



The Long Cast



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President's Message:

The chapter elections are over and it is a new year. It's time to get back to work: but first I want to thank Chris Metakos for his job as president last year.

At our December meeting Veronica Masson of the R.I. D.E.M. gave an excellent presentation on a fairly new project. The DEM is trying to create a sea run brown trout fishery in the Pawcatuck River. So far they have stocked about forty thousand brown trout in that river system. It will be interesting to see the results of this program. I want to thank Veronica for spending the evening with us. I hope their next project is to re-create a sea run brook trout fishery here in R.I..

At our December meeting Mal Rochford suggested that we should post the slate of Officers and Directors that we will be voting on each December in that issue of the Longcast. I promised that I would bring that suggestion up

at our January E-Board meeting, which I did. We all agreed that it was a good idea and that it will be done in the future.

Please bear in mind that we are all real busy that time of year so a reminder in November is important. Thanks Mal for your suggestion.

A meeting has been scheduled for February 6, 2007 with the Foster Land Trust on the Hopkins property in Foster. This proposed project (see last month's Long Cast for more details) will be on hold until then.

Our January, 31st (*snow date will be Feb. 7th.*) meeting will be the 4th annual spaghetti dinner and demonstration night. More details on presenters, etc. will follow. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10.00 ea. Our annual Banquet and major fund raiser will be held on March 18th. All donation of raffles and auction items will be appreciated. Please see Jim Dewaele if you are a prospective donor. His

contact information is in the roster on page 3 of this Long Cast.

As to projects for this year: so far I have met with the DEM once and we are planning to continue with the fence projects. Please consider volunteering. We have protected various sections of the Wood River from damage by erecting fencing constraints (to horses, bikes, etc.). These are important and we will be discussing new fencing and other projects in the near future.

I have spoken with the NRCS about us continuing the stream crossing project this time in the Queens river watershed, and we will discuss this further with them and keep you all posted.

Listed on page 2 is the schedule of some of this year projects and their dates. This list will be updated as the year progresses.

Lawson Cary

January Meeting Presenters

As most of you know, the January meeting features a dinner plus presentations by members and guests. Each presenter will be at a table exhibiting his/her talents and techniques. It's an opportunity to acquaint yourself with some tricks of the trade and perhaps to get inspired to be a future presenter.

This month a contingent of talented tyers from United Fly Tyers of RI will be doing demos. They are Dick Pearce, Joe Kiselica, Norbert Morin, John McCall, and Diane Machado. They will be tying flies and answering your tying questions.

George Rainville, our bamboo mayven, will be at a table with his elegant rods and will talk with you, if you are interested, about the beauty and special properties of hand crafted bamboo fly rods.

Scott Dickison is a knife craftsman. He will be there with some of his custom crafted knives and will be talking about their properties and creation.

Jay Boyer has dedicated himself to making hand crafted landing nets. These have bent ash wood frames and are another example of the special feeling of hand crafted tools.

John O'Meara will be at a table with hand made leather reel cases. John (a.k.a. Doctor Deer Hair) turns his hands to flies,

furled leaders, reel cases, and more, and will tell you why he prefers the eighteenth century!

Then we have our eclectic Yankee (!?) Jim Rubovitz. He has some processes that are both down to earth and different.

The theme here is winter fun. Fishing, as we all know, is about more than "a jerk at one end!" Perhaps some of our presenters will help you to design some fishing related activities for the off-season.

It is not too early to start thinking about the March banquet. This will be on the 18th of March and, as usual, will feature many items in our bidding and silent auctions. Please consider making contributions.

Also please consider offering your assistance to the Banquet Organizer Jim Dewaele whose contact information is on p 3.

The banquet is our chief source of funds. Please mark the date for attendance and for assisting.

IMPORTANT DATES

E-Board meetings	Conservation Comm .meeting	General Meetings
Feb.3, 07	Feb,10 ,07	Feb.28, 07
Mar.3, 07	Mar.10, 07	Mar.28, 07
April, 7, 07	April,14, 07	April,25, 07
May, 5, 07	May, 5, 07	May, 30, 07
Sept.1,07	Sept.8, 07	Sept.26, 07
Oct.6, 07	Oct.13, 07	Oct. 31, 07
Nov. 3, 07	Nov. 10, 07	Nov. 28, 07
Dec. 1, 07	Dec.8, 07	Dec. 26, 07

Adopt-A-highway			
Feb. 24 – 07	May, 26 – 07	Sept. 29 – 07	Dec. 29 – 07

Float Stocking		
April, 28 – 07	May, 19 – 07	Sept. 15 – 07

Fly Tying at Wood/Pawcatuck watershed Headquarters	
January 20, 07	from 10am to 12 noon
February 17, 07	from 10am to 12 noon

Learn to Fly Fish at the WPWA headquarters	
July, 19, 07	From 4pm to 6pm
July, 26, 07	From 4pm to 6pm

Student Donations to the WPWA	
WPWA Members	\$5.00
Non-Members	\$10.00

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FLY OF THE MONTH True Footprint Dun by Hank Verhaar

This fly was designed to leave a "footprint" on the water: legs (both rear and middle) and tails of an emergent dun. The fly's legs (front and rear) are deer hair tied "comparadun" style. This means that the deer hair is coaxed to an arc of about 270 degrees. Different!

Recipe

Hook: Any longshank dry fly hook

Thread: Brown 8/0

Tail: Small clump of deer hair, length to imitate natural. about 3/4 shank length (of the longshank hook)

Abdomen: Fine dry fly dubbing, color to match natural. creamy olive, dyed muskrat

Rear legs: Clump of deer hair, tied comparadun style, angled backwards (with butts pointing forward)

Front legs: Clump of deer hair, tied comparadun style

Thorax: Darker, spikier dubbing than abdomen; here olive angora goat



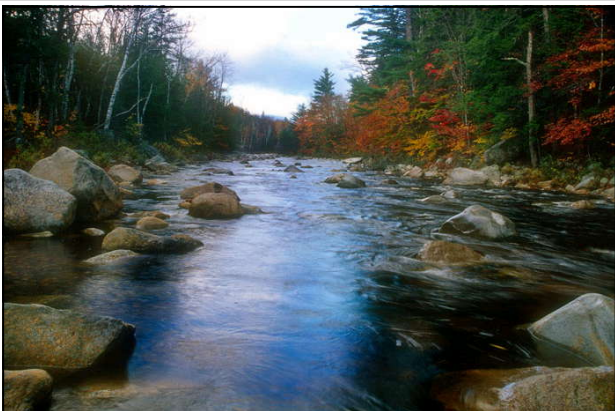
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Narragansett Chapter meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month-September through May at the Greek Orthodox Annunciation Church, Oaklawn Ave. (Rte 5), Cranston, RI. Meetings start at 7:00 PM.

**OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE ON January 31st ***



Off the Kancamagus in New Hampshire

* Last January's blizzard suggested that we should have a "snow date!" It is **February 7th**

