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President's Beat

When I am at work, some customers will ask me: "Where do you like to fish?" I usually respond: "In the water." Most of these people are newcomers to the sport of fishing (or recent transplants to New Jersey) and I am always happy to point them in the right direction, hoping they will have successful outings.

I find it amazing how many people who live in our State are not aware of the many opportunities available to them for outdoor recreation. When my sons were youngsters, Rita and I took them to many of the Federal, State and Municipal parks where we fished, hiked, canoed, swam and cross-country skied. We spent many hours looking at maps to find new locations. Even in this 'Age of Electronic Information', maps are invaluable. I recommend the Delorme series of gazetteers of individual states as well as road maps and those published by organizations like the New York, New Jersey Trail Conference. These are excellent tools for ferreting out recreational spots and how to access them.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has a comprehensive publication entitled **Places to Fish** which lists all of the New Jersey lakes, ponds, rivers and streams. Arranged by county and in chart format, you can readily determine the ownership (State, Municipal or private), the facilities and the species available in that particular body of water. This information is also on the Department's website www.njfishandwildlife.com, specifically at www.njfishandwildlife.com/fishplc. For those with computer connections, Bill Borowski has listed this and other sites in the Links section of our website www.eastjerseytu.org.

Last month Ray Cappock wrote an article entitled "Wandering the Web" in which he listed many useful sites. I of-

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Meeting Notice

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

June 8
Jerry Stercho
Midge Fishing

Mark Your Calendars!

July 13
Jon Shein
Kayak Fly Fishing
Getting Started & Techniques

August 10
TBD

September 14
Floyd Franke
Guide, Head Instructor at The Joan Wulff
School of Fly Fishing and Author of "Fish
On! A Guide to Playing and Landing Big
Fish on a Fly"

October 12
Dave Brandt
Guide and FF Instructor will present "How
to Read a Stream" + A Tribute to Lee
Wulff, Dave will hand tie a Royal Wulff
without a vise

November 9
Don Bastian
Guide, Author and Master Flytyer -
program TBD

Casting For Recovery

Casting For Recovery is a nationwide program which helps women who have had breast cancer surgery learn fly-casting - a motion that speeds their physical recovery. In July CFR will have another retreat in New Jersey and it will need some help from EJTU.

On the last day of the program - Sunday, July 24, 2005 - we will need some volunteers to assist the women as they practice. This is a rewarding activity, so come out to the Pequest Hatchery and lend a hand.

Volunteers should contact George Petersen for details.
(grpetersen44@verizon.net or Tuesday, Thursday or Friday at the Paramus location of Ramsey Outdoor)

Doug in the Catskills

Don't forget that Doug Penna will have a table at the September 2005 Catskills Outdoor Show and he will need some useable fishing and/or "outdoors" equipment.

You can get rid of some of the old fishing or outdoors equipment that you no longer want without feeling that it is simply being thrown out. People at this flea market type outdoor show will want to buy those things that are just laying around your house, so you can feel good and EJTU can add some cash to the treasury.

Contact Doug or any EJTU director and let them know what you have to donate.

Barley Corn

Thank You Tyers

A big thank you to Ed Higgins, Elmer Hopper, John Roetman and Doug Penna for their help at the Clifton High School Fly Tying course. They made it another great success.

Bob Ribar

East Jersey Chapter Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat

ten use the US Geological Survey site to determine the water conditions and flows before I set out for a particular destination. (<http://waterdata.usgs.gov>). Please keep in mind that trout cannot take the thermal stress of water temperatures over 68 degrees Fahrenheit. When rivers and streams hit that mark, I look to fish lakes or ponds for other species. Another good source of information is www.catskillflies.com to check on the conditions and hatches for the streams in the lower tier of New York State.

On paper, you can't beat the **New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Digest** (we old timers refer to this as The Compendium). Here you will find all of the waters that receive fish stockings. Or you can opt to take the Bill Borowski approach. Bill is on a quest to fish all of the Wild Trout streams in the State.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the numerous skilled and knowledgeable anglers of East Jersey. Come to a Chapter meeting and meet some of us. Part of our mission is Education and we have many members who would be proud to show you some places and how to get there.

Of course, asking an angler the location of his favorite spot is like asking a woman her age or how much she weighs.

George Petersen



Barbara landing a big rainbow with the help of Rich Malizia at the last class of the Fly Casting Course.

Fly of the Month

Things are getting hot, and I don't mean the weather. The hatches we dreamed of all winter are in full swing.

The Mayflies both large and small have got our attention. March Browns, Green Drakes, Sulfurs, & Olives have all been getting the trout's attention as well.

The next time you come home from a day's fishing and sit down at your vise to refill your fly box, how about tying a dozen extra for your 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 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

The EJTU Library Display

Doug is busting out all over. Of course, it's June and he's moved the EJTU display to the Teaneck library.

The Elmwood Park library liked the display so much they wanted to hold it over for a longer period but the peripatetic Mr. Penna is keeping to his schedule. Head over to Teaneck and take a look.

Thanks

EJTU would like to thank new fly tying instructor Kurt Huhner for his time and talent in teaching the fly tying course this year and newcomer Steve Sulborsky for helping with the fly fishing course. Also thanks to Mickey Goshen of Red Dog Fishing & Outdoor Adventure for his talk on fishing places at our fly fishing course.

Bob Ribar



Bill Canning helping fly casting student

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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 Fish's Tale

It was Saturday May 14th and I was picking bugs off the moss in the Pequest education pond while waiting for the usual onslaught of amateur fishermen to show up. About 11:30 I saw shadows and felt the telltale thrashing and splashing of beginner flyfishers around the pond. We fish have a great time pulling on their flies. Most of them have the reaction time of a corpse so by the time they figure out that we paid them a visit we are long gone.

At about 2 o'clock things got quiet so I figured it was safe to catch some lunch. I saw a bug that looked ready to be eaten but when I sucked it in the damn thing



George Petersen and the monster trout

was fake and had a hook in it. I admit this happens now and then but a few good head shakes breaks them off and I spit them out. But this time the guy on the other end of the line wasn't the typical fisherman. I continued with head

shakes, made several long runs to get him wrapped in the moss, and even jumped a couple of times. That usually gets them so excited that they stick their thumbs in their reels and I bust off their tippets and give them the one fin salute. Not this guy. He was beating me at my own game.

Then I saw the net and I knew I had him. It was a big net but not as big as he needed so I figured he would miss on the first try and then I could pop his tippet. But I was wrong. I don't know how but he got me in his net but, now I was really concerned for my wellbeing.

Next thing I knew he was holding me up and posing for pictures. He wouldn't even let me show my best side. Then a guy with a scale came along. You know he must be a bass fisherman because what trout fisherman carries a scale. There I was hanging from a scale in full view of all those little fish in the pond. How embarrassing! And the worst thing was they started to shout "10 pounds... the damn thing is ten pounds". Really!! What a way to treat a lady! But I got them when they tried to measure me. The tape was only 32 inches long so they couldn't measure my tail. HA! HA!

Now I was in big trouble - I was running out of breath. Was I going to wind up filleted on some old cedar plank? Was he going to cut me into steaks like a salmon?

All of a sudden I could feel cold water around me and I could breath again. Was he just washing me off or was he really going to let me go? I didn't want to wait to find out so once I caught my

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The following "Letter to the editor" was sent to a Sussex County paper.

Black Ants Deserve Same Protections as Black Bears

Editor: Every spring a wonderful event takes place: The awakening of our industrious, noble black ants. Each and every year there is a senseless slaughter of millions of our black ants in our kitchens and garages. I urge DEP Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell to step in and create a law banning this macho killing by feet and/or spraying of these creatures. After all, we chose to live in black ant country and must change our habits to co-exist with these living creatures.

Please, if you drop a crumb, pick it up; and if you see a black ant crawling across your kitchen floor, bang pots and pans together to scare it off. We, as civilized people, should pursue non-lethal methods, such as talking to the ant and telling it no. Or the best solution is to give all male ants a vasectomy or birth control pills.

Remember, we chose to live in black ant country and must co-exist with our fellow black ants. Please, Commissioner Campbell, you made a difference in our Fish and Game department; now channel your political powers where it will save millions of tiny lives.

Yes, the noble black ant needs your help now. After all don't they deserve the same right to live as the black bear?

Don Carey - Fredon, NJ

Thanks to all the Instructors and volunteers who made the 2005 fly fishing-fly casting course a big success! With 29 students taking the course many volunteers were needed for the 8 session course. The course finishes up with the last class at the Pequest Hatchery, where all students attending hooked and landed fish. Many their first fish on a flyrod!



Ramapo Ramblin'

The seven-week trout-stocking season is over and we give special thanks to the volunteers who made it a smashing success. We float and bucket stocked over three thousand trout with some in the three-pound range. We now stock three sites along the Ramapo: West Oakland Avenue in Oakland, at Britt's Tackle Shop, where we carry buckets of trout up and down stream; Glen Gray Road, where we float stock downstream to Lenape Lane and use Al Morel's pickup to transport trout up stream where they are then bucket stocked; and, Halifax Road where Walter Nahadil and his crew bucket stock. A couple of our regulars, Rich Hudak and Ray Cappock, were missing this year due to illness. Here is wishing both of you speedy and full recovery.



On the Delaware trip, Steve Savitz with a 21" brown caught on an emerger.

On Saturday, June 11 we will assist the Wayne Boy Scouts in a clean-up and trout stocking of Singac Brook in Wayne. We meet at the Wayne

Municipal building on Valley Road at 9 AM for the clean up with the stocking truck to arrive at eleven.

The Bergen Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs will host a fishing derby at the Saddle Brook Park in Glen Rock on Saturday, June 18 from 9AM to 1PM. The park is off Prospect Street in Glen Rock.

They request that we ask for volunteers to assist the kids.

Clyde Britt, from Britt's Tackle Shop, and his wife, Barbara, were out fishing and when they got home Clyde parked his SUV in the driveway with boat and trailer still attached. He hooked up the battery charger, went into the house for dinner, and a short time later heard a loud explosion - the boat had blown up. Even though neighbors said that the boat went as high as the tops of the telephone poles the SUV was not scratched. Clyde thinks the explosion occurred because the battery is near the gas tank and there may have been a spark. When I saw them, Barbara was trying to save some of her lures from the melted tackle box. She had removed her fishing rods but Clyde hadn't and lost everything. Clyde, who is a professional bass fisherman and fishes in tournaments, was using his old boat so his pro boat is OK. With the summer upon us please be careful whether wading or boating.

Paul Warga, who lives just downstream from the Lenape Lane bridge in Oakland, reports that one morning as he was about to leave his house he found a large bear looking at him through the back screen door. Last year Cindy, who lives by the Glen Gray Bridge, reported bear cubs and a mother bear. Please keep alert and carry a whistle and cell phone while fishing the Ramapo.

My favorite dry flies for fishing the Ramapo are the Blue Wing Olive, the Griffiths Gnat and of course Caddis flies. The favorite wets are the Woolly Bugger and the Pheasant Tail and Hares Ear nymphs.

When we see a rise, our adrenaline rises and we forget to look for the bubble which signals that trout are hitting dries. Remember, they take gulps of air when

surface feeding and expel it to form a bubble. We tie on a dry and wonder why the trout continues to rise and will not hit on our "perfect casts" when in fact they are hitting nymphs just below the surface.

Here is some information for our Email lists:

To receive Riffles via Email, contact, Bruce Seiden at seidenb@optonline.net.

For the hunting list, contact Ray Cappock at raycapp@optonline.net

For fishing information, contact me at hermaril@aol.com And, for all of the up to date EJTU information check out our webmaster, Bill Borowski at www.eastjersey.org

Until next time, remember to catch a trout you must think like a trout that has a brain the size of a pea!

We all live downstream, where you can find me resting under a tree waiting for a bubble.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Herman Drenth

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Fish Tale

breath I gave a big tail kick and swam out of his hands. I was free and went back to the depths of the pond to heal my ego.

Nobody is supposed to catch a ten pound 34 inch rainbow trout. I've always been the one that got away; the one that you tell your friends about and they think its just a fish story.

Well George Peterson, you just try to catch me again. I'll show you how tough I can be. I'll put on a few more pounds and do a little training before we meet. I'll be waiting for you George!

By Spike, as told to Limp Leader

Welcome to May's New EJTU Members

Erin Basso	Hillsdale
Frank Catena	Hillsborough
Stephen Dempsey	North Bergen
Stephen Jacobs	Twp of Washington
Felix Rodriguez	Paterson
Andrew Skea	Waldwick
Beth Sulborsky	Ridgefield Park
John Tully	Hoboken

Ed Sikorski



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