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January General Membership Meeting



Captain Bill Sheehan The Hackensack Riverkeeper

EJTU's January general membership meeting will be held on January 9th. Doors open at 7:00 PM and the meeting begins at 7:30 PM. Captain Bill Sheehan, The Hackensack Riverkeeper, will be our special guest speaker.

Captain Bill Sheehan is a lifelong resident of the Hackensack River Watershed region, having lived most of his life in Union City and Secaucus, New Jersey. He is the dedicated conservationist who founded Hackensack Riverkeeper in 1997 and continues to serve as the organization's Executive Director.

Bill will give us a tour of the river from The New York border to Raritan Bay. He will talk about the ecology of the river, the wildlife and, of course, the fish! He will speak on the challenges the river faces and the conservation efforts to preserve this essential waterway. It promises to be an educational and informative evening.

Come join us, enjoy a hot cup of Doug's famous coffee and learn all about the conservation efforts for the nearby Hackensack River. See you then!



Other Fun Upcoming EJTU Events

- January 9th: General Membership Meeting - Speaker Bill Sheehan
- January 25-27th: EJTU Booth at the Edison Fly Fishing Show
- February 10th: Connetquot Fly Fishing Trip
- February 13th: General Membership Meeting - Speaker Cole Baldino
- March 9th: EJTU Booth at Ramsey Outdoor Fly Fest in Ramsey, NJ
- March 13th: General Membership Meeting - Anita Coulton
- March 23rd: EJTU Annual Banquet - Biagio's
- April 17th: General Membership Meeting - Brian Appello

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

EJTU's Annual Banquet Will Be at Biagio's on March 23rd in Paramus, NJ. Make sure to mark your calendars and join us for this fun and worthwhile event.

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- Community Outreach

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President's Beat

By Chris Henrickson



I am happy to report that EJTU volunteers are hard at work organizing the first group of our many activities coming up this year!

Up first is EJTU's booth at the Edison Fly Fishing show from January 25th-27. We are currently putting the finishing touches on our booth design. Thanks to all that have volunteered to staff our booth at the show and those that have donated flies for our extra large nymph box auction. If you are at the show make sure to stop on by, say hello and, of course, purchase a few raffle tickets!

After the Edison show, we will have our first fly fishing trip of the year to the historic Connetquot river on Long Island on February 10th. This trip is limited to 16 attendees. As a small thank you to EJTU chapter members that have earned points during the past year, they will have priority in attending this trip. The remainder of spots on the trip will be filled by active EJTU members that have not earned any points. This is a great time to remind you that if you do not get a spot on this trip this year and would like to attend next year, get active in the chapter and earn some points for next year. I guarantee you will find it to be a rewarding experience

Right around the corner after the Connetquot trip in March is our annual EJTU annual banquet. The banquet is on March 23rd at Biagio's in Paramus. Make sure to mark your calendars for this fun evening. Our annual banquet is our chapter's major fundraiser and it is important for as many people to attend as possible. We are currently in the process of soliciting donations from a variety of tackle manufacturers, local businesses and others supportive of our causes. However, many of our prizes that we raffle off at the banquet actually come from chapter members and their families.

I have a box of items that I will be donating and I would like to encourage our chapter members to consider donating something that we can raffle off. Prizes can be gift certificates or cards, fishing tackle or related items, bottles of spirits or just about anything else! If you can't donate an item to raffle off, please consider purchasing plenty of raffle tickets at the banquet and if you cannot attend our banquet please make a monetary donation to the chapter in lieu of attending. All of our chapter efforts need funds in order to bring them to fruition, so please help out.

After the banquet we will be entering our busiest time of the year in the spring with lots of fishing trips, conservation projects and community outreach events. So pick some events and come and join us. This is your chapter and our success is ultimately dependent upon your involvement. If you are not involved, get involved and if you already are stay involved.

EJTU's Fly Tying Classes Set to Commence in January



If you have never known the joy of tying your own flies, here is the perfect opportunity for you to learn how to do so! EJTU's fly tying classes will start up again on January 8th in Paramus, NJ, and January 15th in Wayne, NJ.

Beginners will learn the techniques and materials needed to tie trout flies. Patterns will include a selection of nymphs, streamers, wet and dry flies. Students will gain the basic understanding needed to tie flies that will catch fish. Intermediate students will learn

additional techniques and patterns to advance their understanding of the basic materials and techniques learned in the beginner's course.

Beginners will be supplied with tools, all materials and a Fly Tying Course syllabus. Beginner's material fee is \$20.00 payable to instructor at the first class. Intermediates must supply their own materials. All instructors are volunteers from East Jersey Trout Unlimited with many years of experience in the art of fly tying. This class is divided into small groups of two to four persons per instructor. [Register Here!](#)



Photograph the Month: Justin Fuller - "The Kiddies Reading Up on all of EJTU's Latest News"

The Winter Caddis

By Dino Eftychiou

The go-to river for many of us during the winter months is the Farmington in Connecticut. One of our favorite flies on this river during these cold months is the winter caddis, one of the simplest but most effective flies to tie. These flies represent caddis pupae that have risen to the surface and are getting ready to complete their emergence. You can drift them or skid them on the surface. They can be tied in grey, brown, or light tan colors. Tie up a few to take with you on your next trip.

Don't tie? Then sign up for one of EJTU's fly fishing courses! [Register Here on EJTU's Website.](#)

Pattern

Hook: TMC 2487 or comparable, size 18-22

Thread: grey or brown or light tan to match body color

Body: 2mm foam to match body color

Legs: black, grizzly, or tan hen hackle

Head: dubbing, color to match body color



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General Membership Meetings:

Second Wednesday of the month.
 Doors open at 7:00 PM, Meeting starts 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



I wish I could start the year on a positive note. I took a hard look at the environmental news, but sadly there isn't much good stuff happening.

The Administration has recently announced the resignation of Secretary Zinke from the Department of the Interior. He has opted to resign rather than face the numerous charges relating to his abuse of his position. Under his leadership a significant amount of federal land and

water has been opened to prospecting and numerous existing environmental protections have been rolled back. Zinke is just one of several highly positioned members of the Administration confronted for their actions. If you have been placed in a position of authority, the responsibility to act in the best interest of ALL whom you represent goes along with it. Unfortunately, Zinke behaved like he was given the keys to the cashbox and that he was entitled to help himself to what was there. Another failure in leadership; the list continues to grow.

The Superior Court ruled in favor of the developers in a case which goes back many years. A large parcel of land in Oakland, on the border with Wayne, has been approved for about 200 residential units. The property is in the "Highlands" and should have been protected. The area has steep slopes and wetlands and will not support septic systems (Oakland has no sewers). Sewerage will have to be pumped to Wayne's sewerage system resulting in a net loss of available water, which is another prohibited event. Despite these problematic issues, the court was willing to accept positions advanced by the developers dating back more than 20 years ago. I am surprised that residents of Pines Lake, which is very close to and downhill from this parcel, have not protested this project. It is a big win for the developers.

Approvals for the use of eminent domain have been granted to the builders of the PennEast pipeline. The proposed pipeline would carry natural gas

from the Poconos to central New Jersey and Philadelphia. It will cross the Delaware River and several parcels of protected land acquired through Green Acres funding. These lands were acquired with taxpayer funds to be preserved in perpetuity, not to have a 400 foot wide scar cut through them. Further, all of New Jersey's current needs for natural gas are being met by existing means. Just think about how much land is sacrificed when a 113 mile long, 400 foot wide path is cut through it. Governor Murphy, it is time for you to step up and carry out your promise to reduce the carbon footprint in New Jersey.

Have you heard of the Green New Deal? Modeled after the FDR era economic New Deal, this movement advances a number of proposals developed through the United Nations. Its focus is on economic equality and environmental protections. While goals and objectives are still very fluid, I believe it deserves watching. If properly designed, the movement might gain the interest and support of responsible environmentalists. Of course, there is always the danger that such a movement gets hijacked by a few radical interests. In which case, it is doomed to fail. One can only hope that the movement is able to generate interest in promoting and funding renewable energy while restricting the expansion of oil exploration and production, natural gas fracking and other activities which are so damaging to the environment. Our governments, federal, state and local, spend billions to clean up the mess that has been made. Somehow that is more acceptable than spending an appropriate sum of money to support renewables and sources of energy which do no damage to the environment. How do you want your tax dollars spent?

Another attack on our waters comes as this administration reduces protections of our wetlands and small or intermittent streams. These are vital sources of water to recharge our drinking water and places for fish and wildlife to have their young. They also protect other areas from flooding and pollution. These waters should not be sacrificed to developers, farmers or polluters. NJDEP and Governor Murphy must act to rollback all the harmful changes made by the Christie administration and further strengthen our State regulations to protect our waters from changes made at the federal level.

As we start the New Year, let us redouble our efforts to protect, reconnect and restore our waterways. Many of our favorite rivers and streams are susceptible to a host of different challenges, any of which could adversely affect water quality. Let's not lose the few places we have.

TAKE TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Stop EJTU's Booth at The Edison Fly Fishing Show!



The Edison Fly Fishing show will be here shortly. If you are attending the show, make sure you stop by and say hello. Our booth will be staffed by EJTU members on all three days. Make sure you pick up some raffle tickets from us at the booth for our monster fly box loaded with 1,000 nymphs!

Thanks in advance to all of our volunteers working at the booth, those who tied flies and donated them for our raffle and to our Chapter Vice President Greg Koch for quarterbacking the whole event. It should be a fun event and will help us get our message of cold water stewardship out to the many attendees. More information about the show can be accessed here at the [Fly Fishing Shows Website](#). See you there!

Stanley The Trash Striped Bass



Stanley is not your ordinary striped bass. He was assembled from discarded plastics that were located in NY State's waterways. This is part of a program in which NY DEC partnered with NOAA's Marine Debris Program to raise awareness of plastic pollution.

This sculpture was assembled from found items in order to build Stanley that include kids toys, rubber sandals, shotgun shells, football shoulder pads, plastic containers and plastic beverage caps.

What is the moral of this story? Please reduce your consumption of plastic if possible. Eighty percent of plastic pollution in the ocean begins as land based trash. Make sure to properly store, recycle and properly dispose of no longer needed plastic items. More information about Stanley can be found [here](#).

"Conservation is a cause that has no end. There is no point at which we will say our work is finished."

- Rachel Carson

15 Simple Green New Year's Resolutions for EJTU Members

Every year we make the same old typical New Year's resolutions. Many times these resolutions include losing weight, getting in shape, spending more time with your family or saving for a rainy day. Lets try something different this year and resolve to do something good for the environment. Below is a list of 15 small, simple and easy green resolution recommendations for us as conservation minded anglers and EJTU members.

1. Make use of reusable shopping bags, cups, bottles and straws to reduce unnecessary trash.
2. Volunteer more by getting involved in EJTU's Conservation Committee or Conservation Events.
3. Use non-toxic sinkers, weights and split shot instead of lead when fishing.
4. Make an effort to pick up riverside trash when you are angling.
5. In elections, vote for candidates that support sound environmental and conservation policies.
6. Walk or bicycle to nearby places instead of driving.
7. Repair a broken item or piece of clothing instead of buying a new one.
8. Try using rechargeable batteries, instead of disposable ones.
9. Install a low flow shower head to conserve water.
10. Switch out old incandescent or fluorescent light bulbs for more efficient LED ones to save energy.
11. Educating others is important, so make an effort to talk to friends and family about the merits of conservation.
12. Plant trees to improve air quality and help reduce temperatures.
13. Make a monetary donation to Trout Unlimited's Embrace A Stream Program to support Conservation work.
14. Give items you no longer want to others instead of recycling them or throwing them out.
15. Join other Conservation organizations like the Sierra Club, Audubon or the Nature Conservancy.

New EJTU Members

Andrea Blumenthal, Brendan Borthwick, Meredith Ladov, William Miller, Toni Mladenovski, Michael Nieglos, Craig Rasmussen, Jim Tryforos

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".

Trout Unlimited's Volunteer Hours on the Rise!

Every year each chapter of Trout Unlimited is required to provide a Financial Report to Trout Unlimited National. In addition to several pieces of monetary information, this report also includes a variety of other data such as quantity of conservation projects, community outreach programs, diversity programs and total volunteer hours.

National TU has tabulated the data from all of the local chapters and TU members spent a record 731,000 hours volunteering over the past fiscal year!



A few of the other impressive accomplishments of Trout Unlimited during the past fiscal year follow.

- More than 731,000 volunteer hours committed to our mission
- Over 1,038 conservation projects restoring streams
- A total of 1,595 youth education programs inspiring the next generation
- More than 604 veterans programs and events welcoming and connecting those who serve our country
- Over 160 events geared specifically for women and minorities and helping recruit 226 volunteer leaders
- An astounding 1,744 community outreach events, connecting with anglers and conservationists from coast to coast
- More than 2,971 local chapter meetings, building a strong and vibrant community of conservation
- Our chapters and councils also raised over \$10.3 million for important local conservation and education efforts

EJTU's Annual Poll Has Ended and The Winner is.....

Each year EJTU holds an annual online poll on our website. In 2017 we polled members to determine a fishing trip they wanted. Last year we polled our members to see what type of new EJTU branded merchandise they would like to have. Well the results are in and Long sleeve quick dry casting shirts has won, by a large margin!

Our EJTU merchandise guru Charlie Maccia will be beginning the design these shirts soon. Make sure you pick one up when they are in stock to show off your EJTU pride and support our chapter. A new poll for 2019 will be up shortly as well, thanks to all who participated in the poll!

Think Your EJTU's Best Fly Tier? Prove it!



2019 Frank Hall Fly Tying Contest Pattern: "Catskill"

Remember to spend some time at your fly tying bench and twist up a few copies of the "Catskill" fly for our 2019 Frank Hall fly tying contest. Entries are due no later than February 28th, 2019 and can be turned into any member of EJTU's Board of Directors.

More information about the contest and both the patterns and winners from years past can be found on EJTU's website [here](#). The recipe for the "Catskill" pattern and a sample image of the fly can be referenced below.

Official Contest Recipe

Pattern: Catskill

Hook: Mustad 3399, #8

Tail: Lemon Wood Duck

Body: Orange Floss

Wing: Lemon Wood Duck

Hackle: Brown, Palmered

Thread: Black for tying in the hackle and wing

Tacky Flydrophobic Fly Box

No doubt most of us have waded in too deeply into a river forgetting (or not caring) that our fly boxes are tucked into our bottom vest pockets or in that sling wrapped around our waists. Next time we go to open our boxes, even if we thought our boxes were waterproof, we find some of our flies floating in water.



Tacky Fly Fishing, the company that created the innovative slit silicone system for its boxes, has taken these boxes to the next level. Its newest product is the flydrophobic fly box, the first waterproof box with a vented, breathable lid. The latchless lid, designed as a brook trout pattern, has a fabric lining that allows moisture to vent out. Even if you forget to open your box for an extended period of time, your flies should be dry and rust free.

If you want to treat yourself to this fly box while at the same time making a worthwhile donation to Trout Unlimited, go to TU's Website [Here](#) and click on Donate Now. You also might consider purchasing the box from TU and donating it to EJTU for a banquet prize. That way both National TU and EJTU benefit.

Bear Swamp Brook Temperature Logger Data Update

By Chris Henrickson



View of Bear Swamp Brook and One of its Wild Brookies



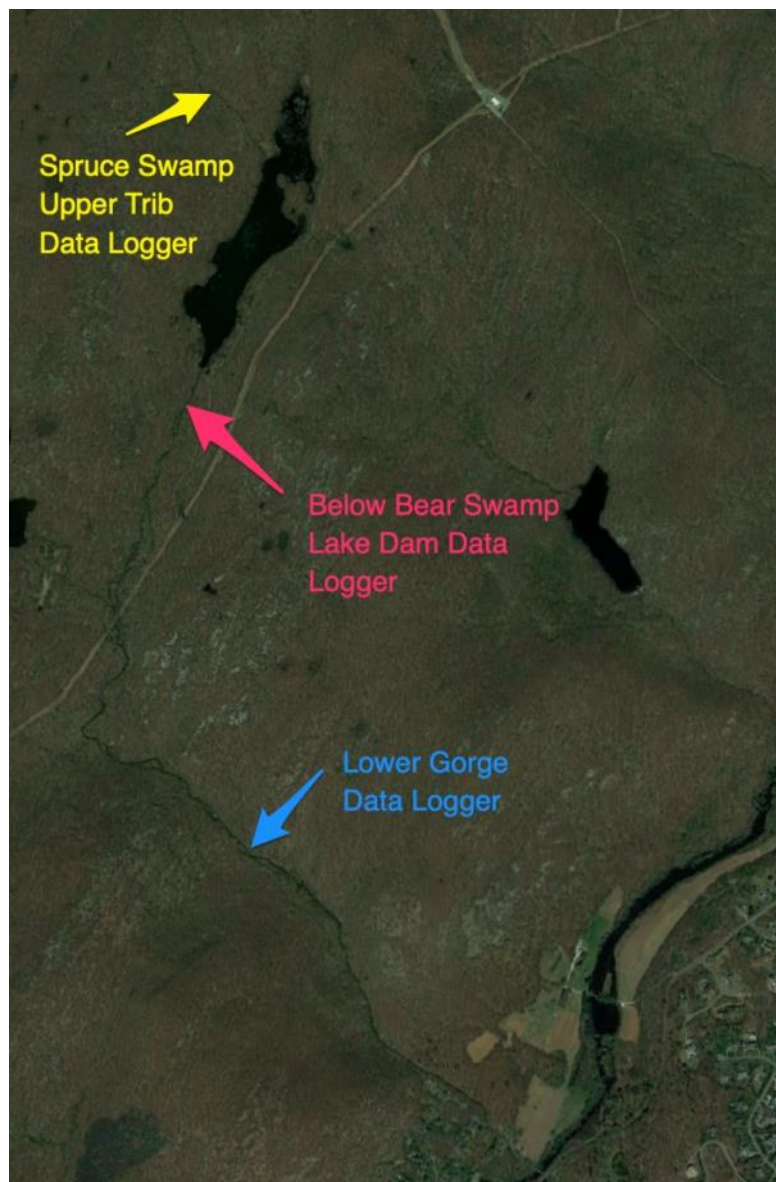
For those of you that are not aware, EJTU has an ongoing water temperature monitoring program. Each year in the spring, EJTU chapter volunteers place a series of data loggers in waterbodies of interest to us. We have monitored the Pequannock river, Ho-ho-kus Brook, Saddle River, Ramapo River and Bear Swamp Brook for several years now. The loggers we place into rivers record the water temperature at set intervals of 30 mins and in the fall they are retrieved and the data is downloaded to a computer for archiving and analysis. Our data is also forwarded to NJ Fish and Wildlife for their use and records as well.

Of these bodies of water that we monitor, Bear Swamp Brook is of particular interest to EJTU because it supports a small, but beautiful population of wild and self-sustaining brook trout, our state's only native salmonid.

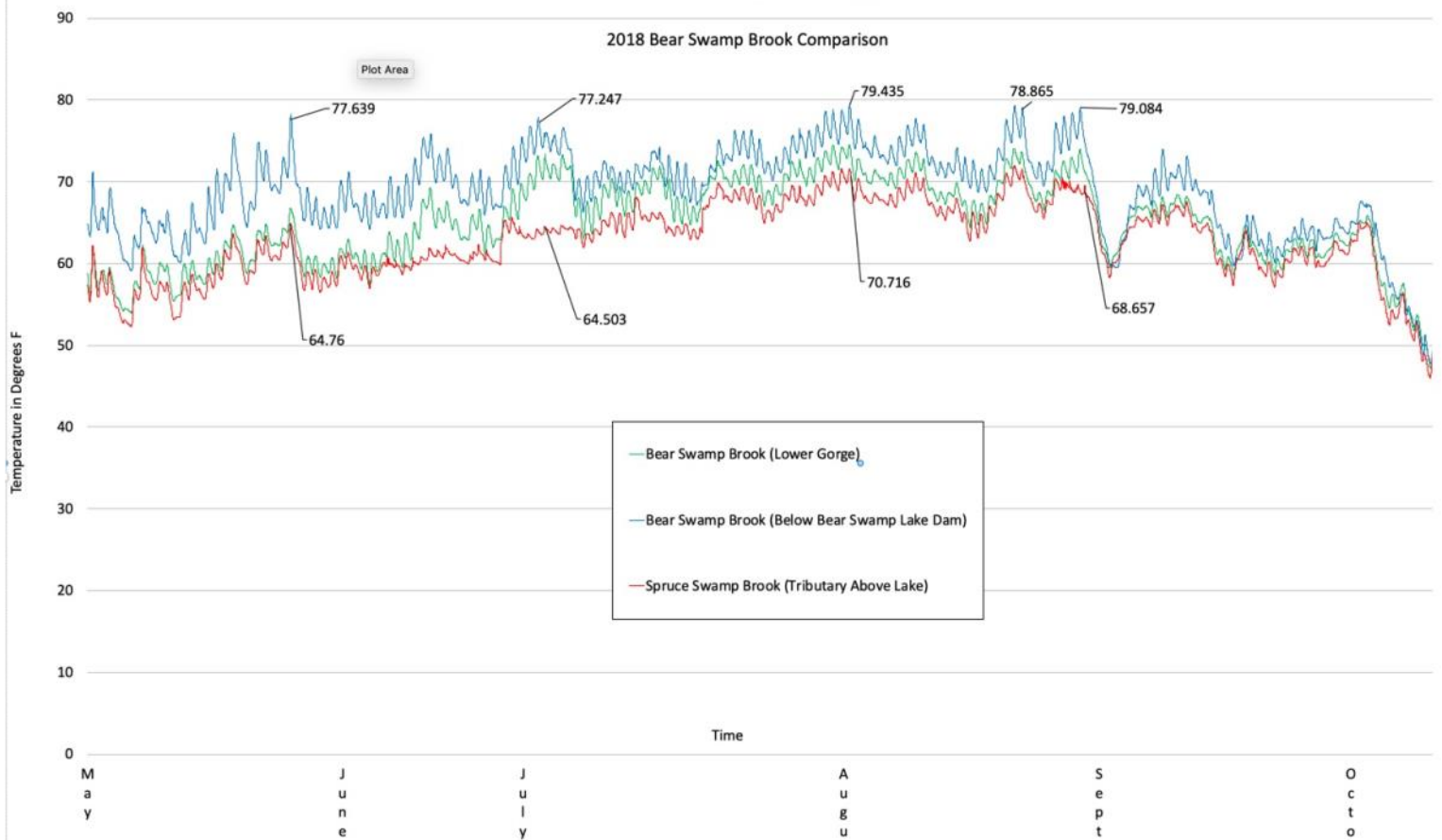
In 2018 EJTU volunteers collaborated closely with NJ Fish and Wildlife regional biologists to install a total of three water temperature loggers and some air temperature monitors in and adjacent to Bear Swamp Brook. These were placed in strategic locations, in order to take a look at the possible negative impacts that we hypothesize man-made Bear Swamp Lake might be having on the brook trout of Bear Swamp Brook.

But before we get into the data we obtained, here is a very brief history of Bear Swamp Lake. A small dam was constructed on the upper portion of Bear Swamp Brook in 1926 for recreation purposes and a small community that once had summer homes along the edges of this man-made lake shortly followed. Although the cottages along the banks of Bear Swamp are long gone, and this is all now parkland, the dam and its resulting Lake remain to this day. The lake has mostly filled in with sediment over the years and today it is shallow, warm and no longer of any real use for boating or fishing.

Man-made Bear Swamp Lake is fed by two small upper tributaries, the first which arises in Bear Swamp and the second which begins its course flowing out of nearby Spruce Swamp. These tributaries both flow into Bear Swamp Lake, which pours over the top of the spillway



Bear Swamp Brook Water Temperature Monitoring Stations



Bear Swamp Dam - Does This Look Safe to You?

As part of our planned study, we installed our first water temperature logger in the Spruce Swamp Tributary that feeds the lake. This logger allowed us to establish the water temperature prior to entering Bear Swamp Lake. Our second data logger was setup in Bear Swamp Brook directly downstream of the Bear Swamp Lake Dam. This monitoring station allowed us to document the water temperature after the influence of the water from Bear Swamp Lake entered the brook. Lastly, our third data logger was placed in Bear Swamp Brook much farther downstream in order to see what the water temperature was in the area where wild brook trout had been documented.

Our findings have been graphically depicted in the chart provided titled 2018 Bear Swamp Brook Comparison. As you can see, the red line depicts the temperature of the Spruce Swamp Tributary, which is about 10 degrees Fahrenheit cooler than the blue line, which indicated the temperatures taken at the station below Bear Swamp Lake.

This seems to indicate that the cool upper tributary water flows into shallow

and unshaded Bear Swamp Lake, where it is heated up by the sun. This heated water then flows out of the Lake, over the top of the dam and into Bear Swamp Brook. After, Bear Swamp Brook continues its course downwards until it ultimately reaches the historic Cleveland Bridge and the Ramapo River.

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The Green line in the graph indicates the temperature documented in lower Bear Swamp Brook, is generally somewhere in between the Blue and Red lines. This shows that the water in lower Bear Swamp Brook, which is well shaded by trees and is subject to additional incoming cool ground water, does cool down a bit, but it is still much warmer than the cool water in the upper tributary.

The cool water of the upper tributaries spiked to 70 degrees a few times during the course of the summer, which is surely stressful for Brook Trout. However in comparison, the warm water coming out of the Lake spiked to almost 80 degrees Fahrenheit, which is lethal to Brook Trout and remained in the mid 70s for most of the summer months. Since the Lake is no longer utilized for recreational purposes, is old and in poor condition, and most importantly puts very warm water into a wild brook trout stream, why not take it out? This is the question EJTU's Conservation Committee continues to investigate.

As part of our partnership with NJ Fish and Wildlife, the biologists came back and electro-shocked Spruce Swamp Tributary to look for Brook trout. Sadly, none were found. So although removing Bear Swamp Dam and Lake would not reconnect two brook trout populations, it would certainly help keep Bear Swamp Brook's water cooler and less stressful to the brookies. It would also provide access to the cooler upper tributaries to our brook trout living in Bear Swamp Brook below the dam.

As global temperatures continue to increase, providing access to these cooler upper waters may help determine whether brook trout will continue to flourish in Bear Swamp Brook, or whether they will decline like the old homes along Bear Swamp Lake and become a distant memory.

Fly Fishing Tackle Warranties

By Dino Eftychiou

I guess most fly fishers, if not all, know that rods and reels have warranties. I probably have had 2 or 3 or maybe more rods replaced during my fly fishing lifetime. And just recently I sent my reel back to Lamson because the drag knob was stuck. They took it apart, fixed it, cleaned it, and sent it back to me.

About a year ago or so, a felt sole broke off one of my Korkers boots. I say broke off because the interchangeable soles of these boots are held on by a small knob that juts out of the back of the boot. That knob broke. The boots were a couple of years old and I figured that I would buy another pair. But one of my fishing friends said that I should call Korkers and explain what happened, that they had very good phone support. I called and Ari answered the phone. I remember his name because of how attentive he was to what happened and how personable he seemed on the phone. He explained that I had an older model of the boots and that newer models had had that knob strengthened. All he asked is that I take a photo of the damaged boot and send it to him. I did and in less than two weeks I had a brand new pair of boots. So, almost two hundred dollars saved by a phone call.

Last month, while fishing the Kennebec River on a drift boat, my guide noticed that the coating had come off a section of my fly line.

Because we were mostly nymphing and wet fly fishing, he told me that it wouldn't be a problem, that the core of the line would hold any fish that I caught. He did recommend that I replace the line, especially if I planned on using it for dry fly fishing. He also recommended that



I call up RIO, the manufacturer, and tell them what happened. I'm not sure that I would have done that. The line was a couple of years old.

But I did call RIO. I explained what happened to my line and without hesitation the representative told me to send the line back to them with a written explanation. Even though she hadn't asked for a copy of the receipt, I sent one anyway. (I tend to keep receipts for years, every so often going through them and throwing really old ones out.) In a week or so after they received my line, I was mailed a new exact model of my old one. I saved almost \$90 by not having to buy a new line.

So this month's tip is don't hesitate calling a company to notify them that something broke or is malfunctioning, even if you've had it for many years. One phone call can save you a good amount of money. And save those receipts, just in case.

By the way, in researching RIO warranties, I came across a very informative video that you might enjoy on how fly lines are manufactured [here](#).

Enough Fishing?

By Justin Fuller

Every year my mother-in-law writes down each family member's New Year's resolutions. While my wife usually comes up with great goals like finishing her master's degree, read a book each month, or walk a certain distance each day, I don't set my expectation too high or too specific. For 2018, I said that I'd like to do *more* fishing and considering that in 2017 we had had twins, and travelled to the UK to show them off and with their proud big sister, if I had gone fishing at all in 2018, mission accomplished.

In the last year I certainly hit the water more and with some notable success; first brown, first trout on a dry, a dry that I actually tied, first realization of the importance of a wading stick and an eye wear retention system. I had a great time at the TU Regional Rendezvous in the Adirondacks, saw some great parts of the Ausable and the Saranac, and fished some beautiful places that I probably would have never even ventured, if not for joining EJTU.

But despite all that, I never did really get my belly full of fishing. Which got me to thinking about resolutions for the coming year. I believe that this time round, I'll put down that I'd like to go fishing *enough*. Enough where I'm satisfied with the amount of time I've had on the water and maybe even get a little sick of it.

Honestly, I'm not sure what is enough when it comes to fishing. Every time I've ever said "just one more cast" an hour or so later I finally leave the water, usually in light conditions that were already terrible when first thought it was time to quit. Whatever enough means, I'm determined to find out.

I hope that everyone else gets *enough* fishing in during the coming year.

Tight Lines and Happy New Year!

About Riffles

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

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We would love to hear your feedback about the new format and design of Riffles!

Any suggestions you may have to improve Riffles are greatly appreciated. If you have any articles or content you would like to submit, please email the Editors at eastjerseytu@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

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.



EAST JERSEY TROUT UNLIMITED

2019 Annual Banquet - Saturday March 23, 2019

Biagio's Ristorante - 299 Paramus Rd, Paramus, NJ 97652



EJTU's Annual Banquet is an Evening of Celebration and Fun

Please join us at East Jersey Trout Unlimited's Annual Banquet as we commemorate another successful year of cold-water conservation in northeastern New Jersey. Throughout the evening, we will be recognizing the extraordinary achievements of our chapter members' volunteering efforts.

This event is our chapter's primary fund-raiser, so not only will you enjoy a great evening out, but you will be financially supporting EJTU which will ensure that we remain an effective steward of our cold-water fisheries. Your support is critical and very much appreciated.

The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with cocktails and good conversation in our own private banquet room. Hot passed hors d'oeuvres and a cold appetizer buffet full of delicacies will be available for all attendees to enjoy. At this time, you will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and bid on silent auctions to win the many high-end prizes available. As in previous years, **unlimited wine, beer and soda are included** at no charge throughout the evening, with a cash bar also available.

The formal banquet activities will begin at 7:30 pm with our president's welcoming speech, followed by a 4-course dinner featuring your choice of Prime Rib, Chicken or Fish as an entree. Dessert with coffee and tea will be served at the end of our feast.

If you cannot make EJTU's Banquet, please consider sending a donation in lieu of attending to support our mission of cold-water conservation.



Gourmet Four Course Dinner and Cocktail Hour



Raffles of Hand-Crafted and Luxury Items

Payment of \$68.00 per person is due by March 10th.

Make checks payable to **EJTU**, and return this bottom portion of the form in the enclosed envelope or mail to:

**East Jersey Trout Unlimited
P.O. Box 366
Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423**

Name: _____
Guest: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please do your best to sit me with the following members:

