



The Long Cast



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Environment Officer Report

On 6-17-06 we modified the fence we put up last year on the Falls River at Austin farm road. This was done in order to give the horses more room when they are being watered. We also added a post in the middle of the fence opening to prevent people on mountain bikes from riding up the hiking trail.

Shortly after the post was installed someone pulled it out of the ground and we put it back. This time with permission from the D.E.M. we set the post in concrete. But when Al Ball, George Rainville and I were taking flow readings recently we saw someone on a mountain bike go around it. So now its back to the drawing board!

As you know the float stocking this year was just a fraction of what it was last year because of either high water or problems in the hatchery. The hatchery problem was experienced on Aug. 3rd when 17 volunteers showed up but because of a last minute problem in the hatchery

we couldn't get any fish. Sometimes things don't go our way and it's nobody's fault. That's life as they say.

We did float stock on Aug. 5th and on Aug. 10. One result we experienced this season was that the native brook trout fishing was greatly improved. There were more and larger brook trout because the small brookies were not being eaten by the stocked fish and also there was more food available for the native brookies and they had a chance to grow.

For instance: on Friday Sept. 1st of the 13 fish I caught 8 were native brookies and 6 of them were 10 inches or larger. As most of you know that's a great fish to get on a light rod. I don't think there is anything better then catching wild native fish where ever you are fishing.

The stream crossing survey continued this summer. Burt Strom and I had the opportunity to work with three interns from the NRCS: Meagan Shaffer, Jessie Dyer and Michelle Marasco. I must admit that watching them go up and down the steep banks like it was flat

ground reminded me that I'm getting old! But not so old that I can't say that they were great fun to work with. They take their jobs seriously and conduct themselves professionally both in the field and in the office. They are great examples of what the young people of today can be.

With the 71 stream crossings we did this summer we have surveyed a total of 229 culverts and taken 424 pictures. This is for the NRCS data base which we hope will be used to organize improvements in the watershed. Habitat restoration is a major goal. It is crucial for restoration of native brook trout.

If you wish to volunteer to participate in the work we are doing in this regard, please contact me or our newsletter editor. If you have a youngster that you would like to bring to this and other projects, it would be especially useful to our work, now and in our future; and it could give you and your youngster some important time together.

Lawson Cary

Here is a tying tip that is most unusual: using a nose hair trimmer to trim deer hair. They are pretty widely



available and give very precise control. Panasonic sells one for \$15. A better trimmer is the Norelco grooming trimmer. A little too large for most noses, it will trim your sideburns and your deer hair flies even quicker than the nose job. They run about \$30.



I was lucky to find a used copy of a classic work in fishing literature: **A Summer on the Test** by John Walker Hills. The book is a diary of a fishing season during the post World War I period in England. It is also full of timeless recommendations. Some of its language is dated. For example "catching" is referred to as "killing." (However in those days trout were numerous enough relative to human predators that killing a fish, though offensive to conservationists, was not so detrimental to the overall population.) Here are a couple of examples taken from the book. I recommend your researching a source for your own library.

"...autumn fishing has its place with us: and it has its charm too. River and water meadows and woods have characteristic qualities which they do not show at other times.

Purple loosestrife and velvet reedmace, swallows sitting on telegraph wires and goldfinches busy among the tall down thistles, stubbles ribboned with fresh furrows and wine dark dogwood in the hedges--all these make a picture very different from that of May. And the trout are different too. It must be confessed that they are easier. But they do not get really easy until the poor brutes are slack and out of condition and then, of course, they should be left alone."

And here is one of Hills' observations on flies:

"...Imitations of spinners are exceeding hard to find, for most of those sold in the shops are worthless, whilst Halford's dressings, fairly good for olives and pale wateries, utterly fail to reproduce the glowing flame of the sherry spinner or the burning red of the female iron blue...No spinner, early in the season or late, equals Lunn's Particular...It imitates admirably the spinner of the olive."

September Presentation by Tom Lyons

Tom is past President of our TU chapter. He has visited **Belize** to sample its beautiful settings and fishing opportunities. Tom will be offering us a tour of his Central American fishing paradise. He will cover getting there, lodging, and of course the fishing which features spectacular bonefish adventures. Whether you envy him or follow him, you will enjoy his slide and lecture presentation on fishing in Belize.



We have lost our dear friend and colleague, Angelo Mangili. No one was loved by more people than Angelo.

Please help us with a tribute to his memory. Send a reminiscence, and perhaps a picture, in a letter or email to Jim Barr.

You can reach Jim at jimbarri@msn.com. He will be collating the pictures and testimonials.

My father, John McCall Jr., passed away recently while recovering from double knee replacement surgery. I believe that the greatest thing that can be said of a parent is that they passed on their beliefs and values to their children. He passed on a love of trout streams and deer woods to me, and he is missed.

John A. McCall III

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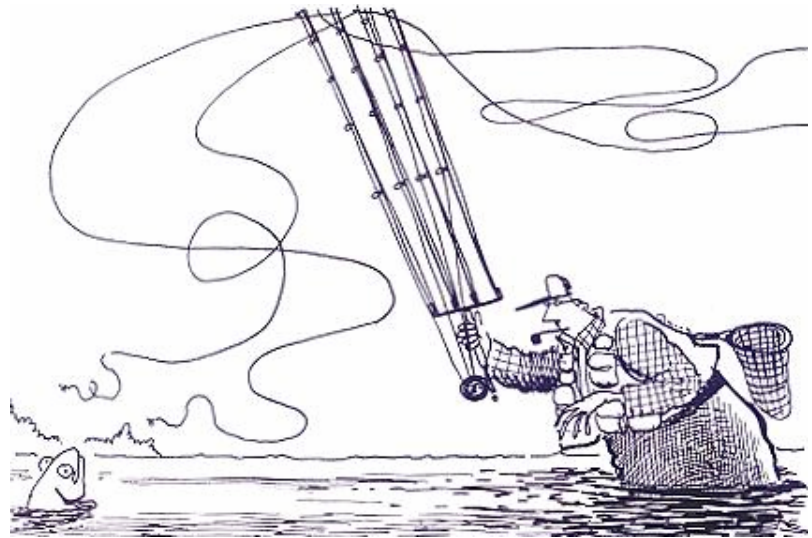
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FLY OF THE MONTH Yellow Stimulator

Tied by: Hans Weilenmann

Pattern by: Randall Kaufmann

On the Wood, especially after the major hatches are done, you may still want top action. You might turn to terrestrials and attractors.

The Yellow Stimulator is an attractor but can be taken for a wasp or a caddis. So, in theory it has an edge and maybe will work better than, say, a blue hopper with pink wings!

Recipe:

Hook: Dry fly or salmon type, 8 to 14

Thread: Bright yellow or orange

Tail: Light elk hair

Ribbing: Fine copper wire

Abdomen: Bright yellow or orange dubbing

Body Hackle: Light dun

Wing: Light elk hair

Hackle: Grizzly

Thorax: Tan dubbing



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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 Sept. 27th**



*Gathering Ruses on the Thames
Alfred Glendening*

