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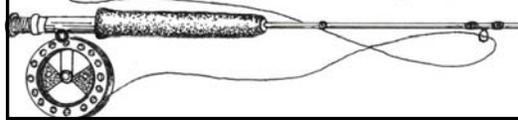
We believe that trout and salmon fishing isn't just fishing for trout and salmon. It's fishing for sport rather than food, where the true enjoyment of the sport lies in the challenge, the lore, the battle of wits, not necessarily the full creel. It's the feeling of satisfaction that comes from limiting 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, November 17th, 2009
at 7:30 PM*

*Wendell "Ozzie" Ozefovich
"Not Just Trout"*

President's Line



Thank you to all our members who made the trek out to Caleb Smith State Park for our October monthly meeting. Special thanks go out to Clarence Ware for allowing us to hold our meeting in the newly refurbished museum building. It certainly was a treat to hold the meeting on the grounds of such a historically important landmark. I would like to wish Clarence and his entire crew at the park the best in their ongoing efforts at completely restoring this beautiful building.

Talking about treats – the presentation by Nick Karas was truly outstanding. The amount of knowledge Nick has on Brook Trout along with their historic and regional importance is amazing! What Nick has done for the Brook Trout and Striped Bass fisheries both locally and nationally is second to none and should be greatly commended. I personally think we are extremely fortunate and privileged to have such a sportsman and true gentleman like Nick to be living here among us on Long Island, but better yet, to have him speak at one of our meetings. Thanks to Nick for both an enlightening and knowledgeable presentation.

Also at our October meeting, member Dan Viafore was presented with a brand new T & T fly rod, along with a Lamson reel. Dan won this excellent outfit in the Volunteer Raffle - just for volunteering a couple of hours through the past year. Why don't you volunteer at one of our many projects, clinics, committees, or other outings to become eligible? All it takes is only one hour – just ask Dan!

Rolling right along with great speakers at our monthly meetings, November brings us Wendell "Ozzie" Ozefovich for a night of underwater video, photography, and fun. For those of you who can't quite place the name, Ozzie is the gentleman that bought us the video series entitled "The Underwater World of Trout". His specialty videos are based on trout "as seen through the lens of a video camera". We will be seeing his newest edition to this series called "Not Just Trout". Come down early to meet and chat with Ozzie.

Just a reminder, at our December meeting we will once again be holding our annual Holiday Rod Raffle. This year's raffle will be for an RL Winston LT-5, 8' 9", 5wt, 5pc rod – a real beauty! Tickets are available now; just see our treasurer Tom LoProto at any meeting or function. Buy your raffles early and often as this helps support our chapter and allows us to continually bring good speakers to our meetings.

In closing, remember wherever our fishing and travels may take us, it is up to all of us to **Educate, Conserve, Protect and Restore!** See you on the stream!

Best fishes,
Jay Mooney

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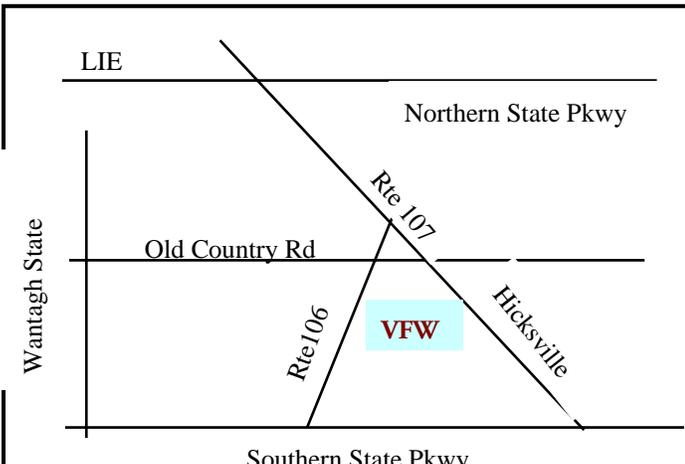
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November 4	Directors Meeting, Ground Round, Levittown @ 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY**
November 11	Banquet Committee Meeting - 7:30pm Location: TBA
November 17	General Meeting, 7:30 PM **3rd TUESDAY**
December 2	Directors Meeting, Ground Round, Levittown @ 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY**
December 9	Banquet Committee Meeting - 7:30pm Location: TBA
December 15	General Meeting, 7:30 PM **3rd TUESDAY**
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Conservation

DEC program aims to keep unused drugs away from fish

By Alexa James

Times Herald-Record
Posted: October 21, 2009

NEW PALTZ — Don't flush those old pills down the toilet. State officials say trashed medications and personal care products are tainting water bodies and seriously altering fish populations.

"Male fish are showing female traits," said Dennis Lucia, with the Department of Environmental Conservation's pollution prevention unit. In some places, the male-to-female ratio within fish populations has shifted from a 50-50 split to a 10-90 ratio. "There's no sign that it's impacting people yet," he said, but the phenomenon known as "fish feminization" is occurring nationwide.

Scientists suspect drugs such as hormone replacement therapies, antidepressants and pain relievers could be impacting gender in aquatic ecosystems.

The DEC hopes to stymie those effects by breaking a long-promoted habit of rinsing drugs down a toilet or drain. Instead, officials suggest dropping medications off at an authorized collection site or sealing containers and tossing them in the trash. Before throwing medications in the garbage, the DEC says to disguise them in something undesirable: coffee grounds, cat litter or dirt. Do not hide old drugs in food that could be consumed by scavenging animals or people.

To raise awareness, the DEC regional office in New Paltz held a free and anonymous pharmaceutical collection event Tuesday. Folks filled two boxes with expired prescriptions and over-the-counter remedies.

Harriett Straus of Gardiner emptied the dusty corners of her medicine cabinet into a grocery bag and dropped it off in the DEC lobby. She said it's worth the extra effort to make sure those drugs don't resurface in the environment. Flushing worries her. "We're throwing it away, but it's not really as away as we might think."

She said more people might participate if it were easier to find a place to dispose of old drugs. There are few collection sites in the area. Locations must be authorized by the state health department and bureau of narcotic enforcement.

Drugs collected at the DEC event on Tuesday will be transferred by law enforcement to the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency to be burned. The state hopes to expand this week's pilot program in the months ahead.

For more information, visit www.dontflushyourdrugs.net and ajames@th-record.com

Army Corp (ACE) have received funding from New York State a month and a half ago so we could officially begin the study. ACE's first efforts will be to model existing conditions in the Willowemoc basin to document past flood damages with high flows and rain events. The majority of the study funds will be needed for this modeling effort as well as comparing any potential alternatives later in the study. They are currently gathering all existing data and identifying data gaps. Survey crews will be in the area around the first of November to get the remaining data needed for the models. During the study, there should be no reason for residents to be concerned that they may be prioritizing restoration over flood damage reduction. The restoration alternatives will be analyzed along with flood damage reduction alternatives but restoration alone isn't driving the study. ACE will hold public meetings later and send out newsletters to ensure the community is involved and informed throughout the process.

This is all I have to update folks.

**Ronald Urban, Chairman
NY Trout Unlimited**

Tell Governor Paterson and the State Legislature:

Don't Raid Our Clean-Energy Funds!

The world is watching the United States closely to see if it will get serious about doing its part to combat climate change.

However, the recently proposed raid by our governor of the dedicated environmental fund to address this issue risks making New York State's long-term commitment to this program look like an empty political promise.

Rather that directing 100% of the dollars that were raised for clean-energy initiatives, Governor David Paterson wants to rob the carbon-auction fund to subsidize other programs in the state budget.

If successful, this budgetary ponzi scheme will dirty our air, cost jobs and burn energy ratepayers.

Tell the governor and state legislative leaders you're tired of political games and to keep their hands off this dedicated environmental fund!

Please, act now then....Tell a friend

www.LongIslandTU.org

Here is a copy of a sample letter, copy the letter below and mail to the addresses as indicated in top portion of letter or you can send it electronically. Don't forget to send a copy to the Commissioner: petegrannis@gw.dec.state.ny.us

October ____, 2009

Governor David A. Paterson
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Commissioner Pete Grannis
Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-1011

**Re: Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement
Gas Drilling in the Marcellus Shale and other like Formations**

Dear Governor Paterson and Commissioner Grannis:

As a sportsman and conservationist, I am concerned about Hydraulic Fracturing and Natural Gas Development in New York State; and the potential negative impacts to water quality and supply. To this end, I write to you today requesting a minimum 90 day comment period and at least seven regional public hearings on the "Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement for gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale and other like formations" that the Department of Environmental Conservation has released (DEC). As you know, the Final DSGEIS will largely determine the regulatory regime under which permits would be issued for gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale.

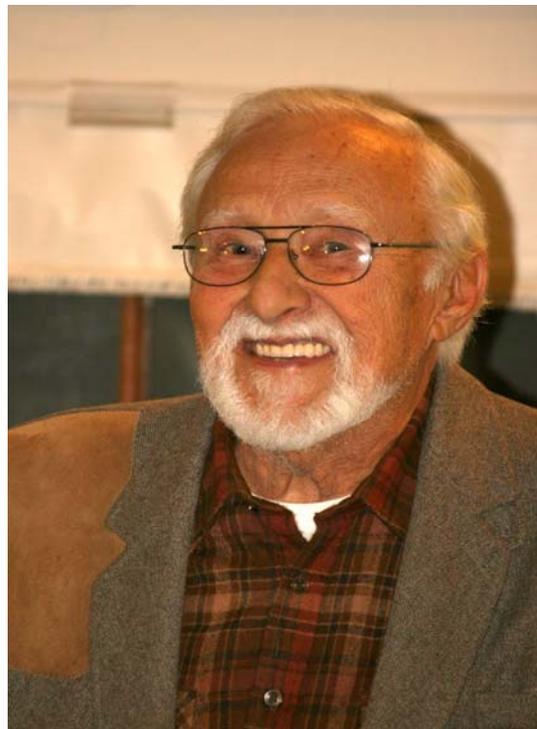
As an angler in the northeast, I could be directly affected by gas drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing. I am deeply concerned about the potential natural resource and recreational impacts from those processes. Further, the technical and environmental issues associated with this proposed industrial activity are complex and extensive; and citizens should be given more time to interpret and digest the contents of the DSGEIS.

I hope that the DEC will provide for a 90 day comment period but more preferably 6 months and hold at least seven regional public hearings that are convenient and accessible to interested parties, including at least one hearing in New York City.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Nick Karas from our October Meeting at Caleb Smith State Park Preserve.



Again many
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Meet our Members

Tom McCoy

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

I was always attracted to water. I remember playing in puddles and getting into trouble because of the risk of polio. I probably caught my first fish in Twin Ponds in Wantagh – a sunny for sure. I was probably 6 or 7. Being of Irish decent we spent a few summers in East Durham – the Alps. There wasn't a pool so we went to a stream to swim. I had a drop line from the local general store tied to a sapling and caught my first trout, maybe 1955 or so. Then we started going to the Beaverkill campsite with some other boys and their dads. The men went off to fish and we were left to try to figure out what to do with this stream. We spent more time swimming by the covered bridge, playing with the stones and collecting wood than fishing – but there was something magical about it. A guy pulled up in an old black Chevy, put up a pup tent and took his rod and creel to the stream. He returned with a mess of trout for dinner and I can recall thinking – I can do that.

At what point did you move from a guy who fished to a fisherman?

I became a fisherman right away. I dove in to it hook line and sinker! I bought magazines, read books (if they had enough pictures) and rode bikes to local ponds like Mill Pond in Oyster Bay and Twin Lakes in Wantagh. I was a hunter as well and dreamed of a life outdoors.

How did you get involved with catching trout – and with Trout Unlimited?

The trout was the mystical magical prey of my father's crowd but I spent most of my time on sunnies, perch, bass and such. We would drive out east to visit friends in Bridgehampton and pass the Connetquot in the early 60's and my father would murmur something about it not being right that only the rich can get in there. I got away from fishing for a while (surfing, the service, college and marriage) but once settled I bought a rod and reel and started spin fishing again. It was then that the Connie was opened (mid 70's) and they began holding casting clinics – I went to one and joined TU on the spot – been trout fishing ever since.

How did you get involved in the chapter? What offices have you held? What chapter history would you like to share with other members?

I went to a meeting or two but was too busy to get too involved. I remained a member, enjoyed the newsletters and 30 years later, when my work life slowed down, I got involved. I joined the board first as an at-large member and then for a full term. I also edited the newsletter for a few years. This is an amazing chapter with very dedicated members and an aggressive program of activities. I am proud to be a part of it – and have made more good friends over the last few years than I ever expected to.

You are still an active participant on the board. What is it that keeps you coming back to TU?

I let my term expire last June as I have found myself once again too busy with work. But I also believe it is good to get new blood involved so it is healthy to step aside.

I know you love to fish. What is your fondest fishing memory?

Too many to even start to list. They are all great. I cherish is the annual spring outing – it never fails to be a great time.

What is it about fishing you love so much?

It gives me an excuse to be with nature and good friends.

Your favorite stream?

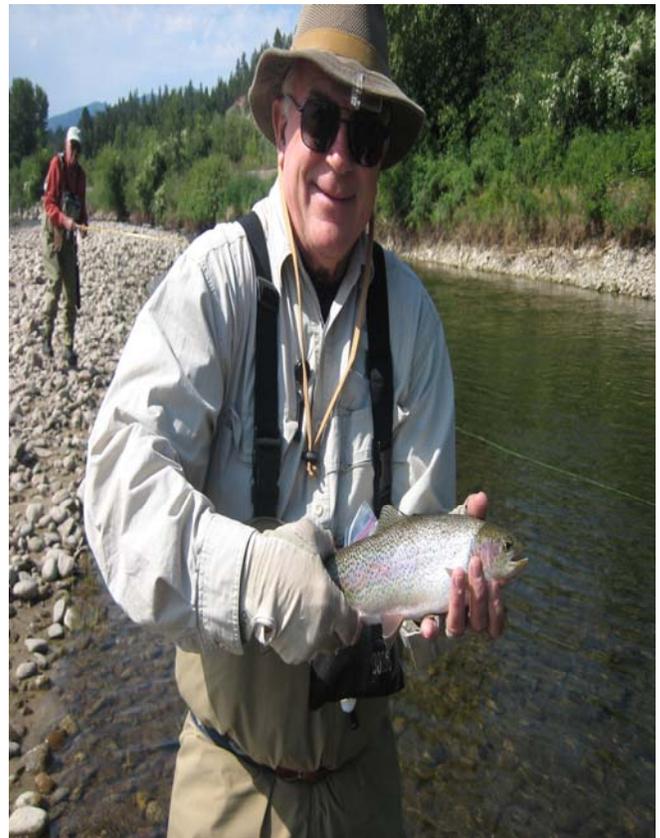
Beaverkill/Willowemoc

Your favorite Fly?

Hendrickson

Advice for new TU'ers?

Join and remain a member, even if you don't have time to do more. When you have some time, and want to meet some great people – come on down.



Looks like he's the real McCoy.....

If you are a new member of T.U. I would like to interview you for the next "Meet our Members. Please drop a line our call the editor to be included

In A River



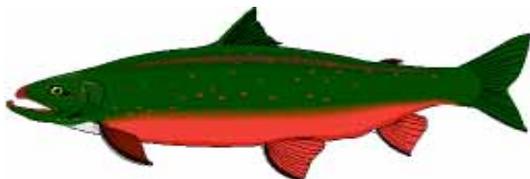
Poem and Photo by Marc Gilman

In a river
On a mountain
In a meadow
In a valley

Fish are free
To lurk and eat
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Ticket information in a future issues.



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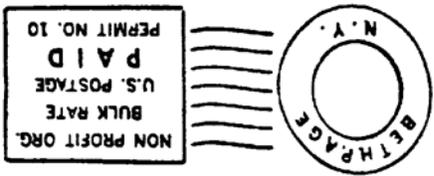
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