



# Riffles

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Rainbow, Brown and Brook Trout

The brook trout is native to northeastern North America from Georgia to the Arctic Circle and it is the only salmonid (trout) species native to New Jersey and designated the state fish. It requires the coldest water temperatures of these trout species. It's tolerance to both acid and alkaline waters is also greater. In rivers having a mixed-trout population the brookie is most often found in the headwater section and around cold tributary streams. There are approximately 123 streams containing naturally reproducing brook trout populations in New Jersey.

The brown trout is native to Europe and has been widely introduced in North America beginning in 1883. It is slightly less tolerant of warm water than the rainbow trout but appears to be more tolerant of habitat degradation and change. It normally occupies the downstream section of streams with mixed-trout populations. There are approximately 79 streams containing naturally reproducing brown trout populations in New Jersey. The brown trout generally grows larger than the rainbow or brookie reaching upwards of 40 pounds.

The rainbow trout is native to the North American Pacific drainage from Northwestern Mexico to Kushowin River in Alaska. This popular gamefish has been widely introduced throughout the world. The migrating rainbow, whether anadromous or lake type, is known as a steelhead. The number of naturally reproducing populations within the state are minimal with only 18 streams documented.

In addition to naturally occurring trout populations, the Division of Fish and Wildlife distributes over 770,000 brook, brown and rainbow trout into over 200 waterbodies across the state, each year.

**When:** March 14 at 7:30 PM  
**Where:** American Legion Hall  
33 West Passaic Street  
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

### March 14th Andrea & Glenn Van Benschoten

**"Brookies, bluegills  
and bamboo."**

### Coming soon

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

May 11, 2007  
Dr Roger Locandro  
"Conservation & Habitat"

June 13 Open

July 11, 2007  
John Shaner  
Cortland Line Company  
Flylines, History, Development  
& Selection.

Our trout stocking program is by far our most popular program providing trout fishing opportunities for tens of thousands of anglers in the state. These opportunities vary from small urban park ponds, to large lakes and rivers and crystal clear mountain streams. Stocked trout are normally cooperative and relatively easy to catch. Trout fishing can be equally enjoyable for kids and grown-ups and novice and avid anglers alike. Trout are a favorite of anglers who enjoy eating a portion of their catch.

*NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife*

## Nomination Slate for Officers and Directors 2007

This is the final publication of the list of people selected by the Nominating Committee to serve on EJTU's board during 2007:

- President, Herman Drenth
- 1st Vice-President, Bob Ribar
- 2nd Vice-President/Treasurer  
Bruce Seiden
- Recording Secretary, Bill Canning
- Membership Secretary, Ed Sikorski
- Conservation Chair, Ray Cappock
- Education, Doug Penna and Bob Ribar
- Pequest Programs, Bob Hresko
- Speakers, Mike Gallart
- Riffles Editor, Gary Heger
- Points, Ken Vander Pyl
- Dinner, Dave and Barbara Wedlick
- Shows, Basil Santamaria
- Web master, Bill Borowski
- Publicity Chair, John Grisoni
- Trout in the Classroom, George Petersen
- Director at Large, Karen Canning
- Director at Large, Ed Higgins

## Welcome to December and January's New EJTU Members

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| Michael Como        | Montville    |
| Felixberto Faustino | Jersey City  |
| Zachary Finch       | Hillsborough |
| Michael Fitzsimmon  | Paramus      |
| Lohn Labadia        | Glen Ridge   |
| Vincent Landriscina | Montvale     |
| R. W. Littlehale    | Mahwah       |
| Peter Maniaci       | Westwood     |
| Michael A. Morgan   | Hillsborough |
| Joseph Rosa         | Wallington   |
| Michael Schimpf     | Jersey City  |
| Robert Simon        | Little Falls |
| Robert Zartman      | Montville    |

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Don Ecker

**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](http://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](mailto:tu@cataloguepublishers.com) or [raycapp@optonline.net](mailto:raycapp@optonline.net). Each piece of material that is published earns you 10 points towards your next goal in the points program.

## 2007 Fly Fishing Programs & Seminars

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](http://www.ramseyoutdoor.com)

## Coming Events

**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](mailto:bhresko@verizon.net)

## Fly of the Month

Spring is less than a month away. Opening day is just around the corner.

It's time to restock those fly boxes. Early season fishing usually means streamers and nymphs.

Whether it's little black stones or big white streamers for the West Branch, it's time to get busy at the vice. While you're at it, how about whipping up an extra dozen for the chapter.

Tie up your favorite spring pattern, or better yet, an assortment of your favorites, 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. 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

## Operation Game Thief

What do you do if you're fishing, hunting or just walking in the woods and you see someone violating game laws? You probably feel that something should be done but because of the natural



tendency to avoid confrontation and not get involved you don't know what to do.

If you don't feel that you want to get face to face with the violator there is still a way of reporting game

law violations and maybe even earn a reward of up to \$200. It is Operation Game Thief, a program sponsored by the NJ Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs in cooperation with the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

If you see or are aware of a violation, call the toll-free number 1-800-222-0456 (the number can be called 24 hours a day, seven days a week) and give as much information as possible. By reporting violations as promptly as possible and being as specific as you can the chances for apprehending violators are better.

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## 2007 Trout fishing Regulations

We in EJTU usually assume that all members know the trout fishing regulations. But now and then when a question arises you see experienced anglers get a far away look in their eyes as they try to remember the rules so here's a quick refresher course in the 2007 trout fishing regulations. This is a summary of the full regulations that are posted on the NJ Fish and Wildlife web site, and while most of us practice catch and release the creel limits are included for those who want to have a little fish-fry.

### General Regulations for Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout

**January 1 — March 18** - minimum size 7 inches, daily creel limit 4

**March 19 — April 7 at 8 AM** - Fishing prohibited on all waters listed for trout stocking; all other waters, catch and

release only (there are some exceptions; e.g., boundary waters such as Greenwood Lake).

Waters with in-season stocking closures are closed to fishing 5 AM to 5 PM on days listed for stocking. There are special regulation areas (wild trout streams, year round and seasonal trout conservation areas, trophy and holdover trout lakes).

**April 7 at 8 AM — May 31** - minimum size 7 inches; daily creel limit 6

**June 1 — Dec. 31** - minimum size 7 inches; daily creel limit 4

### Local Trout Stocked Waters Closed to Fishing (5 a.m. to 5 p.m.) on Spring Stocking Dates

There are quite a few rivers, streams, ponds and lakes that are stocked with trout in Spring but the Ramapo and the Wanaque rivers are probably the nearest

to most EJTU members, so their stocking dates are the only ones given here. The general trout regulations listed above apply. In addition, stocked waters including all tributaries, for a distance of 100 ft. from the main channel are closed to fishing from 5 AM to 5 PM on dates listed for stocking. There are no closures for fall stocking.

**Ramapo River** — State line to Pompton Lake (excluding Potash Lake)  
**THURSDAYS** - April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24.

**Wanaque River** — Greenwood Lake dam to junction with Pequannock River, excluding Wanaque Reservoir, Monksville Reservoir  
**FRIDAYS** - April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25

## East Jersey Trout Unlimited Annual Dinner March 10, 2007

**At the Grand Chalet, 1377 Route 23 South Wayne, NJ, 07407 (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.

**Join us...**

**It's not too late!  
Call Karen Canning now!  
973-694-3852**

## Environmental Incident Hotline 1-877-WARNDEP 1-877-927-6337

With warmer months coming soon we'll be spending more time wandering around places where average citizens rarely go, so we are often the first to notice threats to the environment. What should you do if you happen to come on a problem area? New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection has established a new toll-free telephone hotline number you can use to report environmental incidents, abuses, and complaints in New Jersey or impacting it. The 1-877-WARNDEP number can be used in the New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware calling areas.

### East Jersey Trout Unlimited Annual Dinner March 10, 2007

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:

\_\_\_\_\_

## Conservation Notes

Now that Herm Drenth is becoming a High Muck-A-Muck, or I should say a Pooh Bah since Muck-A-Mucks are often arrogant and Herm never is, here I am trailing in his wake and trying to figure out what to write in this column that was always his. I suppose the easiest way is to let you know what the EJTU Conservation Committee has scheduled for the next few months, so if this column reads like someone's Day-Timer you will have to excuse me.

By the time you read this the Suffern Show will be over but, this is the event that seems to wake us up and force us out of our houses after those long, dark winter days during which we read catalogs and dream about trees with leaves on them. It also gives EJTU a chance to tell a lot of people what we've done for conservation in the past year, it provides an opportunity for us generate some new members, and we can also sell some flies and raffle tickets. Somehow Basil Santamaria quietly plans and manages the whole four-day event without breaking a sweat. Nice work, Basil!

Three weeks after the Suffern Show we will begin our outdoors activities – a cleanup along the Ramapo that is scheduled for Saturday, March 24. Even a relatively mild winter can cause a surprising mess along the Ramapo, so Rich Malizia will have Mahwah drop off a new supply of wood chips for the parking area on the east side of Glen Gray bridge, and John Grisoni is asking Oakland to

supply gravel for the area just west of the bridge. This, of course, means that our hardy volunteers should bring shovels and rakes to level all this material.

For the actual cleanup there will be a supply of garbage bags on hand to bundle up the paper, plastic and other debris that was deposited along the banks during the winter. We will meet at Glen Gray bridge at 9 AM and if there are enough people we should also be able to tidy up the area on the Ramapo around Halifax Road.

In a few weeks Ed Sikorski will once again put temperature recorders into various locations on the Ramapo, and this year he will also put a recorder into the Wanaque River. Ed retrieves the recorders in the fall and then copies the data onto a computer, so we have a permanent record of river temperatures.

On Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1 EJTU will be at the Pequest Hatchery for the annual Open House. This event draws many people – the word hordes comes to mind – because there are attractions for all ages. If you can spare some time contact Bob Hresko and let him know that you can give him a hand.

Trout season opens on Saturday, April 7 so we will assist the State in their Ramapo stocking program on the seven Thursdays that follow opening day - April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24. Bruce Seiden has once again let us use his boat for float stocking and the cooler has been cleaned and is ready so all we need are coffee to start the days and some fish to put into the river. Volunteers – the more the

merrier – will assemble at Glen Gray bridge to tell lies about the days when fishing was really good at 9 AM each Thursday. Then the Fish & Wildlife truck will arrive at around 10 AM; by 12:30 we can put the boat away, clean the cooler and everyone can go home.

Looking ahead to early June, we have two events that need volunteers. Saturday, June 2 is the date for this year's Ramapo Day. Rich Malizia, who coordinates this whole event, will have more details in coming months but we know that shepherding the children around, demonstrating a BATS, tying flies, and teaching casting will require a number of people.

One week later, on Saturday, June 9, the Meadowlands Festival takes place in the park in Secaucus that is located next to the Hackensack River behind Snake Hill. There are no details yet but, once again Rich Malizia will coordinate EJTU's activities at the affair.

If you want to plan really far ahead, save some time on Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15. The Appalachian Trail Conservancy will hold its bi-annual convention at Ramapo College on those days and EJTU has been invited to give short presentations. Rich Malizia will have more details as the event gets closer.

Well, as Herm Drenth always ended his column, "Don't drink the water downstream from the buffalo herd". That doesn't sound right, does it?. I'll have to give Herm a call.

*Ray Cappock*

## The EJTU Exhibit

Libraries are clamoring for Doug Penna to let them showcase the EJTU exhibit but, so far, Doug has only chosen three of them for the coming months. So, where has Doug decided to install the exhibit?

During March Franklin Lakes will be honored, then in April it will be Ramsey, after which the exhibit will move to Hasbrouck Heights. Stop in and see Doug's work.

## 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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No one, not even the person you speak with on the phone needs to know your identity. If you desire to remain anonymous you will be assigned a code number of your own choosing. You will be told when to call back to find out the result of your tip, and if your information leads to the issuance of a citation, you are eligible for a reward. Reward payments can be made in untraceable bank money orders or in cash and delivered to you as per your instructions. You are fully protected.

The person who commits wildlife crime for whatever reason is a crook, a thief and a cheat who robs us all of not only our precious wildlife, but also our tax and license dollars. Don't make excuses for wildlife crime and don't tolerate poaching or other illegal activities among your

hunting, fishing, or hiking companions. Report violations and help conserve our wildlife for others to enjoy while at the same time helping yourself.

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