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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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## President's Beat



East Jersey Trout Unlimited just concluded its election of Chapter Officers and members of the Board of Directors at our January general membership meeting.

I am happy to report that the slate of Officers and Directors that was put together by our Nominating Committee Chairman, Doug Penna, was unanimously elected.

We are fortunate to have an entirely new group of officers (President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer) that includes several "younger" members with exciting new ideas. At the same time, we are lucky to continue to have veteran members of the Board of Directors who will provide continuity and a wealth of practical, time-tested experience to draw upon. The future of our chapter certainly looks bright!

EJTU's chapter by-laws limit the quantity of officers and directors that we are allowed to have and we have successfully filled each and every spot available to us. This is a testament to both Doug's hard work reaching out to potential new chapter leaders, and to the men and women of our general membership for continuing to generously volunteer their time to help guide the chapter forward.

I would like to personally congratulate Greg Koch, Justin Fuller, Ed Janiga and Ray Tannberg for joining the Board as new members. I know that each of them has much to bring to the table, and I have high

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When: February 7 at 7:30 PM

Where: American Legion Hall

33 West Passaic Street

Rochelle Park, NJ

## February's Speaker

February will be **Movie Night**

There will be no speaker this month. Instead you will have a great movie, popcorn, cool drinks and memories of those Saturdays in dark theaters.

*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.

## Welcome to January's New Members



Luis Araujo  
Jeff Bergman  
Drew Buzzio  
Edward Chwiej  
Benjamin Carpenter  
Tony Corsi  
George Curriej  
Patrick DeFlora  
Priscilla Eshelman  
Holzer Family Foundation

Judith Hendricks  
Robert Hornstra  
George Kroner  
Mark August Marino  
Jonathan Marshall  
Florbela Mendez  
Bert Minerley  
Piotr Puzio  
Shawn Schestag  
Benjamin Tycko  
Rytis Valskys

N. Arlington  
Wyckoff  
Union City  
Wallington  
Ringwood  
Beaver, PA  
Clifton  
Mahwah  
Montclair  
Ho Ho Kus  
Hillsdale  
Woodland Pk.  
Oakland  
Mahwah  
Ransey  
Lyndhurst  
Hillsdale  
Wallington  
Montclair  
Demares  
Saddle River

## Schedule



- Feb. 18 [Sun] Connetquot trip
- Mar. 10 [Sat] Ramsey Outdoor Fly Fish Expo
- Mar. 14 [Wed] Speaker: Capt. Jim Freda
- Mar. 24 [Sat] Annual Banquet
- Mar. 31 [Sat] Woodchip spreading
- Apr 11 [Wed] Speaker: Tim Flagler
- Apr. 21 - 22 Cast and Blast
- May 4 - 6 Stephens State Park trip
- May 19 - 20 State College, PA trip
- May 9 [Wed] Speaker: Ben Turpin
- Jun. 1 - 3 Catskill Picnic
- Jun. 9 - 16 Block Island trip
- Jun. 8 - 10 Ausable River trip
- Jun. 13 [Wed] Speaker Tim O'Neil
- Jul. 11 [Wed] Chapter BBQ

## East Jersey TU 2018 Annual Banquet

Saturday, March 24, 2018

*Biagio's Ristorante*  
299 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ



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

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number 091 for the latest information about our  
chapter.

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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.

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## Conservation Notes

I recently attended the North Jersey Fisheries Forum at the Hackettstown Hatchery. It was a good opportunity to learn about daily activities of our warm water and cool water hatchery staff. I will not bore you with statistics but will simply say that the hatchery staff produces more quality fish, from muskies to mosquito fish, than most other states. They continue to innovate to do more with limited resources and aging facilities. Of course you can never satisfy everyone, so the forum provides an opportunity for anglers to voice their grievances, too. If you would like to receive information about NJF&W activities, go to [www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw). You can select from a number of e-mail lists which will automatically send you information about current activities in which you may be interested.

Trout season will be here sooner than one would think. The ice will be gone and the streams will again be recognizable. However, before you venture out, you should be aware of the trout regulation changes, most of which are designed to protect populations of wild trout. I am happy to say that many of the changes were the direct result of input from Trout Unlimited volunteers. So get a copy of the 2018 Freshwater Fishing Digest and review the changes in terminal tackle requirements as well as changes in stream designations. One requirement that is not clear in the regulations is that hooks on which the barbs have been pinched off or crushed down qualify as "barbless".

One of our first projects this spring will be to assist in placing 2018 fishing regulation

signs along a number of trout stocked waters in our area. The limited number of NJF & W staff makes this a very challenging task which



in the past resulted in many locations not being posted prior to opening day. We have observed an increase in the number of anglers fishing during restricted hours in the last few years. Their excuse has always been that there was no sign or that they didn't see the one on the tree directly in front of their parked car. We can use our familiarity with stream access points to ensure that signs are properly placed. Of course, in order to do the job properly, we will need a number of volunteers. Thankfully, the signs are expected to be delivered from the printer very soon so we should have sufficient time to work out a plan to cover the streams in our area. Watch for an announcement of when the signs will be available. Volunteers can choose to work on their own schedules, but it will be critical to identify the exact sections of the streams to be posted by our volunteers. As always, it will be safer to work in teams of two.

I'm sure that by now you are all aware that the current administration has opened the Atlantic coast to oil and gas exploration. One can only hope that there is enough resistance to this to stop it. If we have learned nothing else about oil and gas

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hopes for what they will help EJTU achieve. I would also like to recognize Elio, Rich, Ray C, Dino, Doug, Paul, Bruce H, Charlie and Igor for all that they have done throughout the past, and for what they continue to do for the chapter. These volunteers are the grease that keeps the wheels of EJTU smoothly turning. However, as thrilled as I am about the composition of the Board of Directors for 2018 and the direction in which our chapter is heading, I am equally saddened to have two long time, extraordinary members of the Board of Directors resign to make way for these new leaders. George Petersen, a prior EJTU Chapter President, Trout in the Classroom Coordinator, and longtime member of the Board of Directors, has stepped down. Ken Barile, a former EJTU Vice President, Membership Chairman, longtime Board member, and strategic planner extraordinaire, has also stepped down. Although George and Ken are stepping down, they are not stepping away. The Board of Directors will continue to seek both of their counsel and help

on an ongoing basis. George and Ken – East Jersey Trout Unlimited is grateful and appreciative for all of your hard work, time, and leadership.

Lastly and most importantly, a very special thank you is due to Bruce Seiden, our previous EJTU Chapter President. Bruce has been a member of the Board of Directors for close to 20 years, serving as Treasurer for majority of the time, and as President for the past 4 years. As our past President, Bruce will continue to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and he will continue in his role as the Secretary of the New Jersey State Council of Trout Unlimited. On behalf of our Chapter, thank you Bruce for your tireless effort in pursuing TU's mission of cold water conservation, and congratulations for a well done job as President of EJTU. Now that your two terms as President have concluded and you have an abundance of newly found free time, please - go fishing!

Chris Henrickson

## 2018 NJ Salt Water Fishing Registration

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife is reminding all saltwater anglers they must register with the NJ Saltwater Recreational Registry Program (NJSRRP) prior to fishing in 2018. Registrations expire at the end of each calendar year and must be renewed annually. Anglers who were previously registered but haven't yet renewed for 2018 should do so before fishing.

Anglers with a valid license/registration from another state, or a New Jersey freshwater license, are still required to register (for free) with the NJSRRP.

For more information on the NJSRRP or to register for 2018, please visit [www.saltwaterregistry.nj.gov](http://www.saltwaterregistry.nj.gov). To renew a previous registration, select "RENEW ANY REGISTRATION". Anglers who have not registered

with the NJSRRP previously should select "NEW INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION".

After registering, become part of the fishery management process! Submit fishing reports after each saltwater trip to the [NJ Volunteer Angler Survey](#). Your fishing reports, whether you caught zero or 50 fish, can help improve saltwater fishing opportunities in NJ. Scientists, stakeholders, public officials and many others all have a hand in making recreational fishing regulations. But if you're an angler, the process ultimately revolves around you. What can be learned from anglers is critical to understanding the health of fisheries. You can have a real impact on fishery resources and how they are managed.

You can submit your report online:

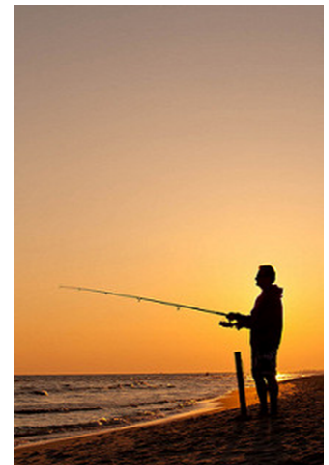
[www.nifishandwildlife.com/](http://www.nifishandwildlife.com/)

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exploration and transmission, the fact that ALL pipelines eventually leak and that many offshore wells do too, should be obvious to all. It is not a question of if but a matter of when. Some who oppose wind farms talk about the "unsightliness" of wind turbines. Do they think an oil rig is more attractive? Safety requirements imposed after the Deepwater Horizon disaster have been removed by the current administration in Washington. We still do not know the long term problems which may arise from the spill. In the meantime, the fox has been given back the key to the hen-house.

The change of administration in Trenton may restore some pro-environment initiatives. Governor Murphy has proposed re-joining RGGI, which may reduce carbon emissions from out-of-state power plants and/or provide funds to remediate damage caused by their emissions. Murphy also appears to favor joining the US Climate Alliance which focuses on the reduction of carbon emissions consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Please watch for e-mails and web site alerts announcing upcoming conservation activities. Occasionally, lead time for





## New Jersey's 2018 Free Fishing Days

**June 9 and October 20**

The two free fishing days scheduled for 2018 will be June 9 and October 20, both of which are Saturdays.

The June Free Fishing Day is held in conjunction with National Fishing and Boating Week; the October date allows the public to take advantage of the fall trout stocking.

Remember: on these days fishing is allowed on the Garden State's public waters without a license or trout stamp. All other regulations, including size and daily catch limits, remain in effect.

## Excuse me sir, you have some fungus on your vest!

Surprised? No really! If you use Amadou to dry your flies that is what it actually is - a treated Mushroom. Its latin name is *Fomes fomentarius* and it grows on the bark of trees and looks much like a horses hoof.

It has excellent water absorbing qualities and was used as early as the 1300's as a fire starting aid. It is sold to fly fisherman as a fly drying patch and it works great especially on CDC flies.

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## February!



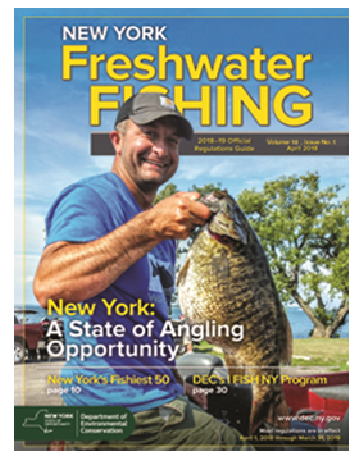
February is really the "poor soul" of our twelve months. There are fewer days, fewer fishing opportunities, no trout stocking and only Fat Tuesday and Valentine's Day (Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday on the same day! Does

that signify anything?) followed by Chinese New Year and President's Day.

So, while you have nothing else to do, dig through that pile of fishing gear that you swore you were going to clean up after the last fishing trip of 2017 and get ready for 2018. Now is the time to find out what is dull, bent, broken, leaky or missing. If you don't, when fishing season comes around on April 7, you will be frantically searching for tippetts while your friends are sipping coffee by the side of a stream.



## New York Fishing Guide Available in February



New York State's 2018-2019 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide will be available to anglers late in February. The new guide will focus on NY Fishing Opportunities and will have a feature article on the DEC I Fish NY program. You can obtain a copy at any DEC office or license-issuing agent. An online version will also be provided on the DEC website.

## Access to Oil and Gas Resources

Please read the following summary of a bill promoting offshore oil and gas exploration and fracking. You can get the complete text of the bill and amendment by doing a search of H.R. 4239. It is important information which could, if passed, have a very negative impact on our environment.

Congressman Steve Scalise of Texas has introduced H.R. 4239 as the SECURE American Energy Act. This bill seeks to optimize management of our nation's energy resources by increasing access to and promoting the development of oil, gas and wind energy.



Title I of the bill, or the ASTRO Act, would facilitate access to oil and gas resources across America's Outer Continental Shelf ("OCS") lands. This bill would establish a revenue sharing framework to distribute revenues collected from oil and gas leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf to certain coastal states.

The Act would increase the amount that can be distributed to qualifying Gulf states under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, and limits the President's authority to withdraw certain areas of the OCS from oil and gas leasing.

Finally, this bill would increase regulatory certainty by requiring the execution of all approved oil and gas lease sales, should the Secretary of the Interior call for a revised national lease sale program. Furthermore, this bill would strategize offshore wind lease sales by requiring feasibility and compatibility studies, and streamlines the MMPA permitting process.



Title II of the bill, or the "ONSHORE Act," would enable states with established permitting and regulatory programs to manage certain federal permitting and regulatory responsibilities for oil and gas development on Federal lands within their borders. This Act would direct the Secretary of the Interior to designate preferred leasing areas for oil and gas development and to defer to the states regarding the regulation of hydraulic fracturing practices.

<https://congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4239/text>

Bob Groskin

## 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 buggers and bead heads, of course, always top the



## New Record for Fish Raised and Stocked at Hackettstown

The Hackettstown State Fish Hatchery raised and stocked a record five million cold, cool, and warm water fish in 2017.

5,082,841 fish, of fifteen species with a total weight of more than 26,000 pounds, were produced at the location and many were stocked in approximately 200 waters throughout the state from March through November. It is through the Hatchery's staff and their hard work that New Jersey is a world class fishing destination for anglers."

The five million plus fish included cool water species such as Northern Pike, Walleye, and Muskellunge, but the season also included strong year classes of warm water species such as channel catfish, largemouth bass and hybrid striped bass.

Not all the Hackettstown fish stocked are available to anglers, however. County mosquito commissions utilized 548,000 fathead minnows, and *Gambusia* (commonly called mosquitofish) to combat mosquito larvae in stagnant waters. In addition, 655,000 golden shiners were stocked in Round Valley Reservoir to help boost the forage base in one of New Jersey's best cold water fisheries.

There were also 171,788 fish of other species that were raised in 2017, setting the facility's new yearly production record at 5,082,841, far surpassing the previous high of 3,774,885 set in 2014.

Some of the many factors that contributed to a great season included the successful collection of broodstock and their eggs, an excellent hatch and extensive on-site pond management. Modern fish diets and nutrition also played important roles, as well as ideal temperatures, sunlight and precipitation for adequate growth, proper health monitoring and avoiding the hazards of overcrowding.

The Hackettstown State Fish Hatchery opened in 1912 and is predominantly a put, grow, and take fish culture operation. This means that most of the fish are stocked as sub-legal fry and fingerlings that will take a year or more growing in the wild to reach a catchable size. The fish-rearing operation requires a combination of intensive fish culturing both indoors in fiberglass tanks and outdoors in earthen ponds.

"The Hackettstown Hatchery has stocked nearly 20 million cool and warm water fish over the past five years," said Division of Fish and Wildlife Director Larry Herrigty. "Staff take immense pride in the quality of fish produced at the hatchery and constantly strive to find ways to improve both hatchery operations and the number of fish produced. This is a great way to conclude the celebration of our agency's 125th anniversary and I commend our staff at Hackettstown for a job well done."

Funding for operations at the Hackettstown State Fish Hatchery is provided by anglers through fees derived from the purchase of fishing licenses and by the Federal Aid in Sportfish Restoration program.

More information about the Hackettstown State Fish Hatchery, including its history, feature articles, species raised and stocking summaries can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fqw/hacktown.htm>.



## Frank B. Hall Fly Tying Contest

Last Call

Last Call

The annual Frank B Hall Fly Tying Contest is nearing the deadline for submitting your entries, so how will you be able to claim that you're the best tyer in EJTU if you don't hurry and whip up a few? Chris Henrickson, winner of last year's contest, chose the Rat Faced McDougal as the fly to be tied and is also the contest's lead judge

Entries may be given to any EJTU director You may tie as many entries as you wish, but the deadline is February 28, 2018. The winner will be announced at our March 2018 Annual Banquet.



This is the the original pattern recipe as described in *Catskill Fly Tier - My Life Times and Techniques* by Harry Darbee:

Tail:	Ginger Cock Hackle Fibers
Body:	Clipped tannish-gray deer hair
Wings:	Cream Grizzly Hackle Tips
Hackle:	Ginger Cock

For the sake of standardization in the contest, use the following recommendations from Leiser's book as well:

Hook:	Mustad 94840 size 12
Thread:	Gray for tail and spinning the body. Black for tying in the hackle and wing

The east coast is coming out of the icy doldrums and, as the days lengthen, the number of EJTU activities that rely on volunteers will increase. We will probably, as usual, assist in trout stocking in a month, but there are a couple of other events at which you can help.

The first, on Saturday, March 10, will be held at Ramsey Outdoors store

### Volunteers! Step Up!

in Ramsey. Similar to the past's Cabin Fever Days, this one is called Ramsey Outdoor Store Fly Fishing Expo. We will need only a few people, but they will be needed, so call Chris Henrickson (347.581.6361) to let him know that you will be there to help

The second, on Saturday, March 31,

is the annual spreading of the wood chips. Mahwah drops piles of steaming wood chips at the side of Glen Gray Road and we spread them over the parking area with rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, grunts and laughs - all supplied by the EJTU volunteers. Call Rich Malizia (973-304-0789) for this one.

If you want to help at these events, don't assume that the coordinator

We proudly announce the

## East Jersey Trout Unlimited 2018 Annual Banquet

Saturday, March 24, 2018

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 6:30 pm for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in our own private banquet room. 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 7:30 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 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Ray Tannberg - Treasurer**  
**478 Bergen Avenue**  
**Washington Township, NJ 07676**

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

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

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

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