# CENTRAL JERSEY MEW JERSEY MAINSTREAM

# **TROUT UNLIMITED**

# Spring Edition 2007

MARCH 13, 2007: BILL WETZEL, New York State Guide, Presents "MONTAUK FISHING". One of the Few Guides Specializing in Wade Fishing this Great Long Island Landmark, Bill Familiarizes You With What You Need to Know to Conquer the Surf!

APRIL 10, 2007: ELLEN CRONAN, Watershed Project Manager For The South Branch Watershed Association Presents A "VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE SOUTH BRANCH". Learn About The Water That Flows Into Your Favorite Fishing Hole, And A Review Of The River's Health.



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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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fellow TUers,

What a crazy winter this has been! Temperatures are shifting, it rains and then snows and then rains once again. It will be interesting to see what March and April bring and how it will impact the 2007 fishing season. One thing this crazy season has done is gotten me back behind the vise. I've been able to secure much needed time catching up on some of my tying.

For 2007, Central Jersey Trout Unlimited is looking to get more involved in some local stream projects. It has been some time since we have undertaken a specific project within a local stream and we are hoping to get involved with one this year in order to improve a specific fishery. Some examples of stream restoration can include clean-ups, removing debris from within and around a stream; rock rolling, placing / moving rocks and boulders within streams to create aeration within a slower running section of a stream; and plantings, placing plants along a stream to create shade and cover from direct sunlight and helping to stabilize the stream bank. If you know of a local stream that needs some attention please feel free to drop me an e-mail through our web site at cjtu.org. Please be sure to note the upcoming Pequest dates within this issue of Mainstream. As in years past, CJTU will be helping with the open house in April as well as conducting fly casting clinics at various times throughout the spring and summer. Also in this issue is the 2007 Trip List. Once again, Hal Fish has compiled an excellent selection of rivers for our 2007 program. Hal along with the help of this year's guides, Larry Gove, Brian Rockefeller and John Wester have established a full spectrum of rivers to explore. There is also a focus on some rivers here in the "Garden State" which many of you have requested in past years. Please be sure to take advantage of these, you will not be disappointed.

Tight lines!!

Zich Richard Thomas

# FLY OF THE MONTH SELECTS - MARCH & APRIL



#### **QUILL GORDON WET FLY**

Thread – Gray or Black 6/0 Hook – Mustad 3906 size 12-14 Tail – Medium Dun hackle fibers Body – Stripped peacock quill Rib – Extra fine gold wire Hackle – Medium Dun hen collar style Wing – Wood Duck Always a good fly in the early spring, fish it in tandem with a bead head nymph in the front and the wet fly 12" to 15" behind it. The Big Flat Brook has a good Quill Gordon hatch in late March or early April.



#### MARCH BROWN WET

Thread - Black 6/0 uni-thread				
Hook - 3906b Mustad or				
594f Orvis 10-14				
Tail- Dark Ginger Hackle Fib	ers			
Rib - Yellow Thread				
Body - Eric Leiser March Brow	'n			
Dubbing or Fawn Fox F	ur			
Hackle - Dark Brown Ginger He	n,			
Collar Style				
Wing - Turkey Quill Segment				

When fishing this fly in the Catskills try a size 10. In New Jersey use a size 12, and when using it as a searching pattern use a size 14

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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#### TIED BY RON RUSKAI

# **OPENING DAY THOUGHTS**

It is hard to concentrate on opening day of trout season right now. The first real snowstorm of the winter came through last week. It was not the great blizzard forecasters had warned, but it was enough to cause school children joy and commuters consternation. For a trout geek like me, it was a small step in recharging the aquifers so that we can have decent water flows next summer.

The storm came on the heels of the winter trout hearing , held at the Pequest Hatchery, where biologists from N.J. Fish and Wildlife talked about the state of trout fishing in NJ. I've never been one to measure success in fishing by numbers, but for a hatchery the output is a critical gauge of their success. It was another banner year, over 600,000 trout raised and stocked. Average size of the spring fish was constant, but as anyone who ventured out last fall knows, the fall fish were much bigger. The consensus seems to be that anglers are happy with fewer fish, as long as they are larger.

The catalogs are piling up in the bathroom, Orvis, LL Bean and Cabela's all promising the best service and best prices, along with the anonymity of operators in Sri Lanka filling your orders and computers in Chicago e-mailing to distribution centers near you. Personally I prefer to buy most of my gear locally, where Ron at the counter can lean in and whisper what flies he saw yesterday when he was fishing while I was in the office. I refuse to buy fly tying materials from a catalog (Though I confess to having ordered some specialty hooks that way.)

Having stepped down as TU State Council Chair this past winter, I won't have to attend the opening day ceremonies at Pequest. While fun and really exciting for the young folks that win the essay contest, I kind of miss the usual ritual of opening day. Maybe, like Christmas, the mystique and suspense of the day is best lived in the eyes of a child. I recall the halcyon days of youth, my friends and I inspecting our gear for hours on end Friday night, trying to get to sleep "early" so we would be ready at 6 AM. Only to lie in bed wide awake and thinking of fishing, finally drifting off to sleep only to awake before the alarm clock rings worried that I had overslept. My mom, bless her, would always be awake and had breakfast ready, usually oatmeal and some hot chocolate.

For many years opening day was spent riding my bike to the lake to fish. Later, cars entered the picture and rivers were the place to be. I had a streak of 20 years running, some alone, some with my friends, some with my kids. The streak was broken one year, when I had to drive back from my dad's funeral in Florida. He would have understood, if I had gone fishing instead, but somehow it did not seem right. I was home Sunday afternoon, and caught a couple of brookies on Hendrickson's. It did not take the pain of his passing away, but it did feel right.

This year opening day of trout season is on April 7th, as yet I have no idea where I'll go, but rest as sured I will be fishing. If everything goes well, I might even catch some fish but to be honest opening day is more about the fishing than the catching.



Photo by Louis DiGena

# Annual Conservation Raffle!

#### DRAWING MARCH 31st

The 2007 CJTU Conservation Raffle will be a classic cane outfit. It will consist of a Diamondback 7'6". 5wt., 2-piece (with two tips) bamboo rod, a matching Hardy Lightweight LRH reel, and a Cortland SYLK fly line (5wt.) with backing. In addition, there is a Hardy leather fly wallet and a Cortland willow creel.

All New Jersey Trout Unlimited members will receive four raffle tickets in the mail. They are \$5.00 each. All you have to do is use the included return envelope to submit your money and the completed raffle ticket. Good luck to all who participate.

### CLEANING UP THE MUSKY

#### **By Stuart Shafran**

On Saturday, April 21st, rain or shine, Trout Unlimited will be joining the Musconetcong Watershed Association in their annual 'Musky Clean-up Day'. This event has always been an enjoyable day to share with family and friends, an opportunity to meet other chapter members, and a great way to explore new water. This event includes picking up trash around bridges, parking lots, and along fishing access areas.

We plan to meet at 8 am, under the pavilion in Hampton Borough Park. The park is located at the intersection of the Musconetcong River and Route 31. Take Route 78 West to Route 31 North. If you are heading North on 31 the park will be on your left. At that traffic light on 31 turn left and then a quick right. Turn right, into the park. Following the clean-up everyone is invited to lunch at the new MWA headquarters. Participants will be given T-shirts, drinks, snacks, trash bags and gloves. If you have been looking for a chance to help make a difference, then this is it. For further information or to sign-up please contact Stuart Shafran at s2rtflyfisher@verizon.net, or stop at the Volunteer and Trips Table at the March 13th general membership meeting.

# WILDLIFE DAY

#### April 22,2007

CJTU will be participating in Wildlife Day, April 22, 2007 at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ 07092, (908) 789-3670. Fly tying, fishing demos and our own Wendel 'Ozzie' Ozefovich will be giving two presentations.

Directions: I-95 South to I-78 West to exit 43 (New Brunswick/Berkely Hts.). At light turn right onto McMane Ave. Turn left onto Glenside Ave. Drive 1.2 miles, turn right into Watchung Reservation (Rt. 645) and pass Lake Surprise. At traffic circle, take first right and proceed 1/2 mile to Trailside.

### WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CORPS

JOIN NOW!

Paul Ritter, the WCC (Wildlife Conservation Corps) program administrator wishes to notify anyone who is in need of a WCC badge and has sent in an application for the WCC program and not heard anything back, to please have them contact him at paul.ritter@dep.state.nj.us . If you need a badge email Paul a photo and your name the way you would like it to appear on your badge. If you don't have a digital camera mail a passport size photo to NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife 26 Route 173 West Hampton Attn: Paul Ritter.

Anyone who would like to help out with kids fishing programs at the Pequest Hatchery, or if you want to become involved in any of our TU Programs, please apply to become a WCC volunteer. You are not obliged to become involved in any other programs than the ones you would like to become part of. The reason you need to become an official member is that you will be insured against any liability by the Division of Fish and Wildlife. If you need any other information about the program, please see Ozzie at our general membership meetings. *New Jersey MainStream* is the sole newsletter of CJTU. Editions are published 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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The CJTU Board of Directors meet on the first Tuesday of every month. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month except July & August at the Dunellen American Legion Hallon New Market Rd. and Orange St. and are open to the public.

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# CENTRAL JERSEY TU - 2007 SPORTSMAN SHOW

PHOTOS BY NICK ROMANENKO



### Letters

A long, long time ago!

It was with a great deal of satisfaction, pride, and nostalgia that I visited the CJTU website. While not the founding President of CJTU, I was on the original board (I might even have been the founding VP), and was the chapter's second President, 1972-1973. I've known Dick Turse since 'before' I was senile! You are all to be commended for your continued dedication and success!

In those bygone days our efforts were primarily focused on building membership and fending off the proposed Tocks Island dam on the Delaware. George Nimmo was the driving TU force on behalf of the Save The Delaware Coalition. I also served as a Director of the TU State Council, and our focus was there, too! Pete Van Gytenbeek was our national President (now similar position with FFF) and was an advocate of our efforts 100%.

In those days we were quite a dynamic group (I'm not implying you current guys and gals aren't).

Some of the 'driving' members/directors were: Joe Swaluk, Len Codella, Ed Pinter, Pat Gutsick, Ben

#### From Founding Member Mike Gula

Fogarty (the founding President), Dick Turse, Bill Levy, Bob Mauro, Mike Palazzollo, John Callahan, Bob Totten, John Gayewski, Bob Jacklin, Jack Pachuta, and Ed Petrosky. I apologize if I left someone out.

Our meetings were always well attended, and our annual banquet bordered on 'classic.' Two memorable ones were 'keynoted' by Ernest Schwiebert and Arnold Gingrich. Monthly raffles were always worth a buck, and laughter and beer flowed easily.

While in Colorado these past 33 years, I still have fond memories of my CJTU days. I made many good friends and to this day count Joe Swaluk, Dick Turse, Ed Pinter, Pat Gutsick, Bob Jacklin, and Len Codella as friends who helped shape my fly fishing life.

I'll keep checking into the website. Just wanted to say hello, share a bit of history, and wish you continued luck and success.

Tight Lines,

Michael Gula 7855 East Lark Drive Parker, CO 80138

# PEQUEST HATCHERY PROGRAMS FOR 2007

#### **Getting Started in Fishing**

Sundays, March 18th and 25th, 11 am - 3pm

Registration required

Fly tying, and fly casting instructions We supply all equipment or you can bring your own. Spin casting for kids

We supply all equipment, or you can bring your own. Learn the basics and then off to the Hatchery Pond to fish.

#### **Pequest Open House**

Saturday, and Sunday – March  $31^{\text{ST}}$  and April  $1^{\text{ST}}$ , 10 am to 4 pm

Visit www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/ for more info.

Fly Tying, casting lessons, trout fishing in the pond for kids and trout fishing in the trout "tank" for little kids. One of the annual highlights at the hatchery.

#### CJTU Kids Fishing Education Day at the Hatchery

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.

#### **Fly-Casting Clinic for Beginners**

Saturdays, July 14th and August 18th, 11 am - 3 pm

Registration required

We supply all equipment, or you can bring your own. Learn the basics and then off to the Hatchery Pond to fish.

#### **Fishing Program for the Blind**

Dates and times TBD

A great program we run with the NJ Federation for the Blind. We can use as many volunteers as possible.

#### **Pequest Wildlife Heritage Festival**

Sunday, September 23rd, 10 am to 4 pm

Celebrating fishing and hunting traditions in the Garden State. Everything from colonial era re-enactors to archery, casting and tying demos. Plus kids get another shot to fish the teaching pond.

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.

### CENTRAL JERSEY TROUT UNLIMITED'S ADVERTISERS AND SUPPORTERS



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# **CENTRAL JERSEY TROUT UNLIMITED TRIPS 2007**

DATES	TRIP	COMMENTS	OPENINGS	COST	CONTACT
March 17 (Sat)	Saucon Creek / Little Lehigh, PA	Spring Creek – Day Trip	10-12	\$40-50	Hal Fish 732 549-1293
March 23-24-25	Spring Creek, PA	Stay at Autoport (dbl. occp.)	6-8	\$150 +	Hal Fish 732 549-1293
April 28 (Sat)	Flat Brook, NJ	Spring Creek – Day Trip in NJ	10-12	\$40-50	Brian Rockefeller 908 578-0007
May 17-18-19-20	Kettle Creek / Young Women's, PA	Hosted Trip by Dave Rothrock. Stay at Yesterday's.	8	\$300	Brian Rockefeller 908 578-0007
June 7-8-9	Fishing Creek at Benton, PA	Cathy & Barry Beck's home stream. Cookout 1 night.	8	\$300	Hal Fish 732 549-1293
July 26-27-28-29	Yellow Breeches, PA	Couples weekend, includes theatre, tips and meal	4 Couples	\$600 / couple	Hal Fish 732 549-1293
August 2-3-4-5	Farmington River, CT	Trico Special	6-8	\$300	Larry Gove 732 549-1293
September 10-11	Gunpowder River, MD	Tailwater, Guided	6	\$300	Hal Fish 732 549-1293
October 10-11-12-13	Savage River, MD	Tailwater, Native Brook Trout	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 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.

NEW JERSEY MAINSTREAM CENTRAL JERSEY TROUT UNLIMITED P.O. BOX 55 PLUCKEMIN, NJ 07978 ON THE WEB @ WWW.CJTU.ORG



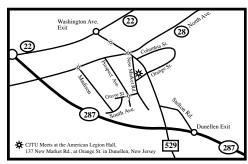
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North on 287: Dunellen exit, (B). Right on Stelton Rd; Right on Washington Ave; Left on Orange St., American Legion Hall on Right

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**Upcoming Speakers:** 

May 8, 2007Charlie Meck "Fishing the Tandem"June 12, 2007Joe Petrella "Wet Flies & Soft Hackles"Sept. 11, 2007Mark Dettmar "Striper Fishing"