



# Riffles

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited



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## What Would You Like?

We send Riffles to all EJTU members for whom we have email addresses plus a number of non-members who have requested it, but we rarely get feedback about what the recipients would like to see in the newsletter or if they are happy with the existing format and content.

One issue to be addressed in the Chapter's new strategic plan is to enhance Riffles. A group of members has volunteered to work on this topic and, while the volunteer's help is greatly appreciated, it will be difficult for any group to align our newsletter with the desires of a majority of its members if the members do not make their desires known.

Everyone has their list of little pet peeves, so I'm certain that there are quite a few EJTU members out there who complain about Riffles; e.g., it's the same old thing every month, there's too much about fishing, there's too little about fishing, where is conservation news, why don't they..., etc. Understandable! However, without input from readers, content will be limited to items that catch the interest of only the editor.

If you have ideas about how to improve Riffles, don't tell your friends, send your ideas to the people who will change things.

Send your ideas to:  
raycapp@optonline.net

When: February 12 at 7:30 PM

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

## February Meeting

We will not feature a speaker at the February 12, 2013 meeting. Rather, we will have another of the popular fly tying meetings, so bring your vise and tying supplies and join the other EJTU tyers.

Or, if you are a beginner, watch the more experienced tyers and feel free to ask questions about supplies, techniques or anything else that puzzles you.

Beginners may also be interested in learning how to tie a Wooley Bugger, so read Chris Henrickson's offer that is detailed below.

## February pre-meeting

Before February's meeting, Chris Henrickson will teach anyone and provide materials to anyone who is interested in learning how to tie a Wooly Bugger. If you are interested, meet Chris at 6:30.

## Raffle Drawing Change

In January's letter to all members the raffle drawing date was given as March 22, at the Annual Dinner.

We will instead hold the drawing at the April 9 members' meeting.

## 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.

**Feb 8 [Sat]**  
"Superbowl" fishing trip; Ken Lockwood Gorge

**March 12 [Wed]**  
Member's meeting. Speaker Colin Archer (The Average Angler)

**March 22 [Sat]** EJTU annual dinner; Biagio's, Paramua

**March 22/23 [Sat/Sun]** Woodchips spreading, Glen Gray

**March 25 [Tues]** Steelhead fishing trip; Salmon River

**March 29/30 [Sat/Sun]** Pequest Open House

**April 5 [Sat]** Trout season opening day

**May 24 [Sat]** Mahwah Fishing Derby

**May 31 [Sat]** EJTU Catskills picnic; Spey casting demo, Andrew Moy

**June 7, 2014 [Sat]** Ramapo River Day

**June 7/14** Block Island trip



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We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

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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.eastjerseytu.org](http://www.eastjerseytu.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](mailto:raycapp@optonline.net)

**EAST JERSEY CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED**

**FLY TYING**

**BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE**

**Montclair Adult School**

**Begins Monday, February 24, 2014**

**To register: Call Montclair Adult School 973-746-6636  
Information: <http://www.adultschool.org/>**



**Where:** Montclair High School

**Time:** 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Cost:** \$70



**Conservation**

With this issue of RIFFLES we initiate a monthly column about conservation issues and activities. The column will highlight activities of the committee and the chapter and will also provide information about current issues.

We are currently seeking members willing to assist on a regular basis with chapter conservation activities to join the Conservation Committee.

New Jersey bill A1871 is currently under consideration in the State Assembly. If passed, it will establish the "Office of River Maintenance" within the N.J. DEP. Currently, responsibility for "stream cleaning and desnagging" is handled on the municipal or county level; the new Office of River Maintenance would assume statewide responsibility. Our members should be concerned about this proposal for several reasons. It will shift the cost and responsibility to the State. Within the text of the Bill, there is language which authorizes dredging and bank stabilization. Unfortunately, past performance has resulted in channelization, stream bank armoring and other actions which adversely impact our rivers and streams.

You can read the bill by going to [www.njleg.state.nj.us/](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/) and entering A1871 in the "Bill Search" box..

A section of Saddle River above Lake Street was "desnagged" several months ago and, thanks to the efforts of David Finkel, we were made aware of the work. Two trees which had fallen into the stream were removed but, in addition, several other apparently healthy trees were also removed. This section of the river is designated as a "wild trout" stream. We are investigating. Please inform us if you observe similar activities on the streams you fish.

*Rich Malizia*

### February Flies of the Month

February's Flies of the Month are those old standards that everyone uses and that everyone seems to run out of first. They are the most popular and perennially best selling flies that should be in all fly boxes.



They include Nymphs, Standard Catskill Dry Flies, and Streamers. Wooly bug-gers and bead heads, of course, always top the list.



### 2014 Freshwater Fishing Digest

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife has posted the 2014 Freshwater Fishing Digest on the Division's website in PDF format. To view the Digest, go to <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/diqfish14.htm>



### Ken Lockwood Gorge Trip February 8th

Meet at 8:30 AM for coffee and doughnuts at the small southern-most parking lot within the Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area.

The lot is located on Raritan River Road, which is accessed via Cokesbury Road. It is not to be confused with the upper "Trestle" parking lot.



### Ramsey Outdoor Stores' Discount for TU Members

Until now, if you showed your TU ID card at one of the Ramsey Outdoor Stores, you would get a discount of 10% on your purchase.

But a short while ago Stuart Levine, the owner of Ramsey Outdoor Stores, sent EJTU a letter in which he announced that TU members will receive a 20% discount when they show their TU ID card. This discount is not for other groups, only TU members.

And don't forget, if you sign up for Ramsey Outdoor monthly coupons at [www.ramseyoutdoor.com](http://www.ramseyoutdoor.com) the store will email monthly coupons that entitle you (with some exceptions) to \$10 off any purchase of \$50 and \$25 off any purchase of \$100.

### Welcome to December 2013 & January 2014 New Members



Michael Ambrose  
 Robert Braunworth  
 George Chumas  
 David Coccoziello  
 Thomas Cohen  
 Matthew Corrigan  
 Stuart Gavzy  
 David Gordon  
 Junici Kubo  
 Brian Majeski  
 John Meeks  
 Vincent Monahan  
 John Mongelli  
 Philip Murphy  
 William Percy  
 Tyler Raymond  
 George Rosazza  
 Toni Thomas  
 Allen Wastler

Wayne  
 Wayne  
 Belleville  
 Cedar Grove  
 Hackensack  
 E. Rutherford  
 Wayne  
 Wayne  
 Paramus  
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 add your comments to the  
 EJTU Facebook page:

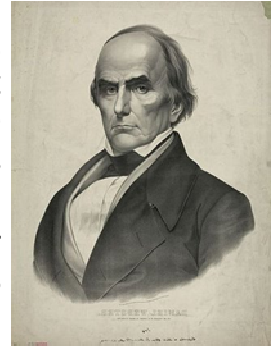
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## Daniel Webster's Trout

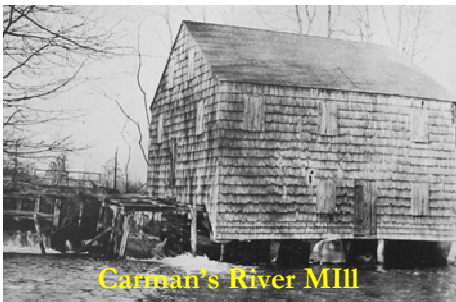
You have probably heard of Steven Vincent Benet's short story, "*The Devil and Daniel Webster*" but have you heard of Daniel Webster's Trout?

According to the story, in the 1800s Carman's River in Brookhaven on Long Island was noted for the number and size of the trout that it contained. The common opinion was that the Carman's trout fishery was "superior to any other in this part of the country". Because of this many people came to the Carman to fish for trout; among them, in 1827, was a group that included Daniel Webster, Martin Van Buren and others.



Webster tried for a long time to hook one of the huge trout that he knew lived in the river but was unsuccessful. Then on a Sunday morning he told one of Sam Carman's workers to watch the river and let him know if a particular, fabled trout appeared at a nearby mill while he and his friends went to a church across from the mill.

During the long service, the worker, having spotted the enormous trout lazily swimming in the pool by the mill, entered the church and in a loud whisper told Webster what was happening. Webster immediately left the church, followed by many of the parishioners who had heard the hoarsely whispered message and finally by the preacher who quickly concluded his service.



After a few casts, and with the encouragement of parishioners who lined the river bank, Webster hooked the large fish and after a hard fight brought it to his net. When weighed, the fish was fourteen and a half pounds (per a 1939 article: "*a quarter of a pound lighter than the present world's record, according to the magazine FIELD AND STREAM, which carried this story*").

Because there were no cameras at that time, the fish was held against the wall of Sam Carman's house and its outlined was traced. Later, a man named Philip Hone copied the tracing and made a cherry wood weather vane that was one third larger than the trout so it would appear to be the same size as the trout when seen from the ground. The weather vane, after being gilded, was placed on the South Haven Church spire where it stayed until hit by lightning during a summer storm,

On the night of the great catch, Senator Webster is said to have gotten so drunk on Sam Carman's rum that he had to be carried to his room. When he recovered, Webster took the fish to New York City where it was cooked at Delmonico's and served at a banquet hosted by Webster.



Trout Weathervane

The above story can be found in many places on the internet and is entertaining but, like many fish stories, may be apocryphal. An 1821 article in *The New York Gazette* reported, "*A very large salmon-trout, weighing thirteen*



CATCHING A TROUT.

*pounds eight ounces, and three feet in length, and seventeen inches round, was caught by Mr. Samuel Carman, Jr., in his pond at Fire-Place, Long Island, on the 24th inst.*", and the *New York Evening Post* is said to have confirmed this story. Critics of the Webster trout story claim that, while Daniel Webster was a friend of Carman and fished in the river near Carman's, the notable trout that caused a stir was caught by Carman and not by Webster.

However, while there is no substantive evidence proving the story of how Daniel Webster caught an enormous trout, an old and battered trout weathervane is still in Suffolk County, Long Island and there is a Currier and Ives lithograph that is said to depict Webster catching the trout. So, who is to say that Daniel Webster, US Senator, US Secretary of State, renowned orator and a man who won a debate with Satan (per Steven Vincent Benet) did not catch a huge trout on Long Island?

We proudly announce the

# East Jersey Trout Unlimited Annual Banquet

**Saturday, March 22, 2014**

to be held this year at  
**Biagio's Ristorante,**  
299 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ  
Tel: (201) 652-2603

**Great  
Prizes!**

**Loads  
of Fun!**

*You are invited to our annual East Jersey Trout Unlimited Banquet for a celebration of another successful year of achieving our many goals and for an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow anglers. This is one of our major fund-raisers, so you will not only be enjoying a fun evening, but you also will be contributing to our programs that ensure EJTU remains an effective steward of our cold water fisheries.*

*The evening will begin at 6:30 pm for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in our own private banquet hall at our new location. At this time you will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to win the many prizes that will be on display. As in previous years, **unlimited wine, beer and soda** will be available at no charge, throughout the evening, with a cash bar available for the purchase of cocktails / hard liquor,*

*The formal banquet activities will begin at 7:30 pm with the EJTU president's welcoming speech, followed by a 4-course dinner. This year you will not have to preorder your entrée selection. The waiter will take your order of Prime Ribs, Chicken or Fish prior to the start of the meal.*

*After dinner, the festivities will continue with presentations to volunteers who have achieved certain milestones and with the drawing of the raffles.*

*Please join us for a fun and worthwhile event.*

**Payment of \$ 60.00 per person is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>**

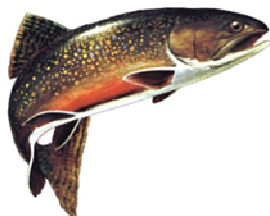
Make checks payable to EJTU and mail completed form with check to:

**Bruce Seiden - Treasurer  
5-09 River Road  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
(201) 452-0973**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please do your best to sit me with the following members:



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