



Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 • 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

November Speaker

Dave Porreca

Owner and founder of River & Riptide Anglers



Fishing the 2012 Season

JOEL KESSLER FISHES THE STREAMS OF LOWER LAKE ONTARIO



Joel holds a Steelhead

From the President

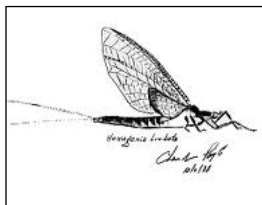
November – Thanksgiving – Does this mean that only the hardy souls go out fishing as the weather changes?

I, for one, just came back from one of my best trips – upstate New York – and I understand that others were also fishing the Lake Ontario streams. It should be put on everyone’s fishing “bucket list.” There is nothing like it. Anyone who has fished the stream waters keeps going back. Steve Dewar landed his first steelhead. Ask him what it is like. I am sure he has photos to show you.

The Board of Directors is putting together a great winter season of tying and speakers. Make sure that your membership is up-to-date. Dues should be paid by December.



Atlantic Salmon



November’s speaker will be Dave Porreca who has a program about the hex hatch in Rhode Island’s Wood River. We are planning on having a raffle with the prize of a trip with Dave.

The December meeting falls on Christmas Day so we are planning on having it Thursday, December 27. Pizza will be served at 5:30 p.m., compliments of the Club, so come early!

I have to apologize to everyone who has been trying to get on our web site. Steve’s computer has been down but should be up soon. We hope to let you know when it is up via email and I hope to see everyone at the November meeting!

Joel



King Salmon



The Hendrickson

EPHEMERELLA SUBVARIA

BY INGRID SILS

When the northeast flyfisher is asked to name the first major mayfly hatch of the year, the Hendrickson more often than not comes to mind. Called a variety of common names that also include the Red Quill, the Lady Beaverkill or the Borchers, *Ephemerella subvaria* is undoubtedly the best known of the classic mayfly hatches, having been discussed in fly-fishing literature by Art Flick as early as 1947. An early season emerged, hatches may begin when water temperatures are between 50-55 F; this means that the flyfisher may see these mayflies as early as middle of April in New York Catskill region. Daily emergence usually peaks between noontime and 3 P.M. when the morning's chill has been removed. Should the climate produce unseasonably warm weather during March, the flyfisher will encounter seasonal hatching sooner, possibly in early April. When this occurs, *E. subvaria* emergence activity is often delayed until evening hours. In opposition, very cold weather during the months of March and April will delay Emergence (early/mid May) and produce hatches during the warmest parts of the day, if they occur at all.

The nymphs inhabit varied areas, from swift gravel riffles to the slower currents of deep pools. The nymphal stage is important to the angler until the duns are present in sufficient numbers to attract the attention of the trout. On a daily basis, the nymphs usually become active by late morning or early afternoon and swim to the surface of the water repeatedly attempting to hatch. This activity continues for several days before the water conditions are just right and the nymphs

succeed. During this time interval, the nymphs do not hide under objects on the streambed. Rather, they are readily visible alongside rocks and other river bottom debris. For these reasons, nymphal patterns should be weighted and fished diagonally across stream and down in a dead drift manner. Only in the very slowest regions of the stream might the flyfisher consider to impart occasional action of his artificial. When casting slightly upstream and permitting the fly to sink during its down-stream drift in fast or moderately flowing water, action is imparted to the artificial by the current. Known as a subsurface emerged, *E. subvaria* nymphs usually leave their nymphal shucks about 1/2 to 1 inch below the surface film, yet under cold and dreary weather conditions emergence may occur directly from the surface film itself. Emergence is a relatively slow process, leaving the insect quite vulnerable for varying amounts of time. Consequently this is the stage preferred by trout and the angler would do well by using these imitations until streamside observation reveals that the fish have switched to taking duns. An angler's casts should be directed along the edges of current lanes, including those lanes that border backwater areas near the shoreline, and into the bubble lanes that often carry assorted debris downstream. Emerger imitations are floated just below the surface film.

They are most effective in fast flowing waters and are received best by trout when they are cast across and downstream in a dead drift manner. On occasion however, very slight sporadic action may be imparted to the artificial if it is

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fished in slowly moving water. One of the most popular and effective emerged imitations during Hendrickson hatch is the Goldribbed Hare's Ear wet fly. An unweighted nymphal imitation is also highly effective.

During the cold weather that typifies their emergence, the duns drift for considerable distances before their wings will support flight. Since emergence is heaviest for only about an hour a day, the nymphal stage are the ones that initially stimulate salmonid activity at all water depths. After three to four days, or once the hatch has become established for the season, the trout usually "key in" onto the stage. Remembering the cold weather conditions that typify this hatch, *E. subvaria* duns ride the water's surface for good distances. It is for this reason that dun imitations require long, drag-free floats. When fishing during this hatch, larger fish will hold very tightly to their feeding lanes and seek out the placid floating adults. These flies should be fished across stream and down. Unseasonably cold and/or rainy weather conditions may result in the duns never getting airborne. When this happens, the trout will often feed heavily

upon the drowned adults. Close observation along with trial and error will inform the angler whether the fish are taking these winged adults or if they are feeding upon emergers.

Hendrickson duns molt into spinners approximately 24-48 hours after emergence. These spinners usually appear in the afternoon and are readily seen over the fast water slicks and riffles. The spinner fall usually is very concentrated, lasting for only 30-40 minutes on the average each day. Hendrickson spinners prefer to mate over riffle water areas and trout intercept them in the slower waters directly below these areas. After jettisoning their egg sacs from above the water's surface, the female spinners fall to the water fully spent, lying flush in the surface film. Spinner imitations may be cast across and slightly upstream and allowed to travel downstream over feeding fish in a dead drift. An exception to this would take place during a windy day when the naturals would be more active on the water's surface by attempting to maintain by flying against the breeze. Artificial s presented during this time may have a slight amount of action imparted during their downstream drift. ■

PATTERNS

Nymph

Hook: 2 X long, #14
Thread: Black
Tails: Pheasant tail fibers
Body: Weighted, dark brown hare's ear dubbing
Rib: Fine gold wire (optional)
Wing: Dark brown or black quill segment
Legs: Dark mottled hen neck hackle

Emerger

An unweighted version of the nymph or Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear
Hook: #12-14 dry fly hook
Thread: Black
Tails: Brown hackle fibers
Body: Dark brown Hare's ear dubbing ribbed with fine gold wire

Dun

Hook: #12-14 dry fly
Thread: Black
Tails: Dark dun hackle fibers
Body: Underbody slightly built up with thread, over-wrapped with stripped peacock herl
Wing: Slate grey duck quill wing segments
Hackle: Medium dun

Spinner

Hook: #12-14 dry fly
Thread: Maroon
Tails: Dark brown hackle fibers, tied divided
Egg sac: Fluorescent yellowish green floss (optional)
Body: Stripped peacock quill or brown hackle stem
Wing: White Herculon yarn with a few fibers of pearlescent crystal flash mixed in
Hackle: Light dun hackle, tied in and turned on behind and in front of the wings. The bottom fibers are then trimmed flat.

Passings

JAKE JAKESPEARE: A Remembrance by Armand J. Courchaine

I knew Jake for over twenty years. His first loves were fly tying and fly fishing. He lived fast and hard. Sometimes he followed the rules, but those aren't the interesting stories.

One night he picked me up to go to a United Fly Tyers meeting in Burlington, MA. In his Volvo, with an expired registration, Jake decided the traffic wasn't moving fast enough so he slid over into the breakdown lane. I wasn't keen on this idea as he was driving eighty miles an hour! I begged him to stop. We managed to arrive in plenty of time and, much to my relief, in one piece.

Another afternoon he called to tell me about his new project – building a fly rod that would cast “a country mile.” He went on and on about new material, IMX 6, 7, and, I don't know maybe 10, with titanium guides, extraordinary cork handle/special tip, etc. I asked Jake how much farther I'd be able to cast. He told me ‘five feet’. “What – only five feet!, I said. “You've been talking for two hours!” I was exhausted!

Then it was clothing. I still have my blue and red Lefty Deceiver shirt. I still wear it. People think I'm a Jimmy Buffet fan.

And on to fly tying stuff – “You gotta tie with Illama Hair, DNA, etc.” he said. I bought the stuff because Jake was excited. I was happy he was associated with Temple Fork. I felt it was his best move.

One morning we were headed for Sakonnet Point, Little Compton. I was wondering why the early hour and he told me, “We're going to have a *value brunch*.” What's a value brunch?, I asked. He explained that it's when you receive a top notch meal for very little money.

That morning we ate Eggs Benedict, Canadian bacon, strawberry cheesecake, sausage – the works! Later, at Sakonnet Point, I just sat on the rocks. I couldn't believe I had eaten all that food! Things

changed when I saw feed bass in front of me, but I had trouble bending down. I thought my zipper and pants would split.

I often wondered where Jake got the energy to do all of the shows he did. He was a standard fixture along with Lefty, Bob Rifchin, John from the Vineyard, and Dave Loren. You just didn't have a Fly Fishing Show without Temple Fork.

Life is hard to figure. Some stay longer, some shorter. For some it's a battle – going through hell. For me, I loved Jake like the brother I never had. I, along with his family and friends, will miss him.

Jake Jakespeare – it's not goodbye but until we meet again. Thanks for being in my life.

Old friend, Armand



My wife first learned to cast with Jake's instructions.

DOYT LADD

A couple of weeks ago, Armand received an email from the son of a great and popular past member of Crossroads Anglers, saying that this father, Doyt Ladd, had past away.

I know many of our members remember Doyt from the 1980s when he was active in the Club, dispensing knowledge and telling stories of fishing experiences with wit and charm. Doyt truly had a wealth of knowledge and he loved to share it. There are many members who were taught and guided by Doyt's wisdom.

We are all saddened to hear of his passing and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. He was truly an “original” and a friend to all of us!

“No man ever steps in the same river twice,
for it's not the same river and he's not the same man.”

—Heracli



RECENT CATCHES

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Annual Crossroads Anglers Fishing Tournament

This is a very simple contest with the winners enjoying perpetual bragging rights.

- It is open to all Club members.
- Fish must be caught using a flyrod.
- Results must be measured, photographed and hopefully released.
- Each winner will be determined based on the entire length of the fish.

Contest will end on November 30, 2012.

Certificates will be presented at the December Crossroads meeting.

Check web site for details:
www.crossroadsanglers.com.

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