



NORTH JERSEY TU NEWS

APRIL 2011 TU NEWS—VISIT US AT www.nnjtu.org

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Our April Speaker is **Bob Romano** ! Bob Romano is the author of three books. *Fishing with Faeries*, was published in 2002. It is a diary account of fishing a wild trout stream in the State of New Jersey. Published in 2005 and already in its third printing, *Shadows in the Stream*, is a book of essays about the lakes, rivers and streams of the Rangeley Lakes Region. His first novel, *North of Easie*, about a middle-aged fly-fishing guide, is also set in western Maine.

Our **Annual Fundraising Banquet** was **March 26, 2011!** We raised over \$9,000 for the Flatbrook Project! Thank you to everyone who came to the Banquet and thank you to everyone who donated a service or an item t the banquet!

Your **Chapter Activity Fee** was due in January. Please make a special effort to bring \$15 to the April Chapter meeting, if you haven't already done so. The Chapter Activity Fee helps us defray costs of all of our educational and conservation efforts.

A number of our chapter members have expressed an interest in getting together to **tie flies**. We have started a fly tying gathering on the second Wednesday of every month and it has been a great success! This regular event will take place at the **Camp Mohican, American Mountain Club**. Directions are enclosed inside. We will next meet on May 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to tie

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WORDS TO FISH BY . . .

"The solution to any problem -- work, love, money, whatever -- is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be." --John Gierach

APRIL MEETING NOTICE

Our next chapter meeting will be held on **APRIL 20, 2011** the third Wednesday of the month, 7:30 PM at The Recreation Hall at Camp Jefferson. Take exit 34B off Route 80, to the Route 15 North exit. Travel North on Route 15 past the fourth traffic light. After the fourth light, you will pass a Pathmark Supermarket entrance on the left. At this point, be sure that you move into the right lane and take the second ramp on the right to Weldon Road (immediately after the Lake Shawnee exit ramp). This exit puts you directly onto Weldon Road, and the camp is a short distance, on your left.

UPPER DELAWARE ONE BUG TOURNAMENT

Time: Saturday, April 30 ·
7:00pm - 10:00pm

Place: Saturday, April 30 ·
7:00pm - 10:00pm

For More Details Contact:
Friends of the Upper Delaware River's annual One Bug Tournament April 29 through May 1, 2011. Fish the tournament or come and support the Upper Delaware River by attending the Banquet Dinner & Auction on 4/29. More info at :
<http://www.fudr.org/>

CALENDAR

CHAPTER NEWSLINE

APRIL	
1-3	Chapter Salmon River Trip
2-3	Open House at the Pequest Hatchery
6	Board Meeting, 7:30 pm Camp Jefferson
9	OPENING DAY TROUT SEASON
12	Fly Fishing Day at Ramsey Outdoor, Ledgewood
13	Fly Tying at Camp Mohican BYOB
20	Chapter Meeting, 7:30 pm Camp Jefferson
30	Flatbrook Cleanup
MAY	
4	Board Meeting, 7:30 pm Camp Jefferson
11	Fly Tying at Camp Mohican BYOB
18	Chapter Meeting, 7:30 pm Camp Jefferson
JUNE	
1	Board Meeting, 7:30 pm Camp Jefferson
8	Fly Tying at Camp Mohican BYOB
15	?? Chapter Meeting ?? TO BE DETERMINED

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flies, or just watch! It's a great way to get together between meetings! BYOB.

Our Chapter recently **Float Stocked** the Flat Brook for the 2011 season and started Friday, April 15, 2011. We had the minimum of volunteers (2 per box) in order to spread out the fish. If you're interested, please contact John Parise at 862-268-3898 or jmichaelparise@gmail.com.

The annual **Flat Brook Cleanup** will be on Saturday, April 30, 2011. We will meet at Schaffer's parking lot at 8:30 AM and begin the cleanup at 9:00. There will be coffee and donuts in the morning. The chapter will host a lunch at the Layton Inn immediately after. Don't forget to bring your fly fishing gear, there's plenty of fishing after lunch.

Also, a local boy scout troop is looking for a few volunteers to help the scouts earn their fly fishing badge. If anyone is interested, please see me at the April meeting.

Trout Unlimited National has amended its Bylaws. We will be receiving a copy shortly. Once we have them we will post them on our website. Trout Unlimited National will be looking for comments from the Chapters.

Tightlines, Dave King, President



North Jersey TU News.
Editor: Susan B. Reed.

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North Jersey TU News is your publication. The chapter invites all members to contribute articles of general interest to the chapter. Please send all material to:

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Deadline: 3rd Wed. of the month - for the following newsletter.

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2011 CHAPTER ACTIVITY FEE— \$15

**Mail To: TU - Fred S. Burroughs North Jersey Chapter
C/O Ken McDonald**

16 Kirkbride Terrace Towaco, NJ 07082
Endorse check to "North Jersey TU"

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail address: _____

Fax: _____

Fee: _____ \$15 _____ \$25 _____ \$40 _____ \$50 _____ Other
(minimum)

2011 CHAPTER ACTIVITY FEE

**Donations and Activity Fees can now be paid
with Credit Card or PayPal!**

We have added new payment options for donations and activity fees on our website. Beginning a few months ago, you can now donate and/or pay your activity fee with your Credit Card or PayPal. Visit our website - <http://www.nnjtu.org>, to begin using these new options. Rest assured that the process is very secure and confidential. You will receive a receipt for your **tax deductible** contribution via E-Mail.

You can now pay for your ticket to the annual banquet, pay for chapter trips, pay your fly tying class fee and donate to the Flatbrook also by using pay pal.

2011 COLDWATER CONSERVATION SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for three (3) volunteers for the **Coldwater Conservation School** to be held June 23 - 26 and one of the three volunteers must spend one or more nights at the school to help chaperone the kids.

Don't worry, you don't need any special talent—just the desire to have fun and teach kids something new.

We simply need our volunteers to supervise and coordinate the kids from station to station. We provide the lesson plan for you. We also need a few chapter members to tie woolly buggers—and lots of them!

Please call Brian Cowden at (201) 230-3383.

!! UPCOMING EVENTS!!

SPARTA MOUNTAIN DAY

The Sparta Mountain Coalition would love to have you join them at their 7th Annual Sparta Mountain Day on June 5, 2011.

The Sparta Mountain Coalition is a Grassroots, community organization celebrating Our Environment, Our Health and Our Sustainable Future. They Believe that Now is the Time to Act in order to Create an Economically and Environmentally Sustainable Future.

The Sparta Mountain Coalition is spon-

soring the 7th annual Sparta Mountain Day is a fun, outdoor celebration of our environment and our health.

Environmental activities include hiking, birding, mining tours, geocaching, and mountain biking. There are presentations from experts regarding sustainable living, our environmental ecosystem, and animals.

Stay posted for additional information about this event!

Rockaway River Cleanup:

The board is considering organizing a river cleanup of the Rockaway River in the spring as a way of banking volunteer man hours for the Township of Jefferson.

As many of you know, the Township of Jefferson allows us to meet for free at the Camp Jefferson Recreation Hall, if we volunteer hours to the Township. Hours spent at our Fishing Derby and Fly Tying Class Count. Volunteer hours have a monetary value in the Recreation Department.

Stay tuned as we continue to discuss this new river cleanup.

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DIRECTIONS TO CAMP MOHICAN MONTHLY FLY TYING EVENT

Directions to Mohican Outdoor Center Fly Tying the Second Wednesday of every month! 6:30 PM—April 13, 2011

The AMC's Mohican Outdoor Center is located at 50 Camp Road in Blirstown, N.J.

Driving Directions:

From New York City, western Connecticut, and points North:

- 1) Take the New York Thruway South (Interstate 87 South) to Interstate 287 South to Interstate 80 West.
- OR Take the George Washington Bridge to Interstate 80 West.
- 2) Take Interstate 80 West to Route 521 North (Exit 12, Hope, N.J.). Take the right fork of the exit and follow signs for Blirstown.
- 3) Take Route 521 North to Route 94 and turn left to head south.
- 4) Take Route 94 South for 1.1 miles through Blirstown to Mohican Road and turn right on Mohican Road.
- 5) Follow directions below from Mohican Road.

From central New Jersey:

- 1) Take Route 31 North until it ends in Buttzville, N.J. and intersects with Route 46.
- 2) Turn left on Route 46 West and follow for about 1 mile to Route 519.
- 3) Take Route 519 North to Route 521 North in Hope, N.J.
- 4) Take Route 521 North to Route 94 and turn left to head south.
- 5) Take Route 94 South for 1.1 miles through Blirstown to Mohican Road.
- 6) Turn right on Mohican Road.
- 7) Follow directions below from Mohican Road.

From Mohican Road:

- 1) Follow Mohican Road 3.5 miles to Gaisler Road. **CAUTION:** This is a winding road with several forks; always bear right at the forks.
- 2) Turn left and take Gaisler Road for 1/2 mile.
- 3) Turn right onto Camp Road (just before the "Children Playing" sign). Camp Road turns into a dirt road.
- 4) Cross the Appalachian Trail.
- 5) You will come to an unlocked gate; drive through.
- 6) The lodge on the left and a double garage on the right, stop, park, and come in to the lodge to do some fly tying.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CFR NEEDED



8th Annual Jamaica Bay Kayak Fishing Tournament for Casting for Recovery

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Can you spare a few hours? - a morning or afternoon to help CFR?

One of the biggest kayaking fishing events on the east coast is happening on May 12 - 15th, 2011 and we need your help. A major CFR fund raising event the JBay Kayak Fishing tournament will be held on Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, NY. Last year 335 kayak anglers came out to camp, kayak-fish, enjoy the outdoors and participate in the tournament.

Casting for Recovery is asking volunteers to come and help at the event. We have extended the tournament to 3 fishing days this year which has increased the need for volunteers. Preparing the captain's bags, assisting with registration, setting up the raffles, assisting with the award dinner are just some of the activities where you can make a difference. Come join us at the JBay tournament and support CFR and its goals of enhancing the lives of breast cancer survivors through fishing.

Volunteers are needed for the following dates and times:

- Thursday, May 12th - 2pm-5pm
- Friday, May 13th - 8am-12pm, 3pm-8pm
- Saturday, May 14th - 9am-1pm, 12pm-5 pm
- Sunday, May 15th - 10:30am-2:30pm

For more information go to:

www.jbaykayaktournament.com ;

Thank you and hope to see you at the tournament!

Backwoods Angler TV

When it comes to bass fishing, the Garden State may very well have the nation's greatest diversity of bass waters and bass fishing opportunities. Mike Iaconelli, a Jersey boy who made it big on the B.A.S.S. pro circuit, credits much of his success to the many different types of New Jersey bass waters he fished as a kid.

Backwoods Angler TV came to New Jersey last summer for bass fishing on two very different bass waters, the Salem Canal in south Jersey and north Jersey's **Lake Hopatcong**. The show's host, Blaine Mengel, fished with NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife fisheries biologist, and B.A.S.S. tournament angler, Chris Smith. Chris knows where the bass are in New Jersey and knows how to catch them. The New Jersey Bassin' show is a must see for serious bass anglers to hear and learn what our state bass fishing expert knows.

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The chart below contains a listing of the teachers who, as of this date, have requested Onion Sack Programs this Spring. If you are interested in presenting the program at one or more of these schools, please let me know. If you need onion sacks, I have a good supply, and will bring them with me to this month's meeting. If you have any questions regarding these programs, please drop me a line.

With widely fluctuating stream levels, most of us are just now getting our onion sacks in to soak. Since it takes at least 2-3 weeks to get a "decent" invertebrate population built up in the onion sacks, this means that most of our programs will be scheduled starting in mid-May.

Please look over the chart below, and if you can help out please let me know. If you have any questions, just send an email, or see me at the next Chapter meeting. I will have onion sacks with me at that time.

2011 NNJTU ONION SACK PROGRAMS

Teacher	School	Address	Town	Program Date (s)	NNJTU Volunteer
Dawn Boyer	Byram Intermediate	12 Mansfield Dr.	Byram	05/17 & 05/18	<u>Doug Riley</u>
Madelyn Santiago	North Dover Elementary	51 Highland Ave.	Dover	TBA	Volunteer Needed
JoAnn Ostrowski	Helen Morgan Sch	100 Stanhope Rd	Sparta	TBA	Volunteer Needed
Mike Michels	Indian Hills H.S.	97 Yawpo Ave.	Oakland	end of April	<u>Ken/Lois McDonald</u>
Wendy Towers	Jefferson Twp. MS	1000 Weldon Rd.	Oak Ridge	after 04/15	Volunteer Needed
Mary Burns	Hopatcong High School	2A Windsor Ave.	Hopatcong	week of June 6	Volunteer Needed
Mike Malakuskie	Mt. Arlington School	235 Howard Blvd.	Mt. Arlington	TBA	Volunteer Needed
Kelly Lowin	Sussex Middle School	10 Loomis Ave.	Sussex	5/13 (2 pgrms)	<u>Doug Riley</u>

THANKS!!

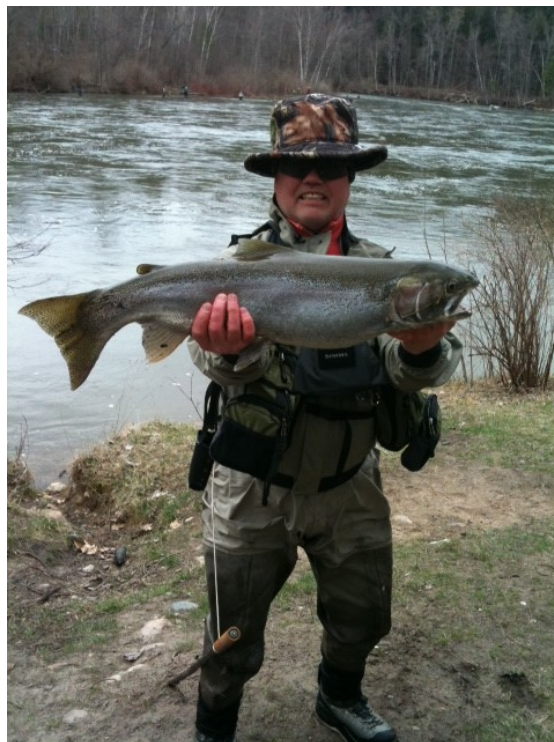
Doug Riley
 TIC Coordinator
 NNJ (Fred S. Burroughs) Chapter, TU



FISHING THE SALMON RIVER



Glenn Zeeck with his Salmon River Steelhead!



Tim Good with his Steelie. A little over 30 inches.
Caught on a small beadhead stonefly.

OPENING DAY

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife recognizes that the opening day of trout season is the most anticipated day on the New Jersey fishing calendar, and with good reason. More than 180,000 trout will have been stocked in 88 streams and 90 ponds and lakes throughout NJ for the opening at 8 a.m. on Saturday. By the end of May nearly 600,000 trout will be stocked throughout the state.

The "production trout" average 10.5" but more than 6,000 huge broodstock trout are also being stocked. Those trout will be in addition to some of the 26,000 bruisers still in the water from stockings last fall and winter.

Ten ponds and small lakes will get an extra allocation of 30 to 50 broodstock trout that measure 17 inches to 24 inches and weigh 3 pounds to 8 pounds. Locations of the ten Bonus Broodstock Ponds and Lakes are linked from http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/trtinfo_spring.htm. Weekly in-season stocking information is also available from that page or by calling the Trout Stocking Hotline, 609-633-6765.

There's a reason the number of Nj trout anglers has increased more than 20 percent during the past five years. It's because trout fishing has never been better in NJ. Don't miss out this year - join the growing group of anglers who know the value and quality of NJ trout fishing.

Buying a license and trout stamp is easier than ever and in just minutes you can be on your way to enjoying some time in the outdoors while experiencing the thrill of trout fishing in NJ. Simply visit [http://](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/)

www.njfishandwildlife.com/ to buy and print your fishing license and trout stamp online. License buyers have the satisfaction of knowing 100 percent of their money goes toward improving fishing in Nj and protecting the quality of the state's waters both for fish and people.

OPENING DAY UPDATE

Despite the excellent fishing conditions on opening day, the trout were barely biting in most of our trout-stocked waters, leaving many anglers questioning whether trout were stocked. While anglers turned out in good numbers to fish their favorite waters and enjoy one of the most beautiful opening days we've seen in some time, the results were often disappointing.

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife assures the public that all trout-stocked waters received their pre-season allocation during the three weeks prior to opening day, and the trout were stocked at all the usual locations by experienced and reliable stocking crews. More than likely poor angler success over the opening day weekend was the result of high waters when many of the fish were stocked, which dispersed trout more than normal and colder than usual temperatures that made recently stocked trout less active.

By all accounts plenty of the fish stocked pre-season are still in the water and no doubt will begin biting as the water warms. Anglers undeterred by the unusual lack of success on opening day should see lots of action when conditions improve and newly stocked trout join pre-season trout still in the water. The best is yet to come.

Trout stocking continues over the next seven weeks, with brook, rainbow, and brown trout being liberated into nearly 200 trout-stocked waters statewide. The trout stocking schedule and trout allocations are announced on the Fish & Wildlife's website (http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com/trtinfo_spring.htm) and the Trout Hotline at 609-633-6765.

SPEY DAY

*April 17th, 2011, 9:00am - 3:00pm
Beaverkill River @ Horton*

Join East Coast Spey, Tight Lines Fly Shop and Beulah Fly Rods for a day on the Beaverkill River casting and fishing with two-handed rods.

Snacks, beverages, and presentations by Andrew Moy and Jody Plonski.

Eric Reed from Beulah fly rods will also be on hand with an array of equipment for those to try.

Spey Day is designed as a free social gathering for anglers to learn from others, test equipment, and have fun.

Event schedule....

Introduction:	9:15am - 9:45am
Spey Casting Basics:	10:00am - 10:45am Andrew Moy will demonstrate and teach the basics of spey casting.
Skagit vs. Scandi:	11:15pm - 12:00pm Jody Plonski will explain and show the differences between two popular styles of lines and casting.
Switch Rod Trout:	12:30pm - 1:15pm Andrew Moy will take you through the process of becoming a successful switch rod trout angler.
Long Belly Casting:	1:45pm - 2:30pm Jody Plonski will be demonstrating and explaining the art of casting long bellied lines.

Directions to *Spey Day*....

Take Route 17 West towards Roscoe, NY. Get off exit 92 (Horton). Make right at bottom of exit. Go .02 of a mile and make left onto Chiloway Road. Cross bridge, parking lot on right.

See you all there!

Come Join **THE DAME ANGLERS**

Membership(one year)...\$25.00

The DAME ANGLERS Fly Fishing Club was founded in 1996 by Dawn Foley. The Club's original purpose was to promote the sport of fly fishing among women. Today, the Dame Anglers has successfully grown to over 50 members and currently 40% of our members are male. Our mission is simple: to promote camaraderie in the sport of fly fishing. The DAME ANGLERS holds regular meetings at 7:30pm every 4th Thursday in the following months: January, March, May and September.

In November, it's held on the 3rd Thursday. We meet at the Tightlines Fly Fishing Shop, 28 Route 46 West, Pine Brook, NJ 07058, (973) 244-5990 We participate in activities sponsored by Trout Unlimited, the New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife and local sporting goods stores.

All are welcome and invited to attend our meetings!

THE DAME ANGLERS

A Fly Fishing Club for Women and Men

c/o Melanie Bayha

Membership Chair

46 West Shore Trail

Sparta, New Jersey 07871

Phone: [973] 362-1292

Dame Anglers Cap...\$15.00

NORTH JERSEY TU NEWS

Float Stocking:

Chapter Member John Parise is looking for volunteers to Float Stock the Flatbrook from the top of the Blewett tract to Roy Bridge on Fridays in the spring. If you are interested, please email him at jmichaelparise@gmail.com or see him at the April meeting.

It's a great way to get to know the river and to know exactly where the fish are!

Chapter Workday:

We are planning a workday in March or early April to cage the trees we planted in the fall on the Flatbrook. As the date gets closer we will let everyone know the date. The purpose of caging the trees is to prevent deer damage.

COLDWATER CONSERVATION SCHOOL

The NJ School of Conservation in Sussex County will be the host site for an exciting Coldwater Conservation School being offered in 2011 by the NJ DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife and the NJ State Council of Trout Unlimited and its supporting chapters. The School will be held from June 23 - 26 and is open to youth who will be between the ages of 11 and 14 at the time of the program.

The goal of the School is to foster a knowledge and appreciation of trout and the coldwater habitats on which they depend. The cost of the School is only \$200.00, which includes food, lodging and equipment for the entire 4 days and 3 nights.

Applications are due no later than April 1, 2011. Students accepted into the School will be notified by the end of April.

Information about the School including the official application can be found at: http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/conservation_school.htm.

Questions about the School should be directed to Jessica Griglak at (908)-637-4125 or jessica.griglak@dep.state.nj.us

(Backwoods Angler TV Cont'd.)

Backwoods Angler TV's "New Jersey Bassin'" show can be viewed on their Web site at http://www.backwoodsanglertv.com/Web_Broadcast.htm.

There's no better way to spend time in the outdoors than enjoying the fabulous fishing New Jersey has to offer.

Don't miss out this year! Visit http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/fishing_fresh.htm for freshwater fishing information and to buy and print your fishing license online.

Fly fishing for bass in the summer is a great way to give the trout a break in the low hot waters! So don't put your rod away when it gets hot out there, just move from a river to a lake or pond!

Good luck!

Save the Date: Northeast Regional Meeting Friday, July 29 - Sunday, July 31 in Connecticut

Join fellow TU leaders from across the Northeast for an important and informative regional meeting designed to:

- Share successes and information across state lines
- Provide hands-on training to make your Councils and Chapters more effective

Develop a range of tools and action plans to bring home
The meeting, seminars and break-out sessions will be scheduled for Saturday morning through late afternoon and Sunday morning with a wrap session lunch.

Enjoy an optional day of hosted fishing on Friday, July 29 on the famous Farmington River - a tailwater stream with incredible summer fishing.

Join your fellow TU leaders for a barbecue dinner and socializing Saturday night.

Be on the road home before 2 p.m. on Sunday. (Or, stay and fish the evening hatch before heading home!)

Details on meeting space, lodging options and cost are currently being negotiated and will be provided shortly.

We look forward to seeing you at the Northeast Regional Meeting.

Northeast Meeting:

- 1)** You'll meet fellow TU leaders from across the Northeast who share your passion for coldwater conservation
- 2)** You'll learn from the successes (and failures) of other Chapters and Councils through group discussions and networking sessions
- 3)** You'll learn from TU National staff the important tools and new initiatives you can use as a TU leader to improve your Chapter or Council
- 4)** You'll be able to choose from a range of hands-on seminars, workshops and breakout sessions designed to focus on the topics you're most interested in
- 5)** You'll leave with real tools and plans to take action when you get home
- 6)** You'll build relationships with TU National staff and other volunteer leaders who you can call on for advice and information
- 7)** You'll have several opportunities to spend time fishing the famous Farmington River - a tailwater stream with large trout and incredible hatches

TROUT STOCKING:

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife has announced the postponement of this week's trout stocking in four waters due to extremely high water levels after weekend rains.

The waters are the following:

Hackensack River (Bergen County)

Rockaway River (Morris County)

Passaic River (Morris, Somerset and Union counties)

Russia Brook (Morris County)

Fish allocated for those waters will be stocked as soon as conditions permit - information will be posted at

<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/trstsk11.htm#updates> when available.

MEET OUR APRIL SPEAKER

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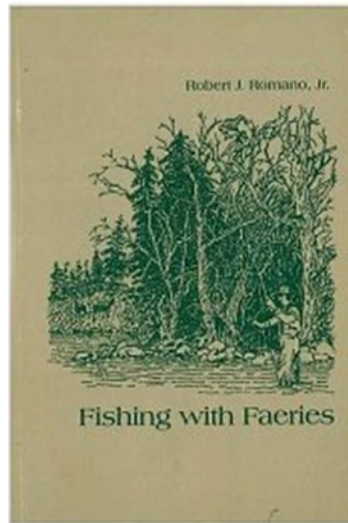
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Bob is a frequent contributor to *New Jersey Federated Sportsmen News* and *Skylands Visitor Magazine*. He lives in the northwest corner of New Jersey with his wife, Trish, and their Labrador retriever, Moose. Their camp is located in the Rangeley Lakes Region of western Maine where they spend much of their time.

Fishing with faeries is a journal of enchantment waiting in the woods of Northwest New Jersey, along a tiny stream under the "jurisdiction of the National Park Service and the protection of a small clan of wood sprites that reside along its banks."

Although he asserts that his work is fiction, many of the places the author describes will be familiar to readers who know and love the [Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area](#). For Bob Romano his superb skills as a fly fisher, and the more universal knowledge he has acquired during his pursuit of those abilities, have allowed a special appreciation



of the little stream and a keen sense of the natural and spiritual world around it.

The narrative opens with the beginning of spring, before the onset of the "official" trout season

defined by New Jersey's Department of Fish and Wildlife. Non-stocked waters can be fished all year, and this stream is one of a handful of "piddling creeks designated as wild trout waters to satisfy those kooks who insist on fishing for three-inch brookies."

Since the state last stocked it in the 1960s, a population of wild trout has flourished in this trivial run of water. These fish are crafty, vigilant, and not easily fooled. Romano knows every twist and turn along the brook, every tree and rock. The water and woods are as alive as the brookies, the rainbows and the browns, some of which are old friends he calls by name. He quickly catches (and always releases) a 9 inch rainbow with a #16 Black Gnat, "an auspicious beginning to the new season."

A few days later he's "playing tag" with big browns and raises the "Old Groaner" for the third time in as many years. On an early June evening there is an encounter with a 20 inch brown.

Be sure to come out and join us for what is going to be a great presentation!

MARCH MEETING AGENDA

APRIL 20, 2011

SPEAKER: BOB ROMANO, Author will present

“MAINE BROOKIES”

April 30, 2011—Flatbrook Cleanup

CHAPTER ACTIVITY FEE DUE NOW

Banquet Update

Float Stocking Update



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