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JUNE 2004

JUNE 8, 2004 MEETING PRESENTS:

AGUST GUDMUNDSSON NJ STATE COUNCIL CHAIR, PAST PRESIDENT OF CJTU. PROGRAM "A TOUR OF NJ TROUT STREAMS."



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

June 2004

Dear CJTU Members,

As some of you may have noticed I have not been present at many CJTU events recently. Due to a serious illness in the family I have not been able to devote a lot of time to chapter activities in the last few months. Many thanks go out to Rich Thomas for taking over the helm and running both our regular and board of directors meetings.

One of the things I was meaning to do this spring was to conduct an awards ceremony to honor members of CJTU that have gone "above and beyond" in supporting We conduct these awards ceremonies our chapter. periodically and we are long over due. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our members that participate in the various activities that support our cause. Our volunteers take time out of their busy lives to keep this chapter up and running. They work behind the scenes doing things like, managing the organization's finances. planning and organizing events, and writing and printing the newsletter you are reading now. In addition to donating their time they also donate their sweat, participating in clean up and conservation activities. Because I am unable to attend the next meeting I will once again have to postpone this until the fall, my apologies go out to all of you.

I know there are more members that would like to become more involved but are not sure how to go about it. The easiest way is to start attending our general meetings. In addition to offering interesting programs, we also discuss chapter activities. At our monthly meetings you can learn more about what your chapter of

FLY OF THE MONTH



PINK TRUDE

Hook – Dry fly 14-18 Tail – Golden pheasant tippet Body – Uni-stretch (soft pink) Wing – White Antron Hackle – Coachman brown

Thread - Black 8/0 Uni

Trout Unlimited is doing to protect and conserve coldwater fisheries and what you can do to help. In addition our website offers information on current events and allows you to contact CJTU via e-mail. Finally you can contact me directly. My personal e-mail is bartlombardo@optonline.net. I will be happy to answer any questions about the chapter that you may have.

Congratulations go out to Jake Kovalcik from Boonton, NJ. Jake, who is a member of the North Jersey Chapter, was the winner of this year's raffle. We raffled off the "Ultimate Travel Outfit" this year and Jake was the lucky recipient. The winning ticket was drawn at the Pequest Hatchery Open House last month. I'm sure many of you are a little bit envious of Jake right now, I know I am!

This month's meeting will be our last until September. We do not have general membership meetings or send out newsletters during the months of July and August. However, the Board of Directors still meets on the first Tuesday of the month and members are always invited to attend board meetings to see what goes on behind the scenes. Unfortunately I will not be at the June meeting so I will see all of you in the fall. Have a great summer!

Tight Lines,



Tie in tail first followed by body, wing and hackle.

Try fishing this fly on the Big Flat Brook in May and June

Ron

POLITICAL BEAT

By: Louis DiGena

Assembly Bill 2642 was introduced in April and on 5/3/2004 it was referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

Here is A2642's statement.

"This bill would expand the membership of the Fish and Game Council from 11 members to 15 members by adding the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or a designated representative, ex officio, and three members of the public appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The three new members would be members of the public with experience in environmental protection who are residents of the State and chosen with due consideration to achieve balanced geographic representation of all regions of the State. The bill would provide that the public members of the council serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Current law provides that members of the council may be removed by the Governor, for cause, upon notice and the opportunity to be heard. The bill also amends current law to place the Fish and Game Council within the Department of Environmental Protection generally, rather than specifically within the Department's Division of Fish and Wildlife.

The bill 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. The bill 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.

Lastly, the bill makes various technical amendments to the statutory text to update references to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and to update statutory references".

Please write Assemblyman Reed Gusciora the author of A2642, 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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Here is a sample letter.

Honorable Reed Gusciora

As an avid sportsperson living in New Jersey, I would like to express my strong objections to Assembly Bill 2642.

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: 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 respectively request that you WITHDRAW Assembly Bill 2642. A2642 does not have my support.

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.

In other news S1/A2635 the "Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act." is being delayed. It is currently referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee. "This bill would establish a comprehensive approach to the protection and preservation of the drinking water and natural resources of the New Jersey Highlands Region, which is the source of the drinking water of over half of the residents of New Jersey".

This bill will be a great bill, which will not only preserve lands for drinking water but also preserve it for Trout.

IDEAS FOR SAVING WATER

Source: NJ Department of **Environmental Protection**

• Repair leaky toilets. A leaky toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day. A toilet leak can be detected by adding a few drops of food coloring to the water in the toilet tank. If the colored water appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking.

• Repair leaky pipes and faucets. A slow steady drip can waste 350 gallons of water per month. Not only does this wastewater it increases vour sewer bill and can increase your energy costs if it is hot water.

• Turn off faucets when not in use

- Do not let the faucet run when shaving, use rinse water in the sink.

- Do not let the faucet run when brushing your teeth, use a glass of water to rinse.

- Do not let the faucet run until the water is cold enough to drink, refrigerate a pitcher of water.

- Do not let the faucet run when rinsing vegetables, use a pan of water or the sink instead.

- Defrost foods in the refrigerator or microwave rather than under running water.

• Install water conserving faucet aerators and showerheads.

• If you do not have a low flow toilet, place a weighted plastic bottle in the tank to displace a portion of the water, taking care to keep the bottle clear of any moving parts.

- Take shorter showers or a shower instead of a bath.
- Run washing machines only when full and on the proper load size selection.
- Run dish washers only when full, using the water saver feature if available. If pre-rinsing dishes use the sink and do not let the faucet run.
- Turn off icemakers and use trays instead.

• Use paper or recyclable plates and cups to cut down on dish washing.

• Use a broom or blower instead of the hose to clean off sidewalks and driveways.

• If watering don't water the sidewalks, driveway or street.

• Don't water on windy days.

• Reposition down spouts onto lawn and garden areas rather than sidewalks or the driveway.

• Use water from the dehumidifier to water household plants.

• If upgrading appliances or plumbing fixtures choose the ones that conserve water. A high efficiency, front-loading washing machine can use 30 percent less water than a top loading model.

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CENTRAL JERSEY TROUT UNLIMITED'S CONSERVATION RAFFLE

Congratulations to Jake Kovalcik the Winner of the "Ultimate Travel Outfit."

Jake is the proud owner of the ultimate trout and salmon travel outfit. The trout outfit is a RL Winston LT5 5 piece 8'- 9" 5wt rod with a matching Hardy Viscount large arbor reel. The salmon /steelhead outfit is a custom built St. Croix Legend Ultra 4 piece 9' 8wt. Included with both is fly line and backing

To carry your gear in the backcountry we have included a Fishpond Lost River backpack, and for the rest of your gear, an Outbound Rolling Duffel by Fishpond.

CJTU would like to thank our Sponsors and all who participated in making this a successful conservation raffle.

CJTU SPEAKERS

July & August

No general membership meeting, summer break, go fish,

September - Floyd Franke

How to play big fish. Come see this unique program to increase your chances of landing that big fall brown trout or striper. Floyd will also have his latest book on hand to purchase and autograph.

October - Joe Petrella

Joe will present a program on wet flies. You've seen programs on nymph fishing and dry fly fishing, now come find out how to catch those big wary fish using the classic wet fly patterns and techniques.

November - Members Fly-Tying Night

This night will start off with a flea market with fly-tying materials, books, and gear for sale before the meeting begins. The program will feature some of the chapters more experienced tiers demonstrating, live, how to tie their favorite patterns. Ozzie will be there to take close-up video of each tier and project it live on our big movie screen to make it easy for all to view and critique.



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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.

CJTU PROGRAMS FOR 2004

Fly Casting Clinic for Beginners* Saturday July 10th, 2004 11AM - 3PM

11:00AM presentation Underwater World of Trout (Not Just Trout) by Wendell "Ozzie" Ozefovich. (Registration not required) The clinic starts after the presentation.

* Registration is required.



"WALKING FOR WALT"

Attention friends of Walt Punke

Many of us have been touched by the kindness, dedication and friendship of Walt Punke over the past many years. As Walt fights his way back from his recent stroke, many have asked how they might lend a helping hand. Now there is a way all of us can pitch in. The Board of Directors of CJTU has approved an initiative that is expected to demonstrate to Walt just how much we appreciate him and, most importantly, to boast his morale and lift his spirits.

Central Jersey Trout Unlimited and Ray's Sport Shop will be sponsoring a team of walkers to participate in the Middlesex/Union County Heart Walk scheduled for Sunday September 19, 2004 at Middlesex County College.

The team members will solicit funds to support their walk efforts. Those funds will be contributed to the American Heart Association in the name of Walt Punke. The American Heart Association through its division, the American Stoke Association, funds research for the prevention of stroke.

Our goal is to field a minimum of 100 walkers with an average fund raising target of \$100 per walker. Ray's Sport Shop has graciously agreed to provide walk team tee shirts for 100 walkers. Shirt design is still in discussion, but we expect that our team name will be "Walking for Walt" which will appear on the back of the tee shirt. Shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered walkers that commit to raising a minimum of \$25. A team picture will be taken at the event and displayed in Ray's Sport Shop with another copy framed for presentation to Walt.

We will have walker sign up sheets at the June meeting. We will also try to provide for on line registration through the CJTU web site. Walker information will be mailed to all registered walkers in August. You may also sign up at Ray's Sport Shop. If you can't walk but would like to make a donation, we'll be providing that information on our web site and in the September issue of MainStream. The Middlesex/Union County Heart Walk take places the Sunday following our September chapter meeting, so don't wait until then. Sign up now.

The Heart Walk itself is a fantastic event for the whole family. Clowns, face painting and moonwalks for the kids. All participants will get Bagels, coffee and juice for a pre-walk snack. Water throughout the 1 and 3 mile walk courses. And, lunch provided by Subway, one of the American Heart Association's national sponsors. There will also be a health mobile from St. Peter's University Hospital for free blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol screening, WCTC radio station will be broadcasting from the starting line and many corporate sponsors giving out freebees will be to registered walkers which are expected to total over 2,000.

Step up, Step out and Walk for Walt.

TEN STEPS TO SAVE A TROUT

1. Use barbless hooks-or crimp the barbs with a pair of needle nose pliers. This not only makes hook removal easier, but also reduces internal damage to the fish. If you use barbless hooks, the only way you'll hurt a fish is by hooking it in the gills. If you keep a tight line, you'll land just as many as with barbed hooks.

2. Land the fish as quickly as possible, especially during warm weather. The faster you land and release the fish, the better it's chances of survival are. Do not over-playing the fish prior to landing is crucial to a fish's survival.

3. Use a landing nets with soft cotton mesh- it minimizes damage to the fish. Coarse nylon mesh can cause injury and infection. Avoid beaching a fish on dry land.

4. Make sure your hands and net are wet. The mucous coat of the fish protects it from bacteria and infection. The less it is disturbed, the better. Also wet hands will not attract the 'slime' to your skin [yuk].

5. Try not to lift the fish all the way out of the water. Turn the trout upside-down in the net. This usually paralyzes it, making the hook easier to remove. Hold the fish in the middle of the back, using the net to improve your grip. Don't squeeze the fish, especially around the mid-section.

6. Use fingertips or better yet, a medical forceps to grip the hook close to the eye. Carefully ease the hook backwards until it comes loose. Avoid contact with the gills. If the hook has been swallowed too deeply, just cut the line as close to the mouth as possible. The price of a fly is not worth the life of a fish to a sportsman.

7. Slide the trout out of the net to a point directly in front of you. Hold the fish

facing into the current, supporting it with two hands, one beneath and behind the pectoral fins, the other lightly encircling the base of the tail. Avoid strong currents that will sweep the fish away. Move the fish in a tight oval, keeping it submerged and facing into the current.

8. Don't let the fish go until it is fighting to get out of your grasp.

9. Keep an eye on the fish for as long as you can. If it starts to tip or roll over, re-net it and try to revive it again.

10. When the weather is warm the trout are already stressed. In the heat of summer it is better to go bass fishing. Let the trout wait it out until cool fall weather brings on what is known as the second season.

Submitted by: Neil DeRiggi

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CENTRAL JERSEY TU 2004 TRIPS

Location	Dates	Approx Cost	Slots	Standbys	Coordinator	Comments
Main Stem Delaware River PA/NY	JUNE 4, 5, 6	\$260.00 each, includes lodging. \$100.00 Deposit due by May 1, 2004	10	2	Nick Romanenko (732) 968-7318	Allan Johnson Casting Clinic, Drift Boat @ Extra cost. Double occupancy at the Twin Spuce Lodge included. NYS or PA Fishing Lic. Req.
Loyalsock & Licoming Creeks, PA	JUNE 11, 12, 13	\$140.00 plus room and food.	8	2	Hal Fish (732)549-1293 Don Bastian Trip	Stay at the Quality Inn, Williamsport, PA (570) 323-9801 \$62 per night, double occupancy.
Farmington River, CT.	JUNE 10, 11,12	\$200.00 plus CJTU donation.	8	0	Hal Fish (732)549-1293	Stay at the Autosport Motor Lodge \$65 per night, double occupancy.
Yellow Breeches, Boiling Springs, PA (Angler & Wife weekend)	JULY 9, 10, 11	\$430.00 Complete with meals, except lunches and includes dinner theatre.	6 CPLS	1	Hal Fish (732)549-1293	Stay at the Allenberry Inn, (800) 430-5468 Bring Spouse to Dinner Theatre "West Side Story", \$100 Deposit Required to Inn.
Ausable River, NY	AUG 5, 6, 7	\$360.00 includes food & lodging.	10	2	Hal Fish (732)549-1293 John Wester (732)937-8007	Stay at the Hungry Trout, NYS Fishing Lic. Req.
Beaverkill Camp Out (DIY) Roscoe, NY	AUG 19, 20, 21	CJTU donation required. Includes campsite.	10	2	Stuart Shafran (732)685-9863	Butternut Grove Campsite , Cooks Fall, NY. Bathroom & Showers Available, NYS Fishing Lic. Req.
Salmon River, NY	Sept. 20,21,22	\$600 (inc. lodging & guide)	6		Nick Romanenko (732) 968-7318	Stay at 1880 House need \$200 deposit, NYS Fishing Lic. Req.
Spring Creek, PA	TBA	\$175.00	10	2	Hal Fish (732)549-1293 Don Bastian Trip	Stay at Bush House \$60 per night, double occupancy, lunches included.

NEW JERSEY MAINSTREAM Central Jersey Trout Unlimited P.O. Box 55 Pluckemin, NJ 07978

Meetings and Directions

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