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Bear Swamp Road

If you are one of the anglers who like to fish for the small native Brook Trout that are found in Bear Swamp Brook you will have to learn to share Bear Swamp Road with vehicles from the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (TGP). The company is constructing a gas pipeline that will bring natural gas from fracking fields in Pennsylvania to Bergen County through an expanded pipeline that will parallel the existing smaller one and has an easement to use the road for its vehicles.

TGP had agreed to limit its use of the road to pickup trucks and vans that would be used to ferry personnel to work sites. However, local residents feared that TGP would also drive tankers, trucks carrying explosives and acetylene, and other heavy equipment on the road. In a February 6, 2013 article in the VILLADOM TIMES a local resident claimed to have been given Bergen County documents indicating that weight limits on the road's bridges would be increased from 6,000 pounds to 20,000 pounds.

In the article cited above, the same local resident also claimed that cranes are already being brought up Bear Swamp Road.

Following a court hearing on TGP's use of the road and on condemnations and easements

When: March 13 at 7:30 PM

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

March Speaker

George Douglas

George Douglas, of Kype Magazine, will talk about tips from the most productive steelhead guides.

George spent many hours fishing Steelhead Alley in Ohio and then decided to leave the Salmon River and move to Washington State to learn about the west coast salmon and steelhead runs. This knowledge and experience led to him to publish Kype Fishing Magazine and multiple DVD's.

In 2009, George was inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame as one of forty eight legendary communicators in the freshwater arena.

He now spends half the year guiding in Steelhead Alley, Ohio and the other half on the West Coast.

Welcome to February's New Members



John Hall West New York
Maria Marano Saddle River
Glenn Spies Rutherford
Daniel Watson Wayne

EJTU Calendar

If you wish to go on one of the fishing trips contact Ed Higgins at (easyedh@gmail.com) well in advance. If the trip requires reservations or other arrangements openings are often limited and the reservations must be made in advance.

Other events are sheperded by Rich Malizia. If you have questions or wish to volunteer contact Rich at 973-304-0789 or remqcp@optonline.net

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

Mar 16 [Sat] LL Bean, Paramus; fly tying, casting, talk up EJTU

Mar 22/24 Steelhead fishing trip

Apr 6 [Sat] Opening Day of Trout Season

Apr/May Thursdays—Trout stocking

Apr 10 [Wed] Members Meeting; Speaker, George Daniel

May 8 [Wed] Members Meeting; Speaker, Chris Stewart (Tenkara Bum)

May31/Jun2 Catskill Museum sleepover fishing trip & picnic

Jun 8 [Sat] Ramapo River Day

Jun 8/15 Block Island Trip

June 12 [Wed] Members meeting; speaker Bill McKeen

June 15 [Sat] Glen Rock Fishing Derby

Jul 10 [Wed] Members meeting; barbeque and swap meet



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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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Fly Tying in Montclair

Doug Penna has opened a new fly tying course in Montclair for people who do not wish to travel to Paramus.

The course will start on Monday March 4, 2013 but if you are a little late you may still join the course.



To join call Montclair adult education at 973-746-6636 on Monday through Thursday.

Be sure to tell them that you are a member of East Jersey TU and to ask them for the TU discount. Montclair would charge \$119 for the course but Doug has arranged for a \$44 discount. Your cost should, therefore, be \$75.

As usual, all of the teachers are experienced EJTU fly tyers and we will supply necessary material to beginners.

If you have any questions, please call Doug at 201-288-4409

Steven Wiszowaty

In the June 2010 issue of Riffles Steven Wiszowaty was listed among the dozen or so new EJTU members who had joined the chapter in May.

This month Larry Parisi, Steve's stepson, contacted us to tell us that, at the age of 56, Steve had died of a massive heart attack.

During his time in EJTU Steve was an active member and managed to go on most of our fishing trips. He was good company and had a full collection of good jokes.

Steve will be missed.

Trout Angler Survey

Don't forget to complete the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Trout Angler Survey.

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/>

F & W will use the results of this survey as a guide for future regulations and fish management.

The information is supposed to be presented at the 2/16/13 Annual Trout Meeting but, since the survey is still active we must assume that F & W wants additional input.

The EJTU Library Display

Doug Penna is on the move with the Library Display again. During February Doug had the display set up in the Franklin Lakes Library but now that March is here he will move it to Midland Park.



The Midland Park Library is located at 250 Godwin Avenue and is open six days a week, so why not take a few minutes and drop in and take a look at Doug's work.

EJTU Fly Fishing School



If you know of anyone who would like to attend a comprehensive, cheap course on how to fish with a fly rod tell them about the EJTU course at Paramus's Westbrook Middle School that begins on March 26.

Students will learn the techniques needed to cast with a fly rod, fly selection, tackle for fly fishing, lines and leaders, knots, entomology and how to read a stream. All equipment will be provided; however students with their own rods and reels are encouraged to use them in class.

The course is part of Paramus Community Schools and all instructors are volunteers from East Jersey Trout Unlimited with many years of experience in fly-fishing.

There will be seven evening sessions (Tuesdays from 7PM until 10PM) from March 26 through May 14. To sign up go to <http://www.ssreg.com/paramus/> and enter SR12 in the Catalog Search box

LL Bean

The LL Bean store on From Road in the Paramus Park Mall will have a Spring Fishing event on Saturday, March 16.

They have asked EJTU to man a table at which we can talk about our organization, hand out literature and generate new members and to help out with some fly casting instruction in the indoor fountain.

The event will run from 10 AM until 3PM.

Spend a couple of hours in the mall with other EJTU members. Contact Ray Cappock at ray-capp@optonline.net

The Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest Winner Chosen

The Frank Hall contest began in November 2012 when the contest fly, the Stimulator, was announced. Entrants then had until January 31, 2013 to submit the fly, or flies, that they tied.

Bill Borowski, who took care of all of the details of the contest, has announced that, "The Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest culminated in a unanimous decision by the judges. The winner will be announced at our dinner on March 2. Thanks to all who entered and to the committee, made up of Ryan Bunn, John Endreson and Scott Cesari, that had the tough task of deciding the winner."



Pequest Open House

This year's annual Pequest Open House will be held on March 23-24, 2013 from 10-4 daily.

The hatchery is celebrating 30 years of trout production at the Pequest Trout Hatchery.

Every year, more than 10,000 people visit the hatchery during the Open House. They can learn about conservation and conservation groups, visit wildlife artists and taxidermists, browse in the sportsmen's flea market, try their hand at archery and shotgun, and for the kids – fishing! There will be a Kiddie Trout Tank for the tots while older children can fish in the Education Pond.

March Fly of the Month

Spring is less than a month away, opening day is just around the corner, and it's time to restock those fly boxes.

Early season fishing usually means streamers and nymphs.



Whether it's little black stones or big white streamers for the West Branch, it's time to

get busy at the vice. While you're at it, how about whipping up an extra dozen for the chapter.



Opening Day of Trout Season - April 6, 2013

The Ramapo River will be stocked on Thursdays during the in-season stocking program. NJ Fish and Wildlife has not yet contacted EJTU about pre-season stocking.

The in-season stocking will be on the following Thursdays:

- April 11, 18, 25
May 2, 9, 16, 23



Flies Needed

Our Chapter needs some specific flies to complete the selection that we have for sale at meetings. We are asking our tyers to tie six flies that you choose and turn them in to Elio Chiavola at the next meeting. If you can tie more than six or if you can tie six of a couple of types of flies, that would be great.

If you intend to help us out and tie some flies, please try to find out what other tiers are doing so everyone doesn't tie the same fly.

Here are the flies that are needed:

<u>Fly</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Beaded?</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Fly</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Beaded?</u>	<u>Size</u>
Elk Hair	Tan		12	Hares Ear		Beaded	12
Elk Hair	Gray		12	Adams			12
Elk Hair	Olive		12	Sulphur			12
Stone	Yellow	No bead	8	Wooley Bugger	Black	Beaded	8
Stone	Black	No Bead	8	Wooley Bugger	Olive	No Bead	10
Caddis	October		16	Wooley Bugger	Olive	Beaded	6
Comparadun	Sulfur		12	Mickey Finn			4
Royal Wulff			16	Mickey Finn			8
Royal Wulff			10	Mickey Finn			10
Adams Parachute			14	Black Ghost			6
Adams Parachute			16	Black Ghost			8
Blue Wing Olive			14	Black Ghost			10

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on local property, District Court Judge William K. Martini granted the easements as well as a temporary access road easement so TGP may travel on Bear Swamp Road over portions of several local private properties. This was on condition that TGP use the road only for transporting workers

to a metering station in Mahwah. TGP is now in court asking for a permanent easement so personnel can use the road for future maintenance.

It will now be interesting to see whether fishermen, hikers and others who are accustomed to using Bear Swamp Road can

easily coexist with the vehicles that TGP uses on the road.

TU members who visit the area should also try to check the quality of Bear Swamp Brook as TGP increases its use of a road that parallels a delicate stream that contains our rare native trout.



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