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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

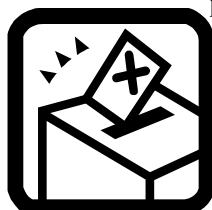
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President's Beat

November is a time for elections and on New Jersey's voting machines there will be ballots for preserving green space. To



preserve our sport and maintain water quality for fish as well as man, it is important to consider the ramifications of the loss of open space. Consider what the cost

would be of voting against the preservation of open spaces: a vast increase of asphalt, concrete, lawns, homes, shopping centers and factories covering them, reducing the available absorption area for rain to recharge aquifers. Runoff into streams and rivers would be polluted by oil from vehicles, fertilizers, pesticides, and who knows what else. Another "pollutant" we don't think too much about is the thermal effect of water running off hot asphalt and concrete. Trout need cooler temperatures to survive than most other fish in our area. The heat also reduces the oxygen carrying capability of the water, which can decimate a fish population regardless of the specie. Warm water also provides breeding places for algae, which would increase the costs of treating water to make it safe and potable.

It is very important to the population of New Jersey that Public Question #1 is passed. If Public Question #1 passes, it would allow the state to borrow an additional \$150 million to buy land throughout NJ, with a focus on the Highlands and urban parks. The Highlands is the watershed area for millions of NJ residents whose water ultimately percolates through to the aquifers, streams, and rivers.

Bill Borowski

Meeting Notice

When: November 12 at 7:30 PM

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

November 12
Richard Jogodnik
Pulaski and the Salmon River,
Pacific Salmon and Steelhead
in New York State

Mark Your Calendars!

Future Guest Speakers

December 10
Bob Demarest
Author/Artist

January 14
Fishy Fullum
Fly Fishing for Trout

February. 11
What is TU doing?
Past, present and future of
EJTU's conservation program

March 10
August Gumensen
Fishing New Jersey Streams

April 14
Rod Rourbach
Fishing the Little Lehigh in
Allentown, Pa.

All programs have a slide show.

TU Membership Drive

A new incentive program has been initiated to recruit new members. An introductory rate of \$17.50 was established to entice prospective members. Sign up a new member and earn ten points for yourself and the chapter will be reimbursed \$15.00, plus an additional \$1.00 at the end of the year.

Special application forms are available at meetings and local tackle dealers. Application may also be made on line at www.tu.org/intro. To be assigned to East Jersey, the applicant must enter code #091, or they will be assigned to a chapter based on their zip code.

EJTU members are encouraged to bring non-members to our meetings so they may learn about us and hopefully be inclined to join.

Bill Borowski

A Bit of EJTU History The Frank Hall Memorial

Thanks to Bill Adams one of our founding members I received a little history regarding the Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Award. "Frank Hall was an early member of the chapter. He vacationed in Florida each year at the time of the Suffern Show. He was a prolific tyer and would send us dozens of flies for the fly raffle at the show. When he passed away, the directors decided to honor his memory by establishing the Frank Hall Memorial."

The Frank Hall Memorial Award has been in existence, according to the plaque that has the winner's names, since 1989.

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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. We invite

and encourage every member to contribute articles, tips,

etc., relating to trout or trout fishing in general. Email to:

tu@cataloguepublishers.com attention Riffles. Each

piece of material submitted earns you 10 points towards

your next goal in the points program.

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 Street, 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. **Location:** The Bergen County Community Center, 327 East Ridgewood Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652.

(Continued from page 1) *Frank Hall Memorial*
The award has been given each year to an outstanding tier who competed for the honor.

The list includes:

Robert Eckberg 1989

Bill Borowski 1990

Jerry Coviello 1991

John Harrington 1992

Paul Duff 1993

Tom DeGiulio 1994

Jim Cohoon 1995

Art Wilson 1996

Dan Popernik 1997

Lawrence Clemens 1998 and 1999

Ed Janiga 2000

Bruce Seiden 2001

Elmer Hopper 2002

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Sign up to receive your copy of Riffles via email and get it days before the snail mail version is delivered. Not only will you receive Riffles earlier, you will help the chapter save money on postage. Just send an email to: ejtu@optonline.net with "Subscribe - Riffles" in the subject. Be sure to include your full name and if possible your TU membership number. You will receive a sample copy with instructions on how to open it. Give it a try - you can always cancel if you don't like it!

Bruce Seiden

For Sale

12' Aluminum cartop rowboat - \$575 or best offer; Evinrude 6 HP motor w/ tank - \$675; electric motor for boat - \$55; belly boat used once - \$65; reels from \$20 - \$175; Orvis fly tying manuals 3 ring binder #1 - #2 list \$150 - \$75; Plus lots of miscellaneous stuff.
Jules Masel, Paramus, 201 444-4649

For Sale

New Trident TLS 8' 6" 5wt 4 pieces.

New never fished. Original Cost \$375.00 sell for \$200.00

St Croix Legend Ultra UFT 9' 6wt 4 pieces custom used on one trip.

Cost \$310.00 sell for \$155.00

Call John Roetman

(w) 201 261-5000 (h) 201 447-1810

Fly of the Month

Everything is winding down after a busy year. The hatches of summer are behind us. The last of the caddis flies for the year will soon be gone.

Last call for Mayflies, the tiny blue wing olives of the fall can continue well into November, and on most rivers are the last of the Mayfly hatches for the year. So break out your finest tread and those size 22 and 24 hooks. November's *Fly of the Month* is Olives. If you don't have the patience or the eyesight to tie these tiny olives, feel free to tie the larger variety. Olives from size 14 down to the 22s are found on most of the local and Catskill streams.

Tie up a dozen of these, or any other pattern, 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. The chapter's fly inventory is still quite lean, and we need your help in getting it rebuilt. The Suffern show is just around the corner and Basil needs all the flies he can get for the show. 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

Frank Rohde

Frank Rohde aged 85 of Bozeman, Montana, an early member of our chapter, passed away in September. He will be missed by all of his hunting and fishing friends.

Fishey Fullum



On Tuesday evening, January 13, 2004 at 7 PM, Fishey Fullum will hold a fly tying class for TU members at Ramsey

Outdoor store in Paramus. The cost is \$40.00 per student and includes all materials. Students are to provide their own tying tools. Call me at (201) 447-1810 to reserve your spot.

John Roetman

No more Free Money for EJTU

Bruce Seiden reports that TU National has cancelled the chapter rebate program for renewals through the chapter. Therefore, EJTU will no longer earn \$5 for each member who renews through our Chapter. Please mail your renewal in to the National office.



Global Warming It's All Our Problem

I was very distressed by a recent article in Riffles (Environmentalism vs. Conservatism, July 2003) relating to the issue of global warming. The author characterized environmentalists as extremists with hidden agendas as opposed to conservationists who are rational and scientific. He casts doubt about global warming by citing studies that were limited in scope (i.e. evidence has not been found anywhere else in the world except in Great Britain) and rationalizes any negative effects of global warming as beneficial to agriculture.

The fact that global warming is taking place cannot be disputed anymore! TU members need to be aware that countless conservative climatic agencies throughout the world have gone on record as accepting this fact. I would not consider a 6° F rise in mean temperatures over the next century as beneficial to anyone. This would result in Boston, Mass. having the same temperatures as Richmond, Virginia. Forget sugar maple trees, forget cold-water fisheries; the list goes on and on. What to do about this issue is what politics is all about. First, however, we must understand and accept this global problem and work TOGETHER to find effective solutions. Environmentalist, conservationist, whoever! Is the current legislation before the Senate the best? Probably not, but unless we adopt a philosophy of working to correct this problem now, I doubt our children will find the same pleasures in fishing we have enjoyed.

Bob Groskin

NY Fishing License

With the chapter trip to the Connetquot coming up in a few weeks, remember that a valid 2003-2004 New York State fishing license must be in your possession. Purchasing a New York fishing license can be done over the phone, using a Visa or MasterCard by calling 1-866-933-2257.

The non-resident fishing license fee structure is as follows:

1 day - \$15, 7 days - \$25, Annual - \$40

Bruce Seiden

Equal Time

Thanks to Stan Holuba, in "Feedback" and Brad Wild in "To The Editors" for speaking your mind and offering constructive criticism in response to my "Lifetime Reward" story. I respect your values but you may never appreciate mine.

I practice catch and release fishing 99.9% of the time, and I am a supporter of Trout Unlimited not a, "boastful enemy within". Further, I don't feel that I "murdered" the trout about which I wrote but that I harvested it. And finally, trout fishing has not given me a "lifetime's frustration" but a lifetime of satisfaction.

My conclusion - During the short space allotted us here on earth, may we wisely and usefully employ our time and in reciprocal intercourse of kind and friendly acts, promote the happiness of one another.

Fred Lauffer

NJ Licenses for Disabled Veteran's

Any NJ resident who has been honorably discharged from any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and has been declared by the US Department of Veteran Affairs to have a service-connected disability of any degree is entitled to free hunting and fishing licenses and stamps. Disabled veterans are entitled to one free permit for the Permit Bow Season, and one free firearm permit for either the Permit Shotgun or the Permit Muzzleloader season. Additionally, they are entitled to one free spring turkey permit and one fall turkey permit.

Disabled veterans cannot receive free permits at license agents. Disabled veterans can obtain their licenses at any of the following offices: Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center, Northern Region Office, Central Region Office, Southern Region Office, Nacote Creek Research Center and the Trenton office. They are also available by mail (NJ Div. of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 400 Trenton, NJ 08625-0400).

Disabled veterans that are in the database are sent a blue application form -not the

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Fish Story of the Month

This happened to me many years ago while fishing the Willowemoc River in NY on opening day.

Conditions were perfect for fishing but I wasn't getting any hits. I was standing on a huge rock that stuck out into the river and in front of me on the bottom of a pool were some large suckers. I put on a salmon egg and a medium split shot to get it to the bottom to see if I could catch one.

As I was raising and lowering the egg in front of the suckers a 17 inch brown trout came from under the rock I was standing on and grabbed the split shot. I didn't set the hook because it was 12 inches away from the split shot but when the trout felt the line in its teeth it started to roll around. The line wrapped behind its gills and the hook eventually stuck into its side and I lifted up a bound and gagged trout.

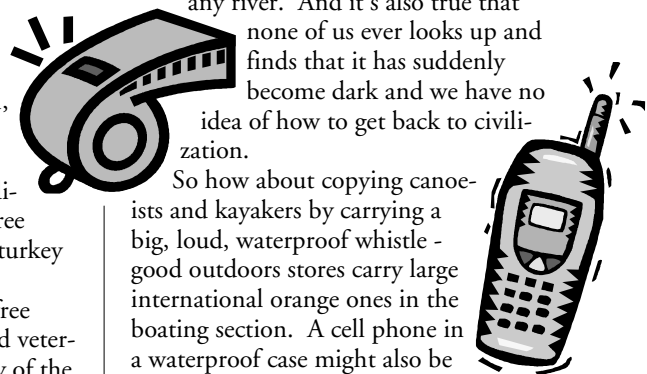
A fisherman upstream saw me land the trout and as I was releasing it asked what I had caught it on. I told him they were hitting split shots and walked away leaving the fisherman slightly confused.

Michael Solimene

Safety First

Of course, we all know that no EJ TU member has ever been known to fall in any river. And it's also true that none of us ever looks up and finds that it has suddenly become dark and we have no idea of how to get back to civilization.

So how about copying canoeists and kayakers by carrying a big, loud, waterproof whistle - good outdoors stores carry large international orange ones in the boating section. A cell phone in a waterproof case might also be handy to have.



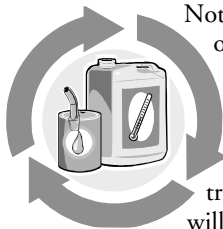
Quote of the Month

"The legend of a trout's sagacity...arises from man's conceit. If the trout can outwit us, the lords of creation, he must be superior to us in cunning."

*P. B.M. Allan
Trout Heresy (1936)*

Ramapo Ramblin'

As most of you know, I am EJTU's conservation chairman and, as most of you don't know, I am also president of the N.J. State Chess Federation. One of the largest chess clubs in the State, it meets every Monday in Dumont and likewise one of the largest Trout Unlimited affiliates meets in Rochelle Park on the second Wednesday of each month. The reason for saying this is that I have been noticing that our EJTU membership turnout has been on the decline. If you haven't been to a meeting lately, perhaps during the cabin fever months it would be a good time to "make your move" and "check" us out and support our activities. We have been hearing more and more about pollution and the environment. We hear the words non-point pollution and many times people wonder what that involves. When we go to our favorite stream for a day of fishing we don't sit down to wonder what the river's aquifer is doing and yet water is moving underground to the river from all of the surrounding areas even miles away. The surrounding area that feeds the river is called the watershed!



Note that 25,000,000 gallons of water is drawn from the Ramapo aquifer daily by local towns and water companies to supply drinking water. When traveling on highways you will see signs telling you that you are entering a watershed, meaning that all water in the streams and aquifer in that area eventually empties into the river named on the sign.

Any pollution carried into the stream either by air or water from exterior

sources is called non-point pollution. Motor oil dumped into a storm drain, excess fertilizer washed down storm drains, factory pollutants carried as acid rain, and any other material going into the drains from thousands of homes and factories causes algae that eats up the oxygen that is so critical to a trout's survival. Another problem stems from people living near the rivers who dump their grass and leaves into the river when they could put it out for their town's pickup program. The grass contains nitrates from the fertilizer which feeds the algae, and it also plugs up water flow and scours the bottom and the reeds where trout lay eggs. Some leaves are necessary because they help feed the nymphs and provide cover for them, however an overabundance will clog the water flow, scouring the bottom and in some cases causing backups and loss of oxygen. The leaves placed in the river by nature appear to be the right amount!

Why did I mention chess? Simply because it is your move to help checkmate pollution and give the rivers a winning position! One suggestion is to carry a creel and instead of putting trout in it, use it to pick up cans, papers, etc. Remember that most of the land that your river flows through is privately owned and if we want to keep the land open to fishing we must respect it and keep it clean. If you see a landowner while you are fishing, tip your hat to him and say hello. The river always seems clearer and the trout bigger and brighter in color when the banks are pristine and clean. If you see any polluting being done, call the DEP at 1-877-927-6337 or 973-669-5107.

Why not plan to join us when we have

the next cleanup day? It is said that there are just three kinds of people in this world, those that make things happen, those that watch what happens and those that wonder what happened. Let's make it happen together!

My thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make 2003 a banner year! From Ramapo Day with 150 middle school kids getting their first real taste of nature, to cleanups, state trout float stocking programs and our own private stocking of the Ramapo, our hats are off to you! I need more fish stories as my supply is exhausted. The story can be funny or serious as long as it is within the fishing regulations of the state. Send it to me at hermaril@aol.com or snail mail it to Herm Drenth, 235 Roosevelt Ave. Elmwood Park NJ 07407. 500 words or less please! I am sure that there are some great stories waiting to be told out there! As soon as I remember where I put my boots and box of flies, I will meet you downstream where we all live.

Herm Drenth

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NJ Licenses

licenses - for their next year's licenses in early October. Now for the real shocker, on October 1 the division sent me an application for my 2004 licenses. All I had to do was sign and send. I should have my license and stamp on December 15. How about that! NJ looking after its vets.

Go to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife website (<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/dvinfo.htm>) and click on the "by mail" link and you will find information and applications for all New Jersey licenses.

Don Sirota

EJTU Website Up and Running

After several abortive attempts to establish a website we now have a viable Internet presence.

Sign on at www.eastjerseytu.org and see what it's like. Add it to your favorites list to keep abreast of upcoming events, future speakers, and view pictures of a variety of our activities.

Bill Borowski



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