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"All the news that's fit to be tied"



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Wednesday night, May 3rd at 6:30

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AT THE EAST GREENWICH MASONIC HALL

FIRST CLASS MAIL



By The Edge of a Lake
David Bates, 1873

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Norbert Morin



The trout season is in full swing and the strippers will soon be appearing – looking for that ever faithful worm hatch. The weather has begun to warm up and the flowers and trees are about to burst open. Time sure does fly by when you're having fun.

With this being our last newsletter before we all break for the summer I'd like to take a few moments and get serious about acknowledging a number of individuals.

Accolades to Mike Maddalena and Dick Pearce – co-directors of our great education program. They kept the ball rolling and provided as much variety to our tying sessions as they possibly could. They certainly deserve a great round of applause and thanks.

John O'Meara – what more can I say about one of the most dedicated individuals I have had the pleasure to be with. His dedication to the youth program reached its peak this past spring when the junior members participated at the Wilmington Show. He was assisted by such capable individuals as Lenny Lake, John McCall and Peter Burgess – many thanks to all of them.

Our unsung hero award goes to Diane Machado – our secretary for a number of years. She has served this club beyond anything we could have asked for and never complained about all that she was asked to do. Stand up and take a bow Diane, you deserve it.

Lou Mazza whose management skills and expertise kept me from the brink of one disaster after another. David Boisvert, our treasurer par excellence. I don't know what I would have done without you and the diligence that you provided in your treasurer's reports, membership list, etc., etc. Kudos to both of you.

We also as a club owe many thanks to a couple of other people who were not on the board but who provide a service to the club that you see in your newsletter and web site. Burt Strom, our newsletter editor, Doug Breault our web master (someday I will actually understand those things you tell me about how the web site works – honest!) and Deb Duran for her photography and many
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MEETING INFORMATION

Each monthly meeting of UFTRI (generally the first Wednesday of the month) will begin with "doors opening" at the Meeting Hall, at 6:00 P.M. A short discussion of business begins at 6:30 P.M. Tying follows. The function room is set with tying tables and chairs. You might bring a small lamp. We will supply extension cords. At each table there will be a tying instructor who has volunteered to provide specific tying instructions on either a fresh or salt water fly. Files to be tied each meeting will be outlined in this newsletter which is sent to all members. Each will include a description and, where possible, a picture. Each month there will be instruction for Beginner and Intermediate tyers with Advanced tying classes occasionally. For all Beginner classes, tying tools and materials will be provided by UFTRI. Intermediate and Advanced tyers should plan to bring their own tools. The club and/or its instructors will provide materials. On nights where there is a speaker fly tying instruction will typically end at approximately 8:00 P.M., followed by our guest speaker. Each monthly meeting of UFTRI is open to members only; non-member guests can attend two meetings. Many meetings will have a door raffle and several "bucket raffles".
Annual Memberships- \$25. Children age 15 and under are always admitted free

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING: MASONIC LODGE

Directions from Providence: Go South on 95. Watch for the big fork left on to route 4 south which is exit 9. Get off route 4 at Exit 8A East Green- which takes you on to 401 East/Division St. In 1.3 miles there is a fork. Bear left to stay on Division Street. Another 0.7 miles is the Lodge on the left.

Directions from South County: Route 4 North to Exit 8A. This is 401/ Division Street East. Continue East for 1.3 miles where you fork left to stay on Division Street. Another 0.7 miles is the Lodge on the left.

UFTRI PICNIC MAY 20TH

This May 3rd tying meeting will be our final one. But don't forget that on **Saturday, May 20th** we will have our annual picnic and get-together. It will be at **Deer Creek Farm in Foster, RI.**

The day will start at 10AM and continue until our last friend drifts away!

We will provide cookout food and a stocked pond is on the premises, so bring your gear if you want to fish.

Directions to Deer Creek Farm 59 North Road, Foster Courtesy Google Earth

I-295 toward Woonsocket

Take the **US-6** exit **6A-B-C** to **Hartford Ct./Providence** - go **1.4** mi

Bear **right** onto the **US-6 W** ramp to **Foster** - go **0.1** mi
Bear **right** at **Hartford Ave/Grand Army of the Republic Hwy** - go **2.9** mi

Continue on **Hartford Pike/Hartford Ave** - go **0.3** mi
Bear **right** and head toward **Hartford Pike/Hartford Ave** - go **0.1** mi

Continue on **Hartford Pike/Hartford Ave** - go **1.9** mi
Turn **left** at **US-6 W** and head toward **(I-395)** - go **0.1** mi

16. Bear **right** at **US-6** - go **3.2** mi
Bear **right** at **US-6 W** - go **5.5** mi
Turn **left** at **Boswell Trl** - go **1.7** mi
Turn **right** at **North Rd** - go **256** ft

EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE Dick Pearce, Mike Maddalena



This is our last tying meeting, but don't forget our picnic/get-together on May 20th (see page 14.)

We are happy to feature Captain Bob Hines on tying and preparing for the 'clam worm hatch' at our coming meeting. It is an important opportunity to learn about this special fishing event from a guru.

Thanks to all our instructors for their contributions this year. We've tied a lot of flies. We hope you'll use them well this season and let everyone know about successful results on the web site message board. You might want to try some of your new flies at our annual picnic on May 20th, as well as at the hex and worm hatches.

We have attracted a lot of attention tying at the shows this year, particularly at our kids' table at the Salt Water Edge Show. The three days of the New England Saltwater Fishing Show were also a success--thanks to Harry Templeton, George Tilotson, Paul Pezza, Joe Kiselica, Diane Machado, Everett Thornton, John McCall, Jim Barr, Dave Boisvert, Glen Northup, Bill Azamarski, Deb Duran, and Vinnie Diodati.

We look forward to all of you and some new volunteers next year.
Dick and Mike

Our club web site is
www.uftri.org

We hope to have the message board functioning smoothly soon. Please go to the site and communicate with your fellow members.

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Last Month's Meeting

Last month, Gus Page! accidentally pointed his digital camera at himself and snapped a picture. The camera was no good for the rest of the evening. So we have no pictures to show you of our last meeting. We hope to see Gus snapping away on May 3rd once again.

May Tying

We have a featured tyer at our coming meeting, **Captain Bob Hines**, who will be discussing the revered "worm hatch."

The worm hatch is one of the most beautiful and interesting of all the Rhode Island fishing related biological spectacles.



The spring sunshine beats down on the shallow muddy sections of the salt ponds. Particularly in an afternoon low tide under a full sun, the clam worms are stimulated in the heating muck to prepare for the swarming mating dance they will do later on. Before dusk the stripers, and possibly shad, are splashing at the sex crazed clam worms known as *nereis succinea* (and other species) that are swarming in front of you. Bass are 'rising' all around you!

One of the reasons I sign on every year to fish with Bob on his flats boat is that I get guidance, focus and always new practical fishing advice. Bob covers more promising water in one expedition than you could in ten and provides you with a nearly perfect mobile casting platform. If it's not happening "here" then you go "there!" At the same time you can receive expert tutelage not just on the hatch but on the mechanics and art of fishing.

If you wish to learn about fishing the worm hatch, and tying for it you will want to sit at Bob's table.

A Book Review by Mike Maddalena Mayflies by Ted Fauceglia



This book just knocked my socks off! It is entitled "Mayflies" by Ted Fauceglia, a fly-fisherman and professional photographer. It's a very recent book; it just came out last spring (2005.) I must say it is a wealth of knowledge

for any fly-fisherman. It lists all mayfly names, distribution and environment, and their lifecycles/ stages. The photography is spectacular. There are many pictures showing the mayfly stages in great detail. Fauceglia also shows photos of fly patterns imitating these insects. I definitely recommend this book to all fly-fishermen as a "must have!" I give it a four star rating, a wonderful job by the author.

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contributions that she makes to the club each year.

Let's not forget those outstanding instructors who have provided you with a wealth of knowledge and expertise – they don't get much better than the group we have.

I'm sure that I missed others, and I'm sure you know who they are so give a big thanks to the board members and all those who assisted in providing another great year for UFTRI.

And by now you should be able to tie a nice fly and keep a tight line all at the same time so enjoy the fruits of your labor. See you somewhere on the water.....

Norbert



Ed Lombardo teaches casting.

Our cover picture on this Tyer's Vise is of Marissa Johnson (Al Manfredi's granddaughter) taken at our "Kids' Day" held at Addieville Farm on April 15th. If a picture is worth a thousand words we have millions of wonderful words about this outing as you can see in some of the photos above and preceding.

To all the generous volunteers both from our club and from the Narragansett Chapter of Trout Unlimited who helped to teach these kids, and cook for and encourage them, we give our heart felt thanks. The parents were awed by the generosity of all of you. And the kids should remember it. We hope that some of them will carry it forward.

Thanks, JJO'M

Bob Hines is a USCG licensed Captain and professional guide and has published in magazines, including an article on the worm hatch in Fly Rod and Reel Magazine. He takes his clients on his Action Craft flats boat covering Ninigret and other sites to cover the widespread shallow water "spots" in order to fish the worm hatch. (And of course other waters for other opportunities when the worms are done.)

Whether you "ship out" with Bob, or just want to pick his brain (he tells me he is willing to share his own special patterns) and learn about this emergence at his table in May, take advantage of his presence on the 3rd.



Above are a couple of Bob's own clam worm patterns. As I recall he uses these on top and another pattern as a dropper, possibly switching to one mode or the other as the situations dictate. (He will correct me if I do not have this exactly right.)

Mike Maddalena will be hosting an **Intermediate Fresh water** table. His focus will be on the **Hendrickson** hatch, an early and generally very important emergence. He will show you flies that work on this hatch and will discuss the hatch itself; how and where it happens. All stages of this hatch: nymph, emerger, dun and spinner will be covered. So it should be a great general mayfly seminar by one of our most experienced fishers and tyers.



Dave Loren will be instructing on the **Bondorew Bucktail**, an *Intermediate Saltwater* tie. "This fly is out of Ray Bondorews book "Stripers and Streamers" and is a very good fly for early season and throughout the year. I think we sometimes forget the great patterns that local tyers have produced. I like to stick with local things that seem to work just fine in local waters. There are a few places in the fly that call for saddle hackles in the original fly but I have found that the all bucktail version here has worked just fine. If you want to tie the original version I suggest you pick up a copy of Ray's book. It also includes more great patterns that he ties up."



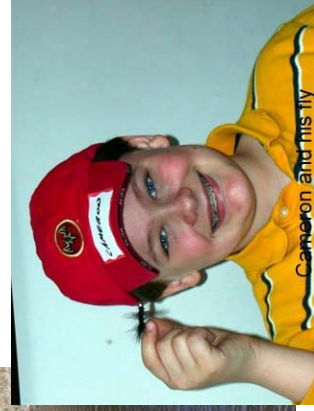
Bondorew Bucktail

- Thread**-- Light green or pale yellow
- Hook**-- Eagle Claw No. 254 2/0 to 5/0
- Tail**-- Long white bucktail, 8-10 strands pearl krystal flash, Long yellow bucktail, 2 strands dark green flashabou, Light blue bucktail.
- Body**-- Silver body braid
- Wing**-- Light yellow bucktail, Light blue bucktail, 6-8 strands dark green bucktail. Dark blue bucktail.
- Throat**-- Long white bucktail 2/3 length of fly.



Following are some scenes from our Kids' Day at Addieville Farm.

A message from John O'Meara follows, on page 12.



George Tillotson will be conducting an **Advanced Beginner Fresh water** table. His fly will be one of the most popular and productive of all mayfly nymph patterns **The Prince Nymph**. An important fishing fly and a great one for illustrating basic techniques.



Prince Nymph
Hook: 2XL (3XL a beadhead)
Thread: 6/0 Black
Lead: optional
Tail: Goose Biots, Brown
Body: Peacock Herl
Rib: Oval Tinsel, Gold
Hackle: Hen Neck, Brown
Wing: Goose Biots, White

Harry Templeton will be tying the **Z-Eel**, an **advanced beginner Saltwater** pattern. “This is a very effective eel pattern that can be fished anywhere live eels are usually used. The preferred method is to use a sinking line and fish the eel near the bottom. Very effective before dawn and after dark but can be successful during the day when fished deep. “

Z-Eel
Hook: Any saltwater
hook size 1/0 - 2/0
Body & Tail: Black Zonker
strip, Black Krystal Flash
Collar: Black Marabou
Eyes: Stick on Yellow
Epoxy: Head only



John O'Meara is one of our premier "tyers' tyers." He will be doing the **Rat Faced MacDougal**. This is an **Intermediate to Advanced Intermediate** tie. "Back around 1930, Harry Darbee developed the Rat Faced MacDougal. Harry was a very busy guy in those days. He was instrumental in the development of many Catskill dry flies, as well as the early development of the wonderful hackle we have available today. (Someone could write an entire article for this little newsletter just on Harry Darbee and his wife Elsie.) Harry was trying to develop a dry fly that would float better than most of the dubbed body flies of the time. "The Rat Faced MacDougal" was the result.

Five or six years later, Joe Messinger Sr., of Morgantown W. Va., is credited with the development of the "Irresistible". Its original name was "The Deer Hair Drake". The name "Irresistible" was a name dubbed by one of his customers, and it stuck. The original Deer Hair Drake had tail, spun and clipped body, and wings of deer hair. The hackle was medium Blue dun. Fly tiers are very clever, and innovative people. It didn't take very long before people saw the possibility of using this style of tying to improve other already popular flies. Several offshoots of this style of fly are the White Irresistible, the Adams Irresistible, and the Wulff Irresistible. They're all beautiful flies, and well worth your effort to learn to tie them.

There is some confusion over whether Joe or Harry was the first to tie this style of fly, because even though Harry did his in 1930, Joe is credited with being the father of clipped deer hair, and Harry probably got the idea from Joe. We'll get it all straightened out when we get to that big tying bench in the sky.

At the May meeting, we're going to learn either the Rat Faced MacDougal, or the Adams Irresistible. If you'll notice the two flies pictured here, you'll see that the only difference is in the tail material. Tie which ever you like."



Rat Faced MacDougal

Hook: 1x1 dry fly, like Dai-Riki 300, size 12

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: Brown Deer hair for Rat Faced MacDougal, Moose Body hair for Irresistible

Body: Spun and clipped natural deer hair

Wings: Grizzly hen hackle tips, could be calf hair to increase visibility, and durability

Hackle: Brown and grizzly

Dick Pearce will be tying **two sparkle pupa caddis flies** which are **Intermediate fresh water** ties. Editor's Note: These flies are very famous designs with features invoked to mimic several of the salient aspects of the natural rising caddis pupa. LaFontaine and his imitators swear by its effectiveness. Although not trivial ties, they may bring you closer to the Holy Grail of fly fishing which is the demonstrable fooling of fish that might not otherwise be enticed. Let me know if it works. I searched for a Holy Grail but somewhere in the process I got excommunicated!

Gary LaFontaine's Emergent Sparkle Pupa and BH Deep Sparkle Pupa, Gray

Hook: 6-20 standard dry fly (Emergent Sparkle Pupa), 1x (BH Deep Sparkle Pupa)

Metal Bead: (BH Deep Sparkle Pupa)

Weight: Lead wire (BH Deep Sparkle Pupa)

Veil: 3/4 Dark Gray, 1/4 White LaFontaine's Sparkle Yarn

Underbody: Half sparkle yarn and half fur, chopped very fine and mixed in a blender, and applied sparse and fuzzy to the thread with a method called Touch Dubbing.

Wing for Emergent Sparkle Pupa: Deer Hair

Wing pads for BH Deep Sparkle Pupa: Soft hackle fibers on each side

of the veil.

Head: Fur or marabou fibers

The four main variations are the Brown and Yellow (rusty yellow overbody and underbody/brown wing pads/brown head), Brown and Bright green (green overbody and underbody/brown wing pads/brown head), Ginger (ginger overbody and underbody/ginger wing pads/tan head), and Dark Gray (dark gray overbody and underbody/gray wing pads/gray head).

