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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited



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Presidents Beat

Another year is coming to an end, so it is a good time to reflect on the last 11 months. This being my first year as president, it is good to see that we had another active year.

The New Year began with our Paramus Fly Tying class that began on the first Tuesday of the year and ran for 10 weeks. But in that same month the unusually cold weather caused our first trip of the year, a Superbowl Sunday trip to the Ken Lockwood Gorge, to be cancelled.

Spring began with our annual banquet, followed by a trip to the Salmon River and our annual clean-up and repair of the parking area on Glen Gray road near the Ramapo River. Then our chapter participated in a number of community outreach programs: the Pequest Hatchery Open House, Hooked on the Hudson, numerous fishing derbies, various outdoor festivals and the state's shortened spring stocking program. These events were mixed in with a number of day fishing trips for both trout and shad.

The spring activities concluded with the chapter picnic or should I say Pig Roast at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center, our trip to Block Island and our biggest chapter event, which is geared toward youth education: Ramapo River Day.

When: December 10 at 7:30 PM

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

December's Meeting

Lots of speakers! In fact everyone who attends will be a speaker; not from in front of the room but to the other people at his/her table.

The December meeting is EJTU's annual Christmas Party.

Food, fun, awarding of Service Pins and lots of chatting.

And don't forget there will be a grab bag. If you want to participate bring a wrapped gift that costs about \$15.

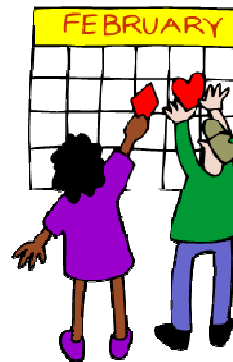
Welcome to November's New Members



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| James Dahn | Bloomfield |
| Delphine Koblertz | Washington Twp |
| Peter Mavus | Lyndhurst |
| Thomas McCaffrey | Rockleigh |
| Liliana Perez | N Bergen |
| Janelle Smith | New Milford |
| Davod Tiene | Nutley |

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.



Other events are facilitated by Rich Malizia. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, contact Rich at 973-304-0789 or remqcp@optonline.net.

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

- January 6 [Tues]** EJTU winter fly tying school begins
- January [Date TBD]** Pequest trip
- January 14 [Wed]** Entomology presentation
- February 11 [Wed]** Fly-Tying Night
- March 28 [Sat]** EJTU Banquet
- April [Date TBD]** West Branch Delaware trip
- May 2 [Sat]** Hooked on Hudson
- May [Date TBD]** Delaware River shad trip
- May [Date TBD]** Catskill (Roscoe) picnic
- June 6 [Sat]** Ramapo River Day
- June [13—20]** Block Island trip
- June [Date TBD]** Ausable River trip

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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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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.
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Conservation Notes

Our annual stocking of the Ramapo River was a great success. Despite the extremely low water which prevented float stocking, we had many volunteers who were able to bucket stock from Fox Brook to the bend below Patriot's bridge. We always welcome members who may not have participated before and at the stocking some new faces, including the lovely Natalie, age 11, helped out. 300 brown and rainbow trout were released, but low water conditions for the first two weeks limited the numbers of fish caught. As I write this, we have had some rain and water levels have improved. Now if we can get the wind to stop blowing and the temperature to rise by 20 degrees, we might have some enjoyable (catch and release) fishing.

We are asking our members to send letters voicing their objections to the building of a huge casino/hotel complex on Route 17A in Tuxedo, NY to the N.Y.S. Gaming Commission. The new casino is to be located at the headwaters of the Ramapo River and has the potential of damaging the watershed. There will be copies of a letter available at the December meeting and we ask that you sign and send one to the Commission.

The Pilgrim Pipeline continues to draw attention. It too represents a potential danger to our local waters since the current plan shows the pipeline to be in close proximity to the Ramapo River and Bear Swamp Brook, and crossing both the Wanaque and Pequannock Rivers.

Oakland is proceeding with its restoration project on the Ramapo River. They have secured funding and are writing bid specifications. However, the timing of the

project will depend on the length of time needed for permits to be approved and having adequate water levels and weather conditions once all

the approvals are in. With any luck the project will be completed next summer. Otherwise it will be delayed until 2016. We will do our best to monitor the project. Brian Cowden from Trout Unlimited, whom many of you know, has been shepherding the project since its inception and EJTU member Roy Bauberger is Oakland's coordinator. When the work is completed 2.7 miles of the river will have been restored or improved to the most favorable conditions and fish habitat will be improved. At or near the completion of the project EJTU members will be asked to assist with riparian area plantings which will provide bank stabilization.

As this is my last column of the year, I want to thank all of you for your support. TU is a conservation organization. As conservation chair, I take TU's mission very seriously. I hope I will continue to have the support of the membership in the execution of our various activities. I encourage those of you who may not have volunteered before to get involved. Our projects are not long term commitments. If each of you would volunteer for one event each year, we would have more help than we would ever need. But be assured, if you do come out you will be put to work. I will never waste the time of a volunteer.

Have a happy, healthy and safe holiday.



Rich Malizia

And We Didn't Even Have to Ask Them!

Recently my son, David, and his wife, Megan, presented me with a Keurig coffee machine. What a wonderful device. (There are machines from other manufacturers which are similar in function.) It is a terrific design and the machines have become ubiquitous. This model makes single cup servings only. As I am the sole coffee drinker in the house, it is perfect for my day-to-day use.

Typical of new owners, I experimented with different kind of coffee. However one day I looked into the kitchen trash and saw five or six empty plastic containers. I began to think of all the

similar cups in homes and businesses throughout our area. What a waste of plastic for the garbage stream!



I am pleased to announce that recently the Chock full o'Nuts company began marketing a re-make of the disposable cups. Inside the box is a resealable aluminum envelope. The cups themselves have the standard tops but the bottoms are made from biodegradable filter paper.

To date I have purchased mine on-line or from Shop Rite supermarkets.

Hooray for the good guys.

George Petersen

2015 Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying contest

The fly for this year's contest was selected by Bill Hrenko, last year's winner, who will also serve as the lead judge of the 2015 contest.

March Brown

(Art Flick's

Version)



American March Brown (Flick)

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| <u>Hook:</u> | Mustad 94840, Partridge L3A (12-14) |
| <u>Thread:</u> | Orange (Flymaster 6/0 or equiv.) |
| <u>Wing:</u> | Mallard Flank with Bronze tinge or well-marked wood duck flank fibers |
| <u>Tail:</u> | Dark ginger hackle fibers |
| <u>Body:</u> | Sandy beige dubbing fur |
| <u>Hackle:</u> | Dark ginger and grizzly mixed |

This pattern, also known as the American March Brown, is the result of research done by Preston Jennings and Art Flick. In both of the original patterns the dark ginger (red game) hackle is wound in first and the grizzly hackle last as a fronting collar. The Flick variation simply lists light fawn colored fox fur from the red fox, which may be incorrectly interpreted by some tiers. For that matter, so may sandy beige, which I've (Eric Leiser) used to describe this pattern, but then without a sample, it is a difficult shade to describe.

Excerpted from Eric Leiser's "The Book of Fly Patterns"

More than one entry may be submitted. They may be turned in at a meeting, to any EJTU officer or in the fishing department at Ramsey Outdoor in Ramsey, attention Bill Borowski.

All entries will be due by February 28, 2015, and become the property of East Jersey Trout Unlimited

Knot Instruction

Long winter days and longer nights, tired of shoveling snow, don't want to go to the mall and don't want to fight ice on the line and in the guides. How about

practicing knots so in spring you can easily tie whatever might be needed instead of relying on the same old improved clinch knot and surgeon's loop

Get a few lengths of line (rope to lubbers), parachute cord is great, and then go to Grog's Animated Knots <http://tinyurl.com/mp2ps>



Joyeux Noël Buon Natale

Feliz Navidad Feliz Natal Drolijk Kerstfeest

Boldog Karácsonyt

Veselé Vánoce Fröhliche Weihnachten Buon Natale

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Visit the East Jersey TU web site for up-to-the-minute Information, the photo gallery, links to fishing sites and much more:

www.ejtu.org

But don't forget to also check out EJTU on Facebook

http://tinyurl.com/ptq2u3t

December Fly of the Month

The holidays are around the corner and things are getting hectic. But maybe you can sneak out for a few hours. It's a nice sunny day and a few midges might be around - it sure beats spending the afternoon in the mall. Let



me see, fighting the crowds in the department stores or fighting a few of those big fish that State Fish and Wildlife stocked this fall on the Ramapo - you decide.



Tie up your favorite midge pattern, or better yet, an assortment of your favorites, and turn them in at the next meeting

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The summer brought additional fishing trips, including those to the AuSable River, Farmington River and our first Canoe/Kayak outing at Swartswood Lake; we also participated in additional fishing derbies.

In autumn we returned to the weir on the Ramapo, that we rebuilt last year, for some additional work along the banks and clearing large rocks that were impeding the river's flow. Next up were both the state and our own fall stocking of the Ramapo. Fall trips included overnights to the Housatonic River, the Salmon River and a day trip to the Ken Lockwood Gorge.

Chris Henrickson, our trip coordinator and Rich Malizia, our conservation chair, did a good job of keeping us busy. They are always open to suggestions for both trips and conservation projects.

Speaking of keeping busy, preparations are under way for our 2015 Annual Banquet, to be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015. We will be returning to Biagio's Ristorante, on Paramus Road in Paramus, the site of last year's banquet. Please mark your calendar and save the date!

Bruce Seiden



114th Christmas Bird Count

Audubon's Christmas Bird Count will begin on Sunday, December 14, 2014 and continue until January 5, 2015.

This began in the 1800s as a competitive annual event called the Christmas Side Hunt. It involved people taking their guns into the woods and trying to bring back the most game; the winner was the one who brought back the most birds and beasts.

Then, on Christmas Day in 1900, Frank Chapman suggested that, in place of the Side Hunt, a Christmas Bird Census be taken. That has continued as the Christmas Bird Census.

For further information and to volunteer go to Audubon's site, <http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count> or Eartheasy's blog at <http://tinyurl.com/mxdt3nw>



Goodbye Royalex!



If you don't know Royalex you haven't shopped for or bought a canoe in the last forty years. It's a light but strong composite material that is ideal for canoes.

However, the only manufacturer of Royalex, PolyOne, decided that, because of low volume, it will no longer manufacturer the item. Canoe manufacturers, who have seen sales drop off in recent years, are scrambling to find a suitable replacement for their tripping, whitewater and casual-use canoes.

Don't Forget to Get Your Service Pins

If you have been a member of East Jersey TU for ten years or longer you are eligible for a small token of appreciation from the Chapter.



The Chapter will give pins, denoting ten and twenty-five years membership in EJTU, to those members who have reached these milestones during our December meeting/buffet. The pins have been tastefully designed showing the EJTU logo and either the numeral 10 or 25.

What could be better than being given a nicely designed service pin while enjoying a free Christmas buffet along with other convivial EJTU members?



Fly Tying School

Beat the winter blahs! Have fun at least once a week! Get out of the house and socialize with other people who know what waders are!

Information about how to enroll can be found on the web site of the Paramus, NJ Community School [<http://www.ssreg.com/Paramus/>]

Enter "Fly Tying" in the "Catalog Search" box and it will bring you to:

Fly Tying for Beginners and Intermediates 1/6/15 - 3/17/15:

code: SR14 / \$70.00 10 Session(s)
Tues 7pm - 10pm,
January 6, 2015 - March 17, 2015



As people around the world increase the amount of seafood in their diets, the stocks of fish in the sea are dwindling. Once plentiful schools of edible fish become difficult to find and, as a result, governments are reducing fishing fleets' limits. As an example: starting November 13, 2014, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shut down cod fishing from Provincetown, Mass. to the Canadian border as part of a plan to reverse dwindling numbers of cod in the Gulf of Maine. That means that no fishermen may trawl in NOAA-designated areas until April 30, 2015. This comes on top of prior efforts by the U.S. and Canadian governments to restrict cod fishing in the nearby Georges Bank.

In the Pacific, Japanese love of bluefin tuna, which has sold for \$3,000 per pound, has reduced their number to twenty percent of the number in the sea in the 1960s.

So what's to be done?

In some cases, farm-grown fish have furnished world-wide consumers with the species that they enjoy. More than half of the shrimp consumed comes from farms, predominantly located in Southeast Asia and China, and 99% of Atlantic Salmon now comes from salmon farms. However, salmon farms are felt to spread disease to other wild fish and to pollute local waters and fish like the bluefin tuna, that can swim 30 miles per hour and are very touchy about temperature changes, noise and light conditions, are difficult to raise.

Two innovations, one fairly new and the other continuing to develop after years of trial and error

Ideas in Aquaculture

may be able to increase the supply of desired fish.



The first new idea comes from Lockheed Martin, the global security and aerospace company, that, in partnership with Kampachi Farms of Hawaii, is attempting to farm saltwater fish in a unique way. Land-based fish farms have been found to cause environmental problems, so Lockheed will farm fish on free-ranging sea-going sites.

Fish will be raised in large pens suspended beneath barges that contain soy-based feed, satellite communications, feed dispensers and control systems. The barges and pens will drift freely in deep water so there is constant change of water and there is less chance of pollution. The system is reported to have been successfully used near Hawaii and is now to be deployed in the Mediterranean by Onex Technologies Inc.

The second attempt at unusual fish-farming is taking place in Japan where bluefin tuna, considered to be the most expensive fish in the world, are being raised in pens. Immediately after World War 2 scientists at Japan's Kinki University began studying bluefins and started to gain expertise in breeding them. This was difficult because slight environmental changes will panic the

fish, causing them to die from broken neck bones after careering into either each other or their enclosures.

Changes in lighting procedures along with a different location and altered feed improved the viability of the project, but it was progressing with only limited financial resources until a company affiliated with Toyota Motor Company provided funding. Now with many of the early problems behind them, the fishes' survival rates have increased and bluefin are being sold to restaurants.



Only one or two of the tuna hatched from eggs survive to adulthood in the pens, but, in the wild, only one in 30 million will do the same.

Two Special Dates

These are two of the most important events in EJTU's calendar:

March 28, 2015

The Annual Banquet at
Biagio's Ristorante, Paramus

June 6, 2015

Ramapo River Day
Mahwah/Oakland



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

When you read this, Trout Unlimited will have, on November 20, launched the Wild Steelhead Initiative, an ambitious and hopeful project to protect and restore wild steelhead and the incredible fishing opportunities they provide throughout their native range in Alaska, California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Whether you reside in a steelhead state, or like many, venture cross country to chase this elusive fish, we hope you will get involved in TU's newest venture.

The heart of the Initiative will be a new community, Wild Steelheaders United, which is being established to inform, organize and activate anglers (regardless of preferred gear type) to protect and recover wild steelhead. In short, Wild Steelheaders United is a home to anyone who believes in the common quest to protect these fish and the incredible fishing opportunities they provide.

The Initiative will focus on river systems that have high potential to support robust, fishable wild steelhead populations, while accepting that properly managed steelhead hatcheries may be appropriate to provide fishing and harvest opportunity in rivers that no longer have the capacity to support wild steelhead. This effort will begin in the Western states and, as it grows, expand eastward into the Great Lakes region as funding and resources permit.

The Initiative will address both habitat protection/restoration and steelhead policy and management so that all of the "H's" (habitat (including hydro), hatcheries, and harvest) are aligned so that wild steelhead can thrive.