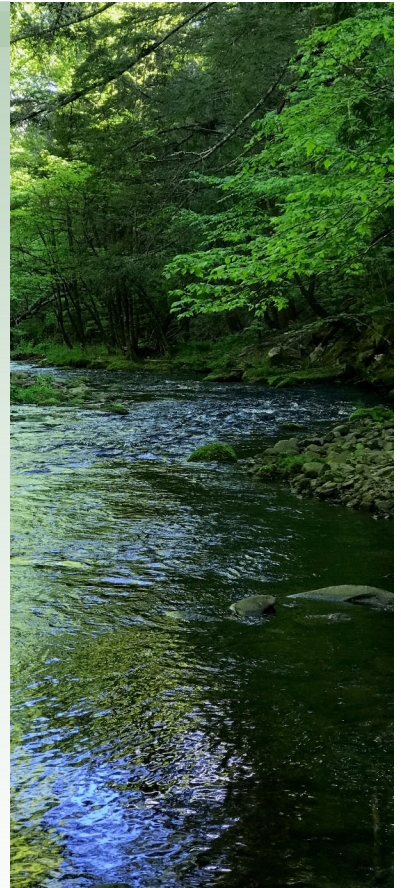




Riffles

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East Jersey Trout Unlimited

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THIS IS STILL URGENT!!!

EJTU Needs Additional Volunteer Leaders Now

***1st Vice President - Prepare to Lead Chapter's Environmental Efforts
starting in 2022***

Conservation Chair - Lead Chapters Environmental Efforts

Banquet Committee Chair - Run our Annual Banquet

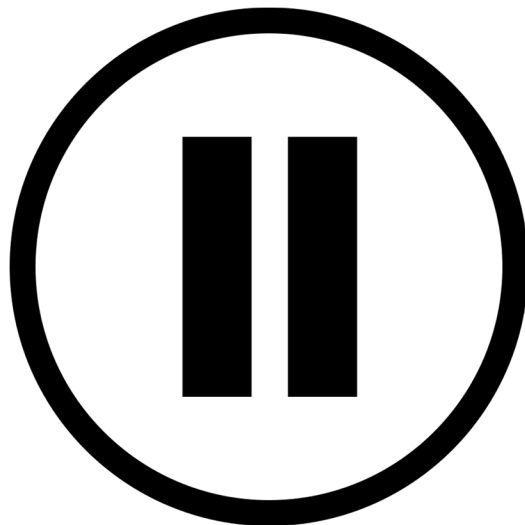
***Community Outreach Coordinator - Lead our fishing derbies and
similar events***

***Contact Chris Henrickson to Discuss How You Can Help
c.henrickson@icloud.com or 347-581-6361***

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EJTU Is Pausing All In-Person Activities



Sadly, we are going to have to cancel in person meetings again for the foreseeable future. As of right now we are planning on not meeting in January, February and March.

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President's Beat

By Chris Henrickson



Happy New Year fellow conservationists and anglers! I am glad that 2020 has finally drawn to a close and I am sure that many of you share my sentiments. It was certainly an unforgettable year. Although most of our in-person chapter activities for the first quarter of 2021 are canceled, due to the rising cases of COVID, EJTU's Board of Directors remains as busy as ever planning for 2021.

Our Budget committee is finalizing our chapter budget for 2021 and just so that everyone is aware ahead of time, we are facing a very significant hole in our budget greater than one thousand dollars.

This is largely due to a loss of traditional fundraising activities due to COVID. We have not been able to have 50/50s at chapter meetings, the Edison show fly box raffle has been canceled and our annual Banquet also has been indefinitely postponed. We receive almost no financial support from Trout Unlimited National. No part of your annual dues returns to East Jersey Trout Unlimited and all of our activities are paid for by our own fundraising. Unless we receive generous donations from members, we will be forced to draw down our reserve funds in addition to canceling certain activities or charging to attend events that have traditionally been free, like our July BBQ and Catskills picnic. Please consider making a donation to EJTU via our PayPal account at some point in early 2021. A link to our PayPal account can be found on our chapter's website home page.

January has traditionally been a time for New Year's resolutions, when we resolve to improve ourselves, others and the world. Instead of resolving to lose a few pounds of extra weight this year, why not resolve to have a smaller impact on our environment or rivers? Just a simple thing like picking up a piece of trash while fishing, walking instead of driving to the store or using a reusable coffee cup can go a long way. Another suggestion for a New Year's resolution is to volunteer at East Jersey Trout Unlimited. We still have very urgent needs additional and new volunteer leaders. We need a 1st Vice President (President starting in 2022), a Community Outreach Coordinator and A Banquet Committee Chair among others. I hope everyone has a happy and healthy 2021.

Frank B. Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest

Entries Due By 02.28.2021

The Frank B. Hall Fly Tying Contest is an annual East Jersey Trout Unlimited event, the winner of which has "bragging rights" as EJTU's best fly tyer. The winner of the prior year's contest, Ed Janiga, selected the fly to be tied for this year's contest and will also serve as the contest's lead judge.

The 2021 contest winner will be announced and recognized at our chapter's Annual Banquet (if possible) and will receive an award plaque.

Entries should be given to any EJTU director. You may submit a maximum of three flies per entrant, but the deadline is February 28, 2021. All entries should be individually packaged with the tyer's name and phone number. All flies submitted for the contest become the property of East Jersey Trout Unlimited.

2021 Fly Pattern: Thunder Creek Streamer - Rainbow Trout

Hook: 4XL straight eye streamer (TMC 9394, Mustad 36620), #6

Thread: White for body, Red for gills

Body: Pearl Krystal Flash wrapped over shank

Ventral Side: White bucktail

Dorsal Side: Olive bucktail

Lateral Side: Pink bucktail

Gills: Red thread

Eyes: White, then black nail polish

Note: Head area is covered with thin epoxy, Hard Head, or similar



Time

An Exploration of Lefty Kreh's Legacy



The American Museum of Fly Fishing recently announced that its short film “Time” is now available to the general public after making the rounds of the 2020 Fly Fishing Film Tour. As posted on the museum’s website, the film “is an exploration of Lefty Kreh's legacy among some of the sport's greatest living legends. Flip Pallot, Blane Chocklett, and Bob Clouser explore the backwaters of inland Florida—one of Lefty's favorite fishing areas—and discuss how Lefty's presence influenced their own trajectories in a life of fly fishing.”

View this short film at <https://www.amff.org/amff-time-film-watch-now/>

Photograph of the Month:

“Little CO Wild Brown” by
Charlie Ruzkowski



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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 Directors 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 750 anglers in the greater northeastern New Jersey region who are dedicated to cold water conservation and the stewardship of our local watersheds.

Conservation Notes

By Rich Malizia



The hard water anglers have rushed to set their gear on some of our lakes. Some observers report that the ice is still a little too thin to support ice fishing anglers. Waiting until the ice is thick enough is always a prudent decision. The ice on many lakes never reached a safe thickness last winter so anglers seem anxious to get out this year. If you venture out when the ice is safe, you might try Green Turtle Pond. It has a history of yielding some winter stocked trout. Have fun and be safe.

A number of environmental groups have been organizing an appeal to stop several proposed pipelines from being built. Some are planned to carry product across the state to other destinations, but others are designed to provide fuel to New Jersey facilities. How any of this is consistent with the Governor's pledge to make the State less dependent on fossil fuels is beyond my comprehension. Additionally, the proposed Gibbstown facility to be built on the Delaware River to export fracked gas from Pennsylvania is moving forward. I thought the plan was to make the country energy independent? Have we reached that point and now expect to sell our surplus around the world? Obviously, all that does is keep feeding the world with fossil fuels so they can continue to pollute. The scientific community has recognized climate change as the greatest threat society. Why do the world leaders continue to ignore

the facts?

The current administration is sprinting to sell leases for oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Convinced that the next administration will return the area to protected status, auctions are planned for early January. There may still be time to reach out to your elected federal representatives to express your opinion.

COVID-19 caused us to curtail most of our activities this year. There are a few things we will try to accomplish while abiding by the limits suggested by the state, health community and TU National. If there is a project you think would fit within the current guidelines, please bring it to the attention of the conservation committee.

As we enter the year 2021, I wish all of you a safe and healthy New Year.

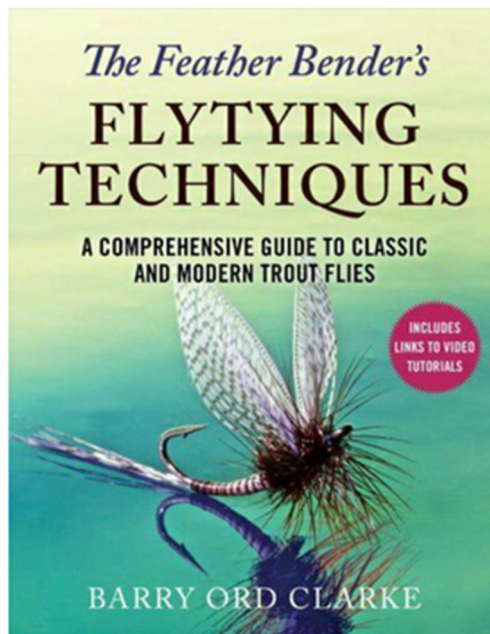
TAKE TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

The Feather Bender's Fly Tying Techniques

By Barry Ord Clarke

Review by Dino Eftychiou

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New EJTU Members

Kyle Lagatol, Vincent Tabano, Jonathan Parra

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 "East Jersey Chapter - 091".

The Feather Bender's Fly Tying Techniques (continued)

This past Christmas I assumed when opening a gift from one of my sons that it was another fly fishing or tying book that I probably didn't need. At first, looking at the title and seeing the word "techniques," I figured it was just another how-to book and after over 10 years of tying I figured I already had learned all the skills to suit me at my tying bench. I'm humbled to report that I was wrong.

The Feather Bender's Flytying Techniques by Barry Ord Clarke, published in 2019, is a book that a beginner to a seasoned tyer will find useful. I have run across Clarke's videos online and have tied a number of his flies. But I never bothered to do any research about him. Evidently, he's an English born fly tyer and professional photographer now living in Norway. He has won numerous awards for fly tying, including a 2016 award for Best International Fly Tyer.

The book is in two parts. Part I is an introduction to materials, tips, and tricks and Part II is a how-to for tying 28 different flies. What's unique and very helpful is that each of the 28 fly chapters focuses on 3 techniques that can be mastered and then applied to other flies. To name a few examples: for a gilled nymph he covers larva lace abdomen, herl gills, and pheasant tail wing casing; for an emerger he covers turkey biot body, CDC and deer hair wings; for another emerger he covers moose mane body, XL parachute hackling, and para post perfecting; for a long-legged midge he covers hackle quill body, horse hair legs, and reverse hackle wing. Although many of the 28 flies are similar, Clarke presents patterns that show variations in creating certain body parts, for example, yarn, quills, biots, or even moose mane for emerger bodies. He does the same for tails, legs, and thoraxes. I learned that I can tie knotted legs from the herl of a capercaillie herl rather than pheasant tail fibers as I'd been doing. (I had to look this bird up. It's a member of the grouse family.)

My fly tying friends know that I like Wally Wing patterns, but I've never seen a Wally Wing tied the way that Clarke does it. Once the tail and the abdomen are completed, Clarke turns the hook upside down and ties on the Wally Wings to what is traditionally the underbelly of the hook. When completed, the fly will float with the hook facing up. In this particular chapter, his main focus is on match the hatch bodies, Wally Wings themselves, and reverse collar hackle.



Although each of the fly chapter techniques are clearly explained and supported by Clarke's own photography, there is an added feature to this book. At the start of each chapter is a QR code. Those of you familiar with this Quick Response code know that you aim your cell phone camera at it and it links you to a website. (Clarke even has an explanation on how to use the code.) In the book, the QR will direct you right to a Clarke video on how to tie that particular fly. So you have a choice of watching the entire video first as he recommends or watching it as you follow his printed text.

Since getting this book this past Christmas, I've been tying a number of Clarke's flies, many of which I've never tied before, while learning new tricks. Although I might not tie all 28 flies, because I'm sure some of them I'll never fish, I'll definitely read all the chapters for any new methods. Yes, it's easy and convenient to watch just a video, but for me there's pleasure in looking at each of the step-by-step instructions accompanied by the author's own photo images. And you can hold a book and look at it anywhere at your leisure. I highly recommend this book. It will be a worthwhile addition to your personal collection.



Holiday Stocking



For those of you who do not put away your fishing gear for the winter, Shannon's Fly Shop in Califon, NJ, has a treat for you. On December 18, Shannon's volunteers and crews from the Musky Trout Hatcher in Asbury, NJ, stocked 530 trout consisting of rainbows, browns, tigers, and goldies. Two of those fish are huge Bubbas with tags on their lips. Catch one of those, take the tag off its lips, and release it safely back into the water. Then take the tag down the road to Shannon's Fly shop and trade it in for a brand new Hardy Greys rod and reel outfit. Check out this video hosted by Tim Flagler for more information:

<https://vimeo.com/493122865>

The New Armchair Angler

By Ron Mroz

Remember the old days when fishing information was learned through books and magazines? Almost everyone is familiar that the Internet is loaded with all kinds of fishing information, and specifically on YouTube, but the amount of information one can obtain from the Internet is so mindboggling and so overwhelming that I tend to forget about the benefits it offers to us as anglers. Essentially you can just Google anything you are looking for, but here are some suggestions you may not have known about, or forgot about, that can make one a more informed armchair angler during the cabin fever months which should translate into making one a more skilled on-water angler.

Wikipedia – Want to know about the Anglers Club of New York or the Henryville Fly Fishers Club, or The Flyfisher's Club (of London)? Want to know about how fly fishing began in America or what it is like in England? How about the "war" that took place between Frederick Halford and G.E.M. Skues about dry fly fishing vs. nymph fishing? Want to know more about any of our specific founding fly fishing "founders"? Just Google what you are looking for and Wikipedia is usually one of the first things that pops up and its information is generally reliable.

YouTube – Countless videos from amateurs to professionals are available on just about every conceivable subject such as choosing rods, putting backing and fly line on reels, knot tying, leader construction, casting, using indicators, Euro nymphing, entomology, fly tying, and more. You can even get to watch former DVDs such as the 3M Mastery Series that included Gary Borger, Doug Swisher, Lani Waller, and others. You can search to watch nostalgic TV shows of Lee Wulff and Curt Gowdy. I found a current documentary called "Finding Joe Brooks" about the life of Joe Brooks, which I found very interesting and learned a lot about the famed Joe Brooks.

Websites – The New Jersey Fish & Wildlife's website, NJFishandWildlife.com, provides news, fishing licensing information and regulations, dates for free fishing days, stocking information, list of NJ fishing guides, lists of lakes, rivers and streams to fish, including lake survey

The New Armchair Angler (continued)

By Ron Mroz

maps, fishing articles, and more. Other states provide similar information if needed. TroutNut.com has fly fishing articles, information about specific streams and rivers, entomology, and a blog. USGS.com provides stream flow data to determine if the water level in the river or stream you plan to fish is adequate, too fast and high, or too slow and low. SaltwaterTides.com provides tides anywhere in the US, as well as sunrise, sunset, and moon phase data. The Catskills Fly Fishing Museum's website cffcm.com from Livingston Manor, NY, provides useful information about the Catskills region and events held at their location.

Fly Shop Websites – Shannon's Fly Shop, Tight Lines Fly Fishing, Ramsey Outdoors, and Orvis are local shops that keep an angler informed with fly fishing/fly tying events they sponsor, stream reports, including stream flow CFS data, temperature gauges, hatch charts, videos about fly tying, and more. Orvis.com also provides a Learning Center with video lessons and fly tying, as well as a podcasts on General Fly Fishing, Trout, and Steelhead.

Instagram & Facebook – Many guides and fly fishing shops provide a social media platform, such as Instagram and Facebook, in addition to or in place of a general website. Instagram and Facebook postings are generally more instantaneous with guides posting while they are on the fly. Follow them for current information.

Fishing on TV – Remember when you were a kid and you had to wait for Saturday mornings to watch a cartoon? Well, today's kids have 24 hour access to cartoons and shows they like and us big kids now have 24 access to fly fishing shows through Fishing TV or My Outdoors TV. Both are pay-for sites in which you can access numerous fishing or fly fishing shows, films, videos, and how-to instruction on the computer or through AmazonFire TV, Apple TV, ROKU, Google Play, etc. Fishing TV, available through fishingtv.com/tu, costs \$6.99 per month or \$79 per year for unlimited access. My Outdoors TV, available through MyOutdoorsTV.com, costs \$9.99 per month or \$99 per year for unlimited access and includes shows such as the Orvis Guide to Fly Fishing, New Fly Fisher, American Fly Guide, Fly Fisherman, and Trout Unlimited.

Back Issues – Magazines such as "The American Fly Fisher" and "Eastern Fly Fishing" provide back issues that can be viewed online. "The American Fly Fisher", published by the American Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, VT, is a great source of articles about fly fishing greats, old fishing clubs, historic equipment, etc. "Eastern Fly Fishing" is a great source of information about various streams that you might be planning on visiting and want to know more about what you might encounter in terms of water type, hatches, as well as fly shops and lodging. Don't take for granted EJTU's back issues of *Riffles*, which can provide a wealth of information about local techniques or fishing locations.

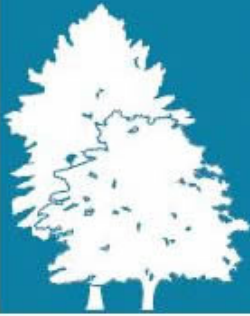
Blogs, Podcats & Webinars – Blogs are interactive discussions, podcasts are pre-recorded audio discussions or lessons, and a webinar is a seminar conducted over the Internet. Many guides or prominent fly anglers, such as Tom Rosenbauer, April Vokey, George Daniel, and Eric Stroup, provide valuable current educational information through blogs, podcasts, or webinars.

Google Earth – Pick a place on this planet and you can get a satellite image of it through GoogleEarth.com, which can be very helpful when visiting new venues or trying to find new access to waters you have always fished.

There are also Apps one can download to their cell phones that can be beneficial. Such Apps are becoming so much more available that it's hard to keep up with them. Feel free to share anything you've come across the Internet that you feel would be beneficial to other anglers.

COVID-19

SOCIAL DISTANCING



FISH LOCAL

Stay close to home. Keep your fishing trip short. Avoid high-traffic destinations.



BE SAFE

Avoid crowds and groups. Keep a distance of 6 feet or more from others, including staff stocking fish. Advise children not to wander into the personal space of other anglers.



BE ADAPTIVE

Move quickly through parking lots and paths. If crowded, choose a different fishing location or time to visit.



STAY HOME

If you're not feeling well, stay home.

6 Feet of Social Distance



- ONE FISHING ROD LENGTH -



For additional information visit:
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TROUT STOCKED LOCATIONS



About Riffles

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Questions, Comments and How to Submit Articles

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.