



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited



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Vegan Chicken Killers

Well, maybe they're not all vegans but I tend to assume that the followers of the latest style trends also hew to the line when it comes to dietary fads. So when celebrities from fashion and Hollywood (along with those who don't seem to do anything but pose like celebrities) decide that every female must wear feathers in her hair I feel that they must also be vegans.

This featherhead fad is bringing the prices of the feathers that fly fishermen need to ever increasing highs but that is only part of what is annoying me. Because the flies that I tie resemble road kill my fly-tying is a true vice; therefore, I avoid flaunting my thread and tinsel inadequacy and I don't buy feathers unless they're firmly packed in a pillow.

But, even though my inept tying saves me from buying feathers at their inflated prices, I'm still annoyed at the hypocrisy of the people who weave the makings of Woolly Buggers into their poufed coifs. According to reports that I've read, some feather producers who in the past raised their chickens to two years of age in order to allow feathers to lengthen now kill them after a year to fill the new demand.

If the style leaders are vegans, as seems to be indicated by their pop-sicle stick like builds, they are telling me not to eat fillet mignon while they are responsible for the early deaths of chickens. Why not follow what they preach and weave asparagus into their hair and wear ear rings of Brussels Sprouts?



When: December 14 at 7:30 PM

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

December 14 Meeting

Our regular monthly meeting will be missing one thing at December's regular monthly meeting: a speaker.

Rather than have a speaker, we will have a Christmas Party.

There will be food and soft drinks supplied by a caterer and plenty of time to talk about the past year's events and what you have planned for the coming year.

There will also be a grab bag. If you wish to participate bring a wrapped gift with a value of about \$10 and who knows what you may bring home.

Welcome to November's New Members

Patricia Dinallo	Emerson
Linan Korieva	Little Falls
Donald Maurer	Westwood
Darren McLeary	Hillsdale
Paul Merkle	Hillsborough
David Metrione	Hillsdale
Richard Regensburg	Ocean View
Evan Ross	Little Falls

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.

- Dec 14** [Wed] Christmas Party
- Jan 1** New licenses for NJ and PA
- Jan 11**[Wed] Member Mtg. Election of Officers
- Mar 24** [Sat] EJTU Annual Dinner
- Apr/May** [Thu] Trout stocking
- Jun 9** [Sat] Ramapo River Day
- Jun9/16** Block Island Trip
- Summer/Fall** [Dates TBA] planting along Cresskill Brook
- Sep 7/9** Possible Frost Valley trip

Wrong!

November's Riffles told the world that Ramapo River Day would be held in April 2012. This was printed in capital letters and it was in at least two places in that issue of Riffles! Erase that from your memory!

Anybody remember Emily Latella on SNL?

Ramapo River Day will be held on:

Saturday, June 9, 2011

Ramapo River Day



**East Jersey Chapter
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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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**The Library Display
Held Over**

Doug Penna is relaxing for a little while before moving East Jersey TU's library display again. The display has been in the Lyndhurst library for the month and it will remain there until Doug catches his breath.

Drive over to Lyndhurst and enjoy the display. The Lyndhurst library is located at 355 Valley Brook Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 [201-804-2478]. Our display is on the second floor of this unique older building.

If your local library would like to host the display and has an area suitable for it, call Doug at 201-288-4409 and he will see what he can do.



**Discounts At Ramsey Outdoor
Stores**

You probably already know that, as an EJTU member, you can show your membership card and get a 10% discount on items that you buy from Ramsey Outdoor Stores but, did you know that you can get even higher discounts there?

It's easy. Go to the Ramsey Outdoor website <http://www.ramseyoutdoor.com>, look on the left side of the page for the box labeled, "Sign Up For Coupons", and click on it. You will be brought to a page at which you can enter your email address and zip code. That's all there is to it. Each month Ramsey Outdoor will send you a coupon (of course you can print as many as you like) that is good for the month.

I don't know Ramsey's future plans but, lately, the coupons have offered \$10 off on \$50 purchases (20% discount), and \$25 off on purchases of \$100 (25% discount).

Fly of the Month



The holidays are around the corner and things are getting hectic. Maybe you can sneak out for a few hours. It's a nice sunny day and a few midges might be around - it sure beats spending the afternoon in the mall. Let me see, fighting the crowds in the department stores or fighting a few of those big Rainbows the chapter stocked this fall on the Ramapo - you decide.



Tie up your favorite midge pattern, or better yet, an assortment of

your favorites, 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. If you're not into tying tiny flies, we will accept any pattern you care to tie. 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

Election of Officers

The members of the East Jersey Trout Unlimited’s Board of Directors are volunteers who are responsible for managing the affairs and activities of the chapter. To do this each member of the board is generally responsible for taking care of one facet of the chapter’s various tasks.

The members of the Board of Directors meet for two to three hours during the evening of the last Thursday of each month throughout the year. At the meetings the members review the Chapter’s finances and membership, discuss projects that are underway and propose new projects and activities. When matters such as expenditures of the Chapter’s funds are proposed, decisions are reached through majority vote of the board members; other topics are often addressed by advising responsible members how to proceed after open discussions.

The terms of the existing members of EJTU’s Board of Directors have reached their ends so an election is now necessary. Therefore, during the Wednesday January 11, 2012 meeting East Jersey TU’s members will elect the members of the Chapter who will serve as the new Board of Directors.



There are no special requirements for membership on the board, so any member of Trout Unlimited who belongs to the East Jersey Chapter may run for a position on it.

Doug Penna and his Nominating Committee have surveyed our membership and recommend that the following slate of officers be elected to the Board of Directors:

Executive Officers:

- President: Ray Cappock
- 1st VP: Bill Borowski
- 2nd VP/Treasurer: Bruce Seiden
- Secretary: Dino Eftychiou

Board Members:

- Ken Barile
- Elio Chiavola
- John Grisoni
- Ed Higgins
- Doug Penna
- George Petersen
- Paul Reithmeier

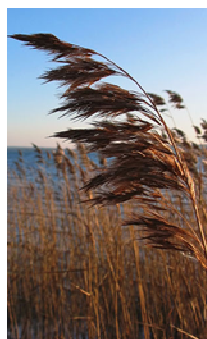
Nominations from the floor will also be entertained at the meeting.

Definitions

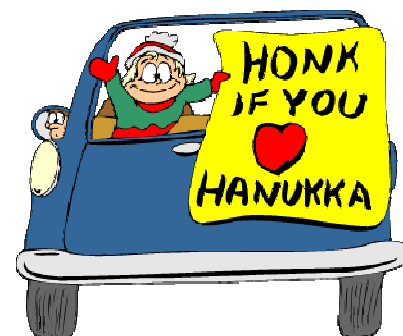
Anadromous – An anadromous fish, born in fresh water, spends most of its life in the sea and returns to fresh water to spawn. Steelhead, salmon, smelt, shad, striped bass, and sturgeon are examples.

Catadromous - A catadromous fish does the opposite - lives in fresh water and enters salt water to spawn. Most of the eels are catadromous.

Phragmites – A reed or large perennial grass found in wetlands throughout temperate and tropical regions of the world; the plants that cover the Meadowlands.



Phragmites



Trout in the Classroom

Chuck Bobrowski, our TIC contact at Passaic High School, sent photos of this year's brook trout fry in their nest box.

Chuck wrote, "We have 3 separate tanks in different parts of the building. The eggs hatched on Halloween and the babies started to feed on Monday November 21...3 weeks later. I love this project!"

Congratulations! The crew that delivered those little bags of brookie eggs back on October 26 are now grandparents!



EJTU Annual Dinner

Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the Grand Chalet

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

Take a chance on the many raffles and silent auctions offering a wide range of prizes.

Good food, fine surroundings and friendly people celebrating another successful year of achieving our many goals make for a really enjoyable evening for you and your wife. Why miss it?



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