



# Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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## Conservation Notes

Stock up on fur coats and felt boots! That is not what Al Gore spouts during his "World is Coming to an End" tour but comes from an actual scientist with experience in climate research, Dr. Oleg Sorokhtin, fellow of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and staff researcher of the Oceanology Institute.

Writing in Ria Novosti, the Russian News and Information Agency, Dr. Sorokhtin asserts that, "The real reasons for climate changes are uneven solar radiation, terrestrial precession (that is, axis gyration), instability of oceanic currents, regular salinity fluctuations of the Arctic Ocean surface waters, etc.



There is another, principal reason—solar activity and luminosity. The greater they are the warmer is our climate."

He further states, "Earth is now at the peak of one of its passing warm spells. It started in the 17th century when there was no industrial influence on the climate to speak of and no such thing as the hothouse effect. The current warming is evidently a natural process and utterly independent of hothouse gases."

Dr. Sorokhtin might sound like a lone voice calling from seemingly ever-frigid Russia but more and more scientists are disputing the idea that man is causing global warming.

Lorne Gunter, writing in Toronto's National Post, after describing the severity of this winter's temperatures and snow accumulations in the northern hemisphere, writes about the Arctic Sea ice that we were told was disappearing. He says that, "The ice is back". He then cites a report from

**When:** March 14 at 7:30 PM

**Where:** American Legion Hall  
33 West Passaic Street

## March 12th George Daniel Returns

### Don't Miss His Presentation

George Daniel began fly fishing at the age of six in a small village in Pennsylvania. Since that time George has been fortunate enough to have various regional and national fly-fishing experts, including good friends and mentors George Harvey and Joe Humphreys, teach him the intricacies of fly-fishing.

George has competed in the US Fly fishing National Competition in Colorado. His First Place finish there earned him a trip to New Zealand where he will represent Team USA.

George's presentations are extremely well done and full of information for the beginner as well as the experienced fly fisherman. Don't miss out on his tips; they will improve your fish catching.

## Welcome to February's New Members

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Marc Bouvier          | Jersey City       |
| Alfred C. Canino      | Hasbrouck Heights |
| Ernie DeMarco         | Hawthorne         |
| Rami Douenias         | Glen Rock         |
| Christopher Eftychiou | Hackensack        |
| Dave Hornby           | Ramsey            |
| Frank Luciano         | Hoboken           |
| Marisa McCabe         | Cedar Grove       |
| Michael Milch         | Ringwood          |
| Jeremy Montague       | So. Hackensack    |
| Jesus Murillo         | River Edge        |

## EJTU Fly Fishing and Fly Casting School

EJTU's acclaimed 7-week fly fishing course, the one that has started many fly fishers on a life-long hobby, returns to the **Westbrook Middle School** (Roosevelt Boulevard in Paramus) at 7 PM on **Monday, March 25, 2008**

All materials and equipment will be provided by EJTU and the cost is still only \$75.

The seven sessions, held on Monday evenings from 7 to 10 PM, will cover equipment, casting, entomology, knots, flies, and where and how to fish.

Each session is divided into 90 minutes of classroom instructions and 90 minutes of casting lessons in the gym. While the class is intended for beginners, students with some experience will surely benefit.

For registration call the Paramus Community School, 201-261-7800, (course # SR12), or register online at:

<http://www.paramus.k12.nj.us/district/community.html>.

For questions or additional information, contact Bruce Seiden, at 201-452-0973, or [seidenb@optonline.net](mailto:seidenb@optonline.net).

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|---------------------|---------------|
| Tim OKeefe          | Oakland       |
| George Sable        | Westwood      |
| Ronald Sabol        | Lodi          |
| Rose marie Schultz  | Wallington    |
| Kim Smith           | North Haledon |
| Cleve C. Speer      | Carlstadt     |
| Joseph Tassiello    | Dumont        |
| Paul J. Vanella     | Oakland       |
| William Vanerputten | Jersey City   |
| Mike Velthaus       | Hillsdale     |
| John Wolf           | Hillsborough  |

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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:** The East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited Board Members meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30PM.

## Slate of Officers

East Jersey TU's nominating committee has prepared a slate of officers that the committee feels contains members who are the best choices to administer the functions of the Chapter for the next two years. The positions and the candidates are as follows:

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|--------------------------------|------------------|
| President                      | Ray Cappock      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Bill Borowski    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Bruce Seiden     |
| Secretary                      | Bob Hresko       |
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| Points                         | Jason Tillery    |
| Speakers                       | Michael Gallart  |
| Trout in the Classroom         | George Petersen  |
| Website                        | Bill Borowski    |
| Membership                     | Ed Sikorski      |
| Education                      | Bob Penna        |
| Publicity                      | John Grisoni     |
| Shows/Merchandise              | Basil Santamaria |
| At Large                       | Herman Drenth    |

The chapter needs assistance in three additional positions that are important to operating efficiency but that need not be board positions. They are Coordinator of Trips, Coordinator of the Annual Dinner and Chair of the Conservation Committee.

If you are interested in helping the chapter in one of these duties, please see Doug Penna or call him at 201-288-4409

## New Points Director

Beginning in March, I will be taking Ken Vander Pyl's place as Points Director.

If you would like to know how many points you have accumulated or have any questions about the point program, please e-mail me @ [Jaytills@hotmail.com](mailto:Jaytills@hotmail.com).



## Fly of the Month

Spring is less than a month away. Opening day is just around the corner. It's time to restock those fly boxes. Early season fishing usually means streamers and nymphs.

Whether it's little black stones or big white streamers for the West Branch, it's time to get busy at the vice. While you're at it, how about whipping up an extra dozen for the chapter.?

Tie up your favorite spring 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 can't make the meeting, mail your flies to the chapter P.O. Box or turn them in to any director.

*Bruce Seiden*

## Help Shape EJTU

Many groups, clubs and associations begin to deteriorate when a small clique gets themselves elected and re-elected and re-elected, causing the organization to become stagnant.

EJTU hasn't reached that point but, while our membership director,



Ed Sikorski, tells us that EJTU has over 700 members, few of this large number of members are willing to offer a couple of hours a month to help manage our activities.

Would you like local fishing trips or added activities? Would you like different speakers or a different format at monthly meetings? It's easy to have your voice heard; become a member of the board of directors. The board only meets once a month, so it's not extremely time consuming.

We would like to have about five or six members who can offer a few hours a month to either the board or our other important group, the Conservation Committee.

Contact any board member if you have any questions. Or email Ray Cappock at [raycapp@optonline.net](mailto:raycapp@optonline.net).

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For Membership Information call Ed Sikorski at: 201-337-6396 or email to: [dored100@hotmail.com](mailto:dored100@hotmail.com)

For Information on trips and other Chapter Activities go to [www.eastjerseytu.org](http://www.eastjerseytu.org)

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. 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 either:

## Time To Get Ready

It's President's Day and the temperature outside is 67°. Ramsey Outdoor held their annual "Cabin Fever Day" this past Saturday and in a couple of weeks Basil and the rest of us will once again man the booth at the World Fishing and Outdoor Exposition a.k.a. the Suffern Show. Opening day must be right around the corner.



It's time to get ready for the day we all look forward to. Time to get the fishing rods out and put new line on our reels. But, you might be wondering what to do with that old monofilament you've just taken off the reel. Why not recycle it?

Starting in March, there will be a box available at EJTU's general meetings for doing just that. Once the box is full of old monofilament, we will ship it to our friends at Berkley to be melted down and used once again.

While we're on the subject, members of our Conservation Committee have also begun to install recycling bins on some of the waterways in Bergen and Passaic Counties. You might have seen them this past fall along the Ramapo River mounted to the trash bins at Glen Gray and Halifax Roads.

Other bins are currently in place at the Monksville Reservoir and Green Turtle Pond.



While you're walking the river this

spring, stalking that next catch, why don't you look around for monofilament that others might have left behind and deposit what you've found in one of these bins. We will empty the bins and add the mono to the box going to Berkley.

Jason Tillery

## Learn Egg Oiling!

Ok! I didn't know what egg oiling was either. Then, after nosing around a few web sites, I found that it's one of the techniques that are now being used to control intrusive populations of Canada Geese.

A few counties and towns in northern New Jersey are using the technique but, before you go out and begin your own goose population stabilization project you had better check with the local authorities in the area in which you intend to initiate your campaign. You may have to first enroll in a training course and/or obtain permission to disturb nesting pairs.

The egg "oiling" itself is very simple. Food grade corn oil is sprayed or painted on goose eggs during the nesting period and, since this blocks the pores in the eggshells, the developing embryos are asphyxiated. Since nesting geese will generally continue incubation until the hatching date is reached, they are usually prevented from re-nesting.

This description of the process sounds very easy but, as they write on the Missouri Department of Conservation's web site, "Because Canada geese tenaciously defend their nests, you should be accompanied by another person or a dog to help fend off goose attacks while you add or oil the eggs. *Hint: Geese may be easily repelled by stiff-arming them and gently pushing them back to the ground. This will help reduce chances of injury as most injuries associated with goose attacks are related to falling*

*rather than being struck by a wing or being bitten". I don't know about you but I can't see myself "stiff arming" a bobbing head that is carried on top of a long, snake-like neck*



After you have fought off the pair of enraged geese you must next place the eggs in a bucket of water (yes, as you walk through goose droppings you are carrying not only oil but also a bucket of water; maybe it's raining too) so you can determine how far along they are in the incubation process; at various stages in their incubation the eggs either sink, stand on end in the bottom of the bucket, or float in any of three aspects.



You must determine this because you have to determine when the incubation would have ended. This is necessary because, "You must return to the nest after the waiting period and remove the eggs. If you don't, the female goose will remain on the nest too long, deplete her food reserves and suffer needlessly." This warning is also from the Missouri Department of Conservation's web site. They then go on to write, "Warning: Take extreme care when re-

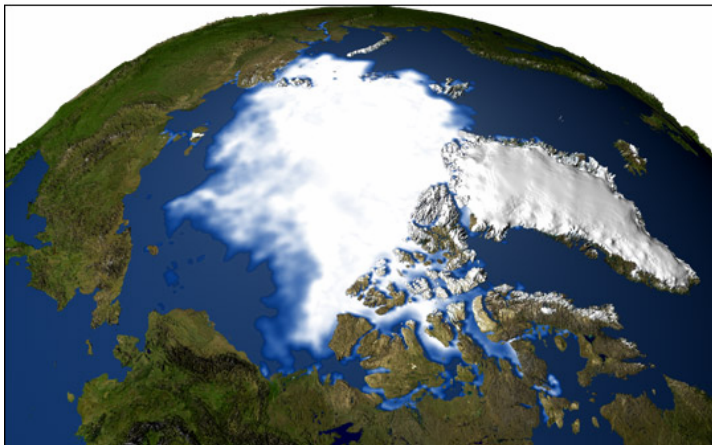
*moving eggs from the nest after the waiting period. Because spoiled eggs may explode if dropped, do not toss them. Gently place them in a hole, and bury them as soon as possible.*

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(Continued from page 1) **Conservation**  
Gilles Langis, a senior forecaster with the Canadian Ice Service in Ottawa, who says the Arctic winter has been so severe the ice has not only recovered, it is actually 10 to 20 cm thicker in many places than at this time last year



1979 SSIM Composite Data



2003 SSIM Composite Data

Gunter then goes on to quote scientists who are working closer to home. "According to Robert Toggweiler of the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory at Princeton University and Joellen Russell, assistant professor of biogeochemical dynamics at the University of Arizona -- two prominent climate modellers - the computer models that show polar ice-melt cooling the oceans, stopping the circulation of warm equatorial water to northern latitudes and triggering another Ice Age (a la the movie *The Day After Tomorrow*) are all wrong.

"We missed what was right in front of our eyes," says Prof. Russell. It's not ice melt but rather wind circulation that drives ocean currents northward from the tropics. Climate models until now have not properly accounted for the wind's effects on ocean circulation, so researchers have compensated by over-emphasizing the role of manmade warming on polar ice *melt*."

Gunter reports that when Profs. Toggweiler and Russell reworked their model to include the 40-year cycle of winds away from the equator (then back towards it again) the role of ocean currents bringing warm southern waters to the north was obvious in the current Arctic warming.

One of the reasons that Dr. Sorokhtin is advising that we buy fur coats and felt boots is his assertion about the role of the sun in global warming. Kenneth Tapping of the Canadian National Research Council, who oversees a giant radio telescope focused on the sun, adds weight to this argument when he says that he is convinced we are in for a long period of severely cold weather if sun-spot activity does not pick up soon.

"The last time the sun was this inactive, Earth suffered the Little Ice Age that lasted about five centuries and ended in 1850. Crops failed through killer frosts and drought. Famine, plague and war

were widespread. Harbours froze, so did rivers, and trade ceased."

Perhaps we should all be trading in our limber eight foot rods for those stiff two foot rods that ice fishermen use.

## 2008 NJ Fishing Digest

The Division of Fish and Wildlife was delayed in producing this year's Fishing Digest but it should be available at all licensing agents by now. If you can't find a copy you can go to Fish and Wildlife web site (<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/digfish.htm>) and download a copy.

The digest contains fishing regulations, including sizes, seasons and creel limits, fish identification photos, descriptions of "Off the Beaten Track" places to fish, and many more pages of valuable information.

## Beginners Fly Fishing Class Cancelled

EJTU had scheduled a Beginner's Fly Fishing Class for Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The class would have been held at the Pequest Trout Hatchery as in the past.

However, this free class and most of the other events that are usually held at the Pequest on weekends through June 30, 2008 have been cancelled. Special events such as the March 29 and 30 Open House are now expected to take place.

A reevaluation of the Pequest will occur in June to determine the future of hatchery programs.

## (Continued from page 3) Oiling

If you are interested in helping hold down the resident Canada goose population by means of egg oiling – despite the negative aspects of the process that are noted above – you can attend one of the free training sessions that will be given in the Essex County Environmental Center by Essex Geese-Peace. The two hour training sessions will cover egg oiling, geese biology, Federal and State regulations, how to safely interact with geese, and record keeping requirements.



Sessions will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 1 to 3pm; Tuesday, March 11, 7 to 9pm; Saturday, March 22, 10am to 2pm; and, Wednesday, April 2, 7 to 9pm

If you want to volunteer to oil eggs you should attend just one training seminar.

The Essex County Environmental Center is located at 621-B Eagle Rock Avenue Roseland, NJ 07068. For further information contact Tara M. Casella, Environmental Center Manager County of Essex, Department of Parks; Phone: 973-228-8776 or [tcasella@parks.essexcountynj.org](mailto:tcasella@parks.essexcountynj.org)