



# Riffles

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Ramblin' on

➔ On opening day the weather, as usual, was cold and damp. I stopped at Ramapo at about 10 AM and found Bob Schneider and his sons participating in the annual ritual of opening day. He said the turnout was light and that only a few trout were caught from the 38 degree water. But, a young lady at Cindy's pool, who as I understand was on her first fishing trip, caught four trout.

➔ The first EJTU assisted state stocking was done in a downpour of rain on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The trout were of good size with some breeders in the four pound range. You are invited to assist with the program and can meet the "crew" at Glen Gray Road Bridge at 9:30AM every Thursday morning in May. Britt's tackle shop is closed, but we will continue to bucket stock there at 9 AM. Please park in the parking area over the bridge from Britt's. We also bucket stock at the Halifax Road Bridge after Glen Gray.

➔ The April 16 deluge of rain destroyed most of the work that we did at Glen Gray. Stocking of the Ramapo was cancelled for April 19, but a double stocking was done the following Thursday. Thanks to the volunteers who repaired the dirt road to allow us to stock upstream.

➔ Go figure this one. The other day I read an article in Field and Stream magazine that I found interesting and baffling. The Georgia Fish and Wildlife department declared the Chattahoochee River a wild trout stream and will no longer stock brown trout because they are holding over and breeding on their own. This river, which is about ten miles north of Atlanta and about eight hundred miles south of the Ramapo, is capable of carrying holdover brown trout despite

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**When:** May 9 at 7:30 PM  
**Where:** American Legion Hall  
33 West Passaic Street  
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

### May 9, 2007 Dr. Roger Locandro Conservation & Habitat

Dr. Roger Locandro will present a Rutgers professor's perspective on freshwater fisheries. Dr. Locandro is a professor of Natural Resources and Fisheries at Rutgers/Cook College, where he has taught for over 50 years. Dr Locandro was a former chairman of the NJ Fish & Game Council, and is a member of the Federal Fisheries Management Council.

### June 13 Open

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

### Welcome to April's New EJTU Members

Thomas N. Ahlborn  
Ridgewood  
Scott J. Moss  
Bloomfield

## Ramapo River Day 2007

Once again we are putting together our schedule for Ramapo River Day which will be held on Saturday, June 2nd.

This is one of the most demanding programs of the year as it requires a great number of volunteers to make it happen. We need people for set-up beginning 8:00 AM, program workers from 9:30 AM to Noon and clean up and take down workers from Noon to 1:00 PM.

It is a lot of work but it is a program that is well worth the effort. Please see me at the general membership meeting, call me at 973-304-0789 or email [remqcp@optonline.net](mailto:remqcp@optonline.net) if you can help.

We still have some space available for participants so if you know of a school or scout group that would like to come, let me know.

Thanks.

Rich Malizia

## Gone Fishin'

This summer the Rochelle Park American Legion will furbish (actually they will probably hire professional furbishers for the job) the hall where we hold our EJTU monthly members meetings.

So, what are we to do for the summer? Meet in the parking lot or in someone's basement? Nah! We're going to wait until the entire furbishing is completed and then return to Rochelle Park. Think how relaxing this summer will be – for two whole months you won't have to listen to people lie about the huge fish they've been catching while you were mowing the lawn.

Remember to put a blank entry on the July 11 and August, 8 pages of your 2007 calendars. You won't be doing anything on those days because there will be no EJTU meetings.

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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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## Coming Events

### Ramapo Day June 2

### Meadowlands Festival June 9

### Federation of Sportsmen Fishing Derby June 16

### Appalachian Trail Conservancy Event July 14

### Mini Fly-Fishing Course August 12

## Fly of the Month

A glorious time to be alive and knee deep in a Trout stream. The first major hatches should be in full swing: Hendricksons, Blue Quills, Quill Gordons, Sulphurs.

These are the flies that made the Catskills famous, and defined the "Catskill Style" of dry fly. So as you prepare for the next day on the stream and tie up a few of your favorites, how about whipping up an extra dozen for the 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 got wiped clean during the Suffern show and Basil could have sold a lot more if we had them. Now is the time to start rebuilding our inventory for next year. 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*

## 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.

## Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest

The pattern for this year's Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Award is the Parmachene Bell, a classic wet fly in size 12. The official pattern for the contest will be as listed in Eric Leiser's "The Book of Fly Patterns".

Tyers may submit as many entries as they wish. Please bring the flies to a Chapter Meeting or drop them off at the Ramsey Outdoor Store in Paramus marked, "Attention George". The deadline for submissions is the June 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Be sure to include your name with your entries.

The recipe is: Parmachene Bell

Hook: Mustad 3906, Partridge L2A, or equivalent size 12

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: Red and white hackle fibers mixed

Rib: Fine flat gold tinsel

Body: Yellow floss

Hackle: Red and white mixed

Wing: Married sections of white, then red, then white duck quills

Remarks: The hackle should be wound as a double-folded hackle – that is one feather inside the other. Two turns of the double-folded hackle are enough to form the collar.

Good luck to all entrants  
*Bruce Seiden*

## Doug in the Merry Month of May


Doug Penna has once again moved EJTU's display. If you want to visit it during May you will have to go to the Hasbrouck Heights library.

Don't forget, if your town has a display area in its library, and if the library would like to feature the EJTU exhibit, please contact Doug Penna at 201-288-4409.


**Stop the Spread of Invasive species!**

Invasive Fish Species such as Northern snakeheads, flathead catfish, koi or goldfish **must not** be stocked or returned to the water! If you catch a northern snakehead or flathead catfish immediately call Fish and Wildlife at (908) 236-2118.


**SNAKEHEAD—INVASIVE (Do NOT Release!)**  
Note long anal fin.



**BOWFIN—NATIVE (OK to Release!)**  
Note short anal fin.




**FLATHEAD CATFISH (Do NOT Release!)** Must have all three characteristics:  
1) Upper white lobe on caudal fin,  
2) Protruding lower jaw,  
3) Tail NOT deeply forked



**It is illegal to transport any fish, including game species, from one water-body to another. It is illegal to stock any fish in New Jersey without a Permit!**

**ZEBRA MUSSELS** have already cost millions to boaters, industries, towns and cities in the Great Lakes and along the Mississippi.



## Healing Waters

Project Healing Waters is a volunteer, non-profit organization which was founded in 2005 to rehabilitate both the physical and emotional disabilities suffered by active duty military personnel and veterans. The Federation of Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited volunteers who originated the project are attempting to aid these wounded military personnel by introducing them to the skills of fly fishing and fly tying and by taking them on frequent fly fishing trips.

Why do we tell you this? Because some of the old equipment that you have laying around can be a great help to the project. Healing Waters provides all fly fishing and fly tying equipment to the participants free of charge and now the organizers need some items that you probably have.

If you have an old fishing vest with zingers and any other tools, or if you have extra leaders and tippets, they will be invaluable to some injured service people. Think about all of the duplicate equipment that you have "just in case", then decide whether you or a wounded serviceman needs it more.

For further information, contact Michael Gallart at [trallag@mac.com](mailto:trallag@mac.com) or John Grisoni at [jntgris@aol.com](mailto:jntgris@aol.com).

## Carry a Little Bag!

My fishing vest has so many pockets that I'm one of those guys who has to open one flap after another when trying to find something that's used only infrequently. But now I'm here to tell you, and to remind myself, to carry one more thing when we head out to fish – bring along a little bag.

I was reminded of this during a Thursday when we were helping the State by float stocking the stretch of the Ramapo downstream from Glen Gray Bridge. Damian Dialuri and I had driven down to the Lenape take-out site to meet the boat and we were enjoying the beautiful weather and chatting while we waited for Ray Adam and John Rice, our intrepid boat crew to arrive. This took a while because the oarsman, Ray Adam, served on an aircraft carrier and, since this is like serving on a Manhattan Island that moves, his seagoing skills are not up to those of us Tin Can Sailors.

During our wait, Damian talked about the amount of monofilament that he finds along stream banks while he is fishing. He was annoyed by the amount that he found, but he was also surprised by the strength of the mono, saying that it seemed that many people leave lengths of twenty pound test line on the banks. How did he find the mono? Mainly by tripping on it and getting it snared on his feet.

Some outdoorsmen might feel that this is a minor problem but, for wildlife that lives on or near our bodies of water it can be a major problem. We know how difficult it is to clear up a tangle of mono, even using nippers, so imagine how you would handle the same tangle if you were four-footed, weighed less than ten pounds, or even less than a pound, and had no idea of what monofilament is. A couple of quick tugs to free yourself and suddenly you are a wounded animal with a very limited life expectancy.

Aquatic birds don't fare much better than mammals when they encounter monofilament either. If you do a quick search on the web you can find one of the photos of birds that have died because they became entangled in mono. Can't fly, can't eat, can't live!

So what can we do to ease the problem? First, I say "ease the problem" because I

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summer air temperatures hovering around one hundred degrees. I read that trout die when the water temperature reaches about 75 degrees for Rainbows and 78 for Browns because they require about four times the amount of oxygen in warm water. Is the Chattahoochee's oxygen level exceptional or have the brown trout in that river adapted to it? No, the answer is that there is a spill way from a reservoir bottom that keeps the water cool. I guess the Ramapo needs a reservoir.

➡ Spin fishing

I wonder how many of our members started fishing with a spinning rod or still use them, especially during early spring when the water is high and cold. The first time I saw a spinning outfit was in 1947 when GI's brought back this new type of French fishing outfit after WWII. Over the years most kids cut their teeth on spin fishing. They started with the garden variety bait and moved on to spinners. I only remember one person ever telling me that he has always used a fly rod and never had a spin rod in his hand. Many spin fishermen have begun to practice catch and release over the last few years and some are now eager to learn about casting a fly. EJTU promotes fly fishing as the ultimate way to enjoy trout fishing, and catch and release as less harmful to the fish. However, Trout Unlimited is an education and conservation group and is not a fly fishing club. Somehow we are missing out on a large group of potential EJTU members who have the mistaken idea that we are a fly fishing organization. Please invite your spin fishing buddies to come to a meeting and join us as we promote conservation and education.

➡ EJTU has a lot of equipment that we have to store some place. The tables and backdrops for the Suffern show plus items for education and conservation activities are now stashed in the basements of various members' homes. We considered renting storage space but the \$100+ per month is beyond our reach. We would like someone with enough property to let us have a corner where we can put up a shed for storage. If you can help, please contact me or Bruce Seiden.

➡ The annual dinner was another outstanding success, thanks to the efforts of David and Barbara Wedlick and Bill and Karen Canning. Bill and Karen have

served for five years and have decided to step down from the committee. David and Barbara will chair the committee and are asking for suggestions and help in organizing the 2008 dinner. They request that anyone wishing to donate items for the bucket raffle or drawings inform them of the items but keep them until the time of the dinner as storage is a problem.

Contact Barbara at [b207@worldnet.att.net](mailto:b207@worldnet.att.net)

➡ Trout corner

I have started a new item for our meetings called trout corner where we spend a few minutes trying to figure out why a trout with a brain the size of a pea can confuse and frustrate us. Please let me know if you like the program. Did you know that tests have shown that a trout can see items underwater up to 40 feet away if the water is crystal clear? In an average stream trout can see up to 15 feet away depending on clarity; however, they do not seem to mind seeing waders. If a person stands still for a while and is below their line of sight above the waterline, they will go back to feeding.

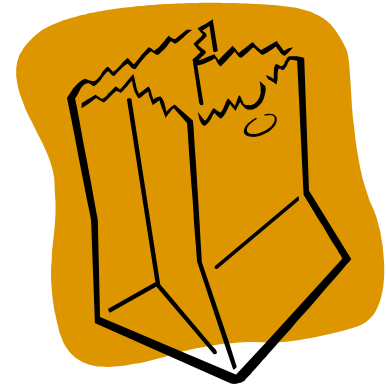
➡ Politics

With elections and politics in the news on a daily basis, I will not put anything in this column to either support or not support any candidate. Only items concerning fish and wildlife education or conservation on the state level, with the understanding that I report, you decide. It's that time of year again to mosey down to the creek and check out the hatches. Others run, but at my age, I mosey! If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you are free to read this, thank a Veteran!

*Herm Drenth*

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know that there will always be bozos who think that their little pile of discarded mono doesn't amount to much considering the size of the earth, and we can't follow all of them every day. But we



can  
stop  
for a

moment and pick up those pieces that we notice on the ground or retrieve the lengths that hang in trees and bushes.

And, what should we do with the mono that other fishermen should have taken with them? That's where the little bag comes in. A sandwich bag or any other bag of that size can hold a surprising amount of wadded up fishing line and it won't take up much space in one of the unused pockets in your vest.

It's likely that no one will know that you are taking home someone else's discarded fishing line and disposing of it properly but some little furred or feathered creatures will be much happier.

*Ray Cappock*



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