



This Month's Fly of the Month – Veiled Pupa

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Join us before each meeting at 6:30pm for a tying demonstration. Meetings begin at 7:30pm, the third Monday of each month (except Banquet month, July and August), at the Albany Ramada located on Watervliet Avenue Extension off Exit 5 of I-90 (Everett Road).

Upcoming Events

October 17 Chapter General Meeting – **Ron Boutin** speaking on “Fishing Wyoming” – guest tier at 6:30 and featured speaker starts about 7:30pm – all are welcome – free of charge

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Clearwater Chapter General Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 17th and it starts at 6:30pm with a guest fly tier and the featured speaker starts at 7pm. This month's meeting will be **Ron Boutin** speaking on "Fishing Wyoming". Ron is as knowledgeable an angler as you will ever meet so if you want to be entertained and learn something from an expert this is your chance. At the Ramada Inn off exit 5 of I-90 Albany. Free of charge and all are welcome.

Fish of the Month 2016 Contest in Full Gear

Mark A Brown

The Chapter's Fish of the Month Contest is already in its sixth year having crowned **Rich Atkinson, Noe Mead, Jim Berry, Bill Bach, Ron Boutin, Brad Mohr, Jim Boyle** and for 2015, **Paul Kalacs** winners in its first eight years.

The contest is open to all members (except me!) and family members of Chapter members and is not necessarily based on the biggest fish, but the quality of the fish, story behind it and picture quality all make up a winning entry. Simply send a photograph to me at my email address at mrbrownie6@gmail.com or contact me via email for my mailing address if you have a Polaroid or 35mm shot. As the entries come I'll publish them in the newsletter and select a winner at the March Banquet when the winner will get a dozen hand tied flies or something else really nice as a prize.

Unfortunately there are were no entries for this month.

Esopus Creek Update

NYS DEC has requested that the City drastically reduce the flow from the Shandaken Tunnel to the Esopus Creek. NYS DEC and NYC DEP have posted pictures and additional information about this this on our FaceBook pages at:

<https://www.facebook.com/NYSDEC/>

<https://www.facebook.com/nycwatershed>

Here is the text from the DEC post:

Anglers: Please don't fish the Esopus Creek from the Shandaken Portal down to the Ashokan Reservoir right now.

If you live near, or fish the upper reach of the Esopus Creek (see map), you probably have noticed that the water level has dropped and the creek has become brown with suspended sediment.

Normally, water from the Schoharie Reservoir enters the Esopus via the Shandaken Portal, supplementing the natural flow of the creek and helping to maintain its trout population.

Unfortunately, drought has reduced water levels in the Schoharie Reservoir and the portal has been bringing highly turbid (sediment laden) water into the Esopus. DEC Fisheries staff are concerned that this turbid water will hurt the stream ecosystem and trout spawning, which begins soon. In response, we have reduced the amount of water from the Schoharie Reservoir to the Esopus.

Water levels in the Esopus will drop further, drastically reducing aquatic habitat. Fish in the Esopus Creek could be very vulnerable to anglers and natural predators. Nonetheless, DEC Fisheries staff believe the trout population will be better off than if the trout try to spawn in mud-laden water.

DEC will continue to monitor the flow, water turbidity, and the stream ecosystem. We ask that anglers do not fish the Esopus Creek from the portal down to the Ashokan Reservoir during these stressful conditions.

Emergency regulations will soon temporarily prohibit fishing downstream of the portal. We'll let you know when this happens.

Please feel free to send this message out to your membership or email contacts who may have an interest in the Esopus Creek.

CLEARWATER BANQUET REQUEST

HELP! The time for planning the March 11, 2017 banquet is nearing and as of yet no one has volunteered to be the chairman or co-chairman. The committee needs someone to act as the organizer and facilitator in delegating the banquet functions and in the general overseeing of the banquet. There is a core group of committee members who have been involved with the banquet for many years and a number of them are past chairmen. The committee can use some additional help so that the work of the banquet can be made easier with many hands. With approximately 550 members we are sure there are individuals with skills that can be of assistance.

Those with computer skills could put together the banquet program. Others could send out post cards to the members, handle the canoe raffle tickets and monies, or pick up donations. This year we are especially in need of raffle items as over the years our holdover items have dwindled. We are sure that many reading this or their family or friends have like new fly rods they do not use or other items that would be suitable for banquet raffles. There are likely many who have special skills in creating things.

The committee meets three or four times as a group and maintains contact through emails, texts and telephone calls. Meetings will be announced on the Clearwater website, in the newsletter and at monthly meetings. The banquet committee looks forward to seeing some new faces at the first banquet meeting to be announced.

THANK YOU FROM THE BANQUET COMMITTEE

Fly of the Month: Veiled Pupa

This was a September 2014 fly of the week on flyanglersonline.com and is a variation on caddis pupa flies by Gary LaFontaine and Hans Weilenmann. I can't stress enough how important it is for an angler to have really good caddis pupa patterns especially for that beginning angler to make that jump to intermediate. The other reason is to catch fish! I have found this variation to be just as effective while still being easy to tie and the materials aren't hard to come by. **Hook:** dry fly hook – 12 – 18; **Thread:** 6/0 or 8/0 to match body color; **Rib:** mylar 16/18; **Body:** fine dry fly dubbing in caddis colors – tan, olive, brown; **Veil:** sparkle yarn; **Collar:** partridge; **Head:** peacock herl. Tie in the mylar rib and dub the body about ½ way up. Rib the body and tie off where the body ends. Then tie in the sparkle yarn so that the fibers encompass the diameter of the hook. Dub a small amount of body in front of the sparkle yarn. You should still have enough room for the collar and the head. Pull the sparkle yarn over the body and tie off so that it looks like a puff of fibers around the upper portion of the body. Tie in the partridge and make no more than two turns around the shank. Tie in the peacock herl and wrap a few times around to create a nice head. Tie off and fish this one in the surface film as a fine leader during a caddis hatch. See the photo at the top of the newsletter or flyanglersonline.com for help

Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital Disabled Fishing Clinic at 6 Mile Water Works in Albany

On June 10th, 2016 about 15 patients attended on a cool and windy late Spring morning. Some caught fish, but many just learned how to.

Volunteers were **Ron Bellisario, Bsrt Chabot, Bill Cosgrove, Doug Howard, Glenn Kuhles, Bill Parlapiano, Arnie Schultz, and Len Tobler.**

On September 1st, 2016, a picture perfect morning we had 24 clients show up from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. More importantly, I believe everyone caught fish. In fact a first time fisher caught 12 fish under tutelage of **Bill Parlapiano**. Now, that's a record!

In attendance were volunteer's **Ron Bellisario, Ron Beauparlant, Bart Chabot, Bill Cosgrove, Doug Howard, Bill Parlapiano, Arnie Schultz and Len Tobler.**

Thank you all for giving of your free time to spread cheer and make someone else day better 24 disabled people say thank you !

We are grateful to **Connie Todt** and **Jennifer Battle** of Sunnyview, **Ranger Nic** at 6 Mile and **Gary** at Wiggly Worm Bait Shop for bait that catches fish!

Thank you all!!

Y'all come back next year!

**See below for pictures of this wonderful event – thanks for
all the volunteer's for their commitment to this project.**

