

MAINSTREAM

FEBRUARY 2005

FEBRUARY 8, 2005 MEETING PRESENTS:

ED JAWOROWSKI, WORLD RENOWNED AUTHOR AND FLY FISHERMAN, WILL GIVE A PROGRAM ENTITLED, "THE EDUCATION OF A FLY FISHER." AN ENTERTAINING, HUMOROUS, AND SOMETIMES IRREVERENT LOOK AT THE STAGES MOST ANGLERS GO THROUGH.



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.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

President's Letter

Fly of the Month

Political Beat

Connetquot Trip

Youth Fishing Outfit Giveaway

Day Trip to the Tulpehocken

PAL Sportsman Expo

Fly Tying at Ray's Sports Shop

Scenes from the Edison Show

CJTU's Advertisers & Supporters

Central Jersey TU Trips 2005

Our Meetings Start @ 7:30PM

Visit us at: WWW.CJTU.ORG

Don't forget our Monthly Raffle

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fellow members.

First, I would like to say thanks to all those who participated at the Garden State Outdoors show in Edison. It's always fun to catch up with current members and tell the "TU" story to those who show interest at the booth. I personally spoke with several perspective members and hope to see them at one of our meetings. We will be at it again this weekend at the Somerset Fly Fishing Show. As you interact with those who share our passion, please keep in mind our mission: to conserve, protect and restore New Jersey's cold water fisheries and their environments.

With the mission in mind, please remember two important NJ Bills still in committee, A2642 and A2852. These Bills are aimed at restructuring the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, which would allow political opinions to overrule those based on science when dealing with environmental issues. Please take the time to review these bills (see Political Beat) and write your local Assemblyman stating your opposition to these bills. Since we can't be practicing conservation out on the water this time of year, let's try to do it via the pen and paper.

For our general meeting in February, we will have Ed Jaworowski, world renown author and fly fisherman. Ed will be presenting his program entitled, "The Education Of A Fly Fisher." I'm told this is a unique program, which addresses the various stages most anglers go through during their fishing careers. Plan on this being an entertaining and humorous evening worth bringing the entire family to.

Also at the February meeting, we will be hosting our first youth "special drawing." The lucky winner of this drawing will have his or her choice of a fly fishing or spinning outfit. This drawing is open to all youth 16 years and younger in attendance.

See you this Tuesday, February 8.

Rích

Richard Thomas

FLY OF THE MONTH





THE V.C.

Hook: Dry 14

Thread: Black UNI 8/0

Tail: Golden Pheasant Tippet
 Body: Orange UNI-Stretch
 Rib: 1 Peacock Herl – Fine
 Hackle: Coachman Brown

Try this one in the Catskills on your favorite wild brook trout stream.

Photo by Nick Romanenko



David Ferraez, Green Brook • Pontiac • Buick • GMC 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.

Phone: (732) 752-3000 e-mail: milep087@aol.com POLITICAL BEAT BY LOUIS DIGENA

Just after our January meeting I found out about two bills that might help with keeping Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell at bay. A3606 and S2148 are identical bills introduces by Assemblywoman Alison Littell McHose, Assemblyman John C. Gibson, Assemblyman Douglas H. Fisher, and Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer which would if passed, give sole authority to regulate freshwater fishing, hunting, and trapping to the Fish and Game Council. This will empower the Fish and Game Council to be the sole State governmental entity responsible for determining whether or not any species of fresh water fish, game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal may be fished, hunted, or trapped, and in determining what circumstances, when and in what localities. by what means and in what amounts and numbers those species may be fished, hunted, or trapped. These bills strengthen the existing law and give the council autonomy to govern all matters pertaining to fish and game in the state. I support these bills and I want our membership to write and let the sponsors know they have our support.

Now for the kicker. On January 13, 2005 Assemblywoman Loretta Weinberg, Assemblyman Reed Gusciora, and Assemblyman Wilfredo Caraballo introduced A3728 which if passed says the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall have veto authority over any type of hunting season or authorized taking of game birds, game animals, and fur-bearing animals. As you all know I don't want sole power over any of our natural resources to be given to one political appointee who serves at the pleasure of the governor. We all know in a state where pay to play is the rule, science cannot compete with a blank check. While the Commissioner of Environmental Protection serves at the pleasure of the governor do we ever really know if the governor serves at the pleasure of the voters of New Jersey or the blank checks? Our natural resources are a gift to all in New Jersey and must be managed by science, not the Legislature, Governor, Commissioner, nor those who are writing checks to gain influence.

It is plain than this bill burns me more than A2642 and A2852 because of the obvious disregard for science and public debate. The Fish and Game Council holds regular meeting and public forums where all can comment on changes in fish and game management. The commissioner stoped holding meeting with groups in the hunting and fishing community regarding our natural resources. I know I attended his last one

11 months ago. I don't want our resources managed by a totalitarian system. A3728 is moving in that direction. If you haven't written please do, we need every one to write the sponsors, and the governor. I would not only write explaining how you want New Jersey's fish and game to be managed, but I would also request that Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell resign.

A2642 and A2852 are still in committee, and are alive and well.

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 shift control of our resources from science to political appointees. You all know I want good science behind the decisions on how to manage our fish and game resources. Hunters and fishers pay via license fees for the science and management of fish and game in this state. Those funds cannot be used for anything else and go back to the resource for all to enjoy. 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 (and those checks). Write Assemblyman Reed Gusciora the author of A2642 and A3728, 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;

Contact acting Governor Richard J. Codey, Reed Gusciora, Anthony Chiappone, Loretta Weinberg, and Wilfredo Caraballo, at:

Acting Governor Richard J. Codey PO Box 001 Trenton, NJ 08625 Phone: 609-292-6000 Honorable Reed Gusciora

226 West State Street Trenton, NJ 08608 Phone: (609) 292-0500

E-Mail: AsmGusciora@njleg.org E-Mail: reednj15@aol.com

Honorable Anthony Chiappone 595 Broadway Bayonne, NJ 07002 Phone: (201) 437-2442

Honorable Loretta Weinberg 545 Cedar Lane Teaneck, NJ 07666 Phone: (201) 928-0100

Honorable Wilfredo Caraballo 371 Bloomfield Ave. 2nd Floor Newark, NJ 07107 Phone: (973) 350-0048

Fax: (973) 350-0951

Sample letter opposed to A2642 and A2852.

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 respectively request that you WITHDRAW Assembly Bill 2642 (2852). I cannot support A2642 (A2852) and respectively request you do not.

Sincerely,

Your Name

CONNETQUOT TRIP

Connetquot trip on Monday, February 28th, 2005. Too cold......naww...... get first crack at those big browns and bows. Bus will leave from from the Bridgewater promenade, between Costco and Petsmart at 5:15 am. Cost is \$75 with an activity fee and \$85 without and will be collected at the general meeting on Tuesday, February 8^{TH} .

SPECIAL YOUTH FISHING OUTFIT GIVEAWAY

Any child 16 years of age or younger attending our February 8[™] meeting with an adult will be in a special raffle for a fly or spin fishing outfit and a one year membership to Trout Unlimited.

This Youth Fishing Outfit Raffle is free to all 16 years or younger, no purchase is necessary, and winner must be present. Meeting will start at 7:30PM

POLITICAL BEAT (CONT.)

Sample letter opposed to A3728.

Honorable (Assembly-person)

As an avid sports-person living in New Jersey, I would like to express my strong objections to Assembly Bill 3728.

I support the current Fish and Game Council and strongly object giving the Commissioner of Environmental Protection veto authority over any type of hunting season or authorized taking of game birds, game animals, and fur-bearing animals adopted by the State Fish and Game Council.

The Fish and Game Council is doing an outstanding job in managing our fish and game resources, based on science. I object to A3728 because it gives ultimate power to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection who can veto the council without public input or debate.

The Commissioner being appointed by the governor and need not have any expertise in matters of managing fish and game. The Fish and Game Council has the expertise to management of New Jersey's fish and game through science and public forums.

A3728 is moving the management of fish and game towards totalitarian system. So in the strongest language possible, I respectively request that you WITHDRAW Assembly Bill 3728. I cannot support A3728 and respectively request you do not.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Please act and get others to write.

I know I keep asking the membership to act but there is no issue more important than this one that effect the future of the management of our natural resources.

From the recent events with Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell and bills in the Legislature a new coalition made up of conservation, hunting, and fishing groups is forming an organization to take on these issues. The New Jersey Outdoor Congress mission is to fight the serious and ongoing threat to scientific management of New Jersey's fish and wildlife – a public trust too important to leave in the hands of politicians, whose intentions may be more to get votes than to conserve the resource.

For more information on the New Jersey Outdoor Congress go to http://www.njoutdoorcongress.org/.

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.

All Rights Reserved.

CJTU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rich Thomas	President
Vacant	1st. V.P.
Neil DiRiggi	2nd V.P.
Rob Paull	Secretary
Dick Turse	Treasurer
Ron Ruskai	Conservation
Nick Romanenko	Communications
Sue Brotherton	Membership
Leon Cheeka	Director Emeritus

3 YEAR DIRECTORS:

Neil DiRiggi; John Callahan; George Mertens; Art Port; Elias Todd; Bob Powell; Phill Sigle; Bob Kean; Wendell Ozefovich; Dave McCready; Sue Brotherton; Ron Ruskai; Agust Gudmundsson; Larry Gove; Tom Kapusta.

1 YEAR DIRECTORS:

Rich Dooley; Greg Force; Bill Van Zandt; Hal Fish; Nick Romanenko; Dave Hart; Harvey Roberson; Stuart Shafran; Rocky Dikowski; Neal, Ginsberg; John Wester.

STATE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

Dave Hart; Louis DiGena; Ron Ruskai; Tom Kapusta; Dave McCready.

MAINSTREAM STAFF

Louis DiGena	Co-Editor
Nick Romanenko	Co-Editor
Rich Dooley	Ad Manager South
Ron Ruskai	Ad Manager North
Dick Turse	Proofreading
Bob Powell	Printing
Leon Cheeka	Mailing
Neil Deriggi	Library

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 Knights of Columbus Hall on South and Grove St. and are open to the public.

For further information contact:

CJTU P.O. Box 55 Pluckemin, NJ 07978

Trout Unlimited 1300 N. 17th St.Suite 500 Arlington, VA 22209-3801

trout@tu.org

(703) 522-0200 (National Office)

On February 26th, The 2005 CJTU fishing trip program will kick off with the first of several day-long trips to Tulpehocken Creek in Berks County, Pennsylvania. The Tulpehocken is a large, wide stream with a moderate gradient. With a travel time of one hour and forty-five minutes, it is the closest tailwater to Central Jersey, beginning at Blue Marsh Lake and continuing for nearly 3.8 miles to the parking area at red covered Bridge, the lower end of the special regulations area. Wading the stream's riffles and glides is not difficult unless water levels are high. Handicap fishing platforms have been constructed close to the dam, and parking areas are provided all along the special regs stretch.

The Tulpehocken trip will be friendly to novice anglers as well as challenging to the more advanced. Participants must have paid their 2005 chapter activity fee, and must also have a 2005 Pennsylvania fishing license.

There is only room for a few more, so sign-up at the February membership meeting or call Hal Fish at (732) 549-1293 to reserve a spot. Directions will be available at the February trips table. If the weather cooperates, this should be a fun trip and great fishing.

--Stuart Shafran

PAL Sportsman Expo

FEBRUARY 12 & 13, 2005

The tenth annual PAL Sportsman's Expo will be held on February 12th & 13th at the PAL Athletic Center on Baldwin Road in Parsippany. The show will run from 9 am to 5 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. CJTU will be hosting a booth at this event to help promote Trout Unlimited and trout fishing in the Garden State. Fishing info, raffle tickets, membership applications, CJTU gourmet coffee,

and hand-tied flies will be available at our booth. Members are invited to stop by and sit with us to help answer questions. Fly tiers are always welcome. Directions to the Expo will be available at the Novice Table at the general membership meeting on February 8th. You may also call for directions at (973) 822-2395.

--Stuart Shafran

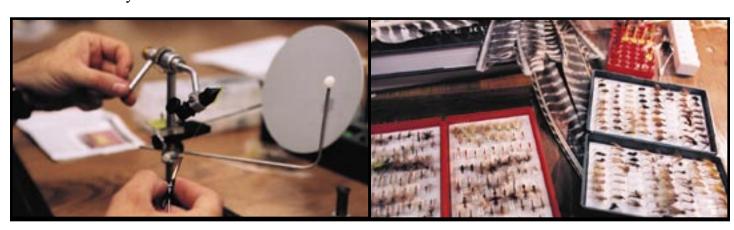
ANNUAL FLY TYING DEMO AT RAY'S SPORTS SHOP

FEBRUARY 12, 2005

Saturday February 12, 2005 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Ray's Sport Shop, Inc. annual fly tying demonstration given by CJTU. See both salt water and fresh For more info call: 908 561-4400 water flies tied by our talented instructors.

The demonstration will be in the conference room at Ray's Sport Shop on Route 22 West, North Plainfield, NJ



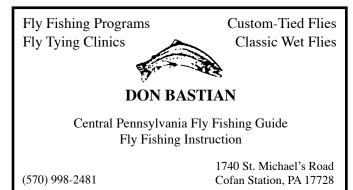
SCENES FROM THE EDISON SPORTSMAN SHOW



Photos by: Lou DiGena; Neil DeRiggi; & Nick Romanenko.

CENTRAL JERSEY TROUT UNLIMITED'S ADVERTISERS AND SUPPORTERS





CENTRAL JERSEY TROUT UNLIMITED'S ADVERTISERS AND SUPPORTERS



RAY'S SPORT SHOP, Inc.

Complete Fly Shop

Orvis Dealer • G. Loomis • Sage • Cortland • William Joseph • Hardy Waterworks• Diamondback • Rio • Wulff • Renzetti • Abel • Ross • Filson

- Barbour Colombia Simms Mustad Hodgeman Metz Tiemco
 - CJTU Members Ask About TU Discount •
 - Fly Tying Material Fresh and Saltwater •

559 Rt. 22 North Plainfield, N.J. 07060 (908) 561-4400

Open 7 Days a Week Mon. - Fri. 9 - 10

Sat. - Sun. 9 - 6

COMPLETE BOOK AND VIDEO SELECTION



Fly Fishing Schools Custom Made Rods Fly Tring Instruction Fly Tying Materials Complete Fly Shop

Guide Service MARK DETTMAR

BRUCE TURNER

145 Route 31, Pennington, New Jersey 08534 Ph: 609-466-7970 • Fax: 609-466-7917 • email: www.DROLTD.com



Capt. David Chouinard

Jones Brothers Boats

FULL SERVICE FLY SHOP FRESH & SALTWATER **FLY TYING & CASTING LESSONS FULL SERVICE JONES BROTHERS DEALER**

> Ph: 732-530-6784 Fax: 732-530-6838 www.flyhatch.com

468 BROAD STREET, HWY. 35 SOUTH • SHREWSBURY, NJ 07702



Bedminster • Far Hills Raritan River • North Branch

> at The Sports People P.O. Box 994 The Mall at Far Hills

Far Hills, NJ 07931

908-719-9100 • Fax 908-234-9837

WE CARRY A

COMPLETE (a) SELECTION OF QUALITY EQUIPMENT

FOR THE

DISCRIMINATING **FLY FISHERMAN**



(607) 498-5194 (607) 498-4740 Fax



Beaverkill Angler

Fine Fishing Tackle, Books, Tying Materials

JOHN E. McCULLOUGH

Stewart Ave., P.C. Box 198 Roscoe, N.Y. 12776



U.S. Rt. 130, Bordentown N.J. 08505

(609) 298-5300

Box 279 Bloomsbury Road, Asbury, New Jersey 08802 (908) 479-4893 After 5:00 p.m. (908) 638-8747 Vern & Jeff Mancini

All types of Trout Available

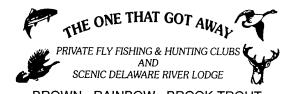
We also carry Largemouth Bass, Bluegills, Channel Catfish, Bullheads, Grass Carp, Perch, Koi, Shiners, Fathead Minnows Call for advice, size & price info and availability.



WINSTON OKUMA REGAL RIO WULFF THOMPSON G. LOOMIS ORVIS **HODGMAN** SCOTT MUSTAD METZ SCI-ANGLER ST. CROIX TIBOR CORTLAND ROSS LAMSON AND MANY MORE

513 W Union Ave (RT. 28). 732-356-0604 Bound Brook, NJ Fax 732-805-9860

JUST OFF RT. 287 & RT. 22 ON RT. 28



BROWN • RAINBOW • BROOK TROUT SHAD • STRIPERS • SMALLMOUTH GOOSE • DUCK • TURKEY • DEER

Lodging or Camping Professional Guides Available

Cliff Tinsman 908-213-7077

danceswithtrout@hotmail.com P.O. Box 902, Alpha, NJ 08865

CENTRAL JERSEY TROUT UNLIMITED TRIPS 2005

TRIP	DATES	COST	SLOTS	STANDBY	CONTACT	COMMENTS
Tulpenhocken Creek, PA	Feb 26	\$ 30.00	10	0	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	One day excursion to Readington PA tailwater. PA license required.
Little Lehigh, PA	March TBA	\$ 30.00	10	0	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	One day excursion to Allentown, PA spring creek. PA license required.
Mud Run, PA	Early April TBA	\$ 30.00	10	0	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	One day excursion to Pocono freestone stream. PA license required.
Spring Creek, PA	April 28 – 30	Room & Guides Fee TBA	8	2	Don Bastian (570) 998-2481	Stay at Bush House \$70 per night, double occupancy, PA license required.
Little Bushkill, Resica Falls, PA	Early May TBA	\$ 30.00	10	0	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	One day excursion to fabled, PA freestone stream. PA license required.
Beaverkill, Willowemoc River, NY (DIY)	May 19 – 22	Est. Cost per Room \$75 Double Occupancy, plus CJTU Donation	8	0	Stuart Shafran (732) 685-9863	ТВА
Pine Creek, Little Pine, PA	June 2 – 4	Room & Guides Fee TBA	8	0	Dave Rothrock	ТВА
Farmington River, Conn. (DIY)	July 7 – 10	\$200.00 Plus CJTU Donation	8	0	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	Stay at the Hillside Motor Lodge \$65 per night, double occupancy. Conn. license required.
Beaverkill, Willowemoc River, NY (DIY)	Aug 18 – 20	\$ 35.00 per tent Double Occupancy, plus CJTU Donation	10	2	Stuart Shafran (732) 685-9863	Butternut Grove Campsite , Cooks Fall, NY. Bathroom & Showers Available, NYS license required.
Spring Creek, PA (DIY)	Sept. 23 – 25	\$200.00 Plus CJTU Donation	8	0	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	Stay at the Autosport Moto Lodge \$70 per night, double occupancy. PA license required.
Sandy Hook Union Beach, NJ (DIY))	Oct TBA	\$ 20.00	10	0	John Wester	One day saltwater fishing (any way) for fall stripers run
Savage River, Western Maryland (DIY)	Oct TBA	Approx. Cost \$500.00, plus CJTU Donation	6	0	Larry Gove	TBA, Estimated drive time 6-7 hours each way. Maryland license required. Five day western trip in the east.

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



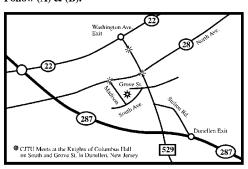
MEETINGS AND DIRECTIONS

The CJTU Board of directors meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00 P.M. Generalmeetings, open to the public, are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 P.M., except July & August, at the Dunellen Knights of Columbus Hall on South Ave. and Grove St.

(A) From Rt. 22: Washington Ave. Exit to Rt. 28; Right onto Rt. 28; Left at next light; (B) Left at end of block. Knights of Columbus on your left.

North on 287: Dunellen exit, Right on Stelton Rd; Right on Washington Ave; Left on Rt. 28; Follow (B).

South on 287: Rt. 22 exit to NYC (Left Lane); Follow (A) & (B).



Don't miss CJTU's booth at Flyfishing show.

We will be selling Ozzie's outstanding first video capturing the underwater world of trout on DVD and VHS. There will be a show special of \$20.00, and four dollars of each sale will be donated back to the chapter