



Riffles

The Monthly Newsletter of the
East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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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.

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

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tu@cataloguepublishers.com or raycapp@optonline.net. Each piece of material that is published earns you 10 points towards your next goal in the points program.

Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest

The pattern for this year's Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Award is the Gray Ghost Streamer in size 4. The official pattern for the contest will be as listed in Eric Leiser's "The Book of Fly Patterns". Tyers may submit as many entries as they wish. Please bring the flies to a chapter meeting or drop them off at the Ramsey Outdoor Store in Paramus marked "Attention George". The deadline for submissions is the April General Meeting. Be sure to include your name with your entries.

The recipe is **Gray Ghost Streamer**

Hook: Mustad 9575, size 4
(Mustad 3665A will be accepted as a substitute)

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: None

Rib: Medium flat silver tinsel

Body: Orange floss

Throat: Golden pheasant crest next to underside of shank (curving in to shank) covered with sparse white buck tail (both to bend)

Wing: Golden pheasant crest feather (curving downward), over which is four light to medium blue dun saddle hackles, over which a topping of six strands of peacock herl (all half shank length past bend)

Shoulder: Silver pheasant body feather (one-third the length of body)

Cheeks: Jungle cock eyes (second eye showing)

Head: Black

Good luck to all entrants

Bruce Seiden

Fly of the Month

Spring is less than a month away. Opening day is just around the corner.

It's time to restock those fly boxes. Early season fishing usually means streamers and nymphs.

Whether it's little black stones or big white streamers for the West Branch, it's time to get busy at the vice. While you're at it, how about whipping up an extra dozen for the chapter.

Tie up your favorite spring 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 can't make the meeting, mail your flies to the chapter P.O. Box or turn them in to any director.

Bruce Seiden

Henrickson Time

May 7th - 9th we once again booked a trip with Lee Hartman at Indian Springs Camp, just in time for the Hendrickson's. The trip is limited to six members.

We will leave on Sunday morning, stopping at the Liberty Dinner for breakfast, fish the Main Stem or West Branch of the Delaware before arriving at Indian Springs camp for diner. Monday and Tuesday we will float either the West Branch or Main Stem of the Delaware.

The cost for two days float, two nights lodging, two breakfasts, two lunches and two dinners is \$460.00.

To make your reservation email John Roetman at

jroetman@ramseyoutdoor.com

John Roetman

Welcome to February's New EJTU Members

Mark Cortelyou	Hillsborough
Derek Damiano	West Paterson
Mary Juson	Hackensack
Clyde Roberts	Paramus
Patrick Yannarelli	Hawthorne

EJTU had 786 members at the end of February

Pequest Open House Bigger Than Ever! April 1 & 2, 2006 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily FREE

There will be activities for kids at the Pequest Trout Hatchery Open House so bring your family, friends, scout troop, church group, fishing club, etc. for a great time in the outdoors. Kids can try fishing for trout one week before the season opens. Those under 8 can fish in the "kiddie fishing tank" and the over 8's can try their luck in the Fishing Education Pond under the expert instruction of Trout Unlimited and Wildlife Conservation Corps volunteers.

Children can also learn about fisheries management as they wind their way through our "gill net maze". And they can sort out aquatic insects, and do fish printing.

There will be beginner archery and shotgun ranges on both days. Experienced archers are encouraged to bring their own bows and try their hand at our free 3-D archery range.

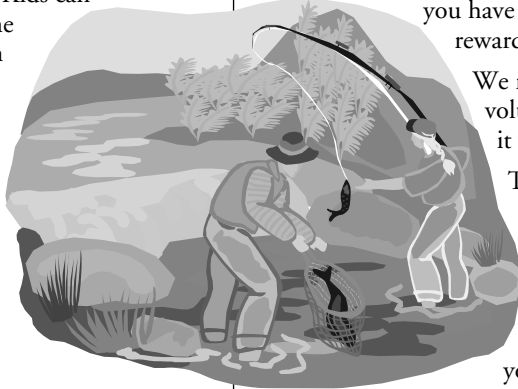
A number of wildlife artists, carvers, taxidermists and fishing tackle vendors will display and sell their art and equipment.

The "Bass Tub", the biggest mobile aquarium in New Jersey, returns again this year. It will be stocked with lunker warm water fish from the Hackettstown Hatchery as well as trout from Pequest.

Conservation groups' representatives will be present to talk with visitors, and several reenactors will be encamped at the hatchery to demonstrate primitive living skills from a bygone era.

You may buy your lunch from the food vendors that will be here or bring your own.

Be sure to check out the Fishing Flea Market and get great deals on everything you need to start fishing. We are still looking for vendors for our flea market. If you are interested, please contact Jessica at 908-637-4125 or by email at Jessica.Griglak@dep.state.nj.us.



Ramapo River Day 2006

Please save the date.. Saturday, June 3, 2006. This is our annual event that we conduct with Ramapo College and we will need lots of help.

This is one of our more extensive projects of the year. We need help setting up and breaking down as well as many hands to man each station.

Those who have volunteered in the past know how rewarding and demanding the day is. If you haven't participated before, you have missed a very rewarding experience.

We need 25 - 30 volunteers to make it work.

The event is held at Halifax Road on the Ramapo River in Mahwah.

Contact me if you want more information. 973-304-0789 or remqcp@peoplepc.com.

Rich Malizia

Help Needed at the Hatchery

The Pequest Open House will be on April 1 and April 2, 2006 and we will need volunteers both days. We'll need 2 fly tyers each day and approximately 2 additional volunteers to work the table promoting conservation and our chapter, selling raffle tickets and flies.

Note that volunteers must be Wildlife Conservation Corp members but if you volunteer to help during Open House you can become one on the day that you help out.

In Addition, volunteers are needed to assist the kids who will be fishing the pond throughout the Open House. This year the hatchery is planning to increase the number of kids fishing at one time from 30 to 40. As a result, more volunteers will be needed.

If you can volunteer your time on either of these days (volunteering part of a day would greatly help), please email me at bhresko@verizon.net.

Bob Hresko

Spring Cleaning

A lot of junk piles up around the Ramapo during the winter, so on Saturday, March 25 we will meet to clean up "our" river.

We will meet at the Glen Gray Bridge at 10 AM and begin by repairing Drenth Drive and the parking lot. We will also have to bring back the trash bin surfed downstream to Patriot's Way during one of the fall floods.

Bring rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows and the job will be done in a short time.

Stocking Change

Because of the lack of parking the State will not stock trout at Bear Swamp Road this year.

But, don't forget that Green Turtle Pond was added to the waters that will be stocked, so if you have a canoe or an inflatable give this little piece of water a try.

What's Happening?

For the latest information about EJTU activities, photos of our people at chapter events, and information about what's happening in the world of fishing, visit the EJTU website at www.eastjerseytu.org

You can also find copies of Riffles on the site, so throw out those tattered and soggy green versions and go electronic.

Float Tubes For Sale

One original style using a truck inner tube. Treated canvas pockets and seat. Excellent condition with foot pump. \$25. One Creek Company Round Boat with anchor and fins. Used once. A \$104 value for \$50.

I must sell these because of a knee injury. Call Andy Gennaro at 973-764-1053.

Quote of the Month

"The angling fever is a very real disease and can only be cured by the application of cold water and fresh, untainted air."

Theodore Gordon

Ramapo Ramblin'

Opening day is only about a month away and we have much to do. We have to check the waders for leaks, replace our lines, tie or buy those 1,000 flies (of which we will use only a couple of the favorites) and a million other "important" items.

EJTU's Conservation Committee will also be busy and has scheduled these activities:
- We will meet at the Glen Gray Bridge at ten AM on Saturday March 25 to repair the Drenth Drive dirt road to make it passable and to clip any branches that obstruct vehicles. We will also spread a layer of wood chips on the Glen Gray parking area, and then fill the depressions in the parking lot by the bridge with gravel.

We will retrieve the trash box from below Patriots Way Bridge where it landed after the fall flood.

- On Thursday, April 13 we will once again assist the state with bucket stocking trout at Britts' sport shop in Oakland, then float stock downstream from Glen Gray Bridge and bucket stock upstream. Upstream at Halifax Road will also be bucket stocked. Volunteers are needed as usual to assist in accomplishing these activities.

- Saturday June 3 is Ramapo Day. We will join with the Ramapo College in teaching the different phases of stream conservation to about 100 kids. This event requires a lot of assistance and we need your help putting up shelters at 8:30AM, helping with the displays at 10 and then at noon assisting the kids in releasing warm water fish into Henry Lake.

- Saturday, June 10 we will assist the

Wayne Boy Scouts in a fun event, stocking the Singac Brook in Wayne. This year Ken Vander Pyl and Don Sirota will organize and help the scouts. You can meet them at 10AM at the Wayne Municipal building on Valley Road in Wayne.

- The Bergen Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs will sponsor a children's fishing derby on Saturday, June 17 with the site to be announced. They will once again provide lunch to all that come.

I have new EJTU volunteer shirts ready for members who assist with these events. You also receive 10 points in the EJTU points program every time you help at one of our events. As you accumulate points the chapter gives various items such as jackets, shirts, etc.

This year our biological survey (BATS) invites everyone to attend and help count the critters and to see the program in action. The survey is a critical activity as it tells us the quality of the water and how healthy the stream is.

You still have time to sign up for the EJTU dinner. If you come once you will be hooked by a good dinner and a fun evening, and you will come every year. EJTU does not receive any of the dues that you pay to national TU. You automatically become an EJTU member. Therefore, your participation in the various events such as the dinner, purchasing raffle tickets and volunteering your time are critical to the success of the chapter.

I send information on all types of NJ fishing to the 130 people on my email list. The information includes fresh, salt water and state information. I do not send advertisements. If you would like to be added to the list send your name and

email address to me at hermaril@aol.com. To receive Riffles via email, contact Bruce Seiden seidenb@optonline.net.

With the season fast approaching it is time for me to count my flies. I tried last week, got up to about 427 but the door bell rang and I lost count!

I will meet you all down stream where we all live.

Until we talk again, God Bless our Wounded Veterans.

Herman Drenth

Goodbye To The Green

Within a few months printed copies of Riffles will no longer be available.

EJTU member Gary Heger formatted, printed and prepared our monthly Riffles for mailing for quite some time - at no cost to the Chapter - but he is no longer able to continue doing so. We all owe Gary a big thank you for spending a great deal of time and money for the benefit of our members but, as they say, "All good thing must come to an end".

So, how do we continue? Many members have already been getting their monthly copies via Email or reading it at the EJTU web site. The chapter would like to have everyone continue reading Riffles, so to those of you have only been reading a paper copy, please join those who have already moved on to electronic delivery.

To start receiving your copies via the Internet send an email to: ejtu@optonline.net with "Subscribe-Riffles" in the subject. Please include your full name and TU membership number. You will receive a sample copy with instructions on how to open it.

Ned Ludd

March 2006 Meeting

When: March 8 at 7:30 PM

Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street

March Guest Speaker

Marla Blair, Author of:
"Positive Fly Fishing".

Marla will present a program on the Farmington River in Connecticut (Her home waters) as well as Western Massachusetts & Northwestern Connecticut Rivers.



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