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Ramblin on II

Education vs. Conservation

It seems that people have various opinions about the question of where conservation ends and education begins, and vice versa. Trout Unlimited is dedicated to these twin concepts and yet we hear that a project is either conservation or education.

I do not think that we can have one without the other; they are joined at the hip.

As an example, let us consider Ramapo Day which is considered a conservation project because we demonstrate the necessity of maintaining and preserving rivers to one hundred kids. The kids are also being taught to bring the lessons they have learned back to their environments. When Doug Penna brings his display to various libraries he is teaching people about East Jersey Trout Unlimited and yet many of his pictures show conservation at work.

George Petersen has been heading the Trout in the Class Room project and teaching kids about the problems and fun of raising trout. They are also learning about the need for conservation and the necessity of keeping rivers clean.

Bob Hresko runs programs at the hatchery to educate kids and adults about fishing but they also learn about the need for conservation.

Whether it is fly tying courses, fly casting classes, BATS surveys, cleanups, or shows I believe that every event that EJTU is involved with has a touch of both education and conservation.

EMAIL

Because of the amount of spam going around I suggest that you enter EJTU in the subject line when you send email to me. I cannot recognize 150 email

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When: June 13 at 7:30 PM

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

June's Speaker

John Shaner

Cortland Line Company

John is a leading industry expert on fly lines. His presentation will cover their history, development and selection. He will discuss how lines are designed, constructed, and tailored to meet the varied needs of the fly fisherman.

Connetquot River Needs Our Help!

Matching funds available for your donation

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) have reported that a fish virus, infectious pancreatic necrosis (IPN), was found in samples of trout from the hatchery in the Connetquot River State Park Preserve on Long Island. There is no known health threat to humans who handle or consume fish that contain the IPN virus, but IPN is considered a serious fish disease capable of causing extensive mortality in young trout.

The virus that causes IPN was found in samples of brook, brown and rainbow trout that were collected from the hatchery in November 2006 and sent to DEC's Rome Fish Disease Control Unit laboratory for analysis. This was part of a fish health inspection program conducted

Ramapo River Day

EJTU's Rich Malizia and Ramapo College's Dr. Angela Cristini did it again. They brought together 100 children, 30 adults, observing college students, twenty EJTU volunteers, and a day full of sunshine for Ramapo River Day 2007.



Bob Papson, NJ DEP's Principle Marine Biologist shows kids the kinds of fish they are going to release.

The children took part in seven different activities that included bringing bugs from the river, checking them under microscopes, checking river water for phosphates and for dissolved oxygen, learning about non-point source pollution, fly tying and then fly casting. Their finale was releasing a variety of warm water fish into Henry Lake courtesy of Bob Papson and the Hackettstown hatchery.

Congratulations to Rich and Angela, and thanks to all those who assisted them.

by DEC at state-owned and private hatcheries that raise fish to be released into the state's waters.

IPN's effects range from turning fish fry a blackish color to affecting fingerlings with hemorrhages or exophthalmia (also known as "popeye"). When IPN infects

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Location: The American Legion Hall, 33 West Passaic St, Rochelle Park, NJ. 07662.

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Location: The Bergen County Community Center, 327 East Ridgewood Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652.

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(Continued from page 1) *Connetquot* Help hatchery fish, the effects can last for a long time and then become dormant for many years before reemerging. Hatchery fish do not always display symptoms of IPN and have the potential of infecting wild trout or other fish species if introduced into a body of water, potentially resulting in a mortality event.

IPN may be transmitted from infected fish to uninfected fish and from parent fish to their offspring. There is no demonstrated cure for IPN. It is not known when this virus first became present in trout at the Connetquot Hatchery because previous annual fish health inspections were focused solely on the whirling disease parasite.

The East Jersey TU Board of Directors has approved a matching funds program to benefit the Connetquot. The Chapter has allocated \$500 to match donations received from our members to assist the Connetquot River State Park Preserve in combating IPN. If you donate \$50 EJTU will match it making your donation \$100 to the Connetquot.

If you have ever fished the Connetquot then you know the quality of this fishery and why it is so important to preserve it.

If you are interested in making a donation, please make your check payable to EJTU and write "Connetquot" in the memo field. Checks may be mailed to the chapter, or given to any director. The chapter address is PO Box 366, Hohokus, NJ 07423.

EJTU Display Schedule

EJTU's display will relax for the month of June but, in July and August it will be at Lodi's Library.

If you know of a local library that might want to host our display, please contact Doug Penna at (201) 288-4409.

Fly of the Month

Things are getting hot, and I don't mean the weather. The hatches we dreamed of all winter are in full swing.

The Mayflies both large and small have got our attention. March Browns, Green Drakes, Sulfurs, & Olives have all been getting the trout's attention as well.

The next time you come home from a day's fishing and sit down at your vise to refill your fly box, how about tying a dozen extra for your 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 is still quite lean, and we need your help in getting it rebuilt. 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

Fleas for Doug

Doug Penna will once again sell fishing and non-fishing items at the Catskill Flea Market. All proceeds of Doug's work will go into EJTU's treasury but, if we want to make some money, someone will have to supply the things that Doug will sell.

If you have any old fishing equipment that you no longer want, pass it on to Doug and he will add it to his inventory.

If you have non-fishing items, he will also sell those. So if you have one of those fish-net stocking lamps like the one in "A Christmas Story", or kitchen gadgets, tools, or other suitable flea market stuff, contact Doug. He can be reached at (201) 288-4409

Coming Events

**Federation of Sportsmen
Fishing Derby
June 16**

**Appalachian Trail Conservancy
Event
July 14**

**Mini Fly-Fishing Course
August 12**

Salt Water Fishing Licenses?

There was a rumor circulating in May that the Federal government was going to require that states institute a system of salt water fishing licensing in 2010.

Tom Surlak of the NJ Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs checked this out at the Federation's May 18 State meeting and found the following. What will be required by the Feds by 2010 is that all states with salt water fishing have some form of salt water fisherman registry but it will not have to be a license. However, as Tom points out, if a license is not required by the state, who will be required to enforce this registration and how will it be paid for?

Also, Delaware has approved salt water licensing, bringing up the following potential problem. If New Jersey announces that all salt water fishermen must register online for free but only 20,000 actually do so while 50,000 licenses are sold in Delaware, the feds could decide that since New Jersey only has 20,000 salt water fishermen and Delaware has 50,000, New Jersey's fishing quotas should be reduced and Delaware's quotas should be increased.

The lobbying and maneuvering by salt water fishermen, politicians, conservationists and other groups in the next three years should be interesting.


Ray Cappock

Save Some Money

Some articles in this and in past Riffles mention various events that are held at Ramsey Outdoor Stores. This month, for instance, we list the store as a place where our competitive tyers can deliver their



Parmachene Bell entries for the Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying award.

If you drop  into the Paramus Ramsey Outdoor Store you will notice that some of our members work there so you have a chance to chat with familiar people. But there is an even better reason to visit any of the three Ramsey stores. If you make a purchase, show your Trout Unlimited membership card at the cash register and you will get a ten-percent discount.

Ray Cappock

Healing Waters

Don't forget that Project Healing Waters still needs some of the old fishing equipment that you no longer use. That equipment can be a great help to the project because Healing Waters provides all fly fishing and fly tying equipment to the participants free of charge and the organizers need a supply to pass on to our wounded veterans.

If you have fishing vests, 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", and then decide whether you or a wounded serviceman needs it more.

For further information, contact Michael Gallart at trallag@mac.com or John Grisoni at jntgris@aol.com

Congratulations

If you've ever helped out at an EJ TU event you know that someone always asks you to enter your name on an attendance log. Sometimes the log is just a sheet of paper, at other times it's something more formal looking, and then there are the times when the log is soggy, if not sopping wet. But do you know why we do this?

The reason is so we can keep track of the time that our volunteers spend on our projects. Not just so we can brag to others about how much we do but rather so we can reward our volunteers who put in the time and effort.

All of the logs are collected and the information is entered on a spreadsheet. Each person's hours are then converted to points and added to a running total of the points earned by every person who works on our projects.

When a member reaches specified point totals EJ TU thanks him/her by giving something back. Members earn such items an EJ TU shirt, a jacket, a fishing license, etc. During April 2007 our members accumulated 2,375 points - and 4,955 so far for the year - as they helped with stocking, the fly-fishing and fly-tying courses, and other projects.

If anyone would like to know the total number of points you have accumulated to date please contact Ken Vander Pyl by Email woodman90@msn.com or call 973-935-07237.

Ray Cappock

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 the June 13th Chapter Meeting or drop them off at the Ramsey Outdoor Store in Paramus marked "Attention George". The deadline for submissions is the June 13th General Meeting. Be sure to include your name with your entries.

The recipe for the Parmachene Bell is:

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 quill

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

Conservation Notes

May 2007 marked the 100th birthday of a woman who wrote what a "1992 panel of distinguished Americans" decided was the most influential book of the last fifty years. A Pennsylvania state office building, a Maryland school, a bridge in Pittsburgh and a Maryland state park are named for her, and she is still hailed as a heroine – by a few true believers. She was the writer of Silent Spring - Rachel Carlson - a woman who is blamed for a million deaths per year since the publication of her book (more than 50 million deaths) and for the loss of more than a trillion dollars of GDP in sub-Saharan Africa.

Carlson, who many feel is the originator of the modern environmentalist movement, decided that the insect spray DDT was dangerous so she assembled a pseudo-scientific book that contained half-truths, her opinions and predictions, and some complete falsehoods. Her style

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(Continued from page 1) **Ramblin on II** addresses and I may delete a message that I don't recognize. To get on my distribution list, send an email to hermaril@aol.com. This list is also used by Ray Cappock to send conservation information.

Ramapo - Category 1

You may have heard by now that the Ramapo River from Fox Creek to the Patriots Way bridge, about one mile of stream, is now under consideration to be classed as a category one stream. This would mean that future buildings must be at least three hundred feet from the river and that no sewage will be allowed to flow into the river. The conservation committee has been requesting that the entire Ramapo River be declared C-1 for a number of years, based on the fact that water from the Ramapo and from Pompton Lakes is pumped into reservoirs for drinking. We are pleased that a start has been made and look forward to the rest of the river being so designated.

Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest

We will once again have a fly tying contest for all of you fly tiers, from expert to patzer. The pattern for this year 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".

The entries must be in by September twelfth and the winner will be announced at the October membership meeting. (A patzer in chess is someone who is not really good at playing but gives his all to be the best that he can be.)

Healing waters

John Grisoni and Mike Gallart have established a healing waters class at the Lyons VA hospital in Lyons NJ. They teach wounded Veterans the art of fly tying and fly casting, and they hope to take them to the hatchery for a day of fishing. They will need assistance as the

program grows. Anyone wishing to help out may contact Mike at trallag@aol.com or John at jntrgris@aol.com.

Volunteers

We need people who will step forward to assist us in various projects. We ask that every member try to come out to at least one event per year. The June calendar is full of activities and it would be great to see new faces helping to spread the word about EJTU.

Trout corner

Most trout are caught within 30 feet of the fisherman and at that distance the trout can see anything that is more than five feet above the surface of the water. If you are standing in about two feet of water he will probably not see you, but he may see your fly rod swinging back and forth if you are using an overhead cast and, if you are wearing a piece of shiny jewelry or a chromium zinger, he may see their reflections.

If you are standing on a four foot high river bank, Mr. Trout will see all of you, especially if you wear bright clothing that does not blend with the background.

This is why you see pictures of fishermen on their bellies when making casts from a high bank.

If you find a short, steel pipe attached to a chain while fishing the Ramapo or the Wanaque, please do not disturb it. And let us know if it is not in the water. This is one of our monitors that records water temperatures during the summer.

I find that it is now time to get out the green inch worm pattern and head for the river. You can find me downstream where we all meet.

If you can read this, thank a Vet.

God bless them and America

Herman Drenth

(Continued from page 3) **Conservation Notes** was moving and the book, a 'must read' in the 1960's, resulted in a ban on the use of DDT and also generated a distrust of chemicals that continues to this day.

Carlson was correct in believing that DDT was dangerous to eagles and other raptors but she also claimed that robins were on the verge of extinction because of it, and she predicted that DDT would kill most other wildlife and cause a widespread cancer epidemic in humans. Silent Spring was published in 1962 so her claim that a woman who had used DDT in her basement and as a result had immediately developed cancer came six years after a study in which human volunteers ate DDT every day for two years without experiencing any ill effects then or since.

During his stint as Vice President, Al Gore while writing glowingly about Rachel Carlson and her book, attacked the pesticide industry, and called for even stricter controls over the use of chemicals in agriculture. However, in 2006, more than forty years after the Audubon Society and the Sierra Club led the attack on DDT, the world Health Organization recognized that DDT is an effective and safe tool to use against malaria and has lifted its ban on its use.

It is obvious that overuse of almost anything is detrimental (think of juicy steaks or whipped cream versus clogged arteries) and that chemicals that assist in one area can cause problems in other areas; e.g., lawn fertilizers that get into waterways. But, when we allow those who believe that chemicals are inherently bad and that humans have little place in nature and should never disturb it rule our lives we give up hope of progress.

It's easy to get caught up in a movement or idea and wake up too late wondering how we got to where we are, so before we pick up the flags and start marching in someone's parade we have to ask ourselves why are we taking action and where are we going. If we don't we find ourselves feeling like the Colonel played by Alec Guinness in *The Bridge On The River Kwai*. He first fought the Japanese commandant but afterward took over construction of the bridge, and soon his only aim became completing the bridge. Then, with the bridge finished but under attack by allies, he stood on it with a look on his face that said, "What have I done?"

Ray Cappock



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