



# Riffles

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## Herman Drenth

Herman was the a past President of East Jersey TU and was also the Chair of our EJTU Conservation Committee. This is a portion of his obituary that appeared in the July 26, 2013 issue of the Bergen Record:

*Herman Drenth, 84, of Elmwood Park passed away on July 24, 2013.*



*Born and raised in Paramus, Mr. Drenth lived in Elmwood Park for the past forty years.*

*Mr. Drenth was a Veteran of the United States Army Air Corps. He was a member and Past-President for many years of both the Dumont Chess Club and the East Jersey Trout Unlimited, was active in conservation of the Ramapo River by both helping to clean the river as well as plant trees along the banks and loved fishing, fly-fishing and golf but one of his greatest pleasures was raising funds to provide chess sets to veteran hospitals, of which he helped donate many.*

*He is survived by his beloved wife of forty-five years, Marilyn (nee Greene) of Elmwood Park, whom he was deeply devoted to and cared for with all he had within.*

When Herman wrote his column for Riffles he always ended it with this:

“Remember, we all live  
downstream”

**When:** August 14 at 7:30 PM

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

## August's Speaker

Brian Cowden will explain how to apply proper pressure and fight fish quickly when Catch & Release fishing. This will be is an interactive program with audience participation.

Members will “fight” a fish (a small scale) using a fly rod. The “angler” will tell the person holding the scale how much pressure they think they are putting on the fish - while using a 6X or 7X tip-pet. Their guesses are recorded with the actual numbers to be revealed after everyone goes through this exercise.

Power Point slides will show proper rod angle when fighting a big fish. Also to be covered: how to quickly tire a fish and bring it to net or hand,

## EJTU Calendar

If you wish to go on one of the fishing trips contact the trip coordinator 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 are sheperded by Rich Malizia. If you have questions or wish to volunteer contact Rich at 973-304-0789 or [remqcp@optonline.net](mailto:remqcp@optonline.net)

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

**Aug 10/11**  
[Sat/Sun]  
Ramapo  
weir repair  
**September**  
**27,28, 29,**  
[Fri/Sun]

Housatonic Trip  
**October** Cresskill Brook planting  
**October** trip to West Branch Angler; arrangements being formulated.



## Have Your Say!

Riffles is always open for articles that are submitted by EJTU members so send in your stories. Or, if you have ideas about what you would like to see in Riffles but don't have time to write an article, send your ideas and we will try to publish appropriate articles.

If you have comments about what you like or dislike about Riffles or its content send that also. The only way Riffles can carry what the members want is if the members let us know their preferences.

Send to [raycapp@optonline.net](mailto:raycapp@optonline.net).



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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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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.  
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**Coupons for Armed Service Members**

The following notice appeared in the July/August/September issue of the *Tin Can Sailor*, the newspaper of the organization of people who are serving on or have served on US Navy Destroyers:



*The Florida Naval Association is collecting all manufacturers' coupons. They are being collected and sent to troops overseas. The coupons are good for six months beyond the expiration*

*dates.*

*All you need to do is clip out the coupons from your daily and Sunday papers and send them to:*

*J. Styles  
30 W. 48<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bayonne, NJ 07002-4007*

*They will separate the coupons by category and send them to the bases. This will result in greater savings for the service men and women at the PX.*

*Thank you so much for helping to provide this program for our fellow service members.*

**Home Depot Veteran's Discount**

If you are a military veteran who purchases from Home Depot you can get a ten percent discount on your purchases.

When I buy something from a Home Depot I show the cashier a card that attests to the fact that I served in the US Navy and ten percent is deducted from the total of whatever I bought. The card that I use was issued by the Bergen County Clerk's office but I assume that Home Depot also recognizes other forms of ID.



By the way I got the Bergen County card by going to the County Clerk's office with my DD214. Within a few minutes they took my picture and produced the card.

If you know of other firms that offer discounts to ex-service people, send the information and we will publish it in Riffles.

**NY Fishing Licenses**

You still have one month left on your New York State freshwater fishing license but remember that, unlike New Jersey, the New York License is valid from October 1 through September 30.

For information about New York freshwater licenses including fees and requirements go to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation site at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6091.html>



If you are fishing salt water in New York State you will have to register in New York's Recreational Marine Fishing Registry. This is free and registry is valid from January 1 through December 31. More information can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/54950.html>

## 2014 Frank Hall Memorial Contest

Don't forget that all EJ TU members can enter the Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest.

The fly was chosen and announced a while ago but here it is again:

### The Royal Trude



The recipe for the Royal Trude is:

Hook:	dry fly size 8
Thread:	black
Tail:	golden pheasant tippet
Body:	peacock herl, red floss, peacock herl
Wing:	white calftail
Hackle:	brown

As found in *Flies for Trout* by Dick Stewart and Farrow Allen

## Welcome to July's New members



Tim Beacham	Livingston
B. Gendelmain	Englewood
Gus Lebiak	Mahwah
John Livermore	Weehawken
Valerie Love	Bloomfield
Brad Mayne	Wayne
Pat Mazzacano	Ramsey
Timothy McWilliams	Hillsdale
Robert Meister	Park Ridge
Joseph Sanfilippo	Saddle River
John Sofia	Ramsey
Glenora Williams	Montvale

## Sunny Days

As the summer heat and humidity drives water temperatures up some of us head for our favorite ponds and lakes in search of the ever-present and often challenging sunfish. Be it a bluegill or pumpkinseed I am convinced that if they ever grew to the size of a largemouth they would become a highly sought after and prized freshwater trophy. While warm water drives these little warriors farther from shore and deeper in the water column they will still be feeding on dragon fly and damsel fly nymphs and any other critters that might appear among the weeds.

I am always looking for new and improved sunny flies. Recently I got a tying lesson on a pattern that its creator guarantees catches fish. You have to start with a trip to your local CVS, Walgreen's or similar retail outlet. Head for the cosmetics isle and

get one bottle each of neon green and blaze orange opaque nail polish.

The recipe follows.

- Long shank streamer hook in size 12 to 8
- White thread
- Buck tail
- Some cheap, soft dry fly
- Hackle any light color
- Nail polish as above

The process is like a standard stimulator pattern except for using hair from the top of the buck tail for the tail and wing. This hair is not as hollow as the hair on the underside of the tail so it does not float well. That is the idea. You want the fly to suspend a few inches to a foot or so below the surface.

Tie on the Buck tail with the butt ends extended on top of the shaft to about 1/8" from the eye. Tie in a hackle by the tip at the bend of

the hook and wrap the thread to cover the butt ends completely. Coat the thread with either green or orange nail polish. You may have to use several coats to get complete coverage. Palmer wrap the hackle to the front of the hook leaving about 1/4 ". Tie in another hackle sized no larger than the hook gap. Tie in a wing of buck tail allowing the butt ends to extend nearly to the eye. The wing should be fairly sparse so as not to create too large a profile. Wrap the thread over the butts. Coat the thread wraps with nail polish until well covered. Wrap the hackle as you would on a dry fly to form the head but be sure the nail polish color shows through. Whip finish and apply another drop of polish.

I think they look best when you use the same color nail polish throughout, but then who knows

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## Ramsey Outdoor Store

You probably know that the Ramsey Outdoor Store that was in Paramus has closed. There are still, however, two other Ramsey Outdoor stores that you can visit, one on Route 17 South in Ramsey and the other on Route 10 East in Succasunna.

Why promote a business? Because over the years the people who run Ramsey Outdoor Store have been very supportive of East Jersey TU. In fact, if you show your TU card to the cashier when you check out you will receive a ten percent discount. And, better yet, if you go to their web site - <http://www.ramseyoutdoor.com> - you can sign up for special coupons and get even higher discounts.

Visit us on-line for  
up-to-the-minute information:

[www.eastjerseytu.org](http://www.eastjerseytu.org)

And Facebook:

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## Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum Summerfest

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in Livingston Manor, N.Y will host its 30th annual Summerfest event on Aug. 3-4.

Summerfest features the Anglers Market, a flea market that features more than 100 tables of fly-fishing and outdoor sports-related equipment, including collectibles, fly-tying material, old rods, reels and a lot of items you usually don't see.

There is also a bamboo-rod casting contest on August 3, The Hardy Cup, that in the past has had entrants from as far away as Japan. First prize is a Hardy fly reel; more details about the contest are at [hardynorthamerica.com](http://hardynorthamerica.com).

New features this year will be an arts and crafts show and an outdoor art show. There will be a free pig roast barbecue Aug. 3 after the casting competition.

The museum is not far from North Jersey and is an angler's dream since it is surrounded by fly historic fly-fishing streams.

For more about the Summerfest event go to [www.catskillflyfishing.org/](http://www.catskillflyfishing.org/)

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what a sunfish sees. You can alter the sink rate by using heavier hooks and less buck tail or hackle. I would not add weight as that will cause the fly to sink quickly. The proper result is to have the fly sink slowly and suspend at the desired depth.

Have fun,

*Limp Leader*

## Avoid Melanoma!

Slip on a shirt

Slop on the 30+ sun  
screen

Slap on a hat,

Seek shade or shelter



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