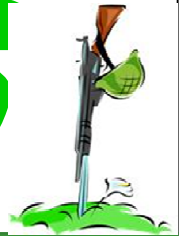


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Ramapo River Watershed Conference

(The following report is courtesy of Rich Malizia)

I attended the 18th Annual Ramapo River Watershed Conference on April 26th. This is an event organized by Geoff Welch, Chair of the Ramapo River Committee. I have not attended this event for several years because in the early years there just wasn't much in the program for EJTU. I admit to having judged too harshly and offer the summary of this year's program that follows.

Ford Paint Sludge Remediation: Ford is required to remove tons of paint sludge dumped or buried along the Ramapo River and several of its tributaries. The sludge contains high levels of lead and it appears to be leaching into the river. However, no definitive tests have been done to confirm or disprove this. Plans to cap the dumps in Ringwood, which is preferred by Ford because it is cheaper, would allow the lead to remain in areas near Wanaque reservoir.

Ramapo Headwaters: A chicken processing plant in Orange County is responsible for high levels of salt (used in processing) and other waste materials which are making their way into the headwaters. Despite the existence of two treatment facilities

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When: May 8 at 7:30 PM
Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ

May Speaker



Chris Stewart
The Tenkara Bum

Chris Stewart, the Tenkara Bum who now lives in New York City, grew up in Colorado.

"I didn't want to be a Tenkara Bum when I grew up. It just happened. I love tenkara. It's not that it is a traditional Japanese art, I am not drawn to the exotic. I am, however, drawn to the effective and the efficient.

I love the light rod, unencumbered by a reel; the light line, uncaptured by a conflicting current. I love the direct connection you can only get if the fish can't take line."

EJTU Calendar

If you wish to go on one of the fishing trips contact Ed Higgins at (easyedh@gmail.com) or the specified coordinator 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 are sheperded by Rich Malizia. If you have questions or wish to volunteer contact Rich at 973-304-0789 or remqcp@optonline.net

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

- May** [Thursday mornings] Ramapo River trout stocking
- May 11** [Sat] Hooked on Hudson
- May 25** [Sat] Mahwah Fishing Derby
- May31/Jun2** Catskill Museum sleepover fishing trip and picnic
- June 1** [Sat] Park Ridge Green Fair
- Jun 8** [Sat] Ramapo River Day
- June 12** [Wed] Members meeting; speaker Bill McKeen
- June 15** [Sat] Glen Rock Fishing Derby
- Jul 10** [Wed] Members meeting; barbeque and swap meet

Help Wanted

One or two members to help at Hooked on Hudson Saturday, May 11th Ross Dock, Palisades Interstate Park (just north of the GWB) from 8AM to 3PM (or any

part thereof). We promote membership in EJTU, make some salt water flies and teach some fly casting. Contact me at [\(973\)304-0789](tel:9733040789) or remqcp@optonline.net.

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**Ramapo River Day
Saturday, June 8, 2013**



East Jersey Trout Unlimited and Educators from Ramapo College invite you to attend our annual environmental education program.

Participants will learn about things that live in and near the river, conduct water chemistry experiments, learn about nonpoint source pollution, fly tying and fly casting.

WHO: Children in grades 4 through 12

WHERE: Halifax Road at the Ramapo River in Mahwah, NJ

WHEN: June 8, 2013 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM

The program is **free** but advanced registration is required.

Contact Rich Malizia remqcp@optonline.net or 973-304-0789

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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May Fly of the Month

A glorious time to be alive and knee deep in a Trout stream.

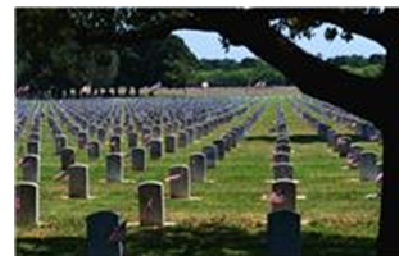
The first major hatches should be in full swing: Hendricksons, Blue Quills, Quill Gordons, and Sulphurs.



These are the flies that made the Catskills famous, and defined the "Catskill Style" of dry fly. So as you prepare for your next day on the stream and tie up a few of your favorites, how about whipping up an extra dozen for the chapter.

**Visit the East Jersey TU
web site for
up-to-the-minute
Information:
www.eastjerseytu.org**

**Fly the Flag on
Memorial Day**



East Jersey Trout Unlimited 2014 Frank Hall Memorial Contest

The Chapter has decided that the winner of one year's Frank B. Hall contest will not be able to enter the succeeding year's contest and, moreover, the winning tyer will be part of the committee that chooses the fly and evaluates flies that are submitted to the next year's contest. Therefore, Ken Barile, the winner of the 2013 contest, along with Bill Borowski will coordinate the 2014 contest.

The 2014 fly has been chosen so if you want some time to hone your skills before you enter next year's Frank B. Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest here are the specifications. This is the fly that you will have to tie better than all other entries in order to win. The fly is

The Royal Trude



The recipe for the Royal Trude is:

- Hook: dry fly size 8
- Thread: black
- Tail: golden pheasant tippets
- Body: peacock herl, red floss, peacock herl
- Wing: white calftail
- Hackle: brown

As found in Flies for Trout by Dick Stewart and Farrow Allen

All entries will become the property of East Jersey Trout Unlimited.

Catskill Picnic/Fishing trip Friday, May 31 – Sunday, June 1, 2013

Paul Reithmeier, who is coordinating this trip has reserved a bunkhouse at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum (1031 Old Rte 17, Livingston Manor, NY.)

Friday and Saturday will be devoted to fishing and this will be followed by a Chapter picnic on Sunday, June 1, 2013.

Email Paul at paulr21@optonline.net or call 973-907-0093 to reserve your spot.

Saltwater Fishing

Sandy Hook has re-opened but don't forget that you will need your free NJ saltwater registration if you fish there.

Raffle Winner

Earlier this year we sent tickets for an EJ TU raffle with a guided trip with Sam Decker as the prize. We drew the winning ticket at the April 10 meeting and the winner is Tom DeAngelis.

Tom did not attend the meeting at which he won but he is active in EJ TU, helping with trout stocking and other activities. Have fun, Tom!

Ken Lockwood Gorge Repairs

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife is informing anglers and other visitors that the NJ Dept. of Transportation will be repairing the gravel road through the Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA during the month of May.

As a result, access may be limited and a person's fishing experience may be impacted. The division apologizes for any inconvenience resulting from this necessary work.

The road will be repaired to the condition prior to Hurricane Irene.

Welcome to April's New Members



Martin Adamkiewicz	Lodi
Henry Bosco	Totowa
John Charowsky	Wallington
Billy Cook	Ridgefield Pk
Catherine Farrar	Clifton
Jeff Love	River Edge
Duncan McNeill	Saddle River
Massimo Piazza	Fair Lawn
Leonard Ronnie	Saddle River
Herbert Schaffner	Montclair

Ramapo River Watershed Conference

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pollutants are still reaching the river. Local government has been unresponsive.

Tuxedo: Two major pollution sources exist along the river. There is a mulch facility and a soil site. The facility has accumulated a much greater quantity of mulch than anticipated and some leaching of organics appears to be occurring. The soil site has also accumulated much larger quantities of soil than in prior years. Soil piles adjacent to the river generate quantities of silt which enters the river during heavy rains.

Gas Pipelines: A group of students were engaged to study the impacts of the pipelines. The study is still in draft form but will be presented in final form on May 2nd. The draft report identifies a number of problems. The requirement to replant the disturbed lands has been poorly dealt with. "Trees" planted along the pipeline were described as tiny twigs only a few inches high most of which are dead. While

the companies will be required to address this, the erosion which is expected to occur before this is remedied will adversely impact several waterways. Noise, chemical and fuel spills and air pollution are common in staging areas. Water will be drawn from Monksville reservoir and other waters and mixed with a clay based chemical to clean and test segments of the pipeline. The resulting waste water will be pumped back into the water sources without any filtration. The clay is harmful to fish as it causes irritation to their gills. The list goes on.

Highlands: There is great concern about the future of the area. Recent actions to extend permits which had been granted many years ago but had expired, failure to require communities to adopt and comply with the regional master plan and similar actions will adversely impact the area. Current appointment to the governing committee includes only 2 or 3 members who take pro-en-

vironment positions. Several members appointed by this administration actively opposed the adoption of the Highlands regulations and actively lobbied against its adoption. They are now in a position to oversee and enforce the regulations.

DuPont: The State has been very slow to require a complete clean up. Plans to dredge the Acid Brook delta in Pompton Lake have had to be increased in area. There is a great deal of concern that local groups have been excluded from oversight of this work. Because of years of delay, pollutants have now been identified below Pompton Lake dam and again in Acid Brook which was dredged years ago. Failure to clean up the DuPont factory site appears to be the problem as chemicals continue to leach from the property.

There were also sessions on snakes in New Jersey and Cropsey's Castle. EJTU members should attend the program next year.



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