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Scotch - Wine - Snacks - Prizes & Fishing

Tuesday, March 6

7 pm, General Society of Mechanics

20 West 44th Street

We are pleased to announce our first event of the year. Join us for Drinks and Snacks — including Scotch and Carpineto Estates “Dogajolo” Italian Wine — exciting Raffle Prizes and a terrific group of speakers for the Spring Fishing Forum.

Requested Contribution \$10 (*collected at the door*)

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Local Saltwater — John McMurray, Charter Captain
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For four decades, Trout Unlimited has been America's leading trout and salmon conservation organization. TU's 95,000 members and 455 chapters across the United States and Canada are actively engaged in the fight to preserve our precious trout and salmon resources.

A Note From the Editor

March 6: *Scotch, Wine, Snacks & Fishing*

Don't miss our March 6 event. Eat, drink and win raffle prizes—and talk about fishing. There will be a variety of fresh and saltwater angling experts available to speak to about their favorite fishing destinations around the globe. We hope to see you there.

If you can't make it, you can still enter the drawing by using the raffle tickets on page 5. The top prize is a half-day guided saltwater fishing trip. You can also win flies, prints, books, and assorted fishing accessories. Just fill out as many tickets as you want, and send them to us with a check made out to NYCTU (the address is on the tickets).

Join or Renew through NYCTU

The chapter will get \$5 for each member who joins or renews through us. Your membership will be exactly the same, we just collect the application and check and forward it to national. For this issue, the application has been moved to page 8.

Connetquot Trip March 13

The annual Spring Connetquot Trip will be Tuesday, March 13. Fish all day on the entire river for enormous brookies, browns and rainbows. This trip is always popular so please send your check soon. See the announcement below for all the details.

In This Issue

Due to planning the March 6 Event (and the editor's jury duty) we are a little light on content in this issue; we'll have more for you to read next time.

For now, don't miss Jerry Hoffnagle's review of recent Striper books on page 11. And, use the spare time to mark your calendar for the March 6 Scotch, Wine Snacks and Fishing event and the March 13 Connetquot Trip.

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SPRING CONNETQUOT TRIP

Tuesday, March 13

Join us for a day-trip to the **Connetquot River** on **Tuesday, March 13** and fish for massive Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout.



We'll have the river to ourselves and we can fish the entire day (from 8 am). Plan to bring lunch and a beverage, some warm clothing and a big net. (*see photo*). The cost is just \$50.

This is our first trip of the year—and it's always popular, so please make your payment soon. **We'll need to receive your check by Tuesday, March 6. No Refunds After March 6.** (*You can bring a check for the trip at the March 6 Scotch event.*)

Make your **check for \$50 payable to NYCTU** and send to **Susanne Weiser at 325 East 41st Street, Apt. 707, New York, NY 10017.** (Your cancelled check will be your receipt.)

Call Susanne Weiser, day 212- 269-3001; eve. 212-687-2493, if you need further information.

Enter the March 6 Raffle

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Even if you can't attend the March 6 Event, you can still enter the raffle. Prizes include a half day guided boat trip for stripers and bluefish as well as flies, fishing prints, books and assorted accessories. And, by entering, you'll not only have a chance to win great prizes, you'll also be helping your chapter.

Tickets are \$5 each. Just fill out as many tickets as you'd like (we do need an address or phone number to contact you if you win). Feel free to make photocopies if you need additional tickets.

Send the tickets, along with a check made payable to "NYCTU", to: *Michael Parks, 815 Bloomfield St., Apt #1, Hoboken, NJ 07030.*

Join or Renew through NYCTU

Our chapter will receive a \$5 rebate for members who join or renew through us. When your membership is about to expire – or to join for the first time - just fill out the form below and forward with a check (payable to Trout Unlimited) to Susanne Weiser as indicated.

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Contact TU National Office for foreign life memberships

** No further dues

VOLUNTEER OPTIONS

In each issue Volunteer Options lists opportunities to volunteer your time and talents for conservation and education. NYCTU and other non-profit groups will be featured. For submissions, please contact the editor.

Help for March 6 Event

If you are willing and able to help at our March 6 Event (see front page for details), please let us know. We need help with any of the following: setup, pouring scotch/wine, packing up etc.

If you would like to help please contact Susanne Weiser at 212 269-3001 or by e-mail at susanne@panix.com

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Meeting Schedule

As noted earlier, we have revised our schedule of meetings. We are now planning to hold 2 or 3 meetings each year, plus our spring and fall Connetquot trips.

Final dates and times for the June Casting Clinic and the October Connetquot Trip will be announced in future issues of the newsletter, on our web site www.nyctu.org and to our e-mail subscribers (you can subscribe to e-mail at the website or by sending your e-mail address to nyctu@hotmail.com).

March 6

Scotch, Wine, Snacks, Prizes & Fishing

7 pm, Society of Mechanics, 20 West 44th St.

Requested Contribution \$10

(see front page for details)

March 13

Spring Connetquot Trip

(see page 3 for details)

June

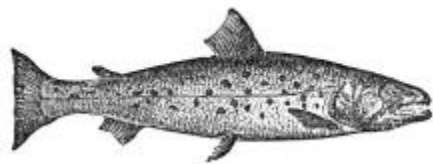
Central Park Casting Clinic

(date and time to be announced)

October

Fall Connetquot Trip

(date to be announced)



Book Reviews

Stripe-O-Rama

Striper Moon and *A Perfect Fish: Illusions in Flytying* by Ken Abrames

The Orvis Pocket Guide to Striped Bass and Bluefishing by Lou Tabory

The Complete Book of Striped Bass Fishing by Nick Karas

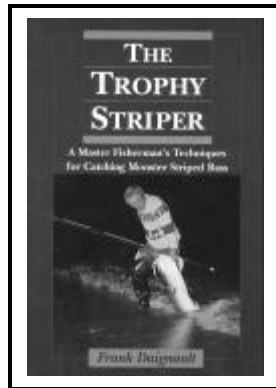
The Trophy Striper by Frank Daignault

Reviewed by Jerry Hoffnagle

I picked up Ken Abrames' *Striper Moon* (Frank Amato, 1994; \$15.95) because of the homespun illustrations and primer-size text (98 pages) with the hope it would be a direct route to basic striper technique. Alas, Abrames writing would win a "Bad Blake Contest" hands down; you have to swallow a gallon of neo-Romantic allusions to get to baitfish behavior.

In his new *A Perfect Fish: Illusions in Fly Tying* (Frank Amato, 1999; \$29.95 paperback) metaphysics and casting physics are more distinct. *Perfect* is both a gorgeous collection of original watercolors of saltwater naturals and fly patterns and a compelling collection of striper patterns and tying techniques -- and the best book of mystical fishing poems since Rod McKuen quit drinking. The legend under the title says this is about "The R.L.S. Method of Creating the Illusion of Life in Fresh and Saltwater Flies." I had to search out the reference for R.L.S. all the way to the bottom of the last page: it's the initials of an old taxonomic name for the striper -- "the perfect name for the perfect fish."

The "illusion of life" trick here is the flatwing tying technique adapted from Joe Bates' streamer book and put to very inventive uses for squid, shrimp, eel and other baitfish patterns, notably a Three Feather Flatwing. There are about 100 patterns here, some nice presentation tips and some stoned-on-head-cement meditations on Einstein, eternity, oceans, and "seeing." The 60-odd color illustrations are worth twice the price, not even including the 21 decorated poems called "Vignettes." Each vignette, painting and each fly pattern separately indexed so you can enter either the front or back doors of Abrames' striper perception. (P.S.: You can get a free preview on his website, www.stripermoon.com)



The first saltwater entry in the Orvis Handbook series, *The Orvis Pocket Guide to Fly-fishing for Striped Bass and Bluefishing* from local boy Lou Tabory (Lyons, 2001; \$16.95) makes a good sense portable for a striper rookie. Necessarily, it borrows whole chunks of his previous *Guide to Saltwater Bait and Imitations*, and *Striper on the Fly*, so if you own those, no need to own this one unless you just feel

safer with a user's manual in the glove compartment. It really is the lean best of Tabory's three hardcover books and the 4"x6" form follows a legit on-the-waterfront function. This is a quick tackle/technique reference for re-tooling your freshwater casts, leaders, and way of seeing the water.

Nick Karas' estimable 1993 *The Striped Bass* is also now available in a slightly abridged, only slightly less expensive paperback called *The Complete Book of Striped Bass Fishing* (Lyons, 2001; \$22.95) that freshened some of the stats and tackle references and dropped dated fisheries management material. Both editions are all tackle/all habitats/all approaches, and the flyfishing section remains a smallish chapter here. At \$24.94 the paperback's not quite a compelling value over its 480-page forebearer, but both more than make up in range of topics whatever they lack in tackle-fashion and gear currency. Karas's book deserves credit for being there well ahead of the striper *zeitgeist*.

Frank Daignault was there at the beginning too, with his *Striper Surf*, *Striper Hot Spots* (on New England shorelines mostly, but south to mid-Jersey), and *Twenty Years On the Cape* (I rest my case). *The Trophy Striper* (Burford, 1999; \$16.95) is still in the vanguard of striper mania: like Karas', it's a book that relies on "heave 'em hard" lure approaches, but with ample content for purists, including two dozen fly-only pages that have more distilled saltwater flyfishing wisdom than the average issue of either of *those* magazines. Pithy chapters like the opening "Beyond the Keeper" followed by "Methods for Moby Stripers" and "Cow Country: Where Stripers Go to Pull On Fishers" will make most any fly snob rip off his tattersall neoprenes, bite down the leader and tie on a tin squid. This is striper viagra.

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See front page for additional details