



Riffles

The Monthly Newsletter of the
East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Ramblin' On

As you know by now George Petersen has completed his term as president and what a great job he has done! George has the ability to get things done in a way that everyone respects and a fabulous memory that allows him to remember names and dates. George will now head the Trout in the Classroom program that he started last year. With his drive and determination we know that it will grow in the coming years.

As president, I will have big shoes to fill and will look for guidance from past presidents such as Bill Borowski, John Roetman and George, and from the board members.

I served as conservation chairman for over ten years and formed the

Conservation Committee. We have many accomplishments over the years. Ray Cappock, will now serve as conservation chairman and will continue the work.

When purchasing lawn fertilizer, please check with your garden shop to see if they carry non phosphate fertilizer, one of the main causes of river pollution. Bruce Seiden tells us that you can purchase an all organic fertilizer called milorganite which will make the lawn thick and green,

It was with great sadness that I reported the passing of Bob Ribar. Bob was a board member, a true gentleman and a sportsman who always went a step further to promote the work of East Jersey Trout Unlimited. Tight lines my friend.

The EJTU dinner was a resounding success and a tip of the hat goes to Bill and Karen Canning and to Dave and Barbara Wedlick for their tireless work. They are already preparing for the 2008 dinner and are always looking for ways to make next year even better than the last. If you have never attended one of our dinners why not put it on your things to

When: April 11 at 7:30 PM
Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

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.

do list for next year?

Membership meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month and Mike Gallert, chairman of the guest speaker committee, is always looking for new and interesting people. If you know of

someone or have heard of a speaker, please let Mike know about it at trallag@mac.com.

We do not have any membership dues but in order to pay for rental of the meeting hall and to pay the speakers we must raise between five and six thousand dollars per year. The main avenues to raise this amount are the annual dinner where auctions and raffles are held, having a mid year raffle, the Suffern show and having a fifty, fifty drawing at the meetings.

The Suffern show was a smashing success this year with a much improved booth and a gung-ho group of volunteers. Thanks a million to all who participated.

At the last NJ State TU meeting we discussed the idea of having all chapters work together on projects throughout the state rather than having each chapter limited to their own area. As new projects arise you will be asked to volunteer to help out at places like the Ken Lockwood Gorge, the Pequest and the Flat brook.

The Game Thief number is 1-800-222-0456. Call if you see an infraction of the law.

East Jersey Trout Unlimited is fortunate to have both an outstanding group of people on its board of directors and the support of dedicated members. I will attempt to continue the tradition of promoting education and conservation to all fishermen.

I know that a slap on the back is just six inches above a kick in the pants, so if you want to do either of the above, you can reach me at 201-797-9043 or hermaril@aol.com

Until next time, I will meet you downstream where I will be sitting on a stump waiting for a rise.

God Bless America

Herman Drenth

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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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For Information on trips and other Chapter Activities go to www.eastjerseytu.org

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Coming Events

**Trout Stocking,
Thursdays Beginning
April 12**

**Mini Fly-Fishing Course
April 22**

**Hudson River
Fishermen Event
May 6**

**Ramapo Day
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

Get ready, get set

After a long snowy winter opening day has finally arrived. The first hatch of the year will usually be the early black stone-fly. These tiny (size 18) stones can frequently be seen crawling out of the water onto a snow bank to hatch.

The first mayfly of the year will usually be the tiny (size 22 or 24) blue winged olives, and of course we cannot overlook the midges. But don't worry; the larger flies are only a few weeks away.

If you don't have these patterns in your fly box, and you plan on hitting the water soon, I would suggest you hit the vise first. While your at it, 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.

EJTU Mailing List

EJTU has an email distribution list that we use to quickly send important information to members. The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife (F&W) also maintains a list and automatically sends a variety of information to its list members.

Many EJTU members, who already subscribe to some or all of the F&W mailing lists, are getting two copies of everything that is sent – one copy directly from F&W and another that is forwarded via the EJTU mailing list. While it's easy to hit the delete button, unnecessary extra traffic can be bothersome and, if not limited, tends to slow systems.

In order to eliminate duplication of F&W messages, EJTU will no longer forward them to the EJTU mailing list.

Those who are not yet subscribers to the F&W mailing list(s) and who wish to subscribe should go to F&W web site <http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/lstsub.htm> and subscribe to any of the eight list that are offered.

This is what F&W says on their web site, "*The Division of Fish and Wildlife offers eight e-mail "mailing lists" to the public. These lists allow us to quickly notify subscribers of important news, events, rule changes or other matters related to wildlife.*

Only those who "subscribe" receive messages, and you can unsubscribe at any time. There is no fee to subscribe or unsubscribe, and only an e-mail address is required to join. Take advantage of this new service and "get on the list" to be among the first to receive the latest information from the Division."

Here are the lists that F&W offers: Freshwater fishing, Marine Fisheries, Shellfish, Hunting, Endangered Species, General Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Education, and NJ Outdoors.

If you would like to be added to EJTU's mailing list, please contact Ray Cappock at raycapp@optonline.net and he will add you name.

And, don't forget to visit the EJTU web site www.eastjerseytu.org for up-to-date information on chapter activities and for links to interesting related sites.

Activities

Here are some of the events that EJTU will sponsor or take part in during the coming months. All of them are fun, outdoors events that need a few volunteers to make them successful, so why not set some time aside and join us.

Mini Fly-fishing seminar – On **Saturday, April 21** we will give another mini-course at the Pequest. If you have never helped out at one of these events, you really should try to make it because you will have an enjoyable day.

Hooked on the Hudson – This is the 22nd year that the Hudson River Fishermen's Association has held this event and this year they have asked us participate and to give them some fly casting instruction. It will be held at the Ross Dock recreation area in Palisades Interstate Park on **Sunday, May 6**.

Ramapo Day – This is EJTU's biggest event of the year, so we need a lot of volunteers. Rich Malizia has an explanation of the day's event in this Riffles, so why don't you read it then contact him to let him know that you can assist? **Saturday, June 2**.

Meadowlands Festival – This is the big event in Hudson County that is held in the park next to the Hackensack River behind Snake Hill. Excuse me! The hill is now politely called Laurel Hill and the festival is held in Laurel Hill County Park in Secaucus. We will be there all day again this year instructing people in fly casting, tying flies, and telling people why they should do their best to keeping our surroundings clean. **Saturday, June 9**.

Bergen County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Fishing Derby – EJTU provides many of the volunteers who help the children fish in Saddle River County Park in Glen Rock during this **Saturday, June 16** event.

Appalachian Trail Conservancy Biennial Conference - The ATC will hold a major conference at Ramapo College and EJTU is scheduled to have a presence from 1:15 PM to 3 PM on the afternoon of **Saturday July 14**. We will do a BATS and provide fly casting demonstration and instruction.

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 9:30am 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 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

Thank You

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and efforts at the Suffern Show.

The conservation and education efforts of the chapter were presented to the public, and we enrolled students for our upcoming fly fishing course.

Fly tying was displayed and enjoyed by the public, and new members were enrolled in TU.

In particular, thanks to the following: Mike Capizzi, Ray Cappock (take Down), Ron Geizendanner, Thomas Genski, Anthony Giaquinto (fly tying all weekend), Ed Higgins, Elmer Hopper (fly tying Thursday and Friday), Bob Hresko (fly tying), Rich Malizia, Marty Matuson, Ron Matuson, Gary Moleon (set up and take down), Doug Penna, John Roetman (fly tying Sunday), Bob Schneider, Mike Sebetich, Bruce Seiden, Don Sirota, Mike Snyderman, Jason Tillery, and Ron Zampella.

And, special thanks to "Super Salesman" Dave Wedlick for his skill and efforts in selling raffle tickets on Sunday.

The long hours that these volunteers worked helped the chapter to generate funds that will enable us to continue with this year's conservation projects.

Once again, thanks to all our volunteers for a wonderful show.

Basil Santamaria

CCC

Believe it or not but spring is almost here (this is written on March 16 just after using my snow blower for the second time today). Trees will bloom and flowers will suddenly appear while most of us spend a lot of time destroying our rivers, lakes and streams. We won't intend to mess up the waterways but we will do it as we try to prettify our properties.

That lawn fertilizer/week killer that promises to eliminate everything but perfect grass, along with the sprays, dusts and powders that we spread, will sit around for a while and then move on. Some particles will leach from the soil, others will be carried away by the next rain, and some will remain within blades of grass or the cells of other plant material until the host decays in a recycling yard, but almost all will eventually find their way into some flowing body of water.

If you complain about masses of plant life in ponds or heavy "seaweed" in estuaries, you may be complaining about the result of actions that you have taken. Remember that those plants that foul our waters grow healthy on the chemicals that we use around our homes. I know that it's tough to go "cold turkey" and suddenly stop using substances that make

it easy to grow what you want but, how about starting to cure the problem by cutting back a little on the use of things that endanger our waters. As you reduce your use of the chemicals that make the water green, read up on less harmful ways of gardening and ask your local garden shops if they carry less destructive materials. If they don't carry less dangerous products, ask them why they don't.

I'll bet that when we shifted to daylight savings time, even though it was earlier than usual, you began to get 'antsy'. All of a sudden the sun was still shining after supper so the outdoors seemed to be more attractive. But it was still chilly and fishing wasn't the best so what could you do to get out and rid yourself of the winter blahs?

If you had a copy of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission's "*Birding & Wildlife Trails*" you could have found lots of nearby places where you could have taken short walks or somewhat longer hikes. *Birding & Wildlife Trails* is a 72 page book that presents information on

the trails and nature centers that are located from Bergen County down through Hudson County – the Meadowlands communities. Everything from the Closter Nature Center to The Kearny March (always one of my favorite places) are listed along with directions on how to get to them (including the nearest public transportation), access and parking, site descriptions, things to look for, and what goes on at the site "Through the Seasons". Besides the trail information there is a page of fishing tips (with a half page on catch & release) and a list of techniques for the bird watchers.

The book is soft cover so it's easy to carry, and most important – it's FREE until they run out of them because, after developing the book, the New Jersey Audubon Society found businesses and organizations that funded the project.

For those of you who spend time below the Mason Dixon Line there is another version of the book covering Salem, Cumberland and Cape May Counties.

To get your copy visit www.njwildlifetrails.org or call 1-888-NJM-BIRDS. You'll be surprised how many places there are to visit in our heavily populated area.

Ray Cappock



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