



# NEW JERSEY MAINSTREAM

WINTER EDITION 2006

January 10, 2006: Don Bastian "The Essential 28 Flies"  
February 14, 2006: Greg Mentzer "Montana Fishing"



Winter fishing in Ken Lockwood Gorge can still be quite productive.

Photo by Nick Romanenko

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.

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Fellow members,

Greetings and a Happy New Year to All! I hope your holiday season was a joyous one.

With the many changes in the weather, we now spend the next several weeks wondering how this winter season will be. Either way, I look forward to some much needed time behind the vise! Also this winter, please remember that CJTU will be participating at the annual NJ Outdoor & Sportsman Show this January 12 – 15 at Raritan Center in Edison. Also in January, is the Fly Fishing Show at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, January 27, 28 & 29. These are always great places to stock up on your gear. On February 18th, CJTU will host a fly tying demo at Ray's Sport Shop in North Plainfield.

And now for the news....At the State level, Marty McHugh, the present Director of the NJ Division of F&W, is resigning from his position to pursue other interests effective January 3. I want to thank Marty for his 3 years of service and dedication to the state Fish & Wildlife Division. It is not clear who his replacement will be as of this writing, however I will be sure

to fill you in as information becomes available.

At the National level, with the help of Trout Unlimited, the proposed measures in S-1932 were defeated. This measure would have allowed for the sale of public lands to mining companies and other development interests leading to the most certain destruction of trout and salmon watersheds. As indicated by a letter from Brian O'Donnell, Director of the Public Lands Initiative, this "was one of the one of the worst attacks on public lands in many years." It was the help of TU which contributed to defeating this measure!

Don't forget our fly-tying classes begin again this January. Please look for the details inside this newsletter.

Have a great winter!

*Rich*

Richard Thomas

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## CJTU PASSES YEARLY FINANCIAL AUDIT

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On October 24, 2005, the financial records of Central Jersey Trout Unlimited were audited by accountant Ken Devory. This included a review of financial documents (bank statements), receipts and payments for the year 2004. All records requested for the audit were available and complete. The Treasurer's Reports/Reconciliations as submitted to the Board of Directors at each monthly Directors Meeting have been validated - which verifies that the CJTU Board has been properly informed of the Chapter's financial position on a monthly basis. All of the Treasurer's records audited were in order. It was also determined that receipts are being received by the Chapter for all reimbursements, and all indications are that all monies are being deposited into and payments made from the Chapter's checking account. Ken Devory goes on to say that based on this audit, during which standard procedures were utilized, results indicate that all financial records for CJTU are being properly maintained and are accurate.

The complete audit report has been filed with the Chapter Secretary .

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## **CJTU FLY-TYING SCHOOL FOR 2006**

**The classes are 6 nights long and will meet on**

**January 17 & 24, February 21 & 28, and**

**March 21 & 28**

**From 7:30 to 10:00 PM**

**Registration Fee \$50.00**

**This year we will be again offering the following courses:**

**Beginners Fly-Tying Class:** This is our entry level class for the person just getting started in fly-tying or who has very little experience. We will cover the basic tools, techniques and materials necessary to tie a variety of basic flies, concentrating on patterns that work well on local rivers and streams.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.**

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As CJTU's representative and a participating board member of the Musconetcong Watershed Association, I have much to report to the chapter. For some time now, the MWA has been aggressively working with local and state elected officials, and other environmental organizations to have the Musconetcong River added to the Wild and Scenic Registry. This move would help protect the river, improve water quality, guard the fishery, protect scenic vistas, and enhance public access to the river for public recreation. In addition, the river would be eligible for millions of dollars in federal preservation support.

Earlier this year Senator Jon Corzine introduced a bill into the U.S. Senate which would designate the 'Muskie' as a Wild and Scenic River. In October, Congressman Scott Garrett (NJ-R-5th Dist) introduced a bill in the House to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

More good news followed in late October when we received news that this House bill would be heard by the House Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands. In November, I traveled to Washington, D.C. with Susan Dickey, Musconetcong Advisory Committee Chairperson, and founding MWA member to attend this House hearing. At the hearing both Susan and Congressman Garrett testified.

I am pleased to report that on December 16th, of 2005, the Wild and Scenic bill passed through the Senate unanimously. According to Congressman Garrett's office we can expect a markup early next Congress and hopefully the House will vote shortly thereafter.

On behalf of Central Jersey Trout Unlimited I would like to thank Governor-elect Corzine and his staff for their help on the bill. This legislation, and eventual wild and scenic designation, will help protect and preserve one of our state's great rivers.

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## SCENES FROM CJTU PROGRAMS IN 2005



Every month's general meeting features a prominent figure in the fly-fishing or conservation world. Our speaker for November was Don Baylor, covering "Eastern Hatches" (upper left). Throughout the year, CJTU sponsors numerous fly-casting clinics (upper right) and runs annual fishing outings for the blind (lower left). Volunteers pose before pitching in for the annual Muskie streamside cleanup (lower right).

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## FISHING & SPORTSMAN SHOWS

JANUARY 12-15 & JANUARY 27-29, 2006

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The 2006 Garden State Outdoors Show will be held at the Raritan Expo Center from Jan. 12 to Jan. 15. You can check the paper for the exact time schedule. We will be setting up on Wed. Jan. 11 at around 11:00 AM. Once again we will have five booths. I have a list of people volunteering for set-up but everyone is welcome to help and make the job go easier. If you wish to contribute to any part of the show and have not contacted me yet please e-mail me at [dickturse@optonline.net](mailto:dickturse@optonline.net) or see me at the Jan. meeting. We also need fly-tying instructors for the kids, especially on the weekend. Take-down will be in the late afternoon on Sunday, Jan. 15 and we need help to transport our equipment back to the shed. If you can help at any of these times please get back to me.

The 2006 Fly-Fishing Show will be held at the Garden State Exhibition Center on Jan. 27-29. Since our booth is small and in the lobby we do not need more help to set up or take down the booth. However, if you would like to help man the booth for a short time during the show to give the regulars a chance to see the show, just stop by and volunteer.

Happy New Year to all. May it be an exciting one for CJTU. **Dick Turse**

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## LOCAL 'Y' TO HOST FISHING WITH KIDS

FEBRUARY 5, 2006

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In an ongoing effort to help promote Trout Unlimited, local fly shops, and the great outdoors, the Westfield 'Y' will host 'Y', WHERE, WHEN, & HOW TO FISH WITH KIDS. This seminar will be held on February 5th, 2006 from 1-3pm. Volunteers from Central Jersey TU will accompany Stuart Shafran as he demonstrates how to make a day in the outdoors--an adventure. His two hour program will cover the basics of freshwater fishing and will also include strategies on hooking the next generation on becoming lifelong anglers and future conservationists.

With Stuart's helpful tips participants will learn how and where to catch the most amount of fish in the least amount of time. Time permitting he will also discuss landing, handling, and releasing fish. Volunteers will be encouraged to offer their two cents and help demonstrate knot tying and fly tying. In one afternoon we hope to pass on what has taken many of us a lifetime to learn.

Local shops have already begun to donate door prizes and promotional give-aways. Anyone interested in attending, volunteering and/or donating prizes may contact Stuart by e-mailing him at [s2rtflyfisher@verizon.net](mailto:s2rtflyfisher@verizon.net). Children must be accompanied by an adult, and as always grandparents are always welcomed.

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## ANNUAL FLY TYING DEMO AT RAY'S SPORTS SHOP

FEBRUARY 18, 2006

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Ray's Sports Shop is proud to host the Central Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited's annual fly tying demo at their North Plainfield store on February 18th. Come see both salt water and fresh water flies being tied by our talented instructors. Demonstrations will be given in the conference room at Ray's Sports Shop (559 Route 22 West in North Plainfield) from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. This is a great way to beat the winter cabin fever blues, get some tips on fishing and fly tying, and generally chat with some of our fellow members. Hope to see you there!



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# PEQUEST HATCHERY PROGRAMS FOR 2006

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**All Programs Are Free of Charge:**

## Getting Started in Fishing Program

Sundays, March 19th and 26th, 10am - 3pm  
Fly-tying, and Fly-casting instructions  
We supply all equipment or you can bring your own.  
Spin casting for kids

## Open House

Saturday and Sunday, April 1st and 2nd, 10am - 4pm  
Visit [www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/) for more info on these days  
Fly-tying, and Fly-casting instructions  
Spin casting for kids

## Fly-Casting Clinic for Beginners

Saturdays, July 8th and August 19th, 11am - 3pm  
Registration required  
We supply all equipment, or you can bring your own.  
Learn the basics and then off to the Hatchery Pond to fish.

## CJTU Kids Fishing Day

Saturday, September 16th, 10am - 4pm  
We all had a great time last year!!  
More info to come at a later date

## Fishing Program for the Blind

Summer dates to be announced



Anyone wishing to assist with any of these programs, please see Ozzie at the general meetings or call (732) 238-2495 or email [cutredd@comcast.net](mailto:cutredd@comcast.net)

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Ken Lockwood Gorge	February 26	\$ 30.00	Stuart Shafran (732) 500-5239	One day excursion to famous New Jersey flyfishing area. Please bring your own lunch.
Ressica Falls, PA	March 18	\$ 30.00	Stuart Shafran (732) 500-5239	One day excursion to fabled PA free stone water. PA license required.
April Fools Day Surprise Trip	April 1	Approximately \$ 25.00 to \$ 50.00	Stuart Shafran (732) 500-5239	TBA - Bring gas money, food and a bunch of flies. One day excursion. NJ or PA license required.
Clarks Creek, Quinty Creek, PA	April 21,22	\$ 120.00	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	TBA - PA license required.
Young Women's, Kettle Creek, PA	May 11,12,13,14	\$ 300.00, plus accomodations	TBA	Dave Rothrock guiding- PA license required.
Pohopoco Creek, PA	May 26	\$ 30.00	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	TBA - tailwater, PA license required
Beaverkill River Campout, NY (DIY)	June 9,10,11	\$ 35.00 per tent double occupancy Approximately \$ 150.00 for weekend	Stuart Shafran (732) 500-5239	TBA
Spring Creek, PA (DIY)	June 22,23,24,25	TBA	TBA	TBA - PA license required.
Farmington River, CT Trico Special	August 10,11,12,13	\$ 250.00	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	Hillside motel, CT license required.
Saltwater Striper Trip New Jersey Shore	Oct. TBA	TBA	John Wester (732) 937-8007	One day saltwater fishing (any way) for fall stripers run..
Housatonic River, CT Fall Cookout	Nov. TBA	Approx. Cost \$250.00,	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	Housatonic Meadow Lodge - Cookout with a roof. <b>For those who like to eat.</b>

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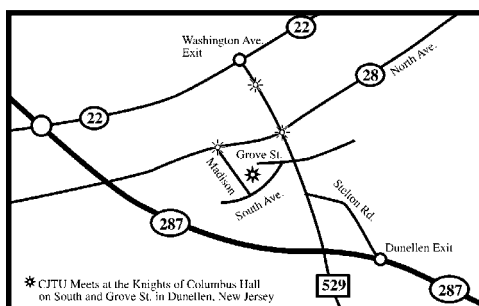
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**Upcoming Speakers: March 14,2006 Tom Gilmore's "Dream Season"**