



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat



East Jersey Trout Unlimited is one of the most active chapters in the northeast. Just take a look at

our chapter calendar and our website to see for yourself. However, our programs do not plan themselves and being as active as we are does necessitate that volunteers step up and help plan and lead programs and events. Here are three new non-Board of Directors, volunteer leadership positions that we would like you to please consider volunteering for.

The first position we are looking for someone to fill is EJTU Diversity Initiative Coordinator. A major, national priority for Trout Unlimited is to diversify its membership and leadership, and to generally create a more welcoming and inclusive community, which begins at the chapter and council level. A more diverse membership and leadership profile will better enable the organization to more effectively represent the angling community and to do the best possible, most complete, cold-water conservation work.

With these goals in mind, EJTU is looking to encourage additional diverse people, including women, youth, and people of

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When: April 11 at 7:30 PM

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

April's Speaker Tim Flagler



Tim Flagler, founder of Tightline Productions, instructor, fishing guide and outstanding fly tyer from Hunterdon County is known world-wide for his tying videos.

However, at our meeting, Tim will talk to us about fishing one of New Jersey's favorite streams, the Ken Lockwood Gorge.

Schedule



- Apr. 12 [Thu] Trout stocking
- Apr. 15 [Sun] Housatonic Stripers
- Apr. 21 - 22 Cast and Blast
- May 4 - 6 Stephens State Pk trip
- May 9 [Wed] Speaker: Ben Turpin
- May 19 - 20 State College, PA trip
- May 26 [Sat] Mahwah Fishing Derby
- Jun. 1 - 3 Catskill Pig Roast
- Jun 2 - 3 Pequest Open House
- Jun. 9 - 16 Block Island trip
- Jun. 8 - 10 Ausable River trip
- Jun. 13 [Wed] Speaker Tim O'Neil
- Jul. 11 [Wed] Chapter BBQ
- Jul 21 [Sat] Farmington River trip

Welcome to March's New Members



Matthew Bombace
Bernard Boyle
Steve Pinto
Steve Pinto
Nicholas Tseng

Ridgewood
Allendale
Glen Ridge
Bogota
Emerson

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

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number 091 for the latest information about our
chapter.

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bers to contribute articles, tips, and stories. Arti-
cles may relate to trout, trout fishing, fishing in
general or conservation, but all articles are pub-
lished at the discretion of the editors and should
meet EJTU standards regarding protecting our
environment and the merits of 'catch and release'.
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

As I write this column snow is falling and it looks nothing like the start of trout season. I remember years when lakes were still frozen on opening day and anglers were actually fishing through the ice. But I haven't actively participated in the opening day crush for many years as that is a young man's game. Although I may visit some local spots just to see the level of activity, now that my knees enable me to forecast the weather, I am happy being an observer at this time of year.

We are about to start our seasonal activities. We will assist with the preseason stocking of the Ramapo by meeting at the Glen Gray Bridge on **Tuesday**, April 3rd, at 9:30AM. Conditions should be safe enough to float stock the usual locations. We will need many hands to do the upstream bucket stocking. Bring waders or hip boots and dress for the weather. The in-season stocking will begin on **Thursday**, April 12th and continues to May 24th. We will meet each week at the same Glen Gray location at 9:30 AM. It is important to let me know whether you will attend so please contact me by e-mail at remqcp@optonline.net or phone at 973-304-0789. I also ask your patience in waiting for the NJF&W truck to arrive. Arrival time depends on how long it takes to load the trucks at the hatchery and how many stops are scheduled before they arrive at Glen Gray. All of this is beyond our control.

The Pequest Open House has been rescheduled to June 2nd and 3rd due to the continued poor weather. This also happened last year and, unfortunately, the number of visitors was fewer than nor-

mal. Mark your calendar and consider volunteering for a few hours at the education pond or at our table.

This is also the time of year when several municipalities or community organizations schedule their fishing derbies, educational programs and clean-ups. While EJTU is not a sponsor of these events, we are looked upon as the fishing and conservation pros by those who do. Please consult the calendar on our web site and be alert to e-mails asking for your help. Most events only require a few hours of work and they provide EJTU with the opportunity to show its leadership and willingness to support others. Please consider volunteering for such events. These events also provide an opportunity to attract new members.

As most of you know, a neighborhood in Pompton Lakes and Pompton Lake itself have been contaminated by a toxic plume which originated from the facilities where DuPont made various types of munitions dating back to before WW I. Vapors escaping from the plume have contaminated many homes near the DuPont property. Efforts to have the area declared a superfund site were resisted by local politicians and the prior Trenton occupants, but, recently, some progress seemed to have taken place with the dredging of a section of the lake. Now one of the



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color to join our chapter. At the same time, we would like to increase the level of involvement in our chapter of our current diverse and underrepresented members with an eye toward developing a more diverse chapter leadership in the future. The Diversity Initiative Coordinator would be tasked with brainstorming and organizing events such as educational programs, fishing outings, or social gatherings that are aimed at engaging a more diverse group of participants.

Secondly, EJTU is looking for someone to volunteer to become EJTU's Ramapo River Stocking Coordinator. The man or woman who volunteers for this position would be charged with supervising our weekly stocking program on the Ramapo during the months of April and May. This position would require that you be present at most if not all of the pre and in-season stocking dates, which are generally once a week, in the morning, during the months of April and May, and help direct and supervise other EJTU volunteers at these

events. This would mean that a retired chapter member would be an ideal volunteer.

Our EJTU stocking coordinator would work with and receive support from our Conservation Committee Chairperson. If you are passionate about conservation and enjoy fishing the Ramapo, this is the position for you. The state gives us more fish for the Ramapo because of our volunteer efforts, and if we do not have a chapter volunteer step up we may be forced to scale back or curtail this program.

Finally, we are looking for someone to become a Community Outreach Coordinator. Our chapter is involved with many local town's fishing derbies, environmental events, and other educational programs. These events are important for maintaining goodwill with local municipalities and other allied environmental groups, but are also important for generating new membership and increasing the awareness of our cold water conservation mission.

Our Community Outreach Coordinator would be responsible for

coordinating the number of volunteers needed, timing of events, and other community outreach event specific details. The EJTU Community Outreach Coordinator will attend some of these events and would work closely with our chapter Membership Director. If you are outgoing and like to talk to and meet new people while extolling the virtues of cold water conservation, this job might be a perfect fit for you. Similarly to our stocking efforts on the Ramapo, if we do not get a volunteer to fill this position we may have no other choice, but to curtail our involvement in these events going forward.

With over 700 EJTU members, I am confident that we will have three chapter members fill these positions. I can personally attest to how rewarding you will find becoming more involved in our chapter and advancing the cause of cold water conservation.

If you have interest in any of these positions, please contact me at c.henrickson@icloud.com or 347.581.6361 and I will be more than happy to provide you with additional information.

Chris Henrickson

Saddle River Special Regulations



Because a naturally reproducing population of brown trout has been found to exist in the Saddle River, NJF&W has established new regulations that are effective this year,.

Previously the population was believed to exist only upstream of Lake Street in Upper Saddle River. However, brown trout have been caught in certain sections downstream from Lake Street.

In an attempt to protect this population, special regulations establishing a minimum size of 12 inches and

maximum creel limit of two fish were adopted. The section of Saddle River from Lake Street in Upper Saddle River to Century Road in Fair Lawn is included in these regulations.

This population of brown trout may have existed for some time but only became evident since the State limited stocking to rainbows. Please consult the 2018 trout special regulations so you don't wind up on the wrong side of the law.



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town council members has come out in opposition to the superfund designation. Instead, he wants DuPont and its subsidiary, Chemours, to guaranty home values to current residents. Basically, if your home is valued at \$300,000 and you can only sell it for \$250,000, he wants DuPont to pony up the difference. Such a myopic approach is beyond belief! To reduce the potentially life threatening problem to one that only considers the short-term economics is difficult to comprehend. People are living with and dying from cancers and other illnesses attributed directly to the poisons left by DuPont and this councilman wants to give DuPont a pass if they indemnify home values.

The Trump administration continues its efforts to weaken or remove regulations which were designed to protect the environment. Yes, many regulations are

inconvenient or even at times a hardship, but they serve a greater purpose. Corporate America has proven time and again that the environment is a low priority that is well behind profits and unencumbered operations. Our politicians seem to have no problem writing laws which impact our rights to control our own lives and bodies, but ask them to regulate air and water pollution or to stop the destruction of public lands and you have hit the third rail and sparks will fly.

The fracking issue has emerged again as a local problem. While it appears that drilling and fracking may be banned in the Delaware River Watershed, currently drafted regulations would allow wastewater produced by fracking in other locations to be stored, processed, and discharged in the watershed. Further, it would

allow water from the Delaware River Watershed to be exported for fracking in other locations. The Delaware River basin must be completely protected from all the potentially adverse effects of fracking. Many people believe that if water management practices were ever designed to maximize the protection of the Delaware, it would easily become a truly world class trout fishery. Why would we as conservationists and anglers be willing to put this watershed at risk?

Please be alert to issues that could impact our environment and voice your opinion to your state and federal representatives. You have to let them know where you stand and what you believe.

Catch fish and be safe. May the trout gods be smiling with you and not be laughing at you.

Rich Malizia

Top Tier Gasoline

In 1995 EPA established minimum standards for gasoline additives. However, since then, nine of the world's top auto makers, Audi, BMW, Ford, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, General Motors, Honda, Mercedes-Benz, Toyota, and Volkswagen, decided that the minimum detergent requirements do not go far enough to ensure optimal engine performance and, moreover, that most gasoline marketers have reduced the concentration level of detergent additive in their gasoline by up to 50%. This causes engine deposits that have an impact on emissions and on engine performance.

As a result, the auto manufacturers set a higher standard, called *Top Tier* gasoline. The web site of the Top Tier program is: <https://www.toptiergas.com>.

One page on the site, named *Licensed Brands* lists the gasoline brands that meet the higher Top Tier standards. A direct link to the Top Tier brands is <https://www.toptiergas.com/licensedbrands/>



Trout Stocking

Pre-season Tues. Apr. 3

In-season Thur. Apr. 12 until
Thur. May 24

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>

The 2018 Annual Banquet



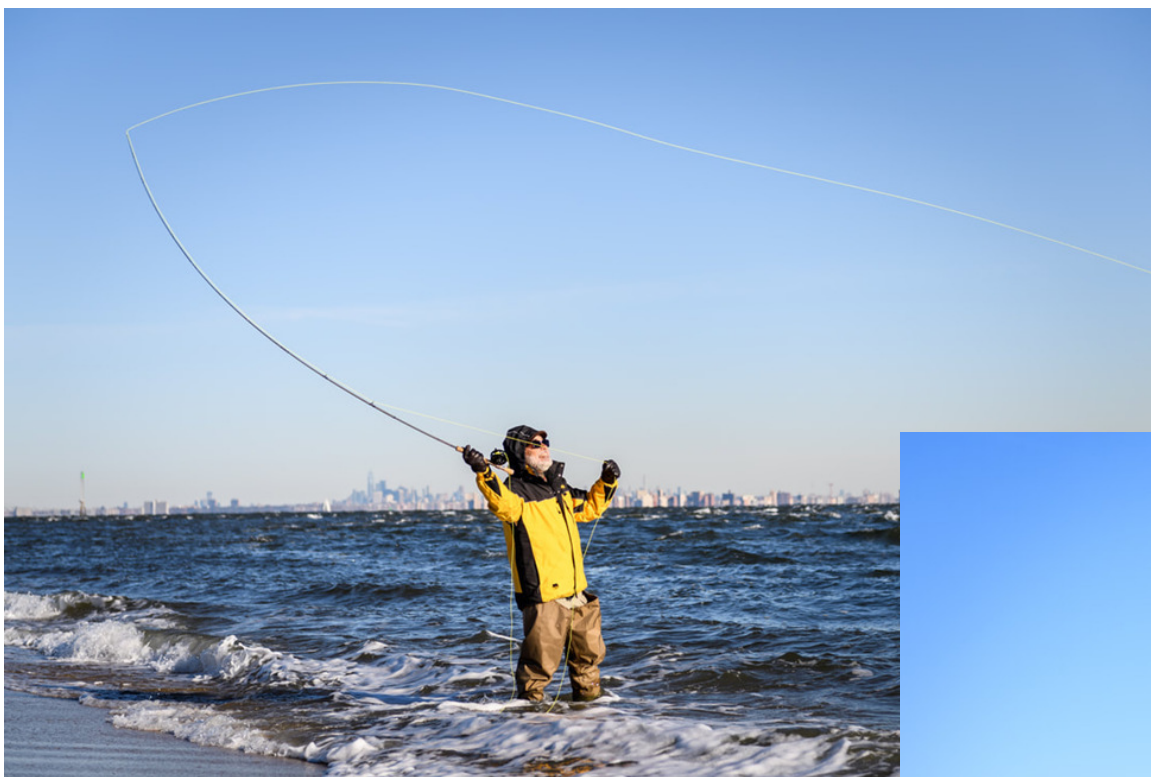
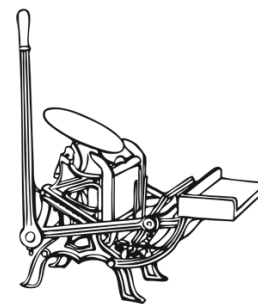
Printshop Help Needed!

Do you own or manage a print shop? Or, does the company for whom you work donate funds or services to tax-exempt organizations?

EJTU must, at times, produce printed material to be sent to our 700 members, and this can be an expensive process, so we are looking for a print shop or company with a print shop that can assist us by offering reduced prices for our printing needs.

Because we are a 501(c)(3) organization, an organization that assists us may find tax benefits in their efforts.

If you can assist the Chapter, please contact Chris Henrickson at: 347.581.6361 or c.henrickson@icloud.com



Sandy Hook 2017





**Montana's famed Smith River needs your help
to fight a copper mine on its headwaters**

Please join

David Brooks, Executive Director of Montana Trout Unlimited
for an informal, free reception and Smith River Update

Hosted by Theodore Gordon Flyfishers and Orvis

Orvis Retail Store

489 Fifth Avenue (42/41st Street)- New York

light refreshments and beer

Thursday, April 19th

5:30 to 7:30 PM

program at 6:15



Help Save Montana's Smith River

Located south of Great Falls in Meagher and Cascade Counties of west-central Montana, the Smith River drainage is a location of great recreational, ecological and cultural value. 70% of the land in the Smith River drainage is privately owned. The U.S. Forest Service and State of Montana own the balance. Public access to the river is limited. It is the only river in Montana that has a lottery and requires a recreational permit to float the corridor.

- An estimated 741 miles of the habitat in the Smith River drainage are capable of supporting coldwater fish such as Trout.
- The tributaries of Tender Foot and Sheep Creek provide vital coldwater refuge for Smith River trout and in low water Sheep Creek provides more than half of the Smith River's flow.
- The main Smith River is a nationally known recreational fishery and has been managed as a wild fishery since 1974. The 33-year historic average shows 506 wild rainbows and 312 brown trout per mile.
- The Smith River drainage provides important spawning habitat for fish in the Missouri river.
- The limestone outcroppings of the Smith canyon walls boast more than 70 prehistoric pictograph sites that each culturally significant.

The Smith River is now under threat...

- In 2014, Tintina Resources, Inc., a Canadian subsidiary of the Australian owned company, Sandfire Resources, Inc. applied for a copper mine exploration permit on Sheep Creek. The company is now operating as Sandfire Resources America, Inc.
- Sandfire proposes to mine at the headwaters of the Smith River in a sulfide ore body, which makes it a high risk for producing acid mine drainage, which always requires treatment of polluted water... permanently.
- Planned long-term storage of mine waste in lined impoundments in surrounding wetlands increases that acid mine drainage risk.
- The mine risks severe dewatering of Sheep Creek. This would risk the health of the Smith River's wild and native fish, aquatic habitat, downstream irrigation and water use rights, and recreational use.
- The company plans to run 15-18 ore trucks per day, 365 days a year risks along remote, narrow roads, along healthy, trout-spawning tributaries. Spills are inevitable.
- The company plans are unclear, though they are leasing 500 additional mine claims on public lands, which could form a large, 50+ year mining complex.
- Once granted a permit, there is nothing to prevent Tintina from expanding operations onto its public land claims and developing an open pit mine.
- This mine is a real risk for needing water treatment forever after mine closure to keep acid mine drainage out of the Smith watershed. No amount of bond money from the company will cover forever costs. The burden will fall on taxpayers.