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President's Beat

The mission of Trout Unlimited is to "Protect, Conserve and Restore cold water resources and the watersheds on which they depend". Many of our members are actively involved in activities that help to carry out this mission and they have good reason to be proud of their accomplishments. Stream-side cleanups and river assessment teams are probably the most visible projects performed by these community activists. These are all group efforts and we all hope that they are followed by individual acts. Like an infant learning to walk, we need to take small steps, crawling before we can run.

Let's take a few moments to examine what an individual can do to protect, conserve and restore; some will be obvious, some not so.

- Refusing to litter- here I am referring to a person in any location, at home, at work or on vacation. When I was in Norway I remarked to a man whom I had met in the city of Bergen (birthplace of Knute Rockne) that there was an amazing lack of debris, even in the cities. Osbeorn responded: "We wouldn't do that to our country." What a wonderful and simple way of expressing pride, stewardship and ownership.
- Save water – I realize that we are not now in drought conditions, but why waste what we can only use and not produce. I refuse to allow our clothes or dish washing machines to run with anything other than a full load. In addition, when washing our vehicles, I do this on the back lawn, thereby using the water twice. I use weeping hoses, which are made from recycled tires and contain numerous tiny holes, to water the shrubs and flower beds. I also buried these under mulch to prevent evaporation. Since the Petersens live in an older house, we must let tap water run a bit before using

Meeting Notice

When: May 11 at 7:30 PM
Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

May 11
Joe Petrella
Micro Nymphing

Mark Your Calendars!

June 8
Jerry Stercho
Midge Fishing

it (lead contamination). This water is captured in milk bottles and used to water the plants and for the fish in David's aquarium. I recently spoke to a member who lives in Montville where it is illegal to water lawns except on prescribed days. He is permitted on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is no watering of lawns on Sundays. These regulations apply even in conditions like this. Good thinking! Congratulations to the Town Council.

- Recycle - according to statistics, Americans are recycling less and less. Is there really pride in being a disposable society? We know that the United States comprises ten percent of the world's population but consumes 85% of its resources.
- Look for alternatives – there are certain times when we can use brooms rather than gas-powered blowers. Besides not needing gasoline, brooms are quieter (you won't need ear protection) and provide better exercise.
- Be an adult, a responsible, intelligent

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Ramapo River Day

Ramapo River Day 2005 will be held on Saturday, June 4th at Halifax Road and the River in Mahwah. We need your help for set up of the various stations beginning at 8AM. We will need volunteers to man stations from 10AM to 12:30PM at which time NJDEP will deliver fish to be released into Henry Lake. We will also need help to take down the stations.

We expect 120 kids to participate. Several will be from Girl Scout troops who will be earning an environmental badge. It would be great to get some of our women members out to work with them.

This is the largest one day event we do each year so we will need lots of help. If you want to work at an in-water station, please bring waders.

Contact me at 973-304-0789 or email remqcp@peoplepc.com. We will have a sign-up at the May membership meeting.

Rich Malizia

Catskills Outdoor Show

Doug Penna will have a table at the September 2005 Catskills Outdoor Show and he will need some stuff from us.

What kind of "stuff"? Simple, just any old fishing or outdoors equipment that you no longer want - things that other people may want to purchase at a flea market type atmosphere. The items should be useable but they don't have to be bright and shiny new.

If you have "stuff" that you want to donate, contact Doug or any EJTU director. You will be able to get rid of those things that get in your way in the garage or cellar and at the same time add some cash to the EJTU treasury.

Ray Cappock

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President's Beat

adult – don't wait for local, state and national governmental agencies to tell you what you already know to be the correct thing. Do it. As the adage says, "Think globally and act locally".

We need to be leaders not followers, shepherds not sheep.

George Petersen

Wandering the Web

I suppose most people are using the web for reference and shopping by now but there are so many sites that it's tough to keep up with the interesting ones. Here's a list - in no particular order - of some outdoors sites that may keep you busy for a while.

First, of course, is our own **EJTU site** that Bill Borowski maintains. You'll find photos (maybe yours), schedules of events and anything else that might be of interest to our members -

www.eastjerseytu.org

Takemefishing: A site with information on general fishing, boating, trailering; and links to many other sites -

www.takemefishing.org

If you can't get to an EJTU meeting to buy some of the great flies that Basil Santamaria always has, try the

BlueFlyCafe at - www.blueflycafe.com

No need to tell you what's available at **Cabelas** but, quite often Cabelas has sale items listed on the web site; Cabelas -

www.cabelas.com

Be the first on your block to have a stuffed piranha. **Coastal Fish Mounts** wants you to "Catch it - Release it - Mount it" so they sell fresh and saltwater fiberglass fish that look like real mounted fish - www.coastalthings.com

The Fishing Line has lists of fishing clubs, boat ramps, party boats, fishing

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Fly of the Month

A glorious time to be alive and knee deep in a Trout stream. The first major hatches should be in full swing: Hendricksons, Blue Quills, Quill Gordons, Sulphurs.

These are the flies that made the Catskills famous, and defined the "Catskill Style" of dry fly. So as you prepare for the next day on the stream and tie up a few of your favorites, how about whipping up an extra dozen for the chapter.

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 got wiped clean during the Suffern show and Basil could have sold a lot more if we had them. Now is the time to start rebuilding our inventory for next year. 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

Catching The Morning Hatch

The 2005 Annual Dinner Committee and EJTU would like to offer a special thank you to our resident artist and member,



John Grisoni, for his oil painting "Catching The Morning Hatch".

John's painting was one of the highlights at the 2005 EJTU dinner.

Bill Canning

Our Raffle

As you know EJTU is holding a state-wide raffle that we hope will result in adding some funds to our treasury.

I would like to thank the following members for their help in preparing the mailing for the raffle: Bill Borowski, Karen Canning, Bill Canning, Ray Cappock, Bob Flynn, Carl Hoetzel, Joan Malizia, Rich Malizia, Toni Penna, Doug Penna, Rita Petersen, Bob Ribar, Alexander Russoniello, Mike Sebetich, Bruce Seiden, Don Sirota, Ken Vander Pyl and Igor Zaretsky.



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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.

A Fantastic Raffle

You all know that EJTU is conducting an unbelievable state-wide raffle this month. But many of you probably haven't taken chances and sent in your ticket stubs yet.

Come on members, there's less than a month left and somebody is going to win a pontoon boat along with everything that's needed to go fishing. Why not you?

If you're thinking that some guy from out-of-state always wins our raffles, remember that our own Steve Sulborsky just won two rods and reels in the smaller raffle that we completed last month. Think about it - five bucks and you might win a rig that will allow you to fish those places that you can't get to now.

If you win, a few of us will get out our canoes and pontoon boats and race you across Green Turtle Pond (remember, it's being stocked with trout this year)!

Ray Cappock



Bob Ribar (left), and George Petersen (right) presenting Steve Sulborsky (center) with the two rods and reels he won in our rod raffle.

Doug Is On The Move Again

During the month of May, Doug Penna will have his EJTU display in the Elmwood Park library.



Then in June, Doug will move again. This time the Teaneck library will house the display.

Steve Won Them

Steve Sulborsky is at almost every EJTU general meeting and, if you help out with our trout stocking program, you must have met him because he's one of the guys toting buckets around and helping haul the boat out of the water. Why do we mention this? Well, when

the winning raffle ticket was drawn at our April meeting Steve was the winner of the two rods and reels. We made some money to support the EJTU conservation program and one of our active members won a valuable prize. As someone once said, "Ain't life grand?"

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Wandering the Web

regulations and links to many manufacturers. Even if you only visit the site to look at the fishing cartoons, it's worthwhile - www.thefishingline.com

If you want information on weather conditions, rivers (Ramapo included) go to the authority, the **National Weather Service** (this address will bring you to the "Rivers" page - http://weather.gov/rivers_tab.php)

The **NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife** is where those Conservation Officers come from. But the Division also controls open land, shell fisheries, hunting and both fresh and salt water fishing. You can even get your fishing license at their web site. - www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/

The **US Geological Survey** site provides information on too many categories to list; e.g. tsunamis, flooding, landslides,

Try Harder, Guys!

I know that most of us don't like fishing contests but despite this aversion I also know that most of us would really like to catch an enormous fish. Just so you know what the competition is, here is a list (from the NJ Division of Fish and Game) of the NJ State Record trout that have been caught:

Species	Weight	Caught by	When	Where
Brook	7 lb. 3 oz.	Andrew DuJack	1995	Rockaway River
Brown	21 lb. 6 oz.	Lenny Saccente	1995	Round Valley Reservoir
Brown sea run Lake	32 lb. 8 oz.	**Vacant**		(Minimum Weight 5 Lbs.)
Rainbow	13 lb. 0 oz.	Gregory Young	2002	Round Valley Reservoir
		Gene Rutkoski	1988	Lake Hopatcong

If you want to give your rod and reel a heavy workout, try to beat the 50 lb. Grass Carp that Steve Babilino caught in 2001 in Garrison Lake or the 51 lb. Striped Bass that was caught in Great Egg Harbor River by John Christian in 2002.

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volcanoes (in Yellowstone), earthquakes (On Friday, December 17, 2004 there was a small one 26 miles from Millville, NJ). The home page is at - www.usgs.gov If you're not interested in general science but want to know how the Papakating Creek at Pelletstown, NJ or the Ramapo or any other stream in NJ is flowing go to this area - <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt> then click on NJ on the map, then click on Streamflow Table.

Ray Cappock

Ramapo Ramblin'

I want to thank Ray Cappock for filling in for me while I worked on getting chess equipment to wounded heroes across the country. New Jersey State Chess Federation raised \$6,500 in donations and Aetna Insurance donated 90 computer chess games for vets with spinal injuries. Then we sent 525 chess sets and 100 pocket sets to 65 VA hospitals and to Iraq.

When our handicapped deck is completed I hope we can bring some local veterans there for a day of fishing. The Paramus VA Nursing Home has 330 patients, some from WWII and others from the Korean and Vietnam wars, many of whom would surely like to wet a line.

Another trout season has begun and by May we will be half way through the stocking cycle. I want to thank everyone who assists in this project and I ask you

to be sure to sign in each time you come as you do accumulate credit points for your work. Sometimes it appears that we have too much help and some people think that they are not needed but I assure you that every volunteer is needed, even when there are more buckets than guys.

I think trout fishermen have phases similar to the life cycle of mayflies. Probably most of us began as "nymphs" with a pole, line and hook with a crawler attached. One day we noticed that spinning lures are attractive to trout and we evolved from live bait up to the more elite spin fishing group. Then we realized that it makes no sense to put trout in the refrigerator only to discard them in the garbage later, so we began to use smaller, single hook lures and to return fish to the river.

This is where many get stuck in the surface trying to emerge. They hear about

those rich, arrogant fly fishermen who think they are so smart and who close rivers for themselves but who will not give you the time of day, so they keep fishing with live bait or spinners.

These attitudes must be changed. There are many groups that are attacking all fish and wildlife programs. There are programs like PETA that want to halt all fishing and hunting in NJ, and the NJ DEP that wants to take control of Fish and Wildlife. We must enlist all fishermen, including salt and fresh water, to join together to oppose them if we expect to be able to keep fishing.

When we're fishing we must be ambassadors of our sport and take a moment to talk to the worm fisherman and the others using spinning tackle. In my experience non-fly fishermen usually inquire about how hard it is to fly fish ("I always wanted to try it", is a common statement). A couple of years ago when this happened to me I handed my rod to the fisherman and, after taking a minute or so to teach him everything I know, he caught a trout. On my next trip to Glen Gray there he was with a brand new fly rod, happy as can be.

Anyone wishing to get on my EMAIL list please send your name and email address to me at hermaril@aol.com. This list will keep you up to date on fishing and conservation activities that you may find of interest. Ray Cappock sends out information on hunting activities; to be on his list contact him at ray-capp@optonline.net.

Until next time, I will close the fly box, tie on this watchamacallit fly and mosey on down to the stream!

I will see you down stream where we all live. God Bless America!

Herman Drenth

Free Fishing Days

If there is someone you know who might be interested in trying fishing but who doesn't want to go to the trouble of getting a license yet, take him/her out fishing on June 11 and June 12.

Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12, are this year's Free Fishing Days in New Jersey. Free Fishing Days are held annually in conjunction with National Fishing and Boating Week, and on these days anyone may fish the Garden State's public waters without a license or trout stamp.

All other regulations, including size and daily catch limits, remain in effect. Anglers should also note that any smallmouth or largemouth bass caught during this time (except in the Delaware River) must be released.

Ray Cappock

Save Some Money



Now and then articles in Riffles mention various events that are held at Ramsey Outdoors Store. In April, for instance, we noted that Lefty Kreh would be there, and we also listed the store as a place where our competitive tyers could deliver their Yellow Humpys for the Frank Hall tying award.

If you drop into the Paramus Ramsey Outdoor Store you will notice that some of our members work there so you have a chance to chat with familiar people. But there is an even better reason to visit any of the three Ramsey stores. If you make a purchase, show your Trout Unlimited membership card at the cash register and you will get a ten-percent discount.

Ray Cappock

Welcome to April's New EJTU Members

Charles Claps	Staten Island
Salvatore Crochiola	Oak Ridge
Richard Davis	Ridgewood
Robert Rijo	North Bergen



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