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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

Dear C.J.T.U. Members

With the chill of fall starting to be felt in the air, many of us are turning our attentions to trout fishing again. I am looking forward to spending this wonderful time of year on some of New Jersey's trout waters. The State of New Jersey is once again conducting a fall trout stocking during the month of October. Over 50,000 9"-11" trout will be stocked; in addition to some of the hatchery breeder stock will be included as well. If anyone is interested in finding out when their favorite waters will receive a fresh batch of fish you can check out the following web page:

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/flstk04.htm>.

Part of our mission in TU is to protect and conserve our wild trout fisheries and I have mixed feelings about the stocking of trout. Unfortunately the stocking of fish is a necessity to maintain a trout fishery in this state. It's important to remember that New Jersey still has its share of wild trout waters. It's worthwhile to seek out some of these special places and enjoy the changing fall colors, while casting to fish that have never known a concrete runway.

Last month our chapter participated in the Wildlife Heritage Festival at the Pequest Hatchery. We worked together with members from other New Jersey T.U. Chapters and WCC Volunteers helping young people learn how to fish. This year the hatchery opened its education pond for fishing. Volunteers worked with the children to teach them the finer points of fishing. All that attended this event thought it was a success.

Several members from C.J.T.U., myself included, attended Trout Unlimited's annual meeting in Denver several weeks ago. In addition to taking care of the

business issues we took a little extra time to sample some of Colorado's trout fishing. A good time was had by all, the fishing was great, the scenery was incredible and the weather couldn't have been better.

Our fall Connetquot trip is scheduled for Sunday November 14th. We will be collecting money for this trip during our November general meeting. If you plan on attending this trip you'll need a 2005 New York License. You can order your license by phone if you call 1-866-933-2257. This year the park has increased its rates and this is going to force us to raise our prices as well. I believe the updated price will be \$75.00 but don't hold me to it. I will have all the details at the October meeting. This is always a great trip. If you have never been on one, you should try it. The booking of this trip is first come first serve and it fills up fast!

In closing I would like to mention that I will be stepping down as president in the months to come and our vice president, Rich Thomas will taking over. Many of you know Rich and I am certain that he will bring a lot of good things to this chapter. I have thoroughly enjoyed my "extended" term as president and plan on staying very active in the chapter. In fact if history repeats itself I'll be busier than ever, just ask our two past presidents!

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POLITICAL BEAT

By: Louis DiGena

The presidential political season is official open. November's election day is just around the corner and no matter of your political views I encourage all to vote. I hope every one will do their homework and dig deeper than the ads that pander to fears or special interests. Take a stand and research the candidate that reflects your views. As a 501c not for profit conservation group CJTU cannot endorse any candidate without loosing out not for profit status. All I can request is that you vote the environment. To my knowledge I do not know of any open space or environmental ballot question to be decided this November.

A2642 and A2852 are still regrettable alive and well, both bills are still in committee.

Both bills that want to change the Fish and Game Council and A2852 creates non-lethal alternative committee within council. Despite out best affords letter in favor of both bills out numbering those against 2 to 1.

Both bills would amend current law to provide that the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall select the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the director shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner. Under current law, the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife is selected by the Fish and Game Council, subject to the approval of the Governor and serves at the pleasure of the council. These bills would also amend current law to make all regulatory and policy decisions of the Fish and Game Council subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

These bills are both about shifting control of our resources from science to political appointees. I know I want good science to make decisions on how to manage our fish and game resources. Not to mention that all the monies for the science and management of fish and game come from the fishers and hunters who buy licenses. I want a non-political body that will base its decisions on science from field biologists not a single political appointee who may be beholden to the governor.

Please write Assemblyman Reed Gusciora the author of A2642, Assemblyman Anthony Chiappone the author of A2852 and all the members of the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee: Assemblyman Robert J. Smith II, Chair; Assemblyman Douglas H. Fisher, Vice Chair; Assemblyman Herb Conaway Jr.; Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer; and Assemblyman John C. Gibson;

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Honorable (Assembly-person)

As an avid sports-person living in New Jersey, I would like to express my strong objections to Assembly Bill 2642 (A2852).

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 (A2852): first the language removing "for their use and development for public 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 respectfully request that you WITHDRAW Assembly Bill 2642 (2852). A2642 (A2852) 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. Please act and get others to write.

"WALKING FOR WALT"



CJTU PLANT SEEDS ON GREEN EARTH DAY

By Stuart Shafran

CJTU participated on Sunday, September 19th in the annual Westfield YMCA Green Earth Day Festival. The celebration was organized to introduce families to alternative outdoor activities. Fishing and gardening were two of the highlighted activities. The attending guests were able to fish from a gigantic garden wheelbarrow, courtesy of the Y. The cfs flow was .0001 at 1 PM and the temperature of the water was 95 degrees (give or take a degree). Speckled paper trout were caught throughout the day.

Visitors were provided with information provided by the Pequest Hatchery and the New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Council. CJTU chapter members were on hand to answer questions and pass out membership applications.

CJTU SPEAKERS

October - Joe Petrella

Joe will present a program on wet flies. You've seen programs on nymph fishing and dry fly fishing, now come find out how to catch those big wary fish using the classic wet fly patterns and techniques.

November - Members Fly-Tying Night

The program will feature some of the chapters more experienced tiers demonstrating, live, how to tie their favorite patterns. Ozzie will be there to take close-up video of each tier and project it live on our big movie screen to make it easy for all to view and critique.

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Intermediate Fly Tying Class: This class is for the intermediate tier who has acquired the basic skills in handling tools and materials either by previously taking a beginners course and/or tying flies regularly for a year.

Fly Tiers Workshop: The workshop is designed for the student who has

taken our intermediate level course and wants to improve their tying skills and keep current with techniques and materials.

Saltwater Fly Tying Class: This class is for the person who has basic fly tying skills and wants to take advantage of the many saltwater flyfishing opportunities available in our area. We will cover the materials and fly patterns to get you started in this exciting aspect of flyfishing.

Fly tying sessions will be held in the Knights of Columbus Hall, South and Grove Streets, Dunellen, NJ 08812.

This course is open to members and non-members. We welcome anyone who has an interest in the sport of Fly Fishing or Fly Tying.

We have many talented instructors who are more than willing to pass on the legacy. We expect to have an

instructor for every three or four students, enabling each person to have a great amount of individual attention.

Registrants are expected to bring their own tools and materials. A list of basic tools, materials and hooks will be provided.

You can sign up at the General Chapter Meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month or contact:

Tom Kapusta: (732) 257-7478 E-mail: tkapusta@verizon.net

Our courses are taught in a relaxed atmosphere of camaraderie. We feel that with the patient, guiding help of our instructors, everyone will finish the course with a good working knowledge of how to tie flies.

Please register early so CJTU can plan ahead to make your course a success.

A WEEKEND OF FIRSTS BY STUART SHAFRAN

For the ten of us who participated in this summers Beaverkill campout, this truly was one to remember. With heavy rains in the Catskills, and a hurricane racing up the coast we took our chances and waited till the last minute to make drastic decisions. Days before the trip the cfs level was at 10,000 on the Beaverkill. The banks were just at the breeching point and our campground was about to be flooded out. Between Hal and me websites were checked four times a day. Communication was tight and everyone was optimistic. We gambled and it paid off. When we arrived in Roscoe, the cfs level was at 1,200—fishable.

Fishing was tough for some, challenging for a few, and damn near frustrating for the rest. Don't misunderstand; the Catskills Rivers are full of strong healthy trout. We all fished to teams of rising browns. They were just very picky and difficult to catch. But despite that, I'm proud to report that David Prestup landed and released his first fish since joining CJTU. Too bad he didn't have a camera and no one was around to witness the event. Still, many fish were caught that weekend. Those of us who fished close to the banks were the most successful. Wading was tough in spots but I was able to find pocket water on both the Beaverkill and Willowemoc and caught several nice browns. If you were fortunate enough to hook into a brown in fast moving water the fight was incredible.

Though this was John Nordstedt's first camping trip he was outfitted quite comfortably with a sizeable tent, an air mattress, and a warm sleeping bag. If not for the loud noise from his tent each night he could have won the best camper award. He says he doesn't snore.

Each night after the evening hatch was through; fish tales were heard around our campfire. For some, this was the time to sit back, light up cigars, and enjoy adult beverages. For another, who shall remain nameless, this was the time to stop--also another first. As luck would have it, just as the tales began to diminish and eyes began to close it would begin to rain. So, we'd all fold up our chairs, visit the closest trees, and retire into our tents.

There were moments during the trip when we were caught by passing showers and high winds. At night the temperature dropped into the 40's and during the day when the sun was out it was in the high 70's. Tents leaked, sleeping bags got wet, some refused to shower, but despite all that, the ten of us refused to let anything get in the way of enjoying ourselves. There was shelter from the rain, good hot meals, and plenty of water to fish. We'd all like to thank to Butternut Grove Campsites who have the best provisions and best location in the Catskills.

TOUR THE HACKLEBARNEY

The fall stream tour will be held on Sunday morning, October 17th at Hacklebarney State Park in Chester, New Jersey. If you've never fished the Black River in the fall, you don't know what you're missing. With comfortable morning temperatures, vibrant forest colors, and scenic walking paths, the fall is the best time to enjoy this part of the state. I must warn you that because of the steep rocky terrain this stream tour is not recommended to those with bad backs, weak knees, or heart conditions. The sign-up sheet, fly suggestions, and directions to the park will be available at the October 12th membership meeting at the 'Trips Table'. If you can't make the next meeting but would like to be included, please call Stuart Shafran at (732) 685-9863.

We will be meeting in the Hacklebarney parking lot at 9AM for a light breakfast. Don't forget your cameras and wading staffs. Fishing gear is optional. In the event that severe weather is forecasted please call Stuart the night before.

SALMON RIVER TRIP, SEPT. 19 THRU 22TH, 2004

A small contingent of CJTU members ventured up to the world famous fishing mecca of Pulaski, NY in late September to do battle with the King Salmon run. This was a first time for all of us, but with the expert help of our guide, Ed Martin, we clicked into 'the lay of the land' very quickly. By the third day, not only had we all hooked into very big fish, we started landing some of these brutes on a consistent basis. Make no mistake about it, these Kings are very big, strong fish. The average weight of ones we were landing were in the twenty pound range. Playing/fighting these fish took at least fifteen minutes, many ending with breakoffs. Your's truly actually broke a 10 weight rod after being taken downstream under some trees for fifty yards or so. "Put some more pressure on 'im" Ed told me as the rod was parallel to the water with a severe bend. With only eight pound tippet on, it should probably not have broken. Thank goodness the rod had an unconditional guarantee. Jim Krutzler landed a lunker in the famous Douglaston stretch of the river, after battling the King Salmon over a distance of at least 150 yards downstream.

Our guide, Ed Martin, could be a little hard on us at times. But as he explained, he felt it was his duty to not allow us to fish incorrectly, as we'd be wasting our time doing so. Being novices in this sort of fishing, we

all had a big learning curve for the first few days. We all drastically changed our body clocks for the duration, as we were on the river by 4:40 am to secure good pools on the Douglaston stretch, a piece of private land made available (for a price) to anglers who want to work the lower end of the Salmon River. When a salmon run is good, this is a particularly busy part of the river system. As luck would have it, heavy rains had driven most of the Kings way up the Salmon River, so after giving Douglaston a try three mornings in a row, we changed locations to the upper-river fly fishing only, catch & release sections. This is where we really got a hands on seminar in hooking and playing big fish. The thrill was akin to opening presents on Christmas morning. We literally felt beat up by the end of the day, as the salmon won most of the battles.

Thanks go out to Linda, our hostess at the 1880 House Inn in Pulaski, Ed Martin, who really showed us the ropes (and seemed to know EVERYBODY on the Salmon River), Todd for staying up late tying flies and our own Dave Hart, who's been going up to the Salmon River annually for many years, and put us in touch with the best.

Nick Romanenko



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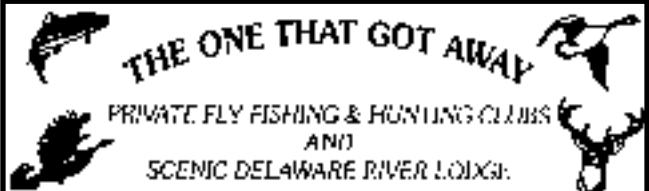
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1. Would you prefer to leave on Thursday and return on Saturday? Yes No
2. Would you prefer to leave on Friday and return on Sunday? Yes No
3. Do you prefer guided trips? or Do you prefer DIY trips?

Proposed Trips for '05	Very Interested	Interested	No Interest
Spring creek, PA	1	2	3
Spring Creek guided, PA	1	2	3
Pine Creek, Dave Rothrock guided, PA	1	2	3
Farmington River, Conn.	1	2	3
Yellow Breeches Couples Weekend, PA	1	2	3
Young Women/Kettle Creek, PA	1	2	3
Beaverkill River/Willowemoc River, NY	1	2	3

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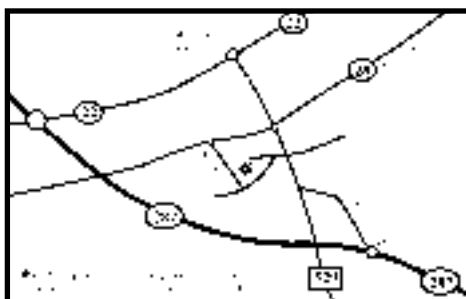
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