



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat

I don't want to make this column a monthly weather report but I have to say that it is nice to see the days growing longer, even though the added sunlight is shining on piles of snow. And as our period of hibernation tapers down it is time to once again think about Trout Unlimited's mission: to conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

It goes without saying that EJTU members aren't expected to carry out conservation duties all across North America. You are not expected to jet out to Minnesota and perform a citizen's arrest on a farmer who left a dead cow near a stream, and then rush off to picket a strip mine. But, we should try to think more about what we do and should not do during our everyday activities. Especially, as the longer days and warmer temperatures allow us to once again head for streams, ponds and open country.

I mentioned strip mines and bovine carcasses as potential polluters but most of us have for years had pieces of fishing gear that are now considered to be dangerous to streams and to trout – felt bottomed wading boots. Those slip-resistant felt soles along with the absorbent laces and all of the nooks and crannies on the boots can easily carry *Didymosphenia geminata*, commonly known as rock-snot or didymo. Moreover, in addition to carrying the didymo alga that can fill streams with a cotton-like growth that makes streams impossible to fish, old style boots can also spread whirling disease.

If the last paragraph leaves you thinking that you will have to revert to barefoot fishing, don't worry because the equipment manufacturers are one step ahead of you. They have designed and are selling boots with "sticky rubber" soles that have the same gripping capability as your old felt soles. Sticky rubber soles have been avail-

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When: February 11 at 7:00 PM

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

February Speaker

Steve Tiffinger

Fly Fishing The Norwalk Islands

Steve Tiffinger is a saltwater fly fishing and light tackle guide out of Norwalk, Connecticut, about 45 minutes from Bergen County. His presentation and slide show will be on Fly Fishing the Norwalk Islands off Norwalk, Connecticut.

Steve was one of EJTU's original members, a former director, and ran our fly tying classes for many years. When asked if he could give us a talk, Steve said anytime for East Jersey.

March Speaker

Agust Gudmundsson

Trout Streams of New Jersey

On March 11, 2009, Agust Gudmundsson will present a lecture and slide show on The Trout Streams of New Jersey. Agust is a fountain of first-hand knowledge about our trout streams so any members planning on fishing in New Jersey on or after opening day would be wise to bring a note book to record the information about the streams that Agust will mention.

In 1975, while in the 8th grade, Agust took a fly-fishing course with TU's North Jersey chapter and joined TU several years later. Since then Agust has been a leader in Trout Unlimited's cause in New Jersey, and has been instrumental in setting up Trout Conservation Areas (TCAs) at Point Mountain on the Musconetcong, and Ken Lockwood Gorge on the South Branch of the Raritan.

2009 Pequest Open House

Getting set for spring? Anxiously waiting for the opening day of the trout season? Get in the mood by attending the Pequest Open House held on April 4th and April 5th.

This free, two day event is held each year at the Pequest Trout Hatchery on Route 46 in Oxford, NJ. This is an excellent family event for all ages. Events include: purchasing products from merchants in a flea market environment; learning about fisheries management; kids fishing the educational pond; watching various fly tying demonstrations.

Looking to volunteer? Every year our chapter has a table in the main hall where we promote conservation, hold fly tying demonstrations and sell raffle tickets for our annual fund raiser (all proceeds going to conservation). Our volunteers also assist at the Educational Pond where they work with children as they try and land that fish of a lifetime.

So bring the whole family for a day of fun and education. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Bob Hresko at hreskor@gmail.com.

Bob Hresko

February Meeting 7 PM instead of 7:30 PM

Our February Monthly General Member's Meeting will begin one-half hour earlier than usual. We will start at 7 PM rather than at 7:30 PM.

The time from 7 PM until 7:30 PM will be devoted to an exhibition of fly-tying by Elmer Hopper, winner of many of EJTU's tying competitions. Get to the meeting a little earlier than usual and watch an expert tyer at work.

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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 St, 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.

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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 raycapp@optonline.net.

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able for some time now but, since felt has been found to cause problems, manufacturers are coming out with more styles. LL. Bean, for instance, now carries a Riverkeeper rubber-soled boot in both studded and non-studded styles, Simms has a number of boots with 'Streamtread' soles, and Patagonia is supposed to be coming out with a wading sandal that has a Vibram "Idogrip" sole. The sticky rubber soles and non-absorbent qualities of these boots are supposed to eliminate the alga and disease problems that have been caused by traditional felt soles but they will also make your life easier in other ways. Felt soles absorb quite a bit of water and add weight while rubber does not and, if you are a winter fisherman, you don't have to fight a ball of snow and ice that clings to the felt because the rubber sole sheds it.

The studded soles come at a higher price tag but, a Maine fishing blog has photos of a writer's boots that he studded with 6x3/8" sheet metal screws.

If you are like me and you don't like to buy footwear without trying it on, why not go to Ramsey Outdoor Store? They have the Simms Riversheds with aquastealth soles in the store and will soon have vibram soled boots. But first go to the Ramsey Outdoor web site and sign up for their monthly discount certificates; they will give you a healthy price reduction on whatever you buy.

Ray Cappock

New Jersey Angler Magazine

Look on newsstands for the January 2009 issue of the New Jersey Angler Magazine. Then turn to page 72 where you will find an article titled, "Trout Unlimited; Making a difference in the Garden State".

The article begins with an overview of TU and then provides information about various TU chapters.



Our EJTU chapter is the first one written about and the writer, Manny Luftglass, covers many of our activities. It's a nice overview of some of the activities that our volunteers work on.

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. Woolly 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

Suffern Show

It's getting colder and many of us will not want to brave the chill winds, the icy guides, and the slippery paths that lead to streams. So we will wait until early in 2009 and look forward to re-supplying our fly boxes and checking out all of that new gear that is guaranteed to catch more fish.

As we wait for the new fishing year, Basil Santamaria has already begun preparing for it. He has reserved space for EJTU at the Suffern Show (officially the World Fishing and Outdoor Exposition). The 2009 show will take place from Thursday, March 5 to Sunday, March 8, and will, as usual, be at Rockland Community college. Basil will need your help, so note the above dates on your calendars.

EJTU Display

During the cold and snowy month of February our EJTU display will rest up in Doug Penna's basement (along with a few other items).

But in March, along with Daylight Savings Time, Saint Patrick's Day, and the Vernal Equinox, the display will reemerge. It will then take up residence in the Hackensack Library.



EJTU Calendar Of Events & Coming Fishing Trips

Advise Rich Malizia of changes to calendar events (E) at remqcp@optonline.net or 973-304-0789.

Ed Higgins (easyedh@verizon.net) is planning fishing trips (F) to the following locations in 2009. Let Ed know if you are interested in these trips well in advance because in many cases openings are limited and reservations for a firm number of participants must be made. Get your money in as soon as possible or someone else will take your place.

Please consult EJTU's web site's "Upcoming Events" for the most up-to-date details.

February:

No scheduled events

March:

Sunday, March 1; (E) Saddle River clean-up, Dunkerhook area

Thursday, March 5: (E) Sunday March 8: Suffern Show; Need set-up and take-down help, fly tyers, raffle sellers and EJTU promoters.

Saturday, March 7: (E) Ramsey Outdoor 'Cast and Blast Day'.

Saturday, March 14: (E) - The EJTU annual dinner.

Saturday, March 28: (E) - EJTU Ramapo Clean-up, willow planting and parking area maintenance at Glen Gray Road

April:

Saturday, April. 4 - Sunday April 5: (E) Pequest Open House; Assist with youth fishing program, promote EJTU

April (Date To Be Announced): (F)

Saturday trip to Ken Lockwood Gorge, Pequest, Paulinskill, Beaverkill, etc.

Saturday, April 25: (E) Hudson River Fisherman's Association; Demonstrate fly tying, provide fly casting instruction, promote EJTU

May:

Friday, May 1 - Sunday May 3: (F) Two nights at Frost Valley, Claryville, NY

Saturday, May 16 - (F) Shad trip to Worthington State Forest, NJ

Saturday, May 23 (tentative): (E) Mahwah Recreation Dept. Fishing Derby; Assist kids fishing

June:

Friday, June 5 – Sunday June 7: (F) Picnic, plus a possible two night stay at Catskill

Fly Museum, Livingston Manor, NY; They have two nice bunkhouses that we can rent.

Saturday, June 13 (tentative): (E) Meadowfest; Demonstrate fly tying, provide fly casting instruction, promote EJTU

Saturday, June 13 – Saturday, June 20: (F) Possible Block Island trip. This has to be arranged soon; we must have confirmation from members who are interested in the trip so we can book the ferry, and rooms on the island. The trip may include a couple of classes for tying flies that are appropriate for the area

Sunday, June 28 (E) Wanaque River clean-up and river introduction.

July:

No scheduled events

August:

No scheduled events

September:

Saturday, September 12: (E) Ramapo River Day 2009; Same program as in prior years.

Contact: Rich Malizia for Calendar Events (E) at remqcp@optonline.net or 973-304-0789.

Dunkerhook Clean-up

At 10 AM on Sunday, March 1 EJTU will revisit an area that we once visited regularly – the Saddle River.

Rich Malizia tells us that, near the confluence of Saddle River and HoHoKus Brook, litter collects on the east side of the brook just below the falls as a result of high water going over the wing of the dam. Therefore, we will meet by the Dunkerhook parking area (access from Paramus Road) and remove the trash from the area upstream from the parking area. Please bring waders or hip boots to the clean-up because several of the places will have to be cleaned from the water.

Rich also says that the area above the dam has a number of large carp in the 3 to 5 pound range. Trout are stocked in season and there are also bass and sunfish. While most of the fish are small there are a few impressive fish. Furthermore, downstream from the dam the river winds away from the main path, gets far less fishing pressure and has some interesting water. This might be a good chance for you to look over a new fishing area while also tidying up a place in need of some help.

Ramsey Outdoor Paramus

2009 Fly Fishing Programs And Seminars

February 7th - Aaron Jasper, Gramington and Housatonic Rivers
Ben Turpin, Trout Streams of Eastern PA.

February 14th - Annual Cabin Fever Day.

Gary and Robin Edwards, Salmon River
Eric and Tracey Stroup. fishing the waters of South West Montana.

Also, wood carvers, artists, fly tiers, T.U. chapters, fresh and saltwater guides.

February 21st - Saltwater Day

Gene Quigley and Jim Freda, Targeting big spring strippers

John Mc Murray, fishing Jamaica Bay's 10,000 acres of salt marsh, just minutes from NYC.

February 28th - Mike McAuliffe, Fishing the South Branch of the Raritan River

John Mordock Fishing the waters of the Eastern Catskills

March 7th - Cast and Blast

Programs on hunting and fishing, plus demonstrations on black powder gun restoration/kit making, wood lure construction and finishing, fresh and saltwater fly tying, along with hunting, fishing and archery clubs. Area representatives will be here to answer your questions, plus door prizes and a few other surprises.

March 14th – Ken Tutalo, Guide Flies for surface feeding trout

Peggy Brenner, Fishing Alaska on a shoe-string.

Programs are held at the Paramus store
www.ramseyoutdoor.com (201) 261-5000



Annual Picnic

EJTU's Annual Picnic at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum will take place on Saturday, June 6 this year. There may also be a sleep over at the Museum on the nights of Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6

If you have never been to the Museum, it is in Livingston Manor, on one of the most productive sections of the Willowemoc Creek. The Museum's web site, with full information can be found at <http://www.cffcm.net/index.htm>, and directions are at <http://www.cffcm.net/contact.htm>

The picnic will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, dessert, and refreshments. Like last year's picnic, the cost will be \$5 per person and children under 12 will be admitted at no charge. Also like last year, we will probably have a raffle/door prize.

The cost of the sleep over will be determined by the number of people who sleep over. There are 2 bunkhouses. Each sleeps 11 people and costs \$200 per night, so if 5 people sleep over, it will cost \$40 per person, per night, and if 10 people sleep over, the cost will be \$20 per person per night.

To sign up for the picnic, see Ed Higgins with your \$5 per person by the May 13 Membership meeting. If you cannot attend one of the member meetings, we can make arrangements for you to mail your payment.

If you wish to stay over at the Museum, please let Ed know so we can reserve one or both of the bunkhouses.

Contact Ed Higgins at: easyedh@verizon.net or 201-791-4635

Ed Higgins

Welcome to December's New Members

- Christopher Allen Clifton
- Michael R. Blanco Hasbrouck Heights
- Scott A. Galano Watchung
- Roberto C. Gonzalez Teaneck
- Stephen Gubitosa Brick
- Patrick Idore Paterson
- Brian Knudsen Hoboken
- Gerald Pfund Ho Ho Kus



East Jersey Trout Unlimited



Annual Dinner March 14, 2009

This year the dinner will be held at the:
Grand Chalet, 1377 Route 23 South, Wayne, NJ, 07407; Tel (973) 633-5111.

This dinner recognizes the members who sacrifice their time and energy to make the programs we support a success. Conservation to Education, to State Hatchery Programs for both children and adults, to the Suffern Show, stockings, clean-ups, as well as many more. Please come and join us, as the proceeds from this affair fund our programs and help keep the club active.

In addition to the awards to our outstanding members, the evening will consist of bucket raffles, silent auctions, and drawing for many great prizes, including fly rod, reels, and other fishing and non fishing items. 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 \$50.00 per person is due by 2/28/09.
Please make checks payable to: EJTU and mail completed form in the mail to:**

East Jersey TU, PO Box 366, Hohokus, NJ 07423

OR BRING TO THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

East Jersey Trout Unlimited Annual Dinner March 14, 2009

Please enter the letter of your meal choice on the line after your name:

Name _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

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

