



# Riffles

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## President's Beat

At the November 18 Board of Directors' Meeting, Points Chairman Ken Vander Pyl reported that an additional 445 points had been earned and recorded for the month. This brings the total for the year 2004 to 13,660. Since each point represents four hours of volunteer work, East Jersey members have donated 3,415 hours of their time and efforts in our missions of conservation and education. On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to thank each and every one of the members and congratulate you on this achievement.

Through your efforts we were able to run the fly tying schools in Clifton and Paramus and the mini tying and fly fishing courses at the Pequest Hatchery and the Introduction to Fly Fishing course in Paramus. All of these serve to get interested anglers started in the right direction. My special thanks go to Directors Doug Penna and Bob Ribar for coordinating these projects for the Chapter. Thanks are also due to Chairman Herman Drenth, and the Conservation Committee for all of their work in the past year. Getting crews to assist the State in the weekly stocking of trout as well as the clean ups, water quality and temperature monitoring and the special events (Ramapo Day, Meadowlands Festival, Verona Park Day) are tasks hard enough in their own right but these folks also make sure that the proper equipment is available, the gloves, bags, trash grabbers, float boxes, aerators, tables and whatever else is needed for the particular event.

Director Basil Santamaria did an outstanding job this year with merchandizing at our monthly meetings and at the various shows; e.g., The Outdoor Expo at Rockland Community College and the Annual Open House at the Hatch-

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## Meeting Notice

**When:** December 8 at 7:30 PM  
**Where:** American Legion Hall  
33 West Passaic Street  
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

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

### Mark Your Calendars!

**January 12  
Richard Jogodnick  
Fishing Yellowstone National Park**  
**February 9  
Marty Lannone  
Fishing the four seasons of the Housatonic**  
**March 9  
Jerry Stercho  
Fishing the Catskill Rivers**

## Welcome to November's New EJTU Members

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| William Barkenbush | Hawthorne       |
| Michael Farmilette | Hillsdale       |
| Richard Oeckelmann | New Milford     |
| Brian Schmidt      | Little Falls    |
| Seymour Fleisher   | Fort Lee        |
| Tony Gemski        | Emerson         |
| Henry Flaig        | Verona          |
| William Maurer     | Mahwah          |
| Richard Silkowski  | North Arlington |
| Anthony Frola      | Fort Lee        |
| James Bishop       | Saddle River    |
| Roy Polizzi        | U. Saddle River |
| Kenneth Siwicc     | Saddle Brook    |
| Tommy Cosgriff     | Saddle River    |
| Woodford Mooers    | Mahwah          |
| Anthony Caputo     | Clifton         |

*Ed Sikorski*

## Slate of Officers - 2005

The Nominating Committee of 2004 respectfully submits the following candidates for office for the year 2005:

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|--|---------------------------|
| President                              | George Petersen           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President         | Bob Ribar                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President         | Karen Canning             |
| Treasurer                              | Bruce Seiden              |
| Secretary                              | Bill Canning              |
| Membership                             | Ed Sikorski               |
| Conservation                           | Herman Drenth             |
| Education and Pequest Programs         | Doug Penna<br>Bob Ribar   |
| Merchandise                            | Basil Santamaria          |
| Speakers                               | Mike Gallart              |
| Points                                 | Ken Vander Pyl            |
| Dinner                                 | Barbara and David Wedlick |
| Web Master                             | Bill Borowski             |
| Federation of Sportsmen Representative | Ray Cappock               |
| Riffles                                | Gary Heger<br>Ray Cappock |

If there are any additional candidates please contact a member of the Committee: John Roetman, Chair, Bill Borowski, Doug Penna and Don Sirota.



Future fly fishers watching stocking process at the Ramapo.

## East Jersey Chapter Trout Unlimited

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#### Web Master

Bill Borowski

#### Federation of Sportsmen's Rep

Ray Cappock

#### Founding President

Don Ecker

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#### President's Beat

ery. Through the efforts of Basil and all those who assisted him, we are able to keep financially afloat.

Congratulations are in order to all those who helped make the Casting For Recovery Retreat a success. As I've previously noted, this was the first retreat the organization was able to conduct in New Jersey and it was made possible through the efforts of our Chapter.

Most important is you, the individual member, who really makes these events successful and, in effect, possible. You should be proud of your accomplishments. Beyond the trout stocked, the casts taught and the flies tied, is the witness you bear to the general populace. By your participation you demonstrate that there is someone who cares about our water quality and our fragile ecosystems and is willing to do something positive. We don't know the full impact we have on those who participate in our programs or those who are bystanders at our activities but we do know that we have somehow struck a note of awareness, which was not there previously. As the Charles Dickens character, Tiny Tim, said; "God bless us, everyone." Peace and Happy Holidays,

*George Petersen*



## We've Moved!

The Joan Wulff Fly Fishers will now meet at a new location:

### United Methodist Church

100 Dayton Street, Ridgewood, N.J.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month. The December 2 meeting will feature Lee Hartman from the Friends of the Upper Delaware and Fly tyer Bill Logan.

*Karen Canning*

## Fly of the Month

The holidays are around the corner and things are getting hectic. Maybe you can sneak out for a few hours. It's a nice sunny day and a few midges might be around - it sure beats spending the afternoon in the mall. Let me see, fighting the crowds in the department stores or fighting a few of those big Rainbows the chapter stocked this fall on the Ramapo - you decide.

Tie up your favorite midge pattern, or better yet, an assortment of your favorites, 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. If you're not into tying tiny flies, we will accept any pattern you care to tie. 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*

## EJTU at the Pequest Hatchery in 2005

In past years our chapter has successfully run a variety of programs at the Pequest Hatchery and Education Center. This year we would like to continue that tradition so we need EJTU volunteers for the following events that will be held at the Pequest Hatchery in 2005:

### One Day Introduction to Fly Tying

January 30, 2005

### Hatchery Open House

April 2, 2005 & April 3, 2005

### One Day Introduction to Fly Fishing

April 24, 2005

### One Day Introduction to Fly Fishing

August 14, 2005

### Wildlife Heritage Festival

September 25, 2005

In addition, every Saturday in February and March we supply Guest Fly Tyers for tying demonstrations. If you can assist on any of these Saturdays, please contact Bob Ribar through the EJTU website or see him at a General Chapter Meeting.

*Note:* Earn 20 points per event.

*Bob Ribar*

"The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of something that is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope."

*John Buchanan 1875-1940*

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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](mailto:tu@cataloguepublishers.com) or [raycapp@optonline.net](mailto: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 Random Thoughts on Basic Stream Etiquette

(Normally this space is used to give advice to the novice angler, however even veterans can use an occasional "brush up". Please let me know what I might have absentmindedly omitted.)

Angling, especially angling with a fly rod, has been called "the gentle sport".

Perhaps that is because we fish primarily on foot rather than from flashy, metallic-flaked, high-powered boats. In addition, fly anglers rarely compete in any sort of tournament. We prefer to pit our knowledge and skills against the fish rather than the skills of other anglers.

We are rare holdouts in an increasingly competitive society where professional athletes have forgotten the meanings of words such as "game" and "play". (E.g. consider the state of the National Basketbrawl Association.)

First and foremost, fly anglers need room. We need room for a backcast as well as a forward cast. Always give another person sufficient room for both. If, when fishing a stream, you come upon someone else, be sure to allow ample space. Personally I make it a practice to leave the water and walk a good distance inland to reach a spot away from other anglers. Remember that many fish live under or near the banks. Don't disturb them. Fish the same water only when specifically invited. Should you encounter an angler sitting on the bank and watching (or perhaps contemplating the fate of the Universe) ask what his intentions are before entering the water. He might be resting a fish he has been stalking for the past hour.

Wade carefully, especially when fishing downstream. You will inadvertently disturb many fish by sloppy wading. Don't spoil the fishing for yourself and others.

Avoid loud noises. Ours is a tranquil sport, pursued in beautiful surroundings. Let's keep it that way. Don't yell to a friend or partner unless you are truly sure that only those in your party are nearby. If you must use a cell phone or walkie-talkie, leave the water and duck behind a tree to "answer the call". Don't openly admit you are connected to an electronic leash.

Etiquette does not carry the weight of law but rather the rules for behavior in a civilized society. Let's protect the future of our sport by conducting ourselves properly.

(N.B. New Jersey law states that the license holder is solely responsible for knowing whose property he is using; the individual landowner need not "post" his boundaries. When fishing public waters, be aware of the borders. When fishing private lands, obtain permission first. Even if refused, be polite. At that moment you are an angler and an ambassador ad hoc for our sport. Contrary to popular belief, we do not have a God-given, constitutionally guaranteed right to fish where and when we choose. Fishing is a privilege; let's not abuse it.)

"A man's manners are a mirror in which he shows his portrait."

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe  
*Proverbs In Prose*

George Petersen

## Learn To Tie in Paramus

EJTU will begin a ten week fly-tying course that is designed for both beginner and intermediate tyers at 7:00 PM on



Elmer Hopper instructs students at the Paramus fall session of fly tying.

Tuesday, January 4, 2005. The classes will be held in the Westbrook Middle School on Roosevelt Boulevard in Paramus.



Bruce Seiden demonstrates dubbing at the Paramus fall session of fly tying.

The cost for Beginners is \$75 plus a \$15 materials fee, and for Intermediates the cost is \$75 (your own materials & hooks).

Registration will be held the first night of classes. If you have any questions contact Bob Ribar at 201-995-0107 or at [ribbb3@aol.com](mailto:ribbb3@aol.com).

Bob Ribar

## Annual Super Bowl Connetquot Trip

Our next chapter trip to the Connetquot River will be on Sunday, January 30, 2005. This is our annual Super Bowl trip and is open to 32 Trout Unlimited members in good standing.

Karen Canning will take reservations at the December and January membership meetings. She will be at the door where you first enter.

You must be a Trout Unlimited member and have a valid Trout Unlimited membership card, which you must present along with full payment at the time you register. There will be no refunds for no-shows because we have to pay for a full day of fishing.

The cost for the day of fishing is \$45.00. You must have a 2005 New York State fishing license.

Please keep in mind that fishing starts at 8:00 AM, not earlier. You may arrive at the park anytime after 7:00 AM to get ready, but you may not fish until 8:00 o'clock. On our last trip we had people fishing well before the 8 o'clock starting time and this does not go well with the park personnel.

It's our privilege to be able to fish the Connetquot, so I would hate to lose our chance to fish it in the future because of a few people who try to be first to get to a beat that they want to fish. PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES.

We also had a few fishermen who didn't observe STREAM ETIQUETTE. The rules for streamside behavior are few and easily observed. Mostly, they revolve around common sense, courtesy, and consideration of others who are sharing the stream. A section of

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## Ramapo Ramblin'

It seems like yesterday that we were stocking trout for the first time this year, making plans for Ramapo Day, preparing to run a booth at the Meadowlands fair and do BATS surveys, planting shrubs at Bear Swamp Brook, placing monitors in the river, etc. All in all a busy year for everyone. As Chairman of the Conservation Committee, I wish to thank our committee members who worked diligently to improve the Ramapo River and its tributaries. Through their work we opened one third of a mile of river north of the Glen Gray Bridge. This added another stocking stop for the state and also added more trout for that stretch. Contrary to what some fishermen may think, no trout were taken from the lower area to stock the upper section, but rather more trout were added!

At this time I have no confirmation concerning the stocking at the Cleveland Bridge at Bear Swamp Road for next year, however it appears that the state will no longer stock at that area due to a lack of parking. In order for the state to stock, there must be public access to the river.

Last month I wrote that it only takes one mercury thermometer to pollute a twenty acre lake. I failed to tell you that you can go to the Bergen Health Center (327 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus - across from Bergen Pines hospital) to trade in your Mercury thermometers for other types without mercury.

I sometimes receive hunting information that I cannot send out via Email to everyone because some do not want it. Therefore I have set up a hunting Email address list so I can send hunting information to hunters only. In order to get on my hunting list, send your name to me at [hermaril@aol.com](mailto:hermaril@aol.com) and ask to be added to the hunting list.

The holidays are rapidly approaching and often we hear the same old cry that he or she has everything and I don't know what to buy. I would like to step out of my EJTU role and offer a suggestion: purchase a few dolls and toys and drop them off at the Marines recruiting center to be given to children who would otherwise have nothing. I also suggest that we could round up some fishing books, tapes, CD's, etc. and drop them off at the nearest VA hospital for the heroes that fought for our liberty.

The books do not have to be new, just in good condition. This is not just a holiday thing, but can be done year round.

I am chairman of the Veterans committee of the NJ State Chess Federation and have raised money to purchase three hundred chess sets that are being distributed throughout the state. I am also working on doing it on the national level and sending sets to the war zones. I think servicemen and women would also like to get material about fishing. I have a list of sixteen VA medical centers in NJ. Anyone wishing further information on this can contact me at 201-797-9043 or [hermaril@aol.com](mailto:hermaril@aol.com).

Here is another idea! Rick Davis, a TU member, informed me that he knows a young lady by the name of Gwen Harding who serves in the army in Afghanistan and also works with children who have been hurt by the war. She informs us that she can use things like packets of hot chocolate, soup, cookies for the kids, hand cream (the weather is dry) and anything else you can think of. She also says that cards are always welcome and are read by all of the 60 men and three nurses in her outfit. Send your cards and packages to: SPC Gwen Harding, 265 ADA - Wolfpack, FWD 5, APO AE 09354. Remember, it takes a week to ten days for mail to get to her. P.S. They also have a Black Labrador mascot named Sandy who I am sure would appreciate something from your mail.

From our house to yours, my wife Marilyn and I wish you all a Happy Holiday and a Happy, Healthy New Year.  
God Bless America

*Herman Drenth*

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## Connetquot Trip

water belongs to the first fisherman fishing it. It is inconsiderate to crowd an angler and just how close an approach is permissible is obviously variable.

The river has fish in every part of it, so there is no need to crowd out other fishermen. Personally, I have caught more fish when I fished between the beats.

I've fished the Connetquot for many years and found that the best way to fish it is to catch a couple of fish in one spot and then move on to the next. This gives everybody a chance to fish the whole stream. So lets follow the rules, use our manners and enjoy a great day of fishing.

*John Roetman*

## Gift Wrapping with Purpose

At the Ramsey Outdoor stores this holiday season, volunteers for Casting for Recovery will be wrapping gifts in exchange for a donation to Casting for Recovery – a non-profit national organization that offers fly fishing retreats for women who have



or had breast cancer. These retreats are free to the participants so CFR relies on donations. Please contact Marina at 201-327-8141 or 570-491-9182 to volunteer. The hours are from 9 to 6 and the gift-wrapping will take place at the Ramsey and Paramus stores on alternating dates.



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