



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat



The Paramus Fly Tying classes are about half way to their end, but the Wayne Fly Tying program is accepting registrations for the classes that begin on February 9th. Also on the horizon is the Paramus Fly Fishing School that begins on March 29th and runs for ten weekly sessions until May 17th. As you can see, we always have plenty of things to keep busy during the off season.

In addition to these education events, the chapter is currently working with Project Healing Waters at the Midland Park VFW Hall. Our volunteers have been working on fly tying with the veterans that attend, but there are plenty of openings for any vets that want to get a chance to try fly tying, rod building and, once the weather warms up, some fishing action as well. The classes are currently held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

The next big event coming up is the annual banquet. I am sure a lot of you have sent your tickets in by now and the ones that haven't still have some time. We have lots of regular attendees but always hope to see new people attend. Remember that the

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When: February 10 at 7:30 PM

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

February's Speaker Chris Clacker

Chris has been fly fishing in both salt and sweet water for more than 25 years and has caught 94 species of fish on flies in twenty-one states and thirteen countries from the Alagnak to the Zambezi.



He has also been hosting trips to Alaska since the early 1990s. These have been "do it yourself" trips via the roads north and south of Anchorage as well as fly-outs to Kodiak Island and Bristol Bay.

Raffle Correction

The tickets for EJ TU's March 2016 raffle erroneously list the drawing date as March 11, 2015.

The drawing will be held at the EJ TU monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Schedule

- Feb 9 [Tue] Wayne Fly Tying course starts
- Mar. 9 [Wed] Speaker: Dave Hess Fishing in Montana
- Mar. 19 [Sat] EJ TU Annual Banquet
- Mar 26 [Sat] Woodchip spreading, Glen Gray Road
- Mar 29 [Tue] Paramus Fly Fishing Course starts
- Apr. 2/3 [Sat/Sun] Pequest Open House
- Apr. 9 [Sat] Trout season opens
- Apr. 14 [Thur] Start trout stocking
- Apr. 30 [Sat] Trip: Brodhead Creek
- May 21/22 [Sat/Sun] Cast and Blast
- May 28 [Sat] Mahwah Fishing Derby
- Jun 3/5 [Fri] Catskill Bar-B-Que
- Jun 11 [Sat] Ramapo River Day
- Jun 10 - 17 [Fri] Trip: Block Island
- Jun 24 - 7 [Fri - Mon] Trip Ausable River

Welcome to January's New Members

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| Antonio Armand | Newark |
| Jonathan Daffron | Ridgewood |
| Gary DaSaro | Dumont |
| James Evers | Passaic |
| Dale Kwasnaza | Cresskill |
| Christopher Laird | Glen Rock |
| Richard MacDonald | Nutley |
| Michael McPadden | Ridgewood |
| Howard Morris | Montclair |
| Matthew Shippee | Ridgewood |
| Stephan Smith | Glen Ridge |
| James Tryforos | Glen Ridge |
| Benjamin Woertz | Glen Ridge |

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Monthly General Member Meeting:
the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

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

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

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Info on trips and other activities: ejtu.org

For East Jersey and National Trout Unlimited
information, visit www.tu.org. Go to chapter
number 091 for the latest information about our
chapter.

Riffler is your publication; we encourage all mem-
bers to contribute articles, tips, and stories. Arti-
cles may relate to trout, trout fishing, fishing in
general or conservation, but all articles are pub-
lished at the discretion of the editors and should
meet EJTU standards regarding protecting our
environment and the merits of 'catch and release'.
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

The following shows that many of our ideas take a lot of time to come to fruition. We have been looking for a location to build a handicapped access platform to accommodate anglers with physical challenges for several years. Now, we may have finally identified a suitable location that also has the support of the municipality. The location is at the South end of Potash Lake in Oakland's Great Oak Park. We hope to begin construction this summer and will need the talents of members with backgrounds in engineering, design, architecture and construction. Dean Blumetti, who has stepped up to be the coordinator of the project, will be looking for support from our members. Stay tuned for specifics.

The Ramapo River restoration project in Oakland is out for bid. With a little luck, the project should start in July. The work should result in significant improvements to the river environment and provide better habitat for fish. Our members can assist in certain aspects of the project including riparian plantings and other fine tuning once the major work is done. When the contract is awarded, we will determine how and when our participation is required.

Efforts to stop construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline continue. Most of the communities in the path of the pipeline in New York State have passed resolutions or made other efforts to prohibit construction. But Pilgrim is proceeding as if they have already secured approvals. Their plan calls for the pipeline to parallel the New York Thruway (I 87) for most of its route. Pilgrim still has not identified its route in New Jer-

sey. It is obvious that it will enter New Jersey in Mahwah and encroach on the Highlands preservation area and sensitive

drinking water sources. Mahwah has just passed a resolution prohibiting construction of the pipeline in the Township. This will be challenged in the courts and Pilgrim has very deep pockets, in part, due to support from Koch Industries. The C.A.P.P. volunteers from Mahwah should be congratulated for their persistent efforts to get this resolution passed. The next step is to encourage Bergen County to revoke permission previously granted to survey parkland in Mahwah. You can contact County Executive James Tedesco by email at countyexecutive@co.bergen.nj.us to express your views.

Despite the piles of snow, our usual preseason activities will start soon. Maintenance work along Glen Gray Road, trout stockings, fishing derbies and environmental events are all listed on the EJTU calendar. I ask your support to make each activity a success. There is enough variety in what we do to find something that interests you. Don't be shy. There is always a job waiting to be filled by a new volunteer. I will try to post locations and times for each event on the web site.

Thanks.

Rich Malizia



Wild Trout Stream Survey

NJ Fish & Wildlife will be gathering information from anglers who fish wild trout streams. The information will be used to revise, where necessary, the current regulations that govern those waters.



If you are interested in expressing your views, please contact me by e-mail at

remqcp@optonline.net.

I expect NJF&W will develop a questionnaire or will identify specific issues of interest to them. I will provide those willing to participate with specifics when NJF&W makes them available.

Thanks.

Rich Malizia

2016 Freshwater Fishing Digest Delayed

The 2016 Freshwater Digest will be available in March upon formal adoption of the 2016-2017 Fish Code. The delayed release results from pending regulations on which the Fish and Game Council voted at their December 15, 2015 meeting.

Once adopted, the Digest will be shipped to license agents and will be available online.

Block Island Striper Trip

The annual EJTU Block Island striper fishing trip will be from Friday, June 10 through Friday June 17, 2016.

We fish from Block Island's beaches, usually starting at sunset and continuing through the night. Some fish only during a portion of the night while others spend all night on the beach.



If anyone is interested in attending this trip, please contact Paul Reithmeier at paulr21@optonline.net or 973-907-0093

Paul Reithmeier

Albolene

Has anyone heard of using Albolene as a fly floatant? Apparently, fishing guides in the western states have been using it successfully for a long time, but the word has not spread.

Theatrical people have been using Albolene to remove the heavy makeup that they use, others use it to moisturize their skin, and some people are spreading it on their bodies before exercising because it increases sweating and can result in quick, but temporary, weight loss.

Its use on dry flies does not seem to be widely known, so it's difficult to get more information about that aspect of its use.

The ingredients, mineral oil, petrolatum paraffin, ceresin (a wax) and beta-carotene, might make the stuff feel greasy, but it still might be worth spending a few dollars for a supply of floatant that will last a long time.

A twelve ounce container costs \$12.99, or a little over a dollar an ounce, at CVS. There's a lot of floatant in those containers.



From: Hudson River Almanac

January 18 - 24, 2016

Compiled by Tom Lake, Hudson River Estuary Program Consulting Naturalist

1/20 - Eastern Dutchess County: This was another exciting day for eagles. An adult bald eagle was calling as it perched atop a tree and, as I watched, a large dark bird, which I figured was an immature, flew past. After a closer look I realized it was an immature golden eagle. It seemed like the golden was trying to annoy the adult bald eagle by circling around its perch. Soon, however, a crow joined the golden eagle, flying right next to it, even bumping the larger bird. The golden soon left with the crow in pursuit.



- Terry Hardy

From: NY Department of Environmental Conservation's

Hudson River Almanac

January 18 - 24, 2016

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1/21 - Greene County, HRM 112: It was 9:00 PM and I was almost home in West Kill when an unusually large, shaggy yellowy-gray coyote crossed the road in front of my truck. At first glimpse I thought it was a white-tailed deer. It seemed like it was practically at eye level with me, but I know from measuring my own hounds that it couldn't have been more than 60-65 pounds. Still, we do occasionally have them that big around here. The largest I've seen personally weighed 72 pounds. Most of my trapper friends call them "eastern brush wolves."

- Emily S. Plishner



[This was an eastern coyote, a variety of coyote that grows to a larger size and often has darker fur than is generally associated with the species. Two separate teams of researchers studying the genes of coyotes in the Northeast reported evidence that these animals, for

decades thought of as coyotes, are in fact coyote-wolf hybrids, carrying both wolf and coyote DNA. The findings may explain why coyotes in the East are generally larger than their Western counterparts - that is, more wolf-like in size - and why they are so much more varied in coat color, as might be expected from a creature with a more diverse genome. As a result, we coyotes "fans" like to refer to them as "Woyotes." Tom Lake.]

[Note for EJ TU readers: "HRM 112" gives the location of the occurrence. It means "Hudson River Mile 112"; Hudson River Miles are measured from New York City's Battery, so HRM 112 means that the coyote was spotted 112 miles upstream from the southern tip of Manhattan.]

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banquet is our major fund raiser each year, so if you can't go you may want to consider donating one or two new items for the raffles.

Ok, now that chapter business is out of the way, let's talk some fishing. I haven't been out myself, but I am hearing of guys making a break for it now and then and doing fairly well. We have had a few cold snaps this winter, but overall the weather has not been too bad. If you have been able to get out, take a few pictures and send them in. We can always use some good pictures for the website. You can send them to me at Bruce.Seiden@verizon.net.

Bruce Seiden



New Jersey Outdoor Alliance Wild Game Dinner Mar. 13, 2016

Mar. 13, 2016 Wild Game Dinner:
Presented by the New Jersey
Outdoor Alliance.

Join the NJOA and three generations of world renowned Aichem family chef's at the Black Forest Inn in Stanhope, New Jersey. Reserve your seat and preserve your outdoor heritage.

Tricky Tray, 50/50 and more.

For full menu and reservations contact Arnie Ulrich at 201-304-4691 or email kavester@aol.com

The Library Display

Doug is at it again! Not only is he moving the EJTU display, but while he moves, he's planning on his next jump. Guess the fishing's not too good.

In February the display will be in the Midland Park Library. It is located at 250 Godwin Ave., Midland Park, NJ 07432; Tel.: (201) 444-2390.



And then at the end of the month, as he disappoints the residents of Midland Park by removing our display, Doug will move it to Oradell's library for March and April. The Oradell public library is located at 375 Kinderkamack Rd. Oradell, NJ 07649; Tel.:(201) 262-2613.

Banquet Prizes

Next month, on March 19, 2016, EJTU will hold an event that is both its biggest social event of the year and also its most important fundraiser, the Annual Banquet at Biagio's Ristorante in Paramus.



All members should try to take part in this important and fun evening. However, if you find that you cannot be at the Banquet with the rest of us, perhaps you can assist by either donating a prize for one of the many bucket raffles or by speaking to local

businesses and restaurants about having them make a donation.

Many spouses attend the banquet, so prizes do not have to be limited to fishing equipment, but they should be new. Past donations from members and businesses have included wine, dinner certificates, jewelry, art work, and gift baskets.



From: New Jersey Furbearer Management Newsletter Winter 2015-16 (From NJ F&W)

NEW JERSEY FISHER!

After its first discovery in over a century in October 2006, the inevitable finally happened - the Division of Fish and Wildlife received its first call from a trapper reporting the capture of a fisher on 15 January 2016!

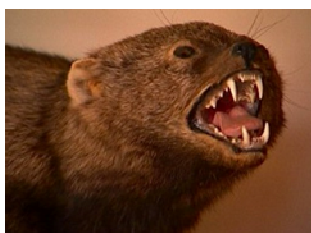


Personnel from the Wildlife Services Unit and the Upland Wildlife and Furbearer Research Project responded to the call in Mansfield Township, Warren County on the Pequest Wildlife Management Area property.

The fisher, a male weighing 11.46 lb. (5.20 kg), was captured in a cable restraint set for fox. The animal was chemically immobilized, released from the snare, weighed, measured, tagged and DNA samples were taken. No apparent damage from the cable restraint was noted. The fisher recovered from the drug dose within 2 hours and was released back into the Pequest WMA woods in great shape.

Fishers are returning, naturally and through reintroduction efforts in New York and Pennsylvania, to most of their historic range in the northeastern United States. Fishers have been documented in several northern and southern New Jersey counties.

There is no open trapping season for either bobcat or fisher; possession is not permitted.



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>

Pequest Fishing Trip

EJTU will host a trout fishing day trip to the Pequest River on Saturday, February 20th. At 9 AM we will meet at the hatchery parking lot that is located off Route 46. We may even take a drive over to the Musky later in the day.

Please respond to me at c.henrickson@icloud.com if you are interested in attending.

Chris Henrickson

Wayne Fly tying

Back by popular demand, the fly tying course held in Wayne will start on Tuesday, February 9, 2016

The course will be eight weeks long and will be held on Tuesday nights from 7 PM until 9 PM.

East Jersey TU will provide all equipment and supplies for beginners, and all of the instructors will be experienced East Jersey TU tyers.

All for a price of \$40.

The location will be in the Wayne Firehouse PLO #2, at the junction of Rte 23 and Alps Road.

For details call Doug Penna at 201-288-4409

An Event for a Late Winter Sunday

At 1 PM on Sunday, February 28, 2016, the Bergen County Audubon Society will present, Return of the Raptors.

This will be an indoor presentation covering "the remarkable return of the bald eagle, osprey, peregrine falcon and other birds of Prey".

The presentation will be at the New Jersey Botanical Garden, Ringwood, NJ.

Contact: Don Torino 201-230-4983 or greaauk4@gmail.com

The Great EJTU Fly Fishing School

Not a couple of hours! Not in a classroom over a weekend! These classes, taught by an enthusiastic group of experienced fly anglers (so you can get personalized instruction), take place weekly for seven sessions!

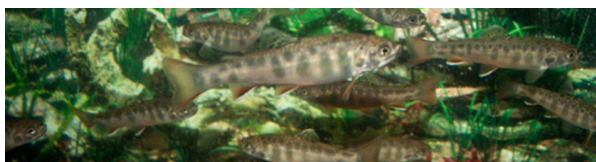
Students will learn the techniques necessary for casting with a fly rod as well as fly selection, tackle for fly fishing, lines and leaders, knots, entomology and how to read a stream. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and talk with the instructors.

All equipment will be provided. However, students with their own rods and reels are encouraged to use them in class.

Classes will be held at Paramus' Westbrook Middle School, in classrooms for instruction and in the gym for fly casting. All instructors are volunteers from East Jersey Trout Unlimited with many years of experience in fly-fishing.

If you know someone who has always wanted to learn how to fish with a fly rod or if your spouse wants to learn and you dread the experience, get them to sign up for this outstanding course.

Go to the Paramus Community School's web site, <http://www.ssreq.com/paramus/classes/classes.asp?catID=2047&pcatID=1153>, to enroll.



Trout in the Classroom Replacement Fish

On Wednesday, January 27, 2016, two EJTU members, Mike Capizzi and Jim Piombino drove to the Pequest Trout Hatchery in Oxford, New Jersey. Their mission was to pick up fingerling rainbow trout and deliver them to four schools.

The four schools, St. Thomas the Apostle in Bloomfield, Hillside Elementary in Closter, The Academy of St. Mary in Rutherford and John Walker Middle School in Nutley, had received rainbow trout eggs that had been delivered by other volunteer members last October, but for some reason, after hatching, the fish had died.

Each school received about 40 fish and both the teachers and the students were very happy and excited to be receiving their supply of new fingerling trout.

In the spring these fish, along with the fish from the other schools who received eggs in October, will be released into streams and rivers in our area. The four schools mentioned above said they were scheduled to deliver the grown fish into the Musconetcong and Saddle rivers. Hopefully, that will make for some good fishing for us, along with valuable lessons learned by the students who raised the fish.

Jim Piombino

Only a few days left!

2016 Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying contest

RUSTY BROWN SPINNER

Fly tyers! As the days get longer, Frank Hall time is getting shorter. But, you still have a few days to practice tying a few Rusty Brown Spinners before you submit your final entries to the 2016 Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest. Ed Janiga, last year's winner and lead judge, is waiting to take a look at your version of the 2016 fly so he can compare it with other entries.

You must submit your entry by the February 29, 2016 cutoff date.

EJTU members may turn in flies at Ramsey Outdoor in Ramsey, at the February 10 chapter meeting or to any Board member. You may provide up to three entries, but all entries should be individually packaged with the tyer's name and phone number included. All flies submitted to the contest become the property of East Jersey Trout Unlimited.

The winner will be announced at EJTU's Annual Banquet on March 19, 2016.



The recipe for this pattern is from [The Book of Fly Patterns](#) by Eric Leiser

HOOK: Mustad 94840 or equivalent sizes 12-22
THREAD: Brown
TAIL: Bronze dun hackle fibers (tied forked)
BODY: Rusty-brown dubbing fur (reddish brown)
WING: Light Gray poly yarn

REMARKS: "Just a reminder, that the poly wing on this and other spinners should not be dense. Wings should be sparse, combed, and slightly spread to simulate the ephemeral veining of the natural fly."
Eric Leiser

East Jersey Trout Unlimited 2016 Annual Banquet

Saturday, March 19, 2016

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

You are invited to attend the 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 not only will 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 7:00 pm for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in our own private banquet. 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 also available.

The formal banquet activities will begin at 8:00 pm with the EJTU president's welcoming speech, followed by a 4-course dinner featuring your choice of Prime Ribs, Chicken or Fish.

After dinner, the festivities will continue with presentations to volunteers who have achieved significant 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 1st

Make checks payable to EJTU
and return in the enclosed envelope with completed form or mail to:

Igor Zaretsky - Treasurer
8-14 Elaine Terrace
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Name _____ Guest _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

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

Striving to protect and preserve cold, clean, fishable water.