



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat

This will be my last President's Beat since I will be leaving office when the new officers are inducted later this month. It has been an interesting and rewarding experience serving as East Jersey's president over the last two and a half years. My thanks go out to a group of great officers and directors. Fortunately for East Jersey, the current board will remain with a few changes in their roles.

The most significant change will be in the office of president. George Petersen is slated to take over. George has been on the board for several years and is familiar with everything we have been doing during my term. He has contributed many hours as a volunteer in our various activities and has been an active participant in helping the Board formulate East Jersey's goals. George is knowledgeable, dedicated, and will carry on the traditions established by the founders of East Jersey.

A new addition to the board will be Ken Vander Pyl. Ken will succeed George in maintaining the database of points earned by members. I will remain on the board and my new role will be to maintain our web site.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all officers, directors and members who contributed to maintaining East Jersey as the outstanding organization it is during my tenure as president.

Bill Borowski

Meeting Notice

When: January 14 at 7:30 PM
Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

**January 14
Fishy Fullum
Fly Fishing for Trout**

Mark Your Calendars!

Future Guest Speakers

**February 11
What is TU doing?
Past, present and future of
EJTU's conservation program**

**March 10
August Gudmundsson
Fishing New Jersey Streams**

**April 14
Rod Rourbach
Fishing the Little Lehigh in
Allentown, Pa.**

All programs have a slide show.

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Proposed 2004 Board of Directors

In accordance with the by-laws of Trout Unlimited Chapter 91 (East Jersey Trout Unlimited), a nominating committee composed of Chairman Bob Ribar, and members Bill Borowski, John Roetman and Ray Cappock evaluated the qualifications of potential candidates for the Chapter's 2004 Board of Directors and then proposed individuals who were qualified to fill each position on the board. The 2003 Board of Directors has reviewed the nominating committee's proposals and recommends that the following nominees be elected to serve as Board members for the year 2004:

President	George Petersen
1 st Vice President	Bruce Seiden
2 nd Vice President	Bob Ribar
Treasurer	Bruce Seiden
Recording Secretary	Bill Canning
Membership	Ed Sikorski
Conservation	Herm Drenth
Education	Doug Penna
Pequest Programs	Bob Novak
Speakers/Trips	John Roetman
Merchandise	Basil Santamaria
Riffles Editors	Gary Heger
	Ray Cappock
Points	Ken Vander Pyl
Dinner	Barbara Wedlick
	Dave Wedlick
Shows	Basil Santamaria
Publicity	Larry Hill
Director at Large	Karen Canning
Federation of	
Sportsmen's Rep	Ray Cappock
Web Master	Bill Borowski

The Board of Directors election will take place at the general membership meeting to be held in the American Legion Hall, Rochelle Park, NJ on January 14, 2004. At that meeting nominees from the floor will be entertained.

2004 Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest

You too can be a winner! All it takes is a hook, some thread, fur and feathers to tie a winning fly. During the cold winter there isn't much else for a fly fisherman to do but to tie some flies. Tying a fly on a dreary, overcast day when it's impossible to fish may be a way to get rid of the cabin fever that may be setting in. So try tying a few Royal Wulffs and enter them in the Frank Hall Memorial contest. You may be surprised to find that your name is the one announced at the annual dinner in March. So get busy, gather the materials and make yourself comfortable while you tie the winning fly.

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For East Jersey and National Trout Unlimited information,

visit our website at <http://www.tu.org>. Go to chapter

number 091 and you will get the latest information about

our chapter. Riffles is your publication so we invite and

encourage every member to contribute articles, tips, and

stories. The articles may relate to trout, trout fishing,

fishing in general or, conservation but, all articles are

published at the discretion of the editors and should meet

EJTU standards regarding protecting our environment

and the merits of 'catch and release' techniques. Pseudo-

onyms may be used but the editors must be informed of

the name of the member who writes the article. Email to

either: tu@cataloguepublishers.com or

raycapp@optonline.net. Each piece of material that is pub-

lished earns you 10 points towards your next goal in the

points program.

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The recipe for the pattern can be found in many fly tying books. However, to even out the field we have selected the pattern as found in "Essential Trout Flies" by Dave Hughes and require that it be tied on a size 10 hook.

The pattern for the Royal Wulff as given in Dave Hughes book is:

Hook.....Standard dry fly
Thread.....Black 6/0 or 8/0
Wings.....White calf tail upright
 and divided
Tail.....Moose body hair
Body.....Peacock herl, red floss,
 peacock herl
Hackle.....Dark Brown

Enter as many flies as you like. Flies will be judged by a panel of five with entries coded to conceal the name of the tier. The winner will be announced and presented his/her plaque at the annual dinner on March 19, 2004. The closing date for entries has been changed to March 1, 2004. Flies may be mailed to our post office box or turned in to any director. They may also be left at the fly-fishing counter of the Ramsey Outdoor store in Paramus.

Bill Borowski

Ramsey Outdoor 2004

January 30 - Friday Evening 7:00 PM

Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying Class

Warren Duncan. Class is limited to 12 students. Cost is \$45.00

January 31 - Saturday

Atlantic Salmon Day 10:00 AM

FOR SALE

Ranger style 201 size 10 felt sole chest waders. 3-ply nylon fabric top, uninsulated boot feet. New in box \$85. Pro-Line deluxe woven nylon wader belt. New in packaging \$3. Black metal tubular stream thermometer. Like new - \$5. Black Bear Creations beautiful laminated wood landing net with 14" deep micro-mesh bag. Beaverkill model. New, unused \$45. Korkers studded felt sole replacements. Unused but boot side primed with barge cement, \$8. Call (973) 764-1053 evenings till 9 p.m.

Monthly General Member Meeting: The East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM. **Location:** The American Legion Hall, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ. 07662.

Monthly Board Meeting: The East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited Board Members meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30PM. **Location:** The Bergen County Community Center, 327 East Ridgewood Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652.

Fly of the Month

The holidays are now over and spring is a long way off. Not very many fishing opportunities around. Except maybe, the chapter's Superbowl Sunday trip to the Connetquot.

Like many spring creeks, the Connetquot can be productive all winter long. The staples of the trout's diet in most spring creeks, and the Connetquot is no exception, are this month's flies of the month - Scuds and Sow bugs.

Tie up a dozen of your favorite Scud or Sow bug pattern and turn it in at the meeting. You will receive 10 points and an entry into the monthly drawing for every dozen flies you turn in. More importantly, you will be helping your chapter raise funds for our various projects. If you can't make the meeting, mail your flies to the chapter P.O. Box or turn them in to any director.

Bruce Seiden

Winter Programs at Pequest

Pequest Hatchery is offering some interesting programs. Programs requiring registration are marked with an asterisk (*). Registration opens two weeks prior to program date. To register call 908-637-4125. For updates, visit www.njfishandwildlife.com

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(* **Intermediate Fly Tying** - Saturday, January 10 at 10 a.m. - Wildlife Conservation Corps members and expert fly tiers Jim Flatley and Pierre Benoist will conduct a seminar for fly tiers with some experience. Vise, tying materials and registration required.

(* **What Does An Owl Eat?** - Sunday, January 11 at 1 p.m. - Biology instructor and Wildlife Conservation Corps member Warren Marchioni will lead an exploration of owl pellets to learn what these birds of prey eat. Participants will take home a prepared skeleton. For ages 8 and up. Registration required.

(* **Fly Tying For Beginners** - Sunday, January 18 at 10 a.m. - Wildlife Conservation Corps members of Trout Unlimited's East Jersey Chapter will instruct beginners in the fine art of tying flies. For ages 12 and up. Registration and small materials fee required.

Fly Tying Demonstration - Sunday,

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Time to Reserve Your Table

The EJTU Annual Dinner will be held on March 19, 2004 at the Rustic Lodge. There are two prices for the dinner: Reservations received by March 10, 2004 or earlier - \$34.00 per person; Reservations received after March 10th up to March 14th - \$ 37.00 per person. No reservations will be accepted after March 14, 2004. All reservations must include your choice of dinner as well as the members you would like to be seated with. Seating is assigned and the dinners will be served to those assigned seats. Changes can only be made up to March 14th. Remember, our annual dinner funds EJTU's conservation and education programs as well as projects for children's groups. Please help make it a success again this year!

Rustic Lodge. Route 46 West. Elmwood Park, NJ 07407. (201)791-0027

Annual Dinner March 19, 2004 Reservation Form — Please make checks payable to: EJTU

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

Your Name (Please Print) Meal Choice Letter →

Guest Name Meal Choice Letter →

City, State, Zip

Phone

Meal Choices: A-Chicken Cordon Bleu or B-Prime Rib or C- Stuffed Flounder
Please enter the letter of your choice of meal in the box after your name.

Mail completed form and check to:
Karen Canning
74 Minnehaha Path
Lincoln Park NJ 07035-2311
(973) 694-3852



Sorry No Refunds!

New Year! New License!

It's that time again for those of us who fish in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Time to get a new fishing license, that is. Why not New York? Because if you've been fishing there you should already have gotten your new license a few months ago.

New Jersey and Pennsylvania are again selling their licenses over the Internet but New York requires you to go to a dealer, mail an application, or call 1-866-933-2257.

Don't forget that you may be eligible for special consideration when applying for a license. As Don Sirota pointed out in November's Riffles, NJ's Disabled Veterans are entitled to free fishing licenses. New York's active duty servicemen and women are eligible for free resident licenses. Any active duty serviceman/woman is entitled to a resident New Jersey license. The Pennsylvania Commission has contradictory statements on its web page, so you had better contact them to get details of any military service benefits that are offered. Here's a list of the license fees at each state (no increases that I can see so don't let any politicians know) along with their web addresses.

New Jersey

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/>

Resident Fishing	\$22.50
Sr. Resident Fishing - 65-69 yr.....	\$12.50
Resident Trout Stamp.....	\$10.50
Non-Resident Fishing.....	\$34.00
Non-Resident Trout Stamp	\$20.00
Vacation Fishing - 7-Day.....	\$19.50
Vacation Fishing - 2-Day.....	\$9.00
All Around Sportsman - includes resident fishing, firearm hunting and bow/arrow hunting licenses	\$72.25

New York

<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/index.html>

Resident	
Senior - 65+/Military Disability	\$5.00
Annual Fishing	\$19.00
7 Day Fishing	\$12.00
Includes Fishing: Sportsman	\$37.00
Super Sportsman.....	\$68.00
Conservation Legacy	\$76.00
Non-Resident	
Annual Fishing	\$40.00
7 Day Fishing	\$25.00
Super Sportsman.....	\$250.00
Special Stamps	
Resident & Non-Resident	
One day fishing license-	
Call 1-518-457-8862.....	\$15.00

Pennsylvania

www.fish.state.pa.us

Resident Fishing.....	\$17.00
Senior Resident Fishing, 65 & up...\$4.00	
Non-Resident Fishing, 16 & up ..\$35.00	
3 Day Tourist Fishing, 16 & up ..\$15.00	
7-Day Tourist Fishing, 16 & up...\$30.00	
Trout/Salmon Permit, 16 & up.....	\$5.00

EJTU Still Needs You!

Don't forget that our annual dinner is approaching fast and if we want to continue to offer great raffle prizes we have to start getting the prizes together now. We need a few more donations of new gear and we also need more donations of personal services such as photography, guide services, instruction, etc. When you've decided what you want to donate for the raffles contact Bill Borowski and let him know what you are donating. Bill can be reached at 973-471-1068, or emailed at bill@borowski.net (please put 'Dinner' in the subject line)



or, at Ramsey Outdoor 201-661-5000 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Items can also be dropped off at Ramsey Outdoor in Paramus and given to John Roetman or George Petersen and they will get the items to Bill.

Ramapo Ramblin'

Happy New Year! Looks like I should rename my column Ramapo Roarin' with the river over the banks at this writing! The beginning of the year is always a good time to review the past year and look forward to the new.

Last year was an active year with about fifty EJTU volunteers participating in various conservation projects. We helped the NJ Fish and Wildlife float and bucket stock about four thousand trout at Halifax Road, Glen Gray Road and at Brit's Tackle Shop. We also stocked three hundred rainbows in the Glen Gray area this fall. We delivered one hundred brochures to homeowners along the Ramapo advising them of the importance of helping keep the river pristine. An electro-shocking was done in August at Glen Gray Road and fourteen browns and one rainbow were found, proving that they do survive the summer. Further testing will be done in the coming year. PSA and oxygen levels were found to be excellent.

Wildlife Management Area 3 (WMA3) plans on performing weekly water tests and analysis of the Ramapo, Pequannock, Wanaque, and Pompton Rivers. The testing will be done at state certified labs. They are also looking into having volunteers certified to collect samples and deliver them to the labs. At this point it is in the talking stage.

Rich Malizia informs us that he and Dr. Cristini of Ramapo College are once again planning to invite 120 middle school kids to the annual Ramapo Day festival. The event will be held on Saturday, June 14 at Halifax Road in Mahwah. We need at least 25 volunteers to assist, so why not put it on your calendar to attend? I assure you that it will be a day you will enjoy. Last year we had a giant snapping turtle show up uninvited

and the year before a five-foot black snake crossed the path of the kids on their nature walk!

The EJTU dinner will be held at the Rustic Lodge in Elmwood Park on Friday March 19. You can help support the chapter and have a great night out so bring your spouse and friends.

We are discontinuing the fish story column at this time, as space is needed for other articles. If anyone has a story about a special event, please send it to me and we will use it whenever possible. Remember that all stories should meet the catch and release criterion of EJTU and Riffles.

Bill Borowski will be retiring as our president and I think that everyone agrees that Bill has done an outstanding job. Now the baton is being passed to George Petersen who, I am sure, will do an equally fine job. Let's all support and congratulate both of them!

I have about one hundred members on my Email list who I attempt to keep informed about happenings at EJTU, WMA3 and reports from Ray Cappock on the activities of the Bergen Federation of Sportsmens' Clubs which serves as an advisory to the NJ Fish and Wildlife. If you would like to be added to the list please contact me at hermaril@aol.com. I just need your name and Email address. Some articles from Bergen Federation of Sportsmen involve hunting as well as fishing, so please let me know if you only want fishing information and I will put you on a special list. The list is never released to anyone for any purpose.

Got to go now and chase those tiny reindeer off my roof before they make a mess!

Until next month, squeeze the barbs and keep the lines tight!

See you all downstream where we all live
Herm Drenth

(Continued from page 2) **Hatchery**

January 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Wildlife Conservation Corps members and expert fly tiers Dan Hennigan and John Ciccarelli will be tying their favorite patterns in the exhibit hall. Dan and John will be concentrating on flies that they have specifically created for fishing New Jersey streams. Observe, ask questions and learn in this informal setting. (*) **Winter Bird Feeding** - Sunday, January 25 at 1 p.m. - Knowing the feeding preferences of birds will help to attract a variety of species. Participants will learn the feeding habits of birds and what foods will attract them. For ages 8 and up. Registration required.

February

Fly Tying Demonstrations - Every Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Expert tiers from the East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be tying their favorite patterns in the exhibit hall. Observe, ask questions and learn in this informal setting.

Public Trout Stocking Meeting - Saturday, February 14 at 10 a.m. - The public is invited to hear and comment on the trout stocking plan for 2004.

The Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center is located on Rt. 46 nine miles west of Hackettstown in scenic Warren County. Open 10 a.m. to

Joan Wulff Fly Fishers Meeting

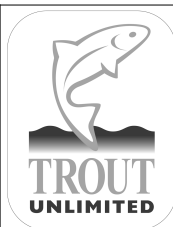
The Joan Wulff Fly Fishers meet in the back room of the Paramus Ramsey Outdoor Store at 7 PM on the first Thursday of every month.

The February 5, 2004 meeting will cover, "Getting Ready For Spring. Fill up your fly boxes!!!". There will be people tying flies at the meeting.

Quote of the Month

"Artificial fly-fishing is the most legitimate, scientific and gentlemanly mode of angling, and is to be greatly preferred to all other ways and means of capturing the finny tribe."

James A. Henshall M.D.
Book of the Black Bass (1881)



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