



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat



Now that fall is approaching, the chapter activities will be starting up again. We just had the clean-up on the Mill Pond in Park Ridge on August 27th and Jim Piombino is

working on the early October delivery schedule for the chapter's 20 Trout In the Classroom schools. The actual date is not finalized yet, but please let Jim know if you can donate a couple of hours on a weekday morning to help deliver the eggs: coach-east-side1952@yahoo.com.

As usual we will be working with NJ Fish and Wildlife on the fall stocking in October, hopefully float stocking the Ramapo if the water levels cooperate. We are also planning our own stocking with chapter provided fish in November.

The conservation committee is coordinating our helping with a Fall Planting at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in October. TU is doing some bank stabilization work on the Willowemoc at the museum and the planting will be done to help stabilized the banks once the work is completed.

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When: September 14 at 7:30 PM

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

September's Speaker Andy Still

Andy Still, a Middlesex Borough resident, will talk about the Raritan River where he has been fishing and canoeing for twenty years.



On the Delaware with a shad

He will share his knowledge of the north branch, south branch and main stem focusing on both clean-up efforts and fishing.



Schedule



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| Oct (TBD) | Paulinskil trip |
| Oct 12 [Wed] | Movie night |
| Oct 14 [Fri] | NJ trout stockings |
| Oct [TBD] | Striper day trip |
| Oct 15 [Sat] | EJTU Open House
Ramapo Res. |
| Nov 5 [Sat] | EJTU trout stocking |
| Nov (TBD) | Steelhead trip |
| Nov 9 [Wed] | Tim Flagler |
| Dec 14 [Wed] | Christmas Party |
| Jan 11 [Wed] | Jef Skelding |
| Feb [TBD] | Connetquot trip? |
| Mar 8 [Wed] | Tom Gilmore |
| Mar 11 [Sat] | Annual Banquet |
| Apr [TBD] | Broadhead Creek |
| May [TBD] | Delaware shad trip |

Visit the East Jersey TU web site for up-to-the-minute Information, the photo gallery, links to fishing sites and much more:

www.ejtu.org

But don't forget to also check out EJTU on Facebook

<http://tinyurl.com/ptq2u3t>

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Conservation Notes

Efforts to prevent capping of the O'Connor landfill in Ringwood continue. Those groups and individuals pressing to have the contaminated soil removed have succeeded in having a public meeting on August 23rd. But Ringwood has brought legal action to prevent the issue from being placed on the ballot in November. Their reason is that the public isn't capable of understanding the proposed referendum. In their brief the Mayor and Council insult the voters by essentially claiming that the matter is too complex for them to understand. To me it is a simple matter of deciding if you want the toxic sludge to remain in the ground. Yes, it will cost a lot more to remove it than to cap it, but what happens when it begins to leak into the drinking water? Of course by then the current administration might be long dead so they will not have to address the issue. Do you hear the sound of a can being kicked down the road? How much is the health of your grandchildren worth?

August 27th was the date of our Mill Pond cleanup in Park Ridge. Although we sent the initial request in March, approval was only granted in August so we had to move quickly to accomplish the cleanup before encountering conflicts with other activities. But despite the short notice we had a good turnout and we removed bags full of litter, tires and logs from the pond. A helping hand from several Park Ridge Green team members made the work go quickly. Thank you to all. The pond still needs attention because accumulated leaf litter is more than 2 feet thick in some places. Unfortunately the muck

prevented us from accessing debris in the upper portion of the pond. Even with the benefit of recent rains, much of the pond is only a foot or two deep. We will bring this to the attention of NJF&W since continued trout stocking of this pond is ill advised.

We continue to gather email addresses from members interested in participating in conservation activities. There will be a registration sheet at the next meeting. Please provide your name and e-mail address to receive announcements about conservation committee activities. If you are unable to come to the general membership meetings, kindly send me a note at remqcp@optonline.net to add you to the list.

NJF&W will begin its fall stocking program on October 11th. The Ramapo is scheduled to be stocked on Friday, October 14th, and we plan to assist by float stocking (if water levels are high enough) and bucket stocking. Please watch for the announcement of the meeting time. It should be about 9:30 AM, but I will try to confirm the time prior to the 14th. We will meet at the Glen Gray Bridge.

Saturday, October 15th is a free fishing day throughout the State. We hope to take advantage of this by conducting a combination membership drive and educational event at the Ramapo Reservation County Park in Mah-



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wah from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Our membership committee will distribute information about our organization and its activities. Our conservation committee will offer fly tying and fly casting instruction and will gather macroinvertebrates from the river for the kids to observe and identify. We will need a number of volunteers to assist with the event. We will meet at 9:00 AM to set up. I hope you can help.

Please be alert to the many pending environmental issues which make it to the newspapers and local TV news. An email to your state or federal representatives expressing your views about these issues is the easiest way to be heard. Take the time to present your opinion.

Rich Malizia

Meet the Director of NJ Fish and Wildlife

If you would like to ask questions of or offer suggestions to the head of New Jersey's Division of Fish and Wildlife, you will have the opportunity in October.

David Chanda, Director of NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife will attend the October meeting of the Bergen County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

The meeting will take place at 8 PM on Thursday, October 6, 2016 in the upstairs meeting room of the Fair Lawn Athletic Club. The club is located at 14 - 19 Parmelee Avenue in Fairview, NJ.



A Quiet August

I first noticed that there were fewer cicadas this August when I found a Cicada Killer Wasp's nest between some daylilies. There was only one nest where, in past years, the wasps had left many mounds of soil as they hunted and buried the ungainly and noisy cicadas. I then realized that I had not heard the usual multitudes of buzzing males that normally sit in the trees around my house and had not seen these inept fliers ricocheting off houses, trees and anything else in their way.



So where were the rest of these buzzbombs of summer? Didn't someone predict that this would be a terrible year for Cicadas (as they always seem to)? Or did they really mean a terrible year for the Cicadas themselves but not for us who have to listen to them?

According to Borror and White's "Field Guide to Insects", "Periodical cicadas have a life cycle of seventeen years - one of the longest lived insects. They live underground as nymphs feeding on sap in tree rootlets before emerging simultaneously in large numbers at dusk. The nymphs crawl up the nearest tree trunk and moult overnight to their adult form. The mating song is produced only by the males and is usually a loud (sometimes pulsating) buzz. Female cicadas are drawn to the call, mate, and then disperse. The females cut slits in tree branches into which they deposit their eggs. These branches and twigs usually die (in late summer, many Hudson Valley trees will have patches of dead leaves as a result) and eventually break off. In one to two months the newly hatched nymphs burrow underground and the seventeen year cycle begins again."

Wayne Fly Tying



Fly Tying classes in Wayne begin on Tuesday, September 27, 2016.

The cost will be \$40. If you want to join the classes, call Doug Penna at 201-288-4409.



Paramus Fly Tying

Fly Tying for Beginners and Intermediates returns to the Paramus Community School on Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

Beginners will learn the techniques and materials needed to tie nymphs, streamers and wet and dry flies that will catch fish.

Intermediate students will learn additional techniques and patterns.

EJTU will supply beginners with tools, materials and a Syllabus; Intermediates must supply their own materials.

Sign-up will be via the Paramus Community Schools. The fee to the Paramus Community School is \$70.

EHD in Local Deer?

EJTU members probably spend more time around north Jersey's woods and streams than other people, so the following request from NJ F&W should be of interest. This is particularly so since deer that are suffering from EHD or have died from it will often be found near streams because the fever causes them to try to cool down by drinking water.

During a September 1, 2016 talk with Dan Roberts, NJF&W Deer Project Leader, he said that he has been waiting for final analysis of deer, possibly dead from EHD, that were found in Lincoln Park, NJ.



August 19, 2016. The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife is asking those who are out in the fields and woods of New Jersey at this time of year to be alert for deer that may be affected by Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) and to report any suspected cases to the Division.

Hemorrhagic Disease (HD) is a common viral disease in deer that is transmitted by biting midges. Outbreaks in New Jersey typically occur in August through October and end with the first significant frost, which kills the midges.

Symptoms of HD in deer may include difficulty standing, drooling, lethargy, respiratory distress, emitting foam from the mouth or nose, and swelling of the face, tongue, and neck. Because the disease causes fever, sick or dead deer are often seen in or near water, after drinking or attempting to cool off. Affected deer may also show reduced activity, loss of appetite and develop ulcerations on their tongue.

Deer exhibiting any of the above mentioned signs in late summer and fall, or dead deer observed in or near water should be reported to any one of the following numbers:

Bureau of Wildlife Management:

Deer Project Leader - Dan Roberts, 609-259-6962

Northern Region Deer Biologist - Jodi Powers, 609-259-6965

Southern Region Deer Biologist - Joe Leskie, 609-748-2065

HD is not a public health issue. EHD virus cannot be transmitted to people, and humans are not at risk by handling infected deer, being bitten by infected midges, or eating infected deer meat -- though the Division of Fish and Wildlife strongly advises against consuming meat from any game animal that appears ill.

For further information visit http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2016/ehd_alert16.htm on the F&W Division's website.

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Unfortunately, we have run into a snag with our September Housatonic trip, as the campground in the Housatonic Meadows State Park is closing early this year due to budget issues. However, we are working on finding a suitable alternative for the trip. If you have any suggestions let Chris Henrickson or Ken Barile know. I know Chris is working on a couple of day trips for the fall with the Paulinskill River and possibly a striper trip in October. A steel-head trip in November may also be in the works.

Sign up for a trip or project and come on out and join the chapter for some of the work we do. I will guarantee you'll have a great time. Just keep an eye on the calendar in Riffles and on the chapter website.

September Fly of the Month

Hopefully the dog days of summer are behind us, the weather will cool off and the fishing will improve.



Early in the month we should still see Tricos in the morning and have plenty of action on Terrestrials. Isonychias and a few different Blue Wing Olives should also be around.

Because of the summer's low water levels many of us didn't get to fish the Trico hatch yet and are still hoping to do so.

This month's Fly of the Month will be TRICOS, any style. Whether you prefer your Trico spinners with poly wings, hackle wings or wonder wings, or have a special dun pattern that works before the spinners start to fall.

Remote Weather

Have you ever wanted to visit your favorite fishing stream, but hesitated because it was located at some distance and worried about the weather on the stream? Or perhaps you were thinking about that same stream, but you had read that lack of rain in the area affected water levels and you didn't know if the reports meant your stream or others in the area.

You can keep track of local conditions near favorite streams and other places you might want to go, whether you go there frequently or have never been there. As this is being written, the weather in Lebanon, Kansas (the geographical center of the US - before Alaska and Hawaii were made states) is for a chance of thunderstorms with a high temperature of 83 and a low of 67 for the day! Magic? No, just another way to use National TU's web site.

To get information about streams that you would like to visit, go to the TU web site www.tu.org, log in; then click on the "Go Fishing" tab at the top of the page. A map of the US will pop up and you can use it to find locations, or look just below the map where you will find boxes labeled, "My Gauges" and "My Weather Stations". Click on the tab at the bottom of the Weather box, "Add a new weather station", and you will be prompted to enter City and State or Zip Code; you will get the local weather and, if you choose, you can save the location for future use. The Stream gauge action is similar, but you will be prompted to either enter the name of the stream or choose it from the map; once again the location can be saved for future use.

17th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble

The Hudson River Valley Ramble celebrates the history, culture and natural resources of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, as well as the amazing landscapes, communities, and trails throughout the region. Throughout the month of September, the Ramble features guided outdoor adventures from Saratoga to New York City. In 2015, more than 55,000 people attended Ramble events. Whether you are interested in a challenging hike, bike ride or paddle, an inspiring walk through the grounds and homes of some of the Valley's most notable artists, authors, and Great Americans, a trip back in time to experience the significant role the region played in the Revolutionary War, or a family-fun festival or river exploration event, the Hudson River Valley Ramble truly offers something for everyone!

The Ramble takes place from Saratoga to the northern border of New York City. For details go to the Ramble's web site: <http://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/ramble>.

You can also download a copy of the 46 page 2016 Guidebook [here!](#)

Hudson River Valley

Ramble

Olympic Record

EJTU's membership has a number of hunters and sporting shooters, but, if they were only watching NBC's coverage of the recent Olympics and not streaming the events via the Internet, they probably missed one of the USA's most impressive and least covered wins.



Kim Rhode, 37, set a new world record when she finished third in the women's skeet shooting event. By winning the bronze medal, Rhode became the only woman in history to win individual medals in six consecutive Olympic games, the only United States athlete to win six consecutive individual medals and the first to win them in six consecutive summer Olympics. Only Italian luge legend Armin Zöggeler has won as many consecutive individual Olympic medals.

Kim Rhode's medals:

- 1996, the youngest Olympic shooting champion in history winning gold at double trap at the age of 17.
- 2000, bronze in double trap
- 2004, gold in double trap
- 2008, silver in skeet
- 2012, gold in skeet
- 2016, bronze in skeet



Sand Mining The Manasquan Ridge

In an article in the September 2016 NJ Federated Sportsmen News, John Toth, of the NJ Outdoor Alliance, presented the status of sand mining on the Manasquan Ridge.

According to Toth, the Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet Coastal Storm Reduction Project calls for beach fill construction on the oceanfront from Point Pleasant Beach to the northern boundary of Island Beach State Park. The project would use sand from offshore sources for 50 years at a cost of \$513.9 million.

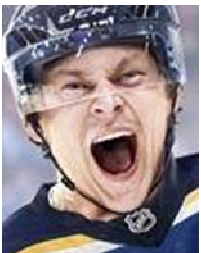
The Army Corps of Engineers is presently focused on the Manasquan Ridge, a site that is home to numerous sand eels and other species that attract all types of fish that are, in turn, targeted by recreational and commercial fishing, because the sand is the correct texture, there are 38.6 million cubic yards of it and, since there is a big pile of it, it would make their job easier. The Corps maintains that there are not many economically viable land sources of sand for the large quantities needed.

The ridge was formed possibly thousands of years ago, covers 1,700 acres, has sand hills that rise 20 feet from the bottom, and contains shipwrecks and rock ledges. According to NOAA, in 2014 commercial fishermen netted \$4.8 million (wholesale) worth of summer flounder on the Ridge.

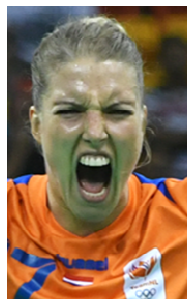
The Ridge is in federal waters so the Corps must have permission from NJ DEP and the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. NJ DEP has approved the project, but BOEM has not as it is waiting for NJDEP to submit a formal application.

On July 28, 2016 a meeting attended by NJDEP Director, Bob Martin and staff, and representatives of commercial anglers, the Garden State Seafood Association, Jersey Coast Anglers Association and Toth, of the NJOA, was held in Trenton. As a result of the constructive meeting, NJDEP will do a comprehensive review of alternate locations from which sand can be taken to lessen the impact on prime fishing areas. When the review is completed, NJDEP will hold another meeting to review the findings with the participants of the July meeting.

Snarl for the camera



Fishing must be good for you! I know that our EJTU membership has probably felt this for years - except for the days on which their fingers are icy and they have been standing in cold water for hours while unsuccessfully trying to hook a trout. But, generally, when you see a photo of an angler who has just managed to subdue a wily leviathan or even a five incher, that person is smiling. And the smile is not forced even though there may be a leak in the waders and gnats are setting up housekeeping in ears and eyes.

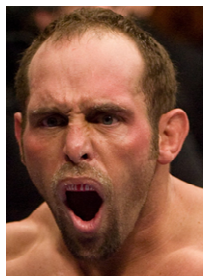


The same might be said for runners. Watch a track meet and you will see athletes cross the finish line and, if they are able to stand, they will smile and wave to the spectators. Sometimes they are puffing so hard they can't speak, but they always seem to be able to wave and smile.



In many other sports, however, scoring a point or otherwise besting an opponent in some way makes athletes revert to the animal portion of the rational animal that we are.

When a basketball player slams in a ball, we have to feel lucky that he doesn't have an AK-47 strapped to his shoulder. And even those delicate golfers and tennis players, who can't manage to play if someone is whispering the stands, will bare their teeth and pump their fists after scoring. No need to mention boxing; participants in the "sweet science" probably find it difficult to turn off their finely tuned aggression after downing an opponent.



So, since we can't get the euphoria that comes with winning a professional athletic contest, let's keep fishing; there's no crowd to wave to, we won't get sponsorship money, Sports Illustrated will not ask for an interview, and ESPN will not want nude photos of us to include in their "Body Issue", but it's peaceful.

