

Riffles

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August General Membership Meeting





EJTU's August general membership meeting will be held on August 14th. Doors open at 7:00 PM and the meeting begins at 7:30 PM. Our August meeting will not feature a speaker. Instead, we will have our annual Fly Fishing Skills Night. If you are looking to learn or improve your fly fishing related skills, this is the meeting for you!

Our chapter members will have various tables set up to demonstrate, teach and talk about all sorts of handy fly fishing related skills. Some of the many stations we will have set up include knots and leader building, fly tying and rod building. We will also offer some basic casting instruction as well in the parking lot! Come join us, learn a new skill and enjoy a cup of "Doug's Famous" coffee while talking with the men and women of East Jersey Trout Unlimited about tackle, skills and techniques.

Other Fun Upcoming EJTU Events

August 14th: General Chapter Meeting - Fly Fishing Skills Night

August 17th: Ramapo River Weir Repair

August: Kayak Fishing Trip - TBD

September 11th: General Chapter Meeting

September 27th-29th: Housatonic Trip

October 9th: General Chapter Meeting

October 19th: Paulinskill Tree Planting

November 13th: General Chapter Meeting

December 11th: General Chapter Meeting

January 24th-26th: EJTU Booth At The Edison Show

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





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- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Bergen County Federation of Sportsmen's Representative
- Fishing Trips Director
- Conservation Committee Chair

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Jon Daffron - Ridgewood

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Trout In The Classroom

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President's Beat

By Chris Henrickson



EJTU just held its inaugural Family Day event on July 27th at the Thielke Arboretum in Glen Rock, NJ. EJTU Family Day was our second Diversity Initiative event of the year and it was awesome!

Before I give you an overview of all the fun that was had, I want to thank our EJTU Diversity Initiative Coordinator Jon Daffron and his wife Kristen for all of the effort they put into organizing this great event. They did a fantastic job!

Additionally, I would also like to thank all of the supporters of this event, like Ramsey Outdoor which donated worms, The Belmar Spring Water company that donated fresh water to drink and the Thielke

Arboretum in Glen Rock, which allowed us to hold our event at the arboretum at no charge. Having partner-ships with forward thinking organizations like these allows our chapter to spread its mission of coldwater conservation through similar events to the greatest amount of people we can.

We had about 50 attendees at EJTU Family day. Some of the families that attended were already members of EJTU and others were new friends that are planning on joining our chapter of TU. Regardless of membership status, everyone had a great time. Just a few of the species of fish that were caught included bluegills, largemouth bass and several huge channel catfish as well! A few big koi were spotted as well, although none were landed as far as I know.

Kids of all ages from infants to teenagers were brought by parents, grandparents and friends. The weather was hot, but with a nice breeze, the heat was not oppressive. We had wraps, sandwiches, popcorn and all sorts of light snacks for attendees to enjoy. Each participant was given raffle tickets and at the end of the day we raffled off a few spinning rods and other pieces of fishing tackle.

Rich Malizia always says that seeing the look of joy on a child's face as they catch one of their first fish is priceless and he is undoubtedly correct. The kids had a blast fishing, playing with one another and enjoying a nice summer day out in nature. You never know who you are going to meet, befriend and hopefully inspire with our message of conservation at events like these. It almost always seems we get at least a few new people involved with fishing and caring about the environment.

Sometimes it is the parents that get inspired and show up at a chapter meeting shortly after and sometimes it is the children who show up in another 20 years, either way it is win for everyone.

Urgent - New Board of Directors Members Needed Now! By Chris Henrickson

We are quickly approaching Elections for new Board of Directors members at our January 2020 meeting. Please consider stepping up and joining EJTU's Board. We need a new Fishing Trips Director, Conservation



EJTU's Board of Directors enjoying the June Meeting

Committee Chair and have one additional spot on the Board open as well. Speak to myself or our Nominating Committee Chairman Doug Penna if you have any interest in joining and making a difference.

The Board meets every month for about one and half hours at the Fair Lawn Athletic Club. Our next meeting is on August 29th at 7:30 PM. The meeting is open to all chapter members. Stop by and see what a Board meeting is like.

Remember if we do not have a Trips Director and a Conservation Committee Chair, we will have no choice

but to start cutting back on our fly fishing trips and our Conservation projects.

Many of our Directors have served between 10-20 years and they have earned a well deserved break.



Photograph of the Month: Chris Henrickson - "Two Cow Moose On The Big Hole River in Montana"

12th Annual Fly-Fishing Festival

By Dino Eftychiou

If you're looking for a weekend get-away during these dog days of summer, take a trip up to Manchester, Vermont, for the American Museum Fly Fishing's annual festival. There will be vendors, fly fishing and fly tying demonstrations, live music, and food. Of course, there's the museum itself with the world's largest collection of angling related items.



While in Manchester, visit the beautiful Orvis store and maybe even take a tour of their rod shop. Up the road from the Orvis store is the Hildene-Lincoln Family Estate, open for tours. Downtown Manchester is a shopper's mecca with its boutiques and outlet stores.

There are all kinds of lodging in the area from motels to inns to B&Bs to grand hotels.

Fly Fishing Festival: https://www.amff.org/about-us/

Orvis: https://stores.orvis.com/us/vermont/manchester

Hildene: https://hildene.org

Iim Beam Fire

By Justin Fuller

On July 2nd, a lightning strike in Woodford County, Kentucky, caused a fire which spread through two warehouses of the Jim Beam distillery. Destroyed were approximately 45,000 barrels of "The World's No. 1 Bourbon Whiskey." As the fire burned and barrels burst, the contents washed down into the Kentucky River, resulting in a 23-mile-long plume of alcohol.



Bacteria in the river began feasting on the sugar in the alcohol, dropping the dissolved oxygen levels and causing an extensive fish kill. The company brought in barges with aerators to help mitigate the situation. The impact is still being calculated and the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection said the distillery will be fined, but the amount had not been announced.

Jim Beam has written an open letter expressing their thanks to the fire fighters who responded and their regret at the impact on the environment. Since the fire, surviving fish in the river have been seen fleeing from Sheriff Roscoe Coltrane, recklessly driving an orange color '69 Dodge Charger at high speeds, but never meaning no harm.

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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

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 sustain-

Conservation Notes

By Rich Malizia



By now you have heard of the closure of Lake Hopatcong and Greenwood Lake along with several others due to unsafe water conditions. This is truly a sad commentary on the quality of our water supply. The principle cause of this problem is the volume of waste and chemicals entering the system. The press has attributed the problem to lawn chemicals and fertilizer being flushed into the lakes. However, when septic systems are not properly

maintained, rain water entering the system causes untreated or insufficiently treated waste water to be flushed through the system. Eventually this discharge enters the nearest river or lake. The combination of lawn fertilizer, pet waste, goose poop and septic overflow creates a toxic stew which, among other things, causes accelerated algae growth. Water in affected waterways is dangerous to come into contact with. An effort is being made to develop regulatory authorities to monitor and eventually correct these problems. Of course, these efforts cost money and the "do nothing and blame everyone else" crowd has dubbed this a "rain tax". There is a lot of blame to be shared, but homeowners who have failed to maintain their septic systems and disregard the proper use of lawn chemicals (more is better) are certainly at fault. They must be held responsible to correct their problems. It seems that whenever people are asked to step up and pay for something, they immediately label it a "tax". Somehow that justifies inaction. This is another issue where NJTU should be leading the call for more aggressive water monitoring, and, once identified, demanding corrective action. Let's not wait for your favorite fishing hole to be contaminated.

On a lighter note, Ramapo River Day was a success. We were somewhat shorthanded, but the volunteers put in the extra effort to get everything done. Unlike other years when I spent my time overseeing the program, this year I lead the non-point source pollution station. I have often heard the expression that "we learn from our children" and my experience this year drove that home. I learned why it is difficult to mobilize youngsters. The short answer is that their life experiences differ greatly based on economic and societal constraints. It is difficult to have a broad spectrum of young people focused on the same issues.

We discussed a number of causes of non-point source pollution; one of which addressed how oil, gasoline and other automotive products enter our waterways. I asked how their neighbors change the oil in their cars. The city kids

explained that they drive their car up on the curb so that one side is elevated enough to crawl under and change the oil and filter. The dilemma then is what to do with the old oil. Most times it is poured into a nearby storm sewer. The suburban kids talked about taking the car to a service station or oil change business and had no idea what happened to the waste oil. Another question dealt with lawn care. The city kids had no association with fertilizers and weed killer. Whatever grass there is in their neighborhoods is limited to a park or ballfield. If there was a backyard, grandmother usually controlled it for her vegetable garden. The suburban kids talked about the lawn services that would show up a few times each year to spread chemicals and fertilizer on their lawns, paying little attention to what or how much landed on the driveway, walkways or street. Nor was there any attention paid to any forecasted rain events which were sure to wash away most of the chemicals into the nearest storm sewer. I could site other differences, but I'm sure you understand my point. How do we mobilize a generation of kids to be environmentally conscientious when their life experiences differ so widely? It doesn't matter if it is waste oil or lawn chemical; it all eventually ends up in our drinking water. Most kids, urban or suburban, didn't know the source of their drinking water, other than that it comes out of the faucet in the sink. Maybe this is why cities like Flint, Michigan, almost got away with providing their residents with water tainted with lead. It is only as a result of that crisis that drinking water in our schools is being tested now and plumbing retrofitted to eliminate lead contamination.

How do we strive to educate our children while we simultaneously poison their brains with toxins? This experience, as limited as it was, reinforced my belief that we need more programs like Ramapo River Day. Are kids given classes in general science or earth science anymore? It is great to teach STEM classes to excite children about sending someone to Mars, but what about sustaining life here on Earth. It doesn't help when our leaders in Washington make scientists second class citizens, or relocate laboratories and scientists from their offices in D.C. to the bowels of lowa. How much of our scientific knowledge base will be lost when half of the staff turns down the transfer rather than be separated from family and friends. The science deniers and flat-earth proponents are gaining on us. I recently saw a bumper sticker that said, "There is no plan(et) B. Protect the earth now."

We will again attempt a work day on the Ramapo near Glen Gray Road, to reinforce one of the cross vanes we built a few years ago and possibly add a second one upstream of the existing one. We have selected the date of Saturday, August 17th at 9:00AM. Actual execution of the work will depend on water levels but PLEASE mark your calendar now to save the date.

TAKE TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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

By Jonathan Daffron

While we were setting up for Family Day at the Arboretum, an eleven year old kid was riding his bike there with his mom. They stopped at our table, we told them about EJTU and what we were doing that day, and they promptly rode their bikes home to fetch their fishing gear to join us. That's the kind of inclusivity that our chapter encourages. Our passion for fishing is contagious. After untangling roughly a thousand yards of monofilament that day, I was thrilled to see how much the kids, and their parents, were enjoying the sport we love so much. There's a reason why people say "catching the fishing bug" - once you've caught it, you're hooked. (Wow, I might be setting a record for puns here). Let's continue to spread the word and bring new people into our chapter.

On a separate note: if you or someone you know is interested in a women's fly fishing class, please email me.

New EITU Members

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. Remember to choose to be assigned to the "East Jersey Chapter - 091".

"I think having land and not ruining it is the most beautiful art that anybody could ever want to own" - Any Warhol

My First Tarpon

By Jim MacDonall

I was in the middle of 6 great days of bonefishing, with my son Scott, out of the Andros Island Bonefish Club with Shawn Leadon when Shawn asked me, "What is the biggest rod you brought?"

"Nine", I replied.

Followed by "Your heaviest leader?"

"16 pounds."

"You have any big flies," Shawn's next question.

After looking a bit, "A green gurgle and a red bucktail with gold tinsel bluefish fly."

"You want to go tarpon fishing?" he finally asked.

Scott and I looked at each other for a moment, he smiled and we said "sure!"

Thus, began a thrilling few hours in search of rolling tarpon. We had not planned on tarpon fishing so we were totally unprepared, but Shawn used the butt of a leader for a bite tippet and he set us both up, Scott with the bucktail and the gurgle on my rod.

After looking at several locations, we moved to the westside where the water was very cloudy from several windy days. We saw some tarpon rolling. Scott was up first, and after a couple of follows but no connection his 30 minutes were up and I stepped up to the bow.

After a few minutes I cast at a tarpon about 30 feet out. A few strips later the fight was on. The first jump was when I set the hook, followed by the long run. After about 16 minutes and three more jumps, I thought the fish was done, asking "How do I know the tarpon is done?" At that exact moment the tarpon took off again and my son replied (as only a son can), "When he stops doing that, dad!"

After the last run and a final jump, Shawn did not want to take the fish out of the water. Shawn said, "point you rod at the fish." Of course, after all that work getting the tarpon to the boat, I was looking at it getting farther and farther away. I would have to bring it in, yet again. We motored about 100 yards to beach, where I got out, and reeled in the fish for the final time. After videos and releasing the tarpon that Shawn estimated at 60 pounds, I had the biggest smile, as did my son.



Shawn, me and my first Tarpon

EJTU Family Day Photos



My Lesson In Wet Fly Fishing

By Greg Tarris



In my continued pursuit of learning how to fish for trout feeding subsurface, (the 90% of the time where they eat), I thought that I would hire a "coach" to help me with learning the techniques of using wet flies. Despite having fished for upteen years, my fly fishing skills had reached a plateau stage where using tried and true techniques did not always deliver the fish into the creel - metaphorically speaking of course.

Having been a fan of Steve Culton, who has a great website called https://currentseams.com where he focuses mainly on the Farmington River, I was able to get him to schedule me in a few weeks ago for a day of learning the art of wet fly fishing. In that context he ties some great soft hackle wet flies and posts his reports on what he is using and what conditions are on the Farmington River in Connecticut. You may recall he has spoken at our TU meeting in the past on the Farmington.

We started off at 3 PM with the rain slowly coming down on us while the temperature hovered around 80 degrees. Actually, the rain felt good given the temperature. We hit a popular run that was being fished by another fisherperson, (to use the non- gender term), some 150 yards downstream.

So what did we use and how did we rig our line? As Steve said always use an emerger type wet fly, (his preference is all soft hackle wets), as the top fly. The leader we used was somewhere in the 4-6 lb range. The line was joined via a triple surgeon's knot to another piece generating a tag end and long piece. That long piece was in turn tied into another section generating a tag end and long end piece. Each tag end was 4-6 inches. We now had two tag ends and a long piece that they call in nymphing the anchor fly position. The distance between knots was about 24 inches as was the space to the last fly. So we had three flies out there trying to find fish!

For flies we used what was supposed to hatch during that day, except we used the wet soft hackle version. (I Love those soft hackles as they are always moving.) As I recall we changed the bottom (or anchor fly) once, but used only soft hackle version of flies all day.

We fished mostly fast runs. The KEY was to use big full mends of the fly line after the cast of 45 degrees across the water, and then to make big mends as needed trying to keep the fly line straight back in line to the fly rod. At the end of the cast the option is to let the fly line dangle out there, slowly work it back in, or take up the line quickly and to re-cast. BTW forget hooking the fish. Hits are aggressive and the fish hook themselves.

Success came not long after starting, as the fish we very cooperative in help-

ing me learn my lessons. In the first area we fished I caught about a dozen including the "20 incher" that got away at the net as I was reluctant to pressure him into the net due to the force of the current. (Steve reassured me the lb test of the line would have handled him.)

We went to another location that had similar results. What a swell way to learn a new technique by actually catching fish with a coach at my left side all the way. BTW Steve was also very observant of the cast and how the flies landed on the water to avoid, as he calls it, the more than 5 minute tangles (It can take a lot longer to untangle multiple flies!).

All in all the kind of day that I was hoping for-but then again, whoever gets what they hope for? I for once did--hooray!!

For Steve's take on the day, see https://currentseams.com/, then on right side hit Archives, June and look up June 26, Farmington River report 6/25/19: Another Double Digit Wet Fly Day.

Post Script:

So being armed with the skills I learned, I was anxious for a follow up trip to test my knowledge. Fast forward one week later using my flies and my rigging. Conditions were of course different as it was a nice sunny hot day. This week another fisherperson was in the same area where we had done so well the previous week. He had worked over the area using worms and told me he had caught 8 fish including a 20 incher-hmm. I didn't catch any fish as I worked my way down to where he had been stopped fishing and left. With that hot sun out, I noticed in the shade of the river along the far shore that discreet "sipping ring" fish make on the water. Since those fish rejected my wet flies, I put on an Iso emerger (dry) and caught 2 of the 3 "sippers".

Then I went to the next place I hit with Steve the week previously. Not as good as the week, before but I caught 4 dinks (term I use for fish under 12 inches). But they did hit my wets! (hooray).

Then I went to one of my favorite pools for the evening hatch. Bottom line, I caught nothing on the three wets I was using so changed the bottom fly to a hare's ear nymph and caught a beautiful brookie on it. Noticing very small blue wing olives on the surface of the water, I switched to use a blue wing olive emerger size 22 and caught two more fish.

So in summary: using wets is a great way to fish especially as there may be no hatch going on and you can cover a lot of water. But keep your eyes open and be flexible. Wet fly fishing should be another arrow in your quiver of fly fishing skills amongst others depending upon conditions and what is happening around you.

Take away: keep your eyes open and adapt to the conditions have the skills to do so!



A Better Way To Check Water Levels

By Ken Barile

Subscription Form

Fishing your favorite river or stream at the correct water level will increase your catch rate. In the past fishermen would call the local fly shop to find water levels. More recently, they check the fly shop's website for fishing conditions. Now, there is a better and more accurate way to check water levels.

The United States Geological Survey monitors the flows of most of the rivers we fish. They provide the data on their website: https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis. The data they provide on a river or stream includes water temperature, precipitation, discharge (water flow, the most important data for fishermen), and Gage (height in feet).

I recently discovered that the USGS website provides a service to notify you via email or phone when your favorite river is at a flow level you determine is good for fishing. The service is called the "WaterAlert." To find it, first search the USGS website for the river or stream you want. Then choose the data charts you want to view (temperature, precipitation, discharge, etc.). At the bottom of each chart will be the text "Subscribe to: Water-Alert." Click on the WaterAlert link and you will receive the subscription select form pictured below. Here you will see the river or stream you want to monitor. You can receive the notification via phone or email. You can select the frequency of notification. Finally, you can set parameters that must be met to send the notification to you.

The U.S. Geological Survey WaterAlert service sends e-mail or text (SMS) messages when <u>certain parameters</u>, as measured by a USGS real-time data-collection station, exceed user-definable thresholds. The development and maintenance of the WaterAlert USGS real-time data-collection station, exceed user-definable thresholds. The development and maintena system is supported by the USGS and its partners, including numerous federal, state, and local agencies. Real-time data from USGS gages are transmitted via satellite or other telemetry to USGS offices at various intervals; in most es, 1 to 4 times per hour. Emergency transmissions, such as during floods, may be more frequent. Notifications will be based on the data received at these site-dependent intervals. Site Info: 01199000 HOUSATONIC RIVER AT FALLS VILLAGE, CT. Name: USGS Agency: Transaction ID: Send Notification To: My mobile phone My email address Notification Frequency: about this... Hourly Daily Streamflow Parameter(s): about this... Recent value: Discharge, in ft3/s 0 618 [peak chart] **Alert Threshold Cond** Greater than (>) Less than (<) Real-time value is greater than: Outside a range (< or >) Inside a range (> and <) I have read and acknowledge the <u>Provisional Data Statement</u> and <u>Disclaimer</u>.

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So, how would you use this tool? In my case, I wanted to monitor the flow of the Housatonic River in Connecticut, a favorite fishing spot for me whose flow changes significantly based on rain and dam releases. The optimal level for wading the Housy is below 700 cfs (cubic feet per second). I set up the WaterAlert to notify me via email daily if the discharge is less than 700 CFS. You only get the email when the criteria is met. The notification looks like this:

Notice that it also shows the current Streamflow (653 cfs). With this data you can make a quicker and more accurate decision of whether you want to fish the Housy today.

About Riffles

Riffles Editors: Dino Eftychiou, Justin Fuller and Chris Henrickson.

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About Trout Unlimited

Trout Unlimited is a national organization with about 300,000 members and supporters organized into over 400 chapters and councils from Maine to Montana to Alaska.

This dedicated grassroots army is matched by a respected staff of lawyers, policy experts and scientists, who work out of more than 30 offices nationwide.

Looking to Buy, Sell, Swap or Donate a Fishing Related item?

EJTU can help! Chapter members are welcome to list items they are looking to buy sell or swap on either our online website forum or on our Facebook Page.

All chapter members are welcome to attend our annual tackle swap and BBQ at our July regular membership meeting. At the meeting you can display all of the items you want to sell or swap.

EJTU also accepts donations (which are tax deductible) of items, which we will sell to raise funds for chapter activities and conservation projects.