

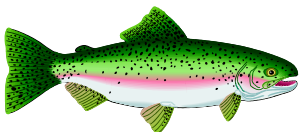
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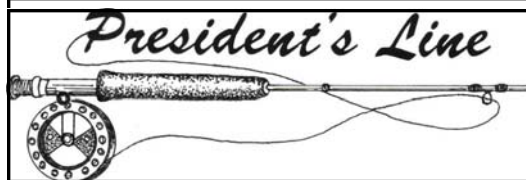
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*Next meeting:  
Tuesday, May 19  
at 7:30 PM*

Presentation by Mark Sedotti  
“Fly’s and Techniques for Tough Trout”



The weather's getting nicer, the water's getting warmer, and the days are getting longer. Put them all together and that means the fishing season is finally here!

If you haven't already, now is the time to clean the boots and waders, grease the reels, and clean the lines. Remember to clean your boots extra well, especially felt bottoms, to not only help slow the spread of any infectious diseases to the fish, but also to stop or slow the spread of any aquatic invasive species of plant such as didymo – which has now unfortunately been confirmed in the Esopus River by DEC.

On a brighter note, our April meeting with Tom Schlichter was informative and entertaining. It was good to have him back again. Tom sure does tell a good story! Keep track of Tom's stories in Newsday – you may see a story about LITU in there soon!

Our first presentation for the Veteran Outreach Program at the Northport V.A. Medical center went off without a hitch on an absolutely perfect day weather wise. Although we had hoped for a few more participants, everyone attending had a good time. We still need volunteers to handle the next few weeks, so if you would like to share some of your knowledge about equipment, fly tying or casting, please step up to lend a hand. Please see the schedule for the program on page 7 to see if there is a day you can help out.

Our May monthly meeting will feature Mark Sedotti as our guest speaker. I first met Mark while doing an Orvis Days presentation a couple of years ago. Up to that point, I would have considered myself an average caster but when I saw Mark cast, I felt like a beginner! Mark is truly one of the best casters that I have seen. Come down early and see Mark share some of his incredible casting tips and techniques with us outside before the meeting.

Besides being an excellent caster, Mark is also one of the most “technical” fly fishers and precise fly tyers I have had the pleasure to meet. His attention to detail is absolutely amazing. Mark's presentation for the meeting will be “Fly's and Techniques for Tough Trout”.

Last but certainly not least, the month of May is when we all really start to get into the fishing mode again. Along with tuning up our gear and getting ready for the season in general, remember, it is up to us to **Educate, Conserve, Protect and Restore!**

*See you on the stream!*

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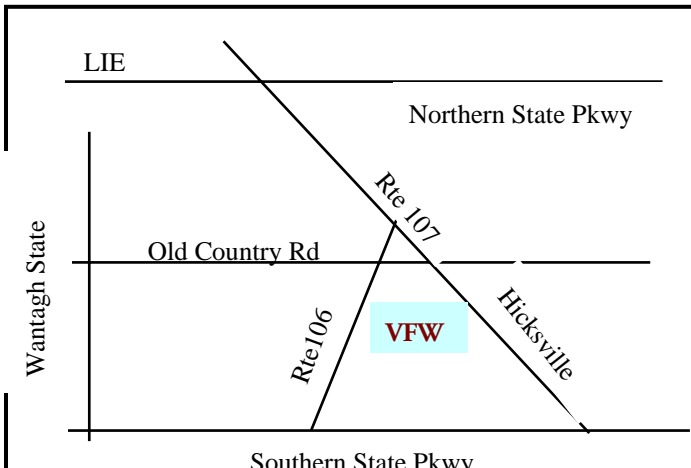
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<b>May 6</b>	<b>Directors Meeting,</b> Ground Round, Levittown @ 7:30 PM <b>**1st WEDNESDAY**</b>
	<b>Visit the Merchandise Table</b> at our next meeting, Pete has a nice assortment of materials for sale.
<b>May 19</b>	<b>General Meeting, 7:30 PM</b> Hicksville VFW 320 South Broadway**
<b>May 30</b>	<b>New Members Fishing Day Trip to the Croton</b>
<b>June 13</b>	<b>TU's Stream Clean-Up Day Activities</b> will be announced again at May meeting
<b>June 16</b>	<b>General Meeting, 7:30 PM</b> <b>**3rd TUESDAY**</b>
Go to <b>www.LongIslandTU.org</b> for a more complete calendar And much more	

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# Conservation

## Freshwater Wetlands Mapping

The Freshwater Wetlands Act (Article 24 of the Environmental Conservation Law) requires DEC and the Adirondack Park Agency (for areas inside the Adirondack Park) to map all those freshwater wetlands that are subject to jurisdiction of the law. The law requires that the maps show "the approximate location of the actual wetland boundary." DEC will refine that approximate boundary by doing a field delineation for landowners when they need more precise information, such as when they are planning to conduct work near a wetland area.

## How Wetlands are Mapped

Wetlands are mapped using a variety of information sources, such as aerial photography, soil surveys, elevational data, other wetlands inventories, and field verification. The mapped wetlands are shown on NYS Department of Transportation 1:24,000 planimetric quadrangle base maps. DEC then complies with a series of administrative steps to provide public notice. These steps include distributing a set of draft wetland maps to appropriate local government clerks; sending a letter by certified mail to affected landowners and local governments; and publishing a legal notice in two newspapers and in the DEC Environmental Notice Bulletin. DEC then provides a public comment period to receive comments on the accuracy of the maps, and conducts any follow-up field visits to ensure the accuracy of the maps. After these steps are complete, the maps are finalized and copies are filed with the local government clerks. Notice is again provided to landowners and local governments and in the newspapers. For most counties, the original wetland maps were filed between 1984 and 1987. Filed maps exist for all counties except for the portions of these six counties located within the Adirondack Park: Franklin, Fulton, Herkimer, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, and Washington. In addition, the wetland maps have been amended at various locations to correct errors and to reflect changes in the wetlands resource. The [Freshwater Wetlands Statistics Chart](#) (pdf file, 17 KB) shows amendment dates and wetland acreage by county.

## Wetland Map Amendments

Wetlands are a changing natural resource and their boundaries vary over time. Sometimes, the boundary changes are minor and the maps do not need to be amended to reflect the minor differences. However, when boundaries change substantially, which can happen over longer periods of time, the maps need to be revised to accurately reflect the new wetland boundary.

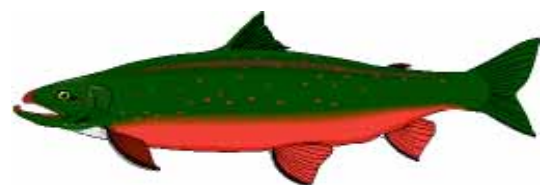
Wetland maps can be inaccurate for other reasons, as well. Improved technology has also given us the ability to detect wetlands that were missed when the agency did most of the wetlands mapping in the 1980s. Using new and better aerial photography, computer based geographic information system capabilities and digital soil surveys, biologists are able to inventory wetlands that meet the legal definition of wetland, but are not shown on the regulatory maps.



The science of wetlands also has matured in the past 20 years. The old perception that all wetlands are marshy and have open water has been placed in a new context. We now know that only about 14% of our wetlands fit this cattail-marsh-with-a-duck image. Most of our wetlands are shrub or forested swamps, and many lie along rivers and streams in the floodplain riparian zone. In the past, many of these critical wetlands were missed in the mapping process.

Finally, amendments might occur when technical corrections to the maps are needed. These may include renumbering wetlands, correcting notification deficiencies, changing wetland classifications, and updating symbols. Typically, amendments are not undertaken solely to do technical changes; these most often are included as part of other resource-based amendments. Map amendments may consist of adding entirely new wetlands; adjusting the boundaries of existing mapped wetlands; deleting areas that no longer meet the statutory definition of wetland, either because they are too small or do not support wetland vegetation; extending the regulated adjacent area of the wetland beyond 100 feet (perpendicular to the wetland) which may be needed to protect the integrity of the wetland; or making other technical changes to the maps. Amendments range from a single amendment on one quadrangle to a comprehensive re-mapping of entire quadrangles or counties. Wetland map amendments have been done in many counties around the state.

An amendment is officially started when notice of the wetland map amendments is provided to landowners, the public, and local officials in the same manner as that required for the original wetlands maps (See [How Wetlands are Mapped](#)) Once an amendment has been officially begun, the wetland(s) subject to the amendment become regulated and the property owners are required to [obtain a permit](#) to conduct regulated activity in that wetland(s).



## New Members Fishing Day

"New Members Fishing Day Trip to the Croton" that Pete Harris will be running on 5/30. This will be open to **new members only (2 or less years)**.

John Fischer will guide us to some of his "secret spots" in the Croton area.

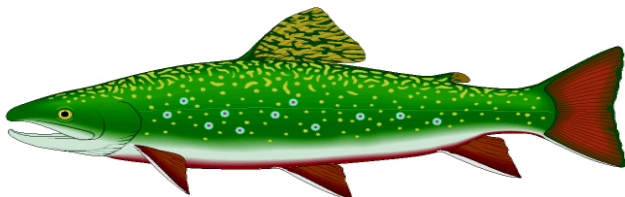
There will be another sign up sheet at the next chapter meeting in May. This is a one day trip.

Everyone will need a DEP Access Permit. They can apply online at [nyc.gov/dep](http://nyc.gov/dep). There is no fee and the permit is good for 5 years.

If anyone has any questions or needs additional info they can e-mail Pete at [pmharris68@hotmail.com](mailto:pmharris68@hotmail.com) or call 631-421-4876.

# Many Thanks!

The Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited is extremely grateful to **Henry and Margaret Prussen** for their generous annual donation to the Henry Prussen Jr. Memorial fund which helps us send children to the NYS DEC Conservation Camps each summer. Over the years the chapter has sent dozens of teens to these camps to further conservation awareness amongst our youth. If you would like the chapter to consider a worthy teen to attend these week long camps in the future, please contact Bob Lutz at 516-473-9910 or look for announcements this fall in Paumonok. Thank you!



**LITU 12th Annual Spring Outing is Sold out.** Please speak with Jeff Plackis if you would like to be placed on the waiting list.

## TROUT UNLIMITED IS 50!

This is a special year and National TU has put up a special anniversary web site—[www.tu50.org](http://www.tu50.org). Take a look.

### HAVE ANY BACK ISSUES OF PAUMONOK???

LITU will be contributing a history of our own chapter which is being pulled together from back issues of Paumonok as well as notes for those who were part of the early days. If you have anything you'd like to contribute email me at [tfm97@optonline.net](mailto:tfm97@optonline.net). Also I am looking for back issues of Paumonok from 1973—1979 and 1992—1997. If you are a pack rat and have some please call me (631) 327 1201 or email so I can arrange to borrow them. Thanks. Tom.



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Bamboo Rods w/ Jay Mooney - Sat. May 2, 3:00 - 5:00PM

Fly Fishing Hempstead Harbor w/ Tom Kulikowsky - Sun. May 3, 12:00 - 1:00PM

Duck Carving Demonstration w/ Paul McCain - Sun. May 3, 1:00 - 3:00PM

Saltwater Casting w/ Mark Cooper - Sun. May 3, 3:00 - 4:00PM

Fly Fishing for Stripers w/ John Gavecak - Sat. May 9, 2:00 - 3:00PM

Tying Better Knots w/ Mark Cooper - Sat. May 9, 3:00 - 4:00PM

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## Fishing Forecast



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Carmans - Look for early season BWO's and black stoneflies to be hatching. Towards the end of the month look for Hendrickson and Caddis. Do not overlook dropping a scud off of a big dry fly to attract fish

Connetquot - Streamers, Scuds, BWO's, and Little Black Caddis are what you want to be using. Attractor dries and nymphs will work well. The Jr. Anglers are hosting fly casting clinics on April 18 and May 30. In addition, the Jr. Anglers are sponsoring the Friends of Caleb Smith catch and release tournament on June 6. For additional information call 631-265-1054.

Saltwater - Get ready for schoolies to arrive, followed by bigger stripers and blues.

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# The Net

## Trout in the Classroom releases for May

May 5, 2009 PS 88 releasing in Alley Pond Queens 9:30 AM

May 6, 2009 Meadow School (Baldwin) releasing in Beaver Brook 9:30 AM

May 11, 2009 Commack HS releasing in Beaver Brook 9:30 AM

May 19, 2009 Half Hollow Hills East releasing in Beaver Brook 3PM

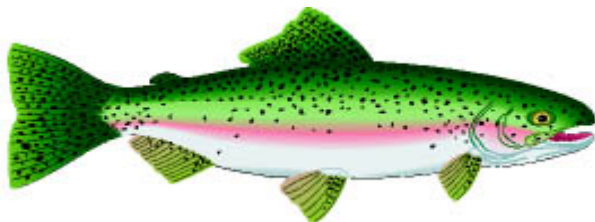
May 20, 2009 Unqua School Massapequa releasing in Beaver Brook 10 AM

May 21, 2009 Carbonara Elem. School Valley Stream releasing at Beaver Brook 10 AM

May 27, 2009 Smithtown Elem. School Site to be announced

May 29, 2007 Barton Ave. Middle School, Patchogue site to be announced

Or if you prefer to help out with NYC School releases upstate at the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation. The last week of April we will release at 10: 30 AM and will be finished at 2 PM. Every day just into for the hendrickson spinner fall. For more info call John Fischer at 516 425-4198.



## Mid-Hudson TU Volume 2 Fishing Guide

At the April meeting Raymond Thies spoke about his copy of the Mid Hudson Chapter of TU's Stream Guide. If you would like to obtain a copy for yourself it can be done by writing MHTU and asking for "Mid-Hudson TU Volume 2 Fishing Guide" 20 new pages and new places to find fishing access. to pick one up send a check for \$15 to Mid-Hudson TU TU Guide/JW 47 Church Lane Stanfordville, N.Y. 12581

## Esopus Update

By Peter Dubno

On Monday, April 20, 2009, a few chapter members and myself, had a date to fish Esopus Creek near Phoenicia, NY. Due to "days off" of the various members, we had to go on this day. This was the day when the Tri-State region received up to 2 inches of rain. Lucky for us, the rain held off until 1:30 PM. Then it came through the mountains in waves. It was wet and it was cold. Air temperature was 42 degrees and the water temperature was the same. Amongst the four of us, we had a few hits but only one fish was caught and landed (on a dry fly). A tough day, to say the least.

The most heartening news we can report is that the Esopus is running very clear. Gone is the chocolate milk and YooHoo that we were all familiar with over the past eight to ten years when a small landslide on the Schoharie Reservoir covered the Portal's inlet some 20 miles away. The Portal allows the Esopus to get additional flows from the reservoir thus keeping the water level up all year long. The creek looks great and the water is clear. Let's all hope this brings the fishermen, fisherwomen, and the fish back to one of the Catskill's great treasures. Oh, when we left, it started to sleet. I'll be back, there are fish calling in clean clear water.

## Caleb Smith Kids Casting Clinic



Forty new bright shiny faces were introduced to fly fishing for the first time on Saturday, April 18th when Clarence Ware, Manager of the park, gave them a lesson and LITU and Salty Fly Rod members lent a hand in the casting instruction. Photos are of Emma, a star student.

**Tip:** If you have ever dropped a fly on the ground and have had trouble finding it. Try using the magnet from your net, you may even find flies someone else dropped.

## **Veteran Outreach Program**

### **Week 1 – April 25 - Why we fish / Destination Fishing –**

T.U Video – 5 minutes

Presentation – Slide assisted talk about fishing overview, sights, sounds, environments / Slide assisted presentation of different locales around the world fly fishing 45 – 60 minutes

Question and answer period – 20 - 30 minutes

### **Week 2 – May 2 - Equipment –**

Slide assisted presentation of reels, rods, waders, boots, lines - 45 minutes

Hands on with equipment – 30 minutes

Question, answer and hands on – 15 minutes

### **Week 3 – - May 9 - Casting –**

Slide assisted presentation of casting motions and mechanics – 45 minutes

Outside casting – 45 minutes

### **Week 4 – May 16 - Fly tying –**

Slide assisted presentation of tying types, tools, equipment needed – 15-20 minutes

Hands on tying instruction

### **Week 5 – May 30 -Fishing trip –**

Trip and BBQ with veterans to Connetquot River.

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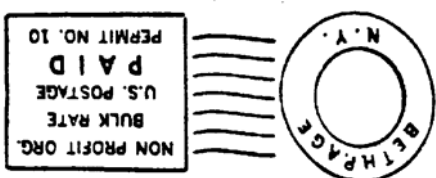
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At 7:30 PM  
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Tuesday, May 19 at 7:30 PM  
Presentation by Mark Sedotti  
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Email Subscribers - See page 9 for: “DEC confirms presence of Didymo in Esopus Creek”

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Membership Application on Page 7.



**DEC CONFIRMS PRESENCE of DIDYMO  
IN ESOPUS CREEK  
Aquatic Algae Discovered in Popular Rec-  
reational Waterway**

Water New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Pete Grannis today announced that didymo, an invasive species, has been confirmed in the Esopus Creek in Ulster County.

This is the first known presence of this aquatic algae, also called “rock snot,” in the Esopus and the third confirmed location in New York State. The Esopus is a popular recreational waterway for fishing, kayaking and tubing, and is a drinking water source for New York City.

DEC collected samples and confirmed the presence of didymo in the vicinity of several public access sites along a 12-mile stretch of the Esopus from the “Shandaken Portal” (which transfers water to the Esopus from Schoharie Reservoir) to New York City’s Ashokan Reservoir.

### **Didymo Impact**

Unlike many other aquatic invasive plants, didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*) grows on the bottom of both flowing and still waters. It is characterized by the development of thick, gooey mat-like growths – which can last for months – even in fast flowing streams. In addition to making footing difficult, didymo can impede fishing by limiting the abundance of bottom dwelling organisms that trout and other species of fish feed on. There are currently no known methods for controlling or eradicating didymo once it infests a water body.

Didymo mats look like brown or white fiberglass insulation or tissue paper (photo at: [www.dec.ny.gov/animals/50272.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/50272.html)). While didymo appears slimy and stringy, it feels rough and fibrous, similar to wet wool and does not fall apart when handled.

Previously, didymo had been confirmed in the Batten Kill in Washington County near the Vermont border and in the East and West branches of the Delaware River.

“The presence of didymo in another popular New York waterway highlights the crucial need for people to be diligent in preventing the spread of invasive species,” Commissioner Grannis said. “Invasives can have a devastating impact not only on the environment but also the economy. I urge all outdoor enthusiasts to help out by adopting the ‘Check, Clean and Dry’ method for limiting the accidental transport of didymo and other invasive species from infected waterways to other water bodies.”

Anglers, kayakers, canoeists, tubers, boaters and others engaging in water-based recreation can unknowingly spread didymo. The microscopic algae can cling – unseen – to waders, boots, boats, clothing, lures, hooks, fishing line and other equipment and remain viable for several weeks under even in seemingly dry conditions. Absorbent items, such as felt-soled waders and wet suits, require thorough treatment as outlined below.

Water recreationists are urged to use the “Check, Clean and Dry” method to limit the spread of invasive species.

**Check** -- Before leaving a river, stream or pond, remove all obvious traces of algae and look for hidden

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clumps and leave them at the affected site. If any is found later, it should be disposed of in trash receptacles, not washed down drains.

**Clean** – Treatment varies. The solution needs to completely penetrate thick, absorbent items such as felt-soled waders and wading boots.

**For non-absorbent items**, try these methods:

Detergent or salt: Soak or spray all surfaces for at least one minute in a 5% solution (by volume) of dishwashing detergent or salt (7 ounces of detergent or salt added to a gallon of water).

Bleach: Soak or spray all surfaces for at least one minute in a 2% solution (by volume) of household bleach (3 ounces of bleach per gallon of water).

Hot water: Soak for at least one minute in very hot water (140 degrees F – hotter than most tap water) or for at least 20 minutes in water kept at 115 degrees F (uncomfortable to touch).

**For absorbent items**, longer soaking times are required. Use these methods:

Hot water: Soak for at least 40 minutes in water kept above 115 degrees F.

Hot water plus detergent: Soak for 30 minutes in hot water kept above 115 degrees F, containing 5% dishwashing detergent.

**Dry** – If cleaning is not practical, after the item is completely dry to the touch, wait an additional 48 hours before contact or use in any new waterway. Check thick, absorbent items closely to assure that they are dry throughout. Equipment and gear can also be placed in a freezer until all moisture is frozen solid.

NOTE: If cleaning, drying or freezing is not practical, restrict equipment use to a single water body. DEC encourages anglers to consider alternatives to felt-soled waders such as rubber studded boots.

ALSO, it is especially important that any gear used out of state be treated before use in New York waters.



Picture from NYSDEC Website : “Common Aquatic Invasive Species of NY”  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/50272.html>