

## NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024



"TOOLS OF THE TRADE LONG AGO" – Photo by Peter Nilsen

### FEBRUARY MEETING

## GETTING READY FOR THE STRIPER SEASON WITH SUSAN ESTABROOK

**PLUS: Rhody Fly Rodders – ‘Past & Present’, a short slide presentation by Capt. Ray Stachelek**

**Tuesday, February 20th – starting at 6:30pm**

When and where should start fishing this coming season? What baitfish will the Striped Bass be following into our fishing areas and what flies should we start with? Well, Susan will try and answer your questions and will also share some interesting facts on the History of Rhody Fly Rodders!

**So, please join us on Feb 20th! There will be some great bucket raffles, and some great conversations with some great people!...plus liquid refreshments are always available from Jim, our capable barkeeper!!**

**Come join us for what should be a very informative and fun evening!**

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



#### Banquet/Reunion

It's now in the books; our Sixty Anniversary Banquet/Reunion was a splendid success. We received some great feedback as new visitors and friends exited the event. We did our club proud and honored our founding fathers. We showed we are still a presence in the fly fishing world today, with success and our wealth of knowledge.

The banquet room looked so elegant with nice white table cloths and place settings and there was plenty of light and spacing – the place looked so festive. Around the front of the stage was our vast variety of gifts and bucket raffles, laid out to perfection. Wright's Farm was very accommodating setting up these extra tables, giving us anything we needed. I sent them a club letter expressing our thankfulness for all the nice gestures and fine service they bestowed upon our club's event.

#### Elections

We have lots of official business at hand this month. We tabled some important activities along the way while planning an event. February will be catchup month, so we have to have nominations/elections of club officers. We certainly need new member participation for continued growth and prosperity. Seriously, think about volunteering for office. Many of you are retired and have more leisure time on your hands, why not put it to good use. No experience required, on the job training. You will be working with some the finest people around. It has great benefits too when you see happy and appreciative faces enjoying the works of your labor at monthly meetings.

The RISSA New England Fishing Show is coming up soon, on March 8, 9, and 10, and we will have a club presence and a booth to staff. We are looking for volunteers for this three day event. There will be sign-up sheets at the February meeting. Please don't miss the opportunity to help. This year we will be raising awareness for our wounded military and all donations will support "Project Healing Waters." You'll hear some incredible stories from families touched by this wonderful gesture. That alone is worth the price of admission. Support staff is free.

#### Presentation

We have the pleasure tonight of hearing our own Susan Estabrook give us some early season primers and hints about start-ups for the upcoming season. She also did some great research on our club history you'll find fascinating. I know I learned a few things. We will also show the video, "Past and Present" our club video, just in case you were not present at our function.

Leave a little early for bridge traffic. Our meetings are worth the wait. See you there.

**Capt. Ray Stachelek**

### Fishing Shows Schedules 2023

**RISAA NEW ENGLAND SALTWATER FISHING SHOW**  
 RI Convention Center, Providence, RI  
 March 8, 9, 10, 2024

### NEW TO RHODY?

Come join us and experience our friendship and knowledge of saltwater fly fishing. Hopefully we'll see you at a meeting, or on the water during our summer get-togethers. Please get involved, this is your club. Thank you!

*Peter Nilsen,  
 Newsletter Editor*

## RFR MEMBERS • UPCLOSE

In this feature of our newsletter we want to feature a Rhody Fly Rodders member with a profile of them and post it here every month!

We would like to let our whole membership get to know one another. What better way to do this than to feature a member profile each month. We want to get you to know each other, creating new and closer friendships.



#### INTRODUCING..... DAVE LOREN

**CITY OR TOWN?** Warren, Rhode Island

**HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER?** 35 years! Past President!

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN FLY FISHING / TYING FLIES?**

I've been fly fishing and tying flies for 55 years.

**FAVORITE SPECIES?** Striped Bass, Landlock Salmon and Trout.

**BOAT / SHORE FISHING?** I like fishing from a boat.

**ANY NOTABLE CATCHES?** A 22 lb Tuna & 42 inch Striper on flies.

**FAVORITE FLY?** 'Saltwater Whiz' and the 'Dr. Sam flies!'

**FAVORITE WAYS TO FLY FISH?** Estuaries, bays, and the surf!

**FAVORITE FISHING BUDDIES?** Tying flies with the Vise Squad and a 1/2 dozen Rhody Members!

### PRESENTATION BY RHODY MEMBER, ED LOMBARDO!

**Ed Lombardo will be doing slide presentation for TROUT UNLIMITED – CHAPTER #225**

**WHEN :** Wednesday, February, 28 2024, Starting at 6:00pm

**WHERE :** Coventry-West Elks Lodge, 475 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI

**ADDRESS :** 42 Noosneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI

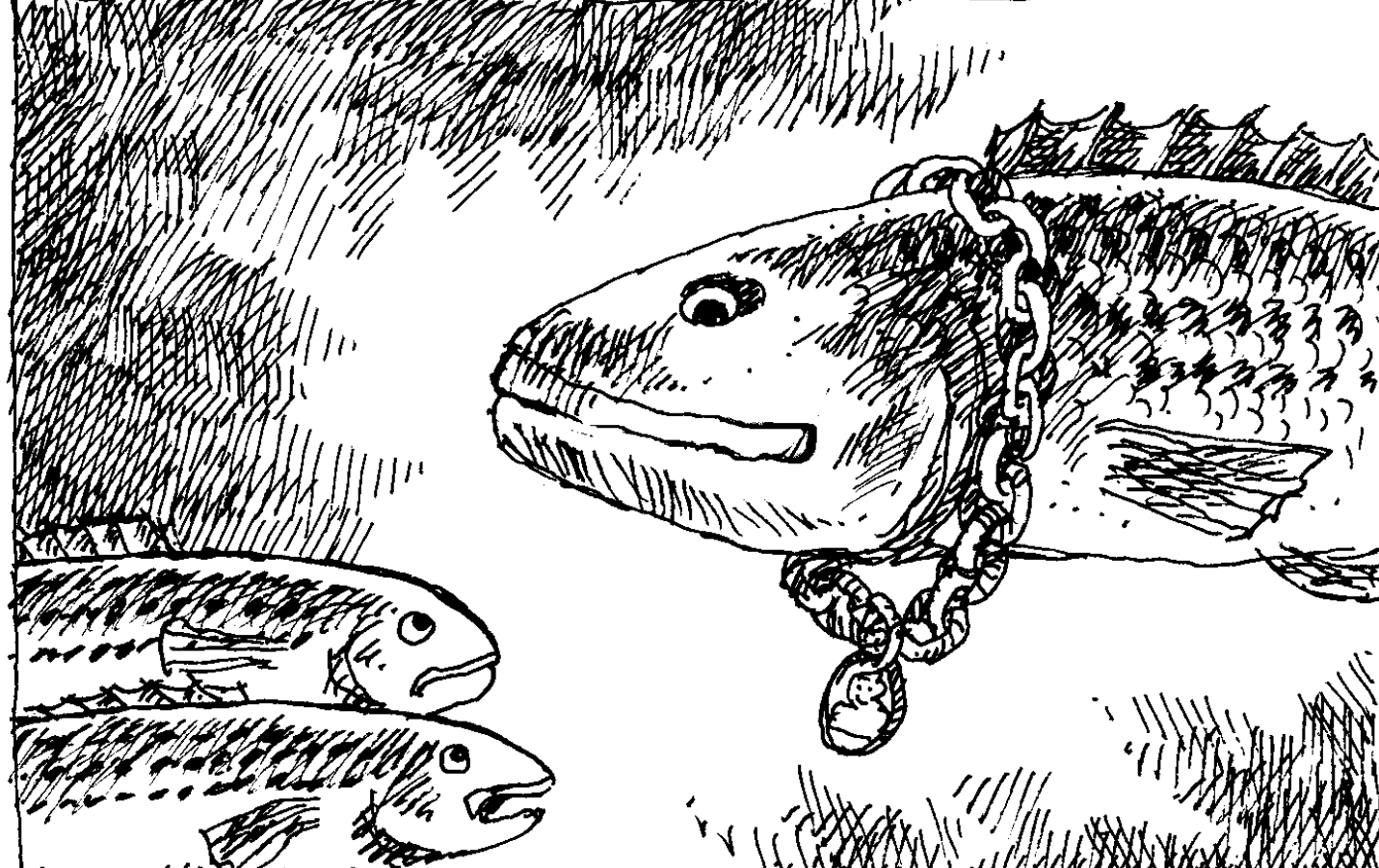
**DIRECTIONS:** Exit 18 on I-95, one-half mile north on RT 3.

**Please RSVP to UFTRI President Greg Houde via email: ghoude47@yahoo.com by December 29.**

Located in the Northwest corner of New Mexico, the San Juan River is world renowned for providing some of the most rewarding trout fishing you will ever experience.

Ed will be speaking on:

1. What flies work best
2. Equipment...rods, reels, flylines, leaders, etc.
3. Reading the water anatomy, where to find big fish
4. How to get there, and maps of the river.
5. What to cast for both wet and dry fishing.



"SHEILA, DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT ISN'T THAT ONE OF THOSE GUYS FROM THE... 'JERSEY SHORE'? TRY TO IGNORE HIM!"

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#### MEETINGS:

Riverside Sportsmen's Association  
 1 Mohawk Dr.,  
 East Providence, RI 02915  
 3rd Tuesday of the month,  
 Oct. – April

#### DIRECTIONS:

From Providence take Rt. 195 to Exit 2B. Bear right on the ramp and follow Rt. 114 S (Wampanoag Trail) for 2 miles. Look for WPRO Studios on left, then take first U-turn back to Rt. 114 North. Continue North and look for the Riverside Sportsmen's Club (blue) sign on right side.



SHOW ME YOUR FLY!

