



NORTH JERSEY TU NEWS

Oct. 2009 TU NEWS—VISIT US AT www.nnjtu.org

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—

The summer is over and its time to get back to the business of Trout Unlimited.

Conservation:

We have a number of possible conservation projects to discuss at the September meeting. They are outlined here in summaries by Brian Cowden, Trout Unlimited's Musconetcong Home Rivers Initiative Coordinator. Please take some time to review these potential projects and be prepared to ask questions about these project possibilities and be prepared to offer some of your own suggestions for projects.

Fly Tying:

We are also gearing up for our winter fly tying class. If you want to join the class as a student or as an instructor please see Darren Rist at the meeting.

Test Your Tippet and Your Knots:

Our October Speakers will be several chapter members demonstrating how strong/weak your tippet really is. So, come prepared to participate in this interesting demonstration and learn how strong or weak your tippet really is.

We will also be testing your favorite knot. So bring your favorite knot and we will test that too!

- Dave King

WORDS TO FISH BY:

Fly-fishing is solitary, contemplative, misanthropic, scientific in some hands, poetic in others, and laced with conflicting aesthetic considerations. It is not even clear if catching fish is actually the point. John Gierach

OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE

Our next chapter meeting will be held on **October 21, 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.



It's time to start tying again and donating flies to our fly box. It takes a lot of volunteers to fill our box with 500 flies! Even if you only have a few to donate it makes a big difference! As you all know the fly box is one of our best fundraisers. It is 100% profit for us! All of the proceeds go to education, TIC, and conservation programs. So, tie a few flies for a good cause and bring them to the meeting!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER	
7	Board Meeting, 7:30 pm Gatwyns Pub, Jefferson
21	Chapter Meeting, Camp Jefferson 7:30 PM
21	Egg Delivery Day for TIC
NOVEMBER	
4	Board Meeting, 7:30 pm Gatwyns, Jefferson
18	Chapter Meeting, Camp Jefferson 7:30 PM
DECEMBER	
2	Board Meeting, 7:30 pm Gatwyns, Jefferson
16	Chapter Holiday Party Meeting, Camp Jefferson 7:30 PM
JANUARY	
6	Board Meeting, 7:30 pm Gatwyns, Jefferson
20	Chapter Meeting, Camp Jefferson 7:30 PM
22-24	Fly Fishing Show



CHAPTER NEWSLINE



2009 International Fly Tying Symposium. November 21 and 22, 2009. At the Double Tree Hotel, Somerset, NJ. See inside for more details.

Our Chapter's Trout in the Classroom needs your help on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 to deliver eggs to local schools for their TIC program. See inside for details.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM



Mark your calendars for January 22—24, 2009 for the annual Fly Fishing Show in Somerset, NJ. As usual the show will feature lots of exhibitors and tiers, at the **Garden State Convention Center January 22, 23, 24, 2010. Show Hours: Fri 10 - 6; Sat 8:30 - 6:00; Sun 9 - 4:30, Admission: Adult: \$15 for one day, \$25 for two-day pass, \$35 for three-day pass, Children under 5 free, under 12: \$2, Scouts under 16 in uniform: free. Uniformed Military: \$10 Family Day Sunday: two adults and one or more kids -\$25.**

North Jersey TU News

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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.

POSSIBLE CHAPTER CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Below is a list of potential conservation projects that our chapter could be involved in. Please take a look at these proposals and be prepared to offer some input at our next chapter meeting.

Pt. Mountain TCA – River restoration over a ¼ mile stretch of this 1.1 mile (now) year round TCA to greatly improve fish habitat while lowering water temps and narrowing the river above the “S-bend pool” (and below the Car Wash pool for those who know that). This project will cost between \$16,000 and \$17,000. Central chapter has funded the initial survey and design to the tune of \$2,000. I have several grants in or planned to raise funds for this project although it is difficult to fund public owned lands projects. This is clearly my # 1 project outside of dam removals as it will give TU great notice of our conservation work. Mostly a check-writing project, but there will be tree planting work afterward.

Musky tributary fish habitat work. We have 2 and possibly 3 tribs in mind, all from Mount Olive Twp. and upstream. Some are known Heritage brook trout streams (Kurtenbach’s for example) where our efforts would greatly improve the numbers and health of those fish while other tribs are candidates for future reintroduction of heritage brookies (Will’s Brook and its many branches which runs through Mt. Olive’s International Trade Zone). There are others upstream, some without names. One sexy project

is to work in Will’s Brook to restore the habitat (thermal issues due to an old dam which was removed, but not well enough and beavers continue to dam the stream here and back it up into a phragmites swamp along rt. 80 making it too warm for trout) and then to reintroduce with NJ F&W wild or heritage strain brook trout and monitor that for several years afterward. This would not be a quick one time project but would be a commitment to continue working until Will’s Brook is ready for a reintroduction.

There are 3 stone weirs above the former Seber Grove Dam on the Hackettstown/Mt. Olive border. These need to be re-shaped. We can do a # of “rock rolling” projects using our younger members and their strong backs at my direction or we could fund raise and bring in a river restoration specialist like Joe Urbani to do this work, but at a cost north of \$10,000. Either way would be beneficial to the upper river.

The upper river, from the upper portions of **Allamuchy Mountain State Park** where the Waterloo Village dams are located all of the way to the Saxton Falls Dam, is in serious need of a proper riparian buffer. Due to river straightening, channeling, and the dams on this stretch and all of it built for the Morris Canal, this has been swamp-like and bakes all day in the sun on top of moving slowly. Trees, once established, would greatly help whether or not we get the 4 dams out that are part of this park or not (and State Parks is now willing to talk to me about breaching or removing 3 of the 4). This would be a multi-year effort and I could obtain the funding and

complete all needed planting plans with the State Parks people. It would be our most major riparian planting initiative in the entire watershed during this Home Rivers Initiative. But it would require multiple work days to be coordinated at the chapter level and with outside interests such as our TIC students, Scouts, NJ Sportsmen's Federation volunteers, etc.

Hance's Brook (a Musky trib in Mansfield) – Cattle abatement project with hard crossings to get cows to their pasture lands and back, fencing to keep cows out of Hance's Brook which is a known wild brook trout stream well connected to the main river, riparian buffer, and some streambank stabilization to undo the damage that the cows have done over the years. I can get this funded if the landowner agrees to it via WHIP funds. This would help restore a brook trout spawning stream that was once heavily degraded by the Diamond Hill sewer treatment plant which has been taken off line for good. The brookies in the upper headwaters are not meaningfully able to use the river to go to and from the Musky due to the erosion to the channel on the Hance Farm.

The SBR, we have the future removal of the YMCA Camp Dam in Mount Olive. There will be ample opportunities for our chapter to get involved after the dam is removed when we plant a riparian buffer, but we also have numerous tribs full of wild brook trout (we've been electro fishing them all summer) Some tribs could use some help and one does not have any trout but could with some project help. Again, I can help steer funding and project ideas to any chapter that

wants to get involved.

Please let me know if anyone has questions about any of these projects.

Thanks!

Brian Cowden, Trout Unlimited, Musconetcong Home Rivers Initiative Coordinator

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Electrofishing a Small Tributary to the South Branch of the Raritan River

The NJ DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife has posted links on its site to a new video on the NJ.com website entitled, "Electrofishing a Small Tributary to the South Branch of the Raritan River".

The video follows division biologist Shawn Crouse as he and a team of co-workers sample a 150-meter segment of stream for fish.

The findings of such studies help determine stream classifications, which can influence land-use decisions, in addition to providing valuable biological data for fisheries managers.

To view the video, visit http://videos.nj.com/star-ledger/2009/09/scientists_study_fish_to_help.html on the NJ.com website.

FALL STOCKING

SCHEDULE

Fall stocking commences Tuesday, October 6. Approximately 20,000 two-year old brook, brown and rainbow trout, averaging 14 -16 inches, are stocked in 16 streams and 16 ponds and lakes over a two-week period. All fish were raised at the division's [Pequest Trout Hatchery](#).

Streams are stocked during the first week, and ponds and lakes are stocked during the second week. In addition to these trout, up to 1,000 broodstock trout (three-year old rainbow trout, averaging 17 - 18 inches) are also be stocked. Broodstock trout are mixed in with each truckload of fish. The total number of fish allocated for each water is shown below.

The stocking boundaries for streams are the same as in the spring (see the current [Freshwater Digest](#) for information). There are no closed dates during the fall stocking period. [Updates](#) to the fall stocking program will be posted here as necessary.

Week 1 - October 5-9, 2009

October 6, Tuesday

SOMERSET COUNTY

Raritan River, North Branch - 920

SUSSEX & WARREN COUNTIES

Paulinskill River, and E/Br and W/Br (including E/Br TCA, Sussex Co.) - 1,710

October 7, Wednesday

HUNTERDON, MORRIS & WARREN COUNTIES

Musconetcong River (including Point Mt. TCA, Hunterdon County) - 2,650

SUSSEX & WARREN COUNTIES

Pequest River (including TCA, Pequest WMA) - 1,750

October 8, Thursday

SUSSEX COUNTY

Big Flat Brook - 1,610
Wallkill River - 440

MORRIS COUNTY

Black River - 330
Rockaway River - 1,290

WARREN COUNTY

Pohatcong Creek - 800

October 9, Friday

BERGEN & PASSAIC COUNTIES

Wanaque River - 330
Ramapo River - 870

HUNTERDON, MORRIS & SOMERSET COUNTIES

Raritan River, South Branch (including TCA, Ken Lockwood Gorge) - 2,530



Slide Shows

Saturday:

Catch Room

10:00 a.m. "Ozzie" Ozefovich

"Underwater World of Trout - See Flies from the Perspective of the Trout, not the Angler"

11:30 a.m. ERIC STROUP

"A Common Sense Approach to Fly Fishing for Trout"

1:00 p.m. DICK TALLEUR

"New Materials and New Fly Tying Tricks"

2:30 p.m. YOHAN KLINGBERG

"Czech Nymphing - History and Techniques"

RELEASE Room

10:30 a.m. "FISHY" FULLUM

"Creative Fly Tying"

12:00 p.m. MICK HALL

"The Bug Whisperer From Down Under"

1:30 p.m. WALT YOUNG

"Fly Fishing for River Smallmouth"

3:00 p.m. MICHAEL McAULIFFE and JOHN COLLINS

"Fly Fishing 12 Months in Ken Lockwood Gorge and New Jersey"

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1:30 p.m. JACK GARTSIDE

"Adventures in Fly Fishing and Tying"

**ALL SLIDE SHOW PROGRAMS
ARE LOCATED ON THE SECOND
LEVEL ABOVE THE HOTEL LOBBY.
ARRIVE EARLY FOR YOUR
FAVORITE SPEAKER.**

Featured Tiers & Book Signings

The featured tiers will be demonstrating their favorite patterns and unique tying techniques. Plus, they will also sign their books for you. Located at the hallway entering the ballroom exhibits.

Saturday:

10:30 a.m. WALT YOUNG

"Three Magic Materials"

11:45 a.m. YOHAN KLINGBERG

"Czech Nymph Creations"

1:00 p.m. MARC PETITJEAN

"Tying with C.D.C."

2:15 p.m. DICK TALLUR

"Streamer Techniques and Tricks"

3:30 p.m. TOM BALTZ

"Parachute Dry Flies and Emergers"

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11:45 a.m. YOHAN KLINGBERG

"Czech Nymph Creations"

1:00 p.m. ERIC STROUP

"Hatch Patterns for PA and NJ Waters"

2:15 p.m. DICK TALLUR

"Streamer Techniques and Tricks"



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Classes (Fee)

These morning classes offer a unique instructional experience in a limited class setting. A personal opportunity to spend time with a world class fly tier. Most classes are limited to only ten students. Don't hesitate to register before the classes are closed.

Class Details

Times:

Saturday & Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Arrive at 8:00 a.m. to register and prepare for class.

Location: Doubletree Hotel

Fee: \$70.00 – includes free sameday ticket to symposium. FFF Class – FREE

Phone to Register- Daily: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. • (814) 443-3638

MasterCard and VISA.

Sorry No Refunds.

Saturday

Dick Talleur (Class) \$70

Streamer Flies

Learn the tricks from Dick to tie several of the best streamer designs ever invented. These patterns are a must for trout, salmon, bass, and saltwater fish, too. Intermediate.

Eric Stroup (Class) \$70

Trout Patterns

When one of the best guides in the East shows you his "go to flies" you need to listen. No need to steal his patterns, since Eric will share every secret step for you to design these beauties. Intermediate.

Walt Young and Ron McGraw (Class) \$70

Smallmouth Techniques and Patterns

Walt and Ron have honed their smallmouth fishing to a fine tune. Get the methods and tie these unique patterns for smallies and don't hesitate to use them in the salt either. Intermediate.

F.F.F. Fly Fishing and Fly Tying (Class) FREE ONLY OFFERED AT 1:00-2:30 P.M.

The federation instructors will teach your scouts what they need to know in order to earn their merit badge. If you aren't a scout, you are still welcome to be part of this class. Call Bob Ford at (617) 536-6109 to register. Class gets full, so call ASAP for your child's sake. It's a memory that's good.

Sunday

Jack Gartside (Class) \$70

Salt Water and Largemouth Bass Flies

You owe yourself a treat to attend Jack's class. He's serious, but funny. You won't have a boring moment learning some of the most respected and legendary fly patterns coming from one of our sports most creative tiers. Intermediate.

Yohan Klingberg (Class) \$70

Czech Nymphs

These patterns have taken fly fishing by storm, not only in your local streams, but by winning world competitions. Yohan returns again from Sweden to show you original designs and new variations. You'll have fun and love this class. Oh yes, perfect English spoken here! Intermediate.

Enrico Puglisi (Class) \$70

E.P. Flies for Salt Water

Erico has developed some of the best patterns with his unique synthetics for stripers, albies, tarpon, and any fish in salt water, even sailfish and marlin. Just ask the Florida guides what fly catches the most tarpon. You can learn from the creator his original techniques with the materials he invented, also supplied to the class. Intermediate.

Marc Petitjean (Class) \$70

Tying with C.D.C.

Learn how to tie with the C.D.C. from the man who started it all in Europe and is now the rage in America. Marc is coming from Switzerland and you have a chance to take a class that will be unsurpassed. Marc is a true C.D.C. genius. Intermediate

Note: Most classes require some tying experience and others may require more. Ask us when you call. Beginners are welcome, but be prepared for more than basics. All students must bring their own tying vise, tools, lamp if needed, and a sampling of materials. Most classes will provide adequate materials for the patterns being taught. The classes will be held in the Doubletree Hotel. If a class is cancelled, you will be notified 5 days prior to

the weekend and either permitted to switch or receive an authorized refund.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM EGG DELIVERY DAY OCTOBER 21, 2009

Hi Folks,

On Sunday, you received an email from me with an attached EXCEL file that contains the Updated (i.e. as of 10/15) 2009 Egg day delivery listing. We currently have 4 schools that still need folks to sign up for egg delivery.

What with "Egg Day" being this Wednesday (i.e. Oct. 21), time is growing short. Please recheck your schedules to see if you have the time to volunteer as an "Egg Deliverer". If you can help out, please pick a school and let me know as soon as possible.

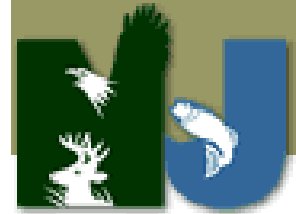
Many thanks to all of you who have already volunteered.

Doug Riley
NNJ TU TIC Coordinator

PROGRAMS AT THE PEQUEST HATCHERY

OCTOBER

***Early Learner Fall
Foliage Hike
Tuesday, October
20 at 10 a.m.**



Join us for this easy hike to explore fall colors and experience the Pequest Wildlife Management Area. This program is geared for children ages 3-7. Please dress for the weather. For more information or to register call Liz Jackson 908-637-4125 or send e-mail to ejackson@dep.state.nj.us. **Registration is required.**

**Whales Sharks, the Ocean and How You
Can Help!
Friday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

You're invited to this fun, interactive program presented by environmental educator Diana Dove for families, scouts, and sea lovers young and old! Take a pretend whale watch trip to see humpback whales in a slide show, hear whale sounds, investigate hands-on discovery stations with preserved ocean life and natural artifacts from the sea, and see a 30-ft long inflatable Great White Shark.

Bring a favorite SEA CREATURE: a stuffed toy, a picture/poster or your own drawing! We will hang all original artwork for everyone to see.

Programs requiring registration are marked with an asterisk (*). For registration or information call 908-637-4125.

The [Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center](#) is located on Rt. 46 nine miles west of Hackettstown in [scenic Warren County](#). On-line [directions](#) are available. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) and admission is free.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

October 21, 2009 AT 7:30 PM

SPEAKER: Tippet & Knot Strength Demonstration

**10/21 EGG Delivery Day
We Need Volunteers**

CONSERVATION PROJECTS ON THE MUSCONETCONG

FLY TYING CLASS PLANNING TO BEGIN

FLIES NEEDED FOR THE FLYBOX



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