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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Cresskill Brook

"Planting along Cresskill Brook" has been on EJTU's schedule for a number of months, so here is an update on the project.

Cresskill Brook is a small stream in Bergen County that holds a population of native Brook Trout but that also has barriers that inhibit the fishes' mobility. One of the barriers is on the site of a long gone mill where a dam and a pond block normal water flow. The present owners of the property would like to remove the blockages and, with their own money plus funds from grants, have raised enough money to complete the needed work.

EJTU is involved because one of the grantors, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), needed an appropriate local, tax-exempt organization through which the funds can be handled. The terms of the funding from NFWF requires that the amount of the grant be matched by an equal amount of funds or by an equivalent amount of work on the project.

A part of the equivalent work will be the planting of vegetation along the banks of the rejuvenated stream. The plants will be supplied to EJTU so there will be no expense but we will either have to do the planting ourselves or find volunteer groups that can do the work under our direction.

We expect that the planting will

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When: April 11 at 7:30 PM

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

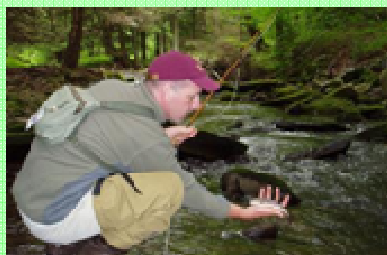
April Speaker

Tom Brtalik

Fly Fishing for Trout: A Guide's Perspective

Tom, an FFF Certified Casting instructor with over 35 years of fly-fishing experience, has been a licensed, full-time professional fly-fishing guide/instructor since 1998.

Learn basic fly tackle components including knots and how to cast a fly rod. Basic trout biology and behavior, including factors like water temperature, pH, how fish see and



hear, metabolism/feeding and energy use will be related to the angler's casting, presentation, fly/tackle selection, etc. in a fun and easy to understand format. Learn to "think like a trout", by "reading the water", increasing your chances of hook-ups this spring.

The fly casting portion of the session will cover the simple applied physics of fly casting. And for intermediate to advanced fly casters, we'll review a few "fishy" slack line casts, understanding how to present their fly to the fish in the most natural drag-free manner

EJTU Calendar

If you wish to go on one of the fishing trips contact Ed Higgins at (easyedh@gmail.com) well in advance. If the trip requires reservations or other arrangements openings are often limited and the reservations must be made in advance.

Other events marked with an M are being shepherded by Rich Malizia. If you have questions or wish to volunteer contact Rich at 973-304-0789 or

remqcp@optonline.net

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



- Apr 3** [Tues] Trout stocking
- Apr 11** [Wed] Members meeting
- Apr 21** [Sat] Hooked on Hudson [M]
- Apr/May** [Thu] Trout stocking
- May 9** [Wed] Members meeting
- May 26** [Sat] Mahwah Fishing Derby[M]
- Jun 1-3** Chapter Picnic/Fishing Trip (Overnight) Catskill Fly Fishing Museum (Picnic on June 2)
- Jun 9** [Sat] Ramapo River Day [M]
- Jun9/16** Block Island Trip
- Jun 13** [Wed] Members meeting
- Jul 11 Membership Meeting, Barbecue, & Members Swap Night
- Summer** [Dates TBA] Ramapo boulder propping
- Summer/Fall** [Dates TBA] planting along Cresskill Brook

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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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Hooked on the Hudson

Hooked on Hudson is an annual event held by the Hudson River Fisherman's Association at the Ross Dock recreation area in the Palisades Interstate Park.

The event is scheduled for **Saturday, April 21, 2012**, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Set up between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.

We need 2 or 3 volunteers to talk about and promote membership in EJTU, teach some fly casting and tie some flies, preferably saltwater patterns.

There will be a fishing contest starting at 8:00 AM open to all. Equipment and bait, yes I said bait, will be provided.

Contact Rich Malizia at [973-304-0789](tel:973-304-0789) or remqcp@optonline.net if you can help. The event is free but there is a parking fee.

**Visit the East Jersey TU
web site for
up-to-the-minute
Information:
www.eastjerseytu.org**

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take place sometime late in the summer of 2012.

This spring the owners plan on completing all of the permits from the local planning boards that are needed before work can begin.

NJ Fish and Wildlife and other groups are interested in this project because it is one of the few places where there are native fish almost within sight of New York City.



**Welcome to March's
New Members**



Vance Bell	Clifton
Marty Butler	Hoboken
Raumont Cantwell	Midland Park
Robert Demler	New Milford
Tim Hani	Saddle Brook
Dennis Maixner	Clifton
Matthew Monterosa	Bloomfield
Randy Peterson	Midland Park
Rob Wallace	Oradell

If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there's be a shortage of fishing poles.

~ Doug Larson

**Fishing Platform for the
Handicapped**



The Chapter would like to move ahead on building a fishing platform that could be used by handicapped people who want

to fish but have few opportunities to do so. What is holding us back is the lack of a volunteer to coordinate the project.

Whoever chooses to become the coordinator will have plenty of help and guidance on the project so it will not be a lonely job.



For further information please contact Rich Malizia at [973-304-0789](tel:973-304-0789) or remqcp@optonline.net

April Fly of the Month

Our mostly snowless winter is over and April is bringing longer days, opening day and the early hatches. The first hatch of the year is usually the early black stonefly but some of our cold weather fishermen have reported that the stoneflies were here in March. There may be more of them to come so look for these tiny (size 18) stones that can frequently be seen crawling out of the water 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.

When you tie these flies for your first outings tie an extra dozen or two and give them to Elio Chiavola or any board member for the Chapter's supplies.



June Picnic

Ed Higgins has arranged for what is becoming an annual event - an overnight fishing trip and picnic on the weekend of June 1 to June 3. As in past years the location will be the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum



You can fish the local streams during all of the stay but the picnic will be on Saturday, June 2. There will be a \$5 charge for the picnic and you will have to pay in advance so Ed knows how much food to buy.

There may also be a raffle.

2012 Freshwater Fish and Wildlife Digest

Now that fishing season is upon us it's a good time to re-read New Jersey's freshwater fishing regulations..

Retail sporting goods stores that sell fishing licenses should have copies available but, if you prefer the electronic version, you can visit the Division of Fish and Wildlife's site and read the PDF version, print it all or print only the pages in which you are interested.

The Fish and Wildlife site that has the 2012 Freshwater Fishing Issue of the Fish and Wildlife Digest is located at <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/digfish12.htm>

An interactive version is located on the publisher's website: <http://www.eregulations.com/NewJersey/fishing/freshwater>



Fishing the Briny

Don't forget, if you intend to fish in New Jersey or New York's salt water you will have to register with the State in whose water you will fish; if you think that you will fish in both States, you will have to register in both of them. And, according to a New Jersey email to sportsmen, "Anglers 16 and older must register with the state system even if they have already registered with the federal system". These registrations are not considered licenses but, while the aim is different, the effect is the same.



Registration in New Jersey is free so, if you are only going to fish in New Jersey's marine and tidal waters, just register at the Department of Environmental Protection's web site. The web site is <http://www.nj.gov/dep/saltwaterregistry/index.html>. You might consider New Jersey's salt water registration to be an unnecessary intrusion but if the State did not offer it you would have to pay \$15 to the Federal Government for the same thing. Last year 251,000 registered in New Jersey and 120,000 have already registered through March of 2012.

If you are going to fish New York waters you will also have to register with New York State. Here again it's free but, if you want to fish for stripers in the Hudson up to the Tappan Zee Bridge, you must have your New York registration card with you.

You can register with New York at the same DECALS web site (<https://nyfgisales.appsolgrp.com/fgnyia/html/index.jsp>) that is used for fresh water fishing licenses. One difference from New York's fresh water licenses is that the salt water registration follows federal guidelines and is valid from January 1 to December 31.



Doug Penna, Kelly Buchta and Bill Borowski



Doug Penna, Gale Inwood and Rich Malizia



Martin Adamkiewicz



Martin Adamkiewicz and Doug Penna

In March management at LL Bean's new store (Paramus Park) asked if EJTU would like to participate in a special, weekend outdoors event. We accepted and a few of our members tied flies and chatted with passersby at a table next to the indoor entrance to the store.

It's Spring, so it was time to spread woodchips on the Glen Gray parking lot. Mahwah delivered two loads of woodchips and Bergen County leveled the entrance to Drenth Drive with loads of crushed gravel. Our volunteers did the rest.

Ed Higgins and Tom Gemski load the wheelbarrows.



Al Morel moves a load of chips to a low spot in the parking lot.



Ray Adam - strong like bull - brings chips to the spreaders.



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