



# Riffles

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited



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### Presidents Beat

Elections were held at the February general meeting and after many years on the board of directors I have finally changed hats. Instead of being Treasurer for life (18 years), and in spite of threats of divorce from my wife, Leanna, I am now the President of our chapter.

During the meeting I extended my appreciation to Ray Cappock for his dedicated years of service as president and for leaving the chapter in excellent shape. I wanted to repeat that here for anyone that was not present at the meeting. I think everyone will share this sentiment.

Ray will continue in his role as Riffles Editor and has asked me to resurrect the Presidents Beat column so that Riffles would not be a single voice – his.

Igor Zaretsky has stepped up to take on the responsibility as treasurer. Igor has been an active member and an instructor at our fly tying classes in Paramus for a number of years.

Rich Malizia has assumed the position as Conservation Committee chairman and is actively looking for future projects and planning our activities. Rich has been an active member of the committee and has spearheaded Ramapo River day since its inception.

We all value your input and hope you will reach out to any of the directors if you have suggestions for improving the chapter or know

When: March 12 at 7:30 PM

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

### March Speaker

Colin Archer  
The Average Angler

Colin Archer is a guide who covers a lot of water.

He offers guided fly fishing trips along the Jersey Shore, either walking and wading on the beach, in bays, or on jettys, or in a Cape Fisherman in bays or ocean.

He also offers full-day fly fishing trips on the East Branch, West Branch or Main Stem of the Delaware River.

Take your pick: trout, stripers, fluke or bluefish; Colin can show you how to catch them.

### Welcome to February's New Members



Earl Anderson Midland Park  
Dan Cummings Midland Park  
Fred Lewis Westwood  
Roy Watanabe Cliffside Park

of issues we should be addressing. Thanks.

Bruce Seiden

### 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.

**March 7/9** [Fri/Sun] Steelhead fishing trip;  
Salmon River  
**March 22** EJTU  
Annual Dinner  
**March 22/23**



[Sat/Sun] Woodchips 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; **Pig Roast** and Spey casting demo

**June 7, 2014** [Sat] Ramapo River Day

**June 7 – 14** Block Island trip



There is no greater fan of fly fishing than the worm.

Patrick F. McManus,  
Never Sniff a Gift Fish, 1979

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Trout Unlimited  
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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)

## Conservation Committee Report

Spring can't come soon enough for most of us. We have scheduled the annual parking area repair for Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9AM. Assuming the snow is gone by then, we will ask Mahwah DPW to deliver a few truckloads of woodchips which we will spread in the parking area.

We will meet at Glen Gray Road in Mahwah. Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes and brooms. Please park away from the work area and wear EJTU caps, shirts or safety vests.

Contact me at 973-304-0789 or [remqcp@optonline.net](mailto:remqcp@optonline.net) if you need more information.

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Kelly Buchta has been our point person on a project in Park Ridge. What started out as an inspection of the area and recommendations to improve the environment around the pond has grown into a very significant project. Kelly's report follows:

James McDermott, chair of the Park Ridge Green team submitted a grant application for funds from the Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grants Program/NFWF (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation). EJTU Involvements as listed:

*"The Green Team has partnered with a New Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited for the installation of a handicapped-accessible fishing platform to be installed at Electric Lake. Trout Unlimited has provided schematics for the fishing platform and will provide financial assistance and volun-*

*teer support for the project. Park Ridge has a handicapped housing complex owned by Bergen County. Some of the residents include non-ambulatory veterans. In addition, Trout Unlimited has veterans programs and the fishing platform will help to support these programs*

*"Trout Unlimited – In addition to partnering for the Handicap Access Fishing Platform, Rich Malizia from Trout Unlimited made several suggestions in an August, 2013 report for environmental best practices to be taken for lake restoration, which include bank stabilization for erosion, replacing current storm water/sewer drains along Mill Road with ones that have smaller openings to limit the size of debris entering the drain, use of bottom discharge valves in dams to release water during high temperature periods, and conduct periodic River Assessments to identify problem areas and pollution sources."*

The grant request was submitted on 1/31/14 and awaits approval. EJTU would be involved in the latter stage of the grant under Community Engagement.

Chapter members Carl Hoetzel and Gary Brady have recommitted their time and assistance to draw up new plans when the time comes.

James, Rich and Kelly will conduct a site visit. Any chapter members interested in joining the project, are asked to contact Kelly: [kebuchta@njtu.org](mailto:kebuchta@njtu.org)

**Salmon River Steelhead Trip: April 4, 5, 6  
Fox Hollow Lodge in Altmar NY**

## Proposed Changes to the 2014 NJ Trout Stocking Program

NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife has proposed radical changes to the 2014 spring trout stocking program due to an outbreak of a fish disease (furunculosis; <http://tinyurl.com/l8e685e> = Merck animal health, aqua) at the Pequest Trout Hatchery. The Division has implemented a plan to control the disease at the hatchery, but must modify the spring trout stocking program in order to protect wild trout resources and other year round trout fisheries.

No trout will be stocked in Trophy Trout Lakes, Holdover Trout Lakes and certain trout production streams, or waters directly connected to them. These year

round fisheries will still provide anglers excellent trout fishing opportunities this spring. Trout waters scheduled to be stocked will be allocated the hatchery's supply of trout never documented to have the bacterium. As there is a limited number of these trout, the seven-week in-season stocking season has been shortened to four in-season weeks.

Other waters traditionally stocked with trout that do not support trout year round (nontrout waters primarily lakes and ponds in the eastern, central, and southern areas of the state) have been allocated more trout than usual this spring as trout treated for furunculosis cannot be utilized in waters with existing trout populations.

These waters will receive an additional allocation of trout prior to opening day and an additional stocking the week following opening day. Several other waters not typically stocked with trout will be stocked with trout this spring in order to provide additional trout fishing opportunities.

The Division reminds anglers that there are no human health risks associated with the bacterium, *Aeromonas salmonicida*, that causes this disease and recommends anglers consult Division's website for any additional changes to the 2014 trout stocking program.

### Scheduled Changes Include:

**(A)** The following waters will not be stocked in Spring 2014.

Merrill Creek Reservoir Round Valley Reservoir  Clinton Reservoir Lake Aeroflex Lake Wawayanda Sheppard Lake White Lake  Trout Brook (Hackettstown)  Beaver Brook (Hunterdon) Buckhorn Creek Capoolong Creek Franklin Pond Creek Furnace Brook Hakihohake Creek	India Brook Little Flat Brook Lopatcong Creek Mulhockaway Creek Peapack Brook Pequannock River Rockaway Creek S/Br S/Br Raritan River – upstream Lake Solitude Dam Spruce Run Creek Trout Brook (Middleville)Wanaque River - LowerWhippany River  Barbours Pond Blue Mtn. Lake Beaver Brook (Morris)	Drakes Brook Green Turtle Pond Furnace Lake Hibernia Brook Manny's Pond Mountain Farm Pond Passaic River – White Bridge Rd to Rt 24 Bridge, Chatham Pond Brook Pophandusing Creek Russia BrookSaddle River (Upper/ Lower) Silver Lake (Sussex) Speedwell Lake Stony Lake
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**(B)** The following waters will be stocked this spring only:

<u>Waterbody</u>	<u>No. Trout</u>	<u>Waterbody</u>	<u>No. Trout</u>
DOD Lake	4,000	Passaic River – (below Great Falls to Dundee Dam)	24,000
Farrington Lake (Middlesex)	8,000	Raritan River (below Duke Island Park)	24,000
Hackensack River (below Oradel Reservoir dam)	12,000	Rahway River (St George to Lawrence)	3,000
Hockhockson Brook (below Tinton Falls)	4,000	Shadow Lake (Monmouth)	4,000
Mercer Lake (Mercer)	8,000		



Ten years ago Riffles presented a series of articles, written by, then President, George Petersen, that were aimed at beginners to fly fishing or to those old-timers who felt that they needed a refresher course. The series discussed fly rods, reels, flies, leaders, waders, gadgets, etc.

Ten years! That's half of a generation and a lot of water has bubbled over the riffles while EJTU gained many new members who did not have a chance to read the original series. Riffles will, therefore, present George's articles in this and following issues.

The first of the series is below, along with the original introduction.

### Fish Ways

*What's a fish-way? It's another name for a fish ladder - a device such as a series of pools that allows fish to pass around a fall or dam. But, in our case it's the name of a new column that EJTU is beginning with this issue of Riffles. Fish Ways will present basic, fishing-related information that we hope will assist people new to the sport and remind old timers of things that they may have forgotten. If you would like to contribute a column, or if you have a question that you would like answered, please send it in; publishing your name on the question or article will be your choice.*

*Our first Fish Way, which was written by EJTU's President, George Petersen, explains how to choose a fishing rod (remember, telephone lines and lights hang on poles, we of the wet feet tribe use rods). In coming columns George will describe how to choose your reel, then how to choose a fly line.*

Ray Cappock [raycapp@optonline.net]

## Choosing a Rod/Reel Combination

**H**ow does an angler, who is new to fly fishing, choose the proper rod/reel combination from the many offerings at the shops and in the catalogs? The proper method in picking any equipment (whether fly, spinning or conventional tackle) is to:

Select the targeted species.

Choose the lure/bait to attract that species.

Match the line to the lure weight (and configuration, i.e. air resistance).

Select a rod that can throw that particular line.

Choose a reel to match the line and rod configuration.

Fresh water bass anglers will want an eight weight rod, capable of casting large hair frog flies and salt water fishermen will opt for a ten weight rod which will be able to handle the larger and heavier flies and lines which are needed in the windier conditions which they will encounter. For most trout fishing applications, a rod that can throw a five or six weight line is preferred by today's anglers.

For trout in the Northeastern part of the country, the most popular

and useful rod is one which can throw a five weight line. This line can properly deliver a dry fly, nymph or streamer for trout in the majority of situations. The rod may be eight, eight and a half or nine feet in length, but the primary concern is that it be able to handle a five weight line. (N.B. the longer lengths are better performers in boats, float tubes or on large rivers and lakes). Rods may be of two or even seven-piece construction. With graphite technology being what it is today, the average angler would be hard-pressed to distinguish the difference between the two piece and the "multi-multi piece" rods.

Action: choose a fly rod whose action best suits *your* casting style. You would think twice about buying shoes you have not tried for fit, fly rods are the same. Each manufacturer has different actions built into the blank; these serve to fit a caster's style and needs. Visit a reputable shop before you buy; ask to try the various rods. Does the action fit your style? Does the handle fit your grip? You might be surprised at how one five weight rod can make you a better caster

than another, even from the same company. Check to see where the rod flexes (i.e. tip, mid-section or somewhere in between



... most fly anglers today avoid the parabolic flex which was so popular during the 1960's.

Choose the configuration that will fit your needs for transporting the rod at home and when traveling by air. Remember that most airline carriers will not permit you to carry fishing equipment onto the plane, everything must go into the luggage compartment and be subject to handling by conveyor belts at the airport and baggage handlers into the containers. Please realize that at times, these handlers are good people but at others, they are replaced with trained gorillas. (Most fly anglers today are opting for three, four and five piece configurations for these situations.)

For more detailed information or if you have a need for more specific information, please contact me at [grpetersen44@verizon.net](mailto:grpetersen44@verizon.net).

George Petersen

We proudly announce the

# East Jersey Trout Unlimited Annual Banquet

**Saturday, March 22, 2014**

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

**Great  
Prizes!**

**Loads  
of Fun!**

*You are invited to our 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 will not only 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 hall at our new location. 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 available for the purchase of cocktails / hard liquor,*

*The formal banquet activities will begin at 7:30 pm with the EJTU president's welcoming speech, followed by a 4-course dinner. This year you will not have to preorder your entrée selection. The waiter will take your order of Prime Ribs, Chicken or Fish prior to the start of the meal.*

*After dinner, the festivities will continue with presentations to volunteers who have achieved certain 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 1<sup>st</sup>**

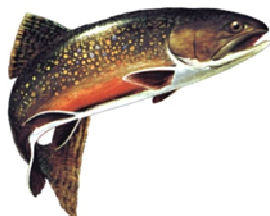
Make checks payable to EJTU and mail completed form with check to:

**Bruce Seiden - Treasurer  
5-09 River Road  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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