



NORTH JERSEY TU NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—

BANQUET March 21, 2009

This year the Fred S. Burroughs North Jersey Chapter celebrates our 40th year! And of course, this is Trout Unlimited's 50th year! So we have a lot to celebrate this year! March 21, 2009 is our Chapter's 40th Annual Fundraising Banquet and I hope everyone attends. This year is sure to be one of our best banquets. We have many great trips and equipment to raffle off this year!

The Banquet will be held at the Lafayette House in Olde Lafayette Village, Lafayette, NJ. The Lafayette House is conveniently located between Routes 15 and 94. The Lafayette House also serves some of the best food in the County!

The banquet will begin with a one hour open bar cocktail hour giving you time to peruse the many auction items and also giving you plenty of time to buy your tickets. The cocktail hour will feature appetizers consisting of vegetables and dips, a cheese and fruit platter, and assorted smoked fish. Be sure to arrive on time to take advantage of this great open bar cocktail hour and appetizer spread.

All proceeds of the banquet support our chapter's many activities including Trout in the Classroom, Fly Tying Clinics, Casting Clinics, River Clean-ups, programs for women and children, and much, much more.

RAFFLE TICKETS

In this issue, you will find raffle tickets for the FLY BOX containing over 500 flies as well as raffle tickets for the FLOAT TRIP ON THE DELAWAE & ONE NIGHT LODGING with RIVER RAPTURE GUIDE SERVICE! Please fill out the tickets and mail back to North Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited, PO Box 671, Sparta, New Jersey 07871. Your donation is appreciated and GOOD LUCK!

CHAPTER ACTIVITY FEE

As you all know, it takes money to make a difference! Our chapter activity fee is only \$15 and is used to supplement our wonderful programs and projects that we sponsor. If you haven't already paid your Chapter Fee, please do. You WILL make a difference!

- Dave King

WORDS TO FISH BY:

Some of the best fishing is done not in water but in print Sparse Grey Hackle

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTICE

Our next chapter meeting will be held on **February 18, 2009** 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.



Flies are still needed to fill out the fly box. So, while its really cold and windy outside tie some flies for the chapter and donate them to a great cause. All of the proceeds of the fly box go to education and conservations programs for the chapter. Our TIC program has really taken off with new schools being added all the time. New fish tanks and chillers need to be purchased. Please bring your flies to the meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHAPTER NEWSLINE

FEBRUARY

4	Board Meeting, 7:30 pm Thirsty Moose, Jefferson
10	Fly Tying Clinic, Camp Jefferson 7 pm to 9 pm
17	Fly Tying Clinic, Camp Jefferson 7 pm to 9 pm
18	Chapter Meeting, Camp Jefferson 7:30 PM
24	Fly Tying Clinic, Camp Jefferson 7 pm to 9 pm

MARCH

3	Fly Tying Clinic, Camp Jefferson 7 pm to 9 pm
4	Board Meeting, 7:30 pm Thirsty Moose, Jefferson
7-8	Ramsey Outdoor, Cast & Blast Ledgewood, NJ
10	Fly Tying Clinic, Camp Jefferson 7 pm to 9 pm
17	Fly Tying Clinic, Camp Jefferson 7 pm to 9 pm
18	Chapter Meeting, Camp Jefferson 7:30 PM
21	Annual Fundraising Banquet Lafayette House, Lafayette NJ
24	Fly Tying Clinic, Camp Jefferson 7 pm to 9 pm
29-30	Pequest Hatchery Open House and Flea Market

APRIL

1	Board Meeting, 7:30 pm Thirsty Moose, Jefferson
4-5	Annual Fisherman's Flea Market and Open House, Pequest Hatchery

MUSCONETCONG RIVER CLEAN UP

Several TU chapters including FSB/North, Central Jersey, Hacklebarney, Rahway River, E. Schweibert and Jersey Shore will be joining our Home Rivers partner the Musconetcong Watershed Association in their annual Musky clean-up on **Saturday, April 18 from 8 a.m. until noon**. Please contact Brian Cowden at bcowden@njtu.org or at 201-230-3383 if you can come out to help on that day. Wear old clothes and bring gloves – waders optional.

BOY SCOUT FLY FISHING DEMO

Our chapter has been asked to teach a fly tying and casting demo on **Saturday, October 3rd** for 5,000 Boy Scouts at the Sussex County Fairgrounds. A lot of the details need to be worked out, but we will need some volunteers

MUSKY UPDATE

We are now prepared to remove the Seber Grove Dam in the Musky upstream of the former Gruendyke Mill Dam any day now. Volunteers will be needed as soon as the ground thaws to plant a riparian buffer along the stream bank following the dam's removal. Please check www.njtu.org for dates or your emails once we have our new Action Alert web-based system in place soon or contact Brian Cowden at bcowden@njtu.org or at 201-230-3383.

JANUARY 2009 TIC UPDATE

All but one of our TIC teachers report that their fish (now **paar**) are doing well. The one exception lost all of her fish due to a circulating pump malfunction: two of the impeller vanes broke off, and the fish died due to insufficient water circulation. I delivered replacement fish to her this past week, and they are doing just fine.

Even though it is still winter (**boy is it ever**) around here, it's time to start thinking about "**onion sacks**". We'll be looking for volunteers to place, retrieve, and deliver the onion sacks to various TIC Schools this Spring. As soon as I have the requests/desired delivery dates from the participating TIC teachers I will send out an email with the details.

Thanks again for all of your help and support during 2008! Doug Riley, TIC.

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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.



The New Jersey Year Round Trout Conservation Area (YRTCA) was introduced to allow certain areas of the highest quality trout streams in the State to receive special protection to encourage a robust year round population of trout. These waters should have the ability to allow trout to holdover in significant numbers, and in some cases allow existing wild trout populations to thrive. The Ken Lockwood Gorge, Claremont Stretch of the South Branch, and portions of the Paulinskill River and the Toms River currently have the YRTCA designation. A YRTCA currently has the following regulations applied:

- 1) Only artificial lures may be used.
- 2) Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited.
- 3) Fishing is permitted during the in-season closures which apply to the river. All trout caught during these periods must be released immediately.
- 4) The creel limit is one trout per day and the size limit is 15 inches or greater.

The New Jersey State Council of Trout Unlimited (NJTU) has authorized the investigation of the feasibility of a Year Round Trout Conservation Area (YRTCA) on the Flat Brook. Conversations with NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife (NJDFW) have been completed to determine the feasibility of the YRTCA, and the biologists have stated that the Flat Brook is a viable YRTCA candidate, and they demonstrated a preference for the area of the Flat Brook starting from the top of the Blewett Tract downstream to the Roy Bridge. A presentation was given to the Fred S. Burroughs North Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited (FSBNJTU) seeking support for the Flat Brook YRTCA, and subsequent discussion occurred at the July NJTU Meeting.

Based upon input from FSBNJTU, NJTU, and the NJDFW, there were many variations of a proposed Flat Brook YRTCA that were proposed, and three that were deemed most accommodating to the parties involved and the general angling public. FSBNJTU is seeking to determine if its membership is supportive of the concept, and if so, which variation(s) would be acceptable. The leadership of FSBNJTU requests that you make your opinion known by selecting **ALL that apply** from the choices listed below. If you select more than one variation, please **place the number "1"** on the selection that you support the most:

- I would support a YRTCA on the Flat Brook from the top of the Blewett Tract to the Roy Bridge (approximately 1.5 miles) with the standard YRTCA regulations listed above
- I would support a YRTCA on the Flat Brook from the top of the Blewett Tract to the Roy Bridge (approximately 1.5 miles) with the standard YRTCA regulations listed above applying from the end of the Blewitt Tract to the Roy Bridge, but with fly fishing only on the Blewett Tract
- I would support a YRTCA on the Flat Brook from the end of the Blewett Tract to the Roy Bridge (approximately 1.0 miles) with the standard YRTCA regulations listed above
- None of the above

Please understand that affecting a YRTCA would require a change to the NJ Fish and Game Code, which can be a lengthy process. At this point, the Chapter is gauging the level of support from its membership so it can be a key factor in deciding whether or not the Chapter and State Council would sponsor a Flat Brook YRTCA initiative.

Please return your response by **March 1, 2009** to:

Fred S. Burroughs/North Jersey Chapter Trout Unlimited
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Sparta, NJ 07871

Thank you for your participation.

NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2009 AT 7:30 PM

SPEAKER: AARON JASPER of TROUTPREDATOR.COM
“Fishing Wet Flies”

BANQUET COMMITTEE UPDATE

PLEASE PAY YOUR CHAPTER ACTIVITY FEE

FLY TYING CLASSES START FEBRUARY 10, 2009

FLIES STILL NEEDED FOR FLYBOX

COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED SURVEY FOR THE
YEAR ROUND TROUT CONSERVATION AREA



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