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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat

I would like to congratulate and welcome Bob Hresko on his election to the Board of Directors. Bob is now in charge of our programs at the Pequest Hatchery and Natural Resource Center. As you may know, the dual mission of Trout Unlimited is Conservation and Education and our programs at the Hatchery are an integral part of fulfilling that mission.

We have already had our mini course "Introduction to Fly Tying" on January 22. Now we need fly tyers for Saturdays during February and March to give demonstrations during our Guest Fly Tyer Program. In addition, we will also run two one day courses, "Introduction to Fly Fishing", (dates to be announced) at which time we will need volunteer help, especially for the afternoon sessions when we give the students instruction in fly casting.

If you can assist us in any of these programs, please contact Bob at the monthly General Chapter Meeting or by email at: bhresko@verizon.net.

On the subject of tying, if you have a particular fly you like to tie or an area of expertise you would like to share, consider volunteering at one of our fly tying schools and impart your knowledge to our intermediate classes. Contact Bruce Seiden or Doug Penna.

In March we begin our annual seven week "Introduction to Fly Fishing" course in Paramus. We are always in need of instructors in specific areas (e.g. aquatic entomology, fly selection or knowledge of some of the streams of New Jersey) as well as casting instructors. This course meets every Tuesday evening from seven to ten pm. We are always looking for new talent. If you can be of assistance, contact me at grpetersen44@verizon.net.

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Meeting Notice

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

February Guest Speaker

Dave Rothrock, A guide/ Instructor from North Central PA, has been pursuing trout, with a fly since the mid-1960's. He writes for Fly Fisherman Magazine and The Pennsylvania Angler.

Dave's program: Effective Nymph Tactics And Patterns, focuses on patterns and the tactics and conditions under which they can most effectively be employed. This program is the WHY and the HOW of nymph fishing.

Mark Your Calendars!

March Guest Speaker

Marla Blair, Author of: "Positive Fly Fishing". Marla is a fantastic Guide, FFF Certified Casting Instructor, and a Director of the International Women Fly Fishers. Visit her Site: www.marlablair.com. Marla will present a program on the Farmington River in Connecticut (Her home waters) as well as Western Massachusetts & Northwestern Connecticut Rivers.

Quote of the Month

*Fly fishermen are born honest,
but they get over it."*
Ed Zern

Better Early Than Never

How does an EJTU member, who arrives at the Connetquot several hours late, still get to fish all the best beats?

Well, here is the saga of one of our guys.

I'll just call him TC. TC shows up at the park gate about 2 hours late. Linda, the tall brunette gatekeeper, describes his excitement "like a little bird flapping its wings". She jokingly tells him we were there the previous day. Why? Because EJTU is not on her schedule. TC is shocked and ready to return home but turns on the charm with the not unattractive Linda. Either she takes pity on him or maybe he charmed her out of her waders, but for whatever reason TC is given entree to the park. Yes the entire park!!! TC has the whole place to himself.

What I don't understand is why anyone would drive to the middle of Long Island for the "Superbowl Sunday" trip on Saturday!!! Anyway TC got to fish with nothing but the seagulls as competition. Let's hope he caught some fish but then, with no one to witness his efforts, we will never really know. On second thought, maybe this was all a grand plan.

Limp Leader

It's Party Time

Our EJTU annual dinner will be held at the Wayne Manor on March 11, 2006. Anyone wishing to donate gifts to be used as dinner prizes can drop them off at

Ramsey Outdoor in Paramus, or at the February EJTU general meeting. Items should be new.

If you plan to bring any gifts to the dinner, please contact Karen or Bill Canning at 973-694-3853 or canning249@aol.com. Please include your name with your donation so proper credit can be given.



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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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President's Beat

Last month I was pleased to announce that you, our membership broke the previous record for volunteer hours and points earned. I would hope that we can keep up the good work in our programs during 2006.

Please read Herman Drenth's monthly column "Ramapo Ramblin" for all of the important activities which will be run by our hard-working Conservation Committee. Herman will keep you informed of the dates for the State stockings, clean-ups and Ramapo Day, our most important conservation and educational event of the year.

Herman will also keep you informed of any and all conservation issues and pending legislation via his email list. Please contact Herman at a General Chapter Meeting or at hermaril@aol.com.

Mr. Bill Tomiello, Fishing Manager of Ramsey Outdoor, has been kind enough to donate a great deal of prime fly tying materials to EJTU, helping us to raise money for our activities. He has been very generous and the materials are first quality. Each month Basil Santamaria will have some of the collection for sale. For February, Basil has golden pheasant crests, red fox and swatches of excellent elk hair. If you are a tyer, you owe it to yourself to add these to your supplies. Quantities are obviously limited and only U.S. currency will be accepted. Please, no Euros.

"May we all be together again this time next twelvemonth." An old Irish toast.

George Petersen

**"Our EJTU annual dinner
will be held at the Wayne
Manor on March 11, 2006"**

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 *Suffern Specials*. The best selling flies that Basil always runs out of. These include Nymphs, Standard Catskill Dry Flies, and Streamers. Wooly buggers and bead heads always top the list.

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

Where's Doug now?

Doug will have the EJTU exhibit in the Hawthorne library from late January through February and March.

Then it's on to Nutley for the month of April.

If your library has a display area - and Doug hasn't been there for a while - ask the librarian if they would like to allow Doug to install our exhibit.

Free Admission Suffern Show

Do you like to go to the World Fishing & Outdoor Exposition (generally know as The Suffern Show) in Rockland County every year? Well, how would you like to get free admission? You can if you volunteer to help in EJTU's booth for a few hours.

The show will run from March 2 through March 5 this year and we will have a booth there as usual. If you can spend a few hours handing out literature, answering questions, selling raffle tickets, etc. you will get into the show free, have a good time, look important, and help the chapter.

Any amount of time that you can give will help. So contact Basil Santamaria at the next general meeting or at flyfishoutfitter@cs.com and let him know when you can be there.

I. Shandy

Ramsey Outdoor Paramus 2006 Fly Fishing Programs And Seminars

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) Ozevovich

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

Introduction to Fly-Fishing

On Tuesday, March 21 EJTU's seven-week, "Introduction To Fly-Fishing", course will begin at Paramus' Westbrook Middle School. The seven sessions, evenings from 7 to 10 PM, will cover equipment, casting, entomology, knots, flies, and where and how to fish. The \$75 fee is set by the Paramus Community School; to register call them at 201-261-7800.

For more information, call Bob Ribar at 201-995-0107 or Doug Penna at 201-288-4409

We are always in need of instructors in entomology, fly selection, knots, knowledge of New Jersey streams, as well as casting. If you can assist, contact George Petersen at gpetersen44@verizon.net.

Annual Dinner March 11, 2006

This year the dinner will be held at the **Wayne Manor, 1515 Route 23 South, Wayne, NJ 07407 Tel (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

Please enter the letter of your meal choice in the box after your name.

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Early payment of \$42.00 per person by 2/28/04; after 2/28/04 cost is \$47.00 per person.
Please do your best to seat me with the following members:

Ramapo Ramblin'

Trout season is a few months away and the natives are getting restless. However, there are some antidotes to this problem. The Suffern show in March and the East Jersey Trout Unlimited dinner, also in March, can help cure your cabin fever. To make reservations for the dinner contact Karen Canning (who does a remarkable job of making the dinner an enjoyable evening) at the monthly membership meeting, at 973-694-3852 or at canning249@aol.com.

If you have never attended the dinner I encourage you to attend as you will find a friendly atmosphere and you will meet people who may one day become great fishing partners. By coming to the dinner you will not only have a great time, you will also help support one of the main sources of income for the chapter.

The chapter has limited sources of income since we charge no chapter dues. We do, however, suggest that if you get Riffles by mail you donate fifteen dollars to help to offset the mailing cost. Or if you prefer, you can have Riffles Emailed to your home. For contributions or for Emailing Riffles, contact Bruce Seiden at seidenb@optonline.com

In addition to mailing Riffles, the chapter has other monthly expenses such as rental of the hall for the monthly meeting and supporting activities on the state and national level. But, we are fortunate in having many volunteers working in support of our activities. We have 16 board members, eight members of the conservation committee and an untold number of members who assist in tying flies, assisting in stocking trout, helping at Ramapo day, doing cleanups on the Ramapo, working at the hatchery, putting displays in libraries, and other activities. The only compensation these volunteers get is earning point credits.

Now is a great time to look back on last year's fishing trips and decide which flies were winners and which were losers. It has been said that the average fly fisherman carries enough flies to open a store and uses only a handful of them. I know that over the years this has been true for me even though the Blue Wing Olive, Griffiths Gnat, Gold Ribbed Hares Ear, a green caddis and the Pheasant Tail

were used the bulk of my time on the Ramapo.

If you had to choose only one fly to fish for a season I wonder what that fly would be. Please let me know which fly would be your choice before the March 8th meeting. I will keep a tally and let you know the results. But, to find out the winner you must come to the dinner! The winning fly will be the Ramapo Ramblin' Fly of the Year.

If you would like to check out a little used nearby stream, I suggest that you look at the Upper Hackensack River. The section at Poplar Road is now posted downstream and a reservoir stands where that beautiful section of stream once held some of the finest fly fishing waters in the state.

However you will find some nice water at the Tappan Road Bridge downstream behind the library.

What is this I hear about a developer wanting to build homes in the Ramapo

Mountains - including a bridge over Bear Swamp Brook?

Until next month, I will be anxiously waiting to find out which fly will be the winner of the contest. I haven't been as excited since grandma got her finger caught in the screen door

I'll see you all down stream, where we all live.

If you feel free to read this, thank our Veterans!

Herman Drenth

Clean Out Your Cellar!

Everybody has some unused fishing gear lying around. Admit it! You have things that you swear you will use soon - and have been swearing to this for the last fifteen years.

Now you can ease your conscience, neaten up your storage space and also make some money for EJTU. Doug Penna will once again be at the Pequest Open House selling used fishing equipment. But, since people thought that he was surreptitiously dealing contraband goods from the trunk of his car last year, this year he'll have a nice table and a canopy in case of rain (his own little bazaar).

So now's your chance to get rid of those conventional reels, frog gigs, spinning gear, old rods, harpoons, or anything else that is fishing-related and still useable. Talk to Doug at the next general meeting or contact any member of the board of directors to find out how to make your wife happy by unloading all of your old stuff.

Arfcy

Good Idea!

The following letter to the editor was published in the February 2006 issue of Outdoor Life magazine:

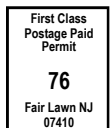


"I think contraception is a great solution for the bear overpopulation problem, especially if animal-rights activists install the condoms directly onto the bears."

Philip Miller



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