



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat

I am well on my way to making a full recovery from my recent accident and I want to thank everyone for their well wishes. I was lucky to get away with



nothing more serious than some fractured ribs. If you have ever heard the expression, *It only hurts when I laugh*, I now know that it must have been coined by someone with broken ribs!

After a few days in the hospital and the three weeks of recovery at home, cabin fever is setting in big time. A couple of more weeks and I should be able to get out to enjoy the outdoors and hopefully wet a line. Speaking of getting out again, I hope to have the estimate from the dealer and the Harley under repair by the time you read this.

I was able to attend our Board of Directors meeting on 8/27 which was actually my first time out, not counting doctor's appointments, and I am hoping to see many of you at the general meeting on the 9th.

It appears that I will be healed well enough to attend the National meeting in Scranton that begins on September 18. As it stands right now there will be a few of the board members attending the full conference and possibly a few more that will be

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When: September 9 at 7:30 PM

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

September Speaker Bob Romano



Bob Romano is an outdoors writer, photographer and illustrator who has had a camp in the Rangeley Lakes area for thirty years. This an area of large brook trout and beautiful scenery. Come out and hear Bob describe the region and its fishing.

Welcome to August's New Members

Anthony De La Rosa	Woodcliff Lk
Stefano Gennarini	Maywood
Wendy Gordon	Mahwah
Brian Kincade	Franklin Lks
Kyle Larsson	Franklin Lks
Alex Puchalski	E.ast
	Rutherford
William Sharlow	N, Haledon
Richard Stanton	Montclair
Amy Towers	Mahwah

Calendar

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

Trips: contact Chris Henrickson
C.henrickson@icloud.com

Other events: Rich Malizia at
973-304-0789 or
remqcp@optonline.net

- Sep. 25-27 Housatonic Trip
- Oct. [TBD] Musconetcong Trip
- Oct. 14 [Wed] Speaker: Bob Kecskes on Healthy streamflows
- Nov. [TBD] Salmon River Trip
- Nov. 11 [Wed] Speaker: Pat Hamilton, Principal Biologist, NJ F&W
- Dec. 9 [Wed] Christmas Party
- Jan. 13 [Wed] Speakers: the Van Puts, on difference between hatchery and wild trout

Hackensack River



River Edge Road bridge between River Edge and New Milford

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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 East Jersey and National Trout Unlimited information, visit our website 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

Conservation Notes

This has not been a good month for the environmental community. The court has turned down the efforts to stop the Exxon settlement. Several environmental groups have announced their intentions to appeal the court's decision. However, the odds are against any reversal. One of the more disturbing facts made public this week is that the lawyers representing the State will get approximately the same amount, \$50 million that the State will put towards environmental remediation. The balance will go to reduce the deficit in the current State budget. Some deal!

The head of the newly restructured Pinelands Commission has decided that no position need be taken on the question of building a pipeline through the Pinelands. This is in direct conflict with the determination made several years ago which found that any pipeline was in conflict with the Pinelands master plan. Members of the Commission who opposed the pipeline were replaced by Governor Christie several months ago.

On a brighter note C.A.P.P., the group opposing the construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline has been gathering support from a number of communities. One major group that is yet undecided are the Bergen County Freeholders. Their support or opposition will have a major impact on the proposal. Consider contacting them and offering your opinion.

Mike Sebetich, assisted by Walter Nahadil, has recently completed another B.A.T.S. study. Mike is tabulating the re-

sults and I hope to have them posted on the web site for all our members to see. It is a great way to learn about the health of any river studied.



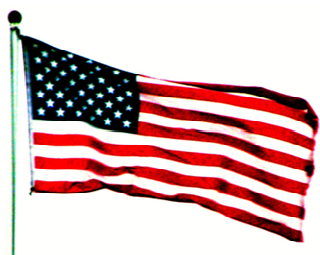
We expect to do clean-ups at several locations on the Ramapo as soon as the weather becomes less oppressive and some of the vegetation dies back. Locations being considered are Halifax Road and Riverview Terrace areas. We will set up teams to work in each location and may add one or two more before finalizing a date.

The restoration work planned for the Oakland area on the Ramapo is moving forward slowly. Right now it looks like work will start in June of 2016. It is an impressive project which should markedly improve the overall health of the river and all that live in it. Stay tuned.

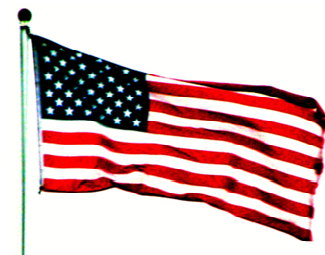
The last few months have provided some quiet time for our conservation volunteers. However, fall trout stocking is not too far off and some other activities might be planned before any bad weather arrives.

Enjoy the late summer. As the streams cool, trout should become active again. Warm water species will be feeding more to prepare for winter. So go out and fish!

Rich Malizia



Thursday, September 17 Constitution Day 2015



WE THE PEOPLE

Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men on September 17, 1787, recognizing all who, are born in the U.S. or by naturalization, have become citizens.



George Washington

was the commander of the Continental Army in the American Revolutionary War and served as the first President of the United States of America.



Benjamin Franklin

was a noted polymath, leading author and printer, satirist, political theorist, politician, scientist, inventor, civic activist, statesman, and diplomat.



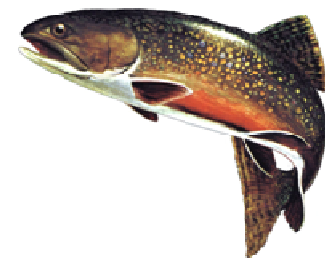
Alexander Hamilton

was the first United States Secretary of the Treasury, a Founding Father, economist, political philosopher and led calls for the Philadelphia Convention

Change of Seasons?

Tired of Summer's hot weather? Don't like to wear short sleeve shirts and light clothing? Insects a pest?

Well, remember what it's like when our area has weather like that in the photo below because it's coming!



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>

Library Display

How can we keep track of Doug and his Library Display? It was hard to do when he set up a display and left it for a month or two, but now he is scooting around with two displays. It's insidious!

This month you have a choice of towns to visit if you want to see the EJ TU Library Display: Lyndhurst or Woodridge.

The **Lyndhurst Library** is located at 355 Valley Brook Ave. in Lyndhurst; Tel.: (201) 804-2478

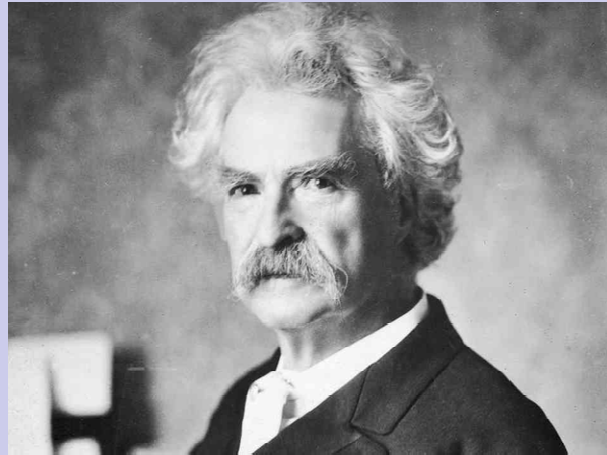


and the **Woodridge Library** is at 231 Hackensack St. in Wood-Ridge; Tel.: (201) 438-2455



Mark Twain

At this time of increasing political hubbub, two comments from Mark Twain. Neither, of course, aimed at any particular political party.



“Suppose you were an an idiot , and suppose you were a congress-man; but, I repeat myself.”

“There is no distinctly American criminal class - except Congress.”

Striped Bass Regulations September 1, 2015

Dan Roberts, Acting Project Leader, Senior Wildlife Biologist, NJ DEP reports that the Striped Bass regulations are as follows:

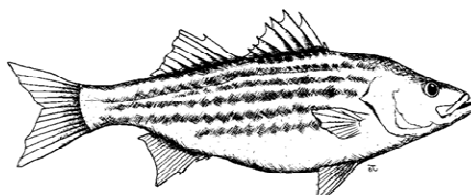
Effective September 1, 2015, the new Striped Bass Bonus Program regulations are as follows:

One fish 24" to less than 28"

Applications for the SBBP may be submitted online or at license agents. Permits are issued in the order of receipt.

New Jersey recreational striped bass regulations in all state waters are as follows:

One fish 28" to less than 43"
AND one fish 43" or greater



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attending part of it. As I have said previously, it is close enough that a day trip is certainly a reasonable alternative for anyone that cannot commit to the entire weekend.

Please be sure to keep an eye on the calendar that is on our website as we ramp up for the fall activities. We will need help with egg delivery to the TIC schools, stockings and clean-ups. There are also numerous fishing trips being planned and our fly tying classes will start towards the end of the month. The next few activities are usually right on the home page but the calendar feature will allow you to plan for events that will take place later on. You will find the calendar link under the Activities heading on the top of the homepage. Be sure to check the Trips and Conservation links for more detailed information on the next few events.

Bruce Seiden

Tenkara: Other Level Line Rod Choices

There has been an ongoing controversy within the Tenkara community regarding what is Tenkara and what is not. To the purist, the Tenkara method involves using a Tenkara rod with a Hi-Vis Fluorocarbon line with a Sakasa Kebari fly. In many regards that is a correct assessment, if you plan to fish Tenkara as they traditionally fish in Japan. However, we are not in Japan. Our streams are different, even our fish are different. We target rainbow, brown, brook and cutthroat trout while in Japan they fish for Amago, Iwana, Ito and Yamame. Almost from the introduction of Tenkara in the United States back in 2009, there has been a large percentage of Tenkara anglers that are bending the rules, “Americanizing” Tenkara using different methods and techniques than what is practiced by the Tenkara anglers in Japan.

Here’s what is meant by bending the rules. If you fish using a Tenkara rod, with a Hi-Vis fluorocarbon level line and a bead head prince nymph, are you Tenkara fishing? One camp would say no because in Japan they would never use a weighted nymph only an un-weighted wet fly. The other camp would say of course it’s Tenkara fishing. You are using the same equipment, following



the same Tenkara techniques but using a weighted fly.

To further complicate the issue what about the use of a level line rod that is not classified as a Tenkara rod but can cast Tenkara flies using Hi-Vis fluorocarbon lines beautifully? Why not use these rods if it is the right tool for your type of fishing. I’m sure you would not use a 7 foot 3 weight rod to go Czech nymphing? The same logic applies with determining which level line rods you should use.

We’ll first discuss Keiryu Rods. Keiryu translates to mean mountain streams. Keiryu rods are telescopic rods like their Tenkara cousins. However they are stiff action rods with more backbone that can easily cast heavily weighted flies and handle large fish. In Japan Keiryu rods are known as bait rods but why not use a prince nymph instead of a live nymph? Keiryu rods can also cast a traditional Sakasa Kebari fly beautifully.

The most visible difference between a Keiryu rod and a Tenkara rod is the handle. A Tenkara rod handle is made of cork, foam or wood while a Keiryu rod does not have an added handle. The handle of a Keiryu rod is just the continuation of the rod blank with a textured coating applied to prevent the rod from slipping from your hand. Keiryu rods tend to have a flex rating of 7:3 and 8:2. These are the rods to consider when targeting those trophy browns, largemouth bass and carp.

Next are the Seiryu Rods. Seiryu translates to clear stream fishing. Seiryu rods are also telescopic rods. Their handles are the

same as Keiryu rods and not made of cork, foam or wood. These rods are very light in weight and are extremely soft action rods. The Seiryu rod tends to have a flex rating of 5:5. The Seiryu rod is a perfect choice for trout under 12 – 14 inches and panfish.



Rod Choice

So you would like to try Tenkara fishing but do not know which rod to get? For western fly fishing a 9 foot 5 weight medium action rod would be an excellent starting point. For Tenkara it would be a 12 foot 6:4 Tenkara rod. And just like western fly fishing one rod may not satisfy different fishing opportunities. You wouldn’t take a 8 foot 4 weight rod stripper fishing, right?

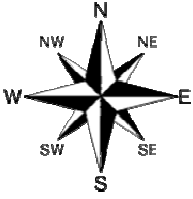
You need to consider the type fishing you will be doing. Are you targeting hatchery stocked trout and panfish? Are you fishing dry flies or un-weighted nymphs and wet flies? Then a Tenkara rod may be all you need. However, if you like to target large fish like largemouth bass, carp and stripers and use heavily weighted flies then you should consider a Keiryu rod. And if you enjoy targeting native brook trout in small streams using dry and wet flies, then nothing will beat a Seiryu rod.

Bob Hresko

Quantum Migration?

An August 1, 2015 review of a recent book, *Life on the Edge*, by Johnjoe McFadden and Jim Al-Khalili, describes the many ways in which quantum mechanics is involved in biology.

In fact, the reviewer, John Gribbin, from the University of Sussex, begins his review with this sentence, "There is a sense in which all of biology is quantum biology".



When the book's authors describe what they call the Quantum Robin, they describe the magnetic sense organ in birds and other animals that allows them to accurately migrate long distances. They write that the ability is linked to the quantum concept of "entanglement"; when two or more quantum entities, like electrons, are linked together and the linked entities react similarly when one is prodded even if they are all separated by great distances.

The book's authors also write that Monarch Butterflies and fruit flies have this ability.

Geese Peace, the organization that teaches how to humanely eradicate populations of resident Canada Geese, maintains that the geese are able to migrate great distances because it has been found that their bills contain deposits of iron that can respond to the earth's magnetic field. Perhaps this is also based on a quantum ability.

I do not know if the authors of *Life on the Edge* or anyone else have determined that this is how eels, shad, salmon and other sea life are also able to accurately migrate.

Boat For Sale



2008, 14 ft, Lowe semi-vee, aluminum boat

The boat has a 2007 Mercury 9.9 hp, four stroke outboard and Cavniss oars (these oars are pvc so they do not rot or split)

The only water the boat has ever been in is Green Pond..no salt water at all.

My reason for selling it is my knees...since discovering tennis, I can hardly navigate our steps

Asking price: \$2,500.

Call Ed Higgins at 973-409-4081 for further information

Milkweed Bug

A milkweed bug feeding on *Asclepius Tuberosa* (Butterfly Weed), a type of milkweed.



Their garish colors do not cause them to become prey to birds

because, like Monarch Butterflies, they live on milkweed plants and do not taste good. A bird that eats one will not do the same thing again.

August Fly Tying Night



John D. Voelker



John D. Voelker was a lawyer, author and fly fisherman who came from Michigan's Upper Peninsula. His law career included serving as a County Prosecutor and, later, as a member of Michigan's Supreme Court. However, he is probably better known by his pen name, Robert Traver, and for his book, *Anatomy of a Murder*. The best-selling novel was turned into an Academy Award-nominated film - directed by Otto Preminger and starring James Stewart - that was released July 1, 1959. Duke Ellington wrote the music for the movie. It is critically acclaimed as one of the best trial movies of

all time.

Voelker/Traver wrote the following to describe why he liked to fish:

"I fish because I love to; because I love the places where trout are found, which are always more beautiful, and I hate most places where crowds of people are found. Because in a world where most men seem to spend their lives doing things they hate, my fishing is an endless source of delight and a small act of rebellion. Because trout do not lie or cheat and can not be bought or bribed or impressed by power, but respond only to quiet and humility and endless patience. Because I suspect men are walking this earth for only one life time and I would hate to waste the trip; because only in the woods can I find solitude without loneliness; because bourbon out of a tin cup always tastes better; because some day I might see a mermaid; and finally not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important but because I suspect that so many other of our concerns are so unimportant- and not nearly so much fun."



422 to 1

Four hundred twenty two to one! If you ever wondered how many trees there are in the world, wonder no longer; there are 3.04 trillion and that number of trees means that there are 422 trees for every human on earth.

This count of the world's trees was made by the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and published in early September by the journal *Nature*. In generating the total they used data from the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, the National Forest Inventory and other sources; in all, they used 429,775 ground-based measurements in

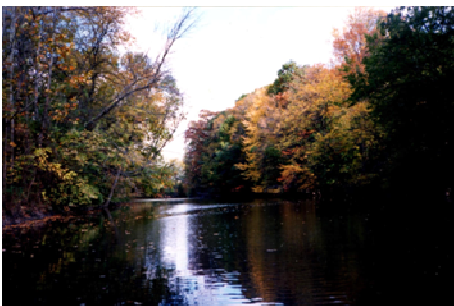
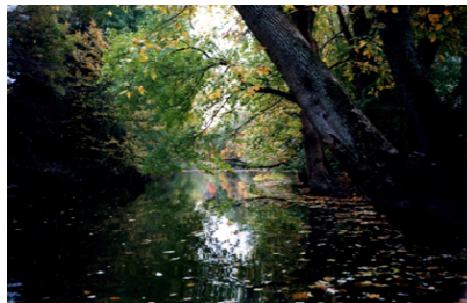
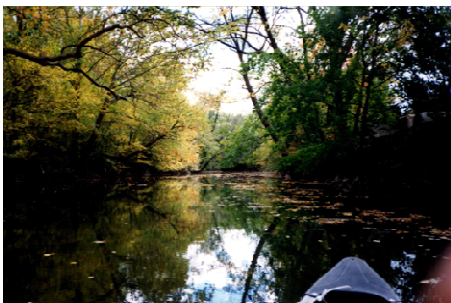


more than 50 countries.

While the number of trees worldwide is large, we are cautioned that the number of trees on earth has fallen by 46 percent since the beginning of human civilization. This is also startling since it seems to indicate that Yale's staff includes one or more researchers who are extremely old and who maintained extensive records for thousands of years.

The Hackensack River

The photos to the left are of various sections of the Hackensack River between Oradell and New Milford and between River Edge and New Milford. Some were taken near the Oradell Public Works Department and the yard where NJ Transit buses are parked.



Whaling Slaughter in the Faroes

The following is excerpted from a 13 August 2015 posting [<http://www.richardcorbett.org.uk/whaling-in-the-faroes/>] by Richard Corbett, Labour MEP for Yorkshire & Humber.

"I expect you are aware of the continued whaling in the Faroe Islands when around 250 whales were slaughtered on two beaches in one day. This was part of a whale hunt known as the grindadrap (literal translation "murder of whales") or grind. The killing is not restricted to pilot whales, it also includes white sided dolphins, orcas and bottle nose dolphins.



"The Faroese insist that this meat is not sold, but every part of the whale is used and is shared amongst their community as a valuable source of meat for a region that has very little in terms of natural resources. The whole of that statement is a lie for four reasons:

1 Whale meat from the grinds is sold in supermarkets and restaurants in the Faroe Islands, so it is bringing in money for some of the people involved.

2 Every part of the whale killed is not used, not even every whale killed is used. The hunters have been documented discarding whole whale carcasses into the sea that they did not have time to process before dusk.

3 It is not a valuable source of meat, it is very dangerous due to the amount of toxins (high levels of mercury and PCBs) even Faroese doctors confirm it contains.

4 The Faroe Islands have a thriving fishing industry including farmed salmon. They also have a large amount of sheep. They trade these commodities for all the benefits of a materialistic society and with this and their subsidies they enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world.

The resulting argument is that the Faroese kill whales because they want to kill whales.

"Denmark has sent naval vessels to support the grind and prevent protesters from getting close to the whales in an attempt to protect them. Before 2014 Denmark remained completely separate from the hunt, but by sending their ships, they are clearly showing their support for this slaughter. These included a frigate, helicopters, small boats and hundreds of sailors at a huge cost to the Danish and European taxpayers."