

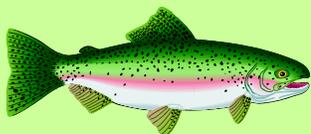
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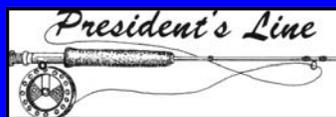
We believe that trout and salmon fishing isn't just fishing for trout and salmon. It's fishing for sport rather than food, where the true enjoyment of the sport lies in the challenge, the lore, the battle of wits, not necessarily the full creel. It's the feeling of satisfaction that comes from limiting your kill instead of killing your limit. It's communing with nature where the chief reward is a refreshed body and a contented soul, where a license is a permit to use not abuse, to enjoy not destroy our cold water fishery. It's subscribing to the proposition that what's good for trout and salmon is good for the fisherman and that managing trout and salmon for themselves rather than the fisherman is fundamental to the solution of our trout and salmon problems. It's appreciating our fishery resource, respecting fellow anglers and giving serious thought to tomorrow.



Tuesday, November 18, 2014 @ 7:30 PM

Jeff Yates

Fly Fishing For Winter Trout



President's Line

I recently received an email from a member who wished to make a monetary contribution to the chapter. I told her that this would be greatly appreciated and her check could be forwarded to our treasurer, Tom LoProto.

Tom's address is 68 Murray St., Westbury, NY 11590. If you are in a position where you feel you would like to make a similar donation, he would love to hear from you. So would our trout.

In a timely announcement, Governor Cuomo released a press notice that the hatchery at Connetquot would reopen next year and the Environmental Protection Fund will pay for \$150,000 in upgrades. You can read the entire announcement easily on line by googling "Cuomo Connetquot Hatchery".

I'd like to thank Rick Lewis for giving his first program to the chapter. We now all know how to use the Czech/Euro methods to fish for cold water species. If you think you'd like to give a presentation to the chapter just check in with me at any meeting. It helps us all when we share.

Check out our new-look and refreshed website at LongIslandTU.org. Chris Aigner has been very busy in coming up with new ideas and content for this very important portal into our chapter. It will continue to evolve over time. It would be great to send him a few pictures he could post of our membership in action. Tell a friend about it.

This month's program will feature author Jeff Yates from TU National who will focus on conservation and Fishing for Winter Trout. I hope to see you at the VFW at 7:30 pm for this exciting event.

Lastly, if you are changing your email address or have done so recently, please drop our webmaster a line informing him of your new address. He is Sol Harz and you can contact him at SOLH53@gmail.com. It is difficult to keep our email list for our newsletter up-to-date without your help. We are trying to change over to all electronic newsletter delivery, so good addresses are vital.

Tight lines,
Peter Dubno

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LITU Needs Your Help!

LITU is looking for a Chapter member willing to volunteer a small portion of his or her time who is well versed in Public Relations and related matters.

We request this person will hopefully come forward and work with the Board of Directors to promote the chapter to the different media outlets and possibly to politicians as well as other civic groups..

See Peter Dubno at the meeting or call him at 516-764-0412

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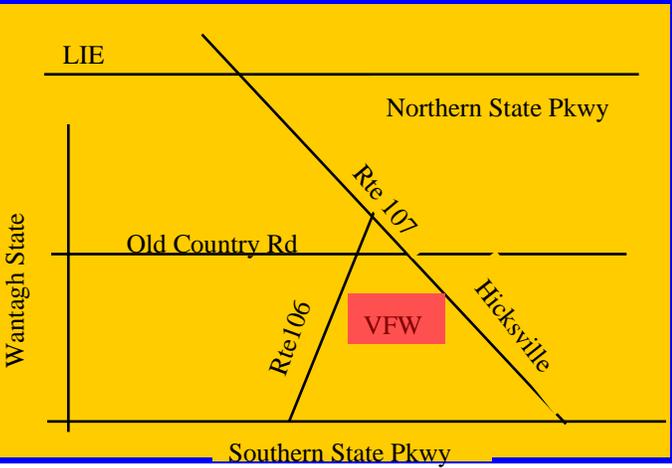
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Paumonok 2015

Being a conservation group, LITU is always looking for new and fresh ways to help out our environment. One of these ways is to go completely paperless with Paumonok in 2015.

By going paperless we not only save over \$300 per printing, but just think about the trees we save!

Our goal is to have 100% of our members receiving Paumonok electronically by January of 2015. If you are NOT receiving it electronically yet, please send your E mail address to our publisher Sol Harz at SolH53@Gmail.com and he will make sure you start receiving the following month.



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Editors Notes

Believe it or not, it's been a little over a year since I took over the editing of Paumonok! I can't fathom how quickly it has passed.

I remember when I was a kid how the "adults" used to always tell me that time passes much faster the older you get. Well, now that I'm supposedly an adult and most definitely "older", I can say that is absolutely true!

In the past two year sof editing and publishing the Paumonok, I have tried my best to make it more professional, more informative, and more entertaining. I hope I have accomplished that. However, this undertaking cannot be done by one person alone!

As I mentioned in my first "Editors Notes", I welcome, look forward to, and embrace any and all suggestions, story's and articles. In the whole two years I've been doing this, I have only gotten responses from two people - who I now consider contributing editors - Ken Mattera, and Tom McCoy.

I am grateful for and sincerely thank Tom and Ken but remember people, this newsletter is for YOU, and should be BY YOU too. Without your input, I / we have no idea what articles you would like to see more of, what information you like, or even any suggestions you may have to improve Paumonok.

All it takes is a quick E mail to me to submit any suggestions or even an article or story you would even like to submit for publication (if needed, I will keep any correspondence anonymous). None of us here are professionals so please, don't be shy!

Just as with the chapter itself, without YOUR participation, the Paumonok will get old and stale. We need input to keep it evolving and to bring you the most up to date and best newsletter we can.

Please feel free to drop me a line at LITU Editor @aol.com.

Until next month.....

Jay Mooney
Editor-in-chief

Save the Date

Upcoming Events

Nov. 5 - Board Meeting

Nov. 18 - General Meeting

Dec. 3 - Board Meeting

Dec. 16 - General Meeting / Holiday Party

Jan. 7 - Board Meeting

Jan. 20 - General Meeting

HOLIDAY Rod Raffle

It's getting to be that time of year again!

Time for LITU's Annual Holiday Rod Raffle!

The Rod for this year is an absolutely beautiful Orvis Frequent Flyer 9ft., 5wt., 7pc. Rod. This perfect for packing rod comes in a rugged Cordura covered rod tube.

The price of tickets are: \$5.00 each, 3 tickets for \$10.00, or 10 tickets for \$20.00.

Tickets can be purchased at the September, October, November, or December meetings or by sending a check to : LITU, c/o Tom LoProto, 68 Murray Drive, Westbury, NY 11590.

L.I.T.U. Monthly Meetings
Held On the 3rd
Tuesday of every month
At 7:30 PM
Hicksville VFW Hall

L.I.T.U. Corner Book Review

Trout Lessons: Free Wheeling Tactics and Alternative Techniques For Difficult Days

By Ed Engle

What do you do when your usual tactics do not work, when your dependable flies let you down, or when the water's acting funny? What do you do when your best attempts to match the hatch and make drag-free-drift presentations fail?

This is the book that gives you the answers to these most difficult of questions and conditions that most fly fishers have experienced at some time. Some more often than others.

Ed Engle has been a staple of Rocky Mountain West fishing for many years. He has grown into a nationally acclaimed author, presenter, and all around "Good Guy".

In Trout Lessons he lets go of any preconceived notions that we may have and allows the trout and the river to inform him and you as to what may work. He has found the best solutions to the many challenges that vex fly anglers everywhere.

Ed shares what he's learned in straightforward, no-nonsense lessons for finding and taking the toughest trout under some of the toughest conditions.

While I have read all of Ed's books, I find Trout Lessons to be a good summary of tactics and techniques for difficult days a stream. Sprinkled with experiences and anecdotes, it gives detailed suggestions that will increase potential success. Engle writes well, and is to be recommended to experienced anglers, as well as any angler who has ever experienced tough days on the water.

Being both a friend and fan of Ed's, I've come expect great how-to trout fishing books from him. In Trout Lessons, Ed has once again exceeded my expectations. Not only was this book a pleasure to read, but it was full of insightful tips and observations about fly fishing mountain streams in tougher-than-ideal conditions and in taking some unconventional approaches to fly fishing success - even on the good days.

A well recommended book for both experienced and novice fly fishers. I give this book four and a half stars.

Dinner Dance 2014

Even though it is only November of 2014, the 2015 Dinner Dance Committee has already had it's first meeting with others already planned.

The date for the Long Island Trout Unlimited 2015 Dinner Dance is **Friday March 20, 2015**. The festivities will begin at 7:00 and last until 11:00. The venue will once again be the **Milleridge Cottage** in Jericho, and the cost will remain the same at \$80.00 per person for a great evening of food, dancing, and fun!!

If you missed last years event, be sure **not** to miss this one as it promises to be even better and more action packed. There will be yet more updated and interesting prizes, more food, and more dancing! What else can you ask for?

However, to make this years Dinner Dance even more successful, we still need your help. We are already looking for donations for prizes and/or auction items. This is our major fundraiser of the year and the proceeds are needed to keep our chapter running and our work progressing.

If you are interested in supporting a great cause (LITU), and enjoying outstanding food, excellent drinks, and awesome friends and prizes, come down and join us. If you would like to attend, please see any board or committee member - we would love to have you there!

Cocktails will be served at an open bar beginning at 7:00 p.m., with Hors d'oeuvres being served waiter style. Dinner, dancing and silent auction will begin at 8:00. Bar will remain open until 10:00 p.m. Just ask anyone who was there last year just how good and plentiful the food was!

This is a great opportunity for you to come out and win some awesome prizes, besides having a great time with some old friends while making new ones!. Don't forget to buy a balloon from the balloon game. While your at it, enter into the 50 / 50 - which had a whopping \$1600.00 in it last year! And, of course, one of our highlights, the dart game will be back this year. You can win some really great gifts at this one.

Each month we will bring you updates on the progress of the event planning. If you have any questions, concerns, or would just like to help out, please contact any of the committee members listed below.

Committee members:

Jay Mooney, Pete Harris, Joe Odierna, John Fischer, Tom Lo Proto, Mike Russell, Ron Krisch, and Ed Ciano.

Ken's Korner

T.U. Tips

Storing Fly Lines Storing Fig Lines in Winter - Remove the lines from the reels, clean them well and apply a coating of "Armor-All" to the line. I use 303 Aerospace Protectant works much better than Armor-all. Check the web out for reviews of the product.
Ed Zero

Keep Your Arms Dry During a Rainstorm - When casting, it is often necessary to have your forearms in a raised position. This is especially true when high-stick nymphing. When it rains, it is difficult to keep rain-water from entering your sleeves through the wrist area of your raincoat. A trick to keep your arms dry, at least for a while is to wear wrist sweatbands over the arm openings of your raingear. They are inexpensive and easy to keep in the pocket of raingear when not in use, and will keep water from running down your arm. Another tip-don't place them back in the pocket when wet and forget about them. They should be allowed to dry out well so that mold and mildew will not form on them or inside your pocket.

Preferred Method of Crushing Barbs - To reduce the risk of a hook breaking when crushing down the barb, try this method. First, the use of flat-jawed pliers (as opposed to ones with serrated jaws) will do less harm to the steel hook shank. Secondly, positioning the jaws of the pliers parallel with the hook shank and barb when crimping will do a better and safer job than applying pressure crosswise to the shank.

Advantage to Using Barbless Hook - Barbed hooks are more difficult to remove from a fish once it has been landed. It is often necessary to twist the fly, handle the fly roughly, or use forceps to remove the hook. This handling usually results in a deformed or mangled fly that must be changed. A barbless hook can usually be backed out with minimal effort and with no damage to the fly. You save the fish some rough handling and save your fly as well.

Computer Mouse Pad Can Aid Tying - A computer mouse pad can be a great asset on your tying bench. If placed with the spongy side facing up, the softness or "give" allows for easier pickup of tools. If you make it a point of always placing your tying tools on the pad, you will know exactly where to find the tool when it is needed. This saves you valuable tying time. These pads are inexpensive-often free.

Send your tips to KensTUTips@verizon.net

N.Y.S.D.E.C.

News and Views

DEC Releases Draft Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released its Draft Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) strategy to prevent the introduction and spread of AIS in New York State for public comment. Comments will be accepted through December 15.

Aquatic Invasive Species threaten the ecology of New York's rich abundance of waters and can harm water-based recreational opportunities and economies. New York is particularly vulnerable to AIS due to its vast marine and fresh water resources, major commercial ports and the easy access that ocean-going vessels have to the Great Lakes via the State's canal system. Managing an infestation is extremely costly, so prevention is the most cost-effective strategy.

"Prevention of aquatic invasive species is critical to the long-term vitality of waterways across New York State," said DEC Commissioner Joe Martens. "This strategic plan details proposals to further our efforts to help ensure AIS-free waters remain free and additional AIS are not introduced to other waters. We welcome the public's ideas and feedback on the draft strategy." This action-based Strategic Plan updates DEC's "Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Management Plan," which was written in 1993. The draft plan includes more than 50 actions designed to address prevention, detection, and response to AIS. Proposed actions identified in the strategy include:

- Expand the boat launch steward program statewide;
- Develop an AIS response framework to guide decision making when AIS are detected, and communicate the reasoning for the response selected;
- Implement an AIS public awareness campaign and evaluate its effectiveness in reaching target audiences;
- Expand the use of AIS disposal stations at waterway access sites;
- Establish regional "first responder" AIS teams to incorporate local expertise in planning and implementing appropriate AIS responses; and Identify and evaluate risks associated with pathways for AIS introduction and

News From T. U. National

Protecting The Delaware

The longstanding sporting tradition in the eastern United States has been a part of the region's history and culture since colonial times and this heritage still holds true. Today, the central Appalachians' and Catskills' remote mountains, forest and rivers that have provided abundant fish and wildlife habitat, and attracted generations of sportsmen, are at serious risk.

Large areas of Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia, and parts of Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, have become the epicenter for energy development in the East. As companies flock to the region to drill for natural gas, this energy development could fundamentally alter hunting on some of the largest tracts of public lands in the East and fishing on thousands of miles of pristine native and wild trout streams, including tributaries of the Great Lakes.

For the 8.8 million hunters and anglers who fish and hunt in the area, this is a big deal. Trout Unlimited members and other sportsmen and women are working together to ensure these special places are protected for future generations.

The Place

Less than two hours from New York City, the Upper Delaware River watershed provides a wealth of hunting, fishing, trapping and other recreational opportunities for anglers and hunters from New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. A federally-designated Wild and Scenic River, the Upper Delaware is one of the best places to fish for wild trout in the East. The insect hatches are prolific and the fish are plenty. As a result, each spring, trout anglers from across the nation flock to this arduous river to test their technical skills on what can be some very challenging trout. In addition to the trout fishery, the Delaware River and some of the larger tributaries are home to other important recreational fish such as striped bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, muskie, channel catfish and American shad.

The Delaware River watershed, an area filled with picturesque towns and old growth forests, is home to bear, deer, rabbits, ring-necked pheasant and grouse. Mostly undeveloped, the Upper Delaware's dense forests have, for generations, afforded sportsmen and women rich hunting and trapping opportunities. Fishing, hunting and wildlife-associated recreation continues to be a strong economic contributor to the small, rural towns along the reaches of the watershed. Along the Beaverkill, the East Branch, West Branch and the upper main stem of the Delaware River in New York, wild trout fishing generates over \$29 million in annual economic activity for small rural communities - making the Delaware River the economic lifeblood that sustains the region.

The Threat

The Delaware River Basin Commission — the inter-governmental body responsible for managing the river and its tributaries — estimates that thousands of gas wells will be developed in close proximity to the headwater streams of the sparsely populated upper Delaware Basin. Erosion and sedimentation from well pads, access roads, pipelines and storage areas constructed near headwater streams can impact trout spawning habitat and insect populations. Often, these headwater streams are the closest and most convenient source of water for the hydraulic fracturing process and are therefore at risk of being affected by drilling. Already, gas companies are looking to the Delaware and its tributaries as a source for water withdrawals.

The infrastructure associated with natural gas extraction - a network of well pads, new roads and transmission corridors - could have a significant impact on how game travels across the landscape. If drilling begins, hunters and anglers may find that access to their favorite fishing or hunting spot has changed or is now off limits due to nearby gas drilling.

The Need To Protect

Both the Delaware River Basin Commission and New York state currently have a moratorium on shale gas drilling until regulations are finalized. Before drilling is permitted in the Delaware River watershed, anglers and hunters are asking for a thoughtful scientific assessment of the overall impacts that would come with drilling thousands of gas wells. The results from the scientific assessment should determine: (1) if/where it is appropriate to locate well pads; (2) the distance needed between well pads to protect habitat; and (3) special areas where drilling and water withdrawals should be off limits. Conducting comprehensive planning before drilling begins is critical to ensuring the Delaware's hunting and fishing heritage is protected and that valuable natural resources are not compromised.

Letters To Mack

By Tom McCoy

Happy November!

Leaves are piling up on the lawn, daylight savings gone, cooler temperatures. The boat will come out as the salt season comes to a slow, cold end. Thanksgiving just around the corner, soon to be followed by the holidays after which we all go nuts waiting for the next fishing season. We tie flies, go to Somerset, look more carefully at what speakers will be at the next meeting and make plans to go, unless it snows.

Some of us go to the library. Either our public one or the one at home comprised of the books that comfort by transporting us to a trout stream while sitting in front of the fireplace, sipping a warm beverage (or a beverage that makes us warm). We read, for a second time or perhaps for the tenth, the adventures of our favorite authors who have stood on the shelf for these long months while we were having our own adventures. I think of the movie Toy Story and how the characters came to life once the boy left the room. I wonder if Travers talks to Lyons, who sits next to him.

I love those books. I also have a good number of books on the practice of our sport: flies and casting, strategy on the stream and the history, collectibles and art. I have always been comforted during my winter hiatus by all these books. But not last winter.

In the winter of 2013-14, my first as a retired person, I decided to create some books rather than read them. I had a head start as I have been writing for years. My first project was not a new work. I had written a book on How to Fly Fish years ago and had distributed it both as a Xerox copy and a PDF. I decided to self-publish this time rather than having Staples print services reproduce. Since I was going to make it a public document, I thought I should re-read it, with red pencil in hand. I modified it and sent for a proof copy – 4 times. The final work was published on January 23, 2014 and was just updated in October.

It took a lot of work and I was often tempted to expand it with more fishing knowledge. But the book was conceived to make it easy to take up this sport and I am convinced that most how to fly fish books cover way too much for a beginner. Also, they are often written in text book form. When was the last time you enjoyed reading a text book in front of the fire? So I did clean it up, (a lot), but stayed true to my simplified, colloquial approach and even added 8 stories to make it more entertaining. Many of you have seen the result.

My personal feeling is that those stories make the book. It puts the new fly fisherperson in the stream better than the preceding instruction. As I selected the 8 stories from over 140 I have written over the years, (mostly in the form of a letter to a good friend of mine), I decided to take the rest and organize them into another book. Back in 2005, after a couple of years out of work and determined to keep busy, I had assembled a loose-leaf collection which I labeled “Letters to Mack.” After publishing “How to” I took it down from the shelf. It was bulging with letters, notes, and clippings I found inspiring. My first thought was to just publish it as it was, offering the reader a unique (if flawed) document. They would get to see the real me, I rationalized, thinking the voyeuristic quality of reading someone else’s mail would be marketable.

I read a lot and admire well written, tightly constructed prose. So I over ruled the first idea and set out to edit the collection. I ordered the letters, put them together electronically, and began to edit with the goal of reducing each by 10% while correcting word use and sentence structure. That is, removing words in order to make the writing crisp. I referred to the writer’s resources on my shelf: Strunk and White, Eats Shoots and Leaves, the Chicago Book of Style, as well as my dictionary, thesaurus and, of course, my library of fishing books.

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After the first two passes, I had to decide how to organize the stories. I needed to take some out and add others. The next proof had 40 stories and was approaching the size of War and Peace. Even I got bored reading that many fishing stories. I decided to add a few non fishing letters and to cull the list down to no more than 20. It was hard. I also decided to put them in roughly chronological order, so the references in one would make sense when they showed up in the next.

As I eliminated chapters, I cut and pasted them in a second draft. As I pulled and replaced stories, I ended up with not one, but three books of letters. I worked on the first and after hundreds of hours of editing, correcting, and reorganizing, as well as working with the CreateSpace.com web site, Letters to Mack, Book One: Correspondence on a Fishing Life emerged.

Once I completed the multiple drafts and proofs that resulted in the current book, I turned my attention to Letters to Mack Book 2: Correspondence from Montana to Montauk which will be released in December. Book 3: Correspondence from Islamorada to Pulaski is also underway and should be out in the first half of 2015.

So this winter, as you are thirsting for the next season to start, take a look at Letters to Mack as a way to put yourself back on the stream, out on the boat, or hiking in the mountains. Don't be surprised if you recognize the characters and the places for I am not a novelist or a short story writer – I am a teller of stories – true stories.

I hope you enjoy it.

Letters To Mack will be available at the next LITU Meeting for \$10 with 30% going back to the Chapter.

Also on Amazon and Kindle. See the following links:

<https://www.createspace.com/5015565>

And <http://www.amazon.com/dp/1502497603>

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Governor Cuomo Announces Connetquot Hatchery To Reopen

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the Connetquot River State Park Preserve hatchery will reopen next year, helping to reinvigorate the rich trout fishing tradition on Long Island's Connetquot River. The Environmental Protection Fund will pay for \$150,000 in upgrades to the historic hatchery, which will begin this winter.

"This State Park has long been one of the premiere fly-fishing destinations in the country – and today we are laying the groundwork to continue that legacy by restoring a sustainable fish population on the Connetquot River," Governor Cuomo said. "Bringing this hatchery back into operation will help ensure that anglers continue to come from all over to seek out prized trout on the Connetquot, and that Long Island's rich heritage of outstanding freshwater fishing will continue for years to come."

The hatchery in Oakdale has been closed since 2008, after Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis (IPN) was detected. Though harmless to people, IPN is a contagious disease that can be fatal to young fish of the Salmonid family, including Rainbow, Brook and Brown trout. State Parks has since worked with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to eliminate IPN from fish in the river and develop the plan to reopen the hatchery.

To reduce the chance of a reinfection, the project will install a bio-secure well and generator to provide a fresh supply of groundwater to the hatchery. Project work will begin this fall. Fish cultivation is expected to begin in 2015, with the first trout release occurring in late 2016 or early 2017.

The new system is expected to eventually produce 30,000-35,000 trout 12 inches or greater in size on an annual basis, restoring the Connetquot River fishery as well as providing trout for Caleb Smith State Park Preserve and other Long Island parks. Until the hatchery is at full production, the park will continue stocking the river with outside sources of trout.

The project is funded by a \$150,000 Environmental Protection Fund grant awarded through Governor Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Council initiative. The Friends of Connetquot and other local fishing clubs will contribute \$10,000 to purchase eggs needed to begin cultivating fish.

State Parks Commissioner Rose Harvey said, "I'm grateful for the partnership of the Friends of Connetquot and local fishing clubs to help the state keep the Connetquot flowing with an abundance of high-quality trout. This is another huge step forward in Governor Cuomo's dedication to reopening and revitalizing State Park facilities, and maximizing the huge economic potential of tourism and outdoor recreation."

Richard Remmer, director of the Friends of Connetquot and member of the Long Island State Parks Commission, said, "This is a win-win scenario for anglers, students and the economy. Thanks to the efforts of Governor Cuomo, New York State Parks Commissioner Rose Harvey and Regional Director Wayne Horsley, programs for Wounded Warriors, Casting for Recovery, Scouts and BOCES will soon be returning to Connetquot. My father, my children and I learned to fly fish at Connetquot. By reopening the Hatchery this incredible opportunity will be available for generations to come."

DEC Commissioner Joe Martens said, "Trout fishing has long been one of the most popular sports for New York anglers and now they will have additional opportunities to fish the Connetquot River. This project reflects Governor Cuomo's commitment to expanding fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation across New York, and this hatchery will provide benefits to anglers and local communities on Long Island."

Governor Cuomo launched the NY Open for Fishing and Hunting Initiative to improve recreational activities for in-state and out-of-state sportsmen and sportswomen and to boost tourism opportunities throughout the state, while maintaining New York's fishing and wildlife programs. In support of this initiative, \$10 million in NY Works funding has been dedicated to fish hatchery repairs and 50 new land and water access projects such as boat launches, hunting blinds, trails and parking areas.

According to a 2013 report by the American Sportfishing Association, New York ranks second only to Florida in angler expenditures. Sportfishing has a total impact of nearly \$4.5 billion and supports 32,000 jobs in New York State.

The 3,473-acre Connetquot River State Park Preserve was founded in 1866 as the Southside Sportsmen's Club and acquired by the state in 1973. Deer and waterfowl are plentiful, rare nesting birds, including osprey, are present and there are numerous rare plants in their natural habitats. The preserve also has 50 miles of hiking, horseback riding, cross-country ski and nature trails.

Boy Scouts Direct Appeal Progress / Update

By Jay Mooney

As many of you know by now, besides being a past President of LITU and the Editor of our newsletter Paumonok, I am also an Assistant District Commissioner of Pequott District, Member at Large, Council Advisor, and Senior Fly Fishing Instructor for the Theodore Roosevelt Council (TRC) of Nassau County, NY of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

As previously written, over this past summer the Theodore Roosevelt Council of BSA has just resurrected the fly fishing and fishing merit badge's at the Council's sleep away camp (Onteora), in upstate Livingston Manor, New York. Our program is a one week course that encompasses all our great sport of fly fishing and fishing has to offer - casting, entomology, fly tying, equipment, the environment, conservation, and of course, catching fish. We offer this course for eight weeks over the summer.

Since the course was such a success, we've now expanded to offer it to individuals as well as Troops, for their Merit Badge requirements. I'm happy to say the response has been overwhelming.

The major problem we were experiencing is that since this course has just been resurrected, we had virtually no equipment to use for instruction. I had been using my own personal rods, reels, line, fly tying materials, etc. LITU had graciously lent us some older fly rods and a handful of fly tying vises. When they were available, we have even had the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum lend us a few vises to get the fly tying requirement taught. Needless to say, after casting, tying, and teaching with eight to ten boys per day over those five weeks, my personal equipment really had the hell knocked out of it.

I'm happy to report that I have more good news for you : with the generous help of some of our chapter members along with TU National and Orvis, we have made significant strides towards obtaining our goals! We now have 9 fly rod / reel outfits, a fair amount of fly tying material and some scissors and other tools. We are almost there!

As of now, we can still use some tying equipment. We are desperately in need of fly tying vises, hooks, basic materials, and tools.

We've found for the vises that pedestal mounts work a lot better for the young men than the C clamp models, (It seems they can maneuver better with the pedestals). Hook sizes we need would be from 10 to 14. We can always use scissors, bobbins, threaders, picks / half hitch tools, hackle pliers, and pretty much any other tool used for fly tying. Material such as thread, yarn, hackle, chenille, head cement, and applicators are always needed.

Besides the above tying equipment and materials, we can still use a couple of more rods and reels (or outfits) as well as leaders, tippet, flies, nets, fly lines and backing.

No donation is either too big or too small. ANYTHING new or gently used will be greatly appreciated. I have worked out some extremely outstanding deals with Orvis, LL Bean and Reddington and Ross. So if you don't have any new or gently used equipment to donate, we will happily take cash / check donations too. Believe me, it will ALL get put to good use.

I will be at our next chapter meeting if you would like to drop off any equipment and/or cash/check donations to me then. Please make any checks out to me, Jay Mooney and note BSA Equipment on your check.

If you have any questions or concerns, please drop me a line at AdirondackJ@AOL.com or even feel free to call me at 516-221-5599.

I sincerely thank you in advance for any donation you can make.



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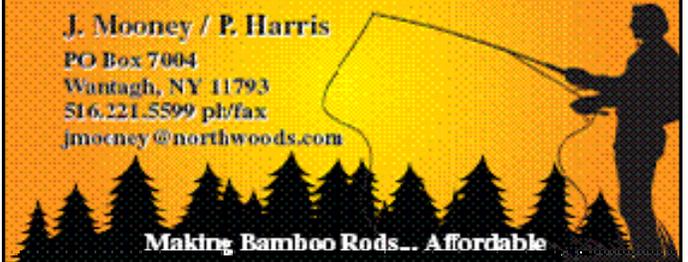
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Toxic Plume Spreading

SEAFORD - A toxic plume stemming from the Northrop Grumman site in Bethpage is spreading, according to officials.

According to the Navy, the toxic plume hasn't yet hit Seaford or Massapequa but it has travelled as far south as Hempstead Turnpike. As recently as last week, elevated levels of contaminants were found in monitoring wells in the area. The contaminants originated from work done decades ago by Grumman and the Navy in Bethpage. That resulted in an underground plume of toxic chemicals, including some believed to cause cancer.

Massapequa Water District Superintendent Stan Carey and others are frustrated that the state's Department of Environmental Conservation is not being more proactive to protect the drinking water of a quarter-million Long Island residents." The leading edge of the plume has to be located and recovery wells installed so that the plume can be pulled out of the ground, treated to drinking water standards and then put back into the ground," said Carey. Water officials and residents want the state to force Grumman and the Navy to pick up the cost of that project.

They say the DEC is not cooperating.

A project manager from the U.S. Navy announced that a toxic plume is continuing to migrate from the contaminated superfund site in Bethpage.

At a public meeting Wednesday night, U.S. Navy Remedial Project Manager Lora Fly said that the toxic plume, which originated at the Northrop Grumman site, has spread as far south as the Hempstead Turnpike in Bethpage.

