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President's Beat

*Summertime and the livin' is easy
Fish are jumpin', and the cotton is high
Your Daddy's rich and your
Mama is good lookin'
So, hush, little baby don't you cry*

Ira Gershwin's words may have been true in some of the neighborhoods near Catfish Row but in our part of the country once the high temperatures of summertime arrive our fish, the trout, have trouble living much less jumping. Water temperatures reach levels that are unhealthy for them and the dissolved oxygen that they need dissipates. As a result they try to find places where they can expend as little energy as possible while they are suffocating.

And yet, some sportsmen who would fight to prevent the clubbing of baby seals continue to wade the warm streams in search of a few strikes by trout. Then, after they catch one, they feel that they are conservationists when they remove the hook and release the fish. The fish, of course, usually dies soon afterward.

Instead of torturing fish that need cool, aerated water, why not practice your fishing skills on sturdier species. Fishing for blue gills and other lake and pond fish with fly casting gear can be a lot of fun and, if you aim for larger fish along with the pan fish or if you are afraid of breaking that heirloom fly rod, remember that there is no law against using spinning and conventional gear.

For the purists who insist on using a fly rod, the streamers and Woolly Buggers that you already have will catch fish and, if you tie some poppers you can enjoy top water action. With a kayak or a canoe you can cover all parts of a body of still water but shore fishermen at local lakes, reservoirs and ponds seem to have good luck, so a boat is not necessary.

There is not enough room to list the bod-

When: August 13 at 7:30 PM
Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

"Musconetcong Home Rivers Initiative"

Brian Cowden will be our speaker and his topic is the "Musconetcong Home Rivers Initiative - A Six Month Overview". Brian is the State coordinator for this project. It will cover our "Musky Home Rivers Initiative", from the initial concept to an overview of our past 6 - 7 months of actual work. The Initiative is a project to restore and improve the Musconetcong River. Brian has also included the Grundyke dam removal, which will include the habitat restoration work at that site. Other dams are slated for removal to further improve the Musky as a destination trout stream.

ies of water in which you can fish but the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has a list, by county of most of New Jersey's fishable waters. The easiest way to find it is to go to the EJTU web page (www.eastjerseytu.org) and click on LINKS; Webmaster, Bill Borowski, has links to the Fish and Wildlife site as well as to most of New Jersey's waters.

While considering summer fishing you should think about a fish that most of us have not tried to entice onto a hook - the carp. In Europe the carp is the object of tournament fishing while here in the US it has been very low on the totem pole. Lately, however, more people are talking about how to stalk them and, from their descriptions, after you have hooked one landing it is memorable. If you do decide to try your luck with carp you should try to determine what size carp inhabit the

EJTU Fishing Trips

Earlier this year Ed Higgins heard that some EJTU members had mentioned that it would be nice to once again have organized fishing trips. Ed Higgins decided to act and, judging by the list of trips that Ed is planning, it is wise to stand back when Ed decides to act.

Here are some of Ed's planned trips and ideas for potential future excursions.

This year we have one remaining trip scheduled; it will be to the Flat Brook on Sunday, October 12. If you worry about being "in the wild" during hunting season, remember that New Jersey doesn't allow Sunday hunting.

Possible 2009 trips include:

- Another trip to Frost Valley on the Neversink - depending on how this years' trip goes.
- Another chapter picnic to the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum - this could be a weekend trip.
- A day trip to Esopus Creek, NY in the spring.
- A day trip to Ken Lockwood Gorge on the South Branch of New Jersey's Raritan River.
- A week long trip to the West Branch of Pennobscott River in Maine.
- A week long trip to Block Island, Rhode Island for stripers and blues.

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water in which you are going to fish because, while they look like large goldfish, they are often twenty pounds or more.

Ray Cappock

Cool It, Al!

More than 31,000 scientists across the U.S. – including more than 9,000 Ph.D.s in fields such as atmospheric science, climatology, earth science, environment and dozens of other specialties – have signed a petition rejecting "global warming," the assumption that the human production of greenhouse gases is damaging Earth's climate.

"There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate," the petition states. "Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth."

The Petition Project was launched nearly 10 years ago but now, a new effort has been conducted because of an "escalation of the claims of 'consensus,' release of the movie 'An Inconvenient Truth' by Mr. Al Gore, and related events," according to officials with the project.

"Mr. Gore's movie, asserting a 'consensus' and 'settled science' in agreement about human-caused global warming, conveyed the claims about human-caused global warming to ordinary movie goers and to public school children, to whom the film was widely distributed. Unfortunately, Mr. Gore's movie contains many very serious incorrect claims which no informed, honest scientist could endorse," said project spokesman and founder Art Robinson. Robinson, a research professor of chemistry, co-founded the Linus Pauling Institute of Science and Medicine with Linus Pauling in 1973.

Robinson said the dire warnings about "global warming" have gone far beyond semantics or scientific discussion now to the point they are actually endangering people.

The above story appeared in World Net Daily, Investors Business Daily, News Busters, The Telegraph (UK), Accuracy in Media, The Center for Global Food Issues, and on other web sites.

Community Events

We had a busy Spring with several educational and community events.

Hudson River Fisherman's Association held their annual event in May, Mahwah Recreation Department held a fishing derby on Memorial Day weekend, Ramapo River Day was in early June and Meadowfest was on the following weekend.

I want to thank each of you who represented EJTU at these events. All of these programs give EJTU visibility and a presence in the environmental community. Some events provide opportunities to promote membership while others are just "pay-back" to those communities and groups that support EJTU in many of our other activities.

I believe our participation is important, but unfortunately it was very difficult to motivate our members to help this year. For one event sponsored by Skylands Clean, which is an organization that works hard to protect the watersheds that many of you fish, we were unable to get any members to volunteer to help at a "HOFNOD" fishing derby.

Often we get requests at the last minute which I know makes it very tough to get the word out. However, next year I hope to provide a calendar of events to be published in Riffles every month so that every member will have the opportunity to help and give back to kids that participate in each of these events.

Thank you again to all who help and I hope to see many "new" faces at these events next year.

Rich Malizia

EJTU's Exhibit

While the rest of us have spent the past warm weeks sprawled in the sun with frosty, Harvey Wallbangers in hand, industrious Doug Penna has been contacting libraries and moving our EJTU display from town to town (Who says that he can only be found at Ken Lockwood Gorge?).

If you would like to put down your drink and visit the display before Labor Day you will find it in the Lyndhurst Library.

But, if you still have a large supply of vodka and Galliano that you intend to finish before the chilly northwest winds force you from your lounge chair, you will have to visit Leonia's Library in September.

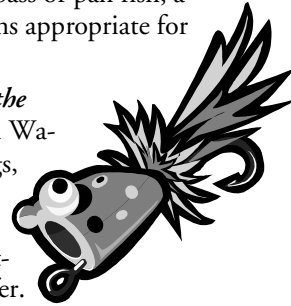
Fly of the Month

This time of year the fishing is at first and last light. The middle of the day can be hot and slow.

Instead of driving 2 hours to your favorite Catskill stream with the hope of an hour or two of good fishing, how about a 15 minute trip to your local bass or pan fish pond.

Whether you prefer bass or pan fish, a hot summer day seems appropriate for this type of fishing.

This month's *Fly of the Month* will be Warm Water Patterns, bass bugs, pan fish poppers, streamers, dragonflies, leeches, or whatever pattern you prefer.



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. 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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- A day trip to Sandy Hook National Park - maybe with the Coastal Fly Rodders.
- Trips to the Delaware River for shad and smallmouth bass in New Jersey and for Trout in New York.

As Ed says, "The members of EJTU have probably fished and are familiar with most of the areas that hold fish that will take a fly (or bait or lure) and we can put together a trip to just about anywhere if there is interest within the membership." So, if you can suggest other possible trips tell Ed about them during the next members' meeting.

Spring Thaw on the Allegheny

Frederick Way's description of the Allegheny's spring melt is copied from William Least Heat-Moon's book, "River Horse, A Voyage Across America" (Houghton Mifflin, 1999) in which he describes his 5,000 mile voyage from the Atlantic Ocean at the mouth of the Hudson River to the Pacific Ocean at the mouth of the Columbia River.

We haven't seen thaws of the magnitude that Way describes recently but, since many scientists predict that a lack of sunspots may be bringing us into another major period of cold weather, the description may also be a prediction of what will be experienced in the future.

"The Allegheny River, for the bulk of its length, has never been classed as 'an excellent waterway of commerce.' This is not surprising when you examine the very nature of the stream – for it is a river which is likely to be frozen solid from December until March, with ice piled in great packs and jams at perhaps thirty localities – piled mountain high with great ice blocks thrown into the most jagged contortions by reason of the grinding pressure brought to bear; then comes the annual "spring thaw" in which the Allegheny rids itself of the frozen constipation in one vast bowel movement which is a frightening spectacle to behold – urged by an enema of melting snow and drizzling rains which rile all the creeks to flood tide and cause a never-ending roar from each gully and ravine. The river stirs uneasily at first, winces, then with no warning whatever delivers itself of ice, drift, flotsam and jetsam, trees, logs, houses, barns, haystacks, cornshocks, barrels, dead pigs, bloated horses, boxes, barrels, packing crates, and other impediments which it has warehoused during the winter – all of the hodge-podge starts moving to the tune of thunderous cannonading of ice jams breaking, and one jam swoops down upon another, and with a continued crashing and rending the mighty discharge is on its way, now taking out bridges, piers, sometimes whole villages, with the natives of the bottom lands fleeing for the hills and terrified livestock jumping fences and racing away for Egypt or anywhere, so as to be shed of this cataclysm. "The Allegheny's bust loose!" This cry is passed from mouth to mouth, and hurries over

telegraph wires, and shortly every owner of floating property the entire length of the Ohio River, some 1,000 miles long, is suddenly busy getting his houseboat, or raft, or steamboat, or fleet of barges out of the road of this demon destruction. For oftentimes the full force of this upheaval runs at brim tide for several days, and the broad Ohio proves a meager plumbing system to handle this cosmic diarrhetic discharge. Not until the Mississippi is reached does the destruction cease, and sometimes not even then – for case-hardened blocks of the Allegheny ice have serenely sailed by New Orleans at intervals."

*Frederick Way, Jr.
The Allegheny, 1942*

Rainy Day Information

This has nothing to do with fishing, except in so far as a loss of money may prevent you from wetting a line, but since the media is highlighting troubles in our financial system you may want to know how to determine how much of your money that is in banks is protected by the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation).

The following should be considered neither legal advice nor investment advice; for that you will have to go to your lawyer or investment advisor. However, the following information comes from the FDIC's web site www.fdic.gov.

The FDIC – an agency of the US Government – insures deposits at insured banks (so look for that FDIC decal) and the basic insurance is \$100,000 per depositor per insured bank. You may, however qualify for more than \$100,000 in coverage if you own accounts in different ownership categories. "Certain retirement accounts such as" IRA's are insured up to \$250,000.

If the owners of a joint account have equal rights to withdraw money from the account, it is insured up to \$100,000. But, "If a couple has a joint checking account and a joint savings account at the same insured bank, each co-owner's shares of the two accounts are added together and insured up to \$100,000, providing up to \$200,000 in coverage for the couple's joint accounts."

Revocable Trust accounts such as payable on death (POD) accounts and living trusts (or family trusts) have another set of rules. POD accounts are the most common but there are strict rules

Saltwater Licensing

EJTU should support saltwater licenses. Our freshwater license fees pay for all the saltwater enforcement and monitoring. The saltwater guys have had a free ride forever. We should propose a combination license with a modest add-on cost for saltwater and a separate saltwater only for those who want to only fish salt. If we don't the Feds will control it and we won't see a penny or be able to control it for our own fisheries.

Rich Malizia

Think You're good?



If you think that you are a good fisherman consider this description of ospreys that appeared in the August 2008 edition of *Outdoor Life*:

"The osprey might be the most adept angler of all. With a

wingspan up to 6 feet, talons specifically designed to hold writhing fish and nostrils that shut to keep out water, the raptors dive into the water at more than 40 miles per hour and can carry fish up to 4 pounds – which is equal to their own body weight."

covering the title of the account and the relationship of the beneficiary(s). An example given on the FDIC site shows how a man and wife with three children can cover up to \$800,000 by properly structuring POD accounts. BUT, check the FDIC rules and make sure that your bank knows exactly what it is doing.

As the FDIC writes on their web site, "Determining coverage for living trust accounts can be complicated and requires more detailed information about the FDIC's insurance rules than can be provided in this publication (Insuring Your Deposits). If you have a living trust account, contact the FDIC at 1-877-275-3342 for more information."

For more information and printable booklets, go to the FDIC web site, www.fdic.gov, click on the "Deposit Insurance" tab, then on the "Are My Deposits Insured?" link. You can then choose either "Insuring Your Deposits (Basic Guide)" or "Your Insured Deposits (Comprehensive Guide)".

Personal Mono Recycling

We have written quite a bit about the mono recycling program in which EJTU members install PVC collection bins in various locations, monitor them, and then send the fishing line that is retrieved to Berkeley for re-use. This program is wonderful for static locations that are known to experience a large amount of fishing pressure, but what are you doing with the mono that you cut from your line or find near a body of water?



We have suggested that EJTU members carry a small bag into which they can place used mono but one of our members, Doug Penna, is advocating a further step.

Doug suggests that you place the plastic lid back on an empty coffee can, cut an X in the plastic lid and leave the can in the trunk of your car. When you find loose mono or cut it from your line, you can simply shove it through the cut in the lid and it becomes neatly packaged. Later you can properly dispose of the contents of the can.

With Sadness

It is with deep sadness that we report the deaths of two long-time members of East Jersey Trout Unlimited:

Rebecca Fisher
Fred Schmidt

Insurance

Many of us travel more during the summer than at other times of the year. If you are planning a trip for which you can purchase travel insurance, you should consider it.

Travel insurance has always seemed to be just another way for the travel industry to collect extra fees but it can be a prudent choice. A member of the family of one of our EJTU members became ill while they were on a very long and very expensive trip and the insurance that they bought at the last minute should reimburse them for most of their outlay.

As with any purchase you will have to evaluate the value of what you are buying but at least look into insurance if you are planning an expensive trip via commercial carriers.

Welcome to June and July's New Members

Russell Ditchfield	Maywood
Jeffrey L. Fearon	Clifton
Sarah Gleason	Hoboken
Nicholas A. Naclerio	New Milford
Brian M. Schwartz	Rochelle Park
Joseph Scorpati	Clifton
Raymond Sikorski, Sr.	Clifton
Michael Vicari	Riveredge

Don't Throw Away That Creel!

(The following is from the July 30, 2008 issue of *Kovel's Comments*)

"Collecting is indeed worldwide. We just read in a newspaper based in India that a fishing creel was sold in England by Bonhams for a record price of about \$26,695. We may be a little off on the price because we had trouble converting it from lakh (100,000 rupees) to dollars.

The 19th-century pot-bellied creel was made of stitched leather. It had a brass hinged lid of embossed leather. There were five brass plaques on



it dated 1890 to 1894 with information about trout and grayling caught during those years. It also had a brass plaque engraved "W. Randell, Aysgarth, Yorkshire." William Randell (1855-1901) was the original owner of the creel.

The seller bought it in 1951 for a little over \$2 at a summer fair with money he won for collecting the most "cabbage white" butterflies. Since cabbage whites lay eggs that turn into destructible cabbage worms, he did himself and the environment a good deed."



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