



The Long Cast



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President's Message

I regret that I will be unable to run for president for the coming term. People need to step forward in order that we can elect a proper slate of new officers. The election committee will require two Board members plus 2 other members. Elections are in December. I will remind you of the need for this at the coming meeting.

We also need a new banquet chair to replace Jim Rubovitz who did so much for us these last few successful banquets. This is an important function and we will need a chair and helpers to sustain this effort.

Please also think about "advertising" our work to your family and friends. We need more, especially younger, members to carry on our work. Looking around at our meetings I see an average age in the "senior" category. Please invite your friends and family members as possible "carry on the work" members of our chapter.

Chris Metakos

Environment Officer Message

On September 9th some of us met at the Rt. 165 check station to perform our 3rd highway clean up of the year. Our 4th and final one will be held on November 4th, with a rain date of November 18th (as November 11th is the Veterans Day Holiday weekend.) My wife Gloria will make chicken soup for those present after we finish the clean up. And we will have coffee and doughnuts to warm us up and get us going before we start. We will meet at the RT. 165 check station at 8am and try to start work at 9am.

On September 16th we did our last float stocking for the year. We had 15 volunteers and we stocked 800 brown trout.

The stream crossing project will be starting up again shortly. As it stands right now I have a list of 105 more small stream crossings to locate and record. As always we can use help. These should finish the Wood/Pawcatuck watershed survey we have been doing for the NRCS.

When this survey is completed we will start to map out the next watershed to be done. I have

provided a list of the volunteers for the clean up and for the stocking which follows.

Lawson Cary

September 9th Highway clean up volunteers:

Tom O'Connell
Chris Metakos
Lawson Cary
Bruce Read
Al Truchon
Dan Beltrami
Al Ball
Ray Toegemann
Jim Martish

Sept 16th Float stocking volunteers:

Lawson Cary
John Mello
Dan Beltrami
Jim Martish
George Rainville
Gordon Gruetzmacher
Jay Boyer
Al Ball
Bruce Read
Doug MacPherson
Ray Muschiano
Bob Walsh
Hal York
Dave Botelho
Chris Metakos

The Mass-RI Banquet

The TU Chapters of RI and Massachusetts will hold the Mass-RI Council Banquet on November 5th. This will be at the Holiday Inn in Marlboro, Mass.

This meeting center is right at the Exit number 24A off of route 495. As in the past there will be excellent catered food and shared fishing stories and comraderie besides the important business of the various chapters. Among the presenters will be Lawson Cary who will be describing our volunteer efforts on the stream crossing survey. Please see Lawson for tickets if you wish to attend. They are \$25 each.

Sea Run Browns

Last year our Fish and Wildlife Division of DEM stocked 40,000 small brown trout in the Pawcatuck River. They were 6 to 7 inch fish. 45 of them, between 12 and 13 inches long returned to the fish ladder at the Potter Hill Dam in Westerly. The state plans to stock an additional 60,000 juvenile browns this year. The hope is to establish a sea run brown trout fishery in the Pawcatuck River.

While this is an exciting prospect, one hopes that an eye is kept on the effect it would have on the upper part of the watershed if these fish were ever allowed above the Wyoming Dam. It is not inconceivable that large feisty browns could leap over the Barberville Dam and affect the upper portions of the watershed.

Our chapter is one of 450 in the national Trout Unlimited. The organization has 152,000 members.

The national organization, last year, provided our chapter with a certification questionnaire. The criteria listed included a request to supply the number of hours of volunteer work, excluding

activities, like stocking, which are not part of the TU mission.

Habitat preservation efforts of our chapter included river maintenance, fence building and, lately, our stream crossing surveys. We have scored well in the last two years but our accumulated volunteer hours has declined in the past year.

While our most enthusiastically attended work has been float stocking we cannot provide TU National with float stocking hours as valid contributions to our "score."

We mention this here as a reminder that we are chartered to work under the mission statement of Trout Unlimited which, simply stated, is the preservation of native cold water fish.

If you or friends want to participate in fulfilling our chapter's charter requirements and to enter your name as a potential volunteer, please email your name, phone number and/or email address to our Environment Officer Lawson Cary. Or go to our web site: www.tu225.org and click on membership for more information. We could really use your help.

There are some 400 plus members in the now two RI chapters of TU. Of these, attendees at meetings fondly socialize and talk about fishing. This is worthwhile and enjoyable.

But the business of all chapters is the organization and execution of work in fulfillment of their charters. If you joined a RI chapter to get the national magazine and other benefits, including the sharing of fishing information and socializing,

that is fine. Among you there may be some soul or two who wants to assume a more active role in securing our grandchildren's right to fish and enjoy properly managed rivers.

We are looking for a few good men and women. Come to a meeting and make your presence felt. This nation is ripe for revolution.

October Presentation

Pat Beck has been a presenter previously. He is a great source for information and planning on trips to fishing places around the world.

At our coming meeting Pat is going to give a PowerPoint presentation showing us the beautiful fishing opportunities in Labrador.

Labrador is a destination for lake and stream fishing for lunker brook trout, arctic char and northern pike. Exquisite scenery and large wild fish abound. And as Pat will discuss, there are excellent providers of transportation and accommodation for a trip there.



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THE BLACKSTONE CHAPTER

The Blackstone Chapter of TU will hold its next meeting on Wednesday October 18th. In general, meetings will be on the third Wednesday of each month.

Our meeting place is the Albion Fire Station on 38 School Street in Lincoln. (Take Albion Road off of rt 122. Albion becomes School Street). There is ample parking behind the station.

Doors open at 6:45.

Please join me in getting our new TU Chapter rolling. There is much work to be done.

Ray Lippe
Pres.
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Your editor welcomes contributions or suggestions for the Long Cast. If you know something that is going on related to our work or to trout in RI, please send on the information.

*Expectantly yours,
Burt Strom, editor*

FLY OF THE MONTH Green Drake Emerger by: Ian Forbes

This is a pattern whose colors and size may be changed to suit any emerger. It may land in the film when the fly is dry and thereafter may enter the water slightly submerged. The thorax and wing are CDC which floats nicely due to its natural oils.

Green Drake Emerger

Hook: Dry fly 14-20
Thread: Dark Brown or black. Choose color to match thorax.
Tail: Mallard flank barbules
Body: Olive dubbing.
Ribbing: Thin copper wire or stretched flash.
Thorax: CDC feather wound from tip with hackle plyers.
Wing: CDC



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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 October 25th**



The River Test, Stockbridge, England

