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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.

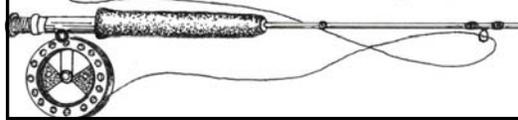


Next meeting:

*Tuesday, January 22nd
at 7:30 PM*

*Come and meet Ed Engle -
Author, Columnist and Guide speak on
"Catching Difficult Trout"*

President's Line



Happy New Year to all!

My thanks to everyone who attended our annual holiday gathering and brought something to share, the food was delicious. Also thanks to Felicia Harz, our guest bar-

tender, and our guest fly tiers for making the evening festive, entertaining and interesting - it passed by so quickly.

If you haven't figured it out already we are changing the January meeting from the usual 3rd Tuesday of the month to the 4th, **January 22nd**. It will also be held in the larger room at the VFW to accommodate the expected crowd to meet and hear **Ed Engle** on "Catching Difficult Trout." In addition we will have his books on sale and he has agreed to autograph them for you. There will also be a special raffle with big prizes including an Orvis fly rod, a Ross Reel and two baskets of fly tying materials, one freshwater and one salt, not to mention the sign in raffle which is free to all who attend. Please plan on coming and bring a friend or two.

I am looking forward to our up coming LITU/Orvis Day in February, we will need some volunteers. We will be hosting two casting clinics this year again with the first one on February 23rd at Caleb Smith State Park and March 1st at Connetquot State Park.

The Somerset Fly Fishing show is in late January and we will have some discount tickets available at the January general meeting. In February, Connetquot will re-open for catch and release fishing. In March we will be looking to continue the stream survey in Oyster Bay watershed and let's not forget the Banquet quickly coming up on April 18th. The banquet committee has already had a couple of meetings; we are always looking for banquet ideas and raffle items (see pg. 4). 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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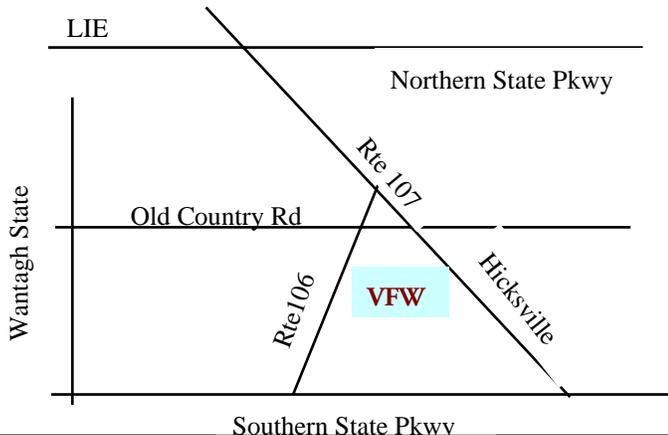
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Hicksville VFW Hall
320 South Broadway, Hicksville, NY



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Jan 2	Directors Meeting, Marriott Residence Inn Plainview — 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY**
Jan 22	General Meeting, 7:30 PM This month only the meeting will be on the 4th Tuesday
	Ed Engle will be speaking on “Catching Difficult Trout”
Jan 26—28	Somerset Fly Fishing Show Discount Tickets Available at January Meeting
Feb 7	Directors Meeting, Marriott Residence Inn Plainview — 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY**
Feb 20	General Meeting, 7:30 PM **3rd TUESDAY**
	Go to www.LongIslandTU.org for a more complete calendar And much more

Conservation

Massapequa Preserve Progress—LITU was represented at the Friends of Massapequa Preserve meeting on November 29th to hear representatives from Nassau County's Department of Public Works explain the multi-year, \$6 million stream enhancement and pond restoration project. Scheduled to begin in the spring, this massive project will involve temporary closings of portions of the Preserve and partial dredging of some of the ponds and streams. The bike path will be torn up and completely rebuilt as well. They also discussed Nassau County's proposal to transfer the entire preserve to the Town of Oyster Bay and the impact this will have on the preserve and those who currently use it.

Conservation Committee and volunteers. Last month an editorial appeared in this space asking for volunteers for the Stream Conservation Committee. Jeff has received three emails to date from willing members and we still need more. Please drop him a line at jcplackis@optonline.net if you are interested in being part of this vital group. Members will organize the stream survey and represent LITU at various watershed committees. **Want to know if there is a watershed committee in your town? Contact Jeff.**

DEC Summer Camp

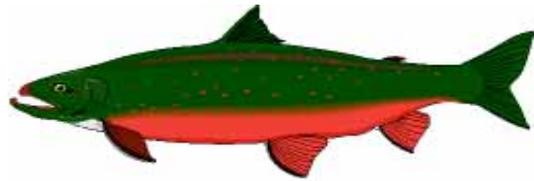
Know a kid age 12 to 17?

The Chapter is looking for applicants for the Henry Prussen Jr. Scholarship for Young Adults, 12 to 17 years old, to attend the NYS DEC Environmental Education Summer Camps next summer. As of press time the dates for the summer of 2008 have not been made public but you can explore the DEC's website <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/education/edcamps.html> for more information. If you have a worthy candidate please call Bob Lutz (631) 643-4709 or see him at the meeting. The applications must be submitted by early February so get your applicant's name in as soon as possible.

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For more info go to www.nysctu.org

Trout in the Classroom

AMNH's YouthCAN Conference — YouthCaN is a youth run organization that uses technology to inspire, connect and educate people worldwide about environmental issues. Through a network of conferences, activities and events we unite environmentally active youth to exchange ideas about the environment and empower others to make a difference in their own communities. This year's conference at the American Museum of Natural History will be on April 7, 2008. It is a chance for your students to share their environmental project or learn about projects from all over the country. It is quite an opportunity! To learn more and register, <http://www.youthcanworld.org/confs/nyconf/ycnyconfhome.html>.

Banquet Donation Time

How about providing (or soliciting) one or more of these items? All donations will be acknowledged and all donors that attend the banquet will receive **15 free Bucket Raffle Tickets!** It's a great way to support TU and the trout!

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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

The River Restoration Monitoring Committee of the Gulf of Maine Council is pleased to announce the publication of the Stream Barrier Removal Monitoring Guide. The Guide provides a framework of critical monitoring parameters for use at dam and culvert removal sites in their watershed. When analyzed collectively, the eight parameters will allow restoration practitioners to document the physical, chemical and biological effects of stream barrier removal. To see a copy go to <http://gulfofmaine.org/streambarrierremoval>

If this interests you why not volunteer for LITU's stream restoration committee?

Contact Jeff Plackis at jcplackis@optonline.net

Under the heading of weird things you read

about: Peter Dubno came across in the Oct 15th Sports Illustrated's "Sign of the Apocalypse" news tidbits: "A fisherman in Sommerset, England, has requested in his will that his friends use his remains as bait." Now that's a dedicated fisherman looking to get the last bite!

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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.

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December Meeting

Our annual Holiday Meeting was well attended and the food was superb from John Fischer's steelhead to Jeff's venison meatballs to Ed Ciano's (Peggy's really) pineapple upside down cake. Felicia Harz was once again our guest bartender and Sol and Paul McCain offered fly tying tips along with Rick Lewis. Rick also was the lucky winner of the St. Croix Legend Ultra 864 Fly Rod.

For those of you who didn't make it please mark your calendars for January 22 as we are having a special meeting with **guest speaker Ed Engle**, a Colorado based author, columnist and guide who will be signing books and making his most popular presentation, "Catching Difficult Trout." You won't want to miss it - and be sure to bring a buddy. We will also have a special raffle with an **Orvis Rod, a Ross Reel** and two baskets of fly tying materials.



See you there!



NYS Council of TU Announces:

Trout Waters Youth Camp

14 to 17 years old?

Want to learn how to fly fish for trout?

Each day campers will learn the skills needed to be a successful fly fisher—casting, tying, reading the water, stream etiquette and safety as well as trips to famed Catskill rivers and highlights. Located at the Viking Resort near Hale Eddy by the West Branch of the Delaware River, they will learn about the NYC water system's history, visit a dam, go on guided fishing trips, visit the Catskill hatchery and the museum.

Space is limited and application must include an essay as well as a reference.

Contact Kurt Nelson at avkurt@mac.com or call 607 798 9624 if interested. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2008.

Cost for the week is \$300

Fly of the Month

Big Eyed Lucky Strike

Tied by Paul McCain



Paul constantly is looking for new patterns to tie and came across one called the Lucky Strike in an old fly fishing magazine. He decided to improve on it a little and added, what else, a Big Eye!

Here is the recipe:

Hook: Saltwater 1/0 to 4/0

Thread: White flat waxed

Tail: Tuft or soft fur

Body: Corsair Tubing

Belly: Stiff white hair

Gill: Red yarn

Wing: Layers of stiff hair in different colors (Black and White in this case)

Cheeks and Eyes: Painted eyes on flank feathers

Come and watch Paul and others tie at our Monthly meetings

More flies at www.lifr.org

New Fly Tying Group

A new group of tyers has started in Northport. Contact Dave Flanagan at **Northport Rod and Reel** for next date - info@northportrodnreel.com

Early Notice - Mark Your Calendars

Spring Casting Clinics to be held on:

Feb. 23rd at Caleb Smith SP

March 1st at Connetquot SP

Fishing Reports

Sean Gannon was out west in October and ran into some nice fish. He worked the Madison, Missouri around Craig MT and Depuys Creek as well as Hegben Lake just below the 191 bridge.



Ed Ciano and his wife Peggy were working the salt off of Montauk when Peggy brought in this monster.



Want to be Published?

Rob Longworth and Rick Bannerot are soliciting stories about your first fish on a fly, most memorable fish or unique experience while fly fishing.

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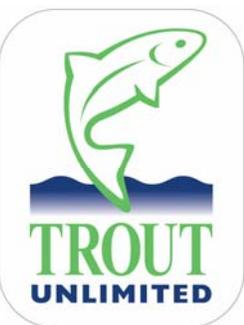
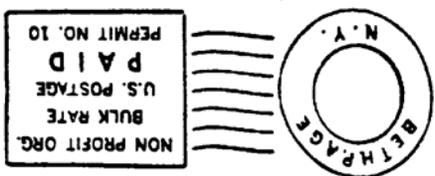
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Email Subscribers - See page 9 -10 for:

Durango and the Los Pinos

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

Durango and Los Pinos by Tom McCoy

The four of us arrived in Durango and checked in at the fly shop. They told us to head north to the Purgatory Ski area and take the road up the mountain to Hernandez Creek for Brookies, lots of them. The drive was vertical and on a dirt road. As we crested the mountain a valley opened up, a huge meadow with a meandering stream running through it. We drove to a likely turn off and came upon two fellows, a guide and his client from, where else, New Jersey. The guide came over, introduced himself and gave us an orientation to the area.

“Cross over the stream and head up as far as you care to walk then fish your way down. Ants or small stimulators will do the trick.”



Nice guy. We ate the rest of the bread and cheese for lunch and headed out. I guess we were at 10 or 11,000 feet. Jerry and I fished the near water as the other two went further upstream. We agreed to meet back at the car at 4 PM. I left Jerry at a good looking turn in the river and went up a bit more. The stream was smaller than Massapequa Creek. It ran through this meadow, twisting and turning, but at most any point you could step across it. I put on a small stimulator and had a few rises to it but not a take. They were selective in that they only rose once. I switched to a foam ant and hooked one immediately. The reason for the previous misses became clear. The hook was too big. These were tiny Brookies; 4 to 6 inches with a few up to 8". The stream and back waters were loaded with them. I fished my way down to Jerry who had

barely moved and was pulling out fish after fish with a big smile.

We were expecting Barry and Dan to come up behind us but they were not anywhere in sight. We fished our way back to the car. Jerry headed in while I fished the downstream water. The fishing was as good or better with the stream gaining a little size as it wound through a grove of tall pines. There were signs of camp fires here and there. What a beautiful place to camp under the stars. 5 PM and still no sign of the others but I headed back. They arrived at the car as I did, having had a great time as well. We had plenty of daylight left and decided to try one of the other streams the fly shop told us about that was not too far, Cascade Creek.



It was just North of Purgatory and there was a dirt road that followed it up. We got out and took a look. It reminded me of the East Branch of the Ausable as it crosses the road to the ADK Loj, filled with large boulders and rushing water, with no pools to speak of; tough fishing with the beautiful roar of water all around you. We drove up a bit more and came across a water conduit of some kind that must have been built at the beginning of the last century. All wood construction and filled with flowing water. Farther on, the road ended and the river increased in elevation. We decided we had done enough for the day and headed back to town. At the gas station we met a young fellow who moved here from Iowa years ago and never looked back. He told us of the Brookies in Cascade but that it was a good hike to get to them. I made a mental note for the next time I am in the area.

On Thursday, which would be our last day on the water together for a while, we decided to maximize our time by hiring a guide. No boats, just someone who could choose a stream, point out the best waters and suggest what to use. I think the guy's name was Mark but he looked like a Slim. He was a tall, wiry cowboy type. He suggested a few places to go, among them an opportunity to fish some private water on the Pine River. I didn't remember seeing a Pine River on the map and asked: "How far?"

"40 minutes is all but there is a rod fee of \$50 each."

I asked "How much water?"

"Enough for the three of you." (Barry went sight seeing to Mesa Verde.)

"How crowded?"

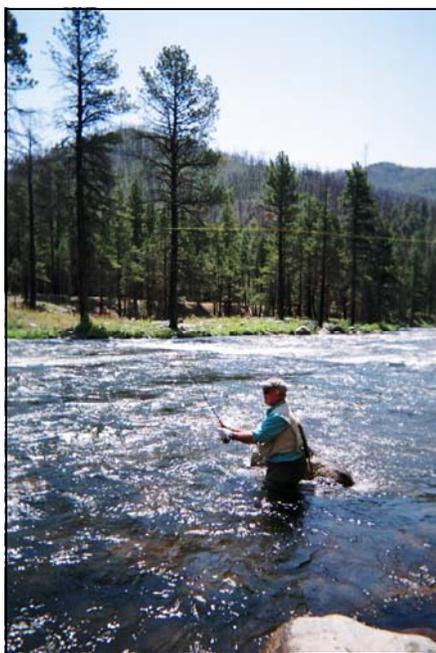
"Only you."

Sounded like a great opportunity to see some river we couldn't otherwise get to. We all jumped on the idea and we were off. Los Pinos was the river (The Pine in Spanish) and it runs out of the Vallecito Reservoir, a tail water fishery with plenty of cold water. As we drove toward the river, the remnants of the Mission Ridge fire of a few years back were apparent everywhere. It was quite a burn. There were houses which survived with the fire line less than 100 yards from their doors. Slim told us that before the fire the Pinos had the largest rainbows in the county. He mentioned the unbelievable size of 10 pounds.

"But the fire changed all that."

The river had suffered from muddy runoff for the years since the fire and its habitat was not supportive of the fish. It was restored and restocked and they seem to be doing well with some good size bows, but he assured us that we wouldn't be pulling any 10 pounders out. We drove in through the gate and past the owner's home where Slim gave him a wave. A beautiful log home and another further on which was the guest cottage; not sure how many acres, but enough so that we were no where near the road as we pulled along side the river. Runs, riffles, pools and falls; beautiful! The setting was like the Ponderosa with a trout stream.

The guide sent me upstream to fish pocket water and what he called "pillows." That is where the water bulges around a large rock in the stream. He said a drag free drift up to and over the "pillow" would be a sure thing. Dan went down stream and Jerry took the near water. The bank was very steep leaving little room to walk and the stream was deep right from the bank, filled with large boulders. I crept along flipping an "irresistible" into every pocket I saw and once in a while out to a pillow. Nothing. All was quiet. I wasn't discouraged as it was early and the hatches of the day had not even thought of beginning yet. The scenery was tranquil while the water rushed by with its soothing drone. I got to a small waterfall and sat on a comfortable round topped rock which was just downstream of the back water of the fall. I could see it was deep, 4 - 5 feet at least. I took off my vest, reached for one of the granola bars in the pocket and just sat watching the water swirl. After a bit, I flipped my fly into the back water current and watched it move up, around and then into the fall. Trout are almost always in such places to pick off the bugs that get caught in the wash, but nothing. I flipped again and again, barely disturbing the water as I sat immediately above where I was fishing. Only the leader was extended from the rod. In various spots the fly moved differently. In some the current brought it quickly into the fall and downstream. In others it just sat as if it were never going to move again. I eventually hit the place where it would drift nicely up through the pool of back water and then gently move into the current. When it did, I thought I saw a flash. I did it again and wham! The trout took the fly with a violent strike. I did not even have to set the hook which was fortunate since I was really unprepared. He ran downstream and then out into the current. I managed to bring him back in toward shore and grabbed my net from the vest which was hanging on a branch, a beefy 14 inch rainbow.



Encouraged, I fished the waterfall a little more and then moved on upstream. After a while, Slim came by and I told him of my catch. I saw that he was surprised that I had not come into more fish. He showed me a run in mid stream and asked if I could manage a cast into it such that it would float, drag free, down through the chute at the end of it, just before the water fall of my earlier victory. I said I'd try. He waded with me out into the current which was very strong and I braced myself against a rock, actually standing in its "pillow." I made my cast and it was right on. I mended and mended again and just as I was about to retrieve, the fish hit. He was as startled as I and headed down toward that water fall. Slim looked on with a smile that changed to a grimace as he thought the fish was going to make it over the falls. I tightened down the drag a bit and finally had to take a chance of a break off and freeze the reel. It worked. He turned upstream and over to the near bank where Slim was waiting for him with a net. It was another nice 14" rainbow.

My faith in Slim grew a bit but as sometimes happens, none of us really took to him. Maybe it was his shyness or lack of demonstrable excitement. Or maybe the guides we had earlier in the week were more personable. But really I think it was because we were all still recovering from the two days on the San Juan. With the size and number of those fish, this was anti climatic. Perhaps we should have saved the San Juan for the end of

the trip.

It was an amazing week with fish, scenery and companionship. We drove back to Denver on Friday, up the Million Dollar Highway and through Gunnison. Colorado is such a large and open land; river after river and mountain after mountain of awesome beauty. Passes that are more exciting than any carnival ride and nature at its finest. Even as we approached the city lights we were paralleling the South Platt and close enough to wet a line. I have always said that some day I want to spend a year in this state, just to get to know it better; maybe some day.

