



The Long Cast



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NARRAGANSETT CHAPTER/TROUT UNLIMITED

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President's Message

Greetings:

First I would like to thank the speaker for March, Jim Turecek for his presentation on the tying and fishing of nymph patterns. I don't know if anyone actually bought a knife but his hand made knives were beautiful.

Remember as we begin the fishing season that we are also beginning the period when the chapter starts it's projects for the year, with the first float stocking scheduled for April 25th, and other projects to follow

As was discussed at the March meeting the chapter will be forming a group to study existing state regulations concerning trout fishing, with the aim of proposing changes which would benefit both the fish and those who pursue them..

Finally I would like to close with a thought. Most of you who have known me for a while, also knew my late

father. This month which would have been his 70th birthday, I have been remembering him taking my brothers and me fishing when we were little boys. As I remember those days it occurs to me that without them I probably wouldn't be writing these words today. So I'm going to close by asking that you take a kid fishing. The youngster might grow up to be a chapter president !

John McCall

Wood River Blues

I'm going to continue the message that I have been delivering these past few months. The theme continues: that *the State of Rhode Island manages our trout waters with little regard for the conservation principles that our parent organization holds dear.*

I have appreciated being approached by members, some whom I know, others

whom our club hasn't heard from before. One thing I glean from talking and emailing with them is that their frustration with our state's "system" matches my own and sends them elsewhere to fish for trout.

A new development: in a typically logical way, our chapter President has announced the formation of a 'Regulations Committee.' John's statement at our last meeting included a message that this will not be an overnight thing nor a crusade. It will involve weighing the state's reasons for avoiding special regulations waters all these years. It is my hope that the effort will result in bringing our DEM into the enlightened era to which just about every other trout state has long since entered.

Perhaps while we consider regulations to protect native species and to make fishing a more sportsmanlike endeavor, we might suggest that the state modernize the way it raises fish. Instead of stocking tenth generation trout it could follow other states' examples and purchase wild trout for

NOTE OUR NEW MEETING HALL. DIRECTIONS ON COVER.

breeding and stock their offspring. The new hatchery fish could be fed in such a way that they are not trained to love humans! Tanks can be oriented and include cover so that fish grow up at least slightly wild.

Other states' experience with this type of hatchery management has resulted in demonstrated improvement in 'holdover' rates and much happier fishermen except for some that our state caters to, who substitute fishing for a trip to the fish store. This little sarcasm gets to the root of management philosophy: do we provide fishing that is, at the least, a little more interesting, or do we provide fish so that numbers and weight removed is paramount?

Burt Strom

A Help Table

Jay Boyer manned a new table at our last meeting. But I just missed being able to include its mention in the last Long Cast.

As Jay describes it: "we will have a table("booth") at each meeting with a sign so new members-and old-will know they can ask any questions about fishing, rod building, where to go , etc. I will staff the table with other members and we - the "Phishing Doctors"- will dispense free advice to all, though we cannot guarantee our answers will be correct!!!!!!

We hope this will make new or

shyer members more comfortable at the meetings and hopefully will get them information they otherwise might be reluctant to ask for without this venue."

A great idea.

Reminder

If you are interested in the issues raised in the last few issues of the Long Cast regarding Trout Regulations then please contact John McCall about joining the 'Regulations Committee.'

Fly of the Month

Black Quill

Tied by Alice Conba

Hook: Kamasan B175 #14

Thread: Black

Tail: Three strands of black cock hackle

Body: Well marked stripped peacock quill

Wing: Grey duck quill strip

Hackle: Whiting hen hackle

By the time you get this Long Cast, you will be needing to check your fly boxes to be sure you have a few black quills. Here is a lovely simple pattern.



I left the name of the hook, Kamasan, on the recipe just as it appeared. I'm sure you can substitute Mustad or Tiemco...I never heard of Kamasan which sounds like a sumo wrestler. If one of you fishing PhD's can tell me what I am missing, if anything, with regard to exotic hooks please let me know. I intend to put this question to Jay Boyer at our new "Help Table." I can already picture the "SE" grin he will flash before he provides his answer.

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April Presentation by Ryan Sansoucy

Ryan Sansoucy is not someone out of an Orvis Catalog! But while your first impression may be of a heavy metal musician it soon becomes apparent that this is a classy, dedicated fly fisherman.



He guides under the name 'Hush Fly Fishing'. His approach can be gleaned from his web site hushflyfishing.com and it is well worth a look.

Ryan emphasizes that fly fishing can be an inexpensive, down-to-earth, undertaking.

At our meeting Ryan's presentation will focus on shallow water fishing (fresh and salt) and surface fishing in particular.

Ed Lombardo

Meetings from May through August are held "on stream" at the Rt 165 Check Station. Post card reminders will replace the Long Cast during the fishing season.

'Healing Waters' Fly Fishing Outing

You may remember Paul Pezza's suggestion a couple of meetings ago that we sponsor an outing for injured 'vets' who want to get on the water to try some fly fishing. As of this writing we have not fully obtained a roster of volunteers, but the program has been scheduled.

On Saturday, May 9th we will hold this outing at the Carolina hatchery on Route 112 and Richmond Town Line Road. The time will be 9AM to 3PM.

Ed Lombardo will need participants/volunteers. Please approach Ed or Paul at our meeting if you want to take part. This can be as sensitive a situation as it is worth while. Young veterans may be injured in ways that make fly fishing a significant challenge. But we can expect to help them appreciate the sport and to consider getting involved. Soldier participants will be able to arrange their own transportation and will have signed up for one or more of our activities: tying, casting, fishing.

Further information will be posted at our web site. But we need you to volunteer.

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Narragansett Chapter meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month- September through May- at the Regan Building of the Eleanor Slater Hospital in Cranston, RI.

*Formal meeting starts at 7:00 PM.
Tying, Socializing etc. starts at 6:00 PM*

**OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE ON
WEDNESDAY NIGHT APRIL 29th**



Our Meeting Hall is the Regan Building (Arnold Conference Room) of the Eleanor Slater Hospital Cranston, RI

From north

Take I-95 S toward Warwick.
Merge onto RI-37 W via EXIT 14B toward RT-2 / CRANSTON.
Take the PONTIAC AVE. exit- EXIT 3- toward JOHN O. PASTORE CENTER.
Turn SLIGHT LEFT to take the ramp toward MEDICAL CENTER.
Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto PONTIAC AVE.
Turn RIGHT onto HOWARD AVE at the light. See note below.

From south

Take I-95 N toward Providence.
Merge onto I-295 N via EXIT 11 on the LEFT toward WOONSOCKET.
Take EXIT 2 toward WARWICK MALL.
Merge onto RI-2 N.
Turn RIGHT onto HOWARD AVE at the light.
Look for sign on the right for Eleanor Slater Hospital.
Take a right into the parking lot. See note below.
The main entrance to the Slater Hospital directly faces you.
The entrance is marked Regan building.
The Arnold Conference Center is on the right side of the building.

**NOTE: TURN INTO DRIVEWAY FROM HOWARD
AVE. AT THE WATER TOWER**