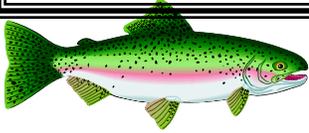


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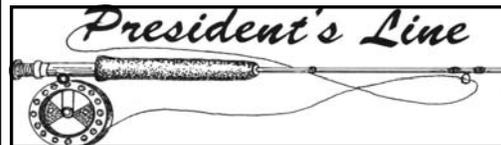
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*Next meeting:*

***Tuesday, June 15, 2010 @ 7:30 PM***

***Annual Meeting - Elections***

**Guest Speaker Clarence Ware—The State of the Nissequogue and Its History**  
**Pre Meeting Casting practice in the parking lot!**



## *President's Line*

At our May general meeting, we were once again happy to have as a returning guest speaker, Mark Sedotti. Due to the inclement weather we could not share in his amazing casting, but Mark once again enthralled us with his knowledge of streamers and

the tying of them. His stories are legendary and both his attitude and exuberance are infectious. A good time was had by all.

Prior to our meeting in May, LITU participated in a clean up of Wantagh Creek in conjunction with the Forest City Civic Association. About twenty five bags of garbage were removed along with a number of large pieces of metal and other debris.

However, the day's best find was discovered by our very own Joe Odierna. While Joe was cleaning out a culvert under a path, he saw a handful of some sort of fish, approximately three to four inches long dart under an overhanging branch. Upon further inspection, he confirmed that they were indeed small trout.

This is great news in that there have been reports in the past of trout in these waters and now we can do further studies. But, it opens up a whole host of other questions; Are these "native" trout or, are these trout left over from the hatchery that was there in the 50's? I myself like the detective work and historical aspect of these and other questions raised.

Our guest speaker for our June meeting will be Clarence Ware from Caleb Smith State Park and Preserve. Clarence's presentation will be "The State of the Nissequogue and Its History". Come early to chat with Clarence and ask any questions you may have.

Also at our June meeting we will also be holding our annual elections. Please see page XX to see the slate of who is running for office and come on down and vote.

June is also when we as a chapter go on our annual spring outing. This year it will be held from June 11 – June 13, once again at the Riverside Lodge & Café on the Beaverkill in Horton, NY. A big thanks to Jeff Plackis for once again doing a great job on organizing this yearly event!

Along with wherever our fishing and travels may take us, remember it is up to us to **Educate, Conserve, Protect and Restore!**

See you on the stream!

Best fishes,

*Jay Mooney*

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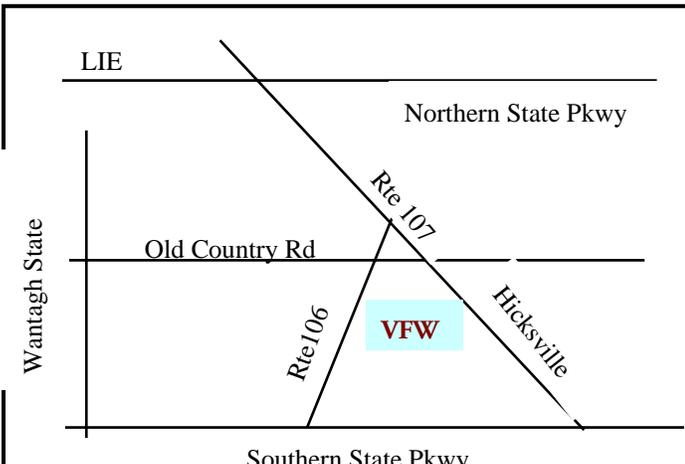
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<b>6/02/2010</b>	<b>Directors Meeting, Kwong Ming @ 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY**</b>
<b>6/11-13/2010</b>	<b>Annual LITU fishing trip to the Riverside Lodge, Horton, NY</b>
<b>6/15/2010</b>	<b>General Meeting, 7:30 PM **Tuesday** General Election Meeting Guest Tier—?</b>
<b>8/2010 TBA</b>	<b>Directors Meeting Date &amp; Location to be Announced at June Meeting</b>
<b>9//01/2010</b>	<b>Directors Meeting, Kwong Ming @ 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>9/21/2010</b>	<b>General Meeting Tuesday @ 7:30 PM</b>
	<b>Go to <a href="http://www.LongIslandTU.org">www.LongIslandTU.org</a> for a more complete calendar And much more</b>



## **Annual General Election Slate**

The June General meeting is the annual meeting at which we elect LITU officers and Board members— Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must be members in good standing. Nominations can be made from the floor at the June General Meeting election You can be nominated from the floor by any member in good standing or contact any LITU board member or President Jay Mooney to express your interest to serve on the board or to seek election to office. The LITU Nominating Committee announces the following slate:

President— Jay Mooney

Vice President— Peter Harris

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***Caleb Smith Park Preserve has reopened for fly-fishing!!!***

Effective immediately:

Caleb Smith State Park has reopened for fly-fishing from Tuesday to Sunday.

Reservations can be made by calling the park (631) 265-1054 between 8AM and 4PM. When making a reservation at Caleb you can reserve a specific beat.

The river is being stocked with fish from Cold Spring Hatchery.



**Mark Sedotti** ( Yes the guy on the front cover of this month's Flyfisherman Magazine) gave a memorable presentation on fishing big flies for trout. The presentation ran late as Mark answered question after question on how to go about presenting his big flies to get those big trout.

While Mark usually gives casting instruction and helps us make adjustments in our casting by demonstrating in the parking lot, it was not to be as the weather was very uncooperative.

Instead, we moved the program inside where Mark discussed the merits of how his flies are constructed and why and how they were developed. Then moved on to how to present and how can they be best added to your big trout fly arsenal. If you missed this presentation by Mark, don't miss the next.

**SPECIAL RAFFLE TO BENEFIT NY STATE CONSERVATION FUND**  
The New York State Council is raffling off an outstanding rod, along with additional prizes.

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Proceeds from this year's raffle will benefit the NYSCTU Conservation Fund. Help support the fund that gives back to chapters, providing financial assistance for projects on our home waters. The drawing will be held at the June NYSCTU General Meeting on Saturday, June 5th, 2010 held in Lake Placid. Tickets will be available at the next three Council meetings (September, November and June) or you can purchase them through Longcasts via mail by sending a check and this coupon to:

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## Niko's Rainbow

By John Fischer

One thing most beginners find out soon, it's a lot harder to cast a fly rod on a stream with moving water than it is on the lawn in front of the Connetquot fishing clubhouse. It was no different for Niko, my young charge as he settled into the East Branch Croton at the Bath Tub pool just above the bridge.

I had stood there and pointed out a few rising fish in the bubble line on the far side of the stream, 20 feet above where a sweeping branch brushed the inside seam of the current. Then I showed him what the caddis that were hatching looked like, and picked out and tied on a similar fly in both color and size.

Niko began to cast (and he has a nice casting motion) to the same spot where the fish were rising. I didn't discourage him but added a nudge in the right direction to start casting a few feet above the area where the fish rose to give the fish some time to see it as opposed to dropping the fly on top of him. After a few tries Niko gets the right range but no fish takes.

Like most of us when we start out casting, the line would inevitably get the big downstream curve and the fly would pull away rapidly from the drift before a fish could take it.

I demonstrated how to do a mend in the line. With a flip of the wrist just after the cast the line could be positioned upstream to allow the fly to drift along in front of the fish for longer period of time. Niko was a quick learner and after a half dozen tries got the fly to drift down the bubble line for a reasonably long enough time and then something happened. Bang, a fish grabbed the fly off the surface and turned and dove to the bottom. In his excitement Niko let go of the fly line and began to reel in, but it was too late, the fish had worked his way off when he released the fly line to reel in the fish. Niko looked puzzled, I explained that while it is right to get the fish on the reel, it can be hard to do for a beginner and that it would be okay to lift the rod up slowly to hook the fish and to gently bring him in by stripping the line in with his free hand. I demonstrated and he picked it up in no time and he got right back at it, but still no fish were taking. His fly was sinking after it landed on the water. Niko brought in the fly and we inspected it together. Some stream moss had gotten caught on the fly and was

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You must contact the resort on your own, Tell them you are part of the Long Island TU group and you will get a special rate when you book your cabin.

**Availability:** Cabins are available on a first come - first serve basis. YOU must call the WBA at **1-800 201-2557** to reserve. Tell them you want the **Long Island Trout Unlimited** rate.

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weighing it down, causing the fly to sink.

I told Niko how to clean off the fly and introduced him to Frogs fanny powder to dry the fly off . He was almost reluctant to cast as the fly looked ghostly and ashen with the powder on it, but I assured him that the fly would float like a cork and told him to cast it out there and he did. And again something happened.

A rainbow trout rose up and took the caddis then turned and dove, but this time Niko stripped slowly as he lifted the rod and the rainbow was on the line. I told Niko not to be in a hurry and to strip in line in a slow but steady manner and if the fish pulled on the end to give him some line..... and Niko did exactly that .....the fish came closer and closer .....then the fish pulled harder and Niko would give out some line.....then he slowly pulled the trout in real close. Too close to lift the rod without taking the fish out of the water and possibly breaking the line. I explained to Niko that it would be better to let out some more line and keep the fish in the water as you pulled him toward you to unhook him.

Niko did it like a pro, and the fish was in his hand in no time. I fumbled to get my camera out for a first fish picture while Niko held the 10 inch rainbow trout against his waders in the water. As I was getting ready to take the picture of the fish, the fish wiggled free of the hook and swam away. I took a picture of Niko smiling after the fish swam away.

All this took place under the watchful eye of his parents on the shoreline who caught the whole episode on video camera ( Lucky backup for me). Niko got right back to casting for the other trout in the pool. I wonder who was really hooked this day?

*I caught that fish smile from Niko*



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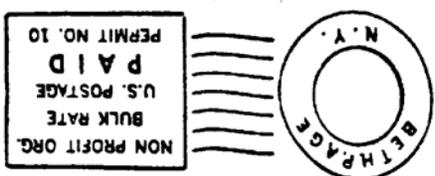
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Peter watches as Debbie checks that her fly is tied on right



Niko watching his caddis fly drift down to a waiting Rainbow trout



John Fischer shows the newbies where they can fish for trout on the E. Branch of the Croton