



# Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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## President's Beat

Are you a complainer? Most of us are taught that we shouldn't complain about too many things or we will be labeled as one of those dreaded 'complainers'. But, lately I've begun to think that we should have been taught the proper way to complain rather than being told to just avoid doing it.



I don't mean that there we should use special words or a special technique when complaining. I mean that, while the person who repeatedly verbally gripes about weather, politics, availability of fish, what

was eaten for lunch, or any of the other things that we've all heard will soon find that they are shunned, the person who sits down and writes a calm and reasonable letter of complaint will be listened to and respected.

As a conservation organization and a generally "outdoorsy" group we in EJTU observe many situations such as water conditions, fish and game management, land usage, or waste of resources that are worthy of sensible complaint. However, if we walk up to a group and vent – "Look at this crap! Somebody should do something about it!" – what have we accomplished? Less than

nothing because we have not only not addressed the people who can do something but we have also expended all of our energy and are not likely to do anything more.

If the old measures still apply, politicians feel that a letter represents the opinions of about 100 people. Mass faxes and telephone calls are tracked but don't carry

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**When:** June 10 at 7:30 PM

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

## June Speaker Don Baylor

On June 10, 2009, East Jersey Trout Unlimited will have Don Baylor as a guest speaker. Don has given presentations to East Jersey TU and at Ramsey Outdoor Store several times in the past.

His main profession was teaching English at Stroudsburg High School in Pennsylvania. But, since 1980, in his secondary profession, as an M.S. in aquatic biology, he has worked as a biologist with Aquatic Resource Consulting where he is helping to build better trout fisheries throughout the Northeast.

Don is a fly fisherman and tier since the age of 11. He published the booklet, *Poccono Hatches*, an article in *Rod & Reel* magazine and over 60 technical reports for Aquatic Resource Consulting.

Don has taught Entomology for fly fisherman at East Stroudsburg University, numerous fly fishing seminars at Kettle



Creek Lodge, <http://www.wifyfisher.com/images/ephoron-leukon/ephoron-leukon-handfull.jpg>

he International Fly Tying Symposium, and is presently teaching at Indian Springs on the upper Delaware River.

If you want to know about hatches, don't miss the June 10 meeting.

## New Jersey Trout Unlimited's First Annual Pig Roast Fundraiser

To be held at the Cliffdale Inn property (1280, Route 57 North, Mansfield Twp.) on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 2pm until 8pm (rain or shine)

There will be barbequed roast pig, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and cold beer (root beer for the kids). Decorated



collectible beer glasses are \$10 and beer refills are free with purchase of glass. \$4/beer without purchase of glass.

Games for adults and kids including a rubber ducky race. We will also have a rod and reel raffle as well as a 50/50.

The cost is \$35 for adults, children 12 and under FREE. For tickets, please send check to Rick Ege at PO Box 594, Budd Lake, NJ 07828 or contact REge@njtu.org to reserve your space.

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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,  
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quite the weight of letters; emails such as the ones that tell you to send a copy to everyone in your address book and then copy some political figure are probably very low on the list of valuable communications.

The content of a letter is obviously very important. Think about what you might feel about a letter to you that rambled while covering three or four topics and was sloppily written. You would not pay much attention to it, and if you send such a letter the recipient will react in the same manner. Stick to one subject, state your opinion clearly, thank that one to whom you send the letter, and say goodbye.

Once you have determined that something that is bothering you is worthy of sending a letter that explains your position, to whom should the letter be sent? Newspapers will often publish letters that are sent to them, and it might be nice to see your name in print but after the nice glow that results from friends calling to say that they saw your letter fades, do you think that you have reached your desired objective? Is the paper going to do something? I doubt it.

After you have recognized a problem and thought about what you want to write about you then must spend a little time finding who is in position to rectify the situation. If you think that the fish that are stocked are too small, don't write to the governor; try the manager of the hatchery. On the other hand, if you feel that the appointees to the Fish and Game Council should be seated, then the Governor is the person to contact.

Elected and appointed officials may not always want to hear about problems but, if they know that people are concerned enough about them to write, they are more likely to take remedial action.

*Ray Cappock*

## Held Over!

If you missed the EJTU exhibit while it was in the North Haledon library in May don't worry about it. Doug Penna tells us that it will remain there through June, so set aside some time and drop in.



## Fly of the Month

June - Things are getting hot, and I don't mean the weather. The hatches we dreamed of all winter are in full swing.

The Mayflies both large and small have got our attention. March Browns, Green Drakes, Sulfurs, & Olives have all been getting the trout's attention as well.

The next time you come home from a day of fishing and sit down at your vise to refill your fly box, how about tying a dozen extra for your chapter.

Tie up one 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*

## Frank B. Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest

The pattern for this year's Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Award is the **Henryville Special**, a classic caddis dry fly in size 14. 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, mail them to the chapter PO Box, or drop them off at the Ramsey Outdoor Store fishing department in Paramus marked "Attention John R.". The deadline for submissions is the June 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Be sure to include your name with your entries.

The recipe is: Henryville Special

Hook:	Mustad 94840 or equivalent size 14
Thread:	Gray 6/0
Palmer Rib:	Grizzly Hackle palmered through body (hackle size slightly less than that of hackle collar)
Body:	Olive floss
Under Wing:	Wood duck flank fibers
Wing:	Mallard quill sections (tied to flare outward from body)
Tail:	Medium to dark dun hackle fibers
Hackle:	Brown

The winner will be announced at our regular meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to all entrants

*Bruce Seiden*

## EJTU Calendar

Advise Rich Malizia of changes to calendar events (E) at [remqcp@optonline.net](mailto:remqcp@optonline.net) or 973-304-0789.

Ed Higgins ([easyedh@verizon.net](mailto:easyedh@verizon.net)) is planning fishing trips (F) to a number of locations in 2009. Let Ed know if you are interested in these trips well in advance because in many cases openings are limited and reservations for a firm number of participants must be made. Get your money in as soon as possible or someone else will take your place.

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

### June:

Saturday, June 6: EJTU picnic at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum in Livingston Manor, NY. Cost \$5

Friday, June 5 through Sunday June 7: (F) possible two night stay at Catskill Fly Fishing Museum, Livingston Manor, N.Y. They have two nice bunkhouses that we can rent.

Wednesday, June 10: Meeting -speaker, Don Baylor - Insects of a Trout Stream

Saturday, June 13 through Saturday, June 20: (F) Block Island trip. Trip filled

### July:

Wednesday, July 8: Meeting - in open pavilion, with hot dogs and a swap meet.

Sunday, July 12: (E) Clean-up on the Wanaque River along East Shore Road - and for those new to this river, an introduction to the river.

### August:

Wednesday, August 12: Meeting - speaker Hackensack River guide Jay Angrick

### September:

Saturday, September 12: (E) Ramapo River Day 2009; Same program as in prior years

Contact: Rich Malizia for Calendar Events (E) at [remqcp@optonline.net](mailto:remqcp@optonline.net) or 973-304-0789.

Contact: Ed Higgins for Fishing Trips (F) at [easyedh@verizon.net](mailto:easyedh@verizon.net)

## Musconetcong Home Rivers Initiative Update

The Musky now has two fewer dams and several more are on the chopping block. Finesville Dam, the first dam upstream from the Delaware will likely be the next. Removing this dam may mean that American Shad and possibly brown trout will once again swim in the Musky to spawn. In 2008 and 2009 we planted riparian buffers on some 18 acres of river bank to



help stabilize the banks, to shade the river to keep it cooler, and to filter out non-point pollution and runoff.

Year two will bring some exciting new projects and a continuation of the dam removal and riparian buffer plantings we began last year. While project funding has come in steadily - a blessing to our work in the watershed - I count on volunteer help for our projects and that is hard to find! I appreciate the help I have received but it would be nice to see some new faces mixed in because we are limited in what we can accomplish by the limited number of volunteers.

Here is a partial list of work to look forward to in this year and into 2010:

River restoration work on over one mile of public or publicly accessible lands along the river by Joseph Urbani & Associates out of Bozeman, MT. Joe's work is leading edge in river restoration techniques and his use of large boulder placement and bedload manipulation techniques add tremendous fish habitat as well as narrow the river, deepen it, and provide continuous scouring action to keep holes deep and add prime lies for large fish.

Work has been done to preserve the Warren Glen paper mill and to remove that dam, the largest on the Musky. With the preservation of this property and the removal of the dam, TU would be leading the largest dam removal project in the state and a river restoration project that is also

the largest in the state. Much work is yet to be done but if it happens the Musconetcong Gorge will once and for all be open to the public. This Gorge rivals the Ken Lockwood in beauty and the boulder sizes are nearly twice those in the Ken Lockwood Gorge. After restoration this will be a prime fishing destination in our state. TU petitioned the state division of Fish & Wildlife to make the Point Mountain Trout Conservation Area (TCA) a year round TCA and remove its seasonal status. Some very large fish continue to thrive in this area after the spring opener.

Part of Point Mountain TCA is a long, wide, shallow stretch that very few people fish because it warms up about 2 degrees on hot days because of its width and the shallow, dark colored rocks that absorb the sun. We would like to narrow and deepen that stretch, adding another 1/4 mile of fishable water in the TCA. Hunterdon County Parks are very supportive of our efforts; we only lack full funding for the project at this time.

After the Finesville Dam removal one long, slow moving pool will be replaced by six smaller pools with four riffles and some runs along the one-half mile that is impacted by the dam. Holland Twp. School's TIC program members, including their entire 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, planted a riparian buffer in this area last fall.

We have partnered with Heritage Conservancy to work on the Warren Glen paper mill acquisition, on the defunct Hughesville paper mill and on an 8 acre parcel across from Alba Vineyards on the lower river.

We drafted the publication *A Guide to Living in a Healthy Musconetcong Watershed*, a landowner's guide to caring for the Musky watershed. Full publication and distribution are pending and help is needed with photography and layout.

We have riparian projects lined up for late summer and in the fall. Some are on private lands on tributaries to the Musky and others on public lands, but all are important to our mission to restore the river. Check the state website often for work dates ([www.njtu.org](http://www.njtu.org)). US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) expressed interest in helping with multi-year funding agreement for riparian plant materials. Three USFWS biologists toured the Musky to see past work, planned work for 2009 and potential sites beyond this year.

A recent lawsuit against the DEP by business owners along Lake Hopatcong, the

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Musky headwaters, threatened to cut off flows from the lake and into the upper river, causing devastating effects to the



upper watershed. The court case was dismissed but is being appealed. A TU letter writing campaign to the DEP Commissioner asking him to vigorously fight on the river's behalf was well received and noted within the Lake Hopatcong communities. Thank you to all who wrote to Commissioner Mauriello.

With Heritage Conservancy's preservation of the historic Cliffdale Inn property in Port Murray, a full 1,900' of the river banks are now open to the public and are receiving regular stockings of trout.

I hope that you find the projects and activities of the Musky HRI intriguing and that you will consider coming out to help on our projects. Not only do we need strong backs for native tree and shrub plantings and rock rolling projects, but we need help with outreach and education, publishing, fundraising, engineering and survey work, monitoring for water temperature, land preservation, and other worthwhile causes to further TU's Musky mission.

*Brian Cowden*

## Thank You

EJTU's board and Conservation Committee both ask for volunteers to come out in sometimes nasty weather to stock trout, to pick up trash and debris, to put bait on children's hooks, and to help at a variety of other projects. Then, when the day's work is over, the volunteer is apt to go home tired, wet and dirty after having received only a quick, "Thank you", from the board or Committee representative.

Working on these volunteer projects often generates a feeling of self-satisfaction but EJTU feels that there should be a more concrete way of recognizing the volunteers who ensure that EJTU maintains the good reputation that it enjoys. That is the reason that the Points Program continues to be an important part of EJTU.

You have probably noticed that at EJTU events there is usually a log of some sort on which volunteers are asked to sign in. This is not just a bureaucratic exercise. We are trying our best to record the names of every EJTU member who works on any of our events.

After each event we collect all of the logs and forward the names of the volunteers to Jason Tillery who manages the program. Jason converts each person's hours to points and adds them to a running total of the points earned by every person who has worked on our projects.

When a member reaches specific point totals EJTU thanks him/her by giving something back. Members earn EJTU shirts, jackets, fishing licenses, winter fleece

jackets, beer steins, etc. In May 2009 our members accumulated approximately 1,000 points as they helped with trout stocking, the fly-fishing and fly-tying courses, and other projects.

If anyone would like to know the total number of points you have accumulated to date please contact Jason Tillery at [jay-tills@hotmail.com](mailto:jay-tills@hotmail.com).

## Welcome to May's New Members

Meghan Bartley	Hoboken
Sean Beddiges	Park Ridge
Anthony Fiorello	Totowa
Anthony Furr	Hewitt
Ruchard Hehmeyer	Montville
Toni Juliano	Mahwah
Coral Koenig	Hewitt
Boris V. Mastsey	Hillsdale
Bob McAlister	Fort Lee
Thomas Newmann	Norwood
J. Thomas Nolan	Ridgefield
James Rizzo	New Milford
Steven Sherwood	Wood Ridge
James Sperzel	Ramsey
Thomas Steinberger	Wallington
J. Stutz	Hillsborough
David Tiene	Nutley

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