



# Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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## President's Beat

On behalf of The Board of Directors, I would like to wish all of our members a happy and healthy New Year. The beginning of each calendar year brings new hopes and expectations, both large and small.

On the National scale, I hope that the EPA can find means to cure the "vapors" which seem to be infecting the Beltway. There are some very strange rulings coming from our governmental agencies in recent months. One example is the recent ruling by the administration that hatchery fish may be counted along with wild fish when considering listing as endangered species. This is evident in the revisions of regulations concerning stocks of Pacific salmon. Presently only one in five west-coast salmon is now spawned in the wild. Contradicting 15 years of Pacific Northwest salmon recovery efforts, a 2001 federal court ruled that there are errors in the listing of Coho salmon, because the numbers were based solely on wild fish, disregarding the numbers of hatchery stocks. The final policy on this will be published soon in the Federal Registry (and opened for public comment).

Jeff Miller, Bay Area Wildlands Coordinator of the Center for Biological Diversity, was quoted as saying, "Hatchery fish and wild fish are very different in behavior and genetic variability. No credible scientist would support the idea of counting large numbers of hatchery fish, which are produced artificially in concrete rearing tanks, and then dumped in the estuaries, bays and lower rivers, when assessing wild fish stocks. Hatchery fish, which are mass-produced and have low genetic variability, lower the ability of wild fish runs to adapt to environmental change." This is clearly a case of the Administration ignoring the reports of

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## Meeting Notice

**When:** January 12 at 7:30 PM  
**Where:** American Legion Hall  
33 West Passaic Street  
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

**January 12**  
**Richard Jogodnick**  
**Fishing Yellowstone**  
**National Park**

### Mark Your Calendars!

**February 9**  
**Marty Iannone**  
**Fishing the four seasons of**  
**the Housatonic in Ct.**

**March 9**  
**Jerry Stercho**  
**Fishing the Catskill Rivers**

**April 13**  
**Dwight landis,**  
**Fishing for wild trout in the**  
**forested streams of**  
**Pennsylvania**

**May 11**  
**Joe Petrella,**  
**Micro Nymphing**

**June 8**  
**Jerry Stercho,**  
**Midge Fishing**

## Welcome to January's New EJTU Members

Bruce Benedict	Ridgewood
Jose Bomilla	Hawthorne
Carl Bruger	Dumont
Sandra Bunting	Verona
John Colucci	Hawthorne
Charles Defiglio	Mahwah
James Denby	Clifton
Thomas Donlon	Bloomfield
Bonnie Ferragut	Park Ridge
Tom Grady	Bergenfield
Bill Hardy	Midland Park
Rupert Hauser	Essex Fells
Shaun Kaiser	Passaic
Fred Koffer	Park Ridge
Arthur Manzella	Rutherford
Wayne Mercer	Westwood
Christina Muller	Bogota
Michael Peck	Hawthorne
Ed Picon	Bayonne
Joseph R. Ryglicki	Little Falls
Michael Scurman	Bloomfield
Gary Smith	Montvale
Ion McN Sykes	Haworth
Rob Steffin	Teaneck
John Thornton	Franklin Lakes

## 2005 Fly-Fishing Programs and Seminars

at Ramsey Outdoor Store, Paramus  
**February 4 - Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying**  
class with Warren Duncan.  
**7:00 PM.** Spend Friday evening tying  
Atlantic salmon flies with Warren  
Duncan and being entertained by his  
humor. The class is limited to 12  
students. Cost is \$40.00 per student and  
includes all tying materials. Students are  
to supply their own tying tools.  
**February 5 - Atlantic Salmon Day**  
**10:00 AM.** Warren Duncan, Hairwing  
Salmon fly tier from St. John, New  
Brunswick, Canada will have a slide  
presentation on Atlantic Salmon fly-  
fishing.  
**11:00 AM.** Keith Fulsher. Keith's flies  
have appeared in many books as

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## New Year - New License!

Don't forget that if you intend to do some winter fishing you'll need a new license. You can get one for New Jersey or Pennsylvania at most sporting goods stores (Ramsey Outdoors is warm and has good browsing material) or via the Internet.

Don't forget that you may be eligible for special consideration when applying for a New Jersey license. As Don Sirota pointed out last year in Riffles, NJ's Disabled Veterans are entitled to free fishing licenses. If you're 70 or older, fishing on a farm, or if you're blind you can also forget about a license in New Jersey; check the NJ DEP's web site for full information.

For full information and on-line licenses go to:

**New Jersey** (<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/licenses.htm>)

**Pennsylvania** (<http://sites.state.pa.us/Fish/bookfish.htm>)

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### President's Beat

scientists in the field of Fisheries Biology. Other issues facing reconsideration include the relaxation of the heavy metals standards, logging in Sequoia forests, a deregulation of pesticides and power industry standards, and the deregulation of mercury emissions. For more detailed information on these issues, visit the following websites: [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org) (Trout Unlimited National), [www.sierraclub.org](http://www.sierraclub.org) (the Sierra Club) and [www.tgf.org](http://www.tgf.org) (Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Inc.). At the last website, please be sure to read the article by James C. Aker, "The Weakening Protection of the Environment Raises Alarms: A Personal Perspective", in the Fall 2004 issue of *Gordon's Quill* Vol. XVII, No. 6. This is a succinct and well-written digest of the current Washington initiatives.

Once again, I urge all of our members to keep informed and continue to ask questions of our representatives and demand sound science-based answers. Let's make sure they represent us and environmental improvement rather than the larger, more powerful industries that lobby to benefit from these rulings.

"It's not the questions that get us into trouble; it's the answers we're given."

Tom Brokaw, December 1, 2004.

George Petersen

## Fly of the Month

The holidays are now over and spring is a long way off. Not very many fishing opportunities around. Except maybe, the chapter's Superbowl Sunday trip to the Connetquot.

Like many spring creeks, the Connetquot can be productive all winter long. The staples of the trout's diet in most spring creeks, and the Connetquot is no exception, are this month's flies of the month - Scuds and Sow bugs.

Tie up a dozen of your favorite Scud or Sow bug pattern and turn it in at the 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 can't make the meeting, mail your flies to the chapter P.O. Box or turn them in to any director.

Bruce Seiden

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### Ramsey Outdoor

examples of classic hairwing style of Salmon Flies. Keith's program will cover the evolution of Atlantic Salmon Flies, from classic to hair wings.

**12:00 PM – 3:00 PM.** Warren, Keith and Charlie Krom author of *Hairwing Atlantic Salmon Flies* will be

demonstrating their fly tying skills.

**February 12 - Bob Clouser.** Originator of the Clouser Minnow (and many of the fly patterns we use today) will be putting on two programs. Bob will also be ready to answer questions at the tying table.

**10:00 AM.** Fly fishing the Susquehanna River for small mouth bass.

**11:00 AM.** Fly fisherman's smorgasbord, a look at the many fish species taken on a fly.

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For Information on trips and other Chapter Activities call our hotline: (201) 445-3902 (24 hrs.)

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 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 EJTU 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 either:

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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 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.

## Delaware Float Trip

**Sunday May 15, 2005 --  
Tuesday May 17, 2005**

This is the prime time of year to fish the Catskills and the east, west and main stems of the Delaware River.

We will meet on Sunday morning, car pool to fish the Beaverkill and Willowemoc and then arrive at Indian Springs Camp on the Delaware in time for dinner.

We will then stay at Indian Springs Camp where we will have two days of float fishing on the Delaware. Included are two nights lodging, dinner on Sunday and Monday, lunch on Monday and Tuesday, and breakfast on Monday and Tuesday.

Cost is \$ 420.00 per/person.

To make your reservation call John Roetman at 201-447-1810

## Winter Fishing

This is the time of year when some adjustments in you standard equipment should be considered.

That reel with the extra smooth cork or teflon drag system that worked so well in warm weather will not tolerate a dunking at below freezing temperatures. Better to use the old click and pawl reel rather than risk damaging the drag system on your expensive new reel.

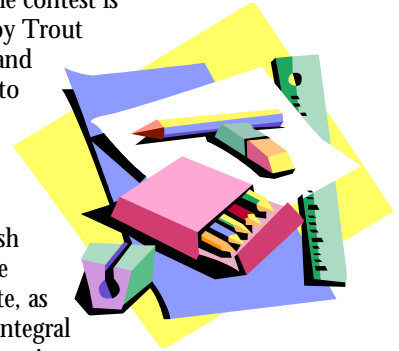
Also check your footwear. Felt bottoms become ice skates after they're wet and you then walk along a snow covered stream bank. Unless they have aggressive studs you're better off with rubber bottoms. Better yet strap on the korkers

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## 2005 Fish Art and Writing Contest

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife invites students in grades four through eight to enter its fifth annual Fish Art and Writing Contest. The contest is sponsored by Trout Unlimited and is designed to encourage youngsters to learn about the variety of fish found in the Garden State, as well as the integral role each plays in our environment.



For the art portion of the contest, youngsters must submit an original drawing depicting a New Jersey fish in its habitat. Each entry must also include a short biography of the fish depicted in the drawing. Biographies are limited to 500 words, and will be judged along with the drawing.

First and second place winners will be chosen from each of the grades. Each winner will receive an engraved plaque and fishing equipment, and will be invited to the Division's Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center in Warren County for a special VIP tour and awards ceremony on the Opening Day of Trout Season, April 9, 2005.

Entries must be postmarked by March 11, 2005 and must include entrant's name, home address and home telephone number, grade and school name. Entries become the property of the Division and will not be returned. Mail correspondence to: Fish Art and Writing Contest, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, 605 Pequest Road, Oxford, NJ 07863. Please note that this contest is not affiliated with Wildlife Forever's State Fish Art Contest.

For complete contest rules and to view winners' art from previous years, visit the DEP's Division website at [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com). In addition, teachers may want to check out the following website for ideas on incorporating this activity into their curriculum: [www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/pdf/fishart.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/pdf/fishart.pdf).

## Annual Dinner March 19, 2005

**The dinner will be held at the Wayne Manor**

**1515 Route 23 South, Wayne, NJ  
Telephone (973) 694-7776.**

This dinner recognizes members that sacrifice their time and energy to make the programs we support a success. From Conservation to Education, to State Hatchery Programs for both children and adults, to the Suffern Show and Casting for Recovery as well as many more.

Please come and join us as the proceeds from this affair fund our programs and keep the club active.

The evening will begin with a cash cocktail hour from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Dinner will be from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm.

The Menu includes: Fresh Fruit of the Season, Caesar Salad, Ziti, Stuffed Potato, Mixed Vegetables, and a Choice of Entrée.

Entrée Choice: A-Chicken Francais, B-Prime Rib, or C-Salmon in Dill Sauce

**Please make checks payable to: EJTU and Mail to :**

**Karen Canning 74 Minnehaha Path  
Lincoln Park, NJ 07035**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée Choice= \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée Choice= \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Early payment of \$42.00 per person by 2/18/04  
After 2/18/04 cost is \$47.00 per person.**

*Please do your best to seat me with the following members:*

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## Ramapo Ramblin' Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

This is the time of year when we can make plans for the future, with New Year's resolutions to make 2005 the best year yet! At the same time, it's also a time to look back and savor the memories of past years. Remember the time that you caught your first fish? How about when you waded too deep and got a boot full of ice cold water, or the time that you caught that lunker Bass or the five pound trout? Perhaps it was that trip of a lifetime that you took or the time you taught your son or daughter to cast a fly. All precious memories! Over the years EJTU has worked primarily on improving fishing on the Ramapo and we have received many compliments from county and state officials for our work. We intend to continue our work on the Ramapo in coming years to make it all that it can be.

There is another River in our area that at one time was considered one of the premier fly fishing streams in the state. In the 1950's the Wortendyke Field and Stream Club used to go to the stream every spring and clear any downed trees so a stocking boat could get through. Yes, the state float stocked many streams in those days. I always remember catching my first fish there, a bluegill when I was six years old. The stream is the Upper Hackensack. It runs from Old Tappan Reservoir in Old Tappan to the Oradell Reservoir. The best section remaining is about a mile of fishable water that runs downstream from Old Tappan Road at the Revolutionary War Baylor Massacre site. There is parking available on Old Tappan Road. The water flow is

controlled by United Water Company because the river is between two reservoirs and during the summer there are times when the river might be low, depending on how they release the flow. All in all this is still a beautiful stream that might be worth a visit.

The Saddle River is also a stream that you might find interesting, as there is a nature path that runs from Linwood Avenue in Ridgewood, through the Duck Pond Park then south to the Dunkerhook Park on Paramus Road in Paramus. Trout are stocked at these points and might be worth a visit some evening. There are picnic tables at both parks and a family cookout could be included.

Do you still have mercury thermometers? The Bergen County Utilities Authority will swap a new digital thermometer for your mercury one for free, while supplies last, thanks to a partnership with BD (Becton Dickinson and company). Contact BCUA for details: 201-807-8696, [www.bcua.org](http://www.bcua.org). Or go to the Bergen Health Center at the corner of East Ridgewood and Farview Avenues in Paramus.

Some of our EJTU members enjoy hunting and gunning and would like to receive information on these topics, while other members are not interested. Therefore, Ray Cappock who is our representative to the Bergen County Federation of Sportsmens Clubs, has set up an Email list for members wishing to receive the updates that he gets. You can contact Ray at [ray\\_capp@optonline.net](mailto:ray_capp@optonline.net) if you want to be added to his list.

Please let me know if you change your Email address as occasionally I get an undeliverable notice and I have no way to contact the person. If you find that you are not getting messages from me or

if you are not on my EMAIL list and would like to be added, contact me at [hermaril@aol.com](mailto:hermaril@aol.com), just include your name and Email address. Hats off to Bill Borowski for the great job he is doing with our web site! You can check it out at [www.eastjerseytu.org](http://www.eastjerseytu.org). John Roetman has decided that he wants to take some time off so, after twenty plus years, he is resigning from our board of directors. John has been one of the main gears that make EJTU one of the finest Trout Unlimited chapters. He will be sorely missed at the meetings. However, he said that he will still be around to keep an eye on things! I am sure that when we need help John will be first on line to assist! Tight Lines John. Looks like it is time to put the flies back in their box for this month, so until next time I will quote John Wayne, who said that courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway!

God Bless America

*Herm Drenth*

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### Winter Fishing

you use when you're on the surf. This is not time to take a dunking.

The extreme cold also takes a toll on tippets. In addition to getting knicked by the ice, they lose their stretch and then tend to break easier. Consider going up an X or two rather than breaking off a good fish.

So make a few adjustments and look for me the next time it snows.

*Limp Leader*



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