

Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat

Sometimes it's tough being a conservationist and lover of seafood. The warnings from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection are numerous. Even at my age, I avoid consuming fish species if they are listed as "only eat once a month".

However there is hope. A website (www.oceansalive.org) has listings of those fish which are safe to eat, as well as those which are downright dangerous.

Their choices are:

Abalone- (U.S. farmed)

Anchovies

Arctic Char - (U.S. and Canadian farmed)

Catfish- (U.S. farmed)

Caviar- (farmed paddlefish and sturgeon eggs)

Clams- (butter, geoducks, hard, little-necks, Manila)

Crab- (Dungeness, stone and snow from Canada)

Crawfish- U.S.

Halibut- Alaska

Herring- Atlantic sea herring

Mackerel- Atlantic

Mahimahi/dolphinfish- U.S. from the Atlantic

Mussels- farmed blue, green from New Zealand

Oysters-farmed Eastern, European and Pacific

Sablefish/black cod- from Alaska

Sardines

Scallops- farmed bay

Shrimp- U.S. farmed and Northern variety from Newfoundland

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Meeting Notice

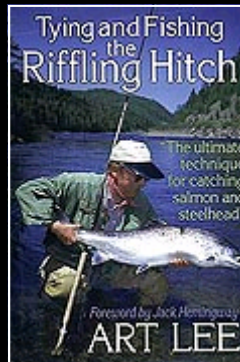
When: January 11 at 7:30 PM

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

January 11

Art Lee

Author of numerous fly fishing books



Mark Your Calendars!

**For Future Guest Speakers
Please check the website**

Quote of the Month

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles." -

Doug Larson

The Connetquot

The NFL may have moved the date of their big half-time show and accompanying football game to February but EJTU stands firm. Our annual Superbowl Sunday trip to the Connetquot will be held on Sunday, 29 January 2006.



The cost of the trip will again be \$45.00. If you would like to reserve a place on the trip please contact Karen Canning - by Email to canning249@aol.com, by telephone 973-694-3852. or by the door at the December or January Chapter General Meeting.

Do not send any checks to the EJTU Chapter mailbox. They must go directly to Karen.

Please keep in mind that fees are not refundable.

Congratulations

At the November meeting of the Board of Directors, Points Director, Ken VanderPyl, reported 325 points earned by our members in the previous month. That brings the total number for 2005 to a record breaking 15,005 points. (The previous high was 2003 in which you earned 14,095 points.)

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend our congratulations and thanks to all of our volunteers who are so generous with your time and efforts.

George Petersen

Save The Date

2006 EJTU Annual Dinner/Fund Raiser
Location: Wayne Manor
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2006
Time: Hospitality Hour, 6:30 PM
Dinner, 7:30 PM
Call: 973-694-3852

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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.

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For Information on trips and other Chapter Activities go to www.eastjerseytu.org

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.

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President's Beat

Spot prawns

Atlantic Rockfish/Striped Bass-farmed

Sturgeon- farmed

Tilapia- U.S.

According to their list, the following are the worst:

Caviar- from wild sturgeon

Chilean Sea bass

Cod- Atlantic

Halibut- Atlantic

Marlin

Monkfish

Rockfish- Pacific

Shark

Shrimp/prawns- imported

Skate

Snapper

Sturgeon- wild

Swordfish

Tilefish

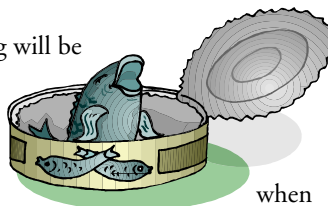
Tuna- Bluefin

This listing will be a guide when going to the super-market or when dining out. For additional information, visit the website noted above. It contains a good deal of useful information.

To all of our members, families and friends I wish you the very best this holiday season and in the coming year.

As Tiny Tim proclaimed: "God bless us, everyone."

George Petersen



Fly of the Month

The holidays are now over and spring is a long way off. Not very many fishing opportunities around. Except maybe, the chapter's Superbowl Sunday trip to the Connetquot.

Like many spring creeks, the Connetquot can be productive all winter long. The staples of the trout's diet in most spring creeks, and the Connetquot is no exception, are this month's flies of the month - Scuds and Sow bugs.

Tie up a dozen of your favorite Scud or Sow bug 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

Showtime

The following list of outdoors shows is reprinted from the December issue of *The New Jersey Federated Sportsmen News*, the monthly newspaper of the New Jersey Federation of Sportsmens Clubs:

Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show; Jan. 12 - 15 in Edison, NJ.

Greater Philadelphia Sport Show; Jan. 19 - 22 in Fort Washington, PA

Fly Fishing Show; Jan. 27 - 29 in Somerset, NJ

Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show; Feb. 4 - 12 in Harrisburg, PA

Atlantic City Power Boat Show; Feb. 1 - 5 in Atlantic City, NJ

Sportsmens Expo; Feb 11 - 12 in Parsippany, NJ

World Fishing & Outdoor Exposition; Mar. 2 - 5 in Suffern, NY

Fly Tying Classes

Winter Fly Tying classes in Paramus will begin at 7 PM on Tuesday, January 3 in the Westbrook Middle School.

Both beginner and intermediate classes will be offered. The cost is \$75; there is also a beginner material fee of \$15.

For more info call or email Bob Ribar 201-995-0107 or RIBBB3@aol.com

Bob Ribar

Ramsey Outdoor Paramus 2006 Fly Fishing Programs And Seminars

February 4th Barry and Cathy Beck
10:00 am and 12:00 pm

Barry will be putting on two-slide shows, 10 am and noon, titled Catching Larger Trout. Cathy will follow each program with a casting clinic and Barry will be tying flies for larger trout. Be sure to test cast the new Sage VT2 rods.

February 11th Fresh and Saltwater Bonefish
10:00 am **Jim and Debby Kaye**

Jim and Debby's program will be on fishing Turneffe Flats Atoll, in Belize noted for its Bonefish, Permit and Tarpon.

11:30 am Mike O'Brien

Golden bones of freshwater. Learn the tactics, equipment and flies needed to catch the bonefish of freshwater.

1:00 pm Tom Gilmore

Tom's program will be on fishing the saltwater flats for the GRAND SLAM: bonefish, tarpon and permit.

February 17th An Evening Fly Tying with Bob Clouser
7:00 pm

Bob will show you how to tie his favorite fly patterns. The class is limited to 12 students. Cost is \$40.00 per student and includes all tying materials. Students are to supply their own tying tools.

February 18th A DAY WITH THE GRAND OLD MASTERS
10:00 am – 3:00 pm **Lefty Kreh and Bob Clouser**

Join Bob and Lefty for a day you will not soon forget. Slide programs, fly tying, casting and a few jokes too.

February 25th Ramsey Outdoors' 14th Annual Cabin Fever Day

Our Cabin Fever Day gets bigger and better every year. This year along with vendors, fly tiers, wood carvers, artists and other guests, our speakers will be:

10:00 am Lou Tabory

Lou has well over 30 years experience in saltwater fly-fishing the Northeast Coast and is the author of several books on the subject.

11:00 am Agust Gudmundson

Agust's program, Trout Streams in New Jersey, will give you in-depth information on fishing the many streams throughout our state.

12:00 pm Wendell (Ozzie) Ozefovich

Ozzie's video presentation, Not Just Trout, will give you a new appreciation for trout and other coldwater species. Be sure to pick up Ozzie's new DVD, Feed Lies.

1:30 pm

Lou Tabory and Jim Murphy

Join Lou and Jim Murphy from Albright Rods outside to test cast an Albright Rod and taste one of Jim's famous sausage sandwiches.

March 4th

10:00 am Bill Hoblitzell

Bill Hoblitzell from Outback Fishing Charters' program will be speaking on fly fishing Sandy Hook's, Bay, River, and Ocean.

11:30 am Peter Chan

Peter Chan from Mostly Montauk Charters will give a presentation on fall fishing the flats and deep water of Montauk, Long Island. Members from Coastal Fly Rodders will be at the tying table.

John Roetman

Ramsey Outdoor Special Programs

Fly Casting Made Easy

Bob Jacklyn

Wednesday evening January 25th
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

At our Paramus location

Bob is the proprietor of Bob Jacklyn's
Fly Shop

West Yellowstone, Montana

and guides on the many rivers in that area.

Bob will also be tying flies

Montana Trip

July 14 – 22, 2006

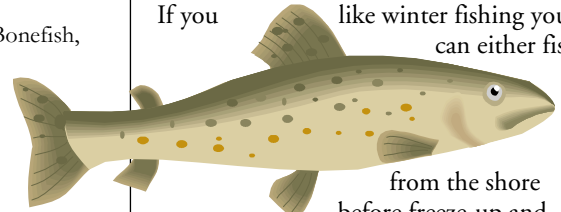
Eight nights, six and a ½ days of fishing on the
Big Horn River and in the
West Yellowstone area

Cost of \$2600.00 includes lodging, all meals,
six days guided fishing and car rental
(Airfare and gratuities not included)

13,000 More Rainbows

In late November the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife stocked 24 lakes throughout the state with 12,940 rainbow trout averaging 11 inches in length. This is the sixth year that the winter stocking program has been effect but it is only the second year that one of our local, Passaic County lakes - Green Turtle Pond - has been part of the program.

If you like winter fishing you can either fish



from the shore before freeze-up and

during thaws or you can wait for hard ice and set a few tip-ups. Last year fishermen returned almost twenty percent of the tags that were on fish put into Green Turtle Pond; ice fishermen returned about forty percent of that total and Spring fishermen returned the remaining sixty percent after opening day.

Here are the lakes and the number of fish that were stocked in northern New Jersey:

- Bergen County, Mill Pond - 400
- Essex County, Verona Park Pond - 500
- Hudson County, Woodcliff Lake - 510
- Hunterdon County, Amwell Lake - 410
- Morris County, Mt. Hope Pond - 410
- Speedwell Lake - 520
- Passaic County, Green Turtle Pond - 770
- Barbours Pond - 420
- Sussex County, Lake Ocquittunk - 500
- Little Swartswood Lake - 1,000
- Lake Aeroflex - 1,000
- Silver Lake - 600
- Union County, Lower Echo Lake - 420
- Warren County, Furnace Lake - 900

Attention Fly Tyers!

Here is a helpful chart to determine bead-to-hook sizes:

1/16"	#20*
5/62"	#18
3/32"	#16
7/64"	#14
1/8"	#12
5/32"	#8-10
7/32"	#4-6
1/4"	#2

*Use 1.5mm Brite Beads for hooks smaller than #20.

George Petersen

Ramapo Ramblin'

I am writing this column in the week of Chanukah and Christmas so I would like to say Happy Holidays to everyone and also make a wish for a Happy New Year!

During the past year we experienced everything from drought and very hot days in the summer to floods in the fall. The Ramapo River suffered from the drought and when the fall stocking time came it was difficult to find enough water to float the trout let alone the boat. Bob Schneider came to the rescue and dragged the stock box down the river by himself, placing the trout in pools deep enough to hold them. The next day it began to rain and evidently the shut-off valve on the faucets broke because we went from a drought to a flood overnight. The trash box located at Glen Gray Road floated away and is now downstream near the bridge at Patriots Way so we have to muster a team to rescue it.

As we turn to the future and look at 2006 we continue to face problems - there is the pollution that the state always seems to be looking into and hopefully will take action to correct; and recently we discovered that the woods bordering the Ramapo River opposite the dirt road by Glen Gray Road have been bulldozed and leveled right to the water's edge. We are looking at what can be done.

Flooding has also caused us to postpone work on the planned handicap fishing dock near Henry Lake. Don Sirota and Rich Malizia have been working on this for quite a while but Mahwah has halted all work in the area.

As most of you know, I have been spending a lot of time providing chess sets

for the wounded Veterans in VA hospitals. My thought is that it would be a great project for members of the EJTU if we organized a fishing outing on the free license weekend for some of these heroes. A group of volunteers would have to find a suitable stream or lake, make contacts with veteran organizations such as the American Legion, arrange transportation, etc. First we must find someone to lead the program and organize other volunteers. I am willing to assist, however due to my age and other commitments I can't direct it. It's time for other younger members to take a bite of the apple. Anyone willing to be chairman or serve on a committee should contact me and we will meet at the next Conservation Committee meeting.

The EJTU annual dinner, to be held on March 11, is rapidly approaching. This is really the one time where you can meet old friends, make new ones, have a great dinner, perhaps win a prize or two at the bucket raffle and most of all assist EJTU in running its many programs. Please contact Karen Canning at canning249@aol.com or 973-694-3852 for information.

When we mention March, we can without doubt expect to hear from Basil Santamaria who will be looking for help at the Suffern show. If you volunteer to assist in manning the booth for a few hours you will be given FREE entrance to the show. Contact Basil at flyfishoutfitters@cs.com or 201-368-7885. Profits from the show will be used by the Conservation Committee to continue our work throughout the year. New faces would be welcome in helping to present EJTU at the show.

You can now have Riffles emailed to you by contacting Bruce Seiden at seidenb@optonline.net. You get Riffles earlier and help us save a buck or two. The monthly cost of mailing Riffles does put a strain on the budget, so if you enjoy getting this EJTU news paper, please consider a donation to help cover the cost of mailing.

I am writing this column on my wedding anniversary and my wife says it is either her or the trout fishing. I am thinking about it and will tell you the results when I see you downstream where we all meet. (My wife is a great person and really doesn't mind?)

God Bless America and our Veterans

Herman Drenth

Welcome New EJTU Members Nov. & Dec.

John Bronner	Glen Rock
Robin Carbone	Hillsborough
Robert Degenaars	Montvale
Ron Hawk	N. Arlington
John Hufnagl	West New York
Jim LiPuma	Midland Park
Sean Moyna	Maywood
Danny Mueller	Emerson
Keith Reardon	Montville
Donald Shaable	Emerson
Andrew Clark	Ramsey
Jo Holmgren	Clifton
Edward Kipperman	New City
Frank Martorano	Clifton
Anthony Modafferi	River Vale
Ted Olsen	Northvale
Jeff Wyrich	Midland Park

Sad News

Roy King, former member of the Board of Directors, passed away January 5, 2006. His wife asked that all donations be made to East Jersey Trout Unlimited Memorial Fund. The monies will be used to purchase a bench with bronze plaque in memory of Roy. The bench will be located on his favorite stream, the Big Flatbrook.

RIP

Doug Penna reports that Tony Burger, a long-time member of EJTU, who moved to South Jersey has died late in 2005.



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