



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Wild and Woolly Jersey?

Here we are in an area that people think of as being as densely populated as Bombay (sorry, it's Mumbai now), McMansions sprouting up on every other street, waiting on lines for everything, and with concrete as far as the eye can see – and we are suddenly wilder than the wild west! Sightings of two different and dangerous species seem to indicate this.

People who live in the Ringwood area know that coyotes have been in the hills for a while but recently these yipping packs have caused trouble in both Passaic and Bergen Counties. A Fish and Wildlife representative reported last December that two students from William Patterson College were bitten by “coyote-like” animals. Then, the Bergen Record reported that on January 19 a Paramus Catholic student, who was attempting to assist what was thought to be an injured dog, was bitten. It turns out that the “dog” was a rabid coyote. The student and two teachers have begun a series of rabies shots. In another incident on January 19, two family pets started to chase some coyotes in Norwood. The coyotes turned and one of the pets, a bichon frise, was killed.

Our second wild visitor has, so far, remained in western Jersey. While neither droppings nor tracks have been found by State personnel, people in Warren County have reported that they have seen a cougar. Some of those who say that they have sighted the cat are experienced outdoors people who are not prone to making exaggerated reports. In fact, rumor has it that one of our EJTU members has seen this cougar near the Flatbrook.

Remember, the bears will be asleep for another month or so but there are still toothy beasts on the prowl out there.

When: February 14 at 7:30 PM

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

February Speaker

John Dembeck

**Lake Ontario Tributaries
Fly-fishing for Steelhead**

“My philosophy is to learn as much as possible about the fish and environment every time out; and to pass that knowledge on to you. Above all, we have fun!”

John Dembeck: NYS Guide License, CPR, First Aid, Water Safety Certified. Owner Operator of Two Dogs Outfitters.

John grew up on the Delaware River and caught his first trout on a fly in 1964. Commercial fly tying helped him pay for college. He worked as a marine biologist for an environmental consulting firm, which is how he arrived in the Lake Ontario region. This opened up a whole new fishing world populated with giant salmon and steelhead. He fell in love with the area and decided to raise his kids there and established a fishing business in 1983.

He has guided on the Great Lakes tribs, the Finger Lakes and the upper Delaware ever since.

<http://www.steelheadfishingoutfitters.com>

Coming Soon

March 14th 2007
Andrea & Glenn Van Benschoten
“Brookies, bluegill and bamboo.”

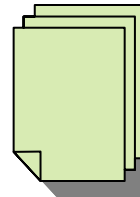
April 11th 2007
Glenn Peckel
“Native Trout of Montana & Wyoming”

May 11, 2007
Dr Roger Locandro
“Conservation & Habitat”

The Suffern Show

Get ready for all the heavy traffic at the NY Thruway's exit 14B and the slow line of SUV's that crawls along Airmont Road. The Suffern Show is coming!

No, I'm not lying. It is coming...in nine months. We just thought that we would let you know that we will need some help from Thursday, March 1 through Sunday, March 4, 2007. Please don't schedule anything else that week.



EJTU By-Laws

EJTU's Board of Directors has completed a review and updating of the chapter's By-Laws and has posted a draft of proposed revision

on our web site -
<http://www.eastjerseytu.org/>.

The posting includes the original text of the By-Laws along with all proposed additions and deletions. The board now requests that members read the revised text so they can express their opinions and vote on acceptance of the proposed revisions at a future membership meeting.

Doug and the EJTU Exhibit in Secaucus



Remember when Secaucus had pig farms and a world renowned stench? Well, the town cleaned itself up a while back so Doug Penna decided to visit the area. He liked it and moved the EJTU exhibit into the Secaucus library. Come on over, visit the library and enjoy the exhibit while it's there.

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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.

Fuss and Feathers



OK, you've been promising yourself that you'll finally learn to tie decent flies but you keep putting it off.

Here's your chance to stop feeling guilty and do something. On February 26 EJTU will begin another fly tying course in Clifton and you should be there.

You probably already know about the EJTU courses but if you need more information, call Doug Penna at 201-288-4409.

Coming Events

Fly tiers needed every Saturday & Sunday in February & March

Clifton Fly tying course, February 26

Annual Dinner, March 10

Ramapo Clean-Up, March 24

EJTU Fly Fishing course

March 27 – May 15

Pequest Open House, March 31 – April 1

Opening Day, April 7

Mini Fly-fishing course, April 22

Ramapo Day, June 9

Federation of Sportsmen Fishing Derby

June 16

Mini Fly-fishing course, August 12

Fly Fishing Course

EJTU's own fly fishing course will run from Tuesday, March 27 until Tuesday May 15. As usual it will be held evenings at Paramus' West Brook Middle School.

For further information, contact Bob Hresko at bhresko@verizon.net

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

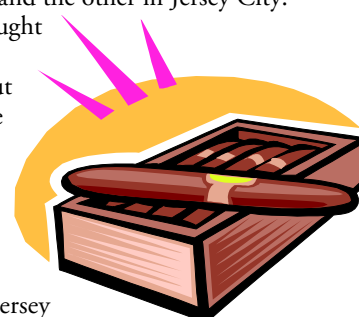


points and an entry into the monthly drawing for every dozen flies you turn in. More importantly, you will be helping your chapter raise funds for our various projects. If you can't make the meeting, mail your flies to the chapter P.O. Box or turn them in to any director.

Bruce Seiden

Pass Out the Cigars

When we last told you about EJTU's involvement in the Trout in the Classroom project, we had installed fish tanks, filters, chillers, pumps and all the peripheral equipment needed to raise trout into two schools, one in Pequannock and the other in Jersey City. We then brought bags of fertilized trout eggs from the Pequest Hatchery to both schools.



At this time there is no report from Jersey

City but we can tell you that the Pequannock Middle School now has a tank in which twenty-five, one-inch trout are happily swimming about. It appears that Luke Diglio, the Pequannock teacher who oversees the project in his school, is a fine stepfather.

Ramsey Outdoor Paramus 2007 Fly Fishing Programs & Seminars

February 3rd

Kevin Tracewski and
Wendell (Ozzie) Ozefovich

10:00 am Discovering Maine's top
Fisheries

Kevin, Maine fishing guide and author,
takes you on a geographic fishing tour,
and tells when, where and how to take
advantage of fishing in Maine has to offer.

11:30 am Ozzie's unique video
presentation, *Feeding Lies*, takes you into
the underwater world of trout. You will
be amazed at what takes place under the
water's surface.

February 10th our 15th

Annual Cabin Fever Day

10:00 am Lee Hartman, proprietor of
Indian Springs Camp, will share with us
his experiences fishing the East Branch,
West Branch and main stem of the
Delaware.

11:30 am Mark Iannone

Mark's program will be on fishing the
Housatonic River in Connecticut, along
with its tributaries: Furnace Brook, the
Blackberry and Hollenbeck Rivers.

Along with our guest speakers, we will
have area artists, wildlife wood carvers,
fresh and saltwater captains, guides, rod
builders, authors and local fishing clubs.

**Saturday
February 17, 2007**

**Shore Catch
Guide Service
Saltwater Fly Fishing**

10:00 am

**Gene Quigley, Jim Freda and
the Shore Catch Guide team**

A multi media presentation on
fly-fishing the New Jersey Coast,
from the beach, to the canyon
and in between.

February 23rd

Friday evening 7:00 pm.

Fly tying class with Bob Jacklin

Bob will give you the ins and outs of tying
his famous fly patterns.

Class is limited to eight students. All
tying materials will be provided; students
are to supply their own tying tools. Cost
is \$45.00 per student.

February 24th

A special day with Bob Jacklin

Bob is a Federation of Fly Fishers certified
master caster, instructor, fisherman and
proprietor of Jacklins Fly Shop, West
Yellowstone, Montana.

10:00 am. Bob will have a slide program
on reading the water. His program will
take the guesswork out of where trout live
in the stream.

11:30 am. Bob, a member of St Croix
Rod Pro Staff, will hold a fly-casting
demonstration outside.

1:00 pm. Bob will be at the tying table,
demonstrating his fly tying skills and
answer any question you may have.

March 3rd

Mike O' Brian and Ray Miller

10:00 am. Mike, editor-publisher from
Mid Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide, will share
with us the secrets of night fishing for
larger trout.

11:30 am. Ray Miller from River Sage
Outfitters, will have a video/slide program
on Understanding Trout Streams.

March 10th

Ken Tutalo and Dwight Landis

10:00 am. Ken, from Baxter House River
Outfitters, Roscoe, will give us the latest
up-date on fishing the Beaverkill and
Willowemoc Rivers.

11:30 am. Dwight, author of *Trout
Streams of Pennsylvania*, will cover fishing
limestone streams, tail waters and the
freestone, wild trout streams of
Pennsylvania.

For further information call

John Roetman at 201-261-5000 or visit

www.ramseyoutdoor.com

East Jersey Trout Unlimited Annual Dinner March 10, 2007

At the Grand Chalet, 1377 Route 23
South, Wayne, NJ, 07407
Telephone: (973) 633-5111

This dinner recognizes the members who
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, trout
stocking, stream clean-ups, and many
more activities. Please join us as the
proceeds from this dinner provide the
funds for our programs and help keep the
club active.

In addition to awards to our outstanding
members, there will be bucket raffles,
silent auctions, and drawings for many
great prizes, including fly rods, reels, and
other fishing and non-fishing items. The
raffle prize will be a Scott E4 rod, 8' for 4
wt., with a matching Ross Evolution reel;
retail value for this outfit is \$745.
A good time is guaranteed to all that
attend.

The evening will begin with a cash
cocktail hour from 6:30 pm to 7:30pm.
Dinner will be from 7:30pm to 11:30pm.
The menu includes: fresh fruit of the
season, Caesar salad, ziti, stuffed potato,
mixed vegetables, a choice of entrée, and
beer, wine or soda.

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

Payment of \$45.00 per person is due by
2/28/07.

Please make checks payable to: EJTU and
mail completed form and check to:

Karen Canning 74 Minnehaha Path,
Lincoln Park, NJ, 07035-2311 (973)
694-3852

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Please enter the letter of your meal choice on the line after your name: (see list above)

Name _____ Meal Choice _____

Guest _____ Meal Choice _____

Guest _____ Meal Choice _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

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Ramapo Ramblin'

It seems like only yesterday that we were meeting at Glen Gray Road to fix the parking area and do a cleanup. Since then the days and months to have flown by.

This year we started with the spring state stocking, and then we put temperature monitors in the Ramapo and Bear Swamp brook, and followed with a stocking with the Boy Scouts at Singac Brook in Wayne.

Ramapo Day is always a great event with kids learning about conservation and the need to practice non-point pollution to keep rivers clean and pure. The kids come from areas where they learn very little about conservation so we hope they bring their friends the message that it is important not to pollute the environment.

Some of our team went to Saddle River Park to assist the Bergen Federation of Sportsmen with a kid's fishing derby. This is always a great event and you get great pleasure in seeing and helping kids learn the fantastic art of fishing.

In the fall we once again assisted the state on the Ramapo by float stocking downstream from Cindy's pool and bucket stocking upstream from there. A total of one hundred eighty two trout were stocked, including some breeders that were in the five pound range. We also assisted stocking at the Halifax Road Bridge and upstream

On November 4th we again met at Glen Gray to do the EJTU stocking of

Rainbows and Browns in the eleven to thirteen inch range. Three hundred forty seven trout were stocked with some placed at Halifax.

I would like to remind everyone to take care when walking along banks as they sometimes wash out after high water. Please check the water flow at the following web site <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nj/nwis/uv?01387500>. Anything over three hundred FPS requires caution and if the flow is over four hundred FPS do not even try to fish.

During the summer the Ramapo River's temperature rose as high as eighty five degrees, making a conservation stretch improbable because the State would not approve it. We are looking at a possible conservation stretch on the Wanaque River below Back Park in Wanaque or a seasonal conservation stretch on the Ramapo. Anyone with knowledge of the Wanaque River should contact one of our Conservation Committee members.

Conservation Committee members for 2007 will be Ray Cappock, Herm Drenth, John Grisoni, Rich Malizia, George Petersen, Bruce Seiden, Ed Sikorski, and Jason Tillerrey. Like the Marines we are looking for a few good men so if you would like to join our group please contact any member of the committee

The handicap deck at Henry Lake will not be approved by the Mahwah Council because of possible flooding, however we are now checking out a site at the Colfax Avenue parking area on Potash Lake. We

will find out if Oakland would consider allowing the handicap deck to be built there.

After years of trying, it appears that trout in the classroom has finally arrived. We thank George Petersen for his efforts in getting TIC set up in Pequannock middle school and also a school in Jersey City with the possibility of classes in Paterson and Oakland. This year George will retire from Presidency of EJTU and dedicate his time to the TIC program. Thanks, George, for a job well done.

This will be my last Ramapo Ramblin as I will serve as president of EJTU and Ray Cappock will be taking over the reins as Conservation Chairman. Watch for his articles in the coming issues.

The Conservation committee meets at 7:30 PM on the first Wednesday of each month at the Health Center in Paramus. Anyone interested in joining the committee drop in at a meeting or contact Ray Cappock at raycapp@optonline.net.

Until next time, I will meet you down stream, where we all live!

God bless our troops and America.

Herman Drenth

Membership

EJTU now has about 750 members. But, the Hudson River Fishermen club is now growing faster and is passing EJTU in membership.

How about talking to your fishing friends and ask them to join us?



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