



# Riffles

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Volume 45



**Janus**

The Roman god Janus, from whom we get this month's name, had two faces because he looked both forward and backward in time. But, EJTU – limited to one face – is, as outlined in last month's Riffles, turning that one face toward the future.

One example is the strategic plan. Those who drafted the plan did not know how it would be received or whether or not members would even be interested in it. But then, after Ken Barile presented the plan at the December meeting and the volunteer sheets were collected, the planners found that multiple volunteers had offered to help with every proposed activity. The response was wonderful!

The task now will be for the planning group to follow up with each of those who volunteered and to get all of the activities moving, not quickly completed but thoughtfully progressing so they all cohesively contribute toward an enhanced Chapter.

It may appear that the execution of the strategic plan by those on the planning committee and the recent volunteers is now inexorably moving toward conclusion

**January 2014**

**When:** January 8 at 7:30 PM

**Where:** American Legion Hall  
33 West Passaic Street

Rochelle Park, NJ

## January's Speaker

### Bob Weslowski

Bob is President of the Croton Watershed Chapter of TU and will tell us about fly fishing the Croton watershed.



The Croton Watershed, which covers some 387 square miles, contains some of the finest fishing in the eastern U.S. There are three major tributaries and 15 reservoirs. Below nine of the New York City reservoirs there are stream segments containing thirteen miles of publicly accessible trout waters

In most of the streams Brown trout predominate but in some other streams you will find rainbows and occasional Brook trout

The Croton watershed is located in Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess Counties not that far from north Jersey so why not come to the meeting and learn more about this beautiful area.

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## 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.

**Jan 7** [Tues] Fly Tying course begins



**Feb 8** [Sat] "Superbowl" fishing trip

**March 22/23** [Sat/Sun] Wood-chips spreading, Glen Gray

**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 picnic

**June 7, 2013** [Sat] Ramapo River Day

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this is not true. There is always a need for fresh ideas and new people with a variety of viewpoints. So, if you think that it is too late to join the initial group of volunteers, you are wrong. Contact Ken Barile [kenbarile@optonline.net] and he will describe the variety of activities on which you can help. Any assistance is gladly accepted.

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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)

**National Audubon Society  
online, December  
5, 2013**



In a stunningly bad move for eagles, the U.S. Department of the Interior is close to finalizing a new rule that would make it possible to grant wind energy companies 30-year permits to kill Bald and Golden eagles. Audubon's CEO released the following statement:

"Instead of balancing the need for conservation and renewable energy, Interior wrote the wind industry a blank check," said Audubon President and CEO David Yarnold. "It's outrageous that the government is sanctioning the killing of America's symbol, the Bald Eagle."



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](http://www.ejtu.org)

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

<http://tinyurl.com/ptq2u3t>

**For Veterans**

John Danubio, from the Office of the Bergen County Clerk, will be at the Cresskill American Legion Post 21 on Saturday Jan. 18th to take pictures and issue the County's Veterans Discount Card. He will be there from 11AM till 1PM. You will need your driver's license and either your DD214 or Military ID for active or retired personnel.

**Message from  
Pohatcong Fly Fishers  
Club (PFFC).**

We are a members only fly fishing club with private access to the Pohatcong River stretching from its mouth at the Delaware River to approximately 5,000 feet upstream. We are located in Pohatcong Township, Warren County, NJ. Currently, we have a limited number of memberships available for 2014.

The club stocks between 300-400 12"-14" rainbows and browns annually, plus a few others in excess of 18". In addition, brook trout stocked by the state further upstream, also find their way into club waters.

Caddis, stonefly and scuds are the predominant invertebrates in habitating our stream. Streamer and nymph fishing prevail in club waters, but dry flies such as an elk hair caddis or terrestrial will occasionally result in a fish at the right time of the year.

I can attest to the quality of our fishery. It's not uncommon to touch 8-10 and land 4-5 fish per outing.

If a member of your chapter is interested in membership please call or email me.

Sincerely,  
Lee Schwocho  
President, PFFC  
KLTU Member

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"The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese."

## The Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show Is January 9-12, 2014

The 2014 Garden State Outdoor Sportsman's Show is scheduled for January 9-12 at the New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center in Edison, New Jersey.

This is an annual event and is New Jersey's premiere outdoor show. The exhibit hall is 140,000 square feet with adjacent free parking spaces, and features exhibits from hundreds of outdoor companies.

Special show attractions include the Garden State Deer Classic, 3-D Archery Tournament and Public Shoot, Fire & Ice Expo, Mohawk Valley Mining Company, Arcadia Bird Sanctuary, exhibits featuring wolves and dogs, fishing exhibitions and demonstrations, and many activities for kids.

One-day tickets are \$10 online and \$15 at the door, and children 11 and under are admitted free. You may also sign up online for an e-coupon in advance - just print out the coupon and receive a \$3 discount on a \$15 ticket.

Go to [www.goss.com](http://www.goss.com) to purchase tickets, sign up for your e-coupon, or check out the pre-show hot deals!

We wish all East Jersey Trout Unlimited members a healthy and very happy 2014.



## EJTU Ten-week Fly Tying Course

At Paramus' Westbrook Middle School



Tuesdays; 7PM – 10PM



Begins on January 7, 2014



For: Beginner and Intermediate  
Register online – [www.ssreg.com/paramus](http://www.ssreg.com/paramus) or  
on the first night of class

Cost \$70

Paramus Community School (201) 261-7800, ext. 3051



Only a little more than a month is left for you to hone your Royal Trude tying skills and deliver the three best ones that you have tied to the fishing department of the Ramsey Outdoor Store in Ramsey, or bring them to a monthly meeting or give them to any EJTU director.

The deadline is February 12, so you had better hurry!

The pattern and other details can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/nx8nm35>

## The Library Display

It's January; it's a new year; Doug has moved the library display to a new location!

This month Doug's EJTU Library Display will be in the Mahwah Public Library.



The Mahwah Public Library is located at 100 Ridge Road, Mahwah, NJ so if you happen to be in Mahwah, are near Mahwah, or are trying to decide what to do on a cold January day, why not drop by and see Doug's work.

## From: One Summer in America, 1927

"Most people couldn't recall a time like it. For months on end, across much of the country, it rained steadily, sometimes in volumes not before seen. Southern Illinois received over two feet of rain in three months; parts of Arkansas had well over three. Rivers almost beyond counting -- the San Jacinto in California, the Klamath, Willamette and Umpqua in Oregon, the Snake, Payette and Boise in Idaho, the Colorado in Colorado, the Neosho and Verdigris in



Kansas, the Ouachita and St. Francis in Arkansas, the Tennessee and Cumberland in the South, the Connecticut in New England -- overran their banks. Between the late summer of 1926 and the following spring, enough precipitation fell on the forty-eight United States, by one calculation, to make a cube of water 250 miles across on each side. That is a lot of water, and it was only just the beginning.

"On Good Friday, 15 April, a mighty storm system pounded the middle third of America with rain of a duration and intensity that those who experienced it would not forget in a hurry. From western Montana to West Virginia and from Canada to the Gulf, rain fell in what can only be described as a Noachian deluge. Most places received six to eight inches and some recorded more than a foot. Now nearly all that water raced into swollen creeks and rivers and headed, with unwonted intensity, for the great central artery of the continent, the Mississippi River. The Mississippi and its tributaries drain 40 per cent of America, almost a million square miles spread across thirty-one states (and two Canadian provinces), and never in

recorded history had the entirety of it been this strained.

"A river approaching flood stage is an ominously fearsome thing, and the Mississippi now took on an aspect of brutal, swift-flowing anger that unnerved even hardened observers. All along the upper Mississippi people stood on the banks and mutely watched as the river paraded objects -- trees, dead cows, barn roofs -- that hinted at the carnage further north. At St. Louis the volume of passing water reached two million cubic feet per second -- a phenomenal rate, double the volume recorded during the great flood of 1993. You didn't have to be an expert to see that this was an unsustainable burden. All along the river armies of men with shovels and sandbags shored up flood defenses, but the pressures were too overwhelming. On 16 April, on a great bend of the river in southeast Missouri at a place called Dorena, the first levee gave way. Some 1,200 feet of earthen bank burst open and a volume of water equal to that at Niagara Falls poured through the chasm. The roar could be heard miles away.

"Soon levees up and down the river were popping like buttons off a tight shirt. At Mounds Landing, Mississippi, a hundred black workers, kept at their posts by men with rifles, were swept to oblivion when a levee gave way. The coroner, for reasons unstated, recorded just two deaths. In some places, the water rushed across the landscape so



swiftly that people had no means of escape. At Winterville, Mississippi, twenty-three women and children per-

ished when the house in which they were sheltering was swept away.

"By the first week of May, the flood stretched for 500 miles from southern Illinois to New Orleans, and was up to 150 miles wide in places. Altogether an area almost the size of Scotland was under water. From the air, the Mississippi valley looked like -- indeed, for the time being was -- a new Great Lake. The statistics of the Great Flood were recorded with chilling precision: 16,570,627 acres flooded; 203,504 buildings lost or ruined; 637,476 people made homeless. The quantities of livestock lost were logged with similar exactitude: 50,490 cattle, 25,325 horses



and mules, 148,110 hogs, 1,276,570 chickens and other poultry. The one thing that wasn't carefully recorded, oddly, was the number of human lives lost, but it was certainly more than a thousand and perhaps several times that. The numbers weren't more scrupulous because, alas, so many of the victims were poor and black. It is a shocking fact that a closer count was kept of livestock losses than of human ones. . . .

"The Mississippi flood of 1927 was America's most epic natural disaster in extent, duration and number of lives affected. The scale of economic loss was so large as to be essentially incalculable. Estimates ranged from \$250 million to \$1 billion. It wasn't the most lethal catastrophe in American history, but it ruined more lives and property than any other, and it lasted far longer. Altogether the Mississippi would be at flood stage for 153 consecutive days."