



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat

When I saw a small group of what appeared to be eighth graders walking through the neighborhood my immediate reaction was a feeling of unease as I wondered what they were up to. I later analyzed this strange reaction, first thinking that it was caused by memories of the various things that I had been "up to" while growing up in pre-condo Hoboken but then realizing that the real cause was that I rarely saw groups of children of any age in any neighborhood. Of course, in spring children are seen on baseball fields and, as the seasons progress, others, or maybe the same ones in different sports gear, are out



playing soccer and football. But, they are rarely unsupervised. Rarely just kicking rocks around. It has reached the point where, when my wife and I see children on bicycles while we are in our car, one or the other of us will invariably laugh and say, "Look! Kids! All by themselves! Where are their parents?"

Parents claim that their children spend less time outdoors than they themselves did because of competition from television, computers and video games, or even because of more dangerous traffic and a heavier homework burden. But, Richard Louv, author of "Last Child In The Woods", argues that children are kept indoors because of their parents' overblown fear of strangers.

Probably because of the media's concentration on evil, death and disaster, a large

When: October 8 at 7:30 PM

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

Coming Speakers:

October 8

Dave Rothrock. Dave has been fly fishing and tying flies since the mid-1960's. Dave's articles have appeared in a variety of publications, including FLY FISHERMAN and PENNSYLVANIA ANGLER magazines.

He has displayed his skills at fly fishing shows throughout the northeast, the Midwestern United States as well as at shows in Canada, Germany and Austria.

Dave is recognized as one of the foremost authorities on the streams of Pennsylvania, particularly in the central and north-central regions.

November 12

Don Bastian. Don has forty-three years of fly fishing and fly tying experience and is a member of the Whiting Farms Pro team, and the Regal Vise Pro team.

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number of parents feel that it is no longer safe for children to be outdoors without adult guidance. However, child-snatchings and violent crimes against young people have fallen; in addition, substantiated cases of sex abuse in the US – most of which are the result of sexual predation by a parent, relative or guardian – have also dropped.

Some might wonder if overly protective parenting is a proper topic for Trout Unlimited and that an absence of children

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Fall Trout Stocking

As in past years, there will only be one stocking of the Ramapo River by the State this fall. The date will be Friday, October 10 when our local river is scheduled to get 870 fish.

November Clean-up

Make a note on your calendar. On Saturday, November 1 EJTU will pick up trash along the banks of the Ramapo River. We usually concentrate on the Mahwah section of the river near Halifax Road but, if conditions warrant, we might also tidy up the area around Glen Gray Road on the Mahwah/Oakland border.

We will meet at 11AM at the parking area next to the river at Halifax Road for the clean-up.

On The Rise

Trout Unlimited's new television program, *On the Rise*, airs on the Outdoor Channel Friday nights at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m., and Sundays at 7:30 a.m.

Ole! Ole! Ova

On October 16 you will have the opportunity to carry bags full of fertilized trout eggs to some very nice children while you take part in one of Trout Unlimited's fastest growing activities – Trout in the Classroom (TIC). A number of schools in our area have set up the tanks and other peripheral

equipment that are needed to raise fry, and on October 16th members

of East Jersey TU will pick up trout eggs from the Pequest Hatchery and deliver



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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 St, 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.

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He is a member of Trout Unlimited since 1974, a member of the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild, and has sixteen seasons experience as a Pennsylvania fly fishing guide, and twelve years commercial fly tying experience.

Don Bastian has three fly tying DVD's available. His first, Tying Classic Wet Flies, was released in November 2004. The latest additions, Advanced Classic Wet Flies, and Traditional Streamers and Bucktails, were released in August 2007 and are part of a "New Hooked on Fly Tying" series.

EJTU's Exhibit

Doug is on the move again! By the time you read this he will have installed our EJTU display in Rutherford's library. Stop by and see what Penna hath wrought.

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them to the schools.

The TIC program has grown rapidly throughout New Jersey but, while children's interest in clean water and their excitement as they watch trout hatch and grow are wonderful, the program's growth also brings problems. More schools are asking to join the program and as these additional schools are added we have more locations to which eggs must be delivered. Picking up plastic bags containing trout eggs and bringing them to schools is seemingly easy. However, you must remember that we can't get the eggs and then decide



Fly of the Month

The hatches of summer are winding down, and its time to think subsurface. October's fly of the month will be bead head nymphs. Bead heads currently dominate the nymph category and for good reason. These patterns have the weight and flash necessary to provide some action when nothing seems to be happening. Tie up your favorite bead head 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

when they can be brought to their final destination because the eggs can only remain out of a source of cool, aerated water for a short period of time. This means that we have to move the eggs from the Pequest Hatchery to the schools as quickly as possi-

ble; and, of course, this means that we must have a number of volunteers who participate in the deliveries.

If you can spare a few hours during a soon to be picked day in October please contact George Petersen, EJTU's TIC coordinator at gpetersen44@verizon.net.

Ask those who have helped with the deliveries in the past about the program; you will find that they say that it is an enjoyable and rewarding day.

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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 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:

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.

EJTU Calendar Of Events

In an effort to provide advance notice of all events, of or involving the Chapter, we are posting a long range calendar of coming events. Please advise Rich Malizia of changes and additions at remqcp@optonline.net or 973-304-0789.

The Calendar will be updated each month in "Riffles" and on EJTU's web site as dates are finalized. We hope this information will help you schedule your "volunteer" time.

Please consult EJTU's web site "Upcoming Events" for the most up-to-date details.

October

Friday Oct. 10: Trout Stocking - Assist NJF&W fall stocking program

Sunday Oct. 12: EJTU Trip to Big Flatbrook

Thursday, Oct. 16: Trout In the Classroom - deliver trout eggs to schools

November

Saturday Nov. 1: EJTU Ramapo Clean Up - Clean around Halifax Road/Henry Lake under Bergen County Clean Communities Grant

December

No scheduled events

January

Sunday January 26: (tentative) EJTU Connetquot Trip

February

No scheduled events

March

Thursday Mar. 5 through Sunday

March 8: Suffern Show - Need set-up and take-down help, fly tyers, raffle sellers and EJTU promoters.

Saturday Mar. 28: (tentative) EJTU Ramapo Clean-up and parking area maintenance at Glen Gray Road

April

Saturday Apr. 4 - Sunday Apr. 5: Pequest Open House - Assist with youth fishing program, promote EJTU

May

Friday May 1 - Sunday May 3: Frost Valley Fishing Trip

Saturday May 16: (tentative) Hudson River Fisherman's Association - Demonstrate fly tying, provide fly casting instruction, promote EJTU

Saturday May 23: (tentative) Mahwah Recreation Dept. Fishing Derby - Assist kids fishing

June

Saturday June 13: (tentative) Meadowfest - Demonstrate fly tying, provide fly casting instruction, promote EJTU

July

No scheduled events

August

No scheduled events

September

Saturday Sept. 12: Ramapo River Day 2009 - Same program as in prior years

Frost Valley - Again

On the weekend of September 12 to the 14 nineteen members of EJTU went to the 14 members of EJTU went to the YMCA's Frost Valley Camp on the Neversink River. If you are wondering what our dedicated fishermen were doing at a YMCA camp look at the photos that are posted on our web site

www.eastjerseytu.org and you will see that our outdoorsmen were not "roughing it". Apparently, the management bends over backwards to make the angler feel at home because the attendees reported that the meals were excellent, the lodging was first rate, and the surroundings were gorgeous. They did say that the fishing was tough because the water was low and the fish in the upper east branch of the Neversink are native brook trout but, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Ed Higgins, who arranged the trip, spoke to those who went on the September trip and found that most would like to return to Frost Valley but at a time when the water is usually higher. Therefore, he has already scheduled another trip.

The next Frost Valley fishing trip will be on May 1 to 3, 2009. This is a firm date, so if you want to make the trip talk to Ed Higgins at one of our member meetings or contact him at easyedh@verizon.net.

Flatbrook Trout Fishing Trip

Ed Higgins has organized another fishing trip, this one to the Flatbrook. Sunday, October 12 is the date and Chapter members who know the stream well will be there to assist you.

If you would like to join with other EJTU members who will make the trip, talk to Ed at our October 8 members meeting or email him at easyedh@verizon.net

Welcome To August's New EJTU Members

Justin Baer	Bloomfield
Michael G. Baker	Totowa
Anthony Capo	Little Falls
Brian Derkacz	Hillsborough
Brian Diehl	No. Arlington
Dino Eftychiou	Montvale
Constantine Fotopoulos	Englewood
David Janos	Hillsborough
Kevin Lee	Hillsborough
Robert Luna	Lodi
Donald Ort	Hillsborough

Save Water!

Most of our meetings involve discussions about fishing and places to fish but since we are primarily a conservation organization here is a way to save water. The last quarterly water bill that I received from United Water contained an insert promoting the worthwhile kits that are briefly described below so you probably received one too. But, I'm giving you a second chance to consider the offers because if you're like me you toss out most of the glossy advertisements that accompany bills without reading them.

We wrote about these water saving kits that United Water is offering in previous issues of Riffles. First, let me say that I purchased two of the outdoor kits when they were last offered and they are not cheap junk. They are just as sturdy and useful as any that you can purchase in a hardware store, Home Depot or Lowes.

The Standard Kit contains two massage shower heads, a kitchen swivel faucet aerator, two dye packs, and two toilet tank banks that displace water so older tanks can use less water with each flush. The retail value of the kit is \$30 but United Water sells them for \$5.

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at play is laughable, but I wonder if these stay-at-home children will venture outside when they become adults. Will they be afraid of stepping into a flowing river, or walking through a pathless forest? Will they be averse to all risk and need a helmet, elbow and knee pads, and wrist guards if they decide to go for a walk in a park? And, if they have children what will they teach them?

Others have taken up the cause of curing what Richard Louv describes as *Nature Deficit Disorder* by starting a program named, No Child Left Inside. The program has been described in The Economist, USA Today and other periodicals, and is actively promoted in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, South Dakota and other states. Moreover, Congressman John Sarbanes of Maryland and Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island introduced legislation, each entitled the No Child Left Inside Act of 2008 in the House (H.R.3036) and the Senate (S.1981).

No Child Left Inside attempts to engender a love of the outdoors by promoting what the Chesapeake Bay Foundation classifies as Environmental Education, an interdisciplinary program that includes both classroom and outdoors programs. Since one of the aims is also to boost student achievement in math, science, reading, writing and social studies, educators and parents can hardly object.

There are risks in almost everything that we do but, when parents are overly protective children have little opportunity to develop independent judgment so No Child Left Inside is a step in the right direction. But, in teaching a love of the outdoors by structured classroom work and supervised field activities, are we just moving the envelope of parent's protectiveness to schools that use the program? When are children going to be able to splash in puddles, pull up weeds and look at the roots, and fall down while running free?

Ray Capock

Mailbox

Aug. 13, 2008

To the editor:

I was disappointed and surprised to read another one-sided article in the monthly "Riffles" rejecting the crisis of global warming. It's important to look at two sides of an issue, but Vol. 38 (August 2008) of Riffles contained the second piece I've noticed that was decidedly slanted toward a point-of-view that I see as tenuous and overtly political. It's especially galling to read such a biased, unsigned piece reprinted in a publication connect (sic) to Trout Unlimited.

T.U. published a landmark study last year, "Healing Troubled Waters: Preparing Trout and Salmon Habitat for a Changing Climate," acknowledging the disastrous effects that a changing climate is having and will have on our fisheries. I encourage all members to take a look at what our organization has to say about climate change at www.tu.org/climatechange.

In the meantime, pieces like "Cool It, All!" in the last Riffles accomplish little beyond spreading misinformation on a topic crucial

to the future of our beloved sport. Simple research into the individual cited in the article reveals dubious, if any, link to climate science and uncovers past transgressions that lend little credibility to his opinions, in my view focusing on the former Vice President only injects politics into an issue that transcends such partisan bickering for the purpose of a T.U. newsletter and does little to further the discussion on climate change overall. Section II of our bylaws dictates that EJTU shall operate as a "non political" organization.

In the future, I would hope the editors of our fine newsletter would consider all points of view when addressing such an important topic.

Tight Lines,

Greg Hazley
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Secaucus, NJ 07094

Ed. Note. Thank you for your letter. All opinions and complaints about articles that have appeared in Riffles as well as original articles are welcomed.

The above mentioned piece was "unsigned" because, as stated in Riffles, it was originally published on a number of web sites in the US and Europe.

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The Outdoor Landscape Kit is the one that I bought. It has a six-position garden hose nozzle, a sprinkler timer, a rain gauge, a moisture meter, and a hose end repair kit. The cost is \$7 for this \$40 retail value kit. When I am in doubt about watering, I stick the moisture meter into the ground and check the reading to see if watering is necessary. I can then attach the sprinkler timer to a sprinkler or to my soaker hoses and set the watering time for an hour or two and forget about it since it shuts off automatically after the set period of time is reached.

The Deluxe Kit has a massage shower head, a handheld massage shower head, three bathroom faucet aerators, 3 toilet tank banks, three dye packs, a "shower coach" (looks like a small hour glass type timer), and Teflon tape to use when installing the showerheads. The cost is \$15 for a retail value of \$65.

If you want one of these kits, the on-line address is www.waterconservationproducts.com. As mentioned above, there is an insert containing all of this information in the latest United Water bills but, I assume you can also find someone who can help you at United Water's Hackensack telephone number 800-422-5987.

Ray Cappock

Fishing Trips

There is a calendar of EJTU coming events on page 3 but here is a quick list of fishing trips that Ed Higgins has in store for you:

Sunday, October 12, 2008 — Day trip - Flat Brook, Sussex County, NJ

Saturday, November 8, 2008 — Day trip (possible overnight) - Esopus Creek, Ulster County, NY

Friday to Sunday, May 1-3, 2009 — 2 nights - Frost Valley, Claryville, NY

Friday to Sunday, June 5-7, 2009 — Picnic, plus possible 2 night stay over at Catskill Fly Fishing Museum, Livingston Manor, NY. (They have 2 bunkhouses we can rent)