



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited



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Little Things

This is not a “New Year’s” resolution list; I’ve never done those – probably because in my younger days I felt it was easier to start things without a hangover. It’s just a few ideas about some actions that maybe a few of us can take as we wander through the coming months.

Pick up other people’s trash. Yes, it can be messy but I find that whenever I see someone like Al Morel picking up cans, plastic, etc. I get the urge to do it too. If you do it, others may emulate you.

Look around before you dump fertilizer on your plants and lawn. The storm drain near your house will carry any excess to the nearest water and you will eventually be one of the people complaining about the heavy growth of greenery in streams and estuaries. EJTU’s Walter Nahadil loaned me two articles that contain these good ideas for stream improvement.

Carry small pruning shears or a sturdy knife when you expect to be near or on a stream. Then when you learn to identify willows, make some cuttings and stick them into the stream near the bank. They will shade the water and also filter it.

Lean the top of a flat rock against another rock (with the base of the flat rock facing upstream) in sections of streams where there is little cover for fish. You will create a holding area for fish – possibly an area that only you know about.

Find someplace where you can volunteer a few hours of your time. There are many excellent organizations that have difficulty surviving because of lack of funds. But, volunteers keep them going. And the volunteers, invariably find fun and satisfaction in the work.

When: January 13 at 7:30 PM

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

January 13 Speaker Captain Paul Eidman.

Captain Eidman presentation will be about fly fishing the waters around Raritan Bay, Sandy Hook, Staten Island, the Navesink, Shrewsbury and Raritan Rivers and more.

In addition to being a local NJ/NY fly and light tackle fishing guide, Captain Eidman works with the Marine Fish Conservation Network (MFCN).

He feels that it is very important that fishermen hear the conservation minded angler's side of the story. The MFCN is pro fishing, and wants to insure that the laws that are currently in place remain intact. Many of our local fish stocks have been rebuilt or are in the process of recovering and we need to keep this good work up. The system in place is working and we need to let it work. There are also specific vital issues at hand right now, for example the depletion of forage fish, such as river herring and menhaden on which all of our game fish rely for survival. These species, along with the Weakfish are in trouble and need serious help.

February 10 Speaker

Ken Tutalo

Baxter House Guide from Roscoe, NY

EJTU Calendar

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

Ed Higgins (easyvedh@gmail.com) plans fishing trips (F) to a number of locations. 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.

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February 10 - Membership Mtng; Ken Tutalo, Baxter House Guide, Roscoe, NY [Secrets of the Delaware’s East Branch]



March 10 - Membership Mtng; Tom Gilmore, Fly Fishing Delaware Shad

March/April - (Dates TBA) (E) Spring trout stocking

April 14 – Membership Mtng; Craig Hull, Troutgetter Flies and Guide on finding big fish

April (Date TBA) - (E) Hooked on the Huson

April 30/May 2 - (F) Frost Valley (Clareville, NY) on East Branch of Neversink River

May 8 - (F) Shad fishing on the Delaware River

May 16/22 - (F) overnight fishing trip to either Penns Creek or Big Pine Creek in Central PA

May 29 - (E) Mahwah Fishing Derby

June 5/6 - (F) Picnic/fishing at Catskill Fly Fishing Museum

June 12 – (E) Ramapo River day

June 12/19 - (F) Twin Maples, Block Island, RI

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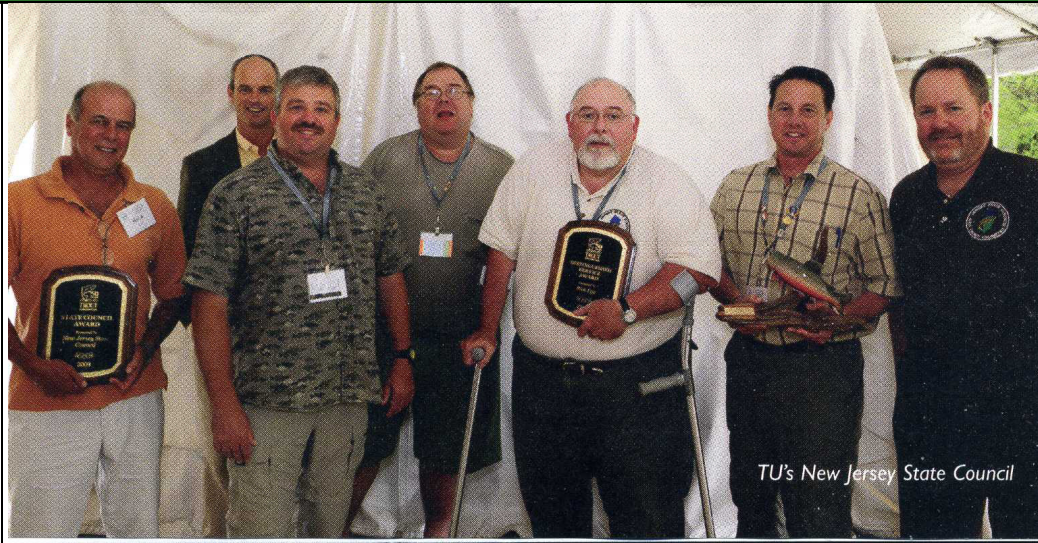
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Monthly General Member Meeting: The East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

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

Monthly Board Meeting: Board Members of East Jersey Trout Unlimited meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30PM.

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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



Trout Magazine

The Winter 2010 issue of Trout magazine has a number of fine articles and some excellent photographs but the pages that describe TU's 50th Anniversary National Conservation Awards are of particular interest for New Jersey.

Page 46 begins with the State Council Award - and the winner is the New Jersey State Council.

Our own EJTU Vice President and Treasurer, Bruce Seiden, who also sits on the State Council, is in the photo of the seven participating New Jersey Council members. He is on the far right displaying our circular EJTU logo on his shirt.

Bragging may not bring happiness, but no man having caught a large fish goes home through an alley.



~ Author Unknown

Welcome to December's New Members

Charlie Galbo	Saddle Brook
Robert Jaques	Hoboken
Steve Kapitany	Passaic
Kames Martinelli	Rochelle Park

The EJTU Library Exhibit

It's January and Doug Penna will move the EJTU library exhibit it to the Fair-lawn Library. Drop by and see what a good job Doug does.

There's no taking trout with dry breeches. ~Miguel de Cervantes

**Visit the East Jersey TU
web site for
up-to-the-minute
Information:**

www.eastjerseytu.org

Take a Walk!

It may be a little chilly but, the winter months are still great for hiking. No bugs to contend with, fewer people clogging the trails and less worry about meeting an aggressing animal or snake.]

If you are one of the many people who like winter hiking, check out www.trails.com. You will find descriptions of hiking trails in New Jersey and other nearby states.

January Fly of the Month

The holidays are over, spring is a long way off, and there aren't many fishing opportunities

But the fish are still there and fishing can be productive all winter long. The staples of the trout's diet in most spring creeks are this month's flies of the month - Scuds and



Sow bugs. Tie up a few and bring them to the next meeting for an entry in the drawing.



EJTU Board of Directors Positions

Elections for the positions on the EJTU Board of Directors will be held soon. If you would like to become a member of the board contact Doug Penna (201-288-4409), chairman of the search committee, or any board member.

Sitting as a volunteer on the board is a rewarding experience and will also give you the opportunity to decide what our Chapter of TU will do in the coming year. The positions listed below will be open.

Membership Director

Responsible for tracking the TU membership of our local chapter. This is done by downloading membership roster information from TU National on a monthly basis, importing it into Microsoft Excel, and providing membership reports to the board of directors for their monthly meeting. Some ad hoc membership reporting is performed as requested by the board of directors.

Time required: 1 – 2 hours per month.

Skills required: Should be computer savvy and have a knowledge of Microsoft Excel and email.

Points (awards) Director:

The Points Director was established by the board of directors to encourage EJTU members to volunteer in our conservation and membership activities, and to reward those members that have given of their time and talents. The job involves collecting and maintaining information on what activities members have supported with their time and awarding them points for their participation. The board of directors will decide which activities qualify for points, and the number of points given for the activity. When a member has received enough points, they qualify for various gifts that symbolize their support for the mission of TU and our chapter. By periodically reviewing the data the Point director determines when gifts are to be awarded and to whom, and is responsible for collecting any information required for the ordering of the gift (size, color, etc.). He then places the the order, receives the gift, and sees

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that the member receives it. Funding for gifts is provided by EJTU funds.

Time required: 2 - 4 Hours per month.

Dinner Committee Director:

Responsible for performing and overseeing all tasks related to the annual chapter TU dinner. The annual dinner requires the work of several people to have a successful dinner. The director’s task is soliciting help from the other members, and leading this group. He is responsible for finding a location for the dinner, and reserving the room with a deposit check (provided by TU). He contacts stores and vendors who donate prizes for the auctions held at the dinner. He collects these prizes and keeps them until the evening of the dinner. He sends out dinner invitations to members and monitors responses to get a final count of attendees.

Time required: The time requirement varies according to the time of year and the activities. At the beginning of the cycle 1 – 2 hours per month are required. The three months prior to the dinner 5 – 10 hours per month are required. The month prior to the dinner 20 – 25 hours are required.

Trip Director assistant:

Assist Trip Director (Ed Higgins) in planning out the chapter fishing trips for the year. The tasks involved include, researching possible chapter trips either based on your own good experience or with members at monthly meetings to determine interest and feasibility. Investigate the cost

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and logistics (travel, housing, meals, licensing, etc.) for proposed trips (with the support of knowledgeable TU members) and present to the board of directors at the monthly meeting for approval to present trips to the group at the next TU meeting. If interest exists, collect deposits from interested parties, arrange deposits required for lodging, guides, etc. Plan out scheduled trip activities (directions, time and place to meet, groups breakfasts, dinners, etc.), document them and distribute to the members attending the trip. Promote trips through the Riffles newsletter and the East Jersey TU website. Keep in touch with members attending the trip and answer any questions to help them plan for the trip. You should also attend the trip yourself, especially if it is to a place with which you are familiar, as this will increase the enjoyment of members new to the area. It is estimated that six trips will be planned per year. It is important to get other knowledgeable members involved in the planning process.

Time required: Varies according to trip duration and complexity .



Vice President:

The main responsibility of the Vice President is to assist the chapter President in planning and performing his tasks for the benefit of the TU chapter. In cases where the chapter President is unable to attend a meeting or other TU function, the Vice President will fill in for the President.

Time required: 2 hours per month.

Fishing Licenses

Don't forget that 2010 has arrived and, in addition to remembering what year to put on checks that you write, you will need a 2010 New Jersey fishing license. Ramsey Outdoor or most other stores that sell fishing equipment can help you with this, or you can purchase your license on-line from the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's site - www.njfishandwildlife.com

This year there is also one additional license/registration to remember. The federal government's **National Saltwater Angler Registry Program** requires most New Jersey saltwater anglers to register prior to fishing in 2010.

You **must register** if you:

- Fish for or catch anadromous species (striped bass, shad, river herring) in state tidal waters
- Fish in Federal waters (more than 3 miles from shore)

You **do not have to register** if you:

- Are under 16 years of age
- Only fish on federally licensed party or charter boats
- Hold a Highly Migratory Species Angling Permit
- Hold a Saltwater Fishing License from any of the following States:

- Alabama
- California
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- New York
- North Carolina
- Oregon
- South Carolina
- Texas
- Washington



Online and telephone registration will begin January 1, 2010. Register online at www.countmyfish.noaa.gov or call toll free 888-674-7411.

Response to President's Message

Let me start with this introduction. I am in the solar energy business.

I do believe that solar energy is one of the best answers to our current energy crisis and global warming issues along with wind and geothermal sources when used appropriately. I also believe that creating solar fields and running cables for miles is not the most efficient or the most conducive way to deliver renewable energy.

In my opinion "point of use installations" is the best solution. Solar panels installed directly on the end user location, were applicable.

But, what are we doing as individuals? Actually, not much!



New Jersey has one of the most aggressive renewable energy programs in the country as outlined below.

FACTS:

- Solar Panels can reduce our electric purchase from utilities by an average of 50%.
- The state and federal government are paying you up to 45% of the system cost
- NJ mandates energy manufactures to subsidize the balance of the system cost through the SREC program.

- When you calculate SRECS into the equation you can actually off set 80% to 120% of your electric utility cost for every homeowner/commercial properties
- The typical payback on a solar system in New Jersey is 5 years.

The chart bellow shows all the installations since 2001 when the program started.

The simple truth is that as while NJ solar program is a leader in the country, we are installing very few systems. We can't even get our residents homes audited for energy loss, a simple \$125.00 audit that is known to work and save energy loss by 25% to 50%.

What we need to do; is not allow the greedy corporate system in the US take over our renewable energies. We need to start installing solar units on our homes and businesses.

What we are going to do; we will just sit and watch corporate American kidnap our solar potential and creates huge and ridiculous solar fields and obscene future profits for themselves.

We won't even get into the cap and trade debacle.

Elio Chiavola

NJCEP Renewable Energy Technologies			
Installed Projects 2001 to 11/30/2009			
Technology	# Projects	Total kW	Total Rebate \$
Solar	4,676	115,686.9	\$ 298,386,742
Biomass	15	29,121.0	\$ 13,198,624
Fuel Cell	7	1,500.0	\$ 4,682,312
Wind	21	7,691.4	\$ 4,124,671
Total*	4,719	153,999.3	\$ 320,392,349