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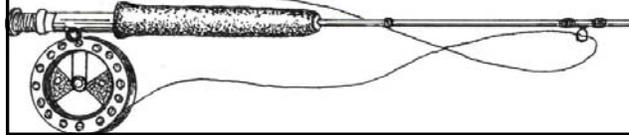
T.U. PHILOSOPHY

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, December 16th at 7:30 PM
Holiday Party!

President's Line



November's meeting was quite informative with both NYS Parks and NYS-DEC sharing their insight and knowledge on the IPN virus and Connetquot Park. A lot of questions seemed to be answered.

Our upcoming Holiday Party is always a great time. Please bring a dish of your own creation or choosing. In the past we've had smoked trout, venison meat balls and good ol' pigs in a blanket. See what you can add to the fare. And please bring a friend too!

The banquet committee had its first meeting and is asking all members to consider making a donation. Anything from fishing tackle to a good bottle of wine and everything in between. Any donations are appreciated. For more info contact Pete Dubno or Boyd Shockley.

Trout In the Classroom is off to a great start with another new record of 26 schools! Thanks to John Fischer for all of his hard work and dedication to this program.

Our "Special" speaker for this year's January meeting will be Bob Jacklin. Besides being one of the best and most respected fly tyers and fisherman around, Bob is just one of the nicest and most down to earth people you will ever meet. Bob will be speaking about some of his history, his flies, and his fishing. He will also be tying some of his own creations so come down early to see his work and to chat with him. Remember, the date for this meeting is **Wednesday January 21** and is in the large meeting room of the VFW.

The Hicksville VFW has asked us to work with them on a couple of projects. First, please bring any old, unwanted fishing magazines you may have laying around to the December meeting. The VFW is taking up a collection of these magazines to send to our troops overseas and our chapter will be handing them over the night of our Holiday Party. Secondly, please bring almost anything you can think of a soldier stationed overseas can use. Again, the VFW is sending care packages to our troops stationed overseas, hopefully in time for the holidays. These donations can be something as simple as a box of pencils to something more "extravagant" like packets of travel tissues. A lot of things we take for granted here at home are in high demand over there. Small donations like these can help make a kid away from home feel a bit better during the holidays. Please see page 4 for more information and suggestions on this.

Finally, as the holiday season is upon us, let's all take some time out of our busy lives to give thanks for all that we have and most importantly, for our families and friends. It's important to thank them for their love, care, support and understanding. I would like to wish each and everyone of you the special warmth of the Holiday Season. I hope you find it filled with peace, joy and happiness for you and your family now, and through the New Year. Best Fishes and Wishes for the Holidays, *Jay Mooney*

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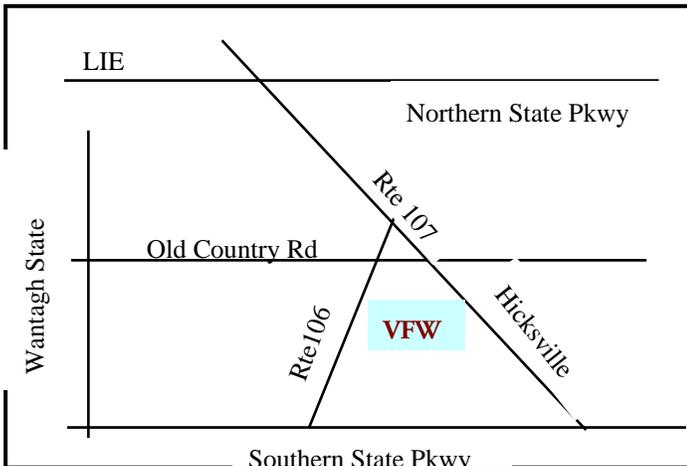
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Dec 3	Directors Meeting, Marriott Residence Inn Plainview — 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY**
Dec 16	General Meeting, 7:30 PM **3rd TUESDAY**
	Holiday Party—Bring a dish or treat to share and come enjoy camaraderie and some great raffle prizes!
Jan 7	Directors Meeting, Marriott Residence Inn Plainview — 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY**
Jan 21	Special Meeting, 7:30 PM 3rd WEDNESDAY
	Bob Jacklin WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER!
	Go to www.LongIslandTU.org for a more complete calendar And much more

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Conservation

Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor



Watershed and Fish Passage Assessment

On November 19, the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Watershed and Fish Passage Assessment public meeting was held, hosted by Friends of the Bay, the Environmental Defense Fund, and Long Island Trout Unlimited. In attendance were some 25 residents, including members of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Services and New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation. Those present were informed of LITU's 43 Stream Visual Assessments on 12 1/2 miles of streams, in which we found 18 significant barriers and 35 culverts. Some of which pose a barrier to upstream migration in these fragmented streams. In addition, studies performed on Oyster Bay Mill Pond showed the pond's percent of sediment is at or greater than 72%, with unacceptable levels of algae, dissolved oxygen, nutrients, and pollutants.

According to the New York State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS), all diadromous species in New York are listed as Species of Greatest Conservation Need, and barriers to migration are listed as major threats within the Lower Hudson-Long Island Bays region.

Alewives, rainbow smelt, nine-spine stickleback, American eel, white perch and the relatively unknown hogchoker are a large portion of diadromous fish historically or currently found in the watershed, yet it is the brook trout, a beautiful and valuable indicator of the health of a watershed, and our state fish, once native and wild throughout Long Island, which we aim to restore in the Oyster Bay / Cold Spring Harbor Watershed. Through dam removal or installation of a fish ladder, and other necessary improvements, we might actually restore the brook trout's sea-run.

But before a decision is reached on our wisest options, we are reaching out to the community, to inform and learn from you. What you know of the watershed, its wildlife, development and weather history, are very important facts that will play into the successful restoration of the Oyster Bay / Cold Spring Harbor Watershed.

Marc Gilman

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**Tom Schlichter's L I Fishing
Calendar**

Where can you catch big stripers on June's full moon? What color bucktails work best for August fluke? Are the trout stocked yet? You'll learn the answers to these questions and more while flipping through the pages of *Long Island's Best Fishing 2009 Calendar*, by *Newsday outdoors columnist Tom Schlichter*.

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- *Chex Mix
- *Crackers
- *Cookies
- *Single Serving Bagged Chips
- *Little Debbie Snack Cakes
- *Rice Krispie Treats
- *Dry Cereal (small boxes)
- *Microwave Popcorn
- *Granola Bars
- *Power Bars
- *Raisins
- *Dried Fruit
- *Tuna or Chicken (canned or in a pouch)
- *Sardines
- *Spices
- *Oatmeal
- *Salsa
- *Lollipops
- *Hard Candy
- *Bubble Gum
- *Fast Food Condiments
- *Canned or Instant soup
- *Ramen Noodles and Cup a Soup
- *Kraft Easy Mac

PERSONAL ITEMS:

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- *Toothbrushes
- *Mouth Wash
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- *Contact lens cleaner
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- *Lotion
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Nov. Meeting



The VFW Hall where we hold our meetings is becoming more of a partner. They will display the memorabilia that Captain Corrigan, our first adopt a service person awardee donated to the chapter including

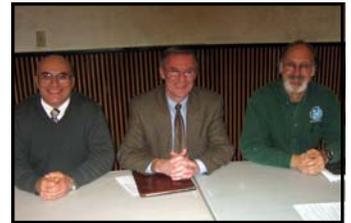
the flag in the photo. In addition they will be recommending other LI service people for the award. They are also donating a space for us to store some of our Chapter gear and ask in return that we all chip in with items for goodie packages that they send overseas each month. Just bring any useful item to the next meeting. They also are looking for fishing magazines!

We had an informative presentation and discussion with representatives of both the NYS Parks department and DEC on the IPN issues facing Connetquot State Park Hatchery. There has been so much banter back and forth that it was great to finally hear "from the horse's mouth" what is really going on. The discussion was opened by Ron Foley, Director for LI Reg. of NYS Parks. John Kowalchyk, Deputy Reg. Dir. for LI Parks distributed an information sheet with both short and long term actions which he went over in detail. Chart Guthrie, Regional Fisheries Manager then offered DEC's perspective. John prefaced his remarks with the fact that this is an evolving plan and may be modified as we all move forward.

A sample of trout were taken to the Lab in Rome NY a few weeks ago to confirm the extent of the disease among them. Previously DEC as identified IPN in fish throughout the Connetquot system but not in other streams or lakes tested. The hope is that it is isolated to this area and can be dealt with. One of the strategies is to lower the population in the river, especially directly above the hatchery and it was repeated that this IPN is not harmful to humans. The allowable catch limit has been increased to 10 fish a day and all anglers are being encouraged to keep the limit. This is because a crowded population facilitates the transmission of the disease between fish. It is also transmitted from parent to spawn They are currently closing a cleaning each pool of the hatchery and will then test to see if IPN free fish can be raised in the existing structure, once repaired and cleaned.

Disinfecting stations are being considered for all fisherperson to use before and after visiting the park and only rubber soled waders will be permitted.

These questions were among those asked: why can't we wade in the water above the hatchery during the time of trying to lower populations? (Will consider the question);



Why can't we wear chest waders? (Will consider the question); Is IPN in other species? (Not that they found); Will Connetquot become a golf course if the IPN can't be eradicated (Absolutely not). We sincerely appreciate DEC and Parks for attending and bring us up to date. It was asked if there was anything LITU can do to help. They will let us know as the project progresses.

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Meet our Members

An Interview with Sol Harz

Ed: When did you first start fishing and how did you catch your first fish?

SH: I first started fishing when I was 18. When I joined the NYPD one of the trainees in my class, Harry Rintoul, was consumed with hunting and fishing. He kind of infected me with his disease. Harry lived on a canal in Freeport and had a wooden rowboat with an old cranky motor that we used to venture out into the Great South Bay to hunt for ducks & fish for flounder. Those were the days when you could go out with some clams (that Harry dug) and fill your limit without much effort. When we became police officers we were assigned to different boroughs with different schedules so it was difficult to get together - plus I now had a family.

Ed: How did you get involved with catching trout and TU ?

SH: Fast forward 22 years & I was getting ready to retire from the NYPD and realized that I needed a hobby. I used to live in Oakdale and drove past Bubbles Falls twice a day for nearly 15 years without stopping to see what the attraction was. I decided to try to join the hoards that fished there right after stocking. The DEC used to stock 2000-3000 trout over the spring stocking and catching a limit (10 trout back then) became a frequent occurrence. Felicia and I didn't mind spin fishing with the crowds but standing on shore surrounded by empty Pillsbury dough containers and worm boxes diminished the experience. So we started bringing a plastic bag and cleaning the area where we fished; it made us feel better and made fishing on the shore of scenic Sunrise Hwy a less trying experience. The following spring Felicia and I thought we were big time trout fisher people and went up to the Beaverkill State Campground around "opening day." We were armed with spinning rods, Powerbait and worms, ready to catch a cooler of fish to bring home & smoke. Wrong plan; the water was high and cold plus we had no clue about how to fish in fast water nor how to induce a take from educated holdovers. We were skunked. On the way out of the park we saw an older gent standing in the water waving a rod around, periodically hooking up and releasing a trout. When he came to shore I asked him what kind of bait he was using and he showed us a tiny fly which in retrospect was probably a size 10 pheasant tail (not so tiny any more). Felicia and I decided to take an adult ed fly fishing class and were soon trying to fish at Bubbles Falls with a fly rod from shore (not a good idea). Finally I worked my way out to the Carmens where I noticed the TU signs on the dams and thought that they must be a good organization to help such a beautiful place. I saw an application in Field & Stream and sent in my money to support their work. I didn't go to a meeting for probably a year until I ran into Joe Duszczak, someone I knew from the NYPD. He was a past president of the chapter and he encouraged me to come to a meeting.

Ed: Tell us who got you to get involved on the board?

SH: I started coming to meetings and enjoyed listening and learning from the presenters but not really making friends. I had lots of questions that I was too shy to ask in the beginning but after a while I started talking to Peter Dubno, John Herman and Craig Johns. I got lots of my questions answered. At some point Craig put his arm on my shoulder and asked if I would like to join the board. I asked him what it entailed and he said "all you have to do is go to one board meeting a month and occasionally vote on a proposal." YEAH RIGHT!

Ed: You are still an active participant on the board as a past president but you do so much more – Membership Chair, Publisher of the newsletter, coordinate casting for recovery.

SH: I enjoy the company of the people in TU and I believe the work that we do will leave the world a better place for my grandchildren. Because of TU there will be a stream where they might catch a wild trout.

Ed: I know you love all kinds of fishing. What is your fondest fishing memory?

SH: I have lots of great fishing memories. Felicia & I were fly fishing the Beaverkill/Willowemoc without much luck and our final stop was in front of the Catskill Flyfishing Museum. Fish were rising all over the place. I seined the water and found that they were taking spinners. I looked at the collection of scraggily flies I had tied and found a poly wing spinner that took a trout. I couldn't have been prouder releasing the 9" stocker because I figured it out and caught him on my own fly.

Ed: What is it about fishing you love so much?

SH: I'm happy to be standing in a stream, smelling the air, listening to water go by and hoping I'll feel a tug.

Ed: Your better half, Felicia, is also a fisherperson.

SH: And a good one! On one of the chapter's fall outings to the Esopus, Felicia and I arrived early. We didn't see any insect activity so Felicia asked what she should use. I had no clue so I opened my fly box and said "you pick." She chose a bright red caddis that I made to catch blue gills since they are not shy and the fly is easy to see. She tied on the fly and worked her way to within casting distance of a downed log as I backed away scratching my head at her selection. First cast she hooked and landed a 14" brown. I had to listen to her laugh as I didn't catch anything bigger than 10" that weekend; so much for matching the hatch.



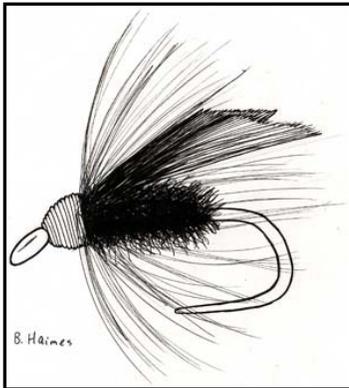
Ed: Your favorite stream? **SH:** Any small brookie stream in the Catskills

Ed: Your favorite Fly? **SH:** Bubblegum Usual and Woolly bugger

Ed: Advice for new TU'ers? **SH:** Get involved in any of our projects. It will give you a chance to get to know some

of the more active members who will be glad to share their knowledge. **Ed:** Thanks Sol.

Fly of the Month



The Lead Wing Coachman

By Tony Jones

The Quill Gordons and Hendricksons both are early emergers on the Carmans River, and both “hatch” under-

water. The trout quickly recognize this underwater occurrence, and they often take the Lead Wing Coachman as the emerging Quill Gordon or Hendrickson in preference to the dry fly imitation. I have caught and released literally hundreds of trout on this pattern during “the hatch”. It is also an excellent pattern during the “Isonychia hatch” in the fall!

Hook Size Mustad 3906 12-16

Thread 6/0 Brown

Body Peacock Herl (2)

Wings Duck Quill

Legs Brown Hen Hackle

- 1) Wrap thread mid shank and wrap towards bend.
- 2) Attach 2 Peacock Herl and wrap 2/3's of shank towards eye of hook.
- 3) Attach 2 duck quill wings in front of body and extending slightly past the bend of hook.
- 4) Attach and wrap brown Hen Hackle in front of wings, extending towards bend of hook.
- 5) Whip finish fly!

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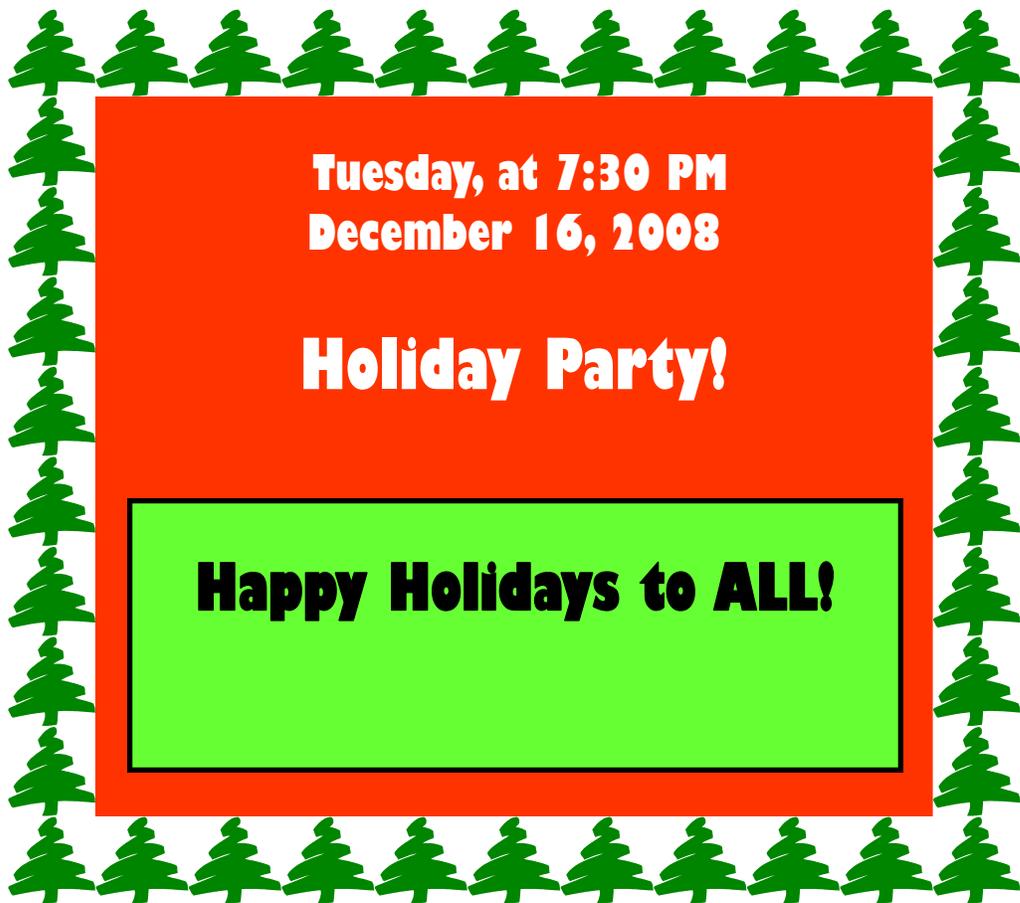
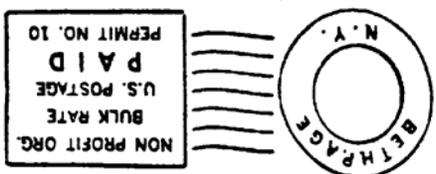
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January Meeting on
Wednesday Jan 21

Think About It



Fly fishing is filled with times of frustration: getting rained out on the stream, losing a fly in a low hanging branch, being unable to thread your tippet through the hole of a tiny little hook because your hands are too cold or you can't see the darn thing. One time I drove two hours from home to fish a new river. When I looked in the back of the truck to put on my gear, I realized that I had left my fly rod at home. I had my vest, my waders, my flies, but no rod. I stood by the truck and called myself an idiot, (and worse) repeatedly.

Perhaps the ultimate frustration of fly fishing is not catching any fish. Sometimes no matter how advanced you're casting skills, or how perfectly tied your flies, the fish simply will not rise. As we all know, trout are picky. And, the task we set before ourselves is difficult: to attract a fish to bite a hook wrapped in thread and feathers. Sometimes quite difficult indeed.

When I'm on the river, and nothing is happening, no matter what fly I use or where I cast, I too sometimes get frustrated. I try to rationalize the situation. I say to myself: "I'll just use this time to practice my casting." Yeah, right! That usually doesn't work for long. The sport is called fly fishing, not fly casting, and then I always seem to find something wrong with my casting anyway!.

Over the years, I realized that any frustration from not catching fish usually has to do with my expectations. As my skills developed and my casting improved, I could catch many more fish in an afternoon but; my expectations also began to rise. Any expectations of catching however many fish of whatever size, is usually setting myself up for disappointment and/or frustration. Today, if our expectations are high, a few hours on a stream that does not yield a single bite might cause some serious frustration among us.

But expectations on a stream or river are probably a waste of time and not a good idea for us. Not too long ago, someone asked me for the most important tip in fly fishing. I said to him: "Be sure to look up from the stream every once in a while, take a deep breath, listen to the sound of the flowing water, and appreciate the beauty that is around you." In fly fishing, when I expect to catch trout, I am guaranteed to be frustrated sometimes. When I expect to be out in nature, to soak in the solitude of a stream and to leave behind the everyday stress of our busy world, I find serenity and satisfaction. An afternoon of fly fishing always provides me with relaxation, solace and a sense of peace.

I may still get frustrated when I can't get a single fish to rise. When that happens, I try to remember the time I went fishing and left my rod behind. After I discovered that I could not fish, I decided to take a hike along the stream. I saw a few deer, some ducks, a hawk, and even an otter. I got stuck in "sinking mud," almost becoming a permanent resident of the stream. I spent time outside, in nature, and I was able to look around, to relax and to appreciate the beauty of our world. And I learned that sometimes you do not need a rod and reel or to spend all your time casting, to have a great fly fishing trip.

Best Fishes and Wishes for the Holidays, *Jay Mooney*