



Riffles

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Conservation Notes

For those of us who don't like icy rod guides and an inch of hard snow packed onto the soles of our waders, the fishing year is almost over and it's time to think about turkeys, Christmas bows and warm gloves. However, those hardy, winter fishermen who want to brave the elements can find good fishing throughout the winter, even here in our locale.

By the time you read this EJTU will have stocked the Ramapo River with 260 trout that we purchased and had trucked in. Ken Vander Pyl handled the purchasing and delivery schedule, and a hardy group of the usual volunteers took time away from their weekend chores to spread the fish around so they weren't all bunched up in a few pools. Now if nature supplies adequate water and the people who fish the Ramapo practice catch and release, you should be able to find trout near your home throughout the winter.

A month earlier, in October, we helped the state with its final local trout stocking of the year and it was difficult. The water temperature was satisfactory in the morning but the amount of water was worrisome. We could not float stock because the water flow in the Ramapo would not have floated a rubber duck from Mahwah downstream to Pompton Lakes, so our hardy volunteers made repeated trips up and downstream, carrying buckets full of fish and looking for the best places to distribute the fish. I don't know if many of our volunteers come back to fish the areas that they have helped stock but they all work like they are getting paid according to how far they walk and the weight of the buckets that they struggle with. Our members show that giving back to the community is not as dead as is sometimes reported.

Most of our other conservation activities taper down during the winter months,

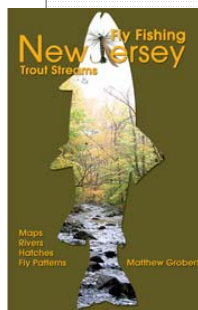
When: December 12 at 7:30 PM

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

December Speaker Matt Grobert

This will be the World Premier and First Book signing of his First book. A EJTU exclusive!

"Fly Fishing New Jersey Trout Streams"



Matt will present a Power Point presentation and summary of his new book, being shipped to stores at this very moment. His book covers major streams and maps, hatches, flies, and some techniques for success.

This book is the culmination of 35 years of experience, information, insights, observations, and the wonders of fly-fishing for trout in the Garden State. Matt has been published in "Fly Fisherman and Fly Rod and Reel. He is also the creator of "Matt's Gnat" - a local NJ pattern.

allowing us time to prepare for all of the coming year's activities. And we expect to have a full list of activities next year.

We will, of course continue to assist the state when it stocks our stretch of the Ramapo. And that means another year of hauling boats up river banks, lugging buckets of fish over slippery, mud coated trails, and all of the other sweat-inducing tasks that it takes getting fish into the river - and enjoying a spring morning

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Connetquot Trip

EJTU's annual Super Bowl Sunday trip to the Connetquot River will take place as usual. That means that, while the National Football League may diddle with their schedule and casually move the date of the game around (February 3 in 2008), EJTU will continue to schedule its annual trip on the last Sunday in January - January 27.

1. If you intend to go, please remember that the Connetquot detected IPN (Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis) in its trout and, as a result, has instituted a few new rules. This is a summary of the new rules:
2. Waders, boots or any access to waters upstream of the hatchery will not be allowed.
3. Felt soled shoes or waders will not be permitted in any waters of the Preserve.
4. No chest or hip waders will be allowed on any Connetquot sites other than sites #1 and #2 (below the Main Pond Flume.)
5. Only hip boots will be permitted on sites #16 to #9. All other sites will be bank or platform fishing.
6. Anglers have the responsibility to wash and disinfect their equipment before and after fishing Connetquot and other waters.



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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.
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Location: The Bergen County Community Center, 327 East Ridgewood Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652.

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Yuch!

The November 2007 issue of Field & Stream carries the following interesting sidebar column about algae and felt-soled boots:

Cleanse Your Soles

The discovery of didymo or "rock snot", an invasive type of algae, in Vermont's Battenkill River highlights a problem with felt-soled waders. Such soles can pick up and hold potentially dangerous spores, including those of whirling disease. Many fisheries agencies now recommend cleansing methods such as soaking your boot soles in a 2 percent solution of bleach at 140 degrees. See the WPA website at epa.gov/region8/water/didymosphenia.



If you have been keeping up with conditions at Long Island's Connetquot River you know that, due to the detection of IPN (Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis) in trout at Connetquot hatchery, felt sole shoes or waders will not be permitted in any waters of the Preserve.

Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest

The pattern for this year's Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Award is the Quill Gordon, a classic Catskill dry fly in size 12. The official pattern for the contest will be as listed in Eric Leiser's "The Book of Fly Patterns".

Tyers may submit as many entries as they wish. Please bring the flies to a Chapter Meeting, mail them to the chapter PO Box, or drop them off at the Ramsey Outdoor Store fishing department in Paramus marked "Attention George". The deadline for submissions is the February 13th General Meeting. Be sure to include your name with your entries.

Fly of the Month

December - 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

The recipe is: Quill Gordon

Hook: Mustad 94840, Partridge L3A, or equivalent size 12

Thread: Gray 6/0

Wing: Lemon wood duck flank fibers

Tail: Medium to dark dun hackle fibers

Body: Stripped peacock quill

Hackle: Medium to dark dun

The winner will be announced at our annual banquet on March 8th.

Good luck to all entrants

Bruce Seiden

Welcome New Members

Matt Braunius	North Haledon
Andrew Bridgeman	Hoboken
John Capello	Glen Rock
Charles Falkner	Galloway
S. B. Green	Woodcliff Lake
Kazimierz Jandura	Clifton
Bob Korbelak	Bayonne
Steven Leech	Totowa
Mary Lyon	Hillside
Santa Luna	Englewood
Keith Murphy	Teaneck
Tsuyohsi Ono	Fort Lee
Ron Pfeiffer	Hillsborough
Arthur Rubinacci	Hackensack
Teresa Seijas	Cliffside Park
William Spencer	Lyndhurst
Drago Stankoyc	Dumont
Maryann Von Roth	Jersey City

**East Jersey Trout Unlimited
Annual Dinner March 8, 2008**

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 with a cash cocktail hour from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Dinner will be from 7:30pm to 11:30pm. The menu includes: fresh fruit of the season, Caesar salad, ziti, stuffed potato, mixed vegetables, and a choice of entrée.

- Entrée Choice:** **A - Chicken Francais**
- B - Prime Rib**
- C - Salmon in Dill Sauce**

Payment of \$ 45.00 per person is due by 2/28/08

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

**Bruce Seiden -Treasurer
5-09 River Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
(201) 398-9378**

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

Name _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

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

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

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outdoors.

After the spring months we hope to be able to repair the weir that lies in the Ramapo about a hundred yards upstream from the Glen Gray Bridge. The weir is now just a jumble of rocks that span the river and cause erosion on both banks but, we want to return it to its original chevron



configuration. This will provide a nice hiding place for fish but most important, it will direct the flow of water toward the

center of the river and alleviate bank erosion.

We also hope to expand our mono-filament recycling project by adding new sites at which we can place the collection bins. In March we will install bins at each of the Newark Watershed's four reservoirs but we would like to add still more locations if we can find volunteers to service them. If you regularly pass a pond or stream where people fish, why not claim it as your adopted site? After we install a bin, all you have to do is stop there every week or so, unscrew the bottom of the bin and remove any mono that has been deposited in it.

Ray Cappock

More Discounts At



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 web site <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, so far, the coupons have offered \$5 off on purchases of \$25, \$10 off on \$50 purchases, and \$25 off on purchases of \$100.

Letter to The Editor

*This letter was sent to Riffles
late in July 2007*

My name is Caleb Kemp and I am a Boy Scout at Camp Keowa, New York. While working on my communications Merit Badge (one requirement being a letter to an editor of a magazine; I chose your magazine) I ran across your monthly newsletter (Volume 35) and found two articles that I enjoyed quite a bit. The first article I read was entitled A Fish's Tale. I was impressed by George Petersen's ten pound monster trout. I also liked the little twist the writer did by telling it from the trout's viewpoint. It was very creative and funny.

The article on Black Ants was completely true. They deserve heavy legal protection. Mr. Bradley M. Campbell the DEP Commissioner should push to make it a felony. The death penalty doesn't seem too extreme; killing these noble, courageous ants is outright MURDER! I also believe the writer, Don Carey, had some interesting ideas about how we could co-exist with these black ants. They do deserve the same protection as bears.

I thank you for reading my letter and I am glad I have found your magazine to read.

*Your reader,
Caleb Kemp*

The Fish Empathy Quilt

PETA, the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, is now protesting "the billions of fish who are abused and killed by humans every year for food and sport". To do this they are using what they call the "World's First Empathy Quilt".

Modeled after the many AIDS quilts used to raise support (and funds), the PETA quilt had patches made by everyone from individuals to a Texas Girl Scout troop.

It was also a time when PETA announced their new intentions to move forward on the Fish Empathy Project on all fronts.

As The Fishing Wire warned anglers earlier this week, it would be a serious tactical error to dismiss these efforts as just another lunatic fringe fundraising campaign.

It is that (an extremist fundraising effort), but it's also evidence of a tactical shift following the ongoing trials of PETA employees for everything from dognaping (underway right now) to animal murder.

PETA's using a kinder, gentler, almost cartoonish approach to fish in an effort to win over children. Realizing there are

Save Water & Dollars

If you're like me, when the mail comes in you look for the letter, bill, or what's most important and toss out all of those little inserts that ask you to buy flowers, earmuffs, peaches, and whatever. If so, you might have missed some good offers from United Water Company.

It seems that United Water is trying to get us to conserve water. Now this is something that the MBA-formed part of my brain can't quite understand – a company telling customers to use less of its product – but when a good deal comes along, don't ask questions, just grab it (a true, MBA-inspired action). Part of the enticement to save water is offering water saving kits at ridiculously low prices. There are three kits available and all of them offer handy products at below market prices.

One kit contains: 2 earth massage shower heads, a kitchen swivel aerator, 2 bathroom faucet aerators, two toilet tank banks (they displace water so less is used for each flush), 2 dye tablet packs (used to find out if your toilet is leaking) and what they call a shower coach – an hourglass-type timer that you can use to time your showers. United Water gives a retail value of \$30 and that looks about right; they are selling the kit for a measly \$5.

There is also deluxe version of the kit that has more aerators, chrome shower heads and a hand-held shower unit; retail value for this one is \$65 but is sold for \$15.

The kit that I bought (actually I bought three of them) is the outdoor landscaping kit. This one contains: a six-position garden hose nozzle, a lawn sprinkler timer that automatically shuts off water at pre-set times, a rain-gauge, 3 hose repair kits, and a moisture meter. The moisture meter alone is worth the \$7 that I paid for the \$40 worth of equipment that I got. And, while I haven't had to repair any of my hoses recently, all the rest of the stuff works great.

If you want to buy any of these kits, go to www.waterconservationproducts.com.

Ray Cappock

inherent challenges with winning over rational adults to an extreme viewpoint, they've decided to go after the hearts and minds of the nation's youth. If they can get a Girl Scout troop in Texas to make panels for a fish empathy quilt, it's a sign that they are getting traction. That's not good.

*Jim Shepherd - The Outdoor Wire,
June, 2007*