



# Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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## President's Beat

December is a time for celebration and rejoicing. It's a time for family and friends to share memories and future plans. Traditionally it's a time of gift giving and making New Year's resolutions. Since we are all fishermen and women, we will all probably get a gift or two related to our sport. There is one gift that most people do not



consider a gift since it can't be wrapped. That is the friendship

spawned by our mutual interest. Since joining East Jersey Trout Unlimited somewhere in the early eighties, I have made several friends and many acquaintances. Through my experiences with EJTU, I have become a better fisherman, a more adamant conservationist, and fished in places never dreamed of. Thanks to the nature of the men and women in EJTU, we are an organization held in high regard. Our accomplishments include cleaning up the environment; teaching classes on fishing and fly tying; working with the division of Fish Game and Wildlife to stock fish; running programs at the Pequest on fly tying and fly fishing; placing displays in local libraries to educate people about TU; participating in Water Shed Management activities; putting on demonstrations for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts; demonstrating casting and tying at the Walkill Environmental Education Center for elementary school children; conducting biological assessments on the Ramapo River; stocking fish in Singac Brook with children in Wayne; buying and stocking fish in the Ramapo River; applying for and receiving a grant to fund stream im-

## Meeting Notice

**When:** December 10 at 7:30 PM  
**Where:** American Legion Hall  
33 West Passaic Street  
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

**December 10**  
**Bob Demarest**  
**Author/Artist**

Mark Your Calendars!

## Future Guest Speakers

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 Gudmundsson  
Fishing New Jersey Streams

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

*All programs have a slide show.*

provements on Bear Swamp Brook; building garbage receptacles along the Ramapo River and at Silver Lake in Mahwah.  
As 2003 draws to an end, I extend my  
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## EJTU Proposed 2004 Board of Directors

In accordance with the by-laws of Trout Unlimited Chapter 91 (East Jersey Trout Unlimited), a nominating committee composed of Chairman Bob Ribar, and members Bill Borowski, John Roetman and Ray Cappock evaluated the qualifications of potential candidates for the Chapter's 2004 Board of Directors and then proposed individuals who were qualified to fill each position on the board. The 2003 Board of Directors has reviewed the nominating committee's proposals and recommends that the following nominees be elected to serve as Board members for the year 2004:

- President .....George Petersen
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.....Bruce Seiden
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.....Bob Ribar
- Treasurer.....Bruce Seiden
- Recording Secretary.....Bill Canning
- Membership.....Ed Sikorski
- Conservation .....Herm Drenth
- Education .....Doug Penna
- Pequest Programs .....Bob Novak
- Speakers/Trips.....John Roetman
- Merchandise.....Basil Santamaria
- Riffles Editors.....Gary Heger  
Ray Cappock
- Points.....Ken Vander Pyl
- Dinner .....Barbara Wedlick  
Dave Wedlick
- Shows .....Basil Santamaria
- Publicity.....Larry Hill
- Director at Large .....Karen Canning
- Federation of  
Sportsmen's Rep.....Ray Cappock
- Web Master .....Bill Borowski

The Board of Directors election will take place at the general membership meeting to be held in the American Legion Hall, Rochelle Park, NJ on January 14, 2004. At that meeting nominees from the floor will be entertained.

## East Jersey Chapter Trout Unlimited

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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

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points program.

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thanks to all officers, directors, and members who helped make East Jersey an outstanding chapter.

The officers and all members of the Board of Directors wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May this holiday season bring you joy and happiness and may you have health, good fortune, and outstanding fishing throughout the year.

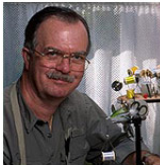
*Bill Borowski*

## A Connetquot Note

Trips to the Connetquot must be arranged well in advance and East Jersey is obligated to pay for the use of the facility. It is a flat rate and is not based on the number attending. In order to cover this cost EJTU requires payment in full when spaces are reserved and cannot issue refunds for cancellations unless a replacement is found prior to the trip. "No shows" forfeit the fee because their spot was reserved and must be paid for.

## Fishy Fullum

On Tuesday evening, January 13, 2004 at 7 PM, Fishy 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*

## Joan Wulff Fly Fishers Meeting

At 7 PM on January 5, 2004 the Joan Wulff Fly Fishers will meet in the back room of the Ramsey Outdoor Store located on Route 17 in Paramus.

We will be meeting to discuss up coming trips and to enjoy each other's company. A guest speaker has not yet been scheduled.

## Condolences

Larry Hilski's mother recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Larry Hilski and his family.

**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.

## Fly of the Month

The holidays are around the corner and things are getting hectic. Maybe you can sneak out for a few hours. It's a nice sunny day and a few midges might be around - it sure beats spending the afternoon in the mall. Let me see, fighting the crowds in the department stores or fighting a few of those big Rainbows the chapter stocked this fall on the Ramapo - you decide.

Tie up your favorite midge 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're not into tying tiny flies, we will accept any pattern you care to tie. 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*

## Fish Story of the Month

I've never been a "serious" fly fisherman even though at last count I've been doing it for 74 years and still love it. But its never been the only game in town for me and surf fishing has always run a close second.

In the second week of October, since I felt that the streams would be both high and leaf choked, I decided to go to Sandy Hook for striped bass. From October to Thanksgiving has always been the prime time for me to catch one. On the day that I went, the wind was roaring so much that the man at the bait store suggested that I go to the bay, but as usual I was stubborn and went to the ocean. When I got there not only was the wind blowing hard but everyone said, as usual, that I was too late, the fish had come and gone, and that I would waste my time if I fished.

But since I've heard that song for more years than I want to count, I went down to the water's edge anyway, set up with difficulty due to the wind, put on an extra heavy sinker and cast a clam a short way into the wash where I thought the fish would be if they were anywhere. Before I could finish setting up, the rod shook, I grabbed it from the spike, felt the fish, set the hook, and had a fifteen minute battle on my hands. It was really very tiring and, after my recent heart attack, I thought about cutting the fish loose, but of course I didn't. I finally

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## Ramsey Outdoor 2004 Fishing Programs and Seminars

### Paramus Store Only

#### January 30 - Friday Evening 7:00 PM Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying Class

Spend Friday evening tying Atlantic Salmon Flies with Warren Duncan. Class is limited to 12 students. Cost is \$45.00 per student and includes all tying materials. Students are to supply their own tying tools and vises.

#### January 31 - Saturday Atlantic Salmon Day

10:00 AM Warren Duncan, Hair Wing Salmon Fly Tier from St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, will demonstrate his fly tying skills and entertain us with his humor.

11:00 AM Warren will have a slide program on Atlantic Salmon Fly Fishing after which he will be back at the tying bench.

#### February 6 - Friday Evening 7:00 PM Fly Tying with Fishy Fullum

An evening fly tying class with Fishy Fullum. Plan to join Fishy and learn how to tie his many patterns. Cost is \$45.00 per student and includes all tying materials. Students are to supply their own tools. Class is limited to 12 students.

#### February 7 - Saturday Fishy Fullum

10:00 AM Fishy will present his slide program on fly fishing for trout.

11:30 AM Watch Fishy at the tying table creating his many patterns.

1:00 PM Fishy's program will be on fly-fishing for fresh water bass.

#### February 14 - Saturday Destination Day with Jim Gilson

Join Jim as he shares his fly-fishing experiences traveling to England, Canada, and the American West.

10:00 AM Fishing the waters of England the birthplace of fly-fishing.

11:30 AM The Bow and Elk rivers of Canada with a side trip to the spring creeks of Palmer Ranch.

1:00 PM The Big Horn, Yellowstone and Missouri rivers of Montana.

#### February 21 - Saturday Our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Cabin Fever Day

10:00AM August Gudmundsson. August's slide program of Trout Streams of New Jersey, will give you in-depth information on fishing the many streams throughout our state

12:00 PM Wendell (Ozzie) Ozefovich. Ozzie's unique video presentation takes you into the underwater world of the trout. This video presentation will open your eyes to a new appreciation for trout and their living liquid world. Also attending this special day will be wood carvers, artists, fly tiers, TU chapters, fresh and saltwater guides. This is our largest event of the year. Be sure to mark your calendar.

#### February 28 - Saturday Flip Pallot

10:00 AM and 1:00 PM Flip Pallot, host of ESPN's Walkers Cay Chronicles, will present a slide show and lecture on flats fishing strategy and the exciting world of the Florida back country. Mark your calendar and enjoy a few hours with salt waters premiere speaker Flip Pallot.

#### March 6 - Saturday Saltwater Fly Fishing The Northeast

With Lou Tabory and Bill Holbitzel both veterans of the saltwater fly-fishing world.

10:00 AM Lou will be putting on his slide program fishing from the beach, bay and jetty.

11:30 AM Bill will be putting on his program fly-fishing Sandy Hook - Bay, River and Ocean.

1:00 PM Bill will be at the tying table and Lou will be giving a casting demonstration outside.

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## Winter Fly Tying Class

On Tuesday, January 6 EJ TU volunteers will begin fly tying classes for beginning and intermediate tyers at the Paramus and Clifton Adult Schools. The classes will be held at Westbrook Junior High in Paramus and at Clifton High in Clifton. Basic tying tools are available on loan, and the chapter will supply materials and a color course manual to beginners for an additional fee. You can register through the adult schools or at the class. For further information call Bob Ribar at 201-995-0107 or Doug Penna at 201-288-4409.

## EJTU Needs You!

Well, not really you. But our annual dinner is approaching fast and if we want to continue to offer great raffle prizes we have to start getting the prizes together now.

We need donations of new gear and we also need donations of personal services such as photography, guide services, instruction, etc.

When you've decided what you want to donate for the raffles contact Bill Borowski and let him know what you are donating. Bill can be reached at 973-471-1068, or emailed at [bill@borowski.net](mailto:bill@borowski.net) (please put 'Dinner' in the subject line) or, at Ramsey Outdoor 201-661-5000 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Items can also be dropped off at Ramsey Outdoor in Paramus and given to John Roetman or George Petersen and they will get the items to Bill.

## 2004 Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest

Now is the time to start tying in order to enter the 2004 Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest. This year's winner was selected from seven entries judged by a panel of nine. The Letort Hopper tied by Bill Borowski was determined to be the best of the seven flies. All entries were very well tied and congratulations go out to all who entered.

The fly selected for 2004 is the Royal Wulff as originally tied by Lee Wulff. The recipe for the pattern can be found in many fly tying books. However, to even out the field we have selected the pattern as found in "Essential Trout Flies" by Dave Hughes and are specifying it be tied on a size 10 hook.

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Save The Date !!!  
East Jersey Trout  
Unlimited  
Annual Dinner  
March 19, 2004 Friday  
Rustic Lodge  
Elmwood Park , NJ

## Ramapo Ramblin'

Seems like only yesterday that it was Spring and we were preparing to stock trout and now it's time for the holidays and a new year to begin again. This might be a good time for members who would like to learn to fly fish to ask Santa to put a fly rod outfit in their stockings. Beginner kits with rod, reel, line and, in some cases, a couple of flies can be purchased in the \$100 range. For flies, I suggest that you check with Basil Santamaria at one of our meetings. And to learn the basics of fly casting you might sign up for the fly casting classes given by our chapter. Probably the most important things that you can do when you first try fly casting are to leave your spinning rod at home and to remember that the average cast is only about 30 feet. In the beginning it can be frustrating but, as you begin to pick up the fundamentals, you'll experience the fun and beauty of catching a trout on a fly! Dame Juliana, in 1496, wrote a book on fly fishing that described "everything you will ever have to know about fly fishing". The cow dung fly that she described is still being tied today! Have you ever tried to catch a trout on a leader made from the hairs of a horse's tail tied to a hickory pole? She was also a conservationist and wrote that we should be mindful of how many fish we catch so we don't deplete the rivers and that we should respect property owners by closing the gates in the pastures. For years the fish that were caught were an important addition to the family dinner. However, the need to keep fish to feed the family has diminished until today when most people fish for pleasure and the challenge of the sport. I find that more people, both fly and spin fishermen, are practicing catch and release.

The old excuse, "I give them to my neighbor", is no longer valid. I have a neighbor who always asked me to bring a trout home for him until I suggested that he get a license and I would lend him a rod! He didn't and I didn't! We recently placed 300 rainbows in the Glen Gray section of the Ramapo; this is in addition to the last State stocking in October. Everyone should have a great time fishing and hopefully releasing them. As Lee Wulff used to say, "A trout is too valuable to be caught just once". As Ray Cappock is always reminding us, bend back the barbs, making it easier to release the trout with as little damage as possible. Using a grant that Rich Malizia was able to obtain through WMA3, we were able to do work on the Bear Swamp Brook, cleaning it and planting bushes. This is a wild trout stream, not stocked, with the trout reaching only 5 to 7 inches max. It is a very sensitive stream sometimes almost going dry in the summer. Should anyone feel that they must fish this stream, please do not use live bait or treble hooks as the trout are too small to keep and will probably die when released. Also, parking your car in the area is subject to a parking ticket, so my advice is to leave this stream in the hands of Mother Nature. **Dates to remember:** Friday March 19 is the chapter dinner at the Rustic Lodge on Route 46 in Elmwood Park. Bring a friend, bring a spouse, but be sure to come. This is one way you can support the chapter. Saturday June 12, in partnership with Ramapo College, we will once again sponsor Ramapo Day. We will have 120 kids ages 12 to 14 at Halifax Road in Mahwah to introduce them to conservation. Your help is needed. I am in need of more fish stories, 500

words or less.

Also, to get on my EMAIL list send your address to [hermaril@aol.com](mailto:hermaril@aol.com). Tom Yuille, our chapter caretaker of the photos and slides that you see at shows and in presentations to groups is moving to Pennsylvania on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Godspeed buddy; we will all miss you. It's time to put another log on the fire, so until next month, I will be seeing you downstream where we all live!

God Bless America

*Herm Drenth*

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beached it and was going to release it but it looked as if it had fought its way to death by itself, so I brought it home. So I packed up and came home - one cast, one 16 pound fish, end of story.

*Jerry Jacobs*

*(Continued from page 3)* **Frank Hall**

The pattern's recipe is:

Hook	Standard dry fly
Thread	Black 6/0 or 8/0
Wings	White calf tail upright and divided
Tail	Moose body hair
Body	Peacock herl, red floss, peacock herl
Hackle	Dark Brown

Enter as many flies as you like. Flies will be judged by a panel of five with entries coded to conceal the name of the tier. The winner will be announced and presented his/her plaque at the annual dinner on March 19, 2004. The closing date for entries is February 16, 2004. Flies may be mailed to our post office box or turned in to any director prior to February 16.

**Quote of the Month**  
 "If you don't think God has a sense of humor, then explain why your lawn grows fastest the week of a caddis hatch."  
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