

DECEMBER 14, 2004 MEETING PRESENTS:

MARTIN MCHUGH, DIRECTOR OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, SPEAKS ON NJ CONSERVATION ISSUES, AND CJTU'S MEMBERS FLEA MARKET. EARLY START TIME OF 7:00PM



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,

I've just returned from another fabulous day fishing the Connetquot River. Upon my return home I thought to myself, what a great time to write you all. Fishing was great, the weather better than expected and the lunchtime spread hit the spot. I encourage those who have yet to take advantage of this very productive river to find the time and join us on a trip next year. We usually run a trip in the spring and one in the fall and we hope to have those dates published soon.

Last month's fly tying demonstration during our general meeting turned out to be a great success, we had many turn out to watch some of our own tie their favorites. I want to give a special thanks to each tier for showing us their techniques as well as one to Ozzie for bringing the demonstrations to the "big screen." Perhaps we can make this happen again next year!

For December's meeting, we will be holding our first Holiday Fly (Flea) Market. Starting at 7:00 PM, we're inviting members to bring fly-fishing items they wish to sell. We're asking that a minimum of 20% be donated to the chapter although some have indicated they wish to donate more. Either way, we will write a receipt for all monies donated for tax purposes. I look forward to seeing

you at the meeting and bring some extra money for those last minute holiday presents.

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and as you sit watching the weather turn this winter, try to remember... *"his rise, that breaking of the barrier between him and us. The gleam of sunlight on camouflaged flank; magic, ebbing rings. Pure magic. They wrench the attention, they magnetize the eye, in a way that feeding habits of other fishes never do. They draw the mind down into that silent void, pull the mind down into his mysterious liquid womb.* Taken from Understanding Trout Behavior by John Goddard & Brian Clarke.

All the best this holiday season to you and your families!

Sincerely,

Rich

Richard Thomas

DECEMBER 14 HOLIDAY FLEA MARKET INFO

By Stuart Shafran

Time is running out for your donations for the December Flea Market. Already, several members have donated items such as rods, reels, life jackets, hardware, tools, camping equipment, rain gear, books, and much more. With the increased participation of women and children at our membership meetings donations may not need to be fishing or tying related. All interesting and unusual donations will be welcomed. All we ask is, 1) that you

tag your gear with a reasonable price, 2) you take your gear home if it's not sold, and, 3) you donate at least 20% of your profit to CJTU. Donations to the Flea Market are considered as charitable contributions and may be deducted from your '04 income taxes. Please arrive with your donations before 7 o'clock at the December 14th meeting so we can organize the displays. Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure.

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POLITICAL BEAT

By: Louis DiGena

As a conservation origination our goal is to preserve, protect and restore coldwater environments for trout and salmon. In recent history the Department of Environmental Protection under the leadership of Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell has helped in our efforts to protect New Jersey's C1 waters and open space, but recently he has opposed the bear hunt and on December 2, 2004 the New Jersey Supreme Court ordered that the black bear hunt cannot take place until the state adopts a comprehensive bear management policy. The problem here is that as I see it Commissioner Campbell rejected the science provided by state biologists that the Fish and Game Council used to based their decision to hold a bear hunt this year.

Much of the open space and habit we find bears and trout in this state is provided by hunters and fishers who's license fees pay for the open space we all enjoy. All we ask in return is that the professionals in the Division of Fish and Wildlife manage our natural resources with good science. Commissioner Campbell would not have an agency if it was not for hunters and fishers who help start the Division of Fish and Game in the late 1800's. The Division of Fish and Game precedes the Department of Environmental Protection in our state and stewardship of the hunters and fishers who we have to thank for may of the places we have to enjoy the outdoors. Hunters and fishers are our first environmentalists and still our best and we need to remind Commissioner Campbell of that. We need our natural resources to be managed by science provided by our state biologists and the fish and game council, not a political appointee.

With this current court ruling it is imperative we defeat A2642 and A2852, which will grant even more power to Commissioner who ever it is.

A2642 and A2852 are still in committee, but are regrettable alive and well.

Both bills would amend current law to provide that the Commissioner of

Environmental Protection shall select the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the director shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner. Under current law, the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife is selected by the Fish and Game Council, subject to the approval of the Governor and serves at the pleasure of the council. These bills would also amend current law to make all regulatory and policy decisions of the Fish and Game Council subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

These bills are both about shifting control of our resources from science to political appointees. I know I want good science to make decisions on how to manage our fish and game resources. Not to mention that all the monies for the science and management of fish and game come from the fishers and hunters who buy licenses. I want a non-political body that will base its decisions on science from field biologists not a single political appointee who may be beholden to the governor.

Please write Assemblyman Reed Gusciora the author of A2642, Assemblyman Anthony Chiappone the author of A2852 and all the members of the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee: Assemblyman Robert J. Smith II, Chair; Assemblyman Douglas H. Fisher, Vice Chair; Assemblyman Herb Conaway Jr.; Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer; and Assemblyman John C. Gibson;

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Honorable (Assembly-person)

As an avid sports-person living in New Jersey, I would like to express my strong objections to Assembly Bill 2642 (A2852).

I support the current Fish and Game Council and strongly object to any changes to this body. The Fish and Game Council is doing an outstanding job in managing our fish and game resources, based on science. I have four major objections to A2642 (A2852): first the language removing "for their use and development for public recreation and food supply"; second new members to the council would be appointed by the governor and could have no expertise in fishing, hunting, farming and trapping issues; third the bill gives ultimate power to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection who can overrule the council; and finally it moves the council from a body that makes decisions based on science, to a political body.

A2642 will negatively impact the fish and game resources that I love. So in the strongest language, possible I respectfully request that you WITHDRAW Assembly Bill 2642 (2852). I cannot support A2642 (A2852) and respectfully request you do not.

Sincerely,

Your Name

If this bill goes for a vote and passes it will have an appalling affect on how our fish and wildlife resources are managed. It is extremely important that we act soon and I would ask our entire membership to write. Please act and get others to write.

I know I must sound like a broken record (those things we used to place music before CD's and MP3's) but there is no issue more important than this one that effect the future of the management of our natural resources.

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Saltwater Fly Tying Class: This class is for the person who has basic fly tying skills and wants to take advantage of the many saltwater flyfishing opportunities available in our area. We will cover the materials and fly patterns to get you started in this exciting aspect of flyfishing.

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.

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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:

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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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Following is an article written by the late Las Shannon for the March 1977 issue of Mainstream. Although it is dated it still is appropriate for the current version of hatchery trout.

Brown Quill Dry Fly

About twelve years ago a close friend and fishing buddy came to me and said he wanted to start fly fishing, but he didn't want fly boxes loaded with 100 different patterns. He wanted to keep his number of patterns to a minimum. His list went like this: 1-streamer, 2-nymphs, 2-drys (1-grayish and 1-brownish.)

Deciding on the grayish pattern was easy, the Adams. The brownish pattern was a little harder. He didn't like any of the forty-odd patterns in my fly box. We then sat down together and after some trial and error I managed to come up with a pattern to satisfy this nut.

The next weekend my buddy and his father left for a week's fishing in upstate NY. On their return all I heard for months was how great this new fly was. I did not then, nor will I ever believe all of what they said, but I decided to try this fly myself.

The next spring I used this pattern on the So. Branch, Musky, and Teetertown Brook with a fair amount of success. I have from year to year used this fly in varying sizes (12-16) in all of the months from March through September and have had some fine catches.

Looking through my stream notes, I found that in June of 1969 on a stretch of the So. Branch just below the pumping station, this pattern in sizes 14 and 16 accounted for 8 trout, the largest being 14 ?".

Although no one pattern can be as "great" as my friend swears, you might want to add a few of the Brown Quill to your collection before spring. I do.

Good luck,

Les Shannon

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Wings: Coachman brown hackle points
Tail: Dk. Brown hackle fibers
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Body: Dr. Brown moose mane
Hackle: Coachman brown

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CHAPTER ELECTIONS

As many of you know we hold our chapter election in December, and publish our slate of offices up for election in the November and December issues of Mainstream. It is also the time when we take nominations from the floor. Any member in good standing (paid TU member) may be nominated.

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Mud Run, PA	Early April TBA	\$ 30.00	10	0	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	One day excursion to Pocono freestone stream. PA license required.
Spring Creek, PA	April 28 – 30	Room & Guides Fee TBA	8	2	Don Bastian (570) 998-2481	Stay at Bush House \$70 per night, double occupancy, PA license required.
Little Bushkill, Resica Falls, PA	Early May TBA	\$ 30.00	10	0	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	One day excursion to fabled, PA freestone stream. PA license required.
Beaverkill, Willowemoc River, NY (DIY)	May 19 – 22	Est. Cost per Room \$75 Double Occupancy, plus CJTU Donation	8	0	Stuart Shafran (732) 685-9863	TBA
Pine Creek, Little Pine, PA	June 2 – 4	Room & Guides Fee TBA	8	0	Dave Rothrock	TBA
Farmington River, Conn. (DIY)	July 7 – 10	\$200.00 Plus CJTU Donation	8	0	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	Stay at the Hillside Motor Lodge \$65 per night, double occupancy. Conn. license required.
Beaverkill, Willowemoc River, NY (DIY)	Aug 18 – 20	\$ 35.00 per tent Double Occupancy, plus CJTU Donation	10	2	Stuart Shafran (732) 685-9863	Butternut Grove Campsite , Cooks Fall, NY. Bathroom & Showers Available, NYS license required.
Spring Creek, PA (DIY)	Sept. 23 – 25	\$200.00 Plus CJTU Donation	8	0	Hal Fish (732) 549-1293	Stay at the Autosport Moto Lodge \$70 per night, double occupancy. PA license required.
Sandy Hook Union Beach, NJ (DIY))	Oct TBA	\$ 20.00	10	0	John Wester	One day saltwater fishing (any way) for fall strippers run..
Savage River, Western Maryland (DIY)	Oct TBA	Approx. Cost \$500.00, plus CJTU Donation	6	0	Larry Gove	TBA, Estimated drive time 6-7 hours each way. Maryland license required. Five day western trip in the east.

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