



The Long Cast



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
NARRAGANSETT CHAPTER/TROUT UNLIMITED

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President's Message John McCall

Greetings,

First I would like to thank Chris Fox of the Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association for his presentation on their ongoing efforts in dam remediation at various areas on the Pawcatuck River. These projects will go a long way in assisting the efforts to establish viable anadromous fisheries on this river. I would encourage anyone who is interested to become involved in assisting with these efforts.

A reminder as we approach the end of the year and elections of officers, if anybody is interested in being an officer please contact the nominating committee which will be appointed at the October meeting.

Finally let me thank Dave Porreca of the Regulations Committee, for his presentation on some of the habitat restoration work they would like to see us attempt.

Dave's report led to a discussion on the chapter's efforts in establishing C&R fishing on part of the Wood. It seemed to me that at least a portion of the members present were not happy

with the positions I took and for that I am sorry. However I have to stick to two beliefs I had when I assumed this position:

- A) I believe it is my primary responsibility to ensure that this chapter never strays from its primary mission that being protection of cold water habitat
- B) I have to remember that I am the president of an organization with members that have different views on a variety of issues, and that as much as possible I need to consider all of them.

Thanks
John

WPWA

Chris Fox's presentation at the September meeting on the restoration project covered dam removal and fish ladder installation along the Pawcatuck River south ward from Worden's Pond. When completed this work will allow several species of fish to migrate to spawning waters in the Pond.

This is a major work and is being documented at the WPWA web site: www.wpwa.org for those who want to follow its details.

Many of our members are also members of WPWA. You should consider joining and supporting the organization and its work.

October Presentation

There has been much talk among our members about stocking and regulation practices. Our members include folks who are happy with the way the Wood is stocked and regulated; while others take great exception to DEM's management of the Wood and surroundings.

At the October meeting you will have a chance to listen to and to question Kathy Sparks, Christine Dudley and Kim Sullivan of DEM's Fish and Wildlife Division.

It's my understanding that Kathy will be in charge of the state's fresh water management when DEM changes some of its structure soon. Christine is in charge of educational programs and is a staff biologist. Kim is also a senior staff biologist.

So come prepared to interact with the folks who will administer the Wood River. Bring your questions !

Ed Lombardo

By Law Amendments

In last month's Long Cast we published proposed amendments to our Chapter by-laws. You can review them at our web site.

At the coming meeting we will be asked to vote on the proposed changes.

Coming Meetings

Please note the usual conflicts between coming holidays and their proximity to the last Wednesday of the month.

November and December meetings will be held as follows:

November 18th
December 30th

Map of the Wood Pools

One of the reasons I love to fish is that there are only two directions to go ! My sense of direction and my memory of places requires that I look up and see tall buildings. I am an urbanite still dazzled by expressions like "The Orvis Pool."

When someone tells me that fish are rising in "Cut Tree Pool" I, frankly, do not know which way to go.

I once asked Lawson to draw a map of the Wood but he never got around to it.

If someone with a little artistic bent 'knows where things are' and cares to draw a map of the Wood delineating all of the pools it would be a nice thing for our Chapter to offer.

Otherwise I would need a few office buildings built!

Swamp Candles



You've seen these guys along some of the swamper areas like Frying Pan Pond. The Latin name is *Lysimachia terrestris*. Lysimachus was Alexander the Great's bodyguard. Legend has it that he once calmed a raging bull by waving this flower at it! The plant is related to the purple loosestrife that is admired along the English chalk streams (but which is considered an invasive species here.) It's also related to the primroses. Stop and admire!

Fly of the Month Partridge and Yellow Tied by Terry Spindler

I once read an article by an English angler who reported that he had his best year when he fished classic wet flies exclusively! Here is a famous old English classic in a series of flies (Partridge and Green, Partridge and Orange, etc.)

Hook: #10 Wet Fly

Thread: Lemon Yellow Pearsall's Gossamer Silk

Tail: Hungarian Partridge

Abdomen: Lemon Yellow Pearsall's Gossamer Silk

Thorax: Natural Hare's Ear Dubbing

Hackle: Hungarian Partridge



*Note: Recent flies have been taken (with his permission) from Hans Weilenmann's web site:
<http://www.danica.com/flytier/index.html>*

How to Release a Fish

Here, courtesy of Dave Porreca is something we should not only be well aware of, but should promote among all trout anglers.

1. First start by either using single barb-less hooks. Commercially tied flies with barbs can be crimped creating a barb-less hook.

2. Always avoid overplaying the fish, especially in water temperature which are over 65 degrees.

3. When landing a fish be sure to wet your hand and or your soft net bag. Whenever possible avoid taking the fish out of the water. It has been proven that a trout gills begin to breakdown after 13 seconds out of water.

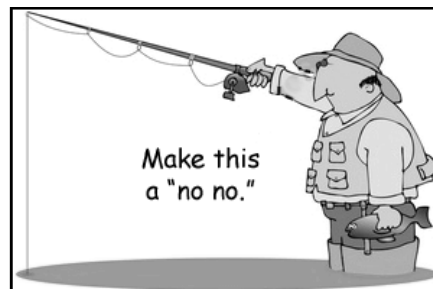
4. Work the fly gently out of the trout's jaw with fingers or forceps. If the fly is deep in the trout's mouth clip the tippet as

close as possible as the hook will eventually rust out of the fish. This will avoid any damage to the gills internally.

5. Once the hook is removed with a wet hand gently cradle the fish in the up stream position avoiding any fast moving water. Once the fish is revived it will give you an indication and swim away on its own.

Following these simple techniques will ensure future opportunities for you and other anglers to catch trout in your waters.

David Porreca



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The Stream Continuity Project

TU volunteers have worked for a few years gathering data on stream "crossings" throughout our state. This project is an investment in the future of stream habitat as it has provided valuable pictures and measurements on culverts, bridges and other stream passages. In most cases these passages were not built to allow fish and other creatures their natural migration paths. They need work!

Already upgrades have been performed using data taken by TU volunteers. The data is stored by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the person supervising this is Kathryn Zuromski who has presented at one of our TU meetings.

Please consider signing up for occasional outings and participating in this ongoing work. It also contributes to our own reputation for aiding conservation of cold water fisheries which is our purpose. Contact: Kathryn.Zuromski@ri.usda.gov (401) 822-8878 (office)



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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 OCT. 28th**



Worden's Pond

**Our Meeting Hall
is the Regan Building
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.

TURN INTO DRIVEWAY NEAR WATER TOWER