



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat

It seems that we went from Winter to Summer and then rebounded to Spring within a few weeks. Whatever happened, it's evident that winter was pushed into history. The days continue to lengthen, buds are swelling and green leaves are bursting through to sunlight, and, although temperatures can still be on the cool side, staying outside no longer need be painful. And, of course trout season is upon us.

EJTU helped stock the Ramapo on the Tuesday before opening day, an event about which the Record ran a front page story on the following Friday, April 4. The story featured a photo of our intrepid boat crew flinging a net full of trout into the water and also included some nice publicity for our chapter. We will continue to work with the Department of Fish and Wildlife as they stock the Ramapo on Thursday mornings through mid-May so if you have free time on a Thursday morning you should try to come out to the areas where we meet. We usually have a few people meet the truck first in Oakland where Britt's tackle shop was located and then everyone assembles on the west side of the bridge over the river at Glen Gray Road on the Oakland/Mahwah border. When the truck makes its way to this location we fill a cooler with fish that are to be distributed upstream from the bridge and we also fill the floating box that is towed behind the "good ship Seiden" as it makes its way downstream to Navajo Way. Another part of our group then drives upstream to Halifax Road where they again meet the truck and distribute fish in that section of the river. Make a note on your calendar to be at the bridge at Glen Gray Road on Thursdays at around 9:30 AM; you will enjoy yourself and you will get a chance to tell your fishing stories as we wait for the truck from the hatchery.

Warmer weather also allows people to schedule picnics and, thanks to Ed Hig-

When: May 14 at 7:30 PM

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

May Speaker Fly Fishing in Northern Montana with Bill Hannisch

Bill Hannisch is the chapter president of the Ernest Schwiebert Chapter of TU and a former employee of Yellowstone Park Medical Services. During his years working in Yellowstone in the early 1990s, Bill had the opportunity to extensively explore the northern Rocky Mountain Region. In 2004, Bill purchased an unfinished cabin on the eastern front of the Rocky Mountains near Glacier National Park, MT.

On his annual trips to Montana to work on the cabin, Bill has had the opportunity to hike, fish and photograph the region that is often referred to as "The Crown of the Continent Ecosystem". Bill's program will feature some of the fishing opportunities that can be found in Northern Montana including Glacier National Park and the Blackfoot Indian Reservation. The program also features slides on the interesting geology of the area, as well as pictures and information on the regions thriving grizzly bear population.

gins, EJTU is preparing one. But, instead of having it in a park or in someone's backyard, Ed has chosen to present this picnic near the Catskill's famous Willowemoc Creek in Livingston Manor, NY. This should be a great event so look elsewhere in this Riffles for the time, date and other details.

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EJTU Picnic

On Saturday, May 10, 2008 EJTU will have a picnic at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum that is located near the world famous Willowemoc Creek in Livingston Manor, NY. Don't worry about the fact that this is the day before Mother's Day; you can arrive when you choose and also leave when you choose.

Our day will begin with coffee at 9 AM, courtesy of Ed Higgins who will be there early, but, if you prefer to fish most of the day, you can arrive before 9 and stay on the water while others sip their java.

By the way if you have always wanted to fish this area but didn't know where to go or felt strange going by yourself for the first time, some of the more knowledgeable EJTU members will show you places to fish and maybe how to fish better. You can't go wrong with a free guide in a world-class fly fishing stream!

When you begin to get hungry at around noon, EJTU will provide a hot picnic lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, etc. Then, while you digest your food, you can watch a fly casting and fly tying demonstration, and maybe for fun a casting competition.

After lunch you can get back on the Willow, visit the Fly Fishing Museum, or see the local sights. If your family is with you, you may wish to go to the museum or just relax in the area – the choice is yours.

If you wish to attend this great day on the Willow, you will have to sign up in advance and pay our fee - \$5. Rumor has it that you will probably get the \$5 back in raffle prizes during the day.

When the EJTU-sponsored portion of the day is over you may decide that you would like to stay over and try your newly learned expertise on the water on Sunday. If so,

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Welcome to EJTU's New Members

Joseph Caccamo, Jr.	West Nyack
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David Wright	Weekawken

Environmental Incident Hotline

**1-877-WARNDEP
1-877-927-6337**

With warmer months coming soon we'll be spending more time wandering around places where average citizens rarely go, so we are often the first to notice threats to the environment.



What should you do if you happen to come on a problem area?

New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection 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 calling areas.

Fly of the Month

May – A glorious time to be alive and knee deep in a Trout stream. The first major hatches should be in full swing: Hendricksons, Blue Quills, Quill Gordons, Sulphurs.

These are the flies that made the Catskills famous, and defined the "Catskill Style" of dry fly. So as you prepare for the next day on the stream and tie up a few of your favorites, how about whipping up an extra dozen for the chapter.

Tie up one of these, or any other pattern, and turn them in at the next meeting. You will receive 10 points and an entry into the monthly drawing for every dozen flies you turn in. More importantly, you will be helping your chapter raise funds for our various projects.

The chapter's fly inventory got wiped clean during the Suffern show and Basil could have sold a lot more if we had them. Now is the time to start rebuilding our inventory for next year. If you can't make the meeting, mail your flies to the chapter P.O. Box or turn them in to any director.

Bruce Seiden

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there are relatively inexpensive motels in the area; one of our experienced EJTU members can assist you.

Finally, if you would like to learn a little more about this area, you can visit this web site: <http://www.flyfishingconnection.com/willowemoc.html>.

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Ed is also trying to determine if our members would like to take part in fishing trips to a variety of places. Trips might be local such as to Sandy Hook, or overnights to the Catskills and/or to Maine. Any one of these trips would be wonderful but they depend on you. If you are interested, let Ed Higgins know and he will do his best to present them.

Finally, don't forget our monthly general member meetings. We meet at 7:30 PM on the second Wednesday of each month to hear outstanding speakers and to pass on the latest information about coming events. Page two of Riffles has information about the times and locations of all official EJTU meetings.

Ray Cappock

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: The East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited Board Members meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30PM.

Location: The Bergen County Community Center, 327 East Ridgewood Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652.

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For Membership Information call Ed Sikorski at: 201-337-6396 or email to: dored100@hotmail.com

For Information on trips and other Chapter Activities go to 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 either:

tu@cataloguepublishers.com or raycapp@optonline.net. Each piece of material that is published earns you 10 points towards your next goal in the points program.

Hooked on Hudson

On Saturday, May 17 the Hudson River Fishermen's Association will host a day of fishing and fun at Ross Dock on the Hudson River. There will be a variety of activities and exhibits that will provide an op-



portunity to learn more about this great fishing resource in our backyard. The day starts at 8 AM with a fishing contest with bait provided and equipment available on loan.



EJTU will conduct a fly casting clinic from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. We participated in this event last year for the first time and, while there was a great deal of interest, high winds were a bit limiting.

If you are interested in working with us that day contact Rich Malizia at 973-304-0789 or remqcp@optonline.net.

The Display in May

What happens in May? Some people will go into a field and prance around a large pole, Douglas Adams fans will celebrate Towel Day, there will be a Sunday of traffic jams in honor of Mothers, and on Memorial Day the country will remember the men and women who have died in military service to their country.

But, another notable event will take place. Doug Penna will move the EJTU display to the West Caldwell library.

Fishing Licenses

Opening day of trout season is here and there may be a few people who have not yet purchased their fishing licenses. Moreover, there may still be some people who have always purchased their licenses from a sporting goods store and, as a result, are not familiar with New Jersey's on-line system of issuing hunting, fishing and trapping licenses.

New Jersey's Integrated Electronic Licensing System (IELS) identifies customers by a lifetime Conservation Identification Number (CID#) that is used on all licenses and permits, so the first time you visit the license Web site you will be asked for identifying information to establish a record and CID#. However, if you already have a CID#, enter it and all of your needed personal information will be retrieved immediately. Then you simply choose the license(s) and stamps that you wish to purchase and submit your payment. The license may then be printed on your home printer.

The on-line system is easy to use and most licenses can be printed at home (hunting licenses cannot be printed immediately but are mailed to the applicant) as soon as you have entered all of the necessary information and paid the required fees. If you are concerned about putting your name, address, and other personal data on-line, you will find that the information that you give to the local sporting goods store will be transferred to the same NJ State computers that are used in the on-line system.

To access the system go to the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife's web site, <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/> and click on the Licenses and Permits button on the left side. This will bring you to a page that explains all of the available licenses. Next click on the "2008 Licenses Now Available!" link near the top of the page and you will be led through the licensing process.



Trout in the Classroom

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) has been operating in New Jersey for quite a while but, even though EJTU sponsors an installation at the Pequannock Valley Middle School and occasionally asks for volunteers who can deliver trout eggs to schools, some EJTU members may not be fully aware of what the program does.

Trout in the Classroom is an innovative, hands-on conservation education curriculum serving grade-school, middle and high school students throughout the United States. Through the experience of raising trout from eggs, students learn the importance of clean natural water resources, streambank ecology, and various modes of scientific inquiry. In New Jersey, TIC is a cooperative effort of the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife and the New Jersey State Council of Trout Unlimited, along with its member chapters who sponsor fish tanks and equipment in local schools.

The New Jersey program came about in 1991 when a teacher in the Hopatcong Middle School worked with the Fred Burroughs North Jersey chapter of TU to raise brook trout from eggs. Those same students, dubbed "the Brook Trout Bunch", successfully petitioned the state to have the brook trout listed as the state fish. The brook trout (*salvelinus fontinalis*) - actually not a true trout, but a char and member of the salmon family - is the only "trout" that is native to our state.

The current curriculum is aimed at science classes for grades 6 - 9 although there are grades both above and below these. Consideration is being given to developing a second curriculum aimed at the elementary school grades due to the interest for programs at those levels. The curriculum is uniquely developed for students in New Jersey and borrows heavily from the New York state curriculum where more than 150 schools participate each year, including many in New York City.

The brook trout thrives in clean, cold water, and nowhere in the country is clean water at a higher premium than here in New Jersey where human encroachment has had such a tremendous impact. If you think of the brook trout and the insects that they feed upon as the proverbial "canary in a coal mine" in relation to clean

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The Winner is Kurt Hunner!

Kurt, pictured above, is the winner of the Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Award. He joins a list of tiers who excel at the craft of fly tying. Kurt tied an exemplary Quill Gordon dry fly in the traditional Catskill



manner. His fly was one of many submitted by outstanding local tiers and one from as far away as Canada.

Thanks to all who participated to make the competition a true test of the tier's skills.

Congratulations to Kurt and all who participated.

Show Pride in EJTU

Many associations place their logos on hats, jackets, sweatshirts and other pieces of outerwear, and make them available to their members in order to both advertise the group and, more importantly, to generate pride in the organization.

EJTU would like to do something similar. However, because of the perceived ages of the members who predominate at general member meetings and volunteer events, articles of clothing will not be offered and more appropriate items will be featured.

In keeping with the ages of the active membership, EJTU will soon offer its members colorful hearing aids emblazoned with our beloved Jumping Brookie logo. Think how proud you will feel when you will be able to hear clearly when someone asks you about that fish that is leaping in your ear.

No longer will you have to tell people about your membership in Trout Unlimited when they ask why you are cleaning streams or practicing Catch and Release; you can just turn your head to the side and point to your ear!

These personalized hearing aids will be available soon. Then, once the program is fully underway, you can look forward to our next items with logos: pacemakers and defibrillators.

Ramsey Outdoor Coupons

We all like to save money and, by now, we should all know that if we show our EJTU membership cards when we pay for items at a Ramsey Outdoor Store we will receive a ten percent discount. But, there is a way to save even more at Ramsey Outdoor Stores.

If you are going to spend at least \$25 you can get \$5 off if you use one of the store's monthly coupons. That's twenty percent instead of the usual ten percent, and you can get a twenty-five percent discount if use a coupon on purchases of more than \$100. The store makes it easy to get the coupons since, once you are on their list, they will email them to you every month.

To get the coupons, go to the store's web site, www.ramseyoutdoor.com, click on the link that says, "Sign Up For Coupons", and just enter your email address and zip code. The store will then send you the coupon, which you print out at home, every month.

NJ Boat Ramp Guide

If you are a boater who likes to fish the Delaware River or New Jersey's Atlantic Coast you will be interested in the New Jersey Boater's Ramp Guide that was published by njboatramps.org. There are three ways to use the guide.

Go to http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/pdf/boat_ramp_guide.pdf and you can view all sixty-seven pages of the printed guide. The ramps are not in alphabetic order but are listed from north to south, down the Atlantic coast and down the Delaware River. Each ramp's description includes symbols that give information about fees, restrooms, restaurants, fuel, etc. The guide is in pdf format, so if you need a hard copy it can be printed.

Go to www.njboatramps.org you will be brought to a site that provides a satellite view of the entire state on which small red flags designate the locations of ramps. Click on a flag and you will be given the name of the ramp, its location, a contact telephone number, and a brief description of the ramp.

Finally, if you do not want to print a copy of the guide but you would like to have a hard copy, the www.njboatramps.org site has a link (bottom, left) at which you can enter your name and address and the publishers will send a copy to you.

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water, you will come to appreciate this most beautiful of our freshwater fishes. In 2006 Trout in the Classroom in New Jersey taught over 4,000 students throughout the state about the need to conserve our coldwater resources. Students in inner cities will join those in the more rural areas of our state in raising and, ultimately, releasing brook trout into local trout holding rivers and streams.

The New Jersey TIC web site, <http://www.njtroutintheclassroom.org/>, contains detailed information about the program and the schools that participate in it but, for an interesting view of TIC you should visit the "FishCam" installed in Bedwell Elementary School's 150 gallon tank <http://tinyurl.com/28w4mj> where you can watch young Brookies swim about. If you have any specific questions about this program, or if you would like to assist in any way, please contact George Petersen, our EJTU coordinator who makes all of our effort possible.

July & August 2008 Meetings

Last year EJTU did not have regular, monthly, Second Wednesday of the Month meetings during the summer months because we had been told that the hall in which we meet was to have major work done during those months.

This year no problems have arisen and we will have our usual monthly member meetings in July and August. We will tell you about the speakers and programs that we will present at these meetings in the near future.

Ramapo River Day 2008

On Saturday, June 7th we will hold our largest conservation education program of the year, Ramapo River Day.

The schedule will be the same as in prior years.

We need lots of help. Set up starts at 8:00 AM and we are done by 1:00 PM.

Please contact Rich Malizia at 973-304-0789 or remqcp@optonline.net.