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President's Beat

Information is power. This is more than a statement; it's a basic fact of life in the world of 2004 and most importantly in the United States. If we do not keep ourselves apprised of events, we are no more than sheep.

We have many resources available to us and I try to use them to keep informed to the best of my ability. I use the broadcast and print media, realizing that they have a bias. But, there are also other sources, e.g. the Internet and periodicals published by various watchdog groups like the Sierra Club and Trout Unlimited National, each with its own agenda and field of interest. It is amazing what one can learn but there is a note of caution here too. As a trained academic, I always try to identify sources and check them for veracity. No rumors, thank you very much. I urge all of our members to do the same before making decisions.

One example of important information is currently on the TU National Website. Please visit the site and read about the Bush Administration's latest foray into industry-friendly legislation and its intended manipulation of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule. It makes for some interesting reading. Allow me to quote:

"On July 12, 2004, the Bush Administration announced its plan to overturn the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, a landmark conservation policy issued by the Forest Service in 2001 that protected 58 million acres of national forests from new road building and most logging. In its place, the Administration proposes to implement a new policy whereby state governors would have to petition the Forest Service for roadless protection on a case-by-case basis. This proposal pro-

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Meeting Notice

When: September 8 at 7:30 PM

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

September 8th
Joe Petrella
Fishing Wet Flies
The Lost Art

Mark Your Calendars!

October 13
Bill Borowski
Fishing
Patagonia, Argentina

November 10th
Steve Andrusika
Shad Fishing the Delaware

December 8th
John Roetman
The Connetquot
Getting Ready for our Super
Bowl Sunday Trip

All programs include a slide presentation

Casting For Recovery Needs Volunteers

On the weekend of October 22 - 24 the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation will hold a retreat in Panther Valley called Casting For Recovery which is for women who are survivors of breast cancer. This is the first time this organization has been able to hold a retreat in Northern New Jersey and their grant has been made possible through the auspices of East Jersey Trout Unlimited, as approved by the Board of Directors.

On Sunday October 24, the participants in the retreat will be taken to the Pequest Hatchery for further instruction (and hopefully to catch some fish).

As a cosponsor, East Jersey TU will need 10-15 volunteers on October 24 to assist with the casting instruction. If you can help, please contact me at grpetersen44@verizon.net.

Thanks for your help and interest in this worthwhile project.

George Petersen

Meet Marty McHugh

Marty McHugh, Director of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, will attend the Thursday, September 16, 2004 meeting of the Bergen County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. The meeting is open to all.

McHugh is attending in order to talk to sportsmen and to answer any questions that they may have, so the Federation feels that it is important for all clubs to try to have as many members as possible attend.

The meeting will be held in the Bergen Community Center, 327 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus at 8 PM.

Ray Cappock

Mark Your Calendar

Get ready, mark your calendar for East Jersey's biggest event of the year. On Saturday, March 19, 2005 we will have our annual dinner at the WAYNE MANOR. Cash cocktail hour will be from 6:30-7:30 and dinner will be from 7:30-11:30. Watch for coming announcements.



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President's Beat

vides little in the way of durable protection for these areas. Instead, it will result in additional bureaucratic hoops for state government with no guarantee that such requests will be granted because the Forest Service retains the ultimate authority to decide whether roadless areas will be protected.

Roadless areas in national forests comprise 58 million acres, or 31% of all national forest lands. These areas possess social and ecological values and characteristics that are becoming scarce in an increasingly developed landscape. While these roadless areas represent about 2% of the total land base of the United States, they support a diversity of habitats for native plant and animal species as well as providing sources of clean drinking water.

Most importantly to TU, roadless areas provide some of the best remaining native trout and salmon habitat in the nation. This fact is especially important since most of our western native trout are imperiled or currently on the federal endangered species list."

The article continues with statistics on the number of endangered species within these areas. There are also links to articles from various newspapers. It concludes with a call for action. Please become informed and act accordingly because this legislation effects National Forest lands, public areas which de facto belong to all of us and are not the domain of big logging and oil companies. As a parent and an educator, my perspective differs from that of executives of logging and oil companies. I see the need, no the necessity, to preserve the few open and untouched places which remain in our country and in our world. As Ed Sikorski's bumper sticker proclaims: "I vote the environment."

George Petersen

Fly of the Month

Now that the dog days of summer are behind us, the weather is starting to cool off and the fishing should improve!

Early in the month we should still see Tricos in the morning and have plenty of action on Terrestrials. Isonychias and a few different Blue Wing Olives should also be around.

This month's Fly of the Month will be TRICOS, any style --Whether you prefer your Trico spinners with poly wings, hackle wings or wonder wings, or have a special dun pattern that works before the spinners start to fall.

Tie up one of these, or any other pattern, and turn them in at the next 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.

The chapter's fly inventory is still quite lean, and we need your help in getting it rebuilt. 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

Upper Delaware Wildlife Heritage Festival

On Sunday, September 26, from 10 AM until 4 PM the Pequest Hatchery will host the Upper Delaware Wildlife Heritage Festival. Children will be allowed to fish in the pond and there will be seminars on fishing and hunting as well as demonstrations of falconry, forestry, conservation, archery, and retrieving.

EJTU will be there and about twenty volunteers are needed in two areas. We need members who are in the WCC program to help the children at the pond. And we need people, who will pass out TU applications and chat with visitors, to help in our booth.

To volunteer, call George Petersen at 973-772-6311 or Email him at grpetersen44@verizon.net. Late updates will be posted on our www.eastjerseytu.org web site.

It should be a fun event, so why not spend some time with fellow EJTU volunteers?

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For Information on trips and other Chapter Activities call our hotline: (201) 445-3902 (24 hrs.)

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. Pseudonyms 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 published earns you 10 points towards your next goal in the points program.

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.

Fish Ways - The ABC's of Fly-Fishing – Basic Fly Selection - 1

When people come into Ramsey Outdoor and ask for suggestions for a selection of flies for a specific location and time of year, we can be pretty certain of the flies we choose for them. One piece of advice, which I always share, is to stop at a fly shop in the area being visited and purchase some local patterns. Money on the counter helps to grease the local information mill. These shop owners want you to succeed and hopefully return.

Another source of good information is the latest issue of *Mid Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide*. This monthly obtains suggestions from the staffs of the various shops in particular areas. (Copies are available free from stores that advertise in the magazine, or you can subscribe for a small annual fee.) Besides the informative articles, this magazine contains their Fly Fishing Pattern and Hatch Chart®, which will give you patterns, sizes and time of the month in which to use them. This feature alone is worth the effort of obtaining an issue. Savvy anglers get one each month and save the charts, which will be valid at the same time next year, barring changes in local weather and water conditions

All of the aforementioned notwithstanding, there are some flies which should be in the box for every location: Woolly Buggers, Gold Ribbed Hare's Ears, Pheasant Tail nymphs, Adams dry flies and parachutes patterns, Blue-Winged Olives and Elk Hair Caddis would make up a good basic selection.

For this particular article, let's begin with flies that are meant to be fished under the surface where 95% of trout food exists.

Woolly Buggers are trout candy; they imitate a host of trout food (leeches, minnows, crayfish) and yet nothing in particular. Carry them in sizes 6-10 in black, olive and brown, both weighted and unweighted. N.B. In order to determine if a fly has weight other than the obvious bead head, take it to a flat surface and drop it. Weighted flies will bounce.

The Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear is a wonderful attractor pattern with universal appeal. You should have these in sizes 8-16 in both tan and olive, with and without bead heads.

A Pheasant Tail Nymph is another imitator of many may fly nymphs. Bring along a good selection in sizes 14-22.

Streamers, such as the Black Nosed Dace, Mickey Finn and Gray Ghost in sizes 8-12 are good choices, especially in the high waters of spring.

Cast the buggers and streamers down and across stream at a forty-five degree angle to the downstream current and let them drift. If nothing occurs cast them again and begin a slow strip of the line. Don't hesitate to let them swing freely at the bottom of the drift for three seconds. Many takes occur at that point.

Nymphs such as the Hare's Ear and the Pheasant Tail need to be cast upstream and allowed to drift naturally down. Watch your line for any indication of a strike.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me through our web site: www.eastjerseytu.org. Please type 'Fish Ways' into the subject box.

George Petersen

Learn To Tie

When you tie a Woolly Bugger does it look like some unusual migratory bird that nests deep in a swamp? Does your Pheasant Tail Nymph resemble a life threatening, pre-historic creature? Or, can't you even get that far because the first turns of thread refuse to stay on the hook? Wouldn't you love to be able to tie a decent fly?

Soon you'll be able to tie like an expert because EJTU's ten-week fly-tying courses - for beginners and intermediate tyers - start in September.

The course that is held in Clifton High School begins on Monday, September 20. For information call Doug Penna at 201-288-4409.

The course that is held in Westbrook Middle School, Paramus begins at 7 PM on Tuesday, September 28. For information call Bob Ribar at 201-995-0107. Instructors are always welcome. If you're interested in teaching, call Bob Ribar or me. and, as usual, check the EJTU web site www.eastjerseytu.org for any late updates.

Doug Penna

No wonder I'm always broke!

We all complain about the cost of fishing equipment and supplies but do you know total annual expenditures for sport fishing? The following is from the New Jersey Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs web site, www.njfsfc.org. The Federation's web page goes into more detail, lists sources, and adds a lot about hunter expenditures and safety among hunters and those with whom they come in contact.

"New Jersey is a densely populated, highly developed state. Yet we enjoy a surprising wealth and diversity of fish and wildlife. Much of this wealth can be attributed to careful management by dedicated professionals in the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and to strong support by sportsmen.

NJ sportsmen spend almost \$1.2 billion per year, and support over 25,000 jobs. But our contributions go largely unnoticed by the general public. This page is intended to demonstrate the beneficial impact of sportsmen on the economy, the environment, and on wildlife management. It also touches upon safety for both hunters and non-hunters. Lets start with a few numbers:

Economic Impact Of Sport Fishing - NJ and US - 1996

	New Jersey	US Total
Angler Expenditures	\$1,025,230,011	\$37,797,062,032
Total Economic Impact	2,029,864,199	108,449,124,406
Wages and Salaries	566,132,532	28,259,358,131
Jobs	21,910	1,210,083
State Sales Tax	61,513,801	1,241,634,000
State Income Tax	7,989,864	261,137,000
Federal Income Tax	63,342,240	2,420,131,000

According to the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation:

If hunting and fishing were a corporation, it would rank 10th on the Fortune 500 list, ahead of AT&T and Philip Morris.

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Ramapo Ramblin'

September, with all its hopes and plans for great fall fishing, is here again. Our August guest speaker was Rich Kustick who talked about salmon and steelhead fishing in NY State. He pointed out that September and October are the peak times for fishing streams such as the Salmon River that flow into the Great Lakes. He also said that there are many other good streams in the area. If you decide to try the area, he suggested using a nine foot, eight or nine weight rod.

In the last Ramapo Ramblin' I named many of the people who volunteer for our projects and as usual there were a few that I missed, so thanks also to Frank Schmidlapp, Mike Sebitich and Mike Gallart for their help.

We plan to begin work on a Handicap deck on Henry Lake, the lake south of Halifax Road in Mahwah, in spring 2005. There is a lot of planning to be done including designing a wheelchair path from the parking lot at the newly constructed park off Ramapo Valley Road. The path must be porous and yet solid enough for the wheelchairs. We will need building materials of all kinds, donations of money, and volunteers to donate their time. We plan to place a plaque that lists the names of major contributors at the site. As I have said, this is all in the planning stage, however anyone with contacts in lumber companies or with ideas about how to construct the path should contact Rich Malizia at remqcp@peoplepc.com (or 973-304-0789), or you can contact me at hermaril@aol.com (or 201-797-9043).

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Always Broke!

Sportsmen support more jobs than twice the number of workers employed by WalMart, the largest Fortune 500 employer.

Tax revenues generated by sportsmen exceed the box office total of all United States movie theaters or better yet the combined box office earnings of the all-time top ten grossing films.

Federal tax revenues generated by sportsmen could pay for the combined budgets of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species appropriation, Bureau of Land Management, National Biological Service, and National Park Service. For two years."

Ray Cappock

I stopped by Britt's tackle shop in Oakland to check water temperature and Clyde Britt told me that the Bergen County Mosquito commission has re-built the weir in front of his shop and also dug a deep pool just off the steps by his shop. He said they also increased the depth of the pool downstream above the railroad. This is a nice stretch of water that we bucket stock. If you're coming from Fair Lawn, take 208 to 287 to exit 58, go left on Ramapo Valley road to the first light, which is just before the railroad tracks [West Oakland Ave]. Turn right and follow the road to the river and Britt's; parking for fishermen is over the bridge on the right.

What is www.eastjerseytu.org? It's the EJTU website run by Bill Borowski. Bill keeps it up to the minute with pictures of EJTU activities, fishing information, chapter trips., hatchery information, upcoming shows and meetings, conservation activities and everything else. So, if you want to find out about any EJTU related information, check out the web site; you should take a look once a week to keep up to date on all activities.

I have 122 members on my EMAIL that I keep informed on conservation matters, state news from Ray Cappock and other information that club officers might ask me to send. To get on my list send your name and EMAIL address to me at hermaril@aol.com. To get complete coverage of all activities you must go to Bill's website!

Are you still getting Riffles the old fashioned way via snail mail? You can now get it up to a week earlier! Contact Bruce Seiden at seidenb@optonline.net. He will EMAIL your copy to you.

Many members don't realize that EJTU receives no financial support from Trout Unlimited for the operations of the chapter! We are totally dependent on

income from the shows, the dinner, raffles, and donations from our members. A special tip of the hat should be given to those volunteers who work so hard on our projects without compensation! Many members tell me that they would like to help on our projects, but can't, due to working hours, family commitments, etc. Another way to help is to write a check to EJTU for a buck or two and send it to the address in Riffles.

That's it for this month, I have to sharpen my hooks and bend back the barbs!

Remember, we all live downstream!
God Bless America.

Herm Drenth

Connetquot Trip

On Monday, November 22 there will be an EJTU trip to the Connetquot River on Long Island. It will be a full day of fishing for Brown, Brook and Rainbow Trout. We will meet at the park anytime after 8:00 AM and end our day at 5:00 PM.

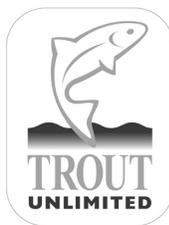
Cost for the trip is \$45.00. Bring your own lunch.

To make a reservation see Bill or Karen Canning at either our September 8 or October 13 meetings. All reservations must be paid in full. Sorry but refunds for no shows will not be available.

Monthly Conservation Committee Meeting

The East Jersey Trout Unlimited Conservation Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at

The Bergen Community Center
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