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Big Little Problems

TU members expect to see bugs of all sorts in spider webs, on tree branches and under rocks but most of us don't think much about the danger that some of the little crawling beasts pose.

The hemlocks that grow near streams protect the banks from erosion, provide food for wildlife and are convenient perches for newly hatched insects. But, if an invasion of enemies from southern Japan is not stopped, the hemlocks will be no more. The invaders, wooly adelgids, can be found throughout the northeast – including my back yard – and have already destroyed 95% of the hemlocks in Virginia's Shenandoah national Park.



If you look closely at an evergreen and see tufts of a cotton-like substance at the base of the needles, you are looking at a tree that without help will die in a few years. The "cotton" is an adelgid egg sac. While the adelgids have no natural enemies except in Japan, local hemlocks have no natural defense against them; and, an adelgid can spawn 10,000 insects within a year, each of which will spend its life sucking the life from a tree.

The problem is that there are no large scale controls for adelgids. I have used insecticidal soap and oil sprays with moderate success and now use a systemic insecticide that is absorbed through the tree's roots. But these treatments cannot be used in the wild, so our hemlocks are in jeopardy.

Meeting Notice

When: February 10 at 7:30 PM

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

February Speaker

Ken Tutalo

Ken Tutalo, is a fishing guide from the Baxter House, Roscoe, NY.

His presentation will be on *Secrets of the Delaware's East Branch*. Many of us have been skunked on the East Branch a number of times, but there are a number of people who regularly catch really nice fish there,

Welcome to January's New Members

Mark Cortelyou	Hillsborough
Dante Maggius	Clifton
John H. Rice	Suffern
Darius Seo	York

Calling fishing a hobby is like calling brain surgery a job

~Paul Schullery

March Speaker

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Tom Gilmore

Tom will present information about fly fishing for shad on the Delaware River

Please see page five for an important announcement about EJTU's coming election.



From "The Daily Star.Com"; 12/9/09

Colchester kills bridge installation

By Patricia Breakey; Delhi News Bureau

The Colchester Town Board voted Dec. 2 against the installation of a \$357,000 bridge on Horse Brook, a tributary of the Beaverkill, that was to be built at no cost to the town. The project was planned to allow the migration of three trout species to the spawning area above the existing culvert.

Colchester Supervisor Bob Homovich said the board opted not to approve the project because the cost of the project increased from \$187,000 to \$357,000, though the town's contribution didn't change. The bridge was originally planned with a 20-foot span, which would have resulted in the county taking ownership once it was completed. The final design shortened it to 16 feet, which meant the town would retain ownership and responsibility for upkeep and repair, Homovich added.

Theodore Gordon Flyfishers President Bert Darrow said, "It's terrible for the Colchester board to take

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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

EJTU Calendar

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

Ed Higgins (easyedh@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.

2010

March 10 - Membership Mtng; Tom Gilmore, Fly Fishing Delaware Shad
March 27 & 28 - Pequest Open House.

March/April - (E) Trout stocking

April 10 - Open Day , Trout Season
April 14 - Membership Mtng; Craig Hull, Troutgetter Flies and Guide on finding big fish

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

May 1—(E) HRFA

Hooked on the Hudson

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

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

Somebody just back of you while you are fishing is as bad as someone looking over your shoulder while you write a letter to your girl.

~Ernest Hemingway

The Suffern Show

EJTU will again have a booth at the World Fishing and Outdoor Expo (Rockland Community College, Suffern NY). The show runs from Thursday, March 4 to Sunday, March 7.

Hours are Thursday – 2PM to 9PM; Friday – 1PM to 9PM; Saturday - 9:30AM to 7PM and Sunday - 9:30AM to 5PM.

Go to www.sportshows.com for all the details about the show

We will need volunteers to promote our conservation and education programs, sell raffle tickets, sell flies, recruit membership, demonstrate fly tying and distribute our literature.

A minimum of four hours is requested but you can stay at the show as long as you want to. Remember that you will have free exhibitor admission to the show

We also need help in setting up our display on Wednesday evening, March 3, and Thursday morning, March 4 and, at 5 PM on Sunday, March 7, we will need help taking down the display.

Contact Basil Santamaria at Flyfishoutfitter@verizon.net or (201) 747-0772

Thanks to all of our Chapter members!

Big Newcomers

According to scientists at the New York State Museum, when wolves were wiped out in the eastern United States coyotes began to move in to fill the void. Those that now make their homes from Maine to New Jersey are larger and smarter than their western relatives because they have interbred with Canadian wolves.

The wolf derived coyotes are comfortable in forests unlike the western plains coyotes and they eat more deer. About a third of the diet of our local coyotes is made up of deer.



East Jersey Trout Unlimited Annual Dinner March 13, 2010

The Annual East Jersey Trout Unlimited Dinner will be held at the Grand Chalet 1377 Route 23 South, Wayne, NJ 07407 --Tel (973) 633-5111.

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

The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with a cocktail hour featuring unlimited hors d'oeuvres. Complementary beer and wine will be served the entire evening. (Mixed drinks available) Dinner will be from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm. The menu includes mozzarella & peppers, Caesar salad, penne marinara, and a choice of entrée served with potato, vegetable and dessert.

Entrée Choice: **C - Chicken François**
 B – Prime Rib
 F – Fillet of Sole stuffed with spinach

Payment of \$ 47.00 per person is due by 2/28/10

Please make checks payable to: EJTU. Mail completed form and check to:

Bruce Seiden - Treasurer
5-09 River Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
(201) 452-0973

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

Name _____ Entrée: _____

Guest _____ Entrée: _____

Guest _____ Entrée: _____

Guest _____ Entrée: _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

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

****** EIGHT PERSONS PER TABLE ******

Hookless Fishing?

An article in the February issue of Outdoor Life magazine, entitled "Hookless Fishing", describes a catch and release method of fishing that was developed by New Jersey's Pat Moffitt (moffittangling.com).

In Moffitt's system a barbless circle hook is attached to the end of the leader and a fly is then attached to the line five or six inches above the hook.

When the angler feels a fish hit the fly he raises his rod. This tightens the line, pulling the leader through the fish's mouth until the fish is hooked in the corner of its jaw. As a result the fish cannot be deeply hooked and is more likely to survive. Moffitt also sells a wire hand tool that slides down the leader and disengages the hook almost instantly.

However, John Roetman sent a copy of an article from the January 1, 2010 issue of the Pennsylvania Outdoor News which warns that systems such as Moffitt's are illegal in Pennsylvania.

The Outdoor News article addresses

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only trout beads but the description seems to be the same as Moffitt's: "The device works by attracting a fish to a salmon egg imitation on a line several inches above a hook. When the fish eats the bead and the angler jerks the line, the hook snares the fish on the outside of the jaw."

Later in the article Tom Tarkowski, of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, is quoted as saying, "It's a legal device elsewhere, but illegal here. Trout beads hook fish on the outside of the mouth and, in Pennsylvania, any fish not hooked on the inside of the mouth has to be released."

After reading about Pennsylvania's law, however, we are left with a question. If Moffitt designed his system for catch and release, and Pennsylvania requires that fish that are hooked on the outside of the mouth be released, does Moffitt's system break any laws?



Pequest Open House

The New Jersey DEP's Division of Fish and wildlife will hold its annual Pequest Open House on Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28. Note: the dates in the 2010 Freshwater Fishing Digest are not correct.

This free event is usually held the week before the opening of trout season (April 10, 2010) but has been moved up a week to avoid conflicts with Easter weekend.

EJTU members will be at the Pequest to assist children who will be allowed to fish in the Education Pond or in the Kiddie Fishing Tank.

If you can help at this event, please contact Bob Hresko at (hreskor@gmail.com)

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take away a gift like this from the town. The Beaverkill is a world-class trout stream, but the trout have been disappearing because they are losing spawning areas



Horse Brook

Rick Weidenbach, of the Soil and Water Conservation District, designed the project and helped obtain the funding and required permits.

Partial funding for the project was provided by Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, which secured money from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency and Trout Unlimited. The largest portion of the funding came from the Upper Susquehanna Coalition, which received funds from the Millennium Pipeline Project.

Ramsey Outdoor Paramus 2010 Fly Fishing Programs And Seminars

Feb 6 10AM - Nancy Murphy, Fly fishing Montana
11:30 - George Daniels, Tight Line Nymphing

Feb 13 13th Annual Cabin Fever Day/Cast and Blast
10AM - Mike McAuliffe/John Collins, South Branch of Raritan
11AM - Capt. Jim Freda, Running a Small Boat Offshore
Noon - Eric & Tracy Stroup, Fishing Pennsylvania Waters
1Pm - Capt. Dave Wollenweider, Trophy Muskies

Feb 20 10AM/11:30AM - Mark Sedotti/Tom Gilmore, Saltwater Fly Fishing/False Albacore

Feb 27 10AM/11:30AM - Mike O'Brien/John Murdock, Bonefish/Trophy Trout

2010 Annual Meeting Notice

2010 Board of Directors:

A committee of EJTU members has surveyed our membership and recommends that the following slate of officers be elected to the Board of Directors:

President:	Ray Cappock	1st Vice President:	Bill Borowski
2nd VP/Treasurer:	Bruce Seiden	Recording Secretary:	Bob Hresko
Membership Secretary:	Ken Barile	Conservation Chair:	Open
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Federation of Sportsmen:	Ray Cappock		

The election will take place at our members meeting that will be held on March 10, 2010. At that time nominations from the floor will also be entertained.

2010 Monthly Members Meetings:

Our monthly general membership meetings will continue to be held at the American Legion Hall, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ @ 7:30 PM on the Second Wednesday of each month. We encourage you to bring non-members to the meetings so they too can enjoy the warm atmosphere and interesting speakers. Additional information about our meetings can be found on our website www.eastjerseytu.org.

Finally, two requests:

- Please visit EJTU's web site, www.eastjerseytu.org, periodically. You will enjoy our up-to-date information about speakers, programs and events, the photo gallery and directions to the meeting hall.
- Resolve to attend at least one of our chapter activities. You can find them listed both in Riffles and on our web site. You will help the chapter while having a lot of fun.

We look forward to seeing you at the March 10 Members Meeting and at the Annual Dinner on March 13.

Coldwater Conservation School



The NJ DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife and the NJ State Council of Trout Unlimited will conduct a Coldwater Conservation School for children from 11 to 15 from June 24, 2010 to June 27, 2010 in Stokes State Forrest. The school will give students practical knowledge about trout and their coldwater habitats and provide information that they can use to protect the habitat that trout need to flourish. Classes will include: Biology lessons, Ecology lessons, Conservation lessons and Angling lessons.

If you would like to volunteer for a day, please contact Jessica Griglak, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, 605 Pequest Rd. Oxford, NJ 07863; 908-637-6239 or 908-637-4125 or Jessica.Griglak@dep.state.nj.us