



### TROUT UNLIMITED

# **MAY 2004**

## MAY 11, 2004 MEETING PRESENTS:

KEN REINARD "YE OLDE COLONIAL ANGLER OF 1770" A SPECIAL PROGRAM SPECIALIZING IN THE TACKLE AND TECHNIQUES OF TRADITIONAL FLY ANGLING OF THE 1700'S.



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**

May 2004

May has finally arrived! After the winter we had I doubted it would ever come! Our trout season is in full swing during this time of year, but as we progress through the month the crowds on the more popular streams will disappear. I'll never understand why people stop trout fishing just as the fishing really turns on. I guess many people turn their interests to warm water or saltwater species.

We conducted our Spring Clean-up on the Musconetcong River on April 24. I was not able to attend but I heard through the grapevine that a lot of trash was pulled from the river and its banks. Thanks go out to those that organized and participated in this event. In addition to the clean-up a small contingent went out and collected the data from the thermal sensors we placed in the river. It has been very difficult for us to maintain this Problems with Mother Nature and getting project. volunteers have plagued us for quite some time now. It appears that we have lost one of the sensors and a second may have been damaged but we were able to retrieve the data from the remaining units. Expect to hear more on this, once we get a chance to take a look at the data. Activities like this are what our organization is all about. I encourage more people to get involved in this type of work.

Typically, May is a slow time for us since many of us are actually out there fishing. On May 22&23, 2004 we will be participating in the Open House Event at the Pequest Hatchery. If you are new to the sport of fly fishing our instructors will be on hand to provide casting lessons. Some of the chapter's fly tiers will also be there, giving a tying demonstration and answering questions. In

### FLY OF THE MONTH



**DELAWARE ADAMS** 

Thread - White 8/0 Uni

Hook – Dry fly 12-16

Wing - Rounded Grizzly Hackle tips

Body – Medium olive dubbing or olive uni-stretch, palmered with grizzly hackle

addition to the casting lessons and fly tying we will draw this years wining raffle ticket. The raffle, a complete travel fly fishing outfit, valued at over \$1,500.00, was sent to all members via the mail. If you're still thinking of sending in your chances, now is the time to do it. The drawing is only a few weeks away!

Several of us will be participating in one of the C.J.T.U.'s organized fishing trips this week. About ten of us are heading out to Central Pennsylvania for several days. Our resident expert on this area, Hal Fish, organized the trip and will be our "guide". We run quite a few trips a year to different areas. A list of the locations and dates are posted in this news letter. If you have ever wanted to fish one of these places but did not know much about the area these trips is a great way to learn where and how to fish. The trip organizers do a great job on everything from setting up accommodations to getting angler's set up on the water. Some are run with professional guide staff and others, like this week's trip, are of the "do it yourself" variety.

Unfortunately, I will not be present at our May meeting. I would like to say that I will be out fishing somewhere, but the ugly truth is I will be tied up with a work assignment. I will see all of you in June.

Tight Lines,



Tail – Grizzly Hackle Fibers

Hackle – Grizzly and Brown Hackle mixed

A pattern designed by Walt Dette for Art Lee to use when fishing the Delaware below Hancock.

Ron

## POLITICAL BEAT

By: Louis DiGena

Many of you know that last year A3764 was introduces and would change the Fish and Game Council, and many wrote in opposition to this bill. Well it is back in the form of A2642. The language is the same and we need to act before it goes to committee.

Please write Assemblyman Reed Gusciora the author of A2642.

This is his contact information:

Honorable Reed Gusciora 226 West State Street Trenton, NJ 08608

Phone: (609) 292-0500

E-Mail: AsmGusciora@njleg.org E-Mail: reednj15@aol.com Here is a sample letter.

Honorable Reed Gusciora

As an avid sportsperson living in New Jersey, I would like to express my strong objections to Assembly Bill 2642.

I support the current Fish and Game Council and strongly object to any changes to this body. The Fish and Game Council is doing an outstanding job in managing our fish and game resources, based on science. I have four major objections to A2642: first the language removing fishing, hunting and trapping for recreation and food supply; second new members to the council would be appointed by the governor and could have no expertise in fishing, hunting, farming and trapping issues; third the bill gives ultimate power to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection who can

overrule the council; and finally it moves the council from a body that makes decisions based on science, to a political body.

A2642 will negatively impact the fish and game resources that I love. So in the strongest language, possible I respectively request that you WITHDRAW Assembly Bill 2642. A2642 does not have my support.

Sincerely,

Your Name

If this bill goes for a vote and passes it will have an appalling affect on how our fish and wildlife resources are managed. It is extremely important that we act soon and I would ask our entire membership to write.

## MUSCONETCONG CLEAN-UP



## LEAP DAY LUNATICS LUCK OUT

### By Stuart Shafran

As I put pen to paper the outside temperature is just above freezing. There are a few inches of snow on the ground and more snow is forecasted for later in the week. Two weeks ago, eighteen anglers from central Jersey gathered at Pennsylvania's Little Lehigh Heritage stretch on February 29th for a little fun in the sun. What luck that on leap day the temps would be in the low 60's and for St. Patty's day in the low 30's. From the beginning I pictured a bunch of cabin-fevered fools all huddled around a hot cooking stove trying to stay warm. I was expecting wind burns not sun burns.

Out of the eighteen, most of the group were chapter members. To my surprise there were several invited guests. Most of the group had never fished the Little Lehigh. A few had always wanted to but didn't know where it was. Some had just joined TU, and two of the guests joined a week later at our March meeting. I learned they were so impressed with the program and had so much fun they had to join.

Our guide and resident expert was Hal Fish. We consider him a resident expert because he has several changes of clothing nearby for emergencies. Rumor has it that wherever he fishes he has clothing nearby for emergencies. For Hal, the Little Lehigh is his home away from home. I think he knows every fish by name from the hatchery bridge to the Fly Shop Bridge. Hal knows what they like to feed on, too. He chose a dozen of the most productive patterns--in sizes 20, 22, and 24 for this part of the season. For entire month of February, Hal, Larry Gove and myself tied enough of these tiny flies that we nearly went blind. Everyone who showed up was treated to this Little Lehigh assortment. To prove there worth, before anyone arrived Hal caught four fish on four of the flies in the package.

Hal also knows what WE like to feed on. He prepared a magnificent chili brunch complete with French bread, gourmet cheeses and coffee. The only things missing were tablecloths and candles. We set up our camp on picnic tables in front of Rod Rohrbach's Fly Shop. He welcomed us into his shop and was also generous with great fishing tips. Since the warm weather had brought out so many local's, good fishing spots were hard to come by. Mike Pilles and his three guests never joined us for brunch. They found a great honey hole close to the hatchery and new if they left it would be hard to get back in. They caught so many trout and were having such a ball they forgot about eating, altogether. There was enough food to feed and army and we kept the fire going all day for guys to rest and snack on leftovers.

Ken Mitzen, who's been with us on every one of our stream tours, brought along his future son-in-law. I don't remember who out fished whom, but I do know the wedding is still on. In fact, the Little Lehigh is now being considered for the bachelor party. If I'm invited you can bet I'll be handing out TU membership applications and hocking gourmet coffee. New Jersey MainStream is the sole newsletter of CJTU. Editions are published monthly, except for July & August, and mailed free to our members.

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### NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION - DO'S AND DON'TS AROUND THE HOME

### HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS

• Be aware that many chemicals commonly used around the home are toxic. Select less toxic alternatives. Use non-toxic substitutes wherever possible.

• Buy chemicals only in the amount you expect to use, and apply them only as directed. More is not better.

• Take unwanted household chemicals to hazardous waste collection centers; do not pour them down the drain. Pouring chemicals down the drain may disrupt your septic system or else contaminate treatment plant sludge.

• Never pour unwanted chemicals on the ground. Soil cannot purify most chemicals, and they may eventually contaminate runoff.

• Use low-phosphate or phosphate-free detergents.

• Use water-based products whenever possible.

• Leftover household pesticide? Do not indiscriminately spray pesticides, either indoors or outdoors, where a pest problem has not been identified. Dispose of excess pesticides at hazardous waste collection centers.

LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING

## CJTU SPEAKERS

### May - Ken Reinard

"Ye Olde Colonial Angler of 1770" A special program specializing in the tackle and techniques of traditional fly angling of the 1700's.

### June - Marty McHugh

The Director of Fish and Wildlife of New Jersey will give a program on NJ conservation programs.



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• When landscaping your yard, select plants that have low requirements for water, fertilizers, and pesticides.

• Cultivate plants that discourage pests. Minimize grassed areas which require high maintenance.

• Preserve existing trees, and plant trees and shrubs to help prevent erosion and promote infiltration of water into the soil.

• Use landscaping techniques such as grass swales (low areas in the lawn) or porous walkways to increase infiltration and decrease runoff.

### **OTHER LANDSCAPING TIPS:**

• Install wood decking or bricks or interlocking stones instead of impervious cement walkways.

• Install gravel trenches along driveways or patios to collect water and allow it to filter into the ground.

• Restore bare patches in your lawn as soon as possible to avoid erosion.

• Grade all areas away from your house at a slope of one percent or more.

• Leave lawn clippings on your lawn so that nutrients in the clippings are recycled and less yard waste goes to landfills.

> Bell Ford will donate \$100.00 to CJTU for every car or truck sold to a TU members.

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. • If you elect to use a professional lawn care service, select a company that employs trained technicians and follows practices designed to minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides.

• Compost your yard trimmings. Compost is a valuable soil conditioner which gradually releases nutrients to your lawn and garden. (Using compost will also decrease the amount of fertilizer you need to apply.) In addition, compost retains moisture in the soil and thus helps you conserve water.

• Spread mulch on bare ground to help prevent erosion and runoff.

• Test your soil before applying fertilizers. Over-fertilization is a common problem, and the excess can leach into ground water or contaminate rivers or lakes. Also, avoid using fertilizers near surface waters. Use slow- release fertilizers on areas where the potential for water contamination is high, such as sandy soils, steep slopes, compacted soils, and verges of water bodies. Select the proper season to apply fertilizers: Incorrect timing may encourage weeds or stress grasses. Do not apply pesticides or fertilizers before or during rain due to the strong likelihood of runoff.

• Calibrate your applicator before applying pesticides or fertilizers. As equipment ages, annual adjustments may be needed.

### CJTU PROGRAMS FOR 2004

Getting Started in Fishing\*

Fly Casting Clinic for Beginners\* Sunday May 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2004 12 - 3 PM

Fly Casting Clinic for Beginners\* Saturday July 10th, 2004 11AM - 3PM

11:00AM presentation Underwater World of Trout (Not Just Trout) by Wendell "Ozzie" Ozefovich. (registration not required) The clinic starts after the presentation.

Open House Pequest Hatchery

Saturday and Sunday, May 22<sup>ND</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2004 10AM - 4 PM

Getting Started in Fishing and Fly Tying in the auditorium.

\* Registration is required.

## NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION - DO'S AND DON'TS AROUND THE HOME (CONT.)

• Keep storm gutters and drains clean of leaves and yard trimmings. (Decomposing vegetative matter leaches nutrients and can clog storm systems and result in flooding.)

#### SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Improperly maintained septic systems can contaminate ground water and surface water with nutrients and pathogens. By following the recommendations below, you can help ensure that your system continues to function properly.

• Inspect your septic system annually.

• Pump out your septic system regularly. (Pumping out every three to five years is recommended for a three-bedroom house with a 1,000-gallon tank; smaller tanks should be pumped more often.)

• Do not use septic system additives. There is no scientific evidence that biological and chemical additives aid or accelerate decomposition in septic tanks; some additives may in fact be detrimental to the septic system or contaminate ground water.

• Do not divert stormdrains or basement pumps into septic systems.

• Avoid or reduce the use of your garbage disposal. (Garbage disposals contribute unnecessary solids to your septic system and can also increase the frequency your tank needs to be pumped.)

• Don't use toilets as trash cans! Excess solids may clog your drainfield and necessitate more frequent pumping.

### WATER CONSERVATION

Homeowners can significantly reduce the volume of wastewater discharged to home septic systems and sewage treatment plants by conserving water. If you have a septic system, by decreasing your water usage, you can help prevent your system from overloading and contaminating ground water and surface water. (Seventyfive percent of drainfield failures are due to hydraulic overloading.)

- Use low-flow faucets, shower heads, reduced-flow toilet flushing equipment, and water saving appliances such as dish and clothes washers.
- Repair leaking faucets, toilets, and pumps.
- Use dishwashers and clothes washers only when fully loaded.
- Take short showers instead of baths and avoid letting faucets run unnecessarily.
- Wash your car only when necessary; use a bucket to save water. Alternatively, go to a commercial carwash that uses water efficiently and disposes of runoff properly.

• Do not over-water your lawn or garden. Over-watering may increase leaching of fertilizers to ground water.

• When your lawn or garden needs watering, use slow-watering techniques such as trickle irrigation or soaker hoses. (Such devices reduce runoff and are 20-percent more effective than sprinklers.)

### <u>Other Areas Where You Can Make a</u> <u>Difference</u>

• Clean up after your pets. Pet waste contains nutrients and pathogens that can contaminate surface water.

• Drive only when necessary. Driving less reduces the amount of pollution your automobile generates. Automobiles emit tremendous amounts of airborne pollutants, which increase acid rain; they also deposit toxic metals and petroleum by products into the environment. Regular tune-ups and inspections can help keep automotive waste and by products from contaminating runoff. Clean up any spilled automobile fluids.

• Recycle used oil and antifreeze by taking them to service stations and other recycling centers. Never put used oil or other chemicals down stormdrains or in drainage ditches. (One quart of oil can contaminate up to two million gallons of drinking water!)

(Source EPA Journal article, Nov./Dec. 1991, EPA 22K-1005) By: Robert Goo

## ALAN JOHNSON SCHOOL OF FLY CASTING

Upper Delaware River June 4-6, 2004 Two Day School/Guided Fishing. Accommodations and base of operations will be the Twin Spruce Lodge, located on the PA side of the river near Hankins, NY.

Members of our TU chapter have enjoyed this trip for several years now, and you will never find a more gracious host. This is one of the most spectacular fly fishing areas in the east, and a real challenge for those seeking trophy sized wild trout. Alan will meet the group at the lodge on Friday afternoon. He usually runs his first casting clinic after everyone has checked in.

Alan is a Champion Fly Caster, and in

no time you will see why! He is great for new casters, and can really help those who have some or a great deal of experience, but have some bad habits that need to be addressed. Depending on how the river is running, we've headed out for later afternoon fishing (once even going into darkness looking for those lunker browns that hide in daylight) after our first lesson. Alan usually tries to put us on the main stem of the Delaware, but West branch, East Branch, Beaverkill and Willowemoc are all within easy driving range. We then go to dinner, with a choice of several very good restaurants in the area. Saturday starts with breakfast at the lodge, then another casting lesson on the lawn. We're out on a stream by the afternoon, with box lunches supplied by

the lodge. Dinner is again Dutch at a local eatery. Base charge is only \$260.00, which includes Alan's teaching, guiding and accommodations with breakfasts at the lodge (double occupancy, single room add \$50), plus one box lunch. This is a real bargain, and an opportunity to really improve your casting skills and learn about this great wildlife area. Alan can also arrange a drift boat with guide for those who wish to do so. Charge is extra, and your best bet is usually on Sunday.

Please make a \$100.00 deposit check payable to ALAN JOHNSON and contact Nick Romanenko at (732) 445-3710 ext. 6109. Due May 14.

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### **CENTRAL JERSEY TU 2004 TRIPS**

Location	Dates	Approx Cost	Slots	Standbys	Coordinator	Comments
Spring Creek, PA	APR 23,24,25	\$175.00 plus room and food.	8	2	Don Bastian	Stay at Bush House \$60 per night, double occupancy, lunches included.
Spring Creek, PA (DIY)	MAY 6, 7, 8	\$200.00 plus CJTU donation.	10	0	Hal Fish (732)549-1293	Stay at the Autosport Moto Lodge \$75 per night, double occupancy.
Pine Creek, Little Pine PA	MAY 20, 21, 22	\$250.00 plus CJTU donation.	10	2	Dave Rothrock	Stay at at hotel junction of Pine & li'l Pine Creeks. \$45 per night, double occupancy.
Main Stem Delaware River PA/NY	JUNE 4, 5, 6	<ul><li>\$260.00 each, includes lodging.</li><li>\$100.00 Deposit due by May 1, 2004</li></ul>	10	2	Nick Romanenko (732) 968-7318	Allan Johnson Casting Clinic, Drift Boat @ Extra cost. Double occupancy at the Twin Spuce Lodge included. NYS or PA Fishing Lic. Req.
Loyalsock & Licoming Creeks, PA	JUNE 11, 12, 13	\$140.00 plus room and food.	8	2	Hal Fish (732)549-1293 Don Bastian Trip	Stay at the Quality Inn, Williamsport, PA (570) 323-9801 \$62 per night, double occupancy.
Farmington River, CT.	JUNE 10, 11,12	\$200.00 plus CJTU donation.	8	0	Hal Fish (732)549-1293	Stay at the Autosport Motor Lodge \$65 per night, double occupancy.
Yellow Breeches, Boiling Springs, PA (Angler & Wife weekend)	JULY 9, 10, 11	\$430.00 Complete with meals, except lunches and includes dinner theatre.	6 CPLS	1	Hal Fish (732)549-1293	Stay at the Allenberry Inn, (800) 430-5468 Bring Spouse to Dinner Theatre "West Side Story", \$100 Deposit Required to Inn.
Ausable River, NY	AUG 5, 6, 7	\$360.00 includes food & lodging.	10	2	Hal Fish (732)549-1293 John Wester (732)937-8007	Stay at the Hungry Trout, NYS Fishing Lic. Req.
Beaverkill Camp Out (DIY) Roscoe, NY	AUG 19, 20, 21	CJTU donation required. Includes campsite.	10	2	Stuart Shafran (732)685-9863	Butternut Grove Campsite , Cooks Fall, NY. Bathroom & Showers Available, NYS Fishing Lic. Req.
Salmon River, NY	Sept. 20,21,22	\$600 (inc. lodging & guide)	6		Nick Romanenko (732) 968-7318	Stay at 1880 House need \$200 deposit, NYS Fishing Lic. Req.
Spring Creek, PA	TBA	\$175.00	10	2	Hal Fish (732)549-1293 Don Bastian Trip	Stay at Bush House \$60 per night, double occupancy, lunches included.

### NEW JERSEY MAINSTREAM Central Jersey Trout Unlimited P.O. Box 55 Pluckemin, NJ 07978



#### **Meetings and Directions**

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