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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Guided Fishing Trip for Two

EJTU's Board of Directors has decided to offer something new to the Chapter's members in 2011. Something new, something that will be fun, something of extra value and something that some members might otherwise not expect to participate in. The board will make arrangements for guided fishing trips for two with guides who have either been recommended to us or with whom board members have had positive experiences. The trips will then be awarded to the winners of inexpensive raffles that are intended only to cover the Chapter's cost for the trips.

Tickets for the first of this series of raffles will accompany the annual letter to all members that you will soon receive. The winner and whoever he/she chooses to accompany



him/her will have a full-day on a drift boat guided by the Upper Delaware Fly Fishing Guide

Service (with all equipment and flies provided by the guide service). The cost of the tickets will be \$5 each or five for \$20.

When this first raffle has been completed there will be raffles for trips to other, varied locations. You will have a chance to win a guided trip for stripers or, perhaps, for steelhead or other fish.

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When: January, 12 at 7:30 PM

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

January Meeting Interested in Fly Tying?

We are inviting all of our members and non-members who are fly tiers or who don't tie but are interested in the art to come to our Wednesday, January 12 meeting and tie with us.



If you have fly tying equipment bring it; if you don't have equipment we

will have tools from our fly tying classes with us for you to use.

If you don't tie flies, this will be the perfect opportunity to watch and maybe get into fly tying.

Our Chapter has been given fly tying material that we would like to share with our friends.

Come in time to wash your hands before you start tying because we will serve pizza.

The Fly Fishing Show

New Jersey Garden State
Convention Center
Somerset, NJ.

January 21/22/23, 2011

EJTU Calendar

Advise Rich Malizia (973-304-0789 or remgcp@optonline.net) of changes to calendar events; let Ed Higgins (easyedh@gmail.com) know if you are interested in fishing trips well in advance because openings are limited and reservations must be made in advance. Get your money in as soon as possible or someone else will take your place.

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



- Jan 12**, - Members Mtng, FlyTying Night
- Jan 30** - Little Lehigh trip (Snow date, Feb 6)
- Feb 9**, - Members Mtng, Rob Nicholas, Housatonic & Farmington
- Feb 26** - Ramsey Outdoor Cabin Fever Day
- Mar. 3/6**, - The Suffern Show
- Mar 9**, - Members Mtng, Mark Sedotti "Living" streamer fishing
- April 2/3** - Pequest Open House
- Apr 13**, - Members Mtng, John Punola Shad Fishing Outlook
- Apr 29/May 1** - Frost Valley Trip
- Apr. 30**, - Hooked on the Hudson
- May 11**, - Members Mtng, George Douglas Steelhead fishing
- May 14**, - Fishing Trip - Shad Fishing on the Delaware
- May 28**, - Mahwah Fishing Derby
- Jun 3/6**, - Picnic/Fishing Trip - Catskill Fly Fishing Museum
- June 11** - Ramapo River Day

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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 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

Ramsey Outdoor Cabin Fever Day is Coming!

On February 26, 2011, Ramsey Outdoor Store in Paramus will hold its annual Cabin Fever Day.

For those who may not be familiar with the event, Cabin Fever Day hosts many local fishing clubs that will have tables where they tie flies and display their club activities.

Cabin Fever Day also features fishing guides, rod builders, and many other crafts related to fishing and the outdoors as well as famous speakers doing slide presentations in the back room.

Ramsey Outdoor usually provides coffee and bagels for refreshment...last year they even had a wild game cook who prepared bear and various venison recipes.

East Jersey TU will need some volunteers to tie flies, speak to shoppers about our club's activities, to sell tickets for our annual raffle.

If you are not helping at our EJTU table you should visit the store and take advantage of all that Ramsey's Cabin Fever Day has to offer.



**EJTU Fly Tying School
Wayne, NJ**

EJTU's fly tying course that had been held in Clifton will move to Wayne NJ in March. It will be held in:
Wayne Adult School
1006 Hamburg Turnpike
Wayne, NJ

The course will start on Monday, March 14, 2011 and will continue for 2 ½ hours per night for ten weeks; the cost will be \$65.

"Luck affects everything. Let your hook always be cast; in the stream where you least expect it there will be a fish."

Ovid

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Raffles

In addition to changing the location of the trip and the type of fish being sought, the major change from the first raffle will be that in subsequent raffles tickets will not be mailed to members. Tickets will only be sold to those people who attend the Chapter's monthly members' meetings. The raffle tickets will remain \$5 and, as soon as the cost of each trip is covered, the winner will be drawn and we will prepare for the next trip.

Have a healthy and happy 2011 – and prepare for the new fishing season. You may be able to enjoy a professionally guided fishing trip for only \$5!

Fracking Update

The following is excerpted from a December 1, 2010 Wall Street Journal article.

"The Obama administration is considering a policy that would force natural-gas drillers on federal lands to disclose the chemicals they use during hydraulic fracturing.



"...the New York State Assembly passed a bill Monday that bans new hydraulic fracturing in the state until May 2011, to allow time for further study of the oil and natural-gas drilling technique.

Natural-gas companies and drilling operators say fears about fracking chemicals contaminating water supplies are exaggerated. They are reluctant to disclose the chemicals because they say the composition of those fluids are trade secrets."

Reviving a Super Bowl Trip

East Jersey TU's annual Super Bowl Trip to the Little Lehigh in Allentown, PA will be held on January 30, 2011, the week before the Super Bowl. If inclement weather prevents us from going on that day the snow date will be February 6, the day of the Super Bowl.

We must hear from you if you're planning to make the trip so we know how much food to bring, since the chapter will have hot coffee and chili for the stalwarts who make it.

Pennsylvania non-resident fishing licenses are a bit steep, but by buying yours in January you'll be able to fish in Pennsylvania for the entire year. To buy your Pennsylvania License via the internet go to this web address: <https://www1.pa.wildlifelicenses.com/start.php>



Because of the distance involved, we are recommending car-pools...it makes for a safer and more relaxed trip. Let me know at my email address, easyedh@gmail.com, and I'll make sure everyone has at least one driving companion.

We'll meet at the parking lot for the Little Lehigh Fly Shop anywhere from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. The shop parking lot is located at: 2643 Fish Hatchery Rd, Allentown, Pennsylvania, 18103,

(610)797-5599



Ed Higgins

Trout Fishing in 2011

It may be cold and snowy now but NJ's Division of Fish and Wildlife is preparing for this year's fishing.

According to the 2011 Fresh Water Fishing Digest (available at <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/digfsh11.htm>) trout season will open at 8 AM on Saturday, April 9, 2011.

The Ramapo will be stocked with trout on Thursdays, as usual. This year the announced dates will be April 14, 21, and 28, and May 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Fishing Trips

Two of our EJTU fishing trips always have great demand so, if you are interested in them, you should contact Ed Higgins as soon as possible.

The first of these trips – the one to Block Island – is full but Ed is keeping a list of people who would like to go if there are any cancellations. Let Ed know of your interest and he will add you to his standby list.

The second trip - to Frost Valley - is planned for the beginning of May

Last year the cost was \$281, this year it will probably be around \$300. Interested members should contact Ed and give him a deposit of \$50 to reserve your spot. Details will be published as they are confirmed.

The trip to Frost Pond Camps has been dropped due to high costs.

Contact Ed Higgins (201-791-4635) or email easyedh@gmail.com for information about trips and available openings.

Pequest Open House

On April 2nd and 3rd, 2011 NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife will hold its annual Open House at the Pequest Trout Hatchery. This free, family event will run from 10:00am to 4:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

The public is invited to participate in various hunting and fishing activities. The event will host a number of fish and wildlife exhibits and presentations, conservation organizations, including East Jersey TU, the Sportsmen's Flea Market and an opportunity for children to fish the educational pond.

EJTU will again have a table in the main room demonstrating fly tying and promoting conservation and education. Volunteers are needed to assist with the children at the educational pond, provide fly tying demonstrations and to assist in our raffle ticket sales. If you can volunteer 4 hours on either April 2nd or April 3rd, please email me at hreskor@gmail.com. Remember each 4 hours of volunteer time earns 10 points.

I look forward to seeing you at the event.

Bob Hresko

Pequest Hatchery Programs Director

**Visit the East Jersey TU
web site for
up-to-the-minute
Information:**

www.eastjerseytu.org



New Recycling Requirement

Some New Jersey communities already have recycling programs that cover electronic items but, the Electronic Waste Management Act requires that all New Jersey residents recycle old TVs, computers and computer monitors - items known collectively as electronic waste, or e-waste - as of the beginning of the new year

The Electronic Waste Management Act bans the disposal of televisions and all personal or portable computers - including desktop, notebook and laptop computers, as well as computer monitors - in the regular waste stream beginning January 1, 2011. Manufacturers of these devices will now fund the collection of e-waste so that it is free for consumers.



The new law means residents can no longer put TVs, computers and monitors out on the curb for pickup under regular

solid waste collection programs. Many residents will have to take these items to a drop-off point, such as a county or municipal solid waste collection center or a participating electronics retail store. Some municipalities already conduct special curbside pickup programs for recycling of e-waste and are expected to continue doing this.

Best Buy stores and community-based service programs, most notably Goodwill Industries and the Salvation Army, also accept these materials.

The DEP estimates that the program will prevent 50 million pounds of electronic waste from being sent to solid waste facilities during its first year.

The Electronic Waste Management Act does not cover cell phones, DVD players, VCRs, game consoles, or other electronic devices, although some retailers and service organizations provide opportunities for recycling these items.

Overgrowth?

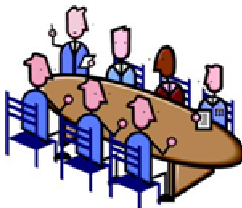
Between 2002 and 2007, New Jersey's population increased by only 1.1 percent, but the amount of developed land increased by 5.3 percent, nearly five times faster.

This is a dramatic change from the 1995 to 2002 time period, when developed acres increased only 1.4 times as fast as population.

From July 2010 NJ Future Facts

Fish and Game Council Meetings

Last month's Riffles carried an article about the duties, make-up and background of New Jersey's Fish and Game Council. Those outdoorsmen who would like to see the Council in action should know that it meets monthly, usually on the second Tuesday of the month, at the Central Region Office in the As-sunpink Wildlife Management Area in Robbinsville. The public is welcome at the meetings.



The 2011 tentative schedule of Council meetings is:

Tues., January 11 - 1pm
 Tues., February 8 - 11am
 Tues., March 8 - 10am
 Tues., April 12 - 1pm
 Tues., May 10 - 1pm
 Fri., June 14 - 10am
 Tues., July 12 - 1pm
 Tues., August 9 - 10am
 Tues., September 13 - 10am
 Tues., October 11 - 1pm
 Wed., November 9 - 10am
 Tues., December 13 - 10am

The Pre-Season Jumps

(From March 1975 Riffles)

Well, the first of the year has come and gone with its usual bang. To some, it means the end of a good year, or a bad year. But to the trout fisherman, it means four LONG months 'til opening day.

I'm personally convinced that opening day will never come. I thought the wait for hunting season to begin was bad, but this is insufferable! Even my wife paces in front of the calendar looking forward to that magical day – the day the living room will be cleared of waders, fly boxes, reels, rods and the hundred other things that have draped the chairs and every livable inch of space in the room for the last few months.

My family has tried many things to make the time go fast. They tried taking me for a ride to Leonard's, but all I did was cry when I found out they were closed that day for inventory. Once they suggested a tide to my favorite fishing spot, but a snowstorm hit and I was confined to bed until my nerves calmed down.

Bu now you've probably gathered that I am just one more poor fisherman who has cracked up waiting for opening day, and maybe so. My malady is not uncommon to a trout fisherman. He goes through this every year, yet when that day finally comes you'll find him at the edge of the stream – a smile on his face, a rod in one hand, a cup of hot coffee in the other.

I'll be there – why don't you stop and have a cup with me and talk TROUT!

Charles (Sandy) Fisher