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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat

Spring is coming. That's a promise. Despite all of the "white stuff", it's time to get ready for another season. Check and clean your lines; inspect your rods and reels for any needed service. Is it time to purchase new leaders and tippets? How is the supply in the fly boxes? Don't get caught short for Opening Day (New York is April 1 and New Jersey is April 9).

As our pace quickens in preparation for the upcoming season, so does the list of activities for the Chapter. The first weekend of March saw volunteers at our booth at The Outdoor Expo at Rockland Community College. Director Basil Santamaria and all of his crews did a terrific job. Basil spends many hours gathering all of the supplies which are needed to make this happen and that's over and above the set up, take down and management of our displays and sales. On behalf of The Chapter, thank you, Basil and Company for all of the hours you contributed.

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Welcome to February's New EJTU Members

Rob Andrew	Westwood
Harald Bough	Hewitt
Bob Diamantis	Glen Rock
Nicholas D'Incecco	River Edge
Ron Ellis	Essex Fells
John L. Howard	West Paterson
Charles Kohout	Oradell
Mark Kondak	Hoboken
Alan Lubarr	Englewood
Richard Osterhoudt	Riverdale
Adam Osuch	Hasbrouck Heights
Dennis Pogar, Jr.	Edgewater
Robert Quish	Jersey City
William Reilly	Westwood
Otto Schaffer	Clifton
Charles Schwartz	Cliffside Park
Richard Troast	Prospect Park

Meeting Notice

When: February 9 at 7:30 PM
Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

March 9
Jerry Stercho,
Fishing the Catskill Rivers

Mark Your Calendars!

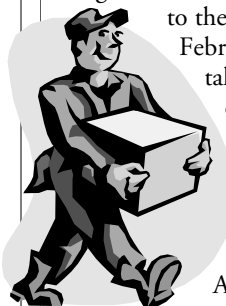
April 13
Dwight landis
Fishing for Wild Trout in
the Forested Streams of
Pennsylvania

May 11
Joe Petrella
Micro Nymphing

June 8
Jerry Stercho
Midge Fishing

The Display is Moving

Doug Penna will move the EJTU display to the Fair Lawn Library on February 1, so stop in and take a look at it. If you can't get to Fair Lawn during February, Doug will have the display in the Mahwah Library during March and April.



Pequest Trout Hatchery Annual Open House and Fishing Flea Market

Every year, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (NJDFW) holds an open house at the Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center. Focusing on fish and fishing related activities, this two-day event attracts more than 3,000 people during the course of the weekend.

The open house will be April 2 and 3 from 10 AM to 4 PM, the weekend before trout season opens.

Our East Jersey TU Chapter will, as usual, have a table at the event where we will be promoting TU, and selling flies and raffle tickets. We will also help at the pond where there will be a children's fishing area.

If you would like to help EJTU at this event contact Bob Ribar at RIBBB3@AOL.COM

This year, NJDFW is also hosting a fishing flea market along with the other activities planned for the weekend.

Fishing guides, artists, carvers, taxidermists, tackle shops and more have already reserved spaces.

Fishing, flea market, artists and carvers, and tackle shops the week before trout season. How can you miss all this? Contact Bob Ribar and come out and enjoy the weekend.

Quote of the Month

"The beauty and solitude of trout fishing are still a welcome antidote to discontent."

Solitude 2003

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President's Beat

Speaking of countless hours of preparations, Directors Karen and Bill Canning, Barbara and David Wedlick have been "at the grindstone" for the past ten months gathering materials and ironing out all of the minute details for our Annual Dinner on March 19th. We hope to see all of our membership at this, the biggest event on our calendar. Thanks to the efforts of our "Fantastic Four", the evening promises to be the best in years. At the Dinner, Director Ken Vander Pyl will present a list honoring all the members who have contributed their time in the past year, helping us to fulfill our dual missions of education and conservation.

Please keep posted via *Riffles* or our website (www.eastjerseytu.org) on the many events which are planned for the coming months. We will need help on April 2 and 3 at the Pequest Hatchery for their Open House. In addition to our usual booth, children will be allowed to fish the Education Pond and they will need our assistance. (Please contact Bob Ribar if you can donate a few hours on that weekend.) Also on April 2, the Township of Mahwah will have men delivering wood chips to Glen Gray Road and a crew will be needed to help spread them (I am referring to the chips, not the delivery guys). Please contact Herman Drenth if you are available for that morning.

The anthropologist Margaret Mead once wrote, "Never doubt that a small group of concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Please give this statement some serious thought and become one of these citizens working to change our world.

George Petersen

Fly of the Month

The Suffern Show is just around the corner and the chapter's fly inventory is still quite low. The fly sale at the Suffern Show is one of the major fundraisers for our conservation fund, and the main reason for the chapter's fly of the month program.

In light of these facts, February's Fly of the Month will be the *Hot Sellers*. The best selling flies that Basil always runs out of. These include Classic Nymphs, Bead Heads, Standard Catskill Dry Flies, and Streamers.

Tie up a dozen of your favorite 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

Hit The Road!

Getting the itch to fish but the Ramapo is at or near flood and you don't want to be tip to butt (rod butt that is) on the Pequest? Consider a little outing to some not so far away places. In New Jersey, Big Flatbrook clears quickly after a winter rain and is open until the stocking starts in March. Even closer, try the tributaries that go into the Ramapo in Rockland County or the upper Mahwah River. These waters are open all year around.

In the driving time it takes to get to Roscoe you can be on the Housatonic and fish the TMA's that are open all year; just check the flow on the USGS site first. Another 20 minutes gets you to the Farmington which is also open all year, if you fish the TMA's.

This is also a great time to learn new spots to fish. I'm out there with a few other nuts but you will never find a crowd. Just remember to fish slowly and favor the deeper water. Most of the action will be on nymphs fished slow and deep but keep an eye out for small BWO's and little brown stoneflies.

Have fun!

Limp Leader

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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. 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.

Annual Dinner March 19, 2005 The dinner will be held at the Wayne Manor

1515 Route 23 South, Wayne, NJ
Telephone (973) 694-7776.

This dinner recognizes members that sacrifice their time and energy to make the programs we support a success. From Conservation to Education, to State Hatchery Programs for both children and adults, to the Suffern Show and Casting for Recovery as well as many more.

Please come and join us as the proceeds from this affair fund our programs and keep the club active.

The evening will begin with a cash cocktail hour from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Dinner will be from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm.

The Menu includes: Fresh Fruit of the Season, Caesar Salad, Ziti, Stuffed Potato, Mixed Vegetables, and a Choice of Entrée.

Entrée Choice: A-Chicken Francais, B-Prime Rib, or C-Salmon in Dill Sauce

Please make checks payable to: EJTU and Mail to :

Karen Canning 74 Minnehaha Path
Lincoln Park, NJ 07035

Name: _____ Entrée Choice=_____

Guest: _____ Entrée Choice=_____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Early payment of \$42.00 per person by 2/18/04
After 2/18/04 cost is \$47.00 per person.

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

Frank Hall Memorial Fly-Tying Contest

The pattern for this year's Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Award is the Yellow Humpy in size 14. Tyers may submit as many entries as they wish. Please bring the flies to a General Chapter

Meeting or drop them off at the Ramsey Outdoor Store in Paramus marked 'Attention George'.

Be sure to include your name with your entries.

The recipe is:

- Hook: Yellow Humpy, size 14
- Hook: Mustad 94840
- Tail: Natural brown/gray deer hair or moose body fibers
- Underbody: Yellow Floss
- Body: Natural deer hair (pulled forward to form hump)
- Wing: Formed from pulled forward deer hair fibers
- Hackle: Brown and grizzly mixed
- Thread: Yellow

Good Luck to all entrants

George Petersen

Be Prepared

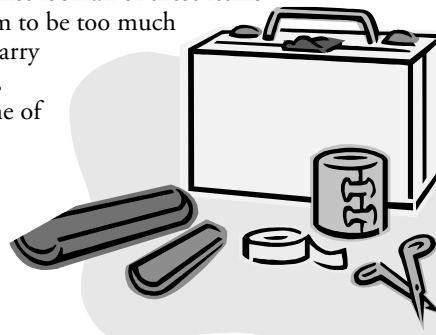
We all know how easily monofilament bites into skin when you try to break it rather than cut it, and we also know how the point of a hook can suddenly become the enemy. Many of us have looked around from a secluded site on a stream or trail and wondered just where the heck we were. But most of us haven't experienced a serious injury while away from home or become totally lost. If something like this happens, wouldn't you like to be prepared?

Place mats used by the Bergen County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs have a side bar that gives the following list of items for a **basic survival kit**: spare pocket knife, water purification tablets, first aid kit, spare compass, extra medication, plastic whistle, drinking container, matches in a waterproof container, nylon cord, fire starter, extra eye glasses, soap, and sunglasses.



The October - December 2004 pamphlet that United Water Company included with water bills had an item on **first aid kits** that listed the following items: activated charcoal*, adhesive tape, antiseptic ointment, assorted Band-Aids, blanket, cold pack, disposable gloves, assorted gauze pads, hand cleaner, plastic bags, scissors and tweezers, small flashlight and extra batteries, Syrup of Ipecac*, and triangular bandage. (*Use only if instructed by poison control center).

At first look all of these items seem to be too much to carry but, some of the



survival items can easily hang on your vest in place of that doohickey that you never use, and a small supply of tape, gauze and ointment fit nicely into a pocket-sized plastic box.

You might also look into the first-aid courses that are given by local ambulance corps and the Red Cross.

Ray Cappock

Ramapo Ramblin'

As I write this column about six inches of snow covers the ground and opening day of trout season seems a long way off. But the truth is that by the time you read this piece, it will be a mere four weeks! I am sure that, like all good trout fisherman, you have a favorite opening day secret place to make that first lucky cast.

Let's talk about the trout for a few moments, a great fish with a brain the size of a pea and yet so smart and wary. His eyes are used to see danger and to also see food as it floats by. In order to accomplish this he has monocular vision which means that he doesn't have a connection between the eyes as we have. His monocular vision allows him to look in two directions at the same time. So, he can use one eye to spot a parcel of food coming from one direction and at the same he can use the other eye to look in another direction and notice that shiny gizmo attached to your vest.

The eyes are tilted fifteen degrees inward so when he is looking forward at food his eyesight crosses in front of his nose and becomes bi-focal! But, the fifteen-degree slant of his eyes has one drawback. It causes fifteen-degree blind spots on each side to the rear - a thirty-degree area where he can't see you.

He has a window which allows him to look up into the world and, using some figures that I have long forgotten, I estimate that the window diameter is about one and a half times his depth. If the trout is twelve inches deep, I estimate the window to be eighteen inches across.

The trout's eyes can each see one hundred eighty degrees however, due to the refraction of light as it passes from air to water or vice versa there is about a ten

degree area that he cannot see; e.g., at a distance of thirty feet he can't see anything that is five feet or less above the water. If you are crouching in two feet of water, he probably can't see you but can see that rod swishing back and forth! This and much more can be found in "Tactics For Trout" by Dave Hughes. I read it a few years ago and I believe it is still on bookshelves.

We have received confirmation that Mahwah will bring wood chips for us to spread along Glen Gray Road on Saturday April 2 at ten AM. Please bring shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows. We will also do a cleanup in that area.

Please note that there is also an open house at the hatchery on April 2 and 3. Help is needed there and assisting at the hatchery is our first obligation. We should be able to get enough help from those not planning on going to the hatchery.

Once again we will float stock for the state starting on Thursday April 14. More information will be given next month.

The town of Mahwah is building bridges across the inlet and outlet of Henry Lake. When they are finished we will be able to begin work on the handicap deck that we plan for the lake. We have a need for building materials for the deck, so we ask anyone having contact with building supply companies to see if they would be interested in donating materials.

EJTU's annual dinner will be on Saturday, March 19! Why not plan on a night out and come support your club? Contact Karen Canning for details.

Anyone wishing to get on my email list should contact me at hermaril@aol.com

Please support our servicemen; go to www.woundedwarrior.org for information

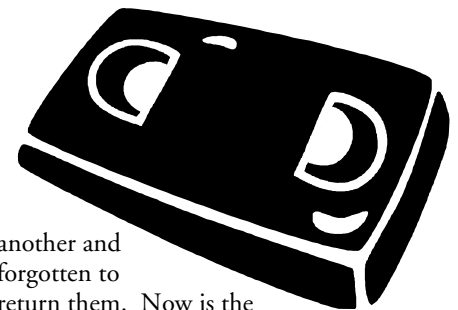
Please be careful if you go out to wet a fly this time of the year. The water is cold and deep!

Until next time keep your hooks sharp and your feet dry! I will see you down stream.

Herman Drenth

Attention Video Scofflaws

Please check your den, TV room, or what have you. Don Sirota, EJTU's video librarian is attempting to compile a complete list of our video library. We have all borrowed a video at one time or



another and forgotten to return them. Now is the time to get them back to Don. As soon as the missing in action are returned and added to the data base, the entire list will be published on the web site

Now It's Up To You

Kindly return any videos that you find either at a monthly meeting, or mail to Don at 18 Gannet Court, Wayne, NJ 07470, or to John Roetman, George Petersen, or Bill Borowski at Ramsey Outdoor in Paramus.

Full Amnesty Is Being Offered (For a While)

Where Are We?

TU changed its mailing address for membership last fall but some old applications are still floating around. TU's new address is P.O. Box 910, Oxon Hill, MD 20750-0910

If you have any applications with a Merrifield, Virginia address they are the old ones.

Please destroy any old applications that you have. Basil Santamaria or Ed Sikorski have the new versions and will be happy to give you some

Bruce Seiden



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