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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.

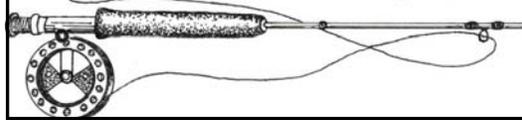


Next meeting:
Tuesday, February 19th
at 7:30 PM

Author and Newsday's Outdoor Writer
Tom Schlichter

Tom will present on fresh water fishing on Long Island

President's Line



I am so proud of being associated with LITU. It is just amazing how much we, as a chapter, get done. This month we started a new initiative called "Adopt a Serviceperson" (pg. 4) conceived by Jay Mooney. We

will be hosting two casting clinics this year with the first one on Feb. 23 at Caleb Smith State Park and March 1 at Connetquot State Park with instruction led by Boyd Shockley.

We just had a record setting meeting featuring author, guide and journalist Ed Engle (pg. 5) and our conservation team is on top of the latest developments on the Delaware (pg. 3) and elsewhere. Our future is with the children, as they say, and LITU's Trout in the Classroom under John Fischer continues to grow and prosper (pg. 5) and, if that isn't enough, see page 7 for a list of our stream conservation projects chaired by Jeff Plackis.

Norm Soule of the Cold Spring Harbor Hatchery has just joined our Board and check out page 6 for a new column - *Meet our Members* featuring Jack Pangburn. Come to the next meeting if you are interested in all the new LITU logo merchandise Peter Harris has for you. Did you know you are reading an award winning Newsletter? NY-SCTU recognized Paumonok as the best in the State in 2007!

In February, Connetquot will re-open for catch and release fishing (631 581 1005). In March we will be continuing the stream survey in Oyster Bay watershed (volunteers needed) and let's not forget the Banquet quickly coming up on April 18th. Co Chairs Peter Dubno and Boyd Shockley are looking for prizes and items for the auction (pg. 4) and watch for your invitation which is scheduled to arrive in the mail shortly. Who wouldn't be proud of being a part of LITU?

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

Bob Lutz

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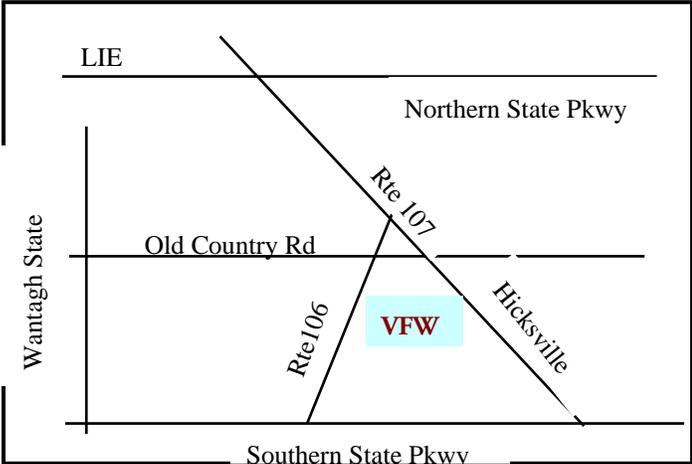
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February 6	Directors Meeting, Marriott Residence Inn Plainview — 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY**
February 19	General Meeting, 7:30 PM **3rd TUESDAY**
February 23	Casting Clinic Caleb Smith St Park—9:00 AM Volunteers needed - sign up at meeting
March 1	Casting Clinic Connetquot State Park—9:00 AM Volunteers needed—sign up at meeting
March 5	Directors Meeting, Marriott Residence Inn Plainview — 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY**
March 18	General Meeting, 7:30 PM **3rd TUESDAY**
	Go to www.LongIslandTU.org for a more complete calendar And much more

Conservation

Delaware River Action Required

Trout Unlimited recognizes the extraordinary efforts that are necessary for the equitable apportionment and management of the Upper Delaware watershed. The organization also recognizes that management needs for these rivers will remain dynamic and require constant assessment.

"We support the concept of the FFMP and believe it is the right way to manage the Delaware River's flows," said Elizabeth Maclin, Trout Unlimited's Vice President for Eastern Conservation. "But we need to secure more water within the release schedules to adequately sustain the Delaware's trout fisheries."

Over the past 10 years, actual New York City water diversions from its three Catskills reservoirs were only two-thirds of the amount that was used to model the water release schedules in the interim FFMP. This means that more water is available for environmental benefit downstream of the reservoirs.

"It is well documented that more than enough water exists within the Upper Delaware River watershed for healthy aquatic habitat and New York City's drinking water," said Ron Urban, Chair of the New York Council of Trout Unlimited.

"The water release schedules in the interim FFMP will continue to adversely affect the trout fisheries in the Upper Delaware's main stem due to lethal rises in water temperatures and loss of habitat," said Ken Undercoffer, Chair of the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited.

The DRBC has extended the public comment period and will be accepting public comments on the interim FFMP until March 3rd. Based on the public comments received during the rulemaking process, the DRBC may modify its proposed regulations and request that the decree parties consent to adoption of the final regulations.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: If you have not already done so, [please visit TU's online action center before March 3rd](http://www.tu.org/delaware_river/ffmp) (http://www.tu.org/delaware_river/ffmp) and contact the DRBC to let them know you want the following changes made to correct the deficiencies of the FFMP in order to prevent continued harm to the Upper Delaware River's ecosystem:

- The releases in the FFMP must be increased.**
- More release levels & seasons are needed in the FFMP.**
- Weekly averaging of the Montague flow target is needed.**
- Directed releases for the Montague flow target must be balanced from the reservoirs.**
- A formal annual review of the FFMP is mandatory.**

Jeff Plackis & Garth Pettinger
NYS Representatives to TU Delaware River Committee

Casting Clinics

Spring Casting Clinics to be held on:
Feb 23 at Caleb Smith SP
March 1 at Connetquot SP
Volunteers Needed!

DRBC EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED RULEMAKING FOR NEW YORK CITY DELAWARE BASIN RESERVOIRS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) Executive Director Carol R. Collier today announced that the period for submitting written comments on proposed regulations to implement a Flexible Flow Management Program (FFMP) for operation of the three New York City Delaware Basin reservoirs will be extended through March 3, 2008. The comment period was to have ended on January 18.

"The 45-day extension is in response to numerous requests voiced at DRBC public hearings held yesterday in West Trenton on the proposed amendments," Collier said. "This will provide additional time for the public and government officials just taking office to study the proposed rulemaking and offer written comments."

"Based on the public comments received during the rulemaking process, the DRBC may modify its proposed regulations and request that the decree parties consent to adoption of the final regulations," Collier said.

The FFMP is intended to provide a more adaptive means for managing the Cannonsville, Pepacton, and Neversink reservoirs for competing uses including: water supply; drought management; flood mitigation; protection of the tailwaters fishery; a diverse array of habitat needs in the main stem river, estuary, and bay; recreation; and salinity repulsion. The 1954 decree, which resolved an interstate water dispute centering on the New York City reservoirs, made no provision for spill mitigation, conservation or ecological releases.

The FFMP would largely eliminate the reservoir storage "banks" previously used for habitat protection purposes and instead base releases on storage levels, resulting in larger releases when water is abundant and smaller releases when storage is at or below normal.

Comments should be mailed to Commission Secretary, DRBC, P.O. Box 7360, 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360. They also may be faxed to "Attn: Commission Secretary" at (609) 883-9522 or emailed to paula.schmitt@drbc.state.nj.us. All written comments must be received by 5 p.m. on March 3 and should include the name, address, and affiliation (if any) of the commenter, along with "FFMP" in the subject line. Comments on the earlier FFMP agreement published in February 2007 but subsequently withdrawn will be included in the administrative record for this action and need not be resubmitted.



< New LITU Member Captain James Corrigan



President Bob Lutz, Michelle Cotty of Orvis and VP Jay Mooney >

Banquet Donation Time

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This is our annual fund raiser so please chip in!

If you see one of these you'd like to donate, please call before someone else does: Peter Dubno (516 764-0412) or Boyd Shockley (516 433-3968)

LITU Annual Banquet -
April 18, 2008

Look for your invitation in the mail

LITU and Orvis Adopt a Serviceman

Captain James "Slac" Corrigan, a B – 1 Bomber pilot attached to the 37th Bomber Squadron out of Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota is preparing for his third tour in the Middle East. A native of Bellmore NY, he has served in the USAF for 14 years and is supported in his dedication to our country by his wife Frances and their 2 children Kevin age 3 and Kathleen age 1. In a conversation over the holidays Capt. Corrigan reflected that time away from home and living in places you never thought of before brings out the desire to get back to where you come from, and doing all the things you just don't have time to do... like fishing. Hearing of his situation, the Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited got together with Michelle Cotty of Orvis in Geenvale NY and outfitted Capt. Corrigan with an Orvis Traveling Fishing Outfit to take with him wherever he goes. Then they gave him an introductory membership in TU and sent him a LITU hat and shirt to remind him that we are here, ready for his return.

The LITU Board is now looking for other active duty Long Islanders to "Adopt" as well as ways to get involved with our returning veterans. Jay Mooney, Vice President of the Chapter said "Our service men and women give up so much to do for us, this is the least we can do for them, especially the fishermen among them."

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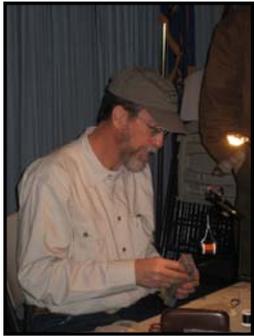
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January Meeting



Wow! What a night. The weather was good to us and we had a record crowd at the January meeting; bringing a lot of new and old friends together for an evening of fly tying and trout tactics. Ed Engle was our guest speaker and demonstrated how he ties remarkably small flies - all the way down to a #32

(I though #18 was small). He made a presentation on "Catching Difficult Trout" which he will also be making at the Somerset Fly Show this weekend. The photos were beautiful and the tips invaluable. We had a large merchandise market with a wide assortment of tee shirts, golf shirts, hats and jackets along with Ed's three books which he generously signed for all buyers. I don't think one person left before 10 PM - now that is the sign of a great meeting! To top it all off we raffled off a Ross reel, two baskets of fly tying goodies and a Orvis Trout Bum rod, won by Henry Buthe. Thanks to Jay Mooney and Bob Lutz for doing the leg work to get Ed to Long Island, and to all the others who worked to make the event a success.



Students from Shelter Rock Elementary School are proud of their success in raising over 100 Brook trout fry in their Trout in the Classroom tank this year. Through their hard work culling fungus infected eggs, the remaining eggs hatched into alevins



and have now entered the swim-up stage of growth. It is at this time that feeding is started. Pictured above are two of the students that maintain the tank and have just finished feeding the young fry. Students also participated in the actual stripping and fertilization of the eggs on a visit to the Cold Spring Fish Hatchery on Nov. 10th, 2007. We wish them continued success in their endeavors.

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Meet our Members

An Interview with Jack Pangburn

Ed: Jack, when and where did you catch your first trout?

JP: When I was a 7-8 year old kid on my Grandfather's dairy farm in Pennsylvania. A small stream developed from springs in the pastures and wound its way behind the horse and dairy barns moving slowly under a bridge then on to the next farm. That stream water ran crystal clear and cold. It was easy to see the trout except when they were motionless in the shadows. I fished with a long skinny bamboo pole with a piece of butchers' string attached that was the same length as the pole. A hook and some worms caught many brook trout. My Grandfather always kept a couple trout in the spring house to keep the drinking water bug free. The trout really served as a "canary in the mine" indicator for water quality.

Ed: Do you remember the first time you were exposed to fly fishing?

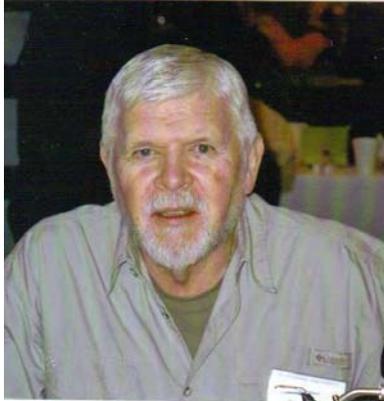
JP: We were family camping at Twin Islands Campground on the Beaverkill River with my scouting buddy and his family. He let me borrow his fly rod along with a wallet of wet flies. My fishing up to this point had always been with spinning gear. Early that evening I caught a very healthy 21 inch brown trout on a Royal Coachman wet fly, in the riffles at the end of the School House pool. The next day my friend and I visited the Little Store in Roscoe. I bought a fiberglass fly rod, a medalist reel and a fly line.

Ed: How did you come to be involved in Trout Unlimited and how long are you a member?

JP: I wanted to learn more about fly fishing and fly tying. The first meeting I attended was held in the basement room of a church/school complex. I believe it was located on Boundary Avenue in Bethpage. The year is unknown, maybe 1971-2.

Ed: In terms of TU and conservation, what are your feelings on how we are doing and what remains to be accomplished?

JP: As an all volunteer organization (our chapter) I think we are doing very well. Our future is with the children. The Trout in the Classroom program is introducing "our" fish to the children. We have strong watchdog operations protecting our fish and their habitat from disease and the wraths of Nature and Mankind. So we are doing okay but must be vigilant into the future.



Ed: Which of your many awards for fly tying are you most proud of? Why?

JP: Winning my first world class diploma for tying a Gray Wulff dry fly in the Mustad Partridge of Redditch Scandinavian Open.

Ed: Does all of your art revolve around fly tying, fishing and trout? What other subjects do you enjoy drawing?

JP: Yes, pretty much so, 98%. A few years ago I was into drawing and carving animals and game birds for relief carving into walnut gun stocks and grips.

Ed: As a competitive fly tier, both nationally and internationally, what advice would you give to someone just beginning to tie?

JP: Tie, tie, tie and tie some more. Check all the minor and major details. No slanting or off center wings. Neat neck and body hackle, no trapped or broken fibers. No excess cement, bleeding head enamel or thread ends. Don't crowd the hook eye with materials or thread. Work for perfection. Most contests have several judges and each one comments on your fly. What one judge may miss or overlook the next judge spots quickly. Enter as many contests as you can. Correcting the minus comments has to be a plus.

Ed: Of all the places you have fished, which is your favorite?

JP: The Ausable River, Upper West Branch, Whiteface Mountain Region of the Adirondack Mountains. A close second would be the Fulton Chain of Lakes and connecting passages canoe route.

Ed: Given the opportunity to fish a stream or tie a fly, which would you choose?

JP: I would choose to fish a stream but I would bring along my travel vise and some fly tying materials...just in case.



Jack Pangburn is a respected fly-tyer of world class standing having won the World Class Open Fly-tying Competition sponsored by Partridge of Redditch, UK, the Mustad Scandinavian Open in Elverum, Norway, the World Tuscany Open, and a world fly tying competition in Sansepolero, Italy. His original patterns and art appear regularly in Amato's *Flyfishing and Tying Journal* and he is posted on several web sites. The Nov 07 issue of *Fly Fishing & Fly Tying*, (UK magazine) features an article with artwork. His artistic work was featured in the NYS 2002-06 *Fishing Regulations Guide* and has written/ illustrated a new book: *Deer-Hair Fly-Tying Guidebook* published by Amatobooks.com. Another book *Waet Fli Fenix*. "Rebirth of the Wet Fly" is in production. He has been an Orvis fly tying instructor and is a member of the Federation of Fly Fishermen, the United Fly Tyers, the Fly Dressers Guild (UK) www.the-fdg.org, the Catskill Fly Tying Guild and the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. He is a long time member of TU and recipient of TU's Silver Trout Conservation award. Jack is an ardent fly fisherman and a participating conservationist. His greatest pleasure is fly fishing the streams of the Adirondack and Catskills.

Fly of the Month

Bird of Prey Caddis

Submitted by Tony Jones



The Bird of Prey Caddis, invented by Rick Anderson, is one of the most effective caddis larva imitations that I have fished. It also works well as an attractor pattern. I've caught a lot of my winter trout on this fly.

Hook: Daiichi 1120
Head: Gold bead
Thread: 8/0 Uni-Thread
Tail: Clump of natural Hungarian partridge fibers
Rib: Pearl Flashabou accent
Body: Dubbing
Hackle: Natural Hungarian partridge
Thorax: Peacock herl

NYSCTU Annual Conservation Fund Drive

The New York State Council of Trout Unlimited will be sending out their Annual Conservation Fund Donation Appeal letter later this month. Members should be on the look out for it. Contributions to the Conservation Fund, no matter how large or small, are greatly appreciated and directly support projects by TU chapters in New York State. In 2007, LITU benefited from a NYSCTU Conservation Fund Grant to expand our Trout-in-the-Classroom program to an additional 5 schools. Thanks, in advance, for the help!

Current Projects

Many of our members have asked what projects are taking place on Long Island and where. Here is an abbreviated list of the current projects that LITU is some way involved with and a map to help you locate them:



- 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)
- 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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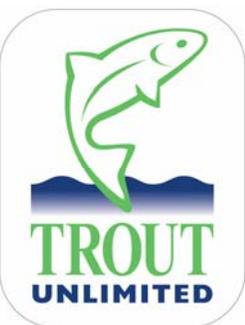
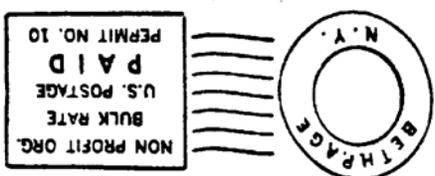
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A Map of the Streams of LI

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Membership Application on Page 7.

Adirondack Brookies and Secret Ponds

by Jay Mooney

When up in the Adirondack Mountains, which is quite frequent during the summer months for me, I look to my topographic maps to find out-of-the-way places to fish. More often than not, these little mountain streams and ponds are true treasures. Clean, natural and for the most part, they tend to be lightly pressured or completely overlooked.

On the map, this particular pond looked like a great “target.” About 5 acres in size, a good hike-in, off the beaten path, and probably rarely, if ever, fished. What the map didn’t show was the pond’s source so I presumed it was from natural springs. The name of the pond is... well, I’ll get to that later. To say this pond was a pleasant surprise would be an understatement.



I set off on the hike with my sister-in-law, Tracie, a TU member from Portland, Oregon. It was late June. The hike-in was exactly 5/8 of a mile south and only an 1/8 of a mile east, off the marked trail. There was also a little brook paralleling the trail for most of the way. What the map didn’t show was how busy our beaver friends had been. At the 1/2 mile point they had dammed the brook creating a 2 acre pond, obviously not shown on the map. Giving it a quick look, there were a few rises to what looked like a dark mayfly of some kind. We wanted to press on to the main pond and headed east following another little creek right up to it. This creek was the outlet that also flowed into our newly discovered beaver pond.

The pond was absolutely breathtaking. It was in a small meadow that was surrounded on three sides by four thousand foot mountains, its own elevation being 3250. The mountains still had some snow left on them and the water was a cool 65 degrees on the surface; it looked pretty deep. The sky above was clear, blue and had just a few light clouds lazily floating by. There was an eagle sailing on the mountain thermals, and what sounded like a hundred song birds singing. I could make out the call of the Eastern Blue Jay and sighted a Red Headed Wood Pecker, a family of Black Capped Chick-A-Dee’s, an Oriole and even a Warbler.

We felt like we were alone on the earth due to the solitude of the pond. Talk about experiencing that peaceful, serene feeling of being one with the environment! This is why I “target” these little ponds and streams.

It was fortunate that I pack-in my lightweight pontoon boat as there was virtually no way this pond could be fished from the shore except for a small outcropping of rocks on the far shoreline. There were downed trees, some decades old, completely surrounding it and nowhere to cast a line with any kind of back cast. I inflated the boat and pushed off from shore. Tracie headed up to the outcropping. I paddled about sixty feet or so from where I launched and picked out a “fishy” looking cluster of downed trees. I tied on a size 14 parachute Adams (of course), and cast towards the downfall.

I didn’t expect such a loud noise in such a tranquil place as the shriek that came out of my mouth when the big Brookie slammed the fly; I was glad I had waders on! The fish hit savagely and aggressively; I was just not ready for him. I quickly recovered and pulled back on the rod to try and set the hook. A loop in the fly line had appeared at my rod tip, so, ‘lo and behold, no big Brookie. One cast, one giant Brook Trout, one miss, and one case of shattered nerves. Man, was this fun!

After my heart stopped palpitating I cast to the same spot. Again, a slash, not quite as aggressive, but it was “fish on!” As I played this fish, he was giving me a pretty good tug on the line; better than I expected. Maybe he was bigger than I thought? Was he even Brookie?

After a couple of minute fight, I brought the fish alongside the pontoon boat and he most certainly was a Brook Trout. He was “only” 13 inches, but what a fight! It was good to feel a truly wild fish on the end of my line again. Don’t get me wrong, if there is no other fish to go after except stocked fish, they are fine with me, but in my opinion, wild fish are MUCH better fighters. And this fish was definitely wild.

The colors on him were resplendent. The blazing orange of the belly, the bright to dark greens on his sides, the beautifully chaotic yet patterned spots, even the white tipping of the fins, it all looked wonderful. A fish like this in such a magnificent place on such a beautiful day, it was darn near perfect!

I paddled along the southern shore line and picked up a few more fish in the 12 – 16 inch range. I had one bruiser pushing the 20 inch mark. As the hours passed and the day warmed up a bit, I noticed that across the pond there was some sort of sporadic hatch coming off and fish were rising. Off I went to investigate. Meanwhile, Tracie was having a real go of it from the outcropping. To get a good cast, she had to side arm so the back cast would go under the pine trees whose under-story had been cropped by the wintering deer. Alternately she would roll cast to clear the rocks. Either way, she was doing fine with a steady mix of Brook Trout in the 12 – 16 inch range. The bigger fish came when she threw a cone head black woolly bugger with flash, a grey ghost or a Mickey Finn, stripping them through and around the rocks.

Once I got to the other side (about a two minute paddle), there was a “mixed” hatch happening. There were trico’s coming off mixed with a small, dark caddis and an occasional blue winged olive. The fish would come up to “sip” at the trico’s, yet they would angrily “slash” at the caddis. When the occasional blue winged olive came, they would “slurp” them in. The BWO’s were a surprise given the bright sunny day. A mixed hatch is not uncommon in the Adirondack Mountains. The insect life is so varied; literally anything can hatch at anytime. The only real “problem” if there is one, is to actually find out what the fish are eating.

When you come upon a group of rising fish, I strongly recommend that you take a deep breath, relax, and take a few minutes to carefully observe them to see what they are actually rising to. I have seen hatches like this and charged right into them, catching nothing due to the adrenaline flowing. I do better when I take my time, observe, and think about what to do next.

With this particular hatch, after some observation, I could see they were eating all three insects. I happened to have some size 18 and 20 trico’s, having just gotten back from Idaho where they are “must have” flies. I tied on the 18 and threw it to the edge of the risers. On the first cast I hooked up with a very nice 17” fish. Again, it was a great fight. He took a couple of runs of 70 feet or so, toward some downed timber. It was really challenging trying to keep him out of the lumber. I found that if I let him run for a little bit and put a touch more pressure on him to turn his head at the last second, I could keep him out.

I was fishing with an original Payne Model 98 bamboo rod matched with a Ross Evolution reel size 1.5 loaded with a Rio 4Wt, WF floating fly line. These wild fish sure were putting a nice bend in the rod which was performing flawlessly and seemed to almost cast itself.

After about an hour on the pontoon, Tracie and I switched places. Just about anywhere we fished this great little hideaway, we picked up fish. The hatches would come and go and all we had to do was switch flies to “match the hatch” and we were good to go. We were pretty much switching between Parachute Adams (again, of course) in sizes 14 to 18, BWO’s in the same size, darker trico’s that were size 18 and 20, dark Caddis that were 14 and 16 and then the streamers I mentioned before.

We stayed at this excellent, overlooked pond for about four hours and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Unfortunately all good things must come to an end and we had to pack up to get back to our family. If you ever have an opportunity to fish an out of the way place while up in the Adirondacks, I would strongly suggest you give it some serious consideration. Most of these places take a little effort to get to, but the majority will be well worth your effort.

Heading for home, we investigated the beaver pond and small stream we had passed on the way in. Fish were there and flies were hatching. It took all that I could muster to keep on walking. Both of these places would require some more investigation but that will have to be a story for another day.

What is the name of the pond? Let’s just say it’s on the map! Good hunting.

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