

Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat

Mid-summer is usually a slow time for the chapter; many of our members are traveling on vacation, and the flurry of activities we had this spring has subsided. We still have some trips going on, and the trip to the Farmington River in Connecticut two weeks ago was a pleasant surprise.

I never really fished in Connecticut as it never seemed like a destination for trout fishing. Having a reputation similar to NJ as being a densely populated state, it doesn't pop into one's head when thinking about where to go for a quality fishery.

This changed two years ago when Ken Barile ran the fall trip to the Housatonic. I decided to go and had a great time and caught some nice fish. By going with the chapter, there were a number of people that had fished there before and could point to a couple of good places to start. We were able to compare notes and quickly learned what was working and what wasn't. Our chapter has a lot of good, experienced fly fishers with a wealth of knowledge that you can access on one of these trip

The trip to the Farmington was run by Kelly Buchta who grew up in Connecticut and has fished the Farmington for years with her father who is an active member of TU's Mianus chapter. Kelly provided maps of the river, took a group to some of the pools and

When: August 13 at 7:30 PM

Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ

August's Speaker

Gary Edwards

Gary Edwards started fly fishing in 1966 on the Beaverkill River in the Catskills. In 1986 he and his wife moved to Lake Ontario where they established the Wild River Inn where they provided guide service to fly fishers from around the world who came in search of trophy browns, rainbows, steelhead, and salmon.

In 1999, they began the PBS series, "Flyfishing Destinations", then in 2001 it grew into, "Vacations on the Fly," which the couple co-hosted and produced

Gary will speak to the chapter about Salmon River Steelhead and Salmon fishing

pointed out prime locations along the river. This is Kelly's favorite river and, after fishing it for a few days, I can see why.

This trip was a combined Joan Wulff Fly Fishers and EJTU event so there were a number of people from both groups, many of

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EJTU Calendar

If you wish to go on one of the fishing trips, contact the trip coordinator well in advance. If the trip requires reservations or other arrangements, openings are often limited and the reservations must be made in advance.

Please consult EJTU's web site's "Upcoming events" for the most up-to-date information and details.

August 30 (TBD) Kayak/Fishing, Swartswood Lake

September (TBD) Clean-up/hot dog roast

September 26—28, Housatonic Trip

October 7 Paramus fly-tying course begins

October (TBD) Ken Lockwood Gorge trip

November (TBD) Steelhead trip

Welcome to July's New Members



Jeramie Barber	Hoboken
Victoria Cespedes	Leonia
Russell Ditchfield	Montclair
Donald Glorisi	Mahwah
Kenneth E. Moore	Wayne
Eduardo Sargent	Woodcliff Lk

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Monthly General Member Meeting: The East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

Location: The American Legion Hall,
33 West Passaic St, Rochelle Park, NJ. 07662.

Monthly Board Meeting: Board Members of East Jersey Trout Unlimited meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30PM.

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For Information on trips and other Chapter Activities go to www.ejtu.org

For East Jersey and National Trout Unlimited information, visit our website at <http://www.tu.org>. Go to chapter number 091 and you will get the latest information about our chapter.

Riffles is your publication so we invite and encourage every member to contribute articles, tips, and stories. The articles may relate to trout, trout fishing, fishing in general or conservation but all articles are published at the discretion of the editors and should meet EJTU standards regarding protecting our environment and the merits of 'catch and release' techniques. Pseudonyms may be used but the editors must be informed of the name of the member who writes the article. Email to raycapp@optonline.net

Conservation Notes

At this time of year most people are in vacation mode. The flurry of fishing derbies and Earth Day events are over and most of the cold water fisheries have warmed to a point where catching fish might have a lethal result. So, this is a good time to reflect on issues which have an impact on our waters.

The State has made funds available for stream "restoration". This means that towns in our area will have money to pay for channelizing, desnagging and shoal removal. Since these actions will only result in the destruction of eco-systems and shift flood waters from one community to the next community downstream, I guess it is good to live on the top of the mountain. Please be alert to activities such as these that are planned in your community or where you fish. Let me know if you see activities which appear to be detrimental and I will report them to NJF&W

EPA has endorsed Ringwood's plan to cap a large Ford Motor paint sludge dump site. They justify this as the most economical "solution" to the problem. Using their logic, doing nothing would be the cheapest. All the streams in Ringwood eventually

flow into Wanaque Reservoir. Therefore, while capping reduces the amount of rainwater entering the site, it has no effect on ground water flowing through the site. Eventually, the toxins will wash through the soil and enter the water supply. Anyone served by Passaic Valley Water will be exposed. Those of you in the United Water service area are not safe since there is a pipeline which is used to pump water from one water system to the other in times of drought. Present your views to Gina McCarthy at the EPA: mccarthy.gina@epa.gov.

We hope to conduct an activities day in mid-September that will combine a cleanup, hot dog roast and fishing program. We are looking for an appropriate location which will satisfy our needs. We hope to use the event to attract new members to our chapter and to get existing members to participate. If you know of a location which needs some attention, has a pond where kids can fish and picnic facilities, please let me know.

Rich Malizia



Blue Claw Crabbing

The NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is again warning anglers and the public not to harvest or consume blue claw crabs from the Lower Passaic River, Newark Bay and surrounding waters this summer and to observe consumption limits in place for fish species in those areas.

For information on blue claws and crabbing in New Jersey, visit <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/blueclaw.htm> on the Division of Fish and Wildlife website.



Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska
July 18, 2014

Hunting and Angling Community Commends EPA on Use of
Clean Water Act to
Protect Bristol Bay, Alaska

Scott Hed - Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska
(605)-351-1646 and Scott@SportsmansAlliance4AK.org



Anchorage, AK – Today's Environmental Protection Agency announcement of its proposed determination to protect Bristol Bay using Section 404c of the Clean Water Act elicited praise from a vast coalition of more than 1,100 sporting groups and businesses opposed to proposed mining operations that threaten Southwest Alaska's famed Bristol Bay region. The sporting community realizes EPA's action is serious but also knows this type of mining in this area is the special situation for which the 404c section of the Clean Water Act was written.

The effort to protect Bristol Bay has seen one of the largest and most diverse mobilizations of the sporting community in history. A range of sporting conservation groups and trade associations including the *Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Dallas Safari Club, American Fly Fishing Trade Association, Trout Unlimited, Pope & Young Club, Federation of Fly Fishers, Conservation Force, American Sportfishing Association, Delta Waterfowl Foundation* and a veritable laundry list of the most recognizable brands in hunting and fishing products have expressed their support for EPA's use of the Clean Water Act to protect Bristol Bay. This support stands firm in the face of recent attacks in Congress on EPA's Clean Water Act authority.

"When EPA released the findings of its Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment earlier this year, it established what the sport fishing community has understood for as long as anglers have been fishing in Bristol Bay: Development of the wrong type of large-scale mining in this region will have significant negative impacts on waters that support this vibrant fishery," said Gordon Robertson, Vice President of the American Sportfishing Association.

Ben Bulis, President of the American Fly Fishing Trade Association added *"Our industry commends the EPA for taking the next step to provide certainty for Bristol Bay and all the businesses and jobs in Alaska and across the country that benefit from it. Our membership heartily supports the EPA's thoughtful and measured action under the Clean Water Act, which will provide sport fishing opportunities in Bristol Bay for generations of anglers to come."*

For more information on the EPA announcement, please visit its Bristol Bay page.

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whom are members of both groups. A group of about 6 came up on Friday for the weekend and another group of about the same size came up for the day on Saturday. We all went out to an early dinner together Saturday night before the evening hatch and it was a nice event.

The chapter runs many day trips as well as a few weekend trips all year long and Ken Barile is currently planning a return to the Housatonic for the last weekend in September. If you have not gone on a chapter trip, consider going on this one; it's a great river and great people to fish with. What more do you need?

Bruce Seiden



Don't forget, EJ TU members get a 20% discount on most items bought at Ramsey Outdoor stores.



Thanks to everyone who voted for East Jersey TU's Origins story that was written by Dino Eftychiou and posted on TU National's website.

We're happy to announce that our chapter won 3rd place and has been awarded an LL Bean fly fishing outfit that we can auction off at one of our fund-raisers.

Visit the East Jersey TU
web site
www.ejtu.org

for the latest Information!

And

don't forget to visit us on
Facebook

[http://tinyurl.com/
n5x zr2n](http://tinyurl.com/n5x zr2n)

**The New Jersey WILD Outdoor
Expo**

September 13 and 14

Colliers Mills Wildlife Manage-
ment Area in Jackson Township,

Letter to the Editor

Many of our EJTU members know Don Sirota, who until recently han-
dled EJTU's library of tapes and CDs. He, again until recently, was
quite active in EJTU events and was always friendly, cheerful and fun-
ny as he helped at clean-ups, putting up monofilament collections tu-
bes and other volunteer activities.

Don has been suffering from Huntington's Disease, an incurable disea-
se that attacks both muscle control and, eventually, brain functions.

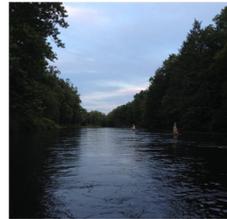
Don's daughter sent the following about her participation in the 2014
NYC marathon.

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Dear friends,

I will be running the 2014 NYC Marathon in honor of my dad, Don Si-  
rota. 5 years ago my father was diagnosed with Huntington's Disease,  
a genetic, neurological disorder. There is currently no cure for this  
devastating disease. I have pledged to run 26.2 miles to honor my fa-  
ther and help to find a cure.

Please consider donating to help me reach my goal of \$3000. You can  
make your donation through the following link: [https://  
www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/lynn-diaz/tcs-new-york-city-marathon](https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/lynn-diaz/tcs-new-york-city-marathon)



**The Farmington Trip**

Chapter members enjoyed a weekend at the Farmington River in July.

All members caught fish and there were lots of laughs and good times. We even connected with  
Brielle's Brigade Bicycle Club of East Longmeadow Massachusetts for a quick photo and shared club  
stories about nature and friendship.

*Kelly Buchta*

## Fish Ways— The ABCs of Fly Fishing Gadgets, Gimmicks and Gimcracks

Napoleon said that armies travel on their stomachs. In his volume *Gallic Wars*, Julius Caesar was always concerned with the baggage necessary for the waging of his campaigns. Being Roman, he used the word “impedimenta,” the Latin word for baggage. From this, we derive our English word “impediment,” or hindrance. After all, the first syllable in “luggage” is ‘lug.’ Consider that when choosing the tools you will carry on stream.

Flies do not weigh much, but flyfishers’ vests and packs can become cumbersome with the addition of all the extraneous gear that fisherfolk seem to find necessary. Wise choices and sound advice from long-time fly anglers can help to alleviate this condition.

### Essentials:

**Clippers for trimming knots.** Most of us use nippers, basically clippers that also have a small needle attached, useful for cleaning a stray drop of head cement from the eyes of flies.



**Polarized glasses and a hat,** preferably with a broad brim. These will help you see under water (especially helpful when wading) and protect your eyes from sun glare as well as the errant fly or unnoticed tree branch.

**Hemostats or pliers** are useful for removing fish and mashing down the hook barbs. Fasten these to your vest or pack with small lengths of cord or zingers, which have retractable coils or cables. Remember Murphy’s Law: if left unattached, these tools will try their best to find the stream bottom or forest floor.

**Spools of tippet material,** usually the same ‘x’ as your leader as well as one heavier and one lighter. If you purchase the same brand, they will nest together.

**Fly boxes** come in many and varied configurations; try to find those which best suit your needs.

**A vest or pack** suitable for storing all of your “impedimenta,” with pockets to accommodate the fly boxes and such.

### Useful items:

**Fly floatant**

**Net**

**Stream thermometer**

**Wading staff** (depending on local conditions and personal needs)

**License holder** (especially when fishing in New Jersey and Pennsylvania where the law requires that licenses be displayed on your outer clothing)

**Rain wear** (remember our friend Murphy, and the corollary that he was an optimist)

**First aid kit**

**Sunscreen**

**Lip balm**

**Bug dope** (here I refer to insect repellent , not an inept entomologist)

### Stuff to bring but leave in the vehicle:

**Fall-in bag with extra clothing** in case of the inevitable (periodically check to be sure they still fit)

**Two round rubber disks** (sold for the opening of jars). These are helpful for disassembling multi-piece rods

**Extra leaders and tippet spools**

I may have overlooked some items, but others you may think I’ve overlooked, actually are unnecessary. For example, leather leader straighteners are nice to have, but I find that my hands can create the proper amount of friction to perform the same job.

Most important of all, remember the computer programmers’ motto, K.I.S.S. (Keep It Simple, Stupid). We go to the streams and rivers to have a good time, not to pass an endurance test.

As for the gimcracks (a cheap, showy object of little or no use), leave them home.

*George Petersen*

## Drones

Dino Eftychiou had read an article about drones in use in fisheries and sent the link to Riffles. A summary of the article's content and the link to the full piece follows.

*A recent article in the NY Times claimed that the Wildlife Conservation Society is training operators from the Belize Fisheries Department to use drones to track illegal fishing activities. There's even a nonprofit organization promoting the use of drones in conservation efforts (see [ConservationDrones.org](http://ConservationDrones.org)).*

*Imagine the next time you're on a river and look up to see an oversized "bug" hovering overhead. Some hatch!*

*Dino*

The August issue of Popular Science magazine also has a piece titled, "25 Reasons to Love Drones". Among the reasons are these four planet monitoring reasons:

- Climate Change - A scientist at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University rigged a drone to drop tiny buoys into the Arctic Ocean to keep tabs on temperature and salinity.
- To learn more about the dynamics of big blazes, U.S. Forest Service researchers are flying drones over controlled burns.
- Researchers are building drones with sensors that they can fly inside tornados in order to be able to better predict when twisters will touch down.
- World Wildlife Fund conservationists are deploying cheap drones with cameras to count animal populations that are difficult or dangerous to monitor.

## Looks Like a Record Breaker to Me!

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife has confirmed that a carp taken by Adam Faatz of Hawthorne, NJ, while bowfishing is officially a new state record.

Mr. Faatz was targeting carp from his boat at night on Greenwood Lake on May 19, 2014, when after about two hours of fishing, the fish started swimming towards the back of the boat. The carp fought for 10 minutes before being landed.

The 45 lb. 6 oz. carp, was 42" long and had a girth of 32". It broke the old record, taken in the Delaware River by Mark Kronyak in 2008, by 1 lb. 8 oz.

Mr. Faatz is a member of a bowfishing team called the Team Bloody Decks who are currently working with the Wounded Warriors and other local organizations to take severely wounded veterans out bowfishing as part of their rehabilitation process.



The New Jersey State Record Fish Program revolves around a specific list of eligible species, and is based on weight alone (there are no line classes). The program goal is to increase awareness of fishing opportunities for species that are regularly sought after and routinely found in the freshwaters or off the coast of New Jersey.

For details on program, see the Record Fish Program page at [www.njfishandwildlife.com/recfish.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/recfish.htm).

There are two types of fishermen - those who fish for sport and those who fish for fish

Summer is here – time to give that special kid in your life a TU Stream Explorer Membership.

Open their eyes to the world of clean water and wild fish, as well as the joy of fly fishing.



For just \$12, your youth member will receive:

- Four issues of Stream Explorers magazine for Stream Explorer members (kids 13 and over will receive *Trout* magazine)
- 16-month Trout Unlimited calendar (mailed late summer)
- Official TU membership card
- Stream Explorers sticker
- Access to activities and games at [www.streamexplorers.org](http://www.streamexplorers.org)

For \$24, your Stream Explorer will receive everything above plus a copy of Tyler Befus' *A Kids Guide to Fly Fishing* or Mel Krieger's *Beginnings: An Introduction to Fly Fishing* DVD, the perfect primers for any beginning angler.

[So give the gift of a youth membership today](#), get your child outside and help us ensure that the next generation will take care of the fish for years to come.

Thank you and happy summer!

Franklin Tate  
Director of Youth Education  
Trout Unlimited

P.S. If you signed up a youth member last year, please consider renewing his or her membership today for just \$12. Or, for \$24, you can give a new Stream Explorers ball cap to the child in your life, which will soon be their favorite.

P.P.S. Don't forget to check out the Stream Explorer magazine, loaded with fun games and info, within the Spring 2014 issue of TROUT magazine. Pull it out and give it to your future angler today!