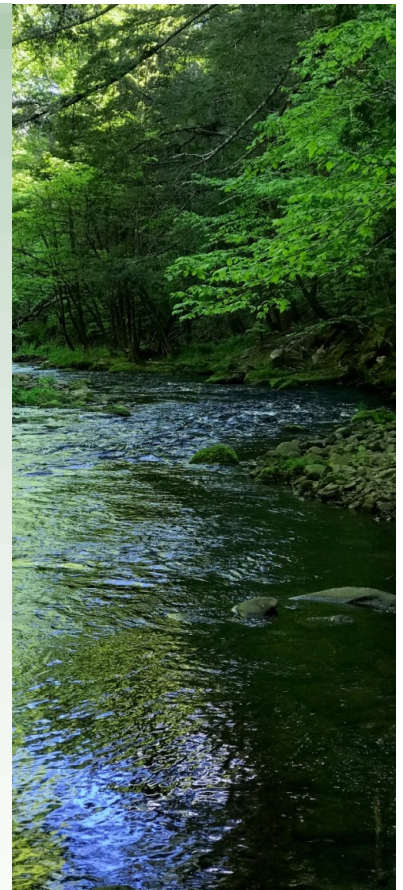




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March General Membership Meeting



Tim Flagler - Tight Lines Productions

EJTU's March general membership meeting will be held on March 11th. Doors open at 7:00 PM and the meeting begins at 7:30 PM.

Our special guest speaker at the meeting will be none other than New Jersey's own Tim Flagler.

Tim Flagler has been fly fishing, tying flies and guiding locally for the past 30 years. As a professional videographer, Tim is well known for his instructional videos. His Tight Lines Productions have been featured in Orvis and are some of the best educational videos on YouTube.

At our meeting Tim will have a pro grade video and screen setup and will tie some productive spring patterns for our area. Tim will talk

us through some tying tips and talk about how to fish them. For those familiar with Tim, he is entertaining, engaging and I'm sure he will leave with some tying and fishing tips we can use for the upcoming season.

It promises to be a great presentation. Come hang out and have a cup of coffee with us. We'll see you then.

Other Fun Upcoming EJTU Events

- March 11th: General Membership Meeting - Tim Flagler
- March 14th: EJTU booth at Ramsey Outdoor FlyFest
- March 21st: EJTU Annual Banquet - Biagio's in Paramus
- April 8th: General Membership Meeting - Peter Douma
- April 25th: Lake Aeroflex fishing trip
- May 13th: General Membership Meeting
- May 15th-17th: Esopus fishing trip
- May 30th: Annual Catskills Picnic and BBQ

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



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President's Beat

By Chris Henrickson



A quick reminder to please send in your RSVP for annual banquet at Biagio's Ristorante, in Paramus, NJ, on March 21st, if you have not yet done so. If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation. Our banquet is our single biggest source of funding for all of our chapter activities. If you have never attended our banquet, now is the time.

It is a fun evening, the food is excellent and lots of great prizes are available to be won. Our chapter needs your support. The RSVP form can be found on page ten of this month's *Riffles*. Come and join us.

East Jersey Trout Unlimited is currently in the middle of updating our chapter's strategic plan. Our strate-

gic planning committee led by Chairman Ken Barile has been hard at work over the past few weeks putting pen to paper and outlining an aggressive and forward thinking vision of the future of our chapter! We have been busy taking inventory of our many strengths as well as identifying critical needs and other things we would like to improve upon.

We will create a summary version for distribution to chapter members and for quick reference purposes. Once accepted by EJTU's Board of Directors, this summary version along with a full text version of our new strategic plan will be uploaded to our website for reference by all EJTU members.

As part of this process the Strategic Planning Committee and Board of Directors has created a short EJTU member survey that we would like all members to take. The survey is quick with a little over ten questions. It is focused mainly on soliciting suggestions for improvement and identifying our members' talents and interests. You will have received an email asking you to take this survey before this issue of *Riffles* arrives. If you have already taken the survey, no further action is needed from you.

It has been several years since we have asked members to take a survey. So please take a couple of minutes and participate in the survey. It will help our strategic planning process and allow us to better serve our members. Thank you in advance for taking the time to take the survey. Just click on the blue button below and it will take you to the survey.

Please Click Here And
Take EJTU's 2020 Member Survey!

Calling All Women Anglers!

By Jonathan Daffron

Save the date, **September 12th** and sign-up for EJTU's first ever women's fly fishing class taught by Anita Coulton from **Cross Current Guide Service & Outfitters!** Whether you are a beginner or looking to brush up on your casting, we think there will be something in this class for you. Even better, you'll have the chance to connect with other women in the area who love to fish. There will be a nominal cost of about \$10 per attendee, and the class will run from noon-4pm starting at Hawthorne Public Library and (weather permitting) end at Goffle Brook Duck Pond down the road for casting practice (and hopefully catching some fish)! To reserve your spot, send **Jonathan Daffron** an email. First come, first served basis. If the class is full, we will add your name to the waiting list, and if anyone drops out we will add you.





Photograph of the Month: Chris Henrickson - Photo Taken at Mill Pond in Park Ridge, NJ
"If You Don't Talk To Your Kids About Coldwater Conservation - Who Will?"

Trout In The Classroom Update

By Jim Piombino

On February 5, our members delivered fingerling trout to schools in our area that had lost most or all of the rainbow trout that hatched from eggs delivered in the fall. Six schools needed to be restocked. The loss of trout could have been caused by over feeding, water quality, temperature, or loss of power. Schools received around 25 fingerling fish each.

I was away on that date, and Mike Capizzi stepped forward to coordinate the delivery. He had to drive

out to the hatchery, pick up the fish, which were put in buckets with an aerator, and bring them to the meeting place in Clifton. Paul Reithmeier and Fred Madura took their buckets and delivered to two schools each and Mike Capizzi delivered to the remaining two schools.

Thanks to these members and others who volunteered to help; all the schools in our chapter's area should have fish to stock our streams in the spring.



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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.

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.

Albatross

By Justin Fuller



Way back in late '68, only a year after the glorious Summer of Love, which most *Riffles* readers will remember, Fleetwood Mac released the single "Albatross". An instrumental track that has since been included on their "best of" and "compilation" albums. To date, over 900,000 copies of the song have been purchased in the UK alone. Fast forward a mere five decades and the albatross is singing a new tune, one of illegal ocean harvests and overfishing in the boundary waters of several nations.

This behemoth of a bird, with the wingspan length of an average Czech nymphing rod, is known to follow fishing boats when out at sea. This is seen

as a good omen, unless, as in Coleridge's *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, someone shoots the albatross and brings a curse upon the crew. The birds are attracted by the fish parts and by-catches discarded by the ships. Realizing that the birds are able to cover a great distance of the ocean and have a knack for tracking down fishing vessels when planes and other ships could not, a group of scientists devised a plan to help combat illegal fishing practices. They placed small two-ounce radar activated GPS devices on the backs of 169 albatrosses.

When in the territorial waters of a given nation, sea going vessels must transmit an identification code known as AIS. Once in international waters, however, they are allowed switch their AIS off, but boats will still maintain radar to avoid collisions. Any boat operating in this fashion is generally believed to be up to something fishy. When within 3 miles of a vessel, the devices strapped to the albatrosses are triggered by the collision avoidance radar. The GPS coordinates are sent back to officials who can then cross reference that data with known AIS. Legal compliance must be determined directly by officials, but the data gathered has pointed out that there are several locales around the globe where ships tend to operate without AIS. This should lead to conservation groups and international cooperation to better patrol these areas and enforce regulations.

If nothing is done, fish stocks may fall to dangerous levels causing population collapses in what are already precariously balanced ecosystems. Stevie Nicks once sang "Can I sail through the changin' ocean tides? Can I handle the seasons of my life? mm-mm I don't know..." me neither, Stevie.



Stevie Nicks and Fleetwood Mac

Conservation Notes

By Rich Malizia



NJF&W sponsored the annual trout meeting on February 29th. The schedule and allocation of trout for the 2020 season stocking were presented. 570,090 trout are scheduled to be released throughout the state. Preseason stocking will begin March 23. Dates and locations are available on the NJF&W web site.

Maintenance and betterment projects continue at Pequest. New pumps and feeders should

improve water quality and efficiency. The addition of overhead solar panels should begin soon. Once that project is completed, brown trout reproduction will resume. It will take about three years to produce the number and size of brown trout for seasonal stocking.

A presentation on the effects of climate change was very interesting. The study completed last year which measured the relationship between changes in air and water temperatures in a number of rivers and stream offered some concerning results. An increase of three degrees in water temperature will potentially cause a lethal environment for trout in one-third to one-half of our streams. Bear Swamp Brook was included in the study and it was found that an increase of only one and one-half degrees would cause the water temperature to reach lethal levels. This does not bode well for the brook. Our efforts to promote the removal of the dam at Brea Swamp Lake have been well received. This project has been given a priority status among the many projects being evaluated by the state. It is anticipated that the removal of the dam would reduce the amount of water with elevated temperature from entering the brook.

The efforts of EJTU members were recognized for our participation in seasonal trout stocking, placing of trout regulation signage, and distribution and collection of temperature monitoring devices. We were the only TU chapter acknowledged.

Most of the information presented at the meeting is or will be available on the NJF&W website. If you are not a subscriber, you should consider it. There is a lot of information available and you can select the topics which interest you.

April 11th is the trout opening day. We are waiting to hear from NJF&W about securing trout regulation posters for the upcoming season. Several of

our members have offered to assist in the placement of posters along local trout-stocked waters. We actually have more volunteers than are needed at this point, so if I have not reached out to you it is because we currently have sufficient coverage. I do not know when the posters will be available, so please be patient. Another preseason project is stocking. We usually assist with the second Ramapo River pre-season stocking. I am waiting for a specific date, but I believe stocking will be scheduled for the week of April 6th. As always this will require a significant number of volunteers to float and bucket stock. We will meet at our usual meeting place, the Glen Gray Bridge on Glen Gray Road at the border of Oakland and Mahwah. Bring your "go cup" of coffee as the chapter will no longer be providing coffee and munchkins at these projects. Consider it the chapter's attempt to trim your waistline.

Our customary parking area maintenance work is planned for Saturday, March 28th at 9:00AM. We will meet at Glen Gray Road. We are still trying to work out some details for a more permanent solution to the maintenance of the parking area. Stay tuned.

There are times that I feel like the concerns that brought about laws to protect the environment over the last fifty years have somehow gone away. Coal mines are again allowed to dump mine waste into rivers and stream, heretofore protected national parks and monuments have been reduced in size, opened to the construction of roads, subjected to the polluting effects of oil and gas production and the devastating effects of logging. Take a look at the [article recently published in the New York Times](#) which lists the 95 environmental rules being rolled back by the current administration. Pipelines are in the news again. Efforts to build several new pipelines across the state have been proceeding with little public disclosure. The Delaware River, Pinelands and Raritan Bay are all in the sights of the pipeline builders. Sadly, Governor Murphy's position has been difficult to understand. While he claims to want to eliminate dependence on fossil fuels, he has not moved definitively to stop these pipelines.

Pebble Mine is still looming on the horizon. Alaska's Governor Dunleavy wants everyone to "trust the process". Many of us thought the project was dead several years ago when the EPA ruled against its construction. If development of the mine proceeds, it will become the largest open pit mine in North America. How can a mine which will be releasing a number of toxins into the environment be compatible with the most fertile salmon reproduction area on earth? The Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to release its final environmental impact statement in a few months. It is time to write your federal representatives to express your opinion.

TAKE TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

New EJTU Members

Casey Futterman, Curt Geisler, Sung Won Kim, Richard Krakowski, Andrea Mera, Jose Perez and Roger Voorhis.

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".

New York Plastic Bag Ban Begins

From NYS DEC Delivers Email

Did you know New Yorkers use more than 23 billion plastic bags a year? That's around 1,000 bags per person annually. When we improperly dispose them, plastic bags create pollution, and are often seen stuck in trees or floating in our waterways. They pose threats to fish and wildlife, clog machinery at recycling facilities, and litter the pristine outdoor places we love and enjoy spending time in with our friends and family.

Starting Sunday, March 1, 2020, a new plastic bag waste reduction law will take effect in New York State, and your reusable bag should be in hand when going shopping. Whether you're going to the grocery store, clothes shopping, or to a home improvement store, make sure to bring your reusable bags. Remember, your reusable bag means conserving natural resources, creating less litter, and keeping New York beautiful for future generations.

Additionally, stores covered under the NYS Plastic Bag Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Act will still be required to collect plastic bags and other film plastics from consumers for recycling. Film plastics include items such as bread bags and plastic wraps that come over cases of water, paper towels and other similar items. Consumers can help by continuing to recycle these items at participating retailers.



RAMSEY OUTDOOR

FLY FEST 2020

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH | 10AM - 4PM

Come join us at the Ramsey Location for a great day of seminars, fly tying instruction, casting demonstrations, and meet sales reps from the industry's leading brands. There will be great in-store deals too which you won't want to miss out on!

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

11:30AM – Fly Fishing for Stripers, Flies and Techniques
Captain Joe Mattiolo from On The Bite Charters
www.flyfishnyc.com

1:00PM – Fly Fishing the Upper Delaware River System
Rick Watson from the West Branch Angler Resort in Hancock, NY

VENDORS

Sage, Redington, Rio, Orvis, West Branch Angler Resort

GROUPS

East Jersey Trout Unlimited, Joan Wulff Fly Fishers, Costal Fly Rodders, Friends Of Upper Delaware

CASTING DEMOS

All Event Long - Come try the latest and greatest fly rods from Orvis and Sage
Cast any rod to enter a raffle to win a \$150 gift card

EJTU will have a booth and will need our members to volunteer at the event. Volunteers will be tasked with talking about EJTU, conservation, tying flies and selling a few raffle tickets. We may also provide some assistance with fly casting instruction. Ramsey Outdoor is a big supporter of our chapter and it is important that we help them when they need our assistance. If you can volunteer at this event for all or part of the day, please email [Chris Henrickson](mailto:Chris.Henrickson).

Stonefly Nymphs in Ramapo River

By Mike Sebetich

In the past week or so, several EJTU fishermen have seen small (about ½ inch), adult black stoneflies flying about on the Ramapo River. While fishing on the Ramapo at the Halifax Road area today (Feb 24, 2020), I took one of the black stoneflies off my ear and got a good, close up look, and let it walk about on my vest until it flew away. This small hatch seems to happen yearly in winter. However, when we conduct our macroinvertebrate surveys in summer, we do not collect any stonefly nymphs.

Therefore, I put down my fishing rod and walked into the riffles upstream of the Halifax Road bridge and started lifting rocks to look for stonefly nymphs. On the third rock, I located and collected the black stonefly nymph, a little shorter than the one half inch adult, and took a photo which appears with this article.



Ramapo Stonefly

Why do we not see adult stoneflies and nymphs in summer on the Ramapo? My guess is that this species dies out in summer because of changes in water conditions (higher water temperature and lower dissolved oxygen and more organic matter). However, if this species reoccurs every winter, there must be a cohort from somewhere that repopulates the stream in winter.

The good news from this story is that at least one species of stonefly (Order Plecoptera) does reside in the Ramapo River during the cold months. And since stoneflies do not tolerate low water quality, the winter water quality of

the Ramapo is high enough to maintain the black stonefly population until water quality declines in summer.

It would be good to know if more than one species of stonefly lives in the Ramapo River, so if our TU fisherpersons can pay attention to the possible existence of other stonefly species, we may document them. Species that have larger, lighter colored adults are easiest to see. The nymphs can be best located on rocks in riffles, so spending a few minutes lifting and turning over rocks in your hands may reveal other species during cold months or anytime.

Little Black Stonefly

By Dino Eftychiou

Mike Sebetich's article in this month's *Riffles* about little black stoneflies on the Ramapo River, an article in this month's *Trout Magazine* that mentioned cold water black stoneflies, and an article in today's *NY Times* Science section about an endangered scarce stonefly—coincidentally all appearing to me in one day—were interpreted as signs to sit at my vice and tie up some of these little guys. This particular pattern is from Tim Flagler: <https://vimeo.com/60000673>

Hook: 3X long, size 14-20

Thread: black

Abdomen: black micro stretch tubing

Thorax: dark dubbing, e.g. black hare's mask or any dark dubbing fur

Wingcase: pheasant tail fibers

Legs: small black rubber leg material



Little Black Stonefly

Joe Humphreys - The Living Legend

By Ron Mroz

I find it fascinating to learn about the forefathers and pioneers of our fly fishing heritage, figured some of you do also, so I would like to share some information about my favorite angler Joe Humphreys, who is a living fly fishing legend. Some reading this may be relatively new to fly fishing and don't yet know who Joe Humphreys is or perhaps might like to know a little more about him. When I say some information about Joe, I really mean just some since he had, and continues to lead, a very active life.

The very first East Jersey Trout Unlimited meeting I ever attended was back in the 80's with Joe Humphreys as the guest speaker and I have been a huge fan of his since then. Shortly after that meeting, Joe came out with his TV show called Fly Fishing Journal, which was the first nationally televised fly fishing show and included days on the water with other fly fishing legends such as George Harvey, Ed Shank, and Paul Volker. I wish I still had my worn out VHS copies of those shows since I can't locate them online anywhere. Joe is the author of two books. The first is called "Trout Tactics" and the other is called "On the Trout Stream." Joe also came out with the following fly fishing DVDs: "The Dry Fly and The Top Water Game", "A Casting Approach to Dry Fly Tactics in Tight Brush", "A Casting Approach to Flyfishing to Catch Fish, Not Just to Cast", "The Night Game", and "A Casting Approach to Nymphing Tactics." There are many clips of his DVDs on YouTube.

Joe was featured in the Pioneers & Legends section of the January/February 2020 issue of Eastern Fly Fishing magazine and this will give you a good overall summary about him. I suggest you see the documentary called "Live the Stream," which is about Joe and is now available for purchase on DVD or downloaded online. This film is about Joe's life and his accomplishments, many of which most are familiar with such as teaching fly fishing classes at Penn State, popularizing the Tuck Cast, and breaking the Pennsylvania state record with a 16 pound 34" brown trout caught at night in 1977, but there are many fascinating and touching parts of Joe's life you can learn more about in this film. There are some things Joe can still do as a ninety-one year-old that most people probably never will. You can check out the movie trailer or purchase the film from www.livethestreamfilm.com.

Watching Joe cast and move through a stream is like watching a combination of a surgeon operating, a chess master strategizing his next move, and a ninja stealthily on attack as he makes precise calculated incisions while effortlessly working his way through a stream with tactical precision, picking up fish like a human vacuum cleaner.

This past March, my wife surprised me by registering me for a fly casting class given by Joe at the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show. I'm still in awe as to how effortlessly well he can cast. Joe can cast a fly using a bow-and-arrow cast better than most anglers can make a traditional cast. Watching him make a tuck cast with a flick of the wrist is priceless to me. At one point he said to pretend there is a trout under a low hanging tree, which was a partition room divider that was about four-to-six inches off the ground, and you want to cast underneath it. I thought he had to be joking, but after two false casts, he cast under the divider with ease a few times. I loved his class so much I attended it again during the January Fly Fishing Show in Edison. This time when he suggested casting under the "tree limb," I looked at the guy next to me and I could read his face as if he was saying, "He's got to be kidding, right?" I just smiled, knowing what was coming next.

In addition to being very informative, Joe is always energetic plus full of humorous and entertaining life stories, but there were three important things

he said that will be with me for the rest of my life. First, he quoted a successful wrestling coach he worked with at Penn State as saying, "The basic fundamentals, refined to perfection, are the most advanced techniques." Joe keeps what he practices and preaches simple and applying this to his stream tactics has been very successful and serves a good reminder to keep it simple and to practice, practice, practice. Second, Joe said, "When you teach someone to fly fish you are giving them an appreciation of nature." I know that was very true in my case when I was taught how to fish and have been on an endless appreciation of all things "nature" since. I'm hoping that I'm doing the same when I help others learn how to fish. The third and last thing he said was, "The secret to life is always having something to look forward to." Simple, but deeply profound. Isn't that what keeps us all going? We can't wait for the next season or that next trip or that next trout. We look forward to using that new rod, or new fly, or to try that new technique we learned about. We are anxious to see what's around the next bend of the river, etc. Hopefully, Joe's words and teachings can also be of some value to you.



Joe Humphreys

EJTU's Annual Drift Boat Trip Raffle is Still Ongoing

By Chris Henrickson



Our popular guided fishing trip raffle continues this year. The lucky winner will enjoy a guided float trip with Justin Siegel on the Delaware River. Justin is a licensed fishing guide in New York, Pennsylvania and the Upper Delaware National Park. He is also a manager at the Streams of Dreams Fly Shop in Upper Saddle River, NJ. Justin has been fishing the Upper Delaware Region heavily for over ten years and guiding for the last four.

Tickets are still only \$5 each or six for \$25. For a small outlay, a chance of winning an exciting day on the water could be yours! The winner will be chosen on April 8th, 2020, at our monthly chapter meeting. The proceeds from this raffle fund our conservation projects for the coming year. EJTU depends on the financial support of our members.

You should have received a set of tickets in the mail. If you have not yet returned them, please do so. Additional tickets will also be available for purchase at our March membership meeting and at the EJTU booth at the Ramsey Outdoor Flyfest on March 14th at the Ramsey store.

“Like music and art, love of nature is a common language that can transcend political or social boundaries.” - Jimmy Carter

New Jersey Forced to Tighten Saltwater Regulations by Feds

By Chris Henrickson

The State of New Jersey has been forced to enact strong harvest reductions to both the Bluefish and Striped Bass fisheries. This comes as no surprise to conservation minded NJ saltwater fly anglers. Both of these fisheries have been in noticeable decline for years.

Despite the state of New Jersey's multi year long efforts to avoid stricter regulations to protect our fish, the state is now thankfully faced with federally mandated reductions to harvest.

A three fish per day limit for bluefish for fisherman on private boats and five per day for fishermen on charter boats have been enacted. Anglers will be allowed to take one striped bass between 28 and 38 inches.

New Jersey will open the bonus tag program early this year on May 15th as a give back to those that want to keep fish. The bonus tag program is used to allocate New Jersey's former commercial striped bass catch quota to recreational anglers.

This will be one of the most strictly regulated seasons in the past 40 years. Hopefully, our fisheries will begin to rebound in the next few years with the new conservation measures in place.

It is too bad that we continue to manage our fisheries for a repetitive cycles of boom and bust. We take as much fish as we can until the fishery crashes and Federal regulations kick in that mandate we rebuild them. We really should really manage these fisheries in a more even, conservation minded and sustainable manner.

About Riffles

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

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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. All articles are published, edited and may be condensed at the discretion of the editors 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.

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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

Annual Fundraiser Banquet - Saturday March 21, 2020

Biagio's Ristorante - 299 Paramus Rd, Paramus, NJ 07652



EJTU's Annual Fundraiser Banquet is an Evening of Celebration

Please join East Jersey Trout Unlimited for our Annual Fundraiser Banquet as we commemorate another successful year of cold-water conservation. Throughout the evening, we will be recognizing the extraordinary volunteering efforts of our chapter members and raffling off a great selection of prizes.

This event is our chapter's primary fundraiser. You'll not only enjoy a great evening with fellow chapter members, but you will be supporting EJTU, ensuring that we remain an effective steward of our cold-water fisheries. Your support is critical and very much appreciated.

The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres, a cold buffet and prize browsing from 6:30 p.m. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and bid on silent auction prizes. There will be a cash bar and, as in previous years **unlimited wine, beer and soda are included** at no additional charge.

The awards presentation will begin at 7:30 pm with the president's welcome speech, followed by a 4-course dinner. Dessert, 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. Prize donations of new condition items are welcome!



Gourmet Dinner and Cocktail Hour



Hand-Crafted and Luxury Items

Payment of \$68.00 per person is due by March 7th.

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: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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