

Riffles

The Monthly Newsletter of the
East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Conservation Notes

Our plans to fine tune the weir removal work, that we started last year, were completed on Saturday, September 20th. Fifteen volunteers worked hard to move boulders to locations that would continue to correct and improve the flow of the river through the area. Marked improvement was already noticeable where silt and sand had begun to fill holes that were scoured out along the banks by flood waters. We will continue to monitor the area. Thanks to all the volunteers.

The casino development company seeking approval to build in Sterling Forest has begun an aggressive marketing plan to sway public opinion in their favor. If their bid is successful, they claim it will bring hundreds of jobs to Tuxedo, NY. As expected there is no mention of the environmental degradation, increased traffic or the millions of dollars they expect to make from this venture. Currently, the Palisades Interstate Parkway Commission has refused to grant a needed easement to allow the construction of a new interchange on the Thruway. The NJ Senate has announced its opposition to the plan. Several environmental groups, including the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and Clean Water Action NJ, have also expressed their opposition. I hope the NJ State Council of TU

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October 2014

When: October 8 at 7:30 PM

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

October's Speaker Adam Franschini

Adam is a year-round professional guide. He began guiding on the rivers of western Montana and spends his summers guiding for Tikchikk Narrows Lodge in Bristol Bay, Alaska, but is now the head guide at Housatonic Anglers.

However, he grew up 15 miles from the Housatonic and has fished much of the local waters around it.

He is Head Guide at Housatonic River Outfitters where he guides wading trips, drift boat trips, and also teaches classes

Welcome To September's New Members



Thomas Callari	Oradell
Alice Feng	Teaneck
Ron Hill	Hawthorne
Jim Kennedy	Clifton
Gregory Tarris	Allendale

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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.

Other events are facilitated 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.



October 13 [Sun]
Glen Rock Fall

Festival (Thielke Arboretum)

October 10 [Fri] State Fall
Ramapo trout stocking

October 25 [Sat] Trip to Ken
Lockwood Gorge

November 1 [Sat] EJTU Ramapo
Fall trout stocking

November 14 -16 Steelhead trip
Pulaski, NY

December 10 [Wed] Christmas
Buffet

A trout that doesn't think two jumps and several runs ahead of the average fisherman is mighty apt to get fried.

Beatrice Cook
Till Fish Do Us Part, 1949

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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.ejtu.org

For East Jersey and National Trout Unlimited information, visit TU's website at 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.

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will join in soon.

There will be a public hearing on the construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline which is planned to follow a route along or near the Ramapo River. The hearing is on Tuesday, October 21st at 7:30PM at Kinnelon Borough Hall, 130 Kinnelon Road. You should consider attending since this will directly impact our home waters.

The NJ Highlands Council is accepting comments on the Highlands Regional Master Plan. You can submit your comments at <http://hrmp.government.com/PublicComments/Create>. You can expect an outpouring of com-

ments by the developers and real estate interests to overturn all or most of the protective aspects of the plan. You need to express your position if you want to maintain the protections it took 30 years to set in place. This is particularly important since many of the Council members appointed by the Christie administration are pro development.

Mark your calendar for the State stocking on Friday, October 10th at 9:30AM and the EJTU stocking on November 1st at 9:00AM. We will meet on the Ramapo at the Glen Gray Bridge. Both are contingent on improved water levels.

Rich Maizia

Fall Trout Stocking

The Pequest Hatchery's staff had to kill quite a number of fish early this year because of disease and then there were some complaints of low water in many streams, but now that fall is here the State will once again stock trout.

More than 25,000 seven to nine inch fish will be stocked in seventeen streams and fourteen ponds during the period from Tuesday, October 7 through Wednesday, October 15. In past years large breeders were included in the fall stocking of streams but not this year. Up to 500 rainbow breeders, averaging 18 to 24 inches, will be stocked but only in lakes and ponds. Fish and Wildlife plans on resuming a normal stocking schedule in spring and fall 2015.

The Ramapo River is scheduled to get 1,080 fish and the Wanaque River 1,480 on Friday, October 10..



Ramsey Outdoor Discount

If you are new to East Jersey TU or just had not heard about it, Ramsey Outdoor Stores offers a twenty percent discount on many purchases to East Jersey members. All you have to do is show your TU membership card to the cashier.

So, if you intend to spend the colder months tying flies or rebuilding your fishing equipment, get your supplies at Ramsey for less.

Poison Ivy

It might seem to be the wrong season to be discussing plants, but while most greenery just turns color, shrivels and goes away in fall, poison ivy plants still have a supply of potent rash-producing oil that is waiting for you after they die back for winter.



No one wants to have anything to do with poison ivy, but there is always the problem of identification; is that three-lobed plant poison? Is that one? Somehow, there is always doubt.

Treks in the Wild has a web site that may help you identify this annoying but ecologically valuable plant. It has the mnemonic phrases that most of us are familiar with, e.g., "Leaves be three, let it be" or "Hairy vine, no friend of mine", but it also presents some that are new to me - "Longer middle stem, stay away from them" and others. Appropriate photos of the plant accompany each mnemonic, reinforcing their effectiveness.



The Treks in the Wild site with poison ivy information is <http://www.treksinthewild.com/how-to-identify-poison-ivy>.

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

Salmon in NJ Lakes

The following email was sent by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife:

More landlocked salmon, ranging from 10.8 to 15 inches in length, were recently stocked in two northern NJ state park lakes by the NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife. Tilcon Lake (Allamuchy Mt. State Park) received 198 salmon and Lake Aeroflex (Kittatinny Valley State Park) received 227 salmon. Another 574 salmon in this size range are slated for Wawayanda Lake (Wawayanda State Park) in late September/early October.



For more information on the stockings and salmon fishing in New Jersey, visit http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2014/salmonstk_tilconaero.htm on the Division's website.



How Good Are You?

We know that most fly fishing does not require long casts, especially in the northeast. But, probably, if you get the opportunity to let loose with a long cast, you're going to give it a try. So how far can you throw that fly?



A recent edition of Garden & Gun magazine had a story about one of the instructors at Sandy Moret's Florida Keys Fly Fishing School in Islamorada, Florida. The instructor, 57 year old Steve Rajeff, who has won forty National Casting Championships and fourteen World Championships, also holds the record for the longest single-handed cast ever made: 243 feet!

Better keep practicing

Fish Ways - The ABC's of Fly-Fishing Getting Started Tying Flies

Winter is a great time to learn how to tie flies. The fishing seasons have come to an end and the cold winter months lie ahead.

When you decide to start, don't hesitate to ask a fly tier for instruction or advice. Not only about fly tying techniques, but also about what books to purchase to help you get started. Attending a fly tying course such as East Jersey's is one of the best ways to learn how to tie flies.



Here are some ideas on setting up your fly tying area. A tier must have a proper work area that includes two basics: a table or desk and good light to illuminate the tying area.

Tools needed to tie flies include a good tying vice with either a clamp to attach the vise to the table or a pedestal (pedestal being the most versatile), bobbin, scissors with fine points, tweezers, hackle pliers, and bodkin. Other handy tools to help with fly tying are whip finishers, bobbin cleaners, threaders and hair stackers, just to name a few.



Materials that are commonly used include feathers, animal hair, yarns, chenille's, hooks, crazy glue, head cement and tying wax. You can buy all the necessary tools and materials from your local fly shops.

Fly tying is a relaxing, fun filled hobby. A hobby that a fly fisherman can enjoy twice, first when creating the fly and second when catching a fish with the fly he or she tied.

John Roetman

Mono Bins



A few years ago EJTU installed monofilament collection tubes in places where there were concentrations of people who fish. They were placed at the Ramapo River near Glen Gray Road, Halifax Road and Patriot's Way, at the two boat ramps on Monksville Reservoir, at each of the boat entry points on the Newark Watershed's four lakes and at a few other locations.

Because casually discarded monofilament is strong and difficult to see, it injures animals, birds and people. Collection tubes were EJTU's attempt to reduce the amount of monofilament that might be left lying around in places where people who fish tend to congregate.

The monofilament that is retrieved is not moved to a trash bin. Berkeley Pure Fishing, the manufacturer of many outdoors related items, supplies pre-paid mailing boxes that EJTU uses to send the monofilament to Berkeley where it is converted to plastic pellets used to manufacture tackle boxes and other plastic items.

The project was rejuvenated by Rich Malizia, assisted by Martin Adamkiewicz. Rich handles EJTU's requests to install tubes while Marty travels to existing locations to empty the bins and to new locations where he mounts tubes. The latest activity was at the Franklin Lakes Preserve where tubes were mounted.

If you know of a location where a collection tube would be useful, contact either Rich (remqcp@optonline.net) or Marty (martyoflodi@aol.com). They will let you know how we can proceed. If you are near an appropriate place for a tube and you are able to empty it every week or so during fishing season, that would be a great help.

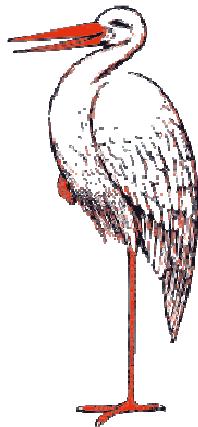


Trout in the Classroom

On Wednesday, October 15, 2014, EJTU members will deliver fertilized trout eggs to the schools in our area that participate in the Trout in the Classroom program. This is one of those fun projects that takes only an hour or two in the morning.

George Petersen drives out to the Pequest Hatchery to pick up the eggs and then calls when he is on his way back east so you can sleep in a little and have breakfast before George arrives at Willowbrook Mall where we meet. Then, when you get to the schools, you are treated like Santa Claus because the children in the schools to which we deliver look forward to the arrival of the eggs.

Contact George and let him know that you will help with the deliveries.



EJTU's Fall Fly Tying Classes Paramus and Wayne Locations

If you've never tied a fly
but always wanted to give it a try,
or if you want to take your tying to the next level,
the EJTU Fly Tying classes are for you.

Paramus Information:

Starts Tuesday, 10/7/14 from 7:00-10:00 for 10 weeks. Cost is \$70.00. There is an additional \$20.00 fee for beginners which covers all tools and materials for class use.

Address: Westbrook Middle School, Paramus NJ

Register at the Paramus Community School at (201) 261-7800 ext.3038 or register on-line at: <http://www.ssreg.com/paramus/classes/classes.asp?catID=1232&pcatID=1153>

Wayne Information

Starts Tuesday, 10/7/14 from 7:30- 9:00 for 8 weeks. Cost: \$40.00

Address: P.O.L Fire Company #2, Rt-23 & Alps Rd,
Wayne, NJ 07470

Contact Doug Penna, 201-228-4409 for registration

