



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat

This is what we wait for all year – fly fishing prime time. If you haven't gotten out yet, snap to it! The trout are waiting, but not for long. Before you know it, everything will be warming up and you'll be limited to morning or evening fishing.

As you make your fishing plans, be sure to check the chapter trips that Chris Henrickson is running, and please consider the other items on the chapter calendar. If you have never participated in one of the conservation or outreach programs the chapter is involved in, make a point to attend one this spring. You may actually find it enjoyable and rewarding.

TU has been running regional meetings the last few years and this year's Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting is scheduled for June 6-7 in Frederick, MD. The regional meetings are a great opportunity for chapter and state council leaders from the same geographical area to get together and discuss issues we all share. The meetings usually involve fishing opportunities the day before the meetings start and occasionally after the meetings have ended for the day. The main activity centers around workshops and seminars focused on local conservation issues and issues all chapters struggle with. While geared toward chapter officers,

When: May 13 at 7:30 PM

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

May's Speaker Tom Gilmore



Tom will talk about great trout waters from Maine to Georgia and will introduce you to the "world class" tailwaters located close to all of our major eastern cities from Maine to Georgia.

Eastern anglers will be convinced that they don't have to get on a plane to fly to the Rockies or even more exotic destinations.

Welcome To April's New Members

Tim Conklin	Fairlawn
Anthony D'Anna	Clifton
George Doud	Waldwick
Karl Drehwing	Wyckoff
James Grobel	Oradell
Jeffrey Hargrove	Harrington Pk
Howard Hudes	New Milford
John Klemm	Bogota
Robert Koch	Upper Saddle River

Daniel O'Connor	Verona
Robert Petronzi	Totowa
Michel Petruzzello	Ramsey
Grag Phalon	Lyndhurst
Thomas Scanlon	Wayne
Gregory Toufayan	Ridgefield
Brian Villavecchia	Rivervale
Rick Wilkerson	New Milford

Calendar

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



Trips: contact Chris Henrickson
C.henrickson@icloud.com

Other events: Rich Malizia at
973-304-0789 or
remqcp@optonline.net

May 16/17	Cast and Blast
May [TBD]	Delaware Shad trip
May [TBD]	Catskills Pig Roast
June 6 [Sat]	Ramapo River Day
June 6/13	Block Island Trip
June [TBD]	Ausable River trip
July [TBD]	Farmington River Trip
Aug [TBD]	Kayak Trip
Sep [TBD]	Housatonic Trip
Oct [TBD]	Musconetcong Trip
Dec [TBD]	Salmon River Trip

June Speaker

June 10 [Wed]

Dave Wollenweider on structure fishing and monster trout.



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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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For East Jersey and National Trout Unlimited information, visit <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 EJ TU 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

Conservation Notes

Thank you to all the volunteers who have participated in the weekly stockings on the Ramapo. Please continue to support this activity. As we get further into the season the numbers of volunteers drop off a little, but we still need many hands to get through to May 21st. Special thanks to the volunteers who go to the more distant locations at West Oakland Avenue, the Reservation, Halifax Road and Riverview Terrace. It takes more time but, if we have enough help, it seems we get more fish.



We have several activities in May: Hooked on Hudson and the Secaucus Green Festival on May 9th and the Mahwah fishing derby on May 23rd. Can you spend some time at any of the events to help promote EJ TU? Your help is always appreciated. Please let me know in advance.

We are stepping up our promotion of Ramapo River Day that is scheduled for June 6th. A service available through TU National enabled us to print professional looking posters which are available for distribution to locations of your choice. Pick up a poster at the May meeting for placement in your local library, supermarket, school, etc. We hope to increase the number of participants at the event this year.

Because of a lack of personnel at NJF&W, several locations on the Ramapo have not been posted with signs indicating the dates that the river is closed to fishing. Fishing is not allowed before 5:00PM on Thursdays. Anglers are expected to know and abide by the regulations even if no posters are present. If you encounter someone fishing during the closed hours, consider reminding them.

Local folks have mobilized to voice their opposition to the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline. A group called C.A.P.P., Citizens Against the Pilgrim Pipeline, is made up of individuals and conservation and environmental organizations working to bring attention to the proposed construction. You may encounter their volunteers at the various Earth-day events in the area. Please be supportive. Mahwah and Oakland have passed resolutions in opposition to the pipeline. C.A.P.P. is encouraging other municipalities to do the same. The proposed route runs adjacent to or crosses the Ramapo, Wanaque and Pequannock Rivers, several wild trout streams and Wanaque Reservoir. Any spill would have disastrous results.

Ringwood has received federal approval to cap the Ford Motor/O'Connor dump site and build a recycling center on the property. Only two years ago, NJDEP concluded that capping the site would not protect the watershed and that removal of the contaminated soil was the proper way to remediate the site. Could this be yet another case of science being twisted to fit the current anti-environment political climate in Trenton? By comparison, New York State has been successful in having Ford remove ALL paint sludge removed from Rockland County sites.

On April 24th, I attended the 20th Ramapo River Watershed Conference. Topics included the successful efforts to stop the casino in Sterling Forest, Pilgrim Pipeline proposal, development of the 204

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unit complex near the Oakland/Wayne border, water quality issues in the Ramapo River and the proposed Exxon settlement. While it is depressing to hear about the many issues which can potentially further damage the local environment, it is good to know that there are people out there pushing back. The Exxon settlement agreed to by Governor Christie is one which deserves immediate action. The settlement which accepts pennies on the dollar permits the Governor to use all but \$50 million to plug his budget shortfall. Further, it prevents the State from taking action against 800 company owned gas stations and numerous other production facilities throughout the state with major pollution issues. The issues are too extensive to address here but please look at this for yourself. Just "Google" "Exxon settlement New Jersey" and you will get many sources of information. Comments about the settlement can be sent to exxonmobilbaywaysettlement@dep.nj.gov using "Exxon Mobil Settlement" as the subject. This one is too important to leave to the other guy. Please express your opinion. I can only add that based on my research the deal is bad and stinks of a political payoff. The settlement will guarantee that many polluted sites will never be cleaned up and be something that your grandchildren will have to live with.

Rich Malizia

EJTU Overnight Chapter Picnic/Fishing Trip May 29, 30, 31 at Catskill Fly Fishing Museum

The picnic, that will be a Pig Roast again this year, will be held on Saturday, May 30th. We will start the day with coffee & danish in the morning and then, at lunch, we'll have the pig roast, baked beans, Cole slaw, cold water and soda.

The picnic is free to our members and their families.

For those of us who are interested, we'll be staying over in the Museum's bunkhouse again this year. We have reserved Friday and Saturday nights. There are 2 bunkhouses each of which sleeps 11. The cost per bunkhouse is \$240 per night, so if we have 10 sleeping over for 2 nights, the cost will be \$24 per night, per person or \$48 per person for the two nights.

People who are interested need to let me know so we can make plans. You can contact me by email at paulr21@optonline.net or by phone: 973-907-0094

Paul Reithmeier

The EJTU **Library Display - May**

Spring is here and it's going to be tough to keep up with Doug Penna as he moves the EJTU Library Display around northern New Jersey.

In May, after you help with trout stocking or fishing the Ramapo, you can dust off your waders and go to the Oakland Library to see Doug's installation.

The Oakland Library is located at 2 Municipal Plaza, Oakland, NJ.

For the Salt water Anglers **NJ Marine Digest**

The NJ DEP announced that the 2015 Marine Digest will be available during the week of May 4 at license agents and coastal stores, and is available on the NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife website. The Digest includes important information on regulatory changes (including Striped Bass) along with feature articles including the revival of the Artificial Reef Program.

To view and download the Digest visit <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/digmar15.htm> on the Division's website.

"Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge."

Charles Darwin

Die Forelle

An unusually soft German word.
It means The Trout.

Library Display - after May

Where can you find Doug's Library Display after he moves it from Oakland?

In June you can go to the Ho Ho Kus Library.

And, then in July it will be in the Rutherford Library.



Oakland Library

Tenkara Lines - by *Bob Hresko*

Tenkara level lines are the most common lines used by Tenkara anglers. There are a few other line choices available, such as furred tapered lines and horse hair lines; however this article will address Tenkara level lines.

Level Lines

The #1 line choice for many Tenkara anglers is the Hi-Vis (high visibility) Fluorocarbon line. The purpose of using a high visibility line is to assist the angler in tracking the line as it drifts downstream and to aid in keeping the line off the water for drag free drifts. Fluorocarbon is used since it is a much denser line than monofilament and can more effectively transfer the energy of the cast. Tenkara level lines are available in a number of strengths/diameters, in a variety of colors and come in 30 to 35 yard spools which will last several seasons.

Another choice is to use clear fluorocarbon line like Stren, Berkley or Spiderwire with a "sighter" of Red Amnesia line. Adding 1 to 1 ½ feet of Red Amnesia line to the end of the clear fluorocarbon line allows the angler to easily track the movement of the line and to ensure that the line remains off the water.

Level Line Rating System

Tenkara level lines have their own unique rating system. We all understand line strengths designated in lb. test, such as 8 lb. test, 10 lb. test and 20 lb. test. Tenkara lines, however, do not use that lb. test system.

They are classified by a numbering system in which the smaller numbers indicate lighter lines. To convert Tenkara level line to lb test you multiply the Tenkara line number by 4. For example, a #3 Tenkara level line would equate to a 12 lb. test line ($3 \times 4 = 12$). See the chart for

Tenkara Level Line	Lb Test
#3	12
#3.5	14
#4	16
#4.5	18
#5	20

Line length

The standard Tenkara line length is equal to the length of the rod. If you're using a 12 foot rod, use 12 feet of Tenkara level line. Need to make longer casts? Add additional fluorocarbon line. Need to shorten your cast? Clip off part of the fluorocarbon line.

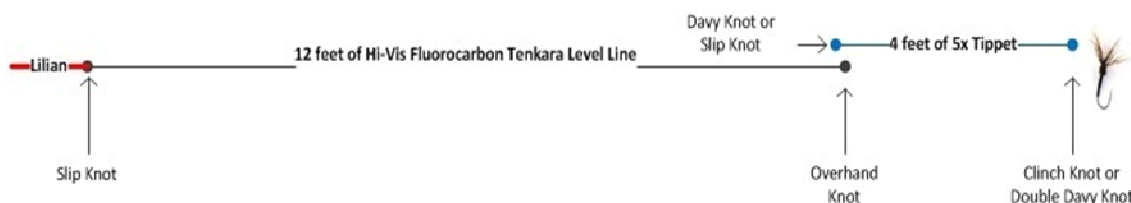
Tippet

Tippet plays an important role in Tenkara fishing. It is not only used to attach your fly to your line just as in Western fly fishing; it is also instrumental in protecting the delicate tip of a Tenkara rod. All you will need in most fishing situations is 4 feet of 5x tippet. However, for very soft action rods, 7x tippet is recommended. Nothing stronger than 5x should ever be used when using a Tenkara rod.

Putting it All Together

The line set-up is actually quite simple. We'll use a 12 foot Tenkara rod as an example and use the standard level line length configuration, i.e., line length equals rod length. A #3.5 Tenkara level line is used in most situations, but, if it's windy, a heavier #4.5 Tenkara level line should be used.

The Tenkara rod has a 1 inch a piece of red yarn material, called a lilian, attached to its tip. Using a slip knot, attach 12 feet of Tenkara level line to the lilian. At the other end of the Tenkara level line make an overhand knot. Attach 4 feet of 5x tippet to the end of Tenkara level line just above the overhand knot using either a Davy Knot or Slip Knot and then attach your fly to the tippet. See diagram below.



EJTU Volunteer Biographies

This month **George Petersen** tells us a little about himself. Until a recent flare-up of a hip problem, George led EJTU's very successful Trout In the Classroom project.

"Man, by nature, wants to know." *Socrates*



I was ten years old when Uncle John first took my brother and me fishing. We would go to the Manasquan Inlet and cast our lines over the wall. How exciting for a youngster to be fishing and be able to watch the constant parade of boats while we fished and Aunt Mary would sit with her knitting needles untangling the bird's nests we made. (Dad worked two full-time jobs at the time.)

For me, real interest in the "piscatorial pursuits" developed much later. A double undergraduate major and 21 credit semesters did not leave time for much else, as did the subsequent pursuit of post graduate degrees. However, that same academic training led me to properly study any endeavor which later proved of interest.

A brief 45 years ago these interests began focusing on the natural world. I became a "student of the forest" and threw myself into this with all of the energy which my three sons left me. In all honesty, I must admit that they were the best companions I've ever had. We could load and launch a canoe in record time without a word being spoken. (Of course, since they were doing this according to my way, they were doing it correctly.) Now it's time to educate the four grandchildren.

Fishing was an easy beginning and I began to explore the ecology of lakes and ponds. This expanded into the rest of the surrounding woods. I learned to hunt with both archery (i.e. a long bow, I soon gave up on the modern tackle with its 'training wheels') and black powder equipment.

My favorite endeavor has been fly fishing with all of its challenges and rewards. From there I branched out to dabbling in ecology which led to aquatic entomology, dendrology and limnology. After searching different areas, I have finally come upon one which is seemingly endless in possibilities.

At that point in time, I was fortunate through my son, David, to become acquainted with Bill Borowski. Bill is responsible for introducing me to the East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

In the Chapter and its numerous activities, I have found the outlet for my eclectic energies.

I thank all of the members who have been my instructors and friends for the knowledge they've shared and the patience they've demonstrated to me.

[Side bar: after 18 years I'm still teaching as an Adjunct Professor at Felician College's Department of Education (course ED- 308: Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Difficulties). I guess I have to admit that I'm failing retirement.]

Weather?

From Time magazine,
June 24, 1974:

Courtesy of WSJ.com

As they review the bizarre and unpredictable weather pattern of the past several years, a growing number of scientists are beginning to suspect that many seemingly contradictory meteorological fluctuations are actually part of a global climatic upheaval. However widely the weather varies from place to place and time to time, when meteorologists take an average of temperatures around the globe they find that the atmosphere has been growing gradually cooler for the past three decades. The trend shows no indication of reversing. Climatological Cassandras are becoming increasingly apprehensive, for the weather aberrations they are studying may be the harbinger of another ice age.

Telltale signs are everywhere—from the unexpected persistence and thickness of pack ice in the waters around Iceland to the southward migration of a warmth-loving creature like the armadillo from the Midwest. Since the 1940s the mean global temperature has dropped about 2.7° F. Although that figure is at best an estimate, it is supported by other convincing data.

Visit the East Jersey TU
web site for:

up-to-the-minute information,
the photo gallery,
links to fishing sites
and much more:

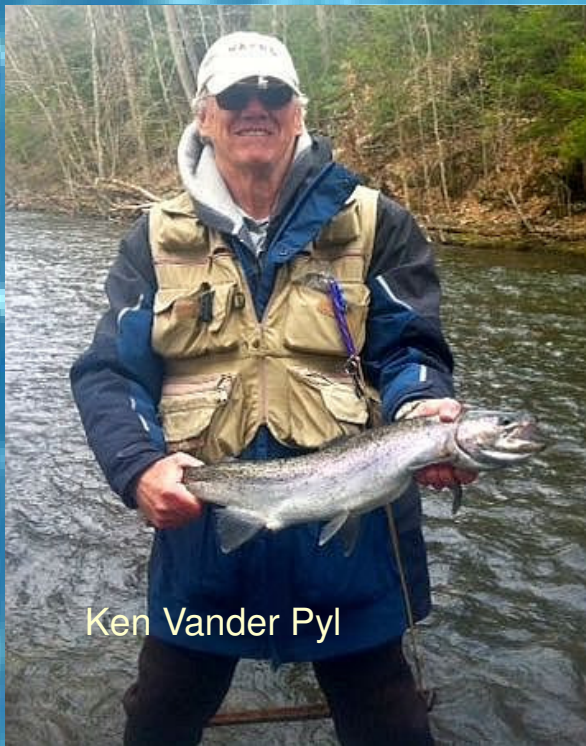
www.ejtu.org

But don't forget to also check out
EJTU on Facebook

<http://tinyurl.com/ptq2u3t>

EJTU Salmon Hunt in Pulaski

Alan Adel led a recent salmon fishing trip to Pulaski, NY and, from the photos that Don Schalck took, it looks like they were successful



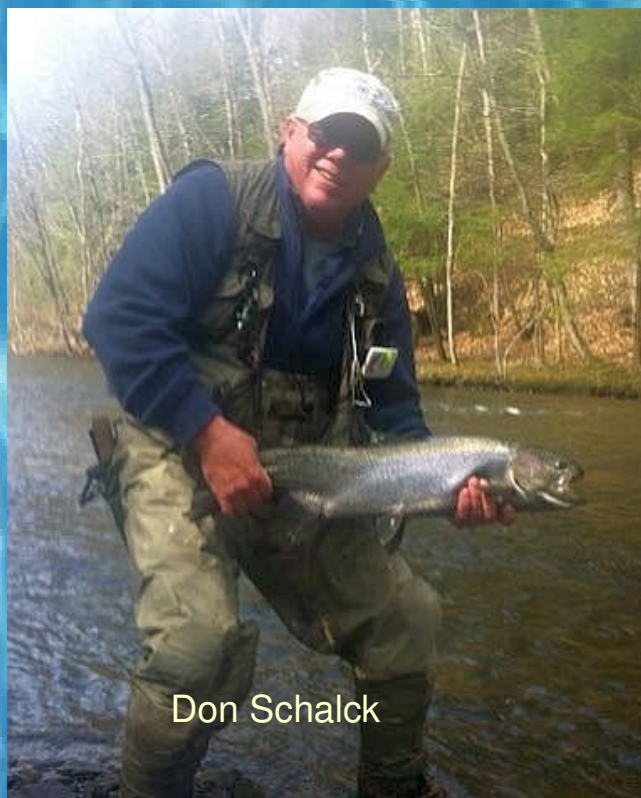
Ken Vander Pyl



Alan Adel



Vic Mignoli



Don Schalck

Switch Rods

A switch rod lies in the gap between the single handed rods we are used to, traditional rods, and the larger and heavier spey rods. It is a type of rod that can be used one-handed in the usual manner, but can also be used with two hands. While a traditional rod ends close to the rear reel foot, a switch rod has a short, four inch addition below the reel giving you a place to use that hand that used to be free to handle the line.

The reason for the extension is to allow the caster to get maximum distance and accuracy while using a minimum amount of strength. For a right handed caster, the right hand holds the grip in the usual location and the left holds the extension-grip. Instead of moving your whole right arm back and then forward while casting, you can pull on the left hand while pushing with the right and quickly build a great amount of loading of the rod as it flexes and, as a result, propel your fly longer distances. Since these long rods are usually over-weighted, with lines that are heavier than the rods' listed weights, casting becomes easier and distance improves.

The rods are generally longer than standard rods, averaging 10 or 11 feet, so they make mending and controlling drifts easier. They also allow more than one type of cast; using a switch rod you can cast in the usual, one-handed manner if the rod is not too long, you can use both hands in a "switch" cast, or you can bring the line close and perform a Spey cast. Moreover, if you are in the surf, a switch rod makes it easier to get your fly over the waves and through a breeze.

Users of switch rods say that mending line, controlling drag-free drifts and picking up line for another cast is much easier with switch rods than with the traditional one-handed rods. They also say that casting is easier because of the rod's extra length and the heavier lines that are used. A friend with shoulder arthritis now finds that his new switch rod makes fishing fun again both in Ken Lockwood Gorge and along Jersey's beaches.

Morris County Bear

During winters, workers from NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife maintain their bear statistics by checking the bears in their dens.

This past winter, the den work saw the project handle its largest bear in Morris County; it weighed 736.5 pounds



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the meetings are open to all TU members so anyone interested in the future of TU should consider attending. If you are interested or just want to learn more, the webpage with all the details and the link to register is available here: <http://www.tu.org/get-involved/national-events/2015-mid-atlantic-regional-meeting>. I am planning on attending; won't you consider joining me?

The TU Annual Meeting will be in Scranton, PA this year from September 16th to the 20th. This is a great opportunity for New Jersey TU members to attend a national meeting without incurring the travel expenses usually required. It is even close enough to make day trips a reality. Further details and the link to register are located here: <http://www.tu.org/get-involved/national-events/2015-annual-meeting>. As with the regional meetings, fishing opportunities are mixed in along with a conservation program focusing on a local project that is in progress or recently completed. I have attended numerous National meetings in the past and always find them extremely worthwhile.

Bruce Seiden



Front View

What is it?

Side View



Pneumonia vaccine

EJTU is lucky to have a number of retirees who can attend our meetings and assist with projects that take place on workdays. You may have noticed a few of them (Some have commented about the amount of gray hair to be seen at our events.) at various functions.

The following CDC report is mainly for those retirees, but can also be helpful to members of all ages.

Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine Why get vaccinated?

Vaccination can protect older adults (and some children and younger adults) from pneumococcal disease.

Pneumococcal disease is caused by bacteria that can spread from person to person through close contact. It can cause ear infections, and it can also lead to more serious infections of the:

- Lungs (pneumonia),
- Blood (bacteremia), and
- Covering of the brain and spinal cord

(meningitis). Meningitis can cause deafness and brain damage, and it can be fatal.

Anyone can get pneumococcal disease, but children under 2 years of age, people with certain medical conditions, adults over 65 years of age, and cigarette smokers are at the highest risk.

About 18,000 older adults die each year from pneumococcal disease in the United States. Treatment of pneumococcal infections with penicillin and other drugs used to be more effective. But some strains of the disease have become resistant to these drugs. This makes prevention of the disease, through vaccination, even more important.

If you would like to get information such as this update on the , go to <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html> and sign up for their email updates. The CDC page has information about twenty "Routine" vaccines, one "Multi-vaccine" and seven "Non-routine" vaccines.

Extra Stocking

Salmon

More than 1000 **landlocked salmon**, ranging in size from 10.9 to 19.2 inches in length, were recently stocked in Tilcon Lake (Allamuchy Mt. State Park), Lake Aeroflex (Kittatinny Valley State Park) and Wawayanda Lake (Wawayanda State Park).

For more information, see <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2015/salmonstk4-15.htm> on the Division's web site.

Large Trout

Surplus production trout, averaging almost 11" and weighing more than 1/2 pound, will be randomly stocked along with scheduled allocations for the remainder of the season.

For more information, see http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/trtinfo_spring15.htm on the Division's web site.

[From www.northjersey.com]

Fishing: Web page is a museum of fly-fishing

BY MARK CZERWINSKI
STAFF WRITER, THE RECORD
APRIL 23, 2015

Tucked away in the corner of one of my tackle boxes is a collection of flies that used to belong to my father and grandfather. They are from the 1950s and '60s, not homemade, but filled with great sentimental value as a link to my fishing history.

I was bragging about them last week with a friend of mine who has recently started collecting vintage flies and lures. While I don't collect old tackle, I do find it fascinating and consider it to be tiny works of art that tell the history of our sport.

My buddy showed me a new website he just found, and while I'm usually not a big Internet guy, I think it's fantastic and want to share it with the fly-tiers and fly-fishers out there.

The site classicfishingflies.com/ was started by an Italian gentleman named Alberto Calzolari. It's not a site filled with fishing tips or suggestions on places to fish around the world, but more of a little online museum of classic flies and other fly-fishing items.

There are a lot of great photos for those who like to study flies. This fellow also frames flies with pictures of fishing and outdoor scenes, and the section displaying these creations is quite impressive.

There's a blog — in English and Italian — and the whole site has labor of love scribbled all over it. After spending about an hour or so digging through it, I thought, "Wow, this is a guy I'd like to spend a day with fishing."

One of the best things about our sport is that it lends itself to enjoying it away from the water through pastimes like reading, research or tying flies. And this site truly fits that bill.