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MAY 8, 2007 CHARLIE MECK "FISHING THE TANDEM"
A lifelong Pennsylvania resident and the author of several successful books on fly-fishing, he has fished virtually every trout stream in the state of Pennsylvania.

June 12, 2007 Joe Petrella "Wet Flies & Soft Hackles"
TU member and fly fisher for over 50 years, Joe has guided in New York and Pennsylvania and specializes in the lost art of fishing the wet fly.



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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DON'T MISS OUR MONTHLY RAFFLE

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Spring is here, hope you have been able to dust off the equipment and make it out to your favorite spot and "wet a line!"

So much is going on these days within the TU world of events; please read through this issue of Mainstream and find out where we will be this spring. If you have any questions, please feel free to comment and or ask questions at our general meeting. Anyone of the Director's would be glad to help.

I want to thank everyone who participated in our annual raffle. The cane rod outfit was a huge success and I'm happy to report that a TU member in Asbury New Jersey became the owner of this great outfit. I wish him well with his new rod.

Central Jersey Trout Unlimited is looking at ways in improving our membership. It appears that we have had a slight decline over the last five or so years and now are looking at ways in reversing this trend. Please keep in mind that we are not a fishing club, however a "coldwater conservation organization" looking to improve the coldwater fisheries throughout our state and nation. With this in mind, we are looking for our members to help bring in friends and relatives who share these interests and would like to join Trout Unlimited. Whether you are a fly fisher (person),

spin fisher (person) or have a vested interest in the health of our watersheds, we welcome you to join. For the remainder of 2007, we are offering a chance for a special fly-rod raffle for each member who gets a friend to join Central Jersey TU. For the new member who joins, we are offering 4 hours of one-on-one fly casting / fishing instruction with one of our "seasoned" TU Directors. For each member you bring in, that's another chance at the drawing which will be held at our December meeting.

I was able to make an afternoon trip to the Pequest this past Tuesday (April 24). The water was high and moving fast. Apparently, the river is still flowing strong as a result of the nor'easter from last weekend. I was able to catch a fish which made the outing worth while. Hopefully more to report in the fall!

Please remember this is the last issue of Mainstream until September. Enjoy the summer and hope to see you on the river!

Tight lines!!

Rich

Richard Thomas

FLY OF THE MONTH SELECTS -MAY & JUNE

TIED BY RON RUSKAI



GRIZZLEY KING

Thread - Black 6/0
Hook - Wet Fly size 10-14
Tail - Red hackle fibers
Body - Green floss
Rib - Silver or gold tinsel
Hackle - Red - beard style
Wing - Natural Mallard Flank

This is a very old pattern. Try it on your secret wild Brook Trout stream.



HARE'S EAR SPECIAL

Thread - Dk. Brown 6/0
Hook - TMC 200R 12-16
Tail - Brown Marabou
Back Strap - Mottled Turkey
Rib - Ultra wire Gold
Body - Hare's ear Dubing
Wing Case - Mottled Turkey
Thorax - Same as Body
Legs - Partridge

This is a searching pattern. Try this one in the Ken Lockwood Gorge.

Liccardi Ford, Watchung, NJ will donate \$100.00 to CJTU for every car or truck sold to any TU member. 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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MUSCONETCONG RIVER CLEAN-UP '07

BY STUART SHAFRAN

For this years Musconetcong River Clean-up, which was held on Saturday morning, April 21st we could not have asked for better weather or for a better turn out. Trout Unlimited volunteers were joined by cub scouts, boy scouts, church groups, environmental organizations, local residents, and even Warren County Community College students and faculty. This dedicated volunteer army, in less than three hours, collectively retrieved hundreds of bags of trash in and around the river. We covered, roughly, a ten mile stretch of pull-offs, access areas, bridges and parking lots, from Asbury to Hackettstown, bordering three counties and no fewer than eight municipalities. Volunteers who drove pick-up trucks and utility vehicles helped transport the collected trash to the designated drop off sites. Among the many orange bags of trash was the usual assortment of car and truck tires, television sets, patio furniture, playskool play sets, road signs, and building materials.

It's hard to say whether the heavy rains during the week helped or hurt our collection efforts. Organizers from the Musconetcong Watershed Association were extremely happy with the results and commented that we bagged more

trash than in previous years. One organizer also commented, "it's a shame that in a couple of weeks more garbage will replace what we just cleaned up...perhaps we should consider doing this more than once a year." One TU veteran who has been volunteering since the very first clean-up recalled his early efforts. "Not too many guys showed up back then, and they were only TU members," he said. He was impressed to see how much the event has grown due to, in no small part, the MWA. Next year the MWA would like to include even more volunteers and expand the clean-up to Saxton Fall.

After the clean-up everyone was invited back to the future MWA River Resource Center and treated to hot dogs and cold drinks. I should point out that we noticed many fishermen hard at play in the river that morning, and also, size 18, slate gray caddis flies were hatching shortly before lunch.

I'd like to thank everyone of my TU brothers, sisters, and their guests who participated in this event. Some traveled several hours from out of state, and someone, from as far as British Columbia to help. Your efforts are never unappreciated and never unnoticed.



Photos By Nick Romanenko

RAFFLE RAMA!

CJTU will be having two special fly rod raffles at our May and June general membership meetings. The May raffle will feature an Art Port seven piece nine foot, five weight, travel rod. Five dollars per chance, and open to all.

June features our annual activity fee rod raffle. All members who are current with their 2007 CJTU activity fee are automatically entered to win. If the winner is present he or she will also receive a matching reel. There is still time to be included in this raffle so stop by.

BOY SCOUT OUTDOORSMAN WEEKEND

On Saturday, June 2nd from 9:30 to 5:00 Central Jersey Trout Unlimited along with the Central New Jersey Council (CNJC) of the Boy Scouts of America and NJ department Fish and Wildlife will be participating in its first Boy Scout Outdoorsman Weekend. We have been invited to teach fly casting and fly tying in conjunction with the council's rifle and shotgun merit badges and the Hunter's Safety Education Program.

The course is open to Scouts and adult scout leaders in the CNJC and will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. The program will be held at the Yard's Creek Scout Reservation in Blairstown, NJ. If you are interested in participating as an instructor for fly casting or tying, please contact Richard Thomas @ flyfishernj@gmail.com.

If you know of an interested scout troop within the Central New Jersey Council which would like to participate, please have them contact John Kauza at: johnkauza@att.net or 908 735-4582.

This is a great way to keep our youth interested in Scouting, Trout Unlimited and New Jersey's Fish and Wildlife Programs. Hope to see you there!

TU SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS

BY STUART SHAFRAN

This winter, volunteers from several New Jersey TU chapters have joined forces in a program called Project Healing Waters. Co-directors, Stuart Shafran and Bob Cohen feel this program is too large for one TU chapter to sustain so we have reached out to our friends from all of the northern chapters.

PHW, a nationwide program which is in its third year, provides us a venue by which we can aid wounded soldiers from Iraq and other areas of conflict in their physical and emotional recovery by introducing or rebuilding the skills of fly fishing, casting, and fly tying.

Our TU volunteers and veteran participants from both Lyons and East Orange VA Hospitals have met every few weeks at the Lyons campus, just off Route 78, for two hour sessions of physical therapy, fishing instructions, and entertainment.

The speed of our progress speaks volumes of the skills of our instructors, the interest of the vets, and the need for such a program. In just a few month the vets have all to cast and tied a variety of flies to catch trout, bass and pan fish. Everyone from the administrators, to the staff, and especially the wounded soldiers are so appreciative of what we are trying to accomplish. The next step is to confirm several fishing dates at handicap accessible locations. Any suggestions would be welcomed. For more information or to volunteer please contact Stuart Shafran, s2rtflyfisher@verizon.net.

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Photo By Nick Romanenko

This past winter our chapter lost a beloved and respected member, Harvey Roberson. For many years, Harvey volunteered, served as an active TU board member, and ran the chapter's fishing trip program. Never at a loss for words, Harvey tirelessly promoted the benefits and joys of his passion to fish to everyone he met. As a career salesman, he inspired scores of customers, family members, and friends to 'give it a try'. Many of whom still fish today, teach others, and are active in their own local TU chapters.

Ironically, both Hal Fish's and my fondest memories of Harvey begin and end at Spring Creek, just outside of State College, Pennsylvania. This was one of his favorite places to fish, and he would organize chapter trips there twice a year. Harvey would return more often for business meetings and would always fit in a few hours to wet a line and land a wild brown. Hal would often accompany Harvey on this 3 hour drive and fish alone while Harvey was making his sales calls. They would meet up later in the day and

fish together till dark. It was Harvey who first hired Don Bastian as a fishing guide and instructor at Spring Creek and this education theme was later incorporated into every one of his chapter trips.

Harvey and Hal met every Wednesday morning to fish together for many years. When the fishing conditions were right, they shared pleasantries, and friendly banter. And for the rest of their decade long friendship they talked about everything else there was to talk about. The only thing these two shared in common, however, was their passion to fish. They truly were "the odd couple" of any fishing trip. For Harvey, it never was about the amount or the size... it was the experience. Just being there and doing it and sharing it with others mattered most to him. Harvey took forever to get organized and Hal had it down to a science. By the time it took Harvey to put on his fly vest, and rig up his rod, Hal was well into his 10th fish and ready for a cigarette break. Harvey enjoyed popular restaurants with great atmosphere. This tall thin wiry man was an eater. He believed in taking in the entire dining experience, while Hal on the other hand, ate like a bird, but insisted on good food.

As for me, I never met a kinder, or gentler man. He never spoke a mean or harsh word about anyone or anything, except of course when he either missed a fish, lost a fly or got snagged on the bottom, then his words could make even a drunken sailor blush. But all kidding aside, Harvey loved to make people smile or laugh with his quick wit and wholesome humor. He never thought there was a need for vulgarity.

Harvey's trips were well planned and always filled. He would provide a list of must have items including flies, rod lengths, and rod weights. He would send directions and pair you up with another TU member to share expenses. Once there he would ask if you were enjoying yourself, whether you were catching enough fish, or if you were getting along with your roommate. On perhaps our last trip together, Harvey asked me who I was sharing my room with and if we were getting along. He told me he wasn't sleeping much because his snored all night long. I told him I was with Hal and kidded that I was miserable, too. Harvey laughed, then paused, and said, "give him ten years...he'll grow on you...I did."

CJTU has generously donated funds to the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum for the purchase of ten chairs and a tying table for future events. A placard with his name will be attached to each item. If anyone wishes to make additional purchases in his memory you may contact the CFFCM at (845)439-4810.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES, HARVEY

By DAVE HART

Harvey and I went on a Central Jersey trip a few years ago to fish both the Little Juniata and Spring Creeks and stayed at Cedar Hill Bed and Breakfast. The Little Juniata River and the Spring Creek, two of central Pennsylvania's best known limestone streams, are famous for an abundance of insect hatches and for a great variety of birds. As we began each day at the B & B, Harvey would thrill at the multitude of song birds. An avid birdwatcher and fisherman, he spent these three days identifying birds while trout tugged at his lines. As a former federal bird bander myself, this diet of birding and fishing was delightful. While we finished fishing on the second day in heavy rain on Spring Creek, Harvey

heard the scolding of a red-bellied woodpecker, drumming of a grouse, "yack yack" of a nuthatch and cries of an osprey! Don Bastian had placed us about 100 yards apart on the stream and despite the heavy rain we both caught fish. At dusk, just before we walked back to the cars, Don gave us a sip of brandy to celebrate what he called a great day of fishing and birding.

Now that Harvey has taken his last journey into paradise we can remember him as a companion who shared the best in his life with all of us - a really great guy!

PEQUEST HATCHERY PROGRAMS FOR 2007

All Programs Are Free of Charge

CJTU Kids Fishing Education Day at the Hatchery

Saturday, September 15, 10 am - 3 pm

Kids Fishing Education Day for family members of Central Jersey Trout Unlimited will be held at the Pequest Hatchery rain or shine 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We had a great time last year. All kids age 8 and above that are family of CJTU members can also invite a friend to come along. We need to know the number of adults and kids that will attend. Any chapter member is invited to assist the youngsters. Pizza lunch will be provided.

We will have spin cast outfits for the kids -- with barbless hooks and we will also supply worms. Lures are not allowed. You can bring a fly rod or bring your own fishing outfits as long as there is someone accompanying the youngster. Safety glasses are supplied for those that aren't wearing plain glasses or sunglasses.

The day will start in the auditorium where you will be welcomed by a member of the Pequest Hatchery and Resource Education Center. Then up to the trout education pond for a short talk on fishing ethics etc, casting lessons, and fly-tying lessons for those that want to learn to tie a wooly-bugger prior to fishing the pond. If it rains, fly-tying will take place in the auditorium, but then, everyone will don their foul weather gear and head up to the pond to hook those -- up to 6 pound rainbows.

Fly-Casting Clinic for Beginners

Saturdays, July 14th and August 18th, 11 am - 3 pm

Registration required

We supply all equipment, or you can bring your own. Learn the basics and then off to the Hatchery Pond to fish.

Fishing Program for the Blind

Dates and times TBD

A great program we run with the NJ Federation for the Blind. We can use as many volunteers as possible.

Pequest Wildlife Heritage Festival

Sunday, September 23rd, 10 am to 4 pm

Celebrating fishing and hunting traditions in the Garden State. Everything from colonial era re-enactors to archery, casting and tying demos. Plus kids get another shot to fish the teaching pond.

To participate, please speak with Ozzie or Richard Thomas at the General Meetings, or contact Ozzie at (732) 238-2495 or email cutredd@comcast.net and Rich at flyfishernj@gmail.com.



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June 7-8-9	Fishing Creek at Benton, PA	Cathy & Barry Beck's home stream. Cookout 1 night.	8	\$300	Hal Fish 732 549-1293
July 26-27-28-29	Yellow Breeches, PA	Couples weekend, includes theatre, tips and meal	4 Couples	\$600 / couple	Hal Fish 732 549-1293
August 2-3-4-5	Farmington River, CT	Trico Special	6-8	\$300	Larry Gove 732 549-1293
September 10-11	Gunpowder River, MD	Tailwater, Guided	6	\$300	Hal Fish 732 549-1293
October 10-11-12-13	Savage River, MD	Tailwater, Native Brook Trout	6-8	\$300	TBA
November 8-9-10-11	Spring Creek, PA	Ode to our friend Harvey!	6-8	\$300	Hal Fish 732 549-1293
November 18 (Sun)	Saltwater Primer, NJ	Fall Stripers	8-10	\$60	John Wester 732 937-8007

Note: All trip participants are responsible for acquiring the necessary state fishing license.

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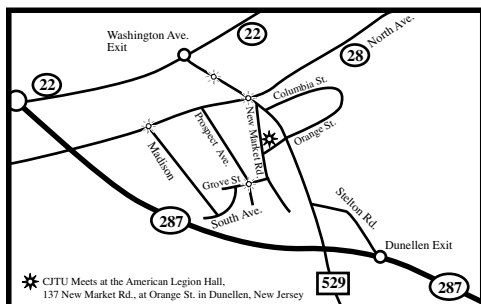
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