



Riffles

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President's Beat



Each year Trout Unlimited National, in conjunction with TU State Councils, facilitates a series

of regional meetings. The 2018 Trout Unlimited Northeast regional rendezvous was held in scenic Lake Placid, NY on Saturday, June 10th.

For those of you not familiar with TU's regional rendezvous, they provide an opportunity for Trout Unlimited volunteer leaders to attend seminars and workshops as well as to network with and learn from other nearby TU volunteer leaders.

The 2018 Northeast rendezvous had representatives from TU National staff, as well as State Council and Chapter leaders from Maine to Maryland. The State of New Jersey was well represented by State Council Chairman Glenn Tippy and members of New Jersey's Hacklebarney, Fred S. Burroughs, Central Jersey, and Ray Nierle Chapters.

Three members from our own chapter - East Jersey Trout Unlimited - Greg Koch, Justin Fuller and myself took the 4-1/2 hour drive up to Lake Placid to attend this meeting. The rendezvous offers two seminars or

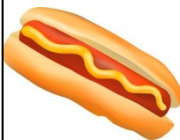
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When: July 11 at 7:30 PM

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

July's Meeting

Our July meeting will, as in past years, not feature a speaker. Instead, we will take time to address more important things: hamburgers, hot dogs and the chance to buy, sell or swap fishing equipment.



The pavilion at the rear of the American Legion hall's parking lot is our meeting's location.

If you have fishing equipment that you would like to offer for sale, bring it. There will be tables on which you can display your items.

If you would just like to have something to eat and to sit and tell fishing stories, come to the meeting and enjoy yourself. Our talented chefs will serve the best of picnic fare.



Schedule



- Jul. 21 [Sat] Farmington River trip
- Aug. 8 [Wed] Fly Fishing Skills night
- Sept. 12 [Wed] Speaker Jack Skelley.
- Sept. [TBD] Housatonic trip
- Oct. 10 [Wed] Speaker Bob Romano
- Oct. [TBD] Saltwater Day trip
- Nov. 14 [Wed] New member Night
- Dec. 12 [Wed] Christmas Party

Riffles Editor

After about fifteen years as co-editor and then editor of Riffles I have decided to leave the position and resign from the EJTU board of Directors. There were some fun times in the past, an April Fool's edition and a few "lighthearted" articles come to mind, but it is time to leave.

I wish everyone cool water, moderate weather and accommodating fish.

Ray Cappock

Welcome to June's New Members



Joseph Guarracino	Westwood
Sam Karadimos	Rutherford
Padraic McPartland	Westwood
Richard Sloan	Ho Ho Kus

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For East Jersey and National Trout Unlimited information, visit www.tu.org. Go to chapter number 091 for the latest information about our chapter.

Riffles is your publication; we encourage all members to contribute articles, tips, and stories. Articles may relate to trout, trout fishing, fishing in general or conservation, but all articles are published at the discretion of the editor and should meet EJTU standards regarding protecting our environment and the merits of 'catch and release'. Pseudonyms may be used but the editors must be informed of the name of the member who writes the article.

Conservation Notes

There is a major push to approve the construction of a gas-fired electric generating plant in the Meadowlands. All power generated will be sent to New York. There are no benefits to New Jersey if this plant is built. If the project goes forward, the result will be an increase in air pollution and water contamination. Of equal importance is the lack of commitment to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and increase harnessing renewable sources like wind and solar. Has this been forgotten? I recently heard someone say that, "We didn't advance from the Stone Age because we ran out of stones". This thought applies to the current issues. We don't have to run out of fossil fuel sources before moving on to renewable energy.

Coastal states are trying to keep the Federal government from selling oil and gas leases off our coast. They recognize the risks to the environment far outweigh any benefits. Efforts to increase exploration and development of possible sources of oil and gas in the Arctic Refuge and other environmentally sensitive locations, reverses years of work to protect these areas. There is much to be lost and little to be gained.

I often call your attention real estate developers who seek variances to build on steep slopes or wetlands. At times these variance requests appear relatively benign. I recently became aware of a situation which could be the poster child for my concerns. Here is the story. About 20 years ago, a condominium development was built in an area which required a relatively small wetlands area to be filled. The fill contained organic ele-

ments like tree roots. Over the ensuing years, the tree roots decayed causing the filled areas to sink. Building foundations, basement slabs and



walls began to crack. Some structures began to show signs of unsafe conditions. When this first occurred, the developer made some minor repairs but no one knew the extent of the problem. Fast forward 20 years. The condominium association is faced with a multimillion dollar repair bill which all the current members (owners) must pay. They have been told that the statute of limitations protects the developer and State statutes prevent the town or town officials from being sued. So you have a situation where innocent owners must share in the cost of a repair which was caused by substandard work. Some engineer and building inspector had to have approved the work when it was done. Were these people incompetent or sloppy or encouraged to look the other way? These are the risks that are faced whenever an exception is made to reasonable regulations. There is never a guarantee that things will be done correctly and when they are done wrong, it often takes many years for the problems to surface. As is the case with many such problems, the responsible parties walk away, wallets intact, while others get to pay for their failures.

Back in the 1960's controls on inappropriate language

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on television resulted in seven words being band. A comic genius, in my opinion, named George Carlin took hold of this and turned it into a comedy routine. In the spirit of the late George Carlin, I will include those words in my column which the current administration has forbidden or discouraged all government agencies from using. Here are just a few, GLOBAL WARMING, CLIMATE CHANGE, RISING SEALEVEL, SCIENCE-BASED. Isn't censorship great!

We are still looking for volunteers to assist at the Englewood Rec. fishing program. We need volunteers Friday mornings from 9:00AM to Noon starting July 6th. The program is held at Overpeck Park in Leonia. Please contact me if you can volunteer for any of the dates from July 6th to August 24th. Please contact me at remqcp@optonline.net or 973-304-0789.

Temperature loggers have been placed at a number of locations in area streams. We are continuing our efforts to identify waters in which trout can survive the summer. As water temperatures rise you might consider redirecting your fishing efforts towards locations which support warm water fish. Bass and big sunfish can be a lot of fun when caught with a floating popper. Save the trout for cooler weather. Have fun and be safe.

RIP Doug Farra

Older members will remember Doug Farra who was an active EJTU member until he moved to western New Jersey,

Doug died on June 17, 2018. He will be missed!

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workshops concurrently, so having multiple members from East Jersey allowed to us to have complete coverage and attend all seminars that were offered on June 10th.

We attended seminars regarding critical conservation issues such as climate change, culvert removal, and fish passages. Other seminars were given to help enable chapters to build a more diverse chapter leadership, engage youth members, enhance our chapters communications, and teach us how to lobby/advocate for coldwater conservation at the governmental level. If any chapter members are interested in discussing what we learned at the meeting, please feel free to contact Justin, Greg, or myself to talk.

Even a seminar on risk management and insurance was offered. Although this seminar was a little "dull" it was nonetheless informative. While I am on the topic of

risk management – If anyone is planning on using chainsaws at an official EJTU chapter event..... we need to talk first.

The location of the 2019 Northeast regional rendezvous has not yet been determined, but if anyone is interested in attending the meeting, please reach out and let me know. You will leave the meeting with a great deal of new knowledge and will surely be more informed about the direction in which Trout Unlimited will be moving in the future, as it continues to advocate for and protect our cold water resources.

Of course, no trip to the Lake Placid region is complete without wetting a line on the legendary Ausable River. As usual, the trout of the Ausable were rising and I am happy to report that all three of our EJTU 2018 northeast regional rendezvous meeting attendees were able to catch healthy brown trout on dry flies.

Chris Henricksojn

July Fly of the Month

The major hatches of spring are winding down and the hatches that are taking place are getting later and later in the day. The middle of the day is void of insect activity, or is it?



It's TERRESTRIAL TIME; time to find yourself a stretch of river with overhanging branches



and put on the ant or beetle pattern you prefer.



Whether it's the quick site ant, fur ant, crowe beetle, simple foam beetle, or a fancy hopper pattern, now is the time.

EJTU Library Display

July! Our country's birthday celebration, warmer weather, vacation time for many people, plenty of leisure time and the library display in Wayne. Why not stop by and take a look at Doug's work?

The Wayne Public Library is located at 461 Valley Road, Wayne; Tel.:973-694-4272

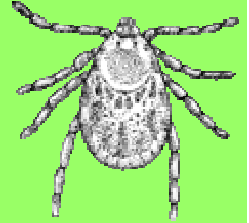


As a bonus, Doug may also have our display in Midland Park during July, so check the EJTU web site for updates.

The Midland Park Memorial Library is located at 250 Godwin, Avenue; Tel.: (201) 444-2390. <http://midlandpark.bccls.org/>

Lyme Disease More Risk Than As Reported

In a June 23 -24, 2018 Wall St. Journal report, Jo Craven McGinty reveals that there are probably many more Lyme disease cases than are reported and then explains why there is such a discrepancy in the numbers.



According to McGinty, "Around 30,000 Lyme disease cases are documented each year according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The real number, the agency says, is more like 300,000."

This large difference has a number of causes, among which are the rules that CDC imposes on states when they report Lyme disease cases. However, as anglers who spend more time than the average person in areas favored by ticks, the cause of the discrepancy is not as important as determining the true numbers. And those numbers are startling!



McGinty reports that Fair Health, a nonprofit that oversees the collection of health-care claims data, examined 23 billion records for more than 150 million privately insured individuals and documented 757,101 claims for Lyme disease - in 2016.

Even more frightening for we in the northeast is the list of the top five states with the highest Lyme disease claims, again in 2016: NY - 182,213; NJ - 143,122; NC - 88,539; PA - 50,601; Calif. - 46,820.

For the full article, go to the Wall St. Journal's web site, www.wsj.com, and search for *Lyme Disease: Wider Threat Than You Think*. While you wait to read the article, review all of the suggestions for clothing,

Aeroflex Record Landlocked Salmon Where Were You?

Didn't we have a trip to Lake Aeroflex in the not too distant past? Just think, this fish may have passed right underneath your kayak.

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife has officially certified the catch of a new state record freshwater fish. The fish, a Landlocked Salmon, replaced a record which stood for 67 years and is the first record salmon since stocking began in 2006.

Runelvy Rodriguez of Northvale, New Jersey, reeled in the record Landlocked Salmon on June 2, 2018. The fish weighed in at 8 pounds, 5 ounces, eclipsing the previous state record set in 1951: John Mount's 8 pound fish from Lake Aeroflex when it was known as New Wawayanda Lake.

The fish measured 25.75" in length and had a girth of 15". Runelvy was trolling a spoon from a boat on Lake Aeroflex when she reeled in the fish. She was using an Okuma rod and reel.



2018 Catskills Picnic

