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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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## FLY TYING DEMO @ DUNELLEN LIBRARY - NOV. 19TH

Members of Central Jersey Trout Unlimited will hold a Fly Tying Demonstration at the Dunellen Public Library on Monday, November 19th from 6:30 to 8 pm. This has proven to be a lively and informative evening featuring some of our more talented tyers working on both freshwater and saltwater patterns with proven track records. You may even see a few unique fantasy patterns our members have come up with. This is also a great time to ask some experienced fishermen about tactics and other tips for success on local streams. Hey, there are even some tall fish stories to share. So, bring your kids, come on down.

The Dunellen Library is just up New Market Road, about a block from the American Legion Hall where we meet monthly. The library is right next to the NJ Transit train station parking lot.

## POLITICAL BEAT

BY LOUIS DIGENA

I wrote about Assembly Bill A3275 in the last issue of MainStream. Since then there have been two rallies, one for each side of the issue. This bill wants to change the composition and revise the authority of the Fish and Game Council. CJTU is opposing this bill and Senate Bill S2041. The Assembly Bill is out of committee with amendments and has had a second reading. This is bad news because if the Senate bill comes out of committee the bill may put on the floor for a vote.

The bill distresses me for several reasons. One, there is no provision for sportspersons to sit on the council, only two farmers. Next, the bill was transferred from the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee to the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, which was an underhanded move to push the bill through, (go to <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillsByNumber.asp> and enter A3275 to see the vote break down). And finally, as currently written the bill deletes the use and development of fish and game for public recreation and food supply.

Groups that support A3275 are mobilizing their members to call and write. One I found on line is <http://www.all-creatures.org/cash/alerts-20070613.html> (C.A.S.H. The Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting, a committee of Wildlife Watch, Inc.) and here is their message "Please call the members of the committee and ask for their support. I can tell you that both the NJ Federation of Sportsmen and the NRA are outraged over this bill (which alone tells you how important it is) and both groups are fighting against it. This is our opportunity to not only help move a terrific piece of legislation, but to hand the hunters a massive defeat".

Who do you want to control our natural resources a diverse council like we currently have, or a hand picked few?

What should you do? Contact your Assemblypersons and Senators and strongly voice your opposition to A3275 and S2041. To find your Legislative members go to <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/municipalities.asp> and find your town and click on the link. Call, write or email them and remember that even though we are entering the holiday season and we might think that nothing will happen in the legislature, think again. This is usually the time they like to sneak bills through and then its too late.

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Dear C.J.T.U. Members

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Bart Lombardo and I am the "new" president of Central Jersey Trout Unlimited. Many of you that have been around for a while will recognize the name. I am a past president of the organization and have once again taken this position. Rich Thomas, who I am replacing, has moved up to a National Leadership Committee position. I wish him success in this new position.

We have a lot going on in the upcoming months. Some of these endeavors will require assistance from our members. There are many ways you can support your chapter, some projects involve physical labor such as stocking fish, rock rolling and streamside plantings. There will definitely be some work parties organized in the near future as we see the Gruendyke Dam finally come down. There will be more discussed about this issue at upcoming meetings and newsletters as more information becomes available to us.

Other projects involve getting involved in legislative issues, like the current push right now to defeat Assembly Bill 3275. This particular piece of legislation could be very damaging to the future of fishing and hunting in the state of New Jersey. So get involved, do some research and decide whether or not you feel this particular issue is going to harm what is important to us and take action, write your representatives and get out there and vote for those that are supporting our cause and against those who are trying to destroy it. Give me a moment to get off my soapbox...

In addition to getting involved with your chapter I hope you all get an opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy the fall season. This has always been my favorite time of year to be outdoors. If you have never fished for trout during the fall you are missing some of the best fishing of the year get out there and wet a line. The fall is also the time when I dust off the fly tying equipment and start tying again. First to restock my boxes to replace flies lost and damaged during the year, then to begin experimenting with designs and patterns to try next season. If you have always wanted to try your hand at fly tying but were not sure how to start, taking lessons is the best way to begin.

You can learn exactly what tools to purchase and how to use them, as well as the techniques used to turn bits of fur and feather into something that a fish will eat. Central Jersey Trout Unlimited will be offering classes in early 2008, so start thinking about it now.

That's about it for now. I look forward to this second term as president of the chapter and I hope to see you at an upcoming meeting. If anyone has a need to contact me I can be reached via e-mail at bartlombardo@optonline.net.

Tight Lines

*Bart*

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## FLY OF THE MONTH SELECTS - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER TIED

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BY RON RUSKAI



### KEN LOCKWOOD DRY FLY

Thread – 8/0 Uni Light Cahill  
Hook – Dry size 12-16  
Tail – Light Dun Hackle  
Wings - Lemon Wood Duck  
Rib – Small Gold Wire  
Body - Cream Anthron Yarn  
Hackle – Medium Blue Dun

This is an old Reuben Cross fly. I did update this for today's tyers. I use Antron Yarn for the body. Mr. Cross used raffin straw.



### CATSKILL DRY FLY

Hook - Dry size 12-16  
Wing - Lemon Wood duck  
Tail - Red/Brown Hackle  
Body - Orange Uni-Stretch or floss with Brown Hackle Tied Palmer  
Hackle - Brown

Old dry fly. Great for wild brook trout. Try this one on the Upper Flat Brook.

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The Dorato Hare's Ear dry fly is one of those trout flies that has been around for many years, but for some reason has not found its way into many fly boxes. In fact, most of the fly shops I've been in do not carry it. I believe it was originally tied to imitate a fluttering caddis, but I've used it with great success for years now during mayfly hatches and as a general attractor, on trout streams throughout the country. Its exact history I do not know, I just know it works!

I first heard of the Dorato Hare's Ear back in 1977 after an afternoon of fishing on the Musconetcong River in New Jersey. It was one of those balmy, late April days and a dense hatch of Grannom caddis was winding down after coming off the river in a blizzard of flies for about two hours. The trout had been rising everywhere during the hatch and despite my best efforts I had only taken two browns while the fish were active. Two pools down, however, I had watched my friend take fish after fish.

When we met up later I asked him what he had been using and he showed me the fly on the end of his leader and said, "A Dorato.....some guy gave it to me after I had seen him take a couple of fish and asked him what he was using."

"A Dorato? Man, it looks buggy!" I said as I looked at the fly.

To me it looked sort of like an accident - a head-on collision between a Gray Fox and a Hare's Ear nymph. At the time I was a senior in high school and just really getting fascinated with hatches and their significance, but because most of what I had been reading focused on mayflies, I didn't think twice about possibly duplicating the fly.

And then some 10 years later I was on the Beaverkill River in New York's Catskill Mountains in early May. That day I was witness again to a blizzard hatch of Grannoms, or Shad Caddis, as the locals call them. Flies were everywhere and so were the rising browns of that hallowed river. When I saw this, I instantly recalled that day my friend told me about the Dorato. I had none with me, so I fished a dark elk-hair caddis and took a few fish, but kicked myself for not taking better notice of a past experience. At least I remembered the name of the fly.

That night while sitting in a restaurant having a few beers with my fishing buddies, I went over to one of the local experts and asked him if he knew what a Dorato was. Sure, he said, it would have been the perfect fly for the hatch coming of the river today. He said its given name was a Dorato Hare's Ear and he used them on many occasions, mostly during caddis hatches. He added that it was one of those secret flies lots of guys had heard of, but only a few used.

After a short conversation, he happily gave me the pattern recipe, probably thinking I would write it down but never tie one let alone use one. He said even the guys he fished with didn't use them much despite seeing him use them with success at all times of the year. Now that I've been fishing them for a while myself, I can say I have experienced the same phenomenon with my friends. I can't give them away even when I'm pounding the trout on them.

Despite that, I am going to give it another go and recommend it again here. The Dorato Hare's Ear has been my go-to dry fly for many years now and I use it all-year 'round in New Jersey. I've also used it very successfully during Hendrickson and March Brown hatches on many Eastern rivers including the Delaware River, during caddis hatches on both Eastern and Western rivers, and as a general attractor pattern. I have also used this fly in the evenings in sizes #14 and 16 on the San Juan River in New Mexico, with tremendous success. Maybe those fat trout want something substantial after feeding on tiny midge larvae and pupae all day.



Tying instructions for the Dorato Hare's Ear:

Hook:	#12-18 Dry Fly
Thread:	6/0 Olive
Wing:	Woodduck flank
Tail:	Hare's mask guard hairs
Body:	"Touch-dubbed" Hare's mask
Hackle:	Brown and Grizzly

1. Tie in an upright and divided woodduck flank wing just as you would for any traditional Catskill dry fly.
2. Tie in a tail of a small bunch of Hare's mask guard hairs – keep them sparse and short.
3. Take a bunch of hare's ear dubbing and cut/chop it a few times so the longest hairs are about a hook gap in length. Apply a very sticky dubbing wax to several inches of your thread and then take the ball of chopped dubbing and touch it to the waxed thread as shown. The result should be a very spiky, rough dubbed thread.
4. Wrap the dubbed thread onto the shank beginning at the tail and wind forward without going over previous wraps. Be sure to keep tight, uniform tension on the thread so it traps the dubbing against the hook shank.
5. Tie in one brown and one grizzly dry fly hackle and wrap them in traditional Catskill fashion around the wing. The fiber length should be no more than 1 ½ hook gaps long.
6. Whip-finish head.
7. Fish it with confidence.

**Note:** The waxed, touch-dubbed body does two things – it repels water helping the fly to float well, and maybe even more importantly it tends to create/trap air bubbles in the body when wet. Lastly, I clip the hackle across the bottom to get the fly to float low on the water if it isn't effective with the full hackle.

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## TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

BY OZZIE OZEFOVICH

Trout in the Classroom is really taking off in New Jersey, thanks to the efforts of Brian Cowden who is the New Jersey TIC State Coordinator. Brian was presented with the national Youth Leadership Award by Trout Unlimited at the TU national meeting in Boise, ID on September 14th, 2007. He certainly deserves this award which is the first of its kind. Over 4000 middle and high school youths in New Jersey have attended the program last year. This year we have 53 schools involved in the program.

There are seven schools in the Central Jersey TU area: Bridgewater Intermediate and Bridgewater High Schools, Fords Middle School, St. Stanislaus Kostka in Sayreville, South River Middle School, Middlesex County Vo-Tech in East Brunswick and Hammarskjold Middle School in East Brunswick which has three classrooms with aquariums.

We may have close to 100 schools next year and one or more of them may be in your home town -- and maybe, just like mine, one of your children or grandchildren may be attending. We're luring the kids away from computer games and the encroaching tentacles of PETA which has already made inroads in our schools.

If anyone would like to get involved in the program -- in delivering eggs to the schools, releasing



the trout with the kids in the Spring, or placing onion sacks in a stream or river ----- What's that all about?, well, join us and find out. Please visit [www.njtroutintheclassroom.org](http://www.njtroutintheclassroom.org)

Rich Thomas, Rich Post, Sheldon Kay, Hal Fish, and Dick Turse are working to make this program a success.

Ozzie Ozefovich, Central Jersey Trout Unlimited Co-ordinator. [cutredd@comcast.net](mailto:cutredd@comcast.net) (732) 238-2495

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## SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

BY STUART SHAFRAN

This past winter volunteers from several New Jersey TU chapters have joined forces in a program called Project Healing Waters. Co-directors, Stuart Shafran from CJTU and Bob Cohen from JSTU feel this program is too large for any one TU chapter to sustain so we have reached out to our friends from all of the northern chapters with much success. We are proud of the fact that, for the first time, volunteers from several chapters have joined together on any single project.

PHW, a nationwide program which is in its third year provides us a venue by which we can aid wounded warriors 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.

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

On October 7th the Pequest Hatchery in Oxford, New Jersey, invited PHW for the entire day to fish their educational pond. That morning fifteen vets along with over twenty five volunteers participated in one of the best recreational events, ever. Every vet worked with an instructor and the remaining volunteers stood by, ready to net the fish. Many fish were caught on flies that were tied



by the vets themselves, the rest were caught on donated flies from TU members and local shops. The rods and reels were supplied by the hatchery. And, of course, the great weather was supplied by you know who...!

We would like to thank Carole Swarek and the Pequest Hatchery, Ramsey Outdoor, Hal Fish, Larry Gove, John Wester, Ed Cordyla from CJTU, the northern TU chapters, and everyone else who supported our program. Everyone from the VA administrators, to the staff, and especially the wounded warriors are so appreciative of what we are trying to accomplish.

Currently, we are scheduling next year's events. Any suggestions would be welcomed. For more information or to volunteer please contact Stuart Shafran, [s2rtflyfisher@verizon.net](mailto:s2rtflyfisher@verizon.net).

Photo by Andrea Tarr

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# Fly Tying School 2008

## Presented by Central Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

The classes are 6 nights long and will meet on January 15 & 22, February 19 & 26, March 18 & 25  
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 American Legion, 137 New Market Rd, 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: [cjtutyng@verizon.net](mailto:cjtutyng@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.

## THE FLY FISHING HALL OF FAME

BY STUART SHAFRAN

On October 20th of this year, Lori and I had the pleasure of attending the induction ceremony of The Fly Fishing Hall of Fame at the Fly Fishing Museum in upstate New York. The Catskill region has been so unseasonably warm that the fall foliage, which by now would be ablaze with brilliant reds, yellows, and oranges, instead was still very green. But by the time we awoke that Saturday morning, the rain had stopped and Fall had arrived with a vengeance. It was the perfect event to attend on such a wet and chilly day...it was indoors and warm.

This year's inductees I considered to be a rather eclectic group-an acquired taste of characters. Perhaps many others felt the


same since the ceremony which is usually attended by hordes of museum patrons and celebrities of the fly fishing industry, just weren't there. Even Joan Wulff could not attend because she was herself an inductee at the IGFA's Hall of Fame. Many of the Catskill fly fishing icons surprised Joan by joining her at the Florida ceremonies.

Julia Freeman Fairchild, my favorite, was one of the afternoon's first honorees. She conceived the idea of a club with her angling friends in 1931 and created what became the first fishing organization for women, the Woman Flyfishers Club, which this year celebrates its 75th anniversary. As legend tells it, Julia, sitting on a porch

with Frank Cornell and Mary Hewitt, was inspired by their husbands' tales of fishing and camaraderie at the Anglers' Club, a renowned New York City bastion for fishermen. Women were not admitted to the club at that time. Mrs. Fairchild's award was accepted posthumously on her behalf by the current president of the club.

Lou Tabory, was one of only a few living inductees in this year's line up, was honored for his contributions to the sport of saltwater fly fishing and technology. Never at a loss for words, his acceptance speech was short and sweet, "Thank you, very much." - Continued on Back Cover -

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November 11	Connetquot River, Long Island NY	Meet at Costco parking lot, Bridgewater Promenade Complex.. Bus leaves at 5:15 am sharp. Bring a lunch and drink. Be aware of new wading restrictions.	35	\$ 75 CJTU \$ 85 guests	Hal Fish 732 549-1293
November 11	Saltwater Primer, NJ	November 11	8-10	\$60	John Wester 732 937-8007

Note: All trip participants are responsible for acquiring the necessary state fishing license. Posted costs reflect approximately what you can expect to spend for the trip in lodging(shared rooms), flies, gas and basic meals.

## THE FLY FISHING HALL OF FAME (CONT.)

BY STUART SHAFRAN

Two inductees to note, Norman Maclean and Robert Redford, were the most controversial choices of this years Hall of Famers. Maclean of course wrote the American classic novel, A River Runs Through It, and Redford produced and directed the movie version of that novel. They were selected because, together, they are credited with an unprecedented surge of interest in fly fishing. In the five years following the release of the film, the fly fishing industry expanded roughly three-fold. Hundreds of thousands of new enthusiasts took up the sport. Technology was advanced in equipment manufacturing and refinements were made to fishing techniques in response to the increased interest. They could also be credited for the blossoming of new micro-industries such as fly fishing schools and lodges, modern fly tying materials, and fly fishing shows.

A motion picture audience, used to seeing only through the camera lens, suddenly became aware of the beauty of nature and went out to explore it for themselves. Even today, 15 years later, a percentage of recruits new to the sport give credit to "The Movie" for their interest. I was one of those recruits.

So with all of these accomplishments, all the good that has come out of this collaboration, why would they still be considered controversial? Because, there are many among us who feel our rivers and streams are too crowded, and that the industry is too big. They still remember the days where they had large stretches of water all to themselves. Days when no other anglers were seen at all. There are no more secret spots, secret honey holes, secret spawning runs. Some would argue that the increased interest has greatly advanced the spread of Whirling Disease, Didymo aka 'rock snot',

and several other aquatic parasites that are threatening North American fisheries. And yet, many today would still argue that our rivers and streams have never been this clean. Due, in no small part, to restoration projects, increased interest and monitoring from grass roots environmental and conservation organizations.

Neither Norman Maclean or Robert Redford attended the induction ceremony. Maclean, of course, died over a decade ago, and Redford was attending the opening of his latest film. A representative of the museum accepted the awards on behalf of both the Maclean family and Mr. Redford. Now I must admit that I knew over a month ago that Redford wouldn't be there. And I will also admit that every weekend I stopped by the museum and asked if he had changed his plans, and he hadn't. The eternal optimist that I am, I showed up that afternoon expecting to be surprised, but alas, I wasn't.

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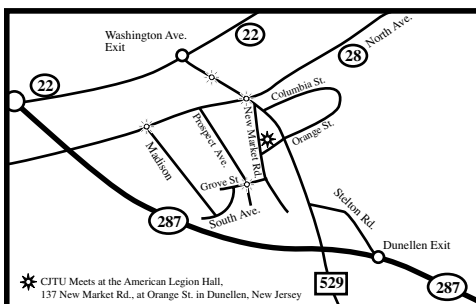
### MEETINGS AND DIRECTIONS

The CJTU Board of directors meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00 P.M. General meetings, open to the public, are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 P.M., except July & August, at the Dunellen American Legion Hall at 137 New Market Rd. and Orange St.

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**Future Speakers for 2008:**  
**January - "Fishy" Fullum, Presentation & A Tying Class**  
**February - Joe Petrella "Streamer Fishing"**  
**April - Cathy & Barry Beck**