busy day. I attended a meeting with TU Regional in Concord, N.H. on the wild brook trout campaign. I will be looking to form a committee to address this program. Also on this date 22 volunteers float stocked the Wood River, our first float stocking of the year, and their names are listed below. And on this date we joined UFTRI at Addieville Farm for our annual Kid's Day. I don't have a list of the volunteers. If I can get the names of all the TU volunteers their names will be listed in the Sept. LongCast.

On Saturday April 30, 2005 I received the \$9650 grant from TU National for the sea run brook trout study being conducted by Saul Sailsa and the Wood Pawcatuck Water Shed Association. Of course this

chapter is pleased to help with this work: the check was presented to the WPWA on May 2, 2005.

Our last meeting before summer break is going to be held on May 25, 2005 at the Rt. 165 check station starting at 5 pm. Our chef **Chris Metakos** will be putting on a pig roast instead of the usual hot dogs and hamburgers. This is a special reward for everyone's hard work on our projects and generosity at our banquet.

A reminder: we need volunteers on June 11. With UFTRI, we will be instructing fly tying and fly fishing to about 25 women from the Healing Co-Op, at Deer Creek Farm on North Road in Foster, R.I.

There should be more on May 25, 2005 about the culvert project as well as the fence project. The fence we installed in the Falls River last fall did survive the high waters of winter very nicely; so another job well done.

A final note: if the new chapter is approved by national and you are reassigned to that chapter but you want to stay in the Narragansett chapter just call me with your name, address and member ID number and I will call National and have you reassigned back to the Narragansett chapter. If you are in the Narragansett and wish to join the Northern chapter I can do that also.

Have a safe and happy summer, see you on the river!!!

Lawson Cary Jr

Quote of the Month,
One of the great charms of angling is that of all the sports, it affords the best opportunity to enjoy the wonders and beauty of nature.
J.J. Manley

Float Stock Volunteers

John Brewer
John Abrosso Thames chapter
David Pollack
George Rainville
Tom O'Connell
George H. Champlin
Chris Metakos
Ray Muschiand
Jim Rubovits
Bruce Reed
Doug MacPhearson
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Ernie Brewster
Gary A. Lowe
Roy Rathbone
Al Truchon
Al Ball
Bob Orpen
Doug Nagle
Eric Willet

Every volunteer organization has the same problem as our own TU Chapter: a few people do most of the work.

Fortunately, the Narragansett Chapter of Trout Unlimited, has been blessed with many volunteers who are there for special events, projects, stocking, our banquet and meeting preparation and so forth. We are a good group.

Still, it would be great to see a few new guys overcome their reluctance and chip in.

There is important stuff going on that will be enhanced if we had just a few more volunteers. The TU Brookie project is taking shape and could be important in analyzing and restoring brook trout habitat right here in RI eventually. This is not just small stream brook trout protection; there is the

possible eventual reintroduction of sea run brook trout!

There is just a little talk now of management of our own rivers for enhanced wild brown and brook trout reproduction. This calls for a lot of work to study what has been going on both in the wild and with regard to the stocking practices. Wild brown trout populations and wild rainbow populations exist all over New England, and wild brown trout populations are spread around southern New England! Wouldn't it be great to see athletic wild brown trout here in RI?

These things, and many more could get worked on if our organization yields up a few more interested souls.

Lawson Cary is about to be honored by the State of Rhode Island for his work on behalf of our rivers. The best applause we could give him is a few more working hands. Burt Strom

The following is from the Chair of the Mass./RI council of TU Chapters, Gene Chague:

April 13, 2005

Greetings Fellow Tu-ers,

The good news gets even better as far as our Council is concerned. At our last meeting which was held in February, we had elections and we have all of our positions filled: I have been re-elected Chairman ; Tom Towey (Southeast) was re-elected secretary, and Chris Puma, (Worcester) was elected treasurer. Vice Chairs elected were Marc Hoehstetter(Taconic) Environment, **Fred Rugo (Narragansett) Membership**, John Saleni (Greater Boston) Development, Bret Bokelkamp (Cape Cod) Fund Raising and Public Affairs.

Committees: Warren Winders has agreed to be the Mass. Brookie Coordinator and **Lawson Cary (Narragansett) is the**

Brookie Coordinator for Rhode Island.

On Saturday, April 23, Lawson Cary, Warren Winders, Paul Knauth (filling in for Steve Angers) and I will be heading up to Concord, NH to attend a New England Regional meeting to address the pressing issues of the beleaguered brook trout. Unfortunately, I cannot wait until I have the results of that meeting because some chapters are issuing their last newsletters for the season soon and I want to get some time sensitive info into them.

The next major council event is the campout at Indian Hollow in Chesterfield, MA. The campground lies adjacent to the catch and release stretch of the East Branch of the Westfield River. Thanks to the DFW and the assistance of the Pioneer Chapter folks, the river will be teeming with recently liberated trout that will be just aching for a fight. We have exclusive use of the facilities from Friday, May 20 to Tuesday, May 24. This is the event that many of us look forward to. You can pitch your tent or park your trailer and it's a great time for the spouses and kids. You are free to sit in at the Council meeting that Saturday morning just to see what things we are involved in. You might be surprised and impressed and liable to be darn proud that you are part of this organization. As mentioned in my last newsletter, every chapter is heavily involved in projects of all kinds.

In spite of our busy schedules, some members, like Barry Coppinger, President of the Deerfield/Miller Chapter have the initiative to pick up a pen and right the misinformation spewed out by others. In his letter to the editor of FlyFishing New England, Barry told it like it truly is on the Deerfield River and not like the idyllic situation as described by Dick Scorzafava's article from a previous issue. He not only informed the world of the fishing conditions of that river but more importantly addressed the erosion

and biological degradation. Good for you Barry, and congratulations on a superbly written piece. It is precisely because of what is happening on the Deerfield that the Taconic Chapter is getting involved in the FERC re-licensing on the

Housatonic River in Glendale, MA.

At the Indian Hollow meeting, it is my hope to have every chapter briefly discuss the projects with which they are involved. It is important for all to

hear of your tremendous accomplishments and, hopefully, spur others to jump on board to help or start projects of their own. If I don't see you at Indian Hollow, here's hoping you have a great summer.
Gene Chague MA/RI Council

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A Last Minute Announcement concerning our President, Lawson Cary

I have it, on very good authority, that the State of Rhode Island is going to honor Lawson Cary as the state's "Environmentalist of the Year."

The precise title of the award, and the date and circumstances of its presentation and announcement are not yet available. This award is very well deserved and the word should go out to our members that Lawson's activities have been recognized within and outside of the "trout community." As this is our last Long Cast of the "season" I thought this should be published here and we can all look for the details later.

Hats off to Lawson for all he has accomplished.

Please make note of the following planned float stockings. If you can

volunteer, the stockings begin at the route 165 check station at 8am
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

FLY OF THE MONTH The Royal Wulff

This is one of the most famous of all attractors. It's a reminder that flies work well that look like nothing you are going to find on the stream. The Royal Wulff might have been designed by Miro' or another surrealist painter sitting down at a tying table with the materials in a typical stash. It looks little like anything that "hatches."

The thing about this one is that it has long been recognized as being worth trying when you can't figure out what is going on or if you don't think anything is going on. It is such a successful fly that it could be worth trying and just not caring what may be going on!

Royal Wulff

Hook: Dry #10 to #20
Thread: Black 8/0
Tail: Moose body hair.
Rib: Fine silver wire.
Body: Peacock herl, red floss, peacock herl.
Hackle: Brown.
Wing: White calf tail upright and divided.



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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 May 25th**
 (Streamside pig roast at "The Check Station")



"On the Saco" James David Smillie

