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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

Dear C.J.T.U. Members,

With fall right around the corner, I am anxious to start fishing for trout again. This summer has been relatively kind to trout in New Jersey. There has been a good amount of rain and temperatures have not been too extreme. These conditions should allow good numbers of holdover fish. I like to give the fish a rest during the warmer months. Warm water conditions can stress trout out very quickly. With cooler water temperatures right around the corner I am anxious to get back out and wet a fly line on my favorite trout water.

Central Jersey Trout Unlimited was relatively quiet over the summer months. We participated in several programs at the Pequest Hatchery including a handicapped fishing day and a fly fishing clinic. Some efforts were made to do some work on our thermal trend study but Mother Nature did not cooperate with us. There will definitely be some work days for this project this fall. Anyone interested in lending a hand should contact Rich Thomas at one of the general meetings. If you can't find him see me and I can put in touch with him.

This fall we will be participating in the Upper Delaware Wildlife Heritage Festival at the Pequest Hatchery. The date for this event is September 26 and the festival will run from 10:00am to 4:00pm. We are looking for volunteers to help staff this event. The hatchery will be opening up its education pond for fishing classes. We will be teaching children ages 8-16 to fish. Unlike previous events where instruction was

limited to casting only, we will actually be taking the students on to the pond to fish. This is going to require a large number of volunteers to pull this off without any problems. If think you can help out on this day please contact me at bartlombardo@optonline.net or contact a director at the September general meeting. I will not be present at the September general meeting. So if you are interested in helping out e-mail would be the best way to contact me.

The reason I will not be at the September meeting is I will be attending the Trout Unlimited Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. So I will have a full report on the status of Trout Unlimited for you at our October meeting.

We have a great speaker lined up for you this month. Author Floyd Franke will be giving his presentation, *How to Play Big Fish*. Come out to see this unique program and 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.

Tight Lines



FLY OF THE MONTH



Thread – 8/0 uni black

Hook – dry fly size 14-18

Body – peacock herl (fine)

Wing – deer hair light tan

Hackle – grizzly

This fly is a great searching pattern for this time of year. Can also be tied with a fine gold wire rib.

PEACOCK CADDIS

POLITICAL BEAT

By: Louis DiGena

Well this summer has been anything but quite in Trenton.

I been requesting our members write to stop A2642, now we have two bills that wants to change the Fish and Game Council. The new bill is A2852, which wants to change the composition and revises authority of Fish and Game Council and creates non-lethal alternative committee within council. The bill is more draconian than A2642 but that's not all, a reliable source informs me the letter in favor of both bills out numbering those against.

A2852 was introduced by Anthony Chiappone in District 31 (Bayonne, NJ) on May 17, 2004 and I did not fine out until after our June meeting.

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). A2642 (A2852) 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. We need to act and get others to write.

“WALKING FOR WALT”

I'm happy to report that the **Walking for Walt** Team is continuing to grow in size. There's still time to sign up, but it's getting late. The Middlesex/Union Counties Heart Walk takes place this weekend, September 19TH at Middlesex County College. Registration begins at 9AM and the Walk starts at 10 AM sharp.

Walkers with envelopes that would like to turn in their money early can do so at the September 14th CJTU meeting. The American Heart Association will have a representative there to collect and record your envelopes and contribution totals. People still interested in joining the **Walking for Walt** team can pick up their walker envelopes at that time.

Walker envelopes can also be turned in on the day of the event. There will be a registration tent on site. Go to the tent and drop off your envelope.

Walking for Walt tee shirts will be handed out at the CJTU meeting or at the Heart Walk to the first 100 walkers that have raised and turned in \$25 or more in contributions.

BONEFISHING IN THE BAHAMAS

By Stuart Shafran

The Fly Hatch of Shrewsbury will be hosting a Bonefishing trip to Andros Island, Bahamas the week of October 25th, 2004. You will stay at the Andros Island Bonefish Club and enjoy five days of professional guided fishing. There will be fly tying instruction every night and

To see how the **Walking for Walt** team is doing, go to the following web site, www.heart-walk.kintera.org/middlesexunion and scroll down to the bottom of the page. In the lower right hand corner you will see a box titled "Team Rank". If **Walking for Walt** is listed in the top five teams, click on it and you'll be brought to our team page. If **Walking for Walt** isn't listed in the top five, click on "more" and you'll be brought to a page listing all of the teams that will be participating in the Walk. Find **Walking for Walt** and click on it to get to the team page.

Note: **you can make a donation while on line.** It's quick and easy and "secure". You may also make a donation at the CJTU chapter meeting on the 14TH. Find a **Walking for Walt** registered walker and give him or her your cash or check that evening or the American Heart Association representative will accept and record your contribution directly.

Come out and join your fellow CJTU members and show your support for Walt Punke as he continues his progress against the effects of his recent stroke.

fly casting instruction daily. Trip includes lodging and three meals a day for only \$2,350. Airfare, tips, and bar not included. Contact Captain Dave Chouinard (732) 530-6784. Limited space is still available.

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CJTU FISHING PROGRAM FOR THE BLIND

Some have lost their sight during the course of their lives and some have been blind since birth. Some have never fished before and some haven't fished since losing their sight many years ago. Well that all changed four years ago when members of Central Jersey Trout Unlimited – who are also members of the Wildlife Conservation Corps (The volunteer arm of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife) made it possible for a group from the Middlesex County Association for the Blind to experience trout fishing. Since then, other groups from the New Jersey Federation of the Blind have participated in this program. There were groups whose ages ranged from their teens to over seventy. One elderly gentleman was actually a member of our chapter many years ago.

Each volunteer is given instructions on how to work with the blind and vision impaired since they are responsible for each participant – hooks may be barbless but they are sharp, and there are a few muskrat holes. A conversation must be carried on at all times such as describing their surroundings and explaining all the sounds that are heard around them. Explaining certainly was a challenge, it's like using "show and tell" techniques without the "show". Try it some time. They were instructed on how to use a spincast rod and reel and how to set the hook. The cast was usually made for them. The CJTU volunteer would watch the bobber and tell them when to set the hook. Some wanted to cast by themselves, feel the take, and set the hook – every thing except bait the hook. They said they'd do that next time.

When a trout was landed, the volunteer would describe the colors of the trout while the participant slid their fingers along it from head to tail. The rainbows were up to twenty-two inches – not bad! At one point a comment by a participant caused one of the volunteers to doubled over with laughter. When the participants were advised that everyone must wear safety glasses, one of them turned and exclaimed "What, are you afraid I'll get a hook in my eye and possibly go blind!!!"

This program would not be possible without the cooperation of the New Jersey Pequest Hatchery and Resource Education Center whose trout pond was made available to us. It was certainly a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

CJTU SPEAKERS

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

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.

CENTRAL JERSEY TU 2004 TRIPS

| Location | Dates | Approx Cost | Slots | Standbys | Coordinator | Comments |
|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------|----------|---|--|
| 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. |

CJTU ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR 2003

On August 18, 2004, the Central Jersey Trout Unlimited's financial records which included financial documents (bank statements), receipts and payments was audited for the year 2003. All records requested for the audit were available and complete. The Treasurer's Reports/Reconciliation's 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 Treasurers records audited were in order.

During the audit, the financial records maintained by the Treasurer of Central Jersey Trout Unlimited were reviewed for accuracy and reasonableness. The “reasonableness” factor considered the amount the chapter was being billed and was paying for guest speakers, prizes for raffles, and various other expenses that were incurred at CJTU sponsored events, i.e., sportsmen's shows, and other conservation and instruction based functions. It was also determined that receipts are being received by the chapter for all reimbursements. The audit assured that the checking account is the central depository and record of control. All indications are that all monies are being deposited in checking and all payments are made from checking.

During the audit:

- Bank Statements were compared to the Treasurers records.
- Invoices were compared against checks paid.
- Evaluated the Income and Expenses for the CJTU annual dinner.
- Evaluated the contributions made to various organizations, i.e. State Hatchery, which were approved by the CJTU Board of Directors.

- Evaluated “special expenses” that were approved by the CJTU Board of Directors, i.e., for the Trout Unlimited national meeting – attended by the CJTU President.
- Reviewed the Income / Expenses for chapter functions, i.e., Connequot Trips and Fly Tying Classes.
- Reviewed the amount being paid for rent of the K of C hall.
- Reviewed the processing of money received for Activity Fees.
- Reviewed the amount being paid to guest speakers at chapter meetings.
- Reviewed the amount being paid for CJTU merchandise, i.e., hats, shirts, rods for raffle, etc.
- Reviewed the miscellaneous expenses, i.e., Truck Rentals and Awards.
- Reviewed the CJTU Mainstream expenses – printing and stamps.
- Determined that the procedures previously established for controlling cash from monthly raffles and sales at sport shows, etc is being followed.
- Monthly cash received from chapter raffles during monthly CJTU meetings was reviewed for reasonableness.

Based on this audit, all indications are that the Treasurer is maintaining complete and accurate records of CJTU income and expenses.

Respectively submitted:

Ken Devory

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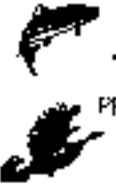
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1. Would you prefer to leave on Thursday and return on Saturday? Yes No
2. Would you prefer to leave on Friday and return on Sunday? Yes No
3. Do you prefer guided trips? or Do you prefer DIY trips?

| Proposed Trips for '05 | Very Interested | Interested | No Interest |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Spring creek, PA | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Spring Creek guided, PA | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Pine Creek, Dave Rothrock guided, PA | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Farmington River, Conn. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Yellow Breeches Couples Weekend, PA | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Young Women/Kettle Creek, PA | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Beaverkill River/Willowemoc River, NY | 1 | 2 | 3 |

New trip locations you would like researched (list above)

Please tear off and mail to: Hal Fish, 18 Cape Ct., Metuchen, NJ 08840

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