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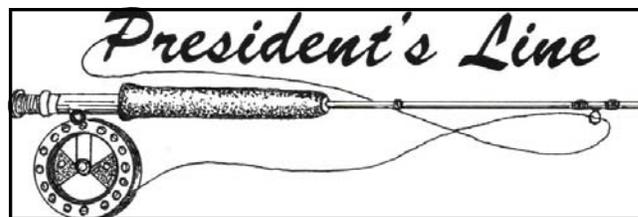
We believe that trout and salmon fishing isn't just fishing for trout and salmon. It's fishing for sport rather than food, where the true enjoyment of the sport lies in the challenge, the lore, the battle of wits, not necessarily the full creel. It's the feeling of satisfaction that comes from limiting 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.



Next meeting:
Tuesday, April 15th
at 7:30 PM

Skills Night

Come and test your knot tying, casting and other fishing skills in a friendly competition of speed and accuracy



The word of the day is — BANQUET! Less than a month away, we are working hard to pull it all together. We need your help. How can you help? Well if you have not sent in your reservation

do so right away so we can get you and your friends a good seat. (See Tony Jones' note on pg. 4) Next, if you'd like to make a donation to our auction of some item of value you have or if you'd just like to donate some fine wine or fishing item you'll purchase - call Peter 516 764 0412 or Boyd 516 433 3968 immediately. See you on April 18th - and be sure to get there early! Bar opens at 6 PM.

We also have a monthly meeting that same week on the 15th and it's a fun night of testing our skills against time and each other. Events include Tying a Royal Coachman, Rig-A-Rod, Tying a Blood Knot, Tying a Nail Knot and Accuracy Casting. Come on down!

Note the call for volunteers on Page 3 for the Oyster Bay, Carlls and Massapequa projects as well as the workshop on Stream Restoration Principles and Practice. This course is great for those of you interested in expanding our conservation efforts to more streams. Don't miss the Brook Trout news on pg 4 and on pg 5. There is a thank you from our adopted serviceman on pg 6 as well as an interview with the most senior TU member in our Chapter - John Herman. The wind up is pg 7 with fly of the month from Tony Jones and information on our Spring outing.

I hope to see you all at the meeting and BANQUET! Until then - let's remember to do what we can to *Educate, Conserve, Protect and Restore!*
Tight Lines.

Bob Lutz

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
ACT NOW or sent to a friend!

YES! Please begin my membership in *Trout Unlimited* at the Special Introductory rate of \$17.50 (regularly \$35). I understand my dues payment entitles me to all regular membership benefits, including a ID card, TU decal, quarterly issues of *Trout Magazine*, as well as membership in **Chapter 069 - The Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited (LITU)**.

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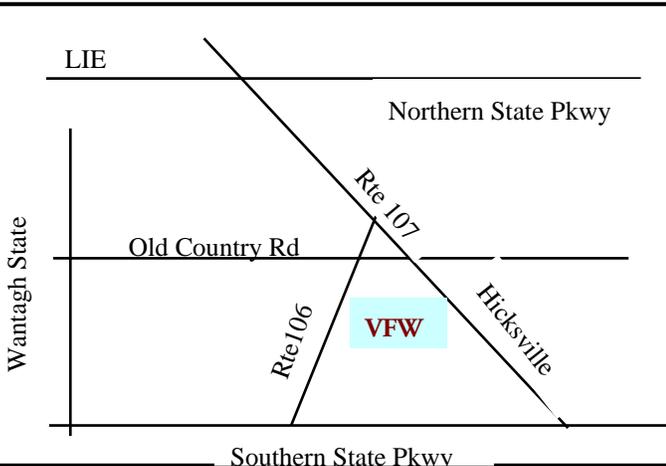
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April 2	Directors Meeting, Marriott Residence Inn Plainview — 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY**
April 15	General Meeting, 7:30 PM **3rd TUESDAY**
April 18	Annual Conservation Banquet Get your reservations in soon!
May 7	Directors Meeting, Marriott Residence Inn Plainview — 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY**
May 20	General Meeting, 7:30 PM **3rd TUESDAY**
June 6-8	Annual Beaverkill Weekend At the Riverside
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Conservation

Upcoming dates for stream work on the North and South shores:

Oyster Bay-Cold Spring Harbor Watershed Tributary Survey Saturday, March 29th @ 9am (Inclement Weather Day: April 26th) and Sunday, April 13th @ 9am (Inclement Weather Day: Saturday, April 26th). The tributaries remaining to be surveyed are: Kaintuck Cr, Factory Pond Cr, Spring Cr, Tiffany Cr, and some smaller streams in/around Lloyd Neck. This should conclude the fieldwork portion of the Tributary Surveys associated with the Grant that we were awarded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) - Long Island Sound Study (LISS) Futures Fund for the Oyster Bay-Cold Spring Harbor Watershed Fish Passage Assessment Project. We will meet in the morning outside the Waterfront Center in the Beekman Beach parking lot, at the end of West End Avenue, west of Larrabee Avenue in Oyster Bay.

Carlls River & Massapequa Creek Temperature Datalogger Deployment

Saturday, April 26th @ 9am (Inclement Weather Day: Saturday, May 4th) *This date is dependent on the OB-CSHW Trib Surveys taking place on the days scheduled.* We will meet in the parking lot adjacent to the Carlls River on Park Ave in Babylon Village. First, we will be deploying the 10 temperature dataloggers on Carlls River and then the 2 on Massapequa Creek at around noon-ish. This will be the 7th year we will be putting the dataloggers in Carlls River and the 2nd year in Massapequa Creek.

Please email jcplackis@optonline.net if you would be interested in lending a hand. If you have helped us with a survey in the past, we could really use your assistance again in Oyster Bay. We are looking for about 6-8 volunteers for each of the Tributary Surveys and 4 volunteers for the datalogger deployment.

Current Projects

North Shore

Beaver Brook (Shu Swamp) - Brook Trout Restoration
Beaver Lake Dam Fish Ladder Replacement
Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Watershed Fish Passage Assessment

Nissequogue River Watershed Management Plan
Harrison Pond Dam Breach (Harrison Creek Restoration)

South Shore

Massapequa Creek Temperature Study
Massapequa Creek Watershed Management Plan
NCDPW Massapequa Preserve Stream-flow Augmentation & Pond Restoration

Liberty Industrial Finishing Superfund Site Restoration
- *Massapequa Lake Fish Ladder*

Carlls River Temperature Study
Carlls River Watershed Management Plan
Carlls River Fish Passage Assessment
Greens Creek / Browns River Watershed Management Plan
Browns River Fish Passage Assessment

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NYSCTU WORKSHOP: STREAM RESTORATION PRINCIPLES & PRACTICE

Helping TU volunteers promote the best possible care of our fragile trout waters is the primary goal of this weekend event hosted by NYSCTU's Resource Management Team. This workshop will focus upon applying river & fisheries science to define stream & fisheries problems & selecting and testing interventions.

This workshop will run Friday evening 7 PM 5/16, through 3PM Sunday afternoon 5/18 at the SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry Environmental Education Center at the Charles Lathrop Pack Demonstration Forest located on Rt. 9 2 miles North of Warrensburg, NY. (Bring your fishing gear as you will have some time to wet a line in local streams.)

Classroom & Field Training will:

Review: river mechanics, bankfull principles & assessment methods; Examine stream processes using the Emriver stream simulator; Explore the "Limiting Factor" concept in fisheries restoration; Examine geomorphic restoration principles and applications; Groups will be given real stream problems to tackle, propose interventions, construct model interventions and test them using the Emriver unit.

On site male & female bunkhouse lodging with showers is provided. (Sorry, no camping allowed.) All participants will need to bring a sleeping bag, towel and toiletries. Food will be catered to site as part of the \$45 participation fee that also includes instructional material. (\$90 for non TU participants). Suggested materials include: short boots, wet wading gear, note pad & pencil, small pocket calculator. Other materials will be provided either in advance as printable downloads, or at the workshop.

All participants will need to register in advance & send their \$45 (or \$90) fee payable to NYSCTU to: John Braico, 10 Ashley Place, Queensbury, NY 12804, 518 793-1135 Fax 798-9576 Email: jbraico@aol.com . Limited to 30 participants (minimum of 10).

Help stop the spread of invasive plants and viruses:

CHECK - your boots and boats before leaving a stream and remove any obvious clumps of algae and dirt. Leave them at the site.

CLEAN - Soak and scrub all items for at least one minute in either hot water, a 2% solution of bleach or 5% solution of dishwashing soap.

DRY - Let your gear dry for 48 hours before using in another water way.

For more info go to www.nysctu.org

A Watershed Moment for our Watershed Natives

By John Fischer



It was exactly 11:58 AM on Feb. 25th, 2008 when the watershed moment arrived. I couldn't believe what I had just witnessed but I knew it was significant. Being a former cop who remembers being asked about times and places made me well prepared for

recording it. What was this big deal? And why is it so momentous?

This was not the first time I had taken part in an electro-fishing survey of Beaver Brook in the Shu Swamp section of the Frank T Church Preserve in Mill Neck. It was the fourth time in five years. About 6 or 7 years ago we had removed the last of an earlier Brown Trout stocking in order to prepare to return the stream to its historical native Brook Trout population. We did this by stocking the stream with a good amount of fingerlings from the Cold Spring Harbor Fish hatchery. In addition to that initial brook trout fry stocking the stream only received fingerling sized trout of 1 ¾ inch to 3 inch from the Trout in the Classroom each spring in May. Since that time we would survey for holdover Brook trout and check for evidence of natural reproduction and/or spawning activities. While we had found holdover Brook Trout each time, we had not observed convincing evidence of spawning or reproduction of trout. By proof we would need to find and document young of the year fry size fish (about an inch long at this time of year). Here is what we were looking for and found at that fateful moment on the 25th day of February in 2008. The first picture of a spawned natural reproduction Brook Trout as it lies on the DEC measuring board. We documented another 20 or so young of the year trout fry, a true watershed moment if there ever was one.

Here are pictures of some of the holdovers who may have taken part in that spawning activity. All of the fish were released right away into the stream waters of Beaver Brook in Mill Neck, NY. This will lead to a reclassification of the stream by NYS DEC to a designated Trout Reproduction/Spawning stream. The natives are returning.



LAST CHANCE!

If your LITU banquet invitation is still sitting on the kitchen table, it's time for you to do something about it. This is one of the biggest fishing conservation events on Long Island, and you shouldn't miss it. There will be great prizes to be had, but you have to be there in order to win. The Stuart Thomas Manor has cooked up a great menu for us, and Friday, April 18, 2008 is just around the corner. I can't tell you how excited I am that I've already made my reservation. In closing, I would like to say that there is still time for you to get your reservation in. I guarantee that you won't be disappointed.

If you need more information, contact Tom LoProto at 516-385-8655.

Tony Jones

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March Meeting



The meeting was well attended. Jeff Plackis asked for volunteers for the Oyster Bay Survey. George Costa (above) President of Art Flick Chapter, spoke about the installation of the Carman River Fish Passage. There will be an official dedication of the fish passage on April 1 but the fish didn't hear this & alewives have already been spotted entering the passage. This opens three additional miles of the river to anadromous fish.

It was our annual open house and thanks to the following members for pitching in:

Tony Jones, Paul McCain, Boyd Shockley - Fly Tying
 Joe Odierna, Jeff Plackis - Vests, Chest Packs etc
 Jay Mooney & Marc Gilman - Rods
 Scott Beck - Fishing Equipment
 Paul Lehmann - Knot Tying
 John Fischer Entomology
 Sol Harz - Waders & Boots

Heritage Brook Trout confirmed in NJ according to March 24th Newsday article.

TRENTON, N.J. - A new report shows that a type of ancestral fish that some biologists feared had been wiped out are still alive in NJ streams. Brook trout - New Jersey's official fish since 1992 - were swimming in local streams 10,000 years ago, before humankind was farming. They are the state's only native trout species and populated local waters after the last ice age. However, some biologists feared the "heritage" trout had been lost to interbreeding with hatchery trout that the state stocked in wild streams up until 1990.

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A thank you from our first Adopted Serviceman:

Hello LITUer's -

Heading out to fly, but just got your email from France and had to send a quick note. I got your package two days ago - a great surprise! I was just having a conversation about my one fly-fishing experience, just a week before. I should have plenty of time to practice my casting out here, despite the lack of quality outdoor scenery. It was very generous of you and the Orvis store to put this together. While I'm sure there are many more deserving servicemen, this was a timely boost in my morale. We've been kicking butts non-stop since we've arrived in theater, and haven't had much down time. This will be a welcome diversion from ops. Gotta run...heading out to OEF. I'll be wearing my new hat proudly on the cruise up to the AO - hopefully we'll get some action. Thanks again for everything, it really made my day and will make this deployment a bit easier.

Capt Jim Corrigan

Here's a link about one of our squadron's recent strikes: <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123089666>

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LITU Mentoring Program

I hate to walk into a strange room for the first time. If you are like me and have not been to a meeting - **this is for you.** Peter Harris chairs the Mentoring Committee whose mission it is to make you feel more comfortable when you come to your first meeting. He will greet you and introduce you to other folks in the room. He will buddy you up with an active member who can explain the meeting format, fill you in on the activities and introduce you to the rest of us. Just ask for Pete Harris when you arrive.

Please, don't let shyness keep you away.

Meet our Members



Many of you know John Herman by the beautiful nets he makes and donates to our Banquet. According to Sol Harz, John is the senior most TU member to regularly attend chapter meetings (Check out his card to the

left)

Ed: When did you catch your first fish?

JH: I was about 11 or 12 when I caught a Sucker on one of the local streams in PA where we lived. I ran home and made my mother cook it! As for trout, my first was on Roe Jan Creek in Copake Falls, NY a few years later.

Ed: How did you get into Fly Fishing?

JH: My wife and I were touring through Vermont when we came upon the Orvis shop and met some fly fishermen. I watched them fish for a while and it looked like quite an artistic way to catch a fish. Some years later I went back and took their course on how to fly fish and was hooked.

Ed: How did you come to join TU?

JH: I subscribed to a fly fishing magazine and saw an ad stating that some one was starting a group called Trout Unlimited. It sounded like a good idea so I joined in 1970. I lived in Manhattan and the meetings were at the Williams Club on East 37th Street. Most of the members were professional men, although they were all very nice to me, it was a hard crowd to keep up with, if you know what I mean. I am not sure when I switched over to LITU but I do recall that one of the first fellows I met at the old meeting hall in a church basement in Bethpage, was Peter Dubno.

Ed: Any advice on how we can do things better ?

JH: I think you men are doing a fine job; I'm just sorry I can't be of more assistance. I still attend a few meetings to keep an eye on what's up. I am impressed by all that is getting done.

Ed: How did you get into making those beautiful nets?

JH: When I first started fishing I couldn't afford a good net but having access to a workshop and some good cherry wood, I made one. I enjoyed it and have been making them ever since. I am always amazed at how they draw such high bids at the banquet auctions. I also bought some fly rod blanks and built a few rods but never really got into fly tying.

Ed: Which rod is your favorite? Which fly?

JH: I have so many rods...probably the 6'6" 3 weight and my favorite flies are the Royal Coachman and the Light Cahill.

Ed: What is your fondest memory of belonging to LITU?

JH: So many - but probably the weekend Sol, John, Peter, Boyd and I spent upstate with our wives. It was great.

Ed: Do you have a favorite stream?

JH: I have fished a few different places from our backyard to Montana but with out a doubt my favorite will always be Roe Jan Creek in Copake Falls, NY.

Ed: Any advice to new folks?

JH: Yes. Join a TU chapter and you'll meet as nice a bunch of people as there are. Tight lines!



Fly of the Month

Beadhead Flashback GRHE
from Tony Jones



Hook: Standard nymph or scud hook size 14-20.
Thread: Brown 8/0.
Ribbing: Gold wire or gold tinsel.
Tail: Pheasant tail fibers.
Body: Hares ear dubbing.
Wingcase: Pearl tinsel or flashback.
Thorax: Hares ear dubbing.
Bead: Gold 3/32 or 5/64



Greetings from
Greco on the Fly

Heading to the Florida Keys this spring or Montana this summer? Give Brett a call:

(406) 640 2627

Annual Spring Outing

We will be staying at the Riverside Lodge & Cafe in Horton, New York, with access to the most picturesque streams in the Catskills...truly "Blue Ribbon" water. There should be plenty of excellent fishing possibilities for all. See details below.



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(Note: A \$5.00 donation to LITU's Conservation Fund has been included in the cost of the trip. Thank you!)

Reservation Form

Name 1: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ TU Member #: _____
Name 2: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ TU Member #: _____

\$80.00 NON-REFUNDABLE Deposit per person.

(Note: Includes \$5.00 donation to LITU's Conservation Fund. Thank you!)

Make deposit checks payable to "Jeff Plackis"
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Jeff Plackis

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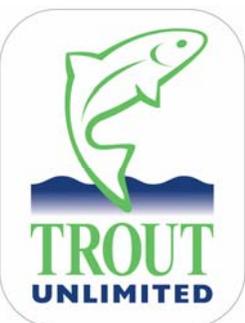
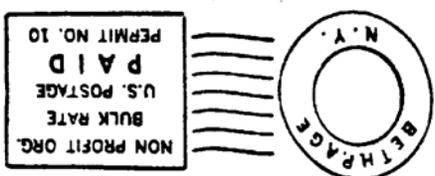
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On the 3rd
Tuesday
At 7:30 PM

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Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 PM

Annual Skills Night

Come test your skills

Email Subscribers - See page 9 -10 for:

A chuckle of a story

Join Trout Unlimited - Help Preserve Our Cold Water Fisheries
Membership Application on Page 7.

Letter to Property Owner:

SUBJECT: DEQ File No.97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec. 20;

It has come to the attention of the Department that there has been recent unauthorized activity on the above referenced parcel of property. You have been certified as the legal landowner and/or contractor who did the following unauthorized activity: Construction and maintenance of two wood debris dams across the outlet stream of Spring Pond.

A permit must be issued prior to the start of this type of activity. A review of the Department's files shows that no permits have been issued. Therefore, the Department has determined that this activity is in violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the State Compiled Laws, annotated.

The Department has been informed that one or both of the dams partially failed during a recent rain event, causing debris and flooding at downstream locations. We find that dams of this nature are inherently hazardous and cannot be permitted. The Department therefore orders you to cease and desist all activities at this location, and to restore the stream to a free-flow condition by removing all wood and brush forming the dams from the stream channel. All restoration work shall be completed no later than January 31, 2007.

Please notify this office when the restoration has been completed so that a follow-up site inspection may be scheduled by our staff. Failure to comply with this request or any further unauthorized activity on the site may result in this case being referred for elevated enforcement action. We anticipate and would appreciate your full cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact me at this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely, District Representative and Water Management Division.

Here is the response:

Re: DEQ File No. 97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec. 20;

Your certified letter dated 12/17/06 has been handed to me to respond to. I am the legal landowner but not the Contractor at said address. A couple of beavers are in the (State unauthorized) process of constructing and maintaining two wood "debris" dams across the outlet stream of my Spring Pond. While I did not pay for, authorize, nor supervise their dam project, I think they would be highly offended that you call their skillful use of nature's building materials "debris."



I would like to challenge your department to attempt to emulate their dam project any time and/or any place you choose. I believe I can safely state there is no way you could ever match their dam skills, their dam resourcefulness, their dam ingenuity, their dam persistence, their dam determination and/or their dam work ethic.

As to your request, I do not think the beavers are aware that they must first fill out a dam permit prior to the start of this type of dam activity.

My first dam question to you is:

- (1) Are you trying to discriminate against my Spring Pond Beavers, or
- (2) do you require all beavers throughout this State to conform to said dam request?

If you are not discriminating against these particular beavers, through the Freedom of Information Act, I request completed copies of all those other applicable beaver dam permits that have been issued.

(Perhaps we will see if there really is a dam violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the State Compiled Laws, annotated.)

I have several dam concerns. My first dam concern is, aren't the beavers entitled to legal representation? The Spring Pond Beavers are financially destitute and are unable to pay for said representation -- so the State will have to provide them with a dam lawyer.

The Department's dam concern that either one or both of the dams failed during a recent rain event, causing flooding, is proof that this is a natural occurrence, which the Department is required to protect. In other words, we should leave the Spring Pond Beavers alone rather than harassing them and calling them dam names.

If you want the dammed stream "restored" to a dam free-flow condition please contact the beavers -- but if you are going to arrest them, they obviously did not pay any attention to your dam letter, they being unable to read English.

In my humble opinion, the Spring Pond Beavers have a right to build their unauthorized dams as long as the sky is blue, the grass is green and water flows downstream. They have more dam rights than I do to live and enjoy Spring Pond. If the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection lives up to its name, it should protect the natural resources (Beavers) and the environment (Beavers' Dams).

So, as far as the beavers and I are concerned, this dam case can be referred for more elevated enforcement action right now. Why wait until 1/31/2007? The Spring Pond Beavers may be under the dam ice by then and there will be no way for you or your dam staff to contact/harass them.

In conclusion, I would like to bring to your attention to a real environmental quality, health, problem in the area. It is the bears! Bears are actually defecating in our woods. I definitely believe you should be persecuting the defecating bears and leave the beavers alone. If you are going to investigate the beaver dam, watch your dam step! The bears are not careful where they dump!

Being unable to comply with your dam request, and being unable to contact you on your dam answering machine, I am sending this response to your dam office.

THANK YOU



Forwarded by Ray Thies