



# Riffles

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East Jersey Trout Unlimited

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## April General Membership Meeting



Mike Appello of Tightlines Fly Fishing

EJTU's March general membership meeting will be held on April 10th. Doors open at 7:00 PM and the meeting begins at 7:30 PM.

Mike Appello has fished extensively throughout the northeast and Montana. Mike will speak on fishing the Flat Brook and Musconetcong Rivers right here in NJ. He will present a practical approach to fishing these waters including specific gear and strategies along with some favorite spots.

Its a practical presentation with some useful information we can use to fish in our local rivers right now. Mike works at Tight Lines Fly Shop in Parsippany and will have several other members of the shop with him that will showcase some of the new products in fly-fishing including some of the new generation of fly lines.

Come hang out, enjoy a cup of joe and catch up with your fellow EJTU members and fishing friends. All are welcome. We will see you then!



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## Other Fun Upcoming EJTU Events

- April 10th: General Membership Meeting - Mike Appello
- April 11th: Ramapo River Trout Stocking Begins
- April 14th: Ken Lockwood Gorge Day Trip
- April 20th: Paulinskill Tree Planting Project - Tentative
- April 24th: EJTU Pub Night at Steel Wheel Tavern
- April 27th: Mill Pond in Park Ridge, NJ Cleanup
- April 27th-28th: Pequest Open House
- May 4th-5th: Catskills Cast and Blast Fishing and Shooting Trip
- May 8th: General Chapter Meeting - Scott Cullenberg
- May 17th-19th: Voorhees State Park Camping / Fishing Trip
- June 7th-9th: Roscoe Trip and Catskills Picnic
- June 9th-15th: Block Island Striper Trip

A full list of upcoming events is available on EJTU's calendar.

***EJTU's famous library display will be at the Lyndhurst library for the next two months. Stop by and check it out.***

### Volunteers Needed

- Board of Directors Members
- Community Outreach Coordinator

## EJTU Board of Directors

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Doug Penna - Hasbrouck Heights

#### Points

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## Additional EJTU Leaders

#### Strategic Planning

Ken Barile - Montvale

#### Diversity Initiative

Jon Daffron - Ridgewood

#### Veterans Services

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#### Trout In The Classroom

Jim Piombino - Fair Lawn

# President's Beat

By Chris Henrickson



EJTU's 2019 Annual Banquet at Baigio's had almost 100 attendees! Thank you to all that attended and in particular to those that donated items to raffle off. Our Banquet Committee (Dino, Bruce, Greg, Justin and Ray) put in a lot of time and the fruit of their labor was evident.

We are quickly approaching the chapter's busiest time of the year from April thru June and we have lots of activities that should interest all chapter members.

EJTU's fly fishing class in Paramus commenced on April 2nd, so it is not too late to sign up if you missed the first class.

Our first fishing trip of the year is a day trip to Ken Lockwood Gorge, being led by Paul Reithmeier, on April 14th. This is a fun trip to a scenic spot and is a great trip for new anglers. There should be plenty of freshly stocked trout around as well.

On April 20th EJTU will tentatively be participating in a tree planting event with the Nature Conservancy. The recently removed Columbia Dam on the Paulins Kill, which once stood about a ¼ mile upstream from the confluence with the Delaware River, has exposed plenty of land that needs to be planted with trees to stabilize the banks and decrease erosion. The goal is to insert 2,000 live stakes along the exposed banks. This is an extremely important conservation project and chapter members really should mark their calendars and plan to attend.

Our chapter's first Diversity Initiative event is being led by Jon Daffron and will be held the evening of April 24th at the Steel Wheel Tavern in Ridgewood, NJ. The chapter will be providing some snacks and food for attendees to enjoy, but drinks will be purchased by attendees. We are hoping for a great turnout and to see many new faces. Consider stopping by, having a beer with us and please bring a friend, family member or someone new.

On April 27th EJTU will be participating in a Bi-state cleanup. Our area of work will be primarily along the banks of Mill Pond and the Pascack Creek in Park Ridge, NJ. We will likely be bringing kayaks and canoes to access trash within Mill pond as well. This is another worthwhile event that we are hoping will have a strong turnout.

Pick an event, or better yet a couple to participate in. We have a different events going on almost every weekend for the next few months, so there really is something for everyone to participate in and enjoy. Get involved!

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*"I really wonder what gives us the right to wreck this poor planet of ours." - Kurt Vonnegut*

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## The Smart Rod Sensor

By Dino Eftychiou

Here's something that you probably never thought you needed on your next fishing trip: an electronic device, the Smart Rod Sensor, that attaches onto your rod that records your location on the water, the surrounding weather conditions that day, and even the number of casts you've made by the end of the day. But wait, there's more. Each fish you catch can be recorded and a photo can be uploaded with its species, length, and weight. All this information goes to an app on your smartphone through Bluetooth.

The folks at Cyberfishing, who introduced this device at the recent Computer Electronic Show in Las Vegas, claim that anglers who join the Cyberfishing online community will be able to share their collected data and images. And if you feel that there's not enough information about you online already, you can upload your personal profile, including your photo, to share with other anglers. Once you've recorded all the trophy fish you've caught and where and when exactly you've caught them, on your next fishing trip you can look forward to hosting all your new online buddies to a shoulder to shoulder casting extravaganza on your favorite honey hole. Interested in learning more? Cyberfishing's website can be visited [Here](#).







Photograph of the Month: Stephen Tannberg- "The Tree That Stands Out"

Let me tell you something about trees. They are a lot like us. They come in many shapes, sizes, and colors. Some are young, some are old, some might be considered dull and boring, and some are prettier than others. We see them every day, most of them going unnoticed. Once in a while, there's that one that stands out among the rest, the one toward which our eyes will easily gaze.

The difference between us humans and trees is we aren't rooted to one spot on the earth. We have the freedom to move around, as we should. We have the privilege of making choices in our lives. Would you rather be confined to one spot for the rest of your life or go out and see the world around you?

Your life is yours to create. Be the tree that stands out. - Stephen Tannberg

## Earth Day is Here. Commemorate It.

By Chris Henrickson



Did you know December 20th is "Ugly Sweater Day" and February 9th is "National Pizza Day"? November 21st is "World Television Day," if you were wondering. Also don't forget to mark your calendars for "Proofreading Day" on March 8th and August 28th for "Bowtie Day". What is the point of these celebrations? To be honest, I'm not really sure, although I suspect that for a lot of them the goal is to turn a profit.

Well if you are not interested commemorating the events above, here is one that you really should. Earth Day. Earth day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970 and has continued every year since. The holiday's genesis has to do with the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, in which three million gallons of oil were leaked from an oil platform.

Senator Gaylord Nelson envisioned the holiday while flying over the oil spill.

Its hard to believe that next year will be the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, but over the past 50 years Earth Day has grown into a large, international observance dedicated to educating others about the importance of environmental stewardship and commemorating the sacrifices and achievements of those involved with the conservation movement.

How will you be celebrating Earth Day? As an EJTU member perhaps you could talk to someone you know about the importance of protecting our waters. Planting a tree would also be an awesome way to celebrate Earth Day. Personally, I plan to pick up some trash for proper disposal this upcoming Earth Day on April 22nd along the banks of my local stream, the Pascack Brook.

## Contact EJTU

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### General Membership Meetings:

Second Wednesday of the month.  
Doors open at 7:00 PM. Meetings start at 7:30 PM

The American Legion Hall  
33 West Passaic Street  
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

[Directions](#)

### Board of Director's Meetings:

Last Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM

Fair Lawn Athletic Club  
14-19 Parmelee Ave  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
201-796-9771

[Directions](#)

### Conservation Committee Meetings:

Second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

Louis Bay 2nd Public Library  
345 Lafayette Avenue  
Hawthorne, NJ 07506  
[Directions](#)

## About EJTU

East Jersey Trout Unlimited (EJTU) is a community of more than 700 anglers in the greater northeastern New Jersey region who are dedicated to cold water conservation and the stewardship of our local watersheds.

Our members work to protect, reconnect, restore and sustain trout habitat for anglers today and for the next generations of sportsmen and women who value the relationship between clean, healthy waterways and sustainable fishing.

# Conservation Notes

By Rich Malizia



If you look out your window, you might think Spring has arrived. If you walk out your door into the wind and the cold, you might think Spring is still a figment of your imagination. But regardless the weather the opening day of trout season will go on as scheduled on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM. In advance of that date our member/volunteers have been busy placing trout regulation posters along the streams and rivers in Bergen and Passaic counties. "Thank you" to

those who have been out there with their staple guns. You will notice that there are different signs this year. A white sign with a leaping trout reminds readers that they are at trout stocked water where a fishing license and trout stamp are required to fish. A similar sign in light blue/green offers the same message but is used on waters which have closed days coinciding with stocking. The only waters in our immediate area with closed stocking days are the Ramapo (Thursday) and the upper Wanaque (Friday). All other waters are open to fishing beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>. There are several waters which have been designated "Wild Trout Streams". These waters are protected by special regulations. Additionally, special regulations for Saddle River are designed to protect brown trout. Brook trout are protected in the northwest section of the state. The area is north of Route 202 and west of Route 287, extending to the Delaware River. Anglers are expected to know the regulations which are effective for the body of water they are fishing. Not knowing the rules is not a defense. If you encounter someone obviously violating regulations, consider informing that person of the rules in a non-confrontational way. Often

they have no knowledge of the rules, especially young anglers, and appreciate the information you provide. So consider educating them.

Our preseason trout stocking of the Ramapo River will be on April 3rd and our regular trout stocking will begin on April 11th and continue until May 25th. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the Glen Gray Road Bridge on the Mahwah / Oakland border. It is a serious undertaking which improves the quality of the fishing. Come out to help with these morning stockings and enjoy better fishing the rest of the week.

This year the stocking responsibilities will be coordinated by John Polk. John has graciously stepped up to take over the day-to-day responsibilities from me. The time has come for the gray-beards to make room for the next generation of leaders. Please give John the support you have so generously afforded me.

The battle continues to try to stop the construction of the generating plant in the Meadowlands. Numerous environmental groups have attended and addressed the hearings at several municipalities affected by this project. While there seems to be significant opposition to this plant, plans for its construction have not been changed. Our Governor has not stepped up to his commitment to reduce the use of fossil fuels and has been silent on this project. Please offer you opinion to the Governor. You can also join any one of the demonstrations and hearings addressing the issue.

Fishing derby season is fast approaching. EJTU member/volunteers assist at a number of these events. It is an opportunity for you to spread the word about EJTU activities, spend some time working with kids that have an interest in fishing but often have little support or guidance, and help a local community or organization promote fishing to its youth.

After a three year hiatus, we will again be offering Ramapo River Day on June 15<sup>th</sup>. We will join staff from Ramapo College to execute this event. The setup requires significant effort from a large number of volunteers.

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**Pub Night**  
April 24th 7:00 PM  
@ Steel Wheel Tavern  
EJTU's First Diversity Initiative Event

Come hoist a pint with EJTU. On April 24th, from 7-10 PM, East Jersey Chapter Trout Unlimited, is having its first ever Diversity Initiative Pub Night at the Steel Wheel Tavern, 51 N. Broad St. Ridgewood, NJ (directly across from the Ridgewood train station). Members are encouraged to bring like minded friends to learn what the Chapter is all about. We will be talking about conservation, fishing, upcoming events, diversity focused events, and how to get involved while enjoying some chapter supplied appetizers and, of course, having a "cool one" (participants supply their own drinks). For further information contact Jonathan Daffron, [Jonathan.daffron@gmail.com](mailto:Jonathan.daffron@gmail.com).



## 2019 Donald A. Ecker Scholarship



Eileen McCafferty  
2019 EJTU Scholarship Awardee

Each year East Jersey Trout Unlimited awards a \$500.00 Scholarship to a junior year student at Ramapo College, whose studies will advance the cause of conservation. Typically the students either major in Environmental Science or Environmental Studies. Our 2019 recipient of this scholarship is Eileen McCafferty. A few words prepared by Eileen follows.

My late father Thomas instilled in me an undying love for the environment, so I spend a considerable amount of time outdoors or working on environmental issues," says

Eileen McCafferty of Pearl River, N.Y. Eileen is an Environmental Studies Major and has a GPA of 3.2. At Ramapo, she is the SSHS school senator within the Student Government Association, President of 1STEP, and an active member of the Sustainability Committee.

During the Spring semester of 2018, Eileen raised over \$1,300 for 1STEPs' Relay for Life team and has helped host numerous events bringing attention to sustainability and environmental issues.

She is involved with Rockland Interfaith Breakfast Program on Thursday mornings at Spring Valley Church. She also has over a decade's worth of customer service experience and holds a job at Ramsey Outdoor in Mahwah. Eileen is currently an intern at The New Jersey Highlands Coalition in Boonton, N.J., where she is learning about non-profit advocacy work within the forest and landscapes of the New Jersey Highlands.

Once she graduates, Eileen plans to spend the summer backpacking through the Catskills, teaching archery at a local day camp, and preparing to earn her Masters in Wildlife Management.

## Doug Penna - Ed Sikorski Award Recipient



East Jersey Trout Unlimited's Board of Directors regularly evaluates the participation of chapter members and determines if anyone deserves recognition for extraordinary contributions to our cold water conservation efforts. This

award is given to members in appreciation for their time, talent and commitment to the conservation of New Jersey rivers and streams.

This year the Board of Directors voted to bestow this honor on Doug Penna and he received recognition, his plaque and a long, well deserved round of applause at our Annual Banquet on March 23rd.

If you are reading this, there is a good chance that you first learned about Trout Unlimited from Doug along the banks of the Ramapo River or at a local library.

Doug's join date on our chapter's roster is listed as August 1, 1978. He is a lifetime Trout Unlimited member and has been tirelessly active in our chapter's conservation efforts for over 40 years now. Most of these years have been spent as a member of the Board of Directors and he continues in that role to this day. Just a few of Doug's activities in the chapter include participating in stockings, cleanups and trash removals, maintaining EJTU's library display, directing the Wayne fly tying class, chairing our nominating committee and last but certainly not least, EJTU's coffee serving Master Barista.

Doug is a great angler, tireless conservationist and always willing to help. Congratulations, Doug. Thank you for all your previous efforts and keep up the excellent work.



## Diversity Initiative

Everyone Needs Cold, Clean, Fishable Water

### The Big IDEA (IDEA = Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Awareness)

By Jon Daffron

I'd like you to think about your favorite fishing stream for a moment...but here's a twist: picture it with only a single type of tree on the bank and only a single aquatic insect hatching on the water. Now add to the stream one type of fish to consume that insect, and maybe let's add a single species of bird to hunt that fish. The image looks pretty nice, right? But the question is: how long do you think this single-source environment would last? I'm sure you've probably guessed where this is going: it wouldn't last very long, because it lacks diversity. If something happens to any point along the chain, the entire system gets wiped out. We know that ecological systems are strongest when there are multiple sources of vegetation along the banks supporting large variety of insects throughout the year, which in turn feed many different types of fish (and birds)...and hopefully provide all of us with a better fishing experience. Diverse environments are more resilient to natural (and non-natural) adverse effects – if one part fails, another can step in to take its place. Organizations (like EJTU) are no different from natural environments in this way.

**We not only survive, we flourish with diversity.** By having a group of people with varied backgrounds, ideas, and expertise, we can have the greatest possible positive impact on what we believe matters most: cold, clean, fishable water for everyone. Our chapter is already far stronger than the single-source example above – but we can always use more help from as diverse a pool of talent as possible. Each additional member that's looking to help out is like planting one extra tree along our chapter's stream bank to provide support.

Looking For all the latest Information on EJTU's Diversity Initiative? Visit our new [DI Webpage Here!](#)

### New EJTU Members

Ryan Andersen, Faust Curto, Christian Marino, Andrew Zurawski

Welcome and thank you for helping us to protect northeastern NJ's cold-water resources. We look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming conservation projects, meetings or fly fishing trips!

### To Join EJTU or Renew Your EJTU Membership

Visit TU National's membership page at [gifts.tu.org](https://gifts.tu.org). Remember to choose to be assigned to the "East Jersey Chapter - 091".

# Coastal Flyrodders Meeting Tom Gilmore - Shad Fishing

By Chris Henrickson



**Coastal Flyrodders** is a local fun and friendly fly fishing club with a shared passion of saltwater fly fishing. Many of Coastal Flyrodder's members, such as Rich Malizia, Ed Janiga, Bob Groskin, Luis Fernandez and myself are also members of EJTU.

The club's next club meeting is on April 16th at 7:30 PM. We meet at the **Larkin House in Wycoff, NJ**. The special guest speaker is Tom Gilmore, author of many books, including one which many EJTU chapter members reference regularly, *Fly Fishing The Big Apple*. Tom will be speaking about fly fishing for Shad in the Delaware river.

Coastal Flyrodders has generously invited all East Jersey Trout Unlimited members to attend the meeting and listen to Tom Gilmore teach us all about his secrets of shad fishing. Tom is an excellent speaker and, since he also happens to be the founder of Coastal Flyrodders, his presentation should be top notch.



Tom Gilmore - With His Coastal Flyrodders Hat On

# End of an Era - Mark Czerwinski Outdoor Column Cancelled By Bergen Record

By Rich Malizia

One of the last remaining voices of the outdoor community has been silenced by financial short-sightedness and budgetary concerns. The Outdoors column in The Record which started in 1974 by one of our founding members, Don Ecker, has come to an end. There have been several writers of the column since Don, but few have been as informative to the fishing and hunting community or as helpful to conservation and fishing organizations as Mark Czerwinski.

I don't recall any request made to publicize an EJTU event that was ignored. Mark regularly followed Riffles and the EJTU web site, and extracted any information that we felt would be helpful to his readers. It was the policy of The Record not to publish information about upcoming events. They wanted EJTU to pay for advertising space which we could never afford. Mark would come to our rescue by announcing the events in his column. Often when I queried participants about how they learned of our programs, the answer would be that they read about it in Mark's column in The Record.

While the column may have been a sideline for Mark, his passion for the outdoors was obvious. Reflections on his personal experiences always brought a smile to a reader's face because we could easily relate to them. My letter to the executive editor criticizing the decision to end Mark's column has gone unanswered. I guess we can assume The Record will continue to shrink from its position as the leading newspaper in our area. I hope Mark Czerwinski can find another outlet to carry his column. EJTU will have to find another way to inform the public of our programs and activities. Thank you, Mark, for all the years of outstanding coverage and support.

# Land and Water Conservation Fund Permanently Reauthorized!



The Land and Water Conservation Fund was envisioned in 1964 "To assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility" to outdoor resources for conservation and recreational purposes at the national, state and local levels.

This LWCF fund was permanently reauthorized in a bi-partisan way in both chambers of congress and signed into law by President Trump. We can all hope that our elected representatives will continue to work together in a similar manner going forward to help protect our natural resources.

This fund expired in 2015 and was subsequently reauthorized for three years, which expired in 2018. Since the fund has been permanently reauthorized, conservationists will no longer need to lobby for the program to be renewed every few years. However, we will still need to advocate for funding for this important program on an ongoing basis.

# EJTU's Pre-Opening Day of Trout Season To Do List

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wash and clean floating fly lines           | <input type="checkbox"/> Renew Trout Unlimited Membership        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharpen Hooks and nippers                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Replace lead weights with non toxic     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buy Fishing License and Read NJ Regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Apply ferrule wax to fly rods           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patch Waders                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Actually practice casting this year     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finish Tying Mop Flies and Squirmy Worms    | <input type="checkbox"/> Check wading boot studs                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Time Off Requests for EJTU Fishing Trips    | <input type="checkbox"/> Buy at least one new fly fishing gadget |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buy cigars and scotch for Fishing Trips     | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolve to fish more this year          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Look for new honey hole on Google Earth     | <input type="checkbox"/> Review catch and release best practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replace old mono tippet with new            | <input type="checkbox"/> Knot tying practice - blood knots!      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lubricate reels                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Landing net/bag maintenance             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finally "organize" those fly boxes          | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean your lucky fishing hat            |



# Ramapo River and Other Streams to Receive more Protections in New Jersey

By Scott Fallon - As Appeared in The Bergen Record



A section of the Ramapo River is among 749 miles of waterways that would receive increased protection from wastewater, runoff and development along their banks under new rules proposed by Gov. Phil Murphy's administration on Monday.

This is the first time the Department of Environmental Protection has moved to expand protections to new rivers, brooks and streams in more

than a decade. The sections of streams are being added because they provide "both exceptional ecological and exceptional water-supply significance," the DEP said.

The rule proposes to protect a portion of the Ramapo River from the Patriots Way bridge in Oakland to Little Pond Brook, including all unnamed tributaries. The DEP confirmed the presence of the eastern lampmussel — a mussel on the state's threatened species list — in that 5½-mile portion of the Ramapo.

For decades, New Jersey's waterways have been under assault from legal and illegal discharges.

While sweeping laws like the Clean Water Act have helped bring back life to some of the state's most struggling rivers, new threats keep emerging, from pharmaceuticals in wastewater to microscopic pieces of plastic that are being found in some of the most pristine waterways.

The designation as a "C1 waterway" brings two major protections. Wastewater or other discharges must meet more stringent water quality standards. In addition, the rivers, streams and brooks can now be protected by a 300-foot buffer from the nearest proposed development under the state Flood Hazard Area Control Act.

Among the other waterways to be classified are portions of the South Branch of the Raritan River in Somerset and Hunterdon counties; the Lamington River in Morris, Hunterdon and Somerset counties; the Pequest River in Warren County and the Salem River in Salem County.

Other smaller Bergen County waterways will receive extra protection because they're home to wild trout. Among them are:

- Bear Brook, a tributary of the Pascack Brook that runs in Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake.
- Cresskill Brook from Duck Pond Road Bridge to the Tenakill Brook in Cresskill and Demarest.
- Fox Brook, a tributary of the Ramapo River in Mahwah.
- An unnamed Ramapo River tributary west of Bald Mountain in Mahwah.

The move drew praise from environmental groups including the New Jersey Sierra Club and Clean Water Action.

"Many more waterways need increased protections, most notably the Wallkill River in Vernon Township and Swan Creek in Lambertville, the heart of a national wildlife refuge and a drinking water supply respectively," said David Pringle, a longtime New Jersey environmentalist and consultant to Clean Water Action.

The DEP is collecting public comments over the next 60 days. Written comments may be submitted electronically by May 3.

## This Is Important

[Please Click Here To Submit Comments In Support of Additional Protection for the Ramapo River.](#)

## A Ranch Dressing Environmental Disaster

By Justin Fuller

If you find yourself fishing the Little Conococheague Creek east of Clear Springs, Maryland, and decide to keep your catch, hold off on the seasoning. It's already been done for you!

Last month, while travelling along I-70 through a hidden valley near a farm where peppers are grown on a ridge, a tractor-trailer left the road and overturned spilling an estimated 8,000 bottles of ranch dressing into the creek. Luckily there were no casualties, but the drivers of the big rig were treated at a local hospital for minor injuries.

Crews arrived quickly with serving trays of prepared carrots, celery, broccoli and cauliflower, but it took several days to complete the cleanup. An unconventional method involving buffalo wings was attempted in rectifying the situation, but it was felt that the wings were best saved for crashes where blue cheese dressing douses the landscape. No one is certain about the ecological impact of this event, or what to do with all the left-over cauliflower, but local officials have been prompt in putting a lid on the situation.





# Conservation Notes Continued

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Our members are responsible for the parts of the program dealing with collection of micro invertebrates, fly tying and fly casting. College staff handle identification, water chemistry and botany. We hope to have a watershed ambassador to cover nonpoint source pollution. In all 15 to 20 members are involved. We ask those of you with children or grandchildren involved in scout or outdoor adventure programs to promote this event. When we first started Ramapo River Day, many schools offered enrichment programs. It was not unusual to have 150 children attend the event. Since then, indoor activities and cell phone games seem to have captured our youth. This event

gets them outdoors and provides an opportunity to play with bugs and get dirty. Isn't that a switch? If you can help promote Ramapo River Day or would like to volunteer, please contact me.

The Ramapo River Reserve, which is the housing development on the west side of the Ramapo off Patriots Way, has posted some very restrictive parking regulations. It appears that you can no longer park in the parking lot by the clubhouse or on any of the adjoining streets. I am investigating the legality of this but for now please honor the parking restrictions.

TAKE TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## EJTU's Annual Banquet Was An Evening to Remember



### Thank You to The Following For Their Generous Banquet Donations

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>Alex Getmanov</i>               | <i>John Grisoni</i>                |
| <i>Art's Fly Shop</i>              | <i>Justin Fuller</i>               |
| <i>Bellissimo Ristorante</i>       | <i>Kathleen Henrickson</i>         |
| <i>Biagio's Ristorante</i>         | <i>Ken Barile</i>                  |
| <i>Bill and Karen Canning</i>      | <i>Ken Vander Pyl</i>              |
| <i>Bruce Halstater</i>             | <i>Leanna Crosby</i>               |
| <i>Bruce Seiden</i>                | <i>Legends B&amp;B</i>             |
| <i>Chris Henrickson</i>            | <i>Luis Fernandes</i>              |
| <i>Design Impressions</i>          | <i>Marty Adamkiewicz</i>           |
| <i>Dino Eftychiou</i>              | <i>Maurice Mahler</i>              |
| <i>Dr. Slick Company</i>           | <i>Melissa Lambert</i>             |
| <i>Ed Janiga</i>                   | <i>Mike Sebetich</i>               |
| <i>Ed Marshak</i>                  | <i>On the Water</i>                |
| <i>Elmer Hopper</i>                | <i>Paul Reithmeier</i>             |
| <i>Far Banks Enterprises (RIO)</i> | <i>Ramsey Outdoor Store</i>        |
| <i>FishUSA</i>                     | <i>Ray Tannberg</i>                |
| <i>Frank Amato Publications</i>    | <i>The Sicilian Sun Restaurant</i> |
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# Congratulations to Bruce Seiden the winner of the 2019 Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest!

## The One That Didn't Get Away

By Ken Barile

March 27<sup>th</sup> was a sunny but cool day. Fingerless fishing gloves were in order early in the day. The South Branch of the Raritan River at the Ken Lockwood Gorge was clear but swollen due to recent rain. Still, a good day for fishing. Eight members of East Jersey Trout Unlimited met at the river on this day to once again test their fishing skills.

The fish were sparse in the morning, but everyone seemed to have caught a few. We compared notes at lunch, exchanging information on flies used, locations where caught, and fish size and type.

After lunch, I moved down river where the water is faster. The riffles make wading more challenging, increasing the possibility of doing an "Esther Williams". On this day I managed to stay on my feet (just barely).

I was swinging a dual nymph rig with a Get-it-down-Pat's Stonefly imitation on top and a small Black Stone fly on the bottom. When the strike came, I knew immediately this was a big fish. A fish that knew all the secrets and tricks to escape the fisherman's net. He did not disappoint. He twisted and turned before changing direction and racing down-stream, using the current against me. I tried several times to turn him to no avail. I followed him

downstream, taking up line as I could to narrow the distance between us, hoping to gain an advantage. When all at once, he dove under a log in the river. I bent my rod horizontally to the right in hopes of leading him from under the log. At that moment, my flyrod literally exploded into four pieces. I was dumbstruck. I gathered the pieces and noted that the flies were gone, not to mention my rod.

I exited the river and returned to my car with the pieces of my shredded rod to rig my back-up rod. At the car, I met fellow EJTU member Fred Madura and recounted my "fish tale". I then offered to show Fred where in the river the battle had taken place. To his credit, Fred came with me. When we reached the spot I offered to Fred, an excellent fisherman, to try his luck in this spot. Fred agreed. Not ten minutes later, Fred connected with a big trout on a green Woolly Bugger. He fought the fish with his usual skill, but when it came to landing him, he needed help. I offered to net the fish. My landing net was too small for this fish, but Fred had a much larger net. It took me four attempts to get this fish in the net. He was that smart. But finally, I netted him.

When Fred reached into the net to unhook his fly, he found my two flies as well. This was indeed the same, smart trout. Fred thanked me for tiring him out before he caught him. Below is a picture I took of Fred Madura with the 21 inch "Troutzilla," the one that didn't get away.



Fred Madura With "Troutzilla"

# Genetically Modified Salmon Cleared by US Regulators

In 2015 AquaBounty received approval from the FDA for the first genetically modified animal to be sold as food in the United States. The approval was for "AquAdvantage," a genetically modified Atlantic Salmon that has DNA from Chinook Salmon and Ocean Pout that will allow it to grow twice as fast as a typical farm raised Atlantic Salmon. The FDA previously had an alert that prevented this company from importing these genetically modified eggs and commencing production.

Thankfully, as part of the approval process AquaBounty will only be able to raise these genetically modified fish in land based tanks, in order to ensure that they will not be able to escape into rivers and oceans and interbreed with wild fish. Of course nothing would prevent this company from lobbying for conventional ocean based fish farming in the future. Lawsuits are pending by consumer, environmental and fishing groups to challenge the FDA's approval.

## The Stimulator, A New Jersey Fly

By Dino Eftychiou

Most of us know how effective the Stimulator can be, especially as an attractor fly when the action on the river is slow. One morning, a couple of years ago, I was fishing the Push'em Up stretch of the Housatonic River during our annual EJTU weekend trip. I was having no luck. Nothing seemed to be hatching and no trout appeared to be rising. Across the river from me was a guide with a client. I can't remember whether his client was having any more luck than I, but after watching me futilely cast one nymph right after another he yelled over to me, "Put on a Stimulator." I did and within a few casts, I had my first trout of the morning. I yelled over to him, "What do I owe you?" His reply was, "Nothing. I just like to see guys catch fish."

Recently while looking at different Stimulator patterns online, I surprisingly discovered that the Stimulator has New Jersey origins. Evidently there seems to be a bit of a disagreement as to who is the actual creator of this pattern. A search on the internet suggests that many people believe that Randall Kaufmann, the famed west coast fisherman, fly tier, author, and shop owner, devised the current pattern to imitate large stoneflies and salmon flies. He's certainly credited with popularizing it. But a further search suggests that the original fly was actually created by Jim Slattery, a New Jersey native, who came up with the pattern after a day of fishing on the Musconetcong River. Jim has since moved out west and has his own fly fishing business online, [jimsflyco.com](http://jimsflyco.com).

Here are Jim's own words in an email reply to someone who contacted him at his online shop about the origins of the Stimulator back in 2013:

"The real influence on the fly's design was a live giant eastern stonefly that I had captured that the fish were murdering on the Musconetcong River in NJ. In the span of two consecutive evenings of late night tying sessions the fly came to being. The first version came about the first night of tying and is basically the same bug you see everywhere. There visually wasn't any "modifying" done by Kaufman. There may have been short cuts taken but visually no difference. The second version, the fly that started the "Stimulator" excitement, was different in 2 ways. First the wing was tied in strictly at the center point of the fly. When you look at the underside of the bug, the thorax clearly starts half way on the fly, just as it does on the natural. Also importantly the wing material (deer body hair) was NOT stacked as it was in the first version. This gave a fuller wing that looked as if they were moving. Secondly is the head of the fly. A smallish head did not look like the natural so a larger dubbed head was put on it past the palmered thorax hackle. The protruding head looked like the natural. The curved hook was also a part of both versions as imitating an ovipositing stonefly was the goal. You could see the curved body as the flies dipped down on the water or tried to break free from the surface film once they got caught in it. The hooks were hand bent Mustad streamer hooks. FYI, the Montana Fly Company is going to have Slattery's OD Stimulator in their catalog in 2015."

I went to Montana Fly Company's website hoping they still had Slattery's OD Stimulator. They did. And it comes in two patterns, Muddy Golden and Salmon Fly, [montanafly.com](http://montanafly.com):



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# Ramapo River Day

Saturday, June 15, 2019

9:30AM to 12:30PM

## ***CALLING ALL YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS!!!***

Ramapo River Day is an environmental education program that seeks to introduce students to the science of streamside ecology. Participants will learn about the things that live in and near the river and non-source point pollution. Activities include water quality testing, biological sampling, fly tying and fly casting lessons. Please join the members of East Jersey Trout Unlimited and Ramapo College Faculty on the Ramapo River, Halifax Road in Mahwah.



Middle school and high school classes and clubs are especially welcome, as are scout troops and packs. Scouts can earn parts of fishing and environmental badges for their participation.

This program is free but registration is required.

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