

Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Board Elections Coming

Do you think that East Jersey TU should take part in different activities than we now do? Or, would you just like to have a say in how the Chapter operates? There is a simple way to do these things and many more – become a member of the Board of Directors.



While our Chapter, like all other Trout Unlimited Chapters, works toward the overall objectives of National Trout Unlimited, our Board of Directors plans and manages our everyday activities, that is, board members decide what the Chapter is going to do and when we are going to do it. The Board chooses guest speakers for the monthly meetings, plans fishing trips, assembles volunteers for activities such as Trout in the Classroom, manages the Chapter's finances and much more.

Each volunteer who serves on the board of directors is assigned a specific Chapter responsibility. At the monthly Chapter meeting, the board follows a prescribed agenda, allowing each director to update the board on the status of current and planned activities. Through a sharing of observations and ideas, decisions are made and voted on, or shelved for further discussion at a future meeting.

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When: November 13 at 7:00 PM

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

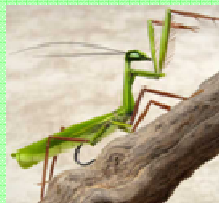
November's Speaker

Bill Logan

Bill Logan is one lucky guy, in a lot of ways we don't need to mention but one that we do: he married into a Norwegian family and has gone over to fly fish every other summer for the past quarter century. What he has discovered is that Vikings are salmon-crazed and almost completely oblivious to trout fishing – in a country of spectacular beauty with more water to fish than any other ten you can imagine combined. He is going to tell us all about it in November!"



Flies tied by Bill Logan



We ask a simple question
And that is all we wish.
Are all fishermen liars?
Or do only liars fish?

*William Sherwood Fox,
Silken Lines and Silver Hooks,
1954*

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.

Other events are shepherded by Rich Malizia. If you have questions or wish to volunteer contact Rich at 973-304-0789 or

remgcp@optonline.net

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

November 2 [Sat] EJTU Fall trout stocking - CANCELLED

December 11 [Wed] Christmas buffet meeting



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Since it was founded in 1971, volunteers have made EJTU one of the largest and most active chapters in the country. If you would like to be more involved in this tradition, contact any board member (listed on page 2 of Riffles) or call Doug Penna (201-288-4409), Search Committee coordinator.



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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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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

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CORPS (WCC)

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife depends on a large group of volunteers in carrying out its duties. Most of the volunteers who assist with the trout stocking program and at the Pequest Hatchery's open houses and training session are Trout Unlimited members who are members of the Wildlife Conservation Corps.

The information below, from the Division's web site, has a link to the application for membership in the WCC.

The Wildlife Conservation Corps (WCC), with more than 1700 members, is the largest natural resource management volunteer group in the New Jersey. WCC members are involved in all phases of Division activities from wildlife research to newsletter production. Every year volunteers contribute services valued at more than \$1,000,000.

Volunteers assist in the following Division activities: operation of deer, turkey, beaver and otter check stations; spring and fall trout stocking programs; operations at the [Rockport Pheasant Farm](#); fishing instruction and visitor services at the [Pequest](#) facility; upkeep of five shooting ranges located in [Wildlife Management Areas](#); and various activities with the [Endangered and Nongame Species Program](#).

Volunteers also participate in the [Endangered and Nongame Program's Speaker's Bureau](#), presenting slide presentations on endangered and non-game species management.

Anyone 18 years of age and older is welcome to join the Division of Fish and Wildlife as a volunteer. If interested, complete and mail an [application form](#) (pdf, 67kb), or e-mail questions to WCC_DEP@dep.state.nj.us.



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DEP has established a toll-free telephone hotline number you can use to report environmental incidents, abuses, and complaints in New Jersey or impacting it. The 1-877-WARNDEP number can be used in the New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware



1-877-WARNDEP Hotline
dep.hotline **1-877-927-6337**

Practice the Royal Trude

You have until February 12, 2014 to work on your Royal Trudes. By that time you should be able to tie a great sample. But there are many other EJTU members who will be spreading pieces of golden peacock herl and red floss around their homes as they tie Royal Trudes, so you will need to tie the perfect fly to win the Frank B Hall contest.



Go to the EJTU web site (ejtu.org) for the recipe and other information.

“Housatonic Holiday”

It's not often that both the weather and fishing gods offer anglers as splendid a fishing holiday as we enjoyed on September 27th through 29th on the Housatonic River in Sharon, Connecticut.

We could not make advanced campsite reservations at that time of year, so Bill Borowski and I met at the campground office before 9:00 AM to secure our sites. As we were the first ones there, we got all the cabins and campsites that we needed to accommodate our group of sixteen EJTU members and guests. We had three campsites, each permitted to have up to three tents, and two cabins, all clustered together.

The weather during our stay could not have been better. We were comfortable fishing in 70 degree temperatures during the day while in the nighttime the upper forties made for excellent sleeping.

The state had stocked 9,000 trout in the river

prior to our trip so the fishing was great and everyone caught fish on a wide array of flies.

Many fish succumbed to bead head

nymphs in the green and brown variety. Multi-fly droppers were very effective and streamers also worked well, especially early in the morning when the cooler river had less insect activity. Some members also had luck with dry flies. Blue Winged Olives worked for some, and Ken Vander Pyl had luck with dry Isonychias.



The rainbows, some of good size, were plentiful and put on aerial displays. The brown trout, many of them colorful holdover fish, were less plentiful but well represented. Finally, a few brookies were caught by the more skilled anglers.

Elio Chiavola and Dave Tiene, assisted by Chris Henrickson and Bill Borowski, started the day by cooking breakfast for the entire group. Elio cooked eggs any style and pancakes while Chris and Bill made coffee and handled the bacon and breakfast sausage. Dave Tiene made fantastic, homemade apple fritters, lightly dusted with powdered sugar, from scratch. And Doug Penna's wife made great Biscotti and crumb cake for our group.

Because alcohol is not permitted in the campgrounds, we provided our own entertainment. This came in the form of sitting around Friday and Saturday nights' campfires under a canopy of stars. The firelight provided illumination and our fishing stories provided merriment - stories about how I and a few others managed to fall in the river, for example. A few jokes even managed to surface.

We capped off the trip on Saturday night with a splendid dinner at the Wandering Moose Café, a fine eatery. Our host, the chef, who is quite a raconteur provided a few jokes along with some fine cuisine. Wine and beer was

available to complement our food. We ended our meal with a celebration of Bill Borowski's birthday that included a hearty rendition of "Happy Birthday" and presenting him with a slice of pumpkin pie garnished with a candle.

What pleased me the most about the trip was the spirit of camaraderie and sharing in our group. Everyone helped each other set up their tents or cabins and, later, the morning would find members following the scent of brewing coffee to other members' campsites, where stories of the previ-



ous day's fishing were shared and plans were made for the coming day. Members shared their lunches with each other too.

This spirit of sharing also included the sharing of fishing knowledge. More experienced fly fishermen such as Bill Borowski and Bruce Seiden assisted less skilled members and improved their abilities and success.

So ended a successful fishing trip that will be fondly remembered for a long time. Many thanks to those who contributed to the success of this EJTU trip.

Ken Barile



Operation Game Thief
Hotline 1-855-OGT-TIPS
It's confidential

If you witness or suspect a wildlife violation, **REPORT IT**. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. You may remain anonymous and you may be considered for a reward.

POACHING is the illegal taking of wildlife, game or fish, trespassing while taking wildlife, littering or the employment of any means to gain an unfair advantage over other users of the state's precious wildlife resources.

The person that poaches commits "a crime against wildlife" and is a thief, a cheat and a crook who robs us of our precious natural resources and diminishes our outdoor recreation experience. Their actions threaten outdoor opportunities for future generations and consume license and tax revenue paid by sportsmen and women.

YOU can make the difference...YOU can help protect New Jersey's Outdoor Heritage by reporting abuses to **1-855-OGT-TIPS**

NJ-OGT is sponsored by [New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs](#) in cooperation with New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Report violations promptly...the quicker the information is received the better the chances for an arrest.

When you call provide all information that you can, including:

- Description of violation.
- Violation date and time.
- Location of violation: as exact as you can.
- Names, addresses, ages of suspected individuals along with height, hair color and clothing.
- Number of Suspects.
- Vehicle/Boat description with license and/or registration number.
- Where contraband is stored.
- How was contraband transported.
- Number of Shots heard.

...and any other information you feel may be pertinent to the case.

The more information you can provide and the more specific you can be, the better the chances for an apprehension.

As a participant of NJ-OGT, your identity is fully PROTECTED and you can remain anonymous. Anonymous callers will be assigned a unique reference number and will be instructed how to call back for updates on the investigation. If you leave your name and call back information, a Conservation Officer will be able to update you with the results of the investigation.

Trout Unlimited is a member of the New Jersey Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs



Fly of the Month

Everything is dwindling down after a busy year. The hatches of summer are behind us and the last of the caddis flies for the year will soon be gone.

Last call for Mayflies, the tiny blue wing olives of the fall can continue well into November and



on most rivers are the last of the Mayfly hatches for the year.

So break out your finest thread and those size 22 and 24 hooks. November's fly of the month is Olives (Mayfly Family Baetidae).

Visit the East Jersey TU
web site for
up-to-the-minute
Information:
www.ejtu.org

The Cresskill Brook Project

How often do we pass a little creek or stream in our travels, barely giving it a glance? Or if we do acknowledge it, do we bother to stop and think about its part in the natural ecosystem, especially the possibility that it still holds a healthy population of native brook trout? Well, one such pretty little stream tumbles down the west flank of the Palisades. In places this stream, the Cresskill Brook, is hardly noticeable as it slips through backyards and under streets, but for centuries native brookies have survived it. This is even more remarkable when you consider that, if you manage to hike to the top of the Palisades and look east, New York's skyscrapers will block your view of the Atlantic Ocean. As a conservation organization, EJTU agreed to help coordinate the effort to protect this stream and to help protect one of the last populations of native trout in Bergen County

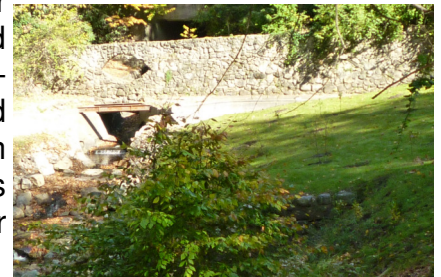


Until recently, a deep pool behind a sturdy dam, the remnants of a century-old grist mill, limited the mobility of the brookies in one stretch of the brook but Charlie and Myra Wrubel, the owners of the property with the dam, were determined to bring Cresskill Brook back to its original form. They assembled representatives from NJ Fish and Wildlife, Trout Unlimited, an environmental lawyer, representatives of a construction firm and Joe Urbani, who has carefully rebuilt the Musconetcong and other rivers.

This team devised a plan that eliminated the dam and returned the brook to its pre-dam, free flowing state.

The project began with a large infusion of cash from the Wrubels, grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Natural Resources Conservation Services' Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program and pledges of assistance from TU and NJDEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife. Much of the initial work involved the historical research and surveys that were needed before demolition could begin but, when that was completed, actual work was delayed by adverse weather including Sandy's heavy rainfall and by the onset of spawning time for the Brook Trout. The initial target completion date of late 2012 was, therefore, changed to 2013.

This summer, after the pool was drained and we moved some fish to another pond, the dam came down, the pool was broken up and top soil was spread over the area. Joe Urbani brought in large rocks that formed riffles and pockets in the newly freed brook and TU seeded the area where the pool had been. Finally, on October 26 EJTU members, under the leadership of Rich Malizia, planted 68 trees and shrubs. EJTU will continue to monitor this stream with the hope that our little native habitants will continue to thrive for countless years.



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