



The Long Cast



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
NARRAGANSETT CHAPTER/TROUT UNLIMITED

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President's Message

As you know, last month was our 5th annual Spaghetti Dinner and Presentation night. First I want to thank everyone that helped make it the success that it was: My wife Gloria, June Orpen, Al Rosati (Doc), and Tony Iacovone for their work in the kitchen. I know how hard my wife worked making the meatballs preparing the sausage and making the deserts (I wish there were more leftovers!)

We had fly tiers from UFTRI as well as some of our own chapter members tying their special flies. We cannot forget Jay Boyer's table and the nets he builds and also his rod cases, line winders and other related tools that he also builds. He is an impressive talent.

Of course we had Ed Lombardo giving expert fly casting tips and advice.

All in all it was a great night and a good opportunity to meet new members and renew old friendships. I hope the annual spaghetti dinner continues for many years I think it's a great

way to start a new year.

There is a new project coming up that I would like to describe. The Wood- Pawcatuck Watershed Association has asked if we would be interested in joining them in doing a *Vernal pool inventory* in the Pawcatuck watershed. We will be looking for volunteers; training will be held on Saturday February 23rd , from 1 pm to 4pm or on Tuesday Evening February 26 th from 6pm to 9 pm. The actual survey work will be done during March and April 2008. (If this Long Cast reaches you too late for Feb. 23rd please try to attend on the 26th.) You only need to attend one training session. Please take a look at the winter newsletter of the WPWA which has an article on the project:

<http://www.wpwa.org>

Note: A vernal pool is a temporary pond which serves as important breeding ground for amphibians, insects and stopping off points for other creatures as well.

The Stream Continuity project started up again but has since stalled. I will try to talk about this

at our next meeting.

Remember this important date: Our banquet / fund raiser will be held April 6th starting at 3pm. If you are making donations for the raffles or auctions please give them to Jim Dewaele as soon as possible. I hope to see you there and of course at our monthly meetings.

**Lawson Cary
President**

Schedule of Activities

E-Board Meetings

- Mar.-1-08
- April-5-08
- May-3-08
- Sept..6-08
- Oct. 4-08
- Nov.1-08
- Dec. 6-08

General Meetings

- Feb.-27-08
- Mar.-26-08
- April-30-08
- May-28-08
- Sept.-24-08
- Oct.29-08
- Nov.19-08
- Dec.17-08

Adopt-A-Highway

- Feb.16-08
- May, 31-08
- Sept.27-08

Dec.20-08
Float Stocking
April 26-08
May-24-08
Sept. 20-08

Fly Tying at the Wood/Pawcatuck
Watershed Headquarters
9am-12pm
February 23, 2008
\$5 members \$10 non members

Fly Casting at the Wood/
Pawcatuck Watershed
Headquarters
4pm-6pm
July 24, 2008
July 31, 2008
\$5 members \$10 non members

Family Fun Fishing Days
For children aged 12 and under
(Rods, tackle, worms, bottled
water will be provided. Location to
be announced.)
\$5 for members \$10 non
members
10am-1pm
July 11, 2008
July 18, 2008

The Northern RI Chapter

On January 27th, Ray Lippe, President of the Northern RI TU Chapter, along with Deb Carr and George Hadley, took part in a release of trout fry into the Blackstone River. About 250,000 baby browns were introduced and it is hoped that many of them will mature in the system. Hopefully there will be some that will spawn, enabled by proposed fish ladders

that will take the four or five year old spawners around the Slater Mill Dam when the time comes.

The Northern RI Chapter of Trout Unlimited is looking for active members to participate in their efforts for the Blackstone and elsewhere in the state, particularly its northern streams.

The Northern Chapter meets on the second Wednesday night of each month. The meetings are held at the Albion Fire Station at 38 School Street in the Albion section of Lincoln, RI.

Please check out the newly launched web site of the Northern Chapter:
<http://www.nritu737.org/>

Here is the person to contact:

Ray Lippe
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(401) 597-0364

Switch Road Wood River Access

The Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association has announced the completion of a profoundly upgraded access to the Wood River off of Switch Road in Hope Valley. There is now a parking area and a path leading down to the river. Not only does the landscaping and planting improve the quality of the area but it eliminates the ugly dump that citizens had made of the area prior to the upgrade. The project was completed recently and is described in the current (Winter 2008) issue of the Watershed's newsletter. Environmentalists and fishermen should consider joining and assisting the WPWA. Their

web site is:
<http://www.wpwa.org>

Big Stocked Winter Fish

Salmon to twelve pounds have been stocked for winter fishing in RI ponds and streams and brown trout up to fifteen pounds (!) have been placed in Connecticut streams and ponds. You can get more details from the respective state environmental management sites. If you are after lunkers and like fishing in the cold, go for it.

February Presenter Jack Smola

Jack Smola is a full time fly fishing guide whose concentration is the rivers of western Massachusetts and CT. He also contracts groups to travel to the Patagonia region of Chile.

His program will be "***Fishing the Rivers of Western Massachusetts.***" Included in the program will be suggestions on flies, timing and techniques to catch more trout on these great rivers.

The Deerfield, Farmington, and Swift Rivers are justly known as premier regional venues. Jack is intimate with all and guides on all of them (and on other streams such as the Westfield, Housatonic and Black.)

Whether you consider using Jack's guide services or just want to take notes on the nearby opportunities, join us in watching and listening to Jack's presentation on the 27th.

Ed Lombardo

Little Piney Crayfish

Crayfish can be found in many sections of the Wood. This “upside down” version has the virtue of being more “drag-able” than a standard pattern. Drift it downstream then retrieve it back. These creatures walk. Strikes are apt to be violent.

The recipe is by Marshall Porterfield and is named after his home river.



Little Piney Crayfish

Hook: Daiichi nymph hook with a bent shank (size 4-8)

Weight: Gold bead

Thread: Unithread 8/0, black

Tail: Brown raffia

Ribbing: Black thread

Abdomen: Squirrel dubbing, with a raffia shell

Thorax: Squirrel dubbing with grouse hackle, covered by a raffia shell

Pinchers: Quail soft hackle feather

Antennae: Black flash

Eyes: Black plastic/mono dumbbell

Note: The black markings are done with a pen.



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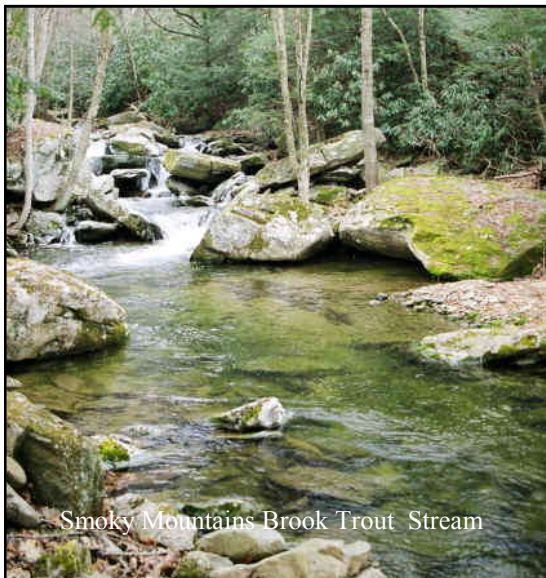
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Narragansett Chapter meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month-September through May at the Greek Orthodox Annunciation Church, Oaklawn Ave. (Rte 5), Cranston, RI. Meetings start at 7:00 PM.

**OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE ON February 27th**



Smoky Mountains Brook Trout Stream

