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HOLIDAY EDITION 2005

NOVEMBER 8, 2005: DON BAYLOR PRESENTS "EASTERN HATCHES"

December 13, 2005: Don Douple Presents "Dry Flies"



Kid's Fishing Day (September 10th) was a great success this year as CJTU members and their families enjoyed a fun day of angling at the Pequest Hatchery Pond. 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

Fellow members,

Hello all or perhaps I should say Happy Holidays as this issue will be the last before the New Year. So with that being said, a safe and healthy Holiday Season to you and your families!

As I mentioned in my last letter to you, I was to travel to Denver for TU's National Meeting. The meeting went well and of course the fishing was fantastic...

First for the meeting... TU continues to stress that we are a "non profit" organization whose mission is to preserve and protect the cold water fisheries of North America. Keeping this in mind it is extremely important, especially during this election time that we don't mix our conservation views with our political views. These need to remain separate. What "is" important, is to whenever possible let your candidate know that you are a sportsman who cares about conservation and you vote. It appears that as each week goes by there is more news about organizations who would like to see fishing and hunting removed from the state, something our ancestors have had the right to do since the day this country was founded and now there is actually a threat of that tradition being taken away. Let's be sure to keep our political parties aware that conservation can be managed with the help of science and concerned individuals.

Fishing in Colorado was better then expected. My compadres and I fished two days on the Frying Pan and one on the Eagle River. Fishing was better then average on the Frying Pan even though I believe we violated some local hatch patterns for that time of year. Let a couple of "Jersey boys" in

to show em how it's done! Fishing the Eagle was a bit more challenging for me; however our State NLC rep seemed to find the correct combination of line and fly and cleaned out several holes. All in all, it was a great trip and as always good to get away and wet a line.

As you gear up for your tying season, shop for holiday gifts or perhaps replenish your supplies for next year, please remember to support your local fly / sportsman shop, specifically those who advertise in Mainstream. I've been told that aside from the internet and some big name suppliers that our local shops have been affected by this year's summer drought. Not only can you "hand pick" items, you can also get good first hand information and an occasional fishing story all while helping your local shop. If you do get out shopping locally or you already do, please let the merchant know that you are from Central Jersey Trout Unlimited.

Don't forget November 13, we are hosting the annual fall Connetquot River trip in Long Island, NY. For those who have not experienced this unique fishery, you will not be disappointed. Please be sure to sign up at our general meeting on November 8. Cost is \$75 for those with a current activity card and \$85 for non-members and guests.

Hope you can find the time to wet a line, enjoy the holiday season and remember, get out and vote!

Rich

Richard Thomas

ATTENTION: ALL WHO SIGNED UP FOR THE CONNETQUOT TRIP Nov.13,2005

If you have recently signed up to go on the CJTU Connetquot Trip on Sunday, November 13th or are rolling over your payment from the cancelled (due to snow) Connetquot Trip on February 28,2005.... Please contact Dick Turse to confirm your spot at (908) 658-3118 or e-mail dickturse@optonline.net.

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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.

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CONNETQUOT TRIP

Connetquot trip on Sunday November 13th, 2005. Before the chill of winter sets in, get a 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, November 8th. Contact Dick Turse at (908) 658-3118 or via e-mail at dickturse@optonline.net. A current NY license is required.

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

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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Drought conditions throughout the northeast discouraged many anglers from fishing this summer but the CJTU trip program still triumphed. The only productive tail waters to fish were in Connecticut on the Farmington and Housatonic rivers. No one minded the sudden change of plans as long as we guaranteed better fishing. New participants included Judy and Brian Buontempo, Bonnie Donohue, Peggy Salisbury, and Rich Post, along with the usuals like Hal Fish, Larry Gove, Brian Rockerfeller, John Wester, Dave Hart, and myself.

The water levels were low and so were the water temps, making the conditions comfortable for the fish to feed. The evening temps were much cooler than here at home. Even with the daytime air temps in the 80's, if you didn't have fleece pants or at the very least heavy socks, you'd be shivering in no time.

Fishing these Connecticut rivers are always well worth the trip. The motel rooms are clean and affordable, the food is good and reasonably priced, and the fishing though tough at times, is outstanding. For the purists, there are tremendous hatches of Olives, Caddis, Sulphurs, Isonychias and Golden Stoneflies. The rivers are well stocked with plenty of large browns, rainbows, and brookies. There are large numbers of holdover and wild trout as well. For the radicals, there are smallies, sunnies, and landlocked salmon. And since, there is so much water to fish, we always find the time to explore new places-on and off the water.

One memorable morning on the Farmington, Hal and I had the pleasure of instructing Brian Buontempo. The three of us were in a run no longer than six car lengths and no wider than two. We were on the water at 6:30 AM.

Fish were surfacing everywhere. They were larger than average size and there could easily have been over a hundred trout and salmon in this run.

For those of you who haven't met Brian, he's a bright young angler with a lot of natural instinct and talent. Though he's only been fly fishing for a couple of summers, he can cast better most of us. Do you remember your first visit to Cabelas? Did you feel like me... overwhelmed? You didn't know where to start, but wanted to see everything? Picture Brian--this is his first fishing trip. He's a little green and not too familiar with his fly box. Fish are feeding everywhere, some even jumping clear out of the water. To add to the mayhem, these fish are huge. He was surely overwhelmed and didn't quite know where to start. His youthful impatience made up for his naivete, as he was ready to start casting without tying on a fly.

I tied on a Trico to 7x tippet, and gave Brian an elk hair caddis and 6x tippet. Bang, fish on! I wrestled with that fish for at least five minutes before he eventually broke me off. He was big. Brian yells, "Hey, got anymore of those tricos?" "Maybe...first fish with what you've got on for a while longer" I replied. I tied on an elk hair caddis next. Bang, fish on! This one I wasn't losing. We wrestled for fifteen minutes before I finally netted a fat twenty inch brown." Hey, what'd you catch him on?" he shouts. "Same thing you have on" I answered. "Then why aren't I catch' in um? Can I come and fish near you? They aren't over here" he moans. "Stay where you are." I said, "You don't deserve fish like these, yet". Hal added, "You haven't earned the right to catch them. You're still too young to catch fish like these". Of course we were kidding him. Sounding like a Zen master, I said, "Concentrate on one fish

at one time. Stop casting to every rising fish. You'll catch one.". (Can anyone relate?) We fished that run until 5:30 in the afternoon. And yes, Brian eventually caught the fish he had hoped to.

Other cherishing moments of one of our trips involved John Wester. Seems he remembered to pack plenty of flies, rods, reels, his fishing vest, and wading boots, but failed to pack chest waders or any other piece of clothing to wear that weekend. Luckily, Bonnie, Peggy, and he wore the same sizes. What he can do with so little...I have photos...enough said.

Speaking of the gals, I must say, they added more to the trips than we ever expected. First of all they smelled better than the rest of us. In fact, WE smelled better than we normally do. Secondly, we all ate with utensils and used napkins more during the meals rather than with our fingers and shirt sleeves. But, the biggest hurdle was in getting us to use cups during "Happy Hour" instead of us all swigging from the same jug. And, once again Peggy amazed us all with the number of three inch trout that she caught. It was tiring to watch her flick them off her fly. Jealous would be more to the point. She out fished most of us and that we weren't prepared for.

All kidding aside, it was great having Brian and the gals join us this summer. I hope to see more of them on future adventures. On behalf of the trip committee I'd like to thank all those who participated this year. It takes a lot of planning, research, and preparation for Hal and me to pull off each and every trip. We promise that next year's program will not be more of the same. Hope to see you all back with many new faces. You will find our new 2006 calendar on the back page of Mainstream. Sign up now.



It seems that not a month goes by when I am not writing an obituary for an old friend and past member of our chapter. While we are still mourning the loss of our beloved past president and friend, Andy Babchak, another old-time CJTU member, Mike Palazzolo, passed away this past June. Mike was a charter member of our chapter (April 1971) and was very active in stream work in the early years. He, along with John Callahan, Roland Van Arsdale and I spent many Sundays obtaining various data from sampling many locations along the Musconetcong River. Unfortunately, to our frustrations, the state did nothing with the data. Mike got involved with other activities and slowly drifted away from TU meetings. However, he remained an ardent fly-fisherman and conservationist until suffering from cancer and neuropathy in the early 90's. He was a long-suffering Rutgers football fan, like me, but he never griped or complained. He was also a very unusual person and a good friend. Those of you who knew him know what I am talking about. Rest in peace, Mike.

FISHING & SPORTSMAN SHOWS**JANUARY 12-15 & JANUARY 27-29, 2006**

The Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show will be held January 12-15, 2006 at the New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center at Raritan Center in Edison. As usual we will have five booths at the show, two for exhibits and three for fly-tying for kids. I have a list of past participants and hope that all of you will help again this year. Please get back to me to confirm at (908) 658-3118 or e-mail at dickturse@optonline.net. However, we can always use help in setting up and taking down. Our set-up date will be Wed., Jan. 11 and take-down is on Sunday, Jan. 15, the last day of the show. Everyone participating in the show will receive a badge for free entry to the show but I must have your participation confirmation to add you to the list. And, as usual, our biggest need will be on the weekend for fly-tying instructor's in the kid's booths. Please consider helping out in this area if only for a couple of hours. It can be very rewarding.

The Fly-tying Show will be held January 27-29, 2006 at the Garden State Exhibition Center in Somerset. Since we do not have a booth inside the show and only have a small table in the lobby we are not looking for help to man our exhibit. However, we do need flies for sale at both shows and I will be accepting them through the December meeting. Hopefully we'll see you all at both shows. **Dick Turse**

ANNUAL FLY TYING DEMO AT DUNELLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY**NOVEMBER 28, 2005**

**Monday November 28, 2005
from 6:30 to 8:30 PM**

Just a few short blocks from where we hold our general meetings, CJTU members will be holding our annual fly tying demonstration at the Dunellen Public Library. See both salt water and fresh water flies tied by our talented instructors.

The demonstration will be in the main reference room of the library, located at 100 New Market Road in Dunellen, NJ, just across the NJ Transit train station parking lot.

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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	TBA	TBA - 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. For those who like to eat.

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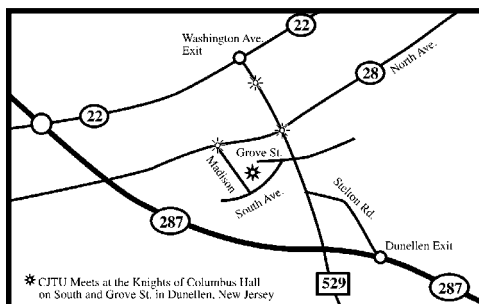
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Don't miss CJTU's booth at January's shows.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS: January 10,2006 Don Bastian "The Essential 28"

Correction: 'Fishing With the Blind' article,Fall '05 issue, should credit writing to Wendall Ozevovich