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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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## President's Beat

The fishing season, for most of us, is winding down, but there are still plenty of opportunities to wet a line while the weather holds, so don't forget to



give the Ramapo a chance. The Division of Fish & Wildlife's fall stocking took place a couple of weeks ago, and as I write this the chapter stocking is only a few days away. These fish should survive all winter and give us a place for a quick outing whenever the weather cooperates.

For the diehards in the chapter, the steelhead fishing up by the Great Lakes is just starting to hit its prime. Our fall steelhead trip is rapidly approaching and I am getting my gear ready now. I think there may be a spot or 2 still open, so contact Chris Henrickson if you are interested. If you have the ability to make the trip on short notice, i.e., you're retired, just watch the weather forecast and try to hit it on a couple of mild days. Anything above freezing works for me!

Chris is also working on a mid-winter day trip to help ward off cabin fever, details should be forthcoming soon.

Speaking of warding off cabin fever, mark your calendar for the International Fly Tying Sympo-

When: November 11 at 7:30 PM

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

## November's Speaker Pat Hamilton Principal Fisheries Biologist, NJF&W

Pat will tell us about New Jersey's wild trout population, focusing on New Jersey's wild Brook Trout, including her research on their ancestral heritage and Fish and Wildlife's efforts to revamp New Jersey's wild trout stream regulations.

Pat is the state's coldwater fisheries biologist as well as the regional fisheries manager for the Upper Delaware and Wallkill River watersheds. She has surveyed many trout streams in northern NJ over the past 30 years and has also studied the genetics of New Jersey's wild brook trout.

## 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



- Nov. 7 [Sat] EJTU Ramapo trout stocking
- Nov. 14 [Sat] Salmon River trip
- Nov. 11 [Wed] Speaker: Pat Hamilton,
- Dec. 9 [Wed] Christmas Party
- Jan. 13 [Wed] Speakers: the Van Puts on differences between hatchery and wild trout
- Mar. 9 [Wed] Speaker: Dave Hess on Fishing in Montana
- Mar. 19 [Sat] EJTU Annual Dinner
- Jun. 11 [Sat] Ramapo River Day

## Welcome To October's New Members



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|----------------|-----------|
| John Fallon    | Montclair |
| Keith Hopkins  | Maywood   |
| William Lucker | Westwood  |

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](http://www.ejtu.org)

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

<http://tinyurl.com/ptq2u3t>

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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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## Conservation Notes

The NJF&W stocking on October 16<sup>th</sup> went well, but the Ramapo was much too low to float stock so the volunteers had to do it all with buckets. Our volunteers worked at West Oakland Avenue, Glen Gray Road, Halifax Road and Riverview Terrace. A big "Thank You" to all who turned out to help. The fish were the largest I have seen this season: all rainbows in the 12" to 14" range with a few bruisers approaching 20". Remember "Catch and Release".

We will be supplementing the trout population by adding a few more fish on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Glen Gray Road Bridge by 9:00AM for coffee "and" as usual. Since this will be our delivery, the truck is often waiting for us to arrive, so we have to start promptly at 9:00AM. These fish will come from the Musky Hatchery and are paid for from Chapter conservation funds. The new NJF&W biologist assigned to our area contacted me to ask that we refrain from stocking brook trout because of possible interference with the reproduction of wild brook trout in some of the Ramapo tributaries. Sounds like a good idea and, more importantly, I am pleased to know that the NJF&W has added two more biologists, bringing the total to four statewide.

On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> a few of us spent the afternoon at the Glen Rock Arboretum annual fair. The weather was cold and windy, which may have reduced attendance, kept us from doing any fly casting and limited our fly tying. However, we had the opportunity to speak with several attendees about EJTU's mission and activities. Thanks to the hearty volunteers.

We completed the cleanup at Halifax Road and Riverview Terrace on October 24<sup>th</sup>. I had hoped for a better turnout but we did



what we could with the few volunteers that came out. We were able to access previously unreachable areas due to the unusually low water, and extracted a number of old tires that had been in the river for years. We have to return for a follow up visit to remove some items that were too large to handle with the number of volunteers in attendance.

We are in process of finalizing the location for an access for handicapped anglers. We will be looking for a number of volunteers with specific abilities to assist in the design and implementation work required before the actual construction can start. If you have design, engineering or construction knowledge and would be willing to help, please contact me. Then, as we proceed we will need volunteers to do the construction. We hope to execute the project early next summer, but the planning work will begin as soon as we get a preliminary approval from Oakland.

It seems that, no matter how hard the environmental community fights for reasonable regulations, things can be easily overturned.

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**Riffles would like to show the many ways in which a variety of volunteers continue to help EJTU achieve its aims, so for this month's biography we are taking the opportunity to present a volunteer who, while not a board member, performs significant EJTU duties.**

### Neil McGee

I grew up in eastern Massachusetts where freshwater fishing is less than ideal. I remember heading out to local ponds with a spin rod a few times as a kid, but the fishing venues had posted signs warning against the consumption of critters from murky, polluted waters. Outdoor activities didn't much appeal to me those days in the Boston suburbs. It wasn't until after attending college and living in China that my interest in the environment, conservation, and angling greatly increased.

While working on a bachelor's degree at the University of Massachusetts, I had the chance to study in China for a full year. Living in China for any period of time will convince you of the impact that human beings – lots of them – are having on the environment. Before the trip, I had it in my head that I would touch down in a warm land of palm trees, bamboo groves, and misty mountains rising straight up from the earth. Instead, I landed in China's cold industrial northwest where the black stains from acid rain coated every building and the air was thick with harsh particulate matter from the sulfuric coal bricks most people burn to heat their homes. It rained a black sooty mud a few times that year. That sort of thing leaves a lasting impression.

I worked in the financial services industry for some years after graduation and, although I was fluent, I didn't much use my Chinese or even hold China in much regard. Annual camping trips

with friends to the pristine lakes of Maine, where spin fishing was all the rage, regularly reminded



me how good we have it in this country. But things changed on September 11, 2001. After the World Trade Center towers came down, I realized the world had become even smaller and I had a unique set of skills that could be helpful in bridging cultural divides.

I was soon accepted to the doctoral program in East Asian Languages and Cultures at Columbia University and after much deliberation my wife and I decided to move to New Jersey. I chose to specialize in Chinese religious and intellectual history so that I could teach and write about what motivates China's intense ambitions in the world today beyond economic advancement. My research eventually had me back-

packing throughout China and my interest in the outdoors was renewed. That experience had me aching to get outside even more and I took up Tenkara when I returned to the States.

Tenkara is an exceptional way to get into fly fishing. Despite the emphasis on simple gear and technique, I couldn't get enough of it and I wanted to learn as much as I could about fly fishing. A strategically placed flyer at Ramsey Outdoor in Paramus a few years ago convinced me to check out the fly tying and fly fishing courses offered by EJTU. Up to that point I didn't much think about the connection between outdoor activities and the environment, but learning about the life-cycle of aquatic insects, the fluid dynamics of rivers and streams, and that trout need cold water to survive made me realize that the powerful world we play in is actually quite fragile. I didn't want the beautiful places I knew in this country to resemble the environmental tragedies I had witnessed in China. I still don't.

As a member of EJTU I volunteer on the Conservation Committee. I lead the chapter's water temperature monitoring project and participate in macroinvertebrate studies whenever I can. I'm also the web master for the chapter website. My career as a professor of history and religious studies at The New School in Greenwich Village lets me to get out and fish early and often, so look me up the next time you need a pal on the water.

## Palisades Interstate Park Winter Closings

The restrooms at [Ross Dock Picnic Area](#), [Allison Park](#), and [Alpine Pavilion](#) will close for the winter season on Monday, November 9, 2015.

(The main restrooms at [Englewood](#) and [Alpine](#) Picnic Areas will remain open, and Port-A-Johns will be available at Ross Dock.)

## Catskill Museum Work Party - Thank You

I want to thank the members of EJTU who turned out in the cold to help with maintenance at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. We cut down trees, trimmed bushes, blew leaves, and fixed leaking roofs. We also met some great people.

The highlight of the work detail was trimming the bushes in front of the gift center. Agnes Van Put, a much-loved volunteer, runs the gift center and sells a great grape jam. We were given instructions on a light trimming of the shrubs in front of the gift shop. However, Agnes requested a bit more and the 7 ft. shrubs are now down to 2 ft. What Agnes wants Agnes gets!

Please don't worry if you feel bad about missing out on this event. You will get another chance because we did such a good job that we were invited to return next spring. While doing our spring clean up, we discovered that the front porch to the gift museum is sinking, because the footings are not holding up well. So we plan on going back in the spring to fix it and maybe get some fishing in this time. We hope you can join us.

*Elio Chiavola*



### The Volunteers

#### EJTU:

Marty Adamkiewicz  
Jon Lax  
Rich Malizia  
Vic Mignoli  
Don Schalck

#### Museum Trustee

Cliff Albertson  
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John Klemm

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sium in Somerset on November 21 & 22. This show is typically less crowded than the big show in January and it is a great opportunity to talk to some of the better know tyers and even pick their brains a little.

While you are marking your calendar for the fly tying show, make sure to highlight March 19, 2016, the date for our banquet at Biagio's Ristorante in Paramus. This will be our third straight year at Biagio's and so far they have done an outstanding job. A banquet committee is being formed to help distribute the workload. If you are willing to pitch in, please let me know.

Bruce Seiden

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There has been a constant push by Trenton to undue regulations which protect the environment. The following issues are just some of those efforts. The density of septic systems allowed in areas of the Highlands has been increased significantly. The result will be more development in the Highlands, particularly in the "protection" areas. The distance between new structures and stream and river banks has been reduced from 100 or 300 feet to 50 or 100 feet, respectively, depending on the classification of the waterway. Take a look at the websites of NJ Highlands Coalition, NJ Audubon, Clean Water Action, Sierra Club or others sites for more information. While you may not agree with all positions taken by these groups, they are generally a good source for information.

Rich Malizia

## The Riffle Hitch

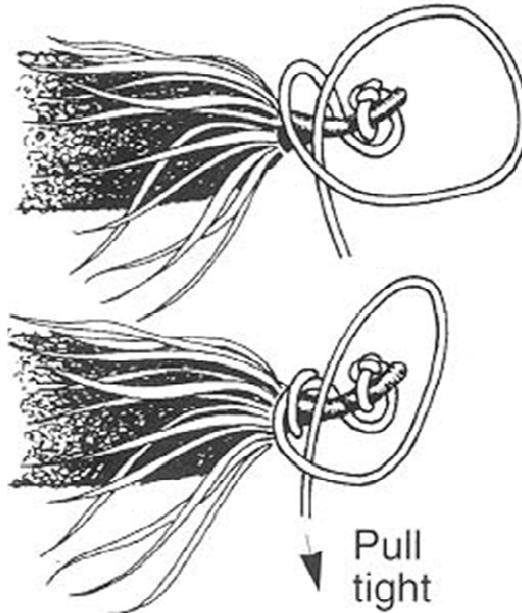
This simple alteration to how a fly is attached to tippet was first used by salmon and steelhead anglers, but can also be used to entice trout to hit flies. It is used when you want your fly to ride high in the water and to skate across the surface.

After you have tied on the fly, with whatever knot you prefer to use, take some slack in the tippet and tie a half hitch behind the eye of the fly but within the first third of its length, then tie another half hitch immediately in front of the first one. That's it!

There is one choice that you have to make: if you want your fly to skate to your left, the tippet should extend from the left side of the fly and, if you want it to skate to the right, the tippet should extend from its right side.

Here's a link that has both a still diagram of how the knot is tied and an animated version of the same knot

[http://www.netknots.com/fishing\\_knots/riffle-hitch](http://www.netknots.com/fishing_knots/riffle-hitch)



## Trout Stocking by EJTU

Get ready for more coffee and Munchkins on Saturday, November 7, 2015 because there is still one more trout stocking to come!

As in past years, EJTU will purchase trout from the Muskie Trout Hatchery and stock them in the Ramapo River.

These will be New Jersey bred fish coming from the Musky Trout Hatchery, a fish-farm that has been located on the Musconetcong River in Warren County since 1958.

Contact Rich Malizia at [remqcp@optonline.net](mailto:remqcp@optonline.net) or 973-304-0789 to let him know that you can help.



## Little People for Ramapo River Day

There are usually a good number of EJTU volunteers helping on Ramapo River Day, but finding groups of children to take part in this educational and fun event is a struggle. For some unknown reason, it's difficult to get scout troops and other groups to break their inertia and come out for a few hours on a Saturday morning.

Why bother you with this problem? Well, maybe you are associated with or know of a group of children who might benefit from spending a Saturday morning in June next to the Ramapo River. They could be church groups, scouts, school groups or any other children who can be brought to the event. If you do know leaders of such groups, tell them about Ramapo River Day: education, fun, shepherded at all times by EJTU volunteers, taught by senior staff of Ramapo College and FREE.

The next Ramapo River Day will take place from 9:30AM until 12:30 PM on Saturday, June 11, 2016

Tell Rich Malizia of interested people [remqcp@optonline.net](mailto:remqcp@optonline.net) or (973) 304-0789.



## 2016 Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying contest

### RUSTY BROWN SPINNER

Fly tyers should prepare now for the 2016 Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest. Ed Janiga, last year's winner and also the lead judge of this contest, has selected the Rusty Brown Spinner as the fly for the 2016 contest.

Begin now to practice tying the Rusty Brown Spinner, so you can submit your entry by the February 29, 2016 cutoff date.

EJTU members may turn in flies at Ramsey Outdoor in Ramsey, at chapter meetings or to any Board member. Up to three entries will be accepted from each participant. All entries should be individually packaged with the tyer's name and phone number. All flies submitted to the contest become the property of East Jersey Trout Unlimited.

The winner will be announced at EJTU's Annual Dinner on March 19, 2016.



The recipe for this pattern is from [The Book of Fly Patterns](#) by Eric Leiser

HOOK: Mustad 94840 or equivalent sizes 12-22  
THREAD: Brown  
TAIL: Bronze dun hackle fibers (tied forked)  
BODY: Rusty-brown dubbing fur (reddish brown)  
WING: Light Gray poly yarn

REMARKS: "Just a reminder, that the poly wing on this and other spinners should not be dense. Wings should be sparse, combed, and slightly spread to simulate the ephemeral veining of the natural fly."

Eric Leiser

**Submit your entries by the February 29 cutoff date**

## Salmon River Trip

There will be a steelhead fishing trip to the Salmon River on November 13th, 14th and 15th.

We will stay at Salmon River Outfitters in Altmar, NY. The cost will be approximately \$45.00 per night.



Salmon River Outfitters website is [Salmon River Outfitters](#)

Contact Chris Henrickson at [c.henrickson@icloud.com](mailto:c.henrickson@icloud.com) if you are interested in attending this trip.

## What Did You Do Last Summer?

EJTU likes to try to present information and photos in Riffles that tell about the conservation and fishing activities of its members, but it can't do this if the members don't compile the information and forward it to the editor.

Did you take part in a conservation event last summer? Or did you go on a fishing trip that resulted in humorous, enlightening or surprising events? Or, perhaps you just had fun doing something!

Write about it and send it to Riffles.

If you don't think that your writing is good enough to publish, don't worry; we will adjust it for you.

Riffles can only be good with your help, so send in your stories about you and your friends.



## Project Healing Waters

Wednesday, November 18th

Vic Magnoli is beginning a new phase of EJTU's work with veterans: providing programs for disabled veterans through Project Healing Waters.

The first program will be a fly tying class from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on November 18th at the Midland Park VFW, 28 Faner Road, Midland Park, NJ 07432.

Contact Vic Mignoli at [vmignoli@optonline.net](mailto:vmignoli@optonline.net) for more information or to volunteer.

- Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) began in 2005 serving wounded military service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since then, PHWFF has expanded nationwide, establishing its highly successful program in Department of Defense hospitals, Warrior Transition Units, and Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and clinics.

For more on PHWFF go to <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/About/OurProgram.aspx>

## Cold

The following excerpts are from Bee Wilson's Wall St. Journal review of the book, *Chilled*, by Tom Jackson.

"We have controlled fire for close to two million years, whereas, writes Mr. Jackson, widespread access to reliable refrigeration is only around a century old. As the 17th century philosopher Francis Bacon complained, heat "we have in readiness", but "for cold we must stay till it cometh".

"To read 'Chilled' is to see that we live in a new Ice Age. The irony is that all this chilling "is making the air warmer," notes Mr. Jackson. A third of all energy consumption in the average U.S. home goes to refrigeration".

"Yet it was only really with the German engineer Carl Linde in the 1870s that the modern fridge was born, as a device for keeping beer cool:.

"Perhaps the most scandalous aspect of our super-chilled age is how many inhabitants of the world are still sweltering. Mr. Jackson notes that 1.3 billion people still have no access to refrigeration".

