



Riffles

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Winter Musings

If you dislike cold weather this can be a tedious part of the year, cold, quite often cloudy, damp and, of course spiced by occasional snow and/or sleet. But there is one bright spot – since December 21 the days are getting longer again so we have reversed that awful period that began on June 21 when daylight hours began to shrink.

What to do during these winter months if you're not one of the snowmen who don't mind chipping ice from guides? Well, if you're a fly tyer you should tie some Stimulators and enter them in the Frank Hall Fly Tying Contest. All entries are welcomed and, who knows, you may become famous (if only within EJTU). Check our web site for details.

Every TU chapter must hold an annual meeting even if there are no elections or other high profile activities. EJTU has no elected officials whose terms expire this year so no elections are necessary; next year elections will be required for the president's position and some board seats. Nevertheless, our East Jersey Chapter's official annual meeting will take place during the February 13, 2013 monthly meeting which also features Scott Cesari, an award winning fly tyer.

While there are no elected posi

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When: January 9 at 7:30 PM

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

January's Speaker

Mark Sedotti

Northeast Saltwater Fly Fishing

Mark Sedotti is well known for being able to cast huge flies great distances. He also ties 18 inch streamers like the Sedotti Slammer, writes for magazines and is an all around great fly fish-



erman.

He will talk about fly fishing in that large expanse of water that lies to the east of us.

Welcome to December's New Members



Thomas Benediksson Glen Ridge

Alan Maguire East Rutherford

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.

Other events marked with an M are being sheperded by Rich Malizia. If you have questions or wish to volunteer contact Rich at 9 7 3 - 3 0 4 - 0 7 8 9 o r remgcp@optonline.net

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

Jan 27

[Sun] Connetquot fishing trip

Feb 13

[Wed] Members meeting;

speaker Scott Cesari

Mar 2 [Sat] EJTU Annual Dinner

Mar 13 [Wed] Members Meeting; Speaker, George Douglas

Apr 10 [Wed] Members Meeting; Speaker, George Daniel

May 8 [Wed] Members Meeting; Speaker, Chris Stewart, (Tenkara Bum)

May31/June2 Catskill Museum sleepover fishing trip

June 8 [Sat] Ramapo River Day

June 12 [Wed] Members meeting; speaker Bill McKeen

Jul 10 [Wed] Members meeting; barbeque and swap meet



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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

“Superbowl Sunday” Trip



East Jersey TU has booked the Connetquot River on Long Island for Sunday, January 27, 2013.

The cost for the day is \$40 per person. The maximum number of anglers is 25.

The Connetquot is a spring fed river with fly fishing only. Special regulations to protect the river require boots

with rubber soles, no felt. There is no wading allowed above the hatchery. All fishing is catch & release and no lead may be used, no lead weighted flies.

If you fished the Connetquot years ago, you will probably remember it being like a "fisherman's Disney World" where you could almost pick the fish you wanted to catch. The fishing is now tougher, but still excellent and, since EJTU has rented the river for the day, you can fish the entire river as long as there no signs saying otherwise.

Payment must be made in advance to EJTU and is not refundable if you do not show up.

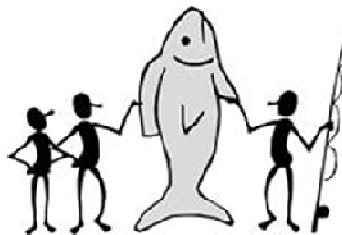
Elio Chiavola will be running the trip but Ed Higgins will take all reservations; contact Ed at easyedh@gmail.com.

You will have to provide your own transportation so it behooves you to car pool.

Lead a Fishing Trip?

How would you, or maybe you and a friend, like to lead one of EJTU's fishing trips? You don't have to do too much; just decide on a stream, lake, or other loca-

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know so the trip can be announced in Riffles and on our web site so everyone knows where and when to meet, and maybe buy coffee (you will be reimbursed). Actually, you would set the rules.

It's great if you are very familiar with the place you are going to

fish so you can help those who accompany you but it could also be a lot of fun if you want to explore new areas and want some company.

If you want to organize a trip – part of a day, a full day, or even an overnight – contact Ed Higgins at easyedh@gmail.com.

For the latest information about coming fishing trips and other EJTU activities, for information about the speakers at our meetings and for much more

Visit the East Jersey TU web site for

www.eastjerseytu.org

Block Island Fishing Trip

This year's week-long fishing trip to Block Island will take place from **Saturday, June 8, 2013 through Sunday, June 15, 2013.**

Participants will fish from the beach for stripers all night long – but you can also do charters on your own if you wish.

The cost of the trip, including lodging and the food that will be brought to the island, will be about \$435 per person.



There are now at least two openings for the trip. Anyone who is interested please contact Paul Reithmeier, who is coordinating the trip, by phone at 973-907-0093 or by email at paulr21@optonline.net.



HAPPY NEW YEAR



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tions to fill, there is a volunteer who would like to find someone to replace him. Don Sirota, who takes care of EJTU's video library, has been handling the job for a number of years and would like to take a rest. Don has organized the system so the person who takes over from him will find that it is not a great deal of work. All it requires is that the new volunteer bring the library to the monthly meetings and keep track of who has borrowed which items. If you would like to take

over from Don, talk to any one of the directors at the January 9 meeting or send a note to raycapp@optonline.net.

Finally, if you use or have used Tenkara, Switch and/or Spey rods, how about letting the rest of us know what you think of them? Which do you think is best for the type of fishing that most local people will encounter? If you can write a short description of your experience for Riffles that would be great.

EJTU's 2013 Raffle

This winter, as we have for the past few years, we will offer a limited number of tickets for a raffle. The prize will again be a guided fishing trip for two from a well known guide.

Our prizewinner this year will win a float trip on the Delaware with Patricia "Sam" Decker. Sam is licensed New York and Pennsylvania fly fishing guide and a National Park Permit Holder. She is also an FFF certified casting instructor and has participated in the Master Casting Tournament.

Sam is a past president of the Joan Wulff Fly



fishers Club, currently sits on the board of the Northeast Council of FFF and is Vice President of a newly formed club called the Wild Trout Flyrodders.

While she has traveled far and wide in her quest for fish, from New Zealand to Alaska with many stops in between, Sam considers the waters of the Upper Delaware River System to be her home waters and this is where you will find her most days.

The winning ticket will be chosen during EJTU's annual dinner that takes place in March.



"Don't tell fish stories where the people know you; but particularly, don't tell them where they know the fish

Mark Twain

January Fly of the Month

The holidays are over, spring is a long way off, and there aren't many fishing opportunities except for EJTU's January 27th Superbowl Sunday trip to the Connetquot.

Like many spring creeks the Connetquot can be productive all winter long. The staples of the trout's diet in most spring creeks, and the Connetquot is no exception, are this month's flies of the month - Scuds and Sow bugs.



If you aren't a tier and would like to learn how to tie these and other flies, why not join the EJTU Fly Tying Class? Register online at: <http://www.ssreg.com/paramus/>; enter SR14 in the search box.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit

Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad

2013 Licenses

It's that time of year again. Time to get your new New Jersey and Pennsylvania fishing licenses (and hunting licenses if you are a hunter) and to register if you intend to fish in salt water during 2013.

For your NJ licenses either go to a licensing agent (Ramsey Outdoor Store, for example) or use the following link to go to the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Integrated Electronic Licensing system; <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/>. The tabs that are on the left side of the page will bring you to a number of different pages but the one labeled *Licenses and Permits* is the easiest since you can use it to go to the appropriate pages for hunting and fishing licenses and also to register for saltwater fishing.

Pennsylvania licenses may also be obtained through license issuing agents or via the Pennsylvania's Fish and Boat Commission's web site <http://www.fish.state.pa.us/>.

Once again there are tabs on the left side of the page; click on *Fish*, then on *Buy a Fishing License*. After that, just follow the instructions.

Where to Fish in New Jersey

Tired of fishing in the same places time after time or new to fishing in this area and don't know where to go? You should visit the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife's pages where they list New Jersey's public access rivers, streams, ponds, lakes and reservoirs.

The rivers and streams are at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/fishstrm.htm> and the ponds, lakes and reservoirs at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/fishplc.htm>.

There are more places to fish in New Jersey but all of the waters on these lists are government owned so access is assured.

The nearest towns to the rivers/streams are listed and similar information plus aerial photos, size and boat ramps are presented on the pond/lake/reservoir page.



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