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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited



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President's Beat



Trout Unlimited publishes a monthly newsletter called *Lines to Leaders* and sends it to the chapter leaders that are listed on their website. I

just received the December edition and it has some interesting information that was collected from the chapters' annual November 15 financial reports that they submit to TU as their report on fiscal year October to September activities.

First I want to take a moment to explain that in addition to reporting on the money we received and spent and what we spent it on, we also submit basic information about the chapter, such as volunteer hours and projects we are involved in, participation in the TU State Council and other activities such as education, veterans programs, etc. The following figures are from the *Lines to Leader* newsletter:

In 2017 TU chapters across the country have:

- Contributed more than 710,000 volunteer hours;
- Worked on over 982 stream

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When: December 13 at 7:30 PM

Where: American Legion Hall

33 West Passaic Street

Rochelle Park, NJ

December 13 Christmas Party

Our December's meeting will again forgo a speaker and instead be a Christmas Party with food and non-alcoholic drinks for all.

There will be a variety of foods in abundance, soft drinks and, finally, sweets to top off the eating phase of the evening.

A grab bag will again be offered to those who wish to participate. Bring a wrapped gift costing about \$15 and you will leave with a gift of comparable value that was supplied by a fellow member.

Come to the meeting and enjoy the food and fun while chatting with fellow members.

Schedule

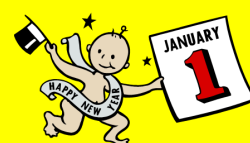


Jan. 10 [Wed]	Speaker: Frank DeGrazio
Feb. TBD	Connetquot trip
Feb. 14 [Wed]	Movie Night
Mar. 14 [Wed]	Speaker: Capt. Jim Freda
Mar. 31 [Sat]	Woodchip spreading
Apr. TBD	Cast and Blast
Apr. 11 [Wed]	Speaker: Tim Flagler
May [TBD]	Pennsylvania trip
May 8 [Wed]	Speaker: Ben Turpin
Jun. 1 - 3	Catskill Picnic
Jun. [TBD]	Block Island trip
Jun. [TBD]	Ausable River trip
Jun. 13 [Wed]	Speaker Tim O'Neil
Jul. 11 [Wed]	Chapter BBQ
Aug. [TBD]	Kayak trip

November's New Members

Al Domanico
Craig Hudon
Michael Schwerd
Michael Manno
Mike Tonyes
Joseph Kerrin
Fred Guarinello
Gibson Thomas

Nutley
Bloomfield
Park Ridge
Lodi
Mahwah
Woodcliff Lake
River Edge
Ridgewood



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Monthly General Member Meeting:
the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.
Location: The American Legion Hall,
33 West Passaic St, Rochelle Park, NJ. 07662.

Board Members of East Jersey Trout Unlimited meet on
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number 091 for the latest information about our
chapter.

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bers to contribute articles, tips, and stories. Arti-
cles may relate to trout, trout fishing, fishing in
general or conservation, but all articles are pub-
lished at the discretion of the editors and should
meet EJTU standards regarding protecting our
environment and the merits of 'catch and release'.
Pseudonyms may be used but the editors must be
informed of the name of the member who writes
the article.

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Conservation Notes

I try to present issues in this column which concern me as an engaged citizen, angler and conservationist. I recognize that some issues may be controversial but I do my best to access as much information as possible before forming an opinion and suggesting a course of action. Unlike some folks who form an opinion first and then search for information which supports their position, I encourage each of you to do your own investigation and draw your own conclusions. I hope the information in each of my columns helps you in your search.

The federal budget presented by this administration slashed environmental protections. Following is a summary of data published by the American Littoral Society which I thought worthy of repeating. Department of the Interior is cut by 13% but within that amount Land and Water Conservation Fund will lose 84% of its funding. Environmental Protection Agency funding is cut 29.3% with 25% of its staff to be eliminated. Department of Agriculture is cut by 13.8% with more than a 7% cut in the U.S. Forest Service funding. Department of Commerce is cut by 15.2% or \$1.4 billion including a 16% cut in N.O.A.A. funding. U.S. Department of State cut by 29.2% which includes the gutting of all international climate change programs. Based on the budget one can only assume that our land and water is pristine, no flora or fauna are endangered, forest fires will cease, one can determine the weather by looking out one's window, and global warming has been reversed. If only it were all true!

Buried in the tax "reform" legislation are two provisions which should concern everyone interested in protecting the environment. One is the reopening of the Arctic Refuge to oil and gas exploration.

The second is preferential tax treatment for oil and gas revenues derived

from exports. Supporters of the expansion into the Arctic claim it will provide oil independence by increasing domestic oil production. From the other side of the same mouths is a tax incentive to export oil and gas. Both provisions have no place in tax legislation and should be defeated as the House and Senate bills go through reconciliation. One can only hope that these provisions are dropped during the horse trading that is taking place.

The State of Nebraska, in its decision to allow the XL pipeline to cross the State, has suggested a route which XL feels is unacceptable. It will be interesting to follow the pending negotiations. XL seems to be too far committed to let this stop them. In their deliberations, Nebraska could not consider the risk of an oil spill as grounds to deny access, since oil pipeline safety comes under the purview of the federal government. I don't understand how all the states' rights advocates can justify this one.

Interior Secretary Zinke continues his efforts to

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restoration conservation projects;

- Held 1,643 youth education programs to inspire the next generation;
- Conducted 525 veterans programs and events welcoming and connecting to those who serve our country.

In addition to these activities the chapters and state councils raised over \$9.9 million for conservation and education efforts and spent more than \$8.6 million on mission related activities.

While all these numbers are impressive, the chapters and councils have also:

- Engaged local communities with more than 1,669 outreach events, raising awareness of TU's mission and building support for their work beyond the TU membership;
- Held 131 events designed specifically to attract women to TU and to our work;
- Recruited more than 228

women and minorities into volunteer leadership roles;

- Launched or continued 86 member-retention programs to keep our TU community strong;
- Planned for the future with 198 strategic plans, developed and deployed to drive their local work forward.

Our chapter has contributed to each of these initiatives, including participating in state-wide women initiatives over the years. When I look at the almost 4,600 hours East Jersey reported, I am sure we contributed more than our fair share and I am once again proud of our efforts. While all these volunteer hours may seem impressive, they are an accumulation of many projects and we still have had the days where we are short handed for a specific task. Keep volunteering for whatever projects you can so that we can continue to thrive as a successful chapter.

Bruce Seiden

Landlocked Salmon in New Jersey Update

In 2006 New Jersey reinstated Landlocked Salmon stocking at two deep lakes: Wawayanda Lake and Lake Aeroflex. Previous salmon stocking in New Jersey seems to have ceased in the 1950s, but since 2006 the Division of Fish and Wildlife has continued an annual stocking of fish that they obtain from a Massachusetts State Salmon hatchery

In October of this year the Division stocked almost 700 salmon, averaging 14 inches, in three state park lakes. 343 were float stocked in Wawayanda Lake, 182 in Lake Aeroflex and 159 in Tilcon Lake.

For the locations of the lakes and more information about the Landlocked Salmon program, visit this page of the Division of Fish and Wildlife's web site:

<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/salmon.htm>

November's Stocked Palominos

Although they were put into the Ramapo River on November 4, some of the supposedly easily seen Palomino Trout are still around.

Ed Janiga got the one in the photo to the right on November 28. He caught it below Glen Gray Bridge and, as he wrote, "Got this guy this afternoon just below the Glen Grey Bridge. Took a very slowly retrieved Barr nymph. They are difficult fish and that is a good thing probably."

The week before Ed caught the one in the photo, Lou Falone caught one up river near Fox Brook.



The EJTU Library Display

Don't forget that our library display will remain in the Dumont Library this month!

The library has two levels and Doug has mounted our informative articles in glass cases on both levels.

The library is located at 180 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ and plenty of parking is available.

For more information about the library, the web site is <http://dumont.bccls.org/> and the telephone number is (201) 384-2030.

Then, in January Doug will move the display to the Midland Park Memorial Library (250 Godwin Ave. Midland Park, NJ 07432).



Dumont Dixon Homestead Library



Midland Park Memorial Library

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downsize or eliminate National Parks and Monuments. His latest efforts include significantly increasing entrance fees to 17 such places. My guess is that if the numbers of visitors decline, Zinke will have justification to further reduce the size of the parks.

New Jersey Highlands' protections continue to be attacked by those wishing to develop these lands. One recent attempt to justify development cited the fact that many of the rivers and streams in Warren County flow into the Delaware River carrying the water out-of-state. Apparently, there is no consideration of the benefits of ground water recharge or replenishment of water levels in wetlands. Anyway, don't all rivers eventually reach the ocean? You can't drink that water either. As Governor Christie prepares to leave office, there is concern that changes

made to the septic density rules would allow more residential development in the Highlands. The Legislature passed one resolution calling for the amendment or withdrawal of the rule change. A second resolution needs to be passed which would force NJDEP to rescind the rule. Please consider contacting your State representatives.

Most of our hands-on activities ended with our chapter stocking on November 4th which brought out a record number of volunteers. Thank you to all who came out. No one had to work too hard because we had plenty of help. We purchased 275 fish with conservation funds and released them into the Ramapo River. We hope that anglers will treat these fish kindly and release them carefully so that they will be around for the next four

months. Most were brown trout but 25 were golden trout. We released the goldens near the Glen Gray Bridge. It will be interesting to learn how far they disperse and the distances they travel. If you encounter one in another location in the river, please let me know. No, I don't want to know about the one in your freezer! Good fishing.

Recently, the temperature loggers we place each year in area streams have been removed so that we can download the data. Please watch for the information gathered which will be published in Riffles and on our web site. Special thanks to Walter Nahadil and Chris Henrickson for the many hours spent completing the project. We hope you find the information helpful.

Rich Malizia



Learn to Tie Flies

EJTU's two fly tying schools will reopen for the new year in January.

The **Wayne School** will start classes on Tuesday, January 16, 2018; classes will again be held in Wayne Firehouse #2, Alps Road & Route 23, Wayne, NJ 07470.

The class fee is \$40 for eight weeks, but materials and tools will be provided free to beginners.

Call Doug Penna at 201.288.409 for more information and to register.

The **Paramus School** will start classes on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at the Westbrook Middle School, 550 Roosevelt Blvd., Paramus, NJ 07652.

The fee, as set by Paramus Community school, is \$80 for ten sessions. While Paramus Community School provides space for the school and decides on the fee, all classes are taught by experienced EJTU fly tyers.

To register for the Paramus school, go to the Paramus Community School's website: <http://www.ssreg.com/paramus/classes/results.asp?string=fly>.

Both of these highly regarded schools are taught by experienced EJTU fly tyers who have a wealth of experience in tying and in teaching.



Fly Tying: The Anglers Art

I think most fly tyers would agree that the best tying instructions are those taught in live demonstrations by seasoned professionals. That's one major reason why many of us sign up for seminars at the fly fishing shows and, of course, take the fly tying courses offered by EJTU. The next best thing for many, if not most, tyers probably is the countless videos on the Internet.

Some are very good and some are so bad they might raise your "hackles." Spend enough time searching

for particular patterns and you'll soon learn who the experts are that you'll want to bookmark. (One of my favorite's is Tim Flagler who has spoken to our chapter in the past and once again will be featured at one of

our upcoming meetings.)

Recently, while looking at PBS online, I fortuitously discovered "Fly Tying: The Anglers Art." Evidently this is a show that was on PBS stations for a number of years and many of you might be familiar with it. I wasn't. Because I'm a PBS member and have an online account, I was able to access some of the back shows. They're really worth watching. They're hosted by LeRoy Hyatt & Carolyn Sells. What sets them apart from other presentations is their "folksy" banter and the professional camera work that clearly details every fly tying step. I did some research on them and learned that they're highly regarded fly tyers. Occasionally they have guest tyers.

If you want to check these videos out for yourself and you have a PBS membership, just go to pbs.org and login. Then do a

search for "Fly Tying." If you are not a member of PBS, you can do an online search and still find a number of episodes.

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Visit the East Jersey TU
web site for up-to-the-
minute

Information, the photo gal-
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links to fishing sites and
much more:

www.ejtu.org

But don't forget to also
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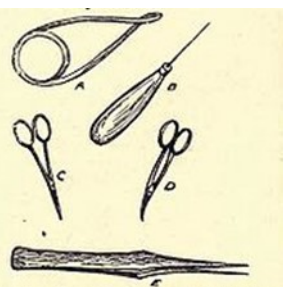


FIG. 22. The Fly Dresser's Tools. A—Hackle pliers. B—Dubbing needle. C—Straight-bladed scissors. D—Curved-bladed scissors. E—Watchmaker's tweezers.

Frank B. Hall Fly Tying Contest

The Frank B Hall Fly Tying Contest is an annual event, the winner of which has “bragging rights” as EJTU’s best fly tyer. The winner of the prior year’s contest, in this case Chris Henrickson, chooses the fly to be tied and is also the contest’s lead judge

Entries should be given to any EJTU director. You may tie as many entries as you wish, but the deadline is February 28, 2018. The winner will be announced at our March 2018 Annual Banquet.

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Chris has chosen the Rat Faced McDougall for the 2017 - 2018 contest

This is the original pattern recipe as described in *Catskill Fly Tier - My Life Times and Techniques* by Harry Darbee:

Tail: Ginger Cock Hackle Fibers
Body: Clipped tannish-gray deer hair
Wings: Cream Grizzly Hackle Tips
Hackle: Ginger Cock

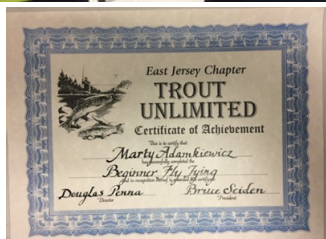
For the sake of standardization in the contest, use the following recommendations as well:

Hook: Mustad 94840 size 12
Thread: Gray for tail and spinning the body.
Black for tying in the hackle and wing



Two New Fly Tyers

Two graduates of EJTU’s Fly Tying School, Marty Adamkiewicz and Andrew LaSala, are presented with certificates that attest to their achievements by Elio Chiavola.



New Jersey Joins Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife will have a new tool to use in its ongoing efforts to enforce wildlife laws as the state joins the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

The compact recognizes the importance of deterrence through the suspension of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and privileges in all member states resulting from violations concerning the pursuit, possession or taking of a wide range of wildlife. New Jersey's membership will begin on December 1.

"This interstate strategy will greatly enhance our Division of Fish and Wildlife's ability to protect and manage our wildlife resources," said Commissioner Bob Martin. "Any person who has their license privileges suspended in one member state may now also have them suspended in all other member states. In addition, the compact prevents convicted poachers who are under revocation in one state from hunting, fishing, or trapping in other states."

License and privilege suspensions resulting from wildlife violations committed on or after December 1, 2017 in New Jersey may result in the reciprocal suspension of license privileges in member states.

New Jersey residents who fail to comply with the terms of a citation or summons issued for a wildlife violation in another member state may face a \$50 fine and the suspension of all privileges to take or possess wildlife in New Jersey until the citation has been satisfied. Failing to appear in court or to otherwise answer a ticket or summons issued for such violations will also result in license, permit, and privilege suspension.

The concept of a wildlife violator compact was first advanced in the early 1980s by member states in the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. In 1985 draft compacts were developed independently in Colorado and Nevada. Subsequently, these drafts were merged and the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact was created.

More information on the Compact, including which states are members and which violations with prescribed suspensions will be recognized in New Jersey and shared with member states, is available on the Division of Fish and Wildlife website: www.njfishandwildlife.com/violators_compact.html

2017 Temperature Loggers' Data

As many of you probably know, for a number of years members of EJTU have placed temperature loggers into various locations in the Ramapo River. Recently the volunteers have also placed loggers in HoHoKus Brook, the Pequannock River, Bear Swamp Brook and Saddle River.

The loggers are put into the streams in Spring and removed in Fall; this year they went in in May and came out in November. While in the streams, the loggers record water temperatures according to preset schedules and, then, when they are removed from the streams, the data is downloaded and analyzed.

In November, after Walter Nahadil retrieved all the loggers and delivered them to me, I accumulated the data and began to prepare a final report. The following are some of my initial findings:

The Ramapo River temperature was dangerously high in late July this year (almost hitting 80 degrees) at both locations monitored. Trout that did not find cooler areas of refuge could have died during this period.

The Ramapo River was very stressful to trout this year for extended periods of time, since it was mostly over 70 degrees from mid June through September in 2017.

Hohokus Brook and the Pequannock River both warmed into the mid-high 70s for extended periods of time.

Bear Swamp Brook and the Saddle River were largely in the 60s during the summer, but did have some brief peaks into the 70s and appear to be relatively healthy.

The Wanaque River was by far the coolest river monitored, probably because of the influence of the dam / tailwater.