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SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 MARK DETTMAR "STRIPER FISHING" Owner of Delaware River Outfitters, and a long time CJTU supporter, Mark will convey some of the many tips and tactics that have made him a "go to" guide for this great fall season game species.

October 9, 2007 Dick Talleur Renowned author and one of the world's greatest tyers presents "Flies For The New Milleneum" We are also pleased to offer a limited enrollment master tying class with Dick earlier that day. Details inside this issue and at the next meeting.



CJTU is one of New Jersey's leading conservation and advocacy groups leading the fight to protect cold-water fisheries and their environments. Our members represent a diverse cross-section of New Jersey and its surrounding areas, but all of us are joined together by a love of trout fishing and a commitment to preserve cold-water fisheries for future generations.

Our mission is to conserve, protect and restore New Jersey's cold water fisheries and their environments. In order to achieve our goals, we conduct habitat improvement projects, stream clean-ups, and educational programs among other activities. We strive to educate the next generation about the importance to preserve clean water and wild trout. While engaged in conservation efforts, we manage to have a lot of fun, whether at monthly meetings, chapter fishing trips, or stream projects. We invite you to join us.

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A FLY TYING LESSON WITH DICK TALLEUR

CJTU is very pleased to make available to a limited number of our members and friends, an opportunity to have a fly tying lesson with the master himself, Dick Talleur, on Tuesday October 9,2007. Dick has graciouslly agreed to run this special session for 10 to 15 students , starting at 4 pm, on the same day he will be presenting a program at our October General Membership Meeting. Cost is \$ 20, and you will need to bring your vise and tying materials. No beginners please. This is a unique chance to notch up your tying skills with one of the best.

After dinner, Dick will be back to make his main presentation at the General Meeting. There will be signed books for sale and the raffle will feature a few of his special flies as a prize. Don't miss it!

WHAT HAPPENS IN CARLISLE......

By DICK TURSE

"What happens in Carlisle stays in Carlisle" are the definitive words uttered by Underwater Oz to the other nine of us who spent a fabulous day fishing on the private pond owned and run by Bill Skilton of USA Flies. All agreed quickly that it was prudent that we keep forever secret what went on that June day in Pennsylvania. We certainly did not want to see reputations created that would be impossible to live up to. Requests for flytying help, casting instructions and overall fishing aid would follow with no letup in sight.

To give the reader some background, eight CJTU members and two of Oz's PA friends reserved Bill's pond in Carlisle for a day of fly fishing for huge blue-gills, large catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and, best of all, hybrid stripers. We didn't know quite what to expect but took Skilton's word that we would have a ball, and that we did. Bill owns about 23 acres of land containing 8 acres of pond water in two separate spots. He has stocked the pond with these fish and rents it out to flyfishing groups. We went on June 26 during a very hot spell.

Except for Ozzie and myself, I shall not tell you the others' names since they requested to remain anonymous. I will use the nicknames they received on that trip. Who can forget Hamburger Roll and the way he could keep the fish excited and willing to stay around? I would also like to take this time to thank him for crediting me with this skill but it was all his. Of course, the Kayak Kid did a great job luring the fish to us with his special huge fly that looked alive. And the look on Z's face when he got out of his canoe and saw the action was worth the trip cost. I should also like to compliment the Prof and his skill (others also) in landing the stripers amidst all of the other taught lines.

Bill was a gracious host, grilling our burgers and hotdogs for lunch, giving all of us his secret fly, taking off our fish and just being a good guy. Most of us will return again next year. There will probably be a couple of openings and they will be announced at a future meeting. However, anyone can get a group together to get the "Carlisle Experience." Talk to Bill at the November Fly-Tying Show and maybe he'll tell you about our trip. However, he will surely give you all of the info to set up your own. And, don't ask, "What happened in Carlisle?" *New Jersey MainStream* is the sole newsletter of CJTU. Editions are published bi-monthly, except for July & August, and mailed free to our members. A non member mailed subscription is available at a cost of \$10.00 per year.

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President's Letter

Fellow TUers,

Summer is winding down and once again it is now time to start planning for fall activities and the various conservation efforts we participate in. Please continue to "surf" both Central Jersey's and the State TU websites for various projects where you may have the opportunity to volunteer. With so much going on and the lack of meeting time between projects, we are looking to utilize these sites for information sharing. You support is always appreciated!

This past June, Central Jersey Trout Unlimited, along with the North and Ken Lockwood Chapters, gathered together for a Boy Scout Outdoorsman's Day at the Yard's Creek Scout Reservation in Blairstown, NJ. I want to thank all those who volunteered and helped provide casting and fly tying instruction! We hope this event is going to be the first of many annual events in conjunction with the Central Jersey Boy Scout Council rifle and shot gun Merit Badge Program and the NJ State Firearms Safety Course.

I would like to announce that I have recently been appointed to the National Leadership Council (NLC), representing New Jersey State Trout Unlimited at the National level. Due to this new position, I have decided to step down as your President of Central Jersey Chapter. It would not be fair to both positions due to the amount of time required for both. I want to thank all of you who have provided such tremendous support over my two terms and I look forward working with Central Jersey as well as the other TU Chapters throughout the State. I am proud to announce that my successor, who was also my predecessor, is Bart Lombardo. Bart is no stranger to this role and I know he will continue to lead Central Jersey Trout Unlimited in its mission toward coldwater conservation.

As mentioned earlier, there are many activities going on this fall. Aside from the several trips remaining (see inside this issue of Mainstream) including the Connetquot trip, we are looking forward to several projects which will benefit NJ waters and their trout habitat. On the Musconetcong River, the Gruendyke dam in Hackettstown is due to be removed. This has been a 5+ year "project in the making" due to the required permits and numerous weather delays. I am happy to report as of this writing, it is scheduled to be breached in September. Hopefully this will be the start of many dam removals on the Musconetcong which will allow for all sorts of stream habitat improvement!

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve you as President of Central Jersey TU!

Richard Thomas

FLY OF THE MONTH SELECTS - SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

TIED BY RON RUSKAI





LIGHT ALL-PURPOSE NYMPH

Thread – Black 6/0 Hook – 1X Long Nymph 8-16 Tail – Mallard Flank, Dyed Wood Duck Abdomen – Cream Dub Rib – Brown Silk/Floss Wing Case – Mottled Turkey Quill Thorax – Cream Dub

MEDIUM ALL-PURPOSE NYMPH

Thread - Black 6/0 Hook - 1X Long Nymph 8.10,12,14 Tail- Pheasant Tail fibers Rib - Fine Gold Wire Abdomen - Grayish Brown underfur from Natural Red Fox Wing Case - Mottled Turkey Quill Thorax - Same as Abdomen Legs - Brown Hen Hackle Beard Style Legs - Cream Hen Hackle - Beard Style

Tie with or without bead.Good late spring fly.

Tie with or without bead. This is a good autumn fly.

Liccardi Ford, Watchung, NJ will donate \$100.00 to CJTU for every car or truck sold to any TU member. If you are in the market for a new car or truck, please give Mike Pilles (CJTU member) a call for your best price. Remember to tell Mike you are a CJTU member.

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POLITICAL BEAT

Many of you who attended our meetings in the spring are aware of Assembly Bill A3275. This bill wants to change the composition and revise the authority of the Fish and Game Council. CJTU is opposing this bill and the companion Senate Bill S2041. The Assembly Bill is out of committee with amendments and has had a second reading. This is bad news because if the Senate bill comes out of committee the bill may be put on the floor for a vote.

The bill distresses me for several reasons. One, there is no provision for a sportsperson to sit on the council and slots for only two farmers. Secondly, the bill was transferred from the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee to the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, which I feel was a underhanded move the push the bill through. And finally, as currently written the bill deletes the use and development of fish and game for public recreation and food supply.

Here is the amendment summary:

The Assembly and Solid Waste Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3275.

This bill, as amended, would change the membership of the Fish and Game Council. Under this bill, the council would be composed of seven members, of whom two members would be farmers. The seven members would be chosen with due regard to the person's knowledge of and interest in the conservation of fish and wildlife, and without regard for geographic representation of the regions of the State. The seven members would be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. In addition, this bill would require that no member of the council have a direct personal financial interest that might reasonably be expected to impair the person's objectivity or independence of judgment.

Under current law, there are 11 members on the council, chosen with due regard to the person's knowledge of and interest in the conservation of fish and game, as follows: three farmers, recommended by the State agricultural convention to the Governor for appointment; six sportsmen, recommended by the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs to the Governor for appointment; one public member knowledgeable in land use management and soil conservation practices; and the Chairperson of the Endangered and Nongame Species Advisory Committee established pursuant to "The Endangered and Nongame Species Conservation Act." In addition, the current farmer representatives and sportsmen representatives are chosen with regard to geographic representation of the State, with one farmer representative and two sportsmen representatives chosen from the northern, central, and southern regions of the State.

This bill would also revise the authority of the Fish and Game Council. This bill expands the duties of the council to include: investigating the use of non-lethal alternatives for dealing with wildlife conflicts; exploring eco-tourism opportunities to promote the State's diverse wildlife; and pursuing opportunities to preserve land for wildlife habitat.

In addition, under current law, the Fish and Game Council is authorized to adopt the State Fish and Game Code for the purpose of "providing an adequate and flexible system of protection, propagation, increase, control and conservation of freshwater fish, game birds, game animals, and fur-bearing animals in this State, and for their use and development for public recreation and food supply." This bill would provide that the code is for the purpose of providing a properly managed and balanced system, and would delete the consideration for use and development of fish and game for public recreation and food supply.

Lastly, the bill makes various technical amendments to the statutory text to update references to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and to update statutory references.

The committee amendments to the bill provide that two of the seven members of the council shall be farmers.

The smaller council will only provide for more split votes and less action. Sportspersons are this state's first environmentalists, purchasing over 300,000 acres of land for public recreation through the direct sales of fishing and hunting licenses. While the public has supported public questions concerning the purchase of land for open space, sportspersons were the first to do so, because we know preserving habitat preserves our fish and game resources.

The greater question at hand here is who controls our natural resources: a diverse council like we currently have or a hand picked few.

What should you do? Contact your Assemblypersons and Senators and strongly voice your opposition to A3275 and S2041. To find your Legislative members go to http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/ districts/municipalities.asp and find your town and click on the link. Call, write or email them and remember that this November the entire Assembly is up for election so check which candidate supports your issues.

FALL STOCKINGS AND FISHING PROSPECTS

Fall time is trout time in New Jersey. In early October, The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife is set to stock 20,000 two year old fish averaging 14-16 inches in length in the major trout streams of North Jersey as well as selected lakes and ponds in Central and South Jersey a week later. In addition a further 1000 surplus brood stock trout averaging 17-21 inches will also be stocked. Go to the New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com for dates and specific stocking locations.

For a second consecutive year, by way of a generous anonymous donation, Trout Unlimited will also be stocking the Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA on the South Branch of the Raritan River with a mixed size group of fish at around the same time. You'll need to stay tuned for details on that. Remember that the state's fish are all nice size and will provide many anglers with the opportunity to catch the largest fish of the year. Last year's program was generally well received and this year there is a twist!

Shannon's Fly and Tackle in Califon is having a Fall Stocking beginning on September 15, 2007. 250 Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout will be stocked in and around Califon courtesy of GBW Insurance in Flanders, NJ, Shannon's Fly and Tackle of Califon, CAMPA (Califon Area Merchants and Professionals Association) along with donations from our customers. The trout will range from 11-28 inches in length and Vern Mancini of the Musky Hatchery is donating an additional five trophy trout. We thought it would be nice to stock some smaller fish as well as some real nice fish to compliment the state's stocking. Combining all of these efforts really makes for some good fishing. Finally, "Bubba" is back! The Grand Prize of a Scott E2 fly rod will go to the lucky angler who catches and releases "Bubba", a trout of legendary proportions complete with a jaw tag. We just want the tag number and a picture of the fish. With enough rain and cool temperatures this summer, there are also plenty of holdover trout in New Jersey's better trout streams but this fall, the South Branch is the place to be!

Insect activity will increase as the weather cools going into and through September. Isonychia or Slate Drakes are already hatching after their usual summertime lull. In the fall they are a little smaller, size 12-14 being about average and they will hatch through early to mid October. September is a great month to fish the Whitefly hatch here in New Jersey. The hatch consists of two species that will both hatch later in the day. The first, Ephoron Album is a cream-yellow mayfly best imitated by a Blond Wulf size 12-14. The more well known is the Ephoron Leukon traditionally imitated by a White Wulf size 10-12. I've also decided to stock the venerable White Miller in size 12 because I like the size and color profile this fly brings to the table. Tan Caddis size 16-18 are a staple of our streams but the smaller caddis will be joined in late September by the Great Autumn Sedge best imitated by an Orange Stimulator size 10-12

Blue Winged Olives are a prime feature of Eastern fall fly fishing; sizes usually run from 16-20. Terrestrials such as Hoppers and Ants should not be overlooked. The Hopper Dropper consists of a floating Hopper with a Beadhead Pheasant Tail nymph size 16-18 suspended off of the bend in the Hopper's hook. This is a great pocket-water prospecting tandem rig. Pheasant Tail nymphs in size 14-20, Hare's Ear nymphs size 14-16 and Prince nymphs size 12-16 are all must have flies in the fall. Don't neglect classic streamers such as the Mickey Finn, Black Nose Dace, and Grey Ghost either in sizes 8-12 as forage fish populations will be at their highest.

As October wanes, mayfly activity will dwindle. Caddis are hardy, I've seen them into early December on warmer days. This is the time I fish with nymphs or streamers as previously mentioned, but I really like scuds. They are in the water all year but look for submerged logs or vegetation for the best concentrations of them. Best colors include grey, olive, or tan depending on the day but they catch fish and big fish too. Just have a few in sizes 14-16 and you won't be sorry. Fish them either alone or as the back end of a tandem.

Finally, the Division's team of biologists was busy this summer electro-fishing. Mike McAuliffe and I helped out along with Rich Balak and Rick Axt. Fish populations were strong (about 60/40 Browns to Brookies just like last year) but as Head Biologist Shawn Crouse said "There's more than just trout in a trout stream." Try volunteering for one of these and you'll learn a lot. You'll see Brook Lampreys, Tessellated Darters and Slimy Sculpin. We look forward to seeing everyone catch some nice trout this fall and we can all take a little pride in our combined efforts to make the next few months something to remember!



Photo courtesy of Jim Holland

PEQUEST HATCHERY PROGRAMS FOR 2007

All Programs Are Free of Charge

CJTU Kids Fishing Education Day

Saturday, September 15, 10 am - 3 pm

Kids Fishing Education Day for family members of Central Jersey Trout Unlimited will be held at the Pequest Hatchery rain or shine 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We had a great time last year. All kids age 8 and above that are family of CJTU members can also invite a friend to come along. We need to know the number of adults and kids that will attend. Any chapter member is invited to assist the youngsters. Pizza lunch will be provided.

We will have spin cast outfits for the kids -with barbless hooks and we will also supply worms. Lures are not allowed. You can bring a fly rod or bring your own fishing outfits as long as there is someone accompanying the youngster. Safety glasses are supplied for those that aren't wearing plain glasses or sunglasses.

The day will start in the auditorium where you will be welcomed by a member of the Pequest Hatchery and Resource Education Center. Then up to the trout education pond for a short talk on fishing ethics etc, casting lessons, and fly-tying lessons for those that want to learn to tie a wooly-bugger prior to fishing the pond. If it rains, fly-tying will take place in the auditorium, but then, everyone will don their foul weather gear and head up to the pond to hook those – up to 6 pound rainbows.

Pequest Wildlife Heritage Festival

Sunday, September 30th, 10 am to 4 pm

Celebrating fishing and hunting traditions in the Garden State. Everything from colonial era reenactors to archery, casting and tying demos. Instructors will teach the basics of shooting a shotgun at a special range. Two hunter education field courses will also be available at his event.

Indoor activities include a sportsmen's flea market, wildlife artists and taxidermists, along with guides and outfitters displaying their services.

And of course....The kids get another shot to fish the teaching pond!

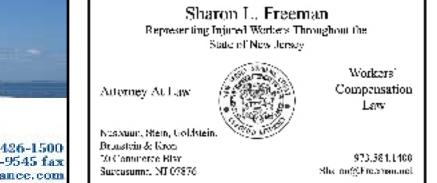
Note that this reflects a change in the original date. For more detailed information on this day, please visit the www.njfishandwildlife.com website and scroll down on the right side under Upcoming Events.

To participate, please speak with Ozzie or Richard Thomas at the General Meetings, or contact Ozzie at (732) 238-2495 or email cutredd@ comcast.net and Rich at flyfishernj@gmail.com.



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CENTRAL JERSEY TROUT UNLIMITED TRIPS 2007

DATES	TRIP	COMMENTS	OPENINGS	COST	CONTACT
September 10-11	Gunpowder River, MD	CANCELLED	6	\$300	Hal Fish 732 549-1293
October 10-11-12-13	Savage River, MD	CANCELLED	6-8	\$300	TBA
November 8-9-10-11	Spring Creek, PA	Ode to our friend Harvey!	6-8	\$300	Hal Fish 732 549-1293
November 11	Connetquot River, Long Island NY	Meet at Costco parking lot, Bridgewater Promenade Complex Bus leaves at 5:15 am sharp. Bring a lunch and drink. Be aware of new wading restrictions.	35	\$ 70 CJTU \$ 80 guests	Hall Fish 732 549-1293
November 18 (Sun)	Saltwater Primer, NJ	Fall Stripers	8-10	\$60	John Wester 732 937-8007

Note: All trip participants are responsible for acquiring the necessary state fishing license. Posted costs reflect approximately what you can expect to spend for the trip in lodging(shared rooms), flies, gas and basic meals.

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