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APRIL 2005

APRIL 12, 2005 MEETING:

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Photo by Neal Ginsberg



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,

As I write to you this month, the weather is starting to show signs of improvement, temperatures are on the rise and spring is definitely upon us. Unlike last month, which yielded a sudden snow/ice storm on the night of our General Meeting, and caused us to cut our meeting short. I apologize for those who braved the weather only to show up and find our speaker MIA ,however we decided we did not want to risk Rod (Rohrbach) driving in from Pennsylvania. Instead we had a very short business meeting and closed early. We will make every effort to get Rod back soon!

The spring brings many activities for Central Jersey TU. Please be sure to review this issue of MainStream and note the various activities we are undertaking. It's always great to have new faces come out and help us on various projects and sell our mission to the public.

Remember opening day is April 9th, so sure to get your spot early on your favorite stream. Also, keep a watchful eye on the various regulations introduced this year, there are many changes, which have affected the way streams are stocked and classified. Please be sure to review the proposed regulations at cjtj.org, which will direct you to various other websites. And, as you do approach your

favorite spot, be sure to explain to those who may not know, the value and presence that TU has throughout the state and that many of the items we directly or indirectly work on benefit all anglers. We certainly don't share the views of every angler, however it's important for all to know that we are out to protect the "cold water fisheries" through the use of science.

In closing, we will be holding our annual (ok, first time in 4 years) awards presentation at the April 12 General Meeting. This is where we award those who volunteered their time to the chapter and accumulated points toward various prizes as well as honoring some people who have gone well above the call of duty for the chapter. Hope you can make this special night. PLEASE NOTE, WE WILL BE STARTING AT 7:00 with a live demo on bamboo fly rod building followed by a brief business meeting and then conduct our award presentations. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Happy casting!

Rich

Richard Thomas

FLY OF THE MONTH

TIED BY RON RUSKAI



WOODCHUCK CADDIS

Hook: 14-18 200R TMC
Thread: Dark Brown 8/0 Uni
Body: Dark Brown Dubbing
Wing: Woodchuck Guard Hairs
Hackle: Coachman Brown

This is still a good caddis fly that's been around a long time. Try this one on the South Branch of the Raritan River.

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ANNUAL MUSKY CLEAN-UP

APRIL 16, 2005

On Saturday, April 16th, rain or shine, CJTU will be joining the Musconetcong Watershed Association in their annual Musky Clean-Up Day. This event has always been an enjoyable day to share with family and friends, an opportunity to meet other chapter members, and a great way to explore new water. This event includes picking up trash around bridges, parking lots, and along fishing trails. We plan to meet at 8 am in the parking lot of the former Tri-County Firehouse on Route 57. If you are heading North on 31, make a right at Asbury-Anderson Road traffic light (A&P supermarket will be on your left.) Asbury-Anderson Road takes you to Route 57. Turn right and the parking lot is a couple of miles on right along the Musconetcong River. Don't bother looking for an old firehouse-it's long gone. Just look for a vacant parking lot with lots of volunteers drinking coffee. Following the clean-up everyone is invited to lunch at the new MWA headquarters, located at the corner of Main and Maple Ave. in Asbury. Participants will be given T-shirts, drinks, snacks, bags and gloves. If you have been looking for a chance to help make a difference, then this is it. For further information please contact Stuart Shafran at s2rtflyfisher@aol.com. or stop at the Volunteer and Trips table at the April 12th, membership meeting.

DAY TRIP TO MUD RUN, PA

APRIL 22, 2005

There are only a few open spots left for the Friday, April 22nd Mud Run Fishing Trip. For anglers who like to mix hiking and fishing only two hours from home, this is a trip not to miss. Mud Run flows right through the heart of Hickory Run State Park, one of the most scenic parks of the Pocono Mountain Range. From where we will be fishing you will not be able to hear or see any signs of civilization except the sounds of flowing water. Once inside the park it won't be hard to imagine traveling through Vermont, New Hampshire, Montana or even Colorado. There is plenty of wildlife in the park and abundant insect life in the stream. The stretch we will be on features several deep pools, pocket water and majestic water falls. Don't forget to bring cameras. Aside from the hike in, the stream is very easy to wade and gin clear. There is still time to sign-up for this outdoor adventure at the April General Membership Meeting or E-mail Stuart Shafran at s2rtflyfisher@aol.com. Directions will be available at the Trips table.

HAMPTON PARK PLANTING

APRIL 30, 2005

We will be assisting the Boro of Hampton on Saturday, April 30th, as they put the finishing touches on stabilizing the banks of the Musconetcong River that runs through the town park. Made possible by a grant from the North Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council, this project has involved the Hampton DPW, Youth Corps, local schoolchildren, the Musconetcong Watershed Association and many other volunteers. CJTU members are asked to meet at Hampton Boro Park at 9:00 am to rendezvous with Grace Messsenger from NJRCD and MWA volunteers. The easiest way to get there is to turn at the Hampton/Main Street traffic light on Route 31 towards Hampton. Then take the first right off Main Street onto Valley Road. The park entrance is the first right turn off Valley Road. If you can help with this worthwhile project, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Volunteer & Trips table at April's meeting, or contact Stuart Shafran at s2rtflyfisher@aol.com or calling (732)685-9863.

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A2642 and A2852 are still in committee, and are 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 shift control of our resources from science to political appointees. You all know I want good science behind the decisions on how to manage our fish and game resources. Hunters and fishers pay via license fees for the science and management of fish and game in this state. Those funds cannot be used for anything else and go back to the resource for all to enjoy. 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 (and those checks).

Write Assemblyman Reed Gusciora the author of A2642 and A3728, Assemblyman Anthony Chiappone the author of A2852 and all the members of the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee: Assemblyman Robert J. Smith

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Sample letter opposed to A2642 and A2852.

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

OPENING DAY THOUGHTS

By AGUST GUDMUNDSSON

For a politician the year revolves around the first Tuesday in November, in other words Election day. For the trout angler our year revolves around the second Saturday in April, opening day of trout

season. Even if, like many of us, you fish throughout the year, opening day is still the official start of the season. This year opening day is on April 9th, and for the first time in many years I will not be fishing. We are moving into a new house on opening day, not by my choice obviously, but because the realtors, lawyers and other 6 homeowners who are involved in the deal eventually settled on April 8th as a closing day. So while all of you are chasing trout, I'll be lugging boxes, furniture and 16 years of clutter from our old house into a new one (built in 1875).

Still you can bet that around 2 O'clock in the afternoon, I will be wondering if the Hendrickson's are hatching. By supper

time, as my wife decides that the sleeper sofa really needs to be moved either up or down the stairs, again, TU folks will be calling me up and tell me about their opening day successes or failures. I'll go to sleep dreaming of opening days from my youth and thinking of opening days yet to come. Because like all of you my calendar starts in April.

In the meantime in Trenton, there are bills pending that jeopardize our sport. Bills designed to restrict the ability of the Fish and Game Council to manage our wildlife resources. Bills like A2642 and A2852 which grant unlimited veto authority to the DEP commissioner. Separately there are bills that will allow animal rights advocates seats on the Council. So at this, the beginning of our year, please take a moment to contact your assembly person or senator and let them know, you expect them to oppose any changes that jeopardize your right to fish.

Lastly, fishing license and trout stamp sales are down more 20% over the past 10 years. I know all of you will be buying a license and trout stamp, but maybe it's time to do more than that. Get your friends and neighbors to buy them too, or even buy them for family members who haven't fished in awhile. Maybe if you get a free license, because you have reached a certain age, you should consider buying a license anyway just to support the cause. Fish and Game is in the midst of dire fiscal straits, the only way stop the bleeding is to turn around the trend. To paraphrase the old political adage, vote early and vote often and for us the surest vote we have is buying a license.

Good luck on opening day, I'll be thinking of you all. Especially late in the day as my aching back tries to recover from unpacking thousands of cardboard boxes of accumulated stuff.

Wintry weather ruined the March 8th membership meeting and the forecast for our Little Lehigh fishing trip was much of the same. Fortunately, the decision to move the date back one week paid off. St. Patrick's Day was a great day in more ways than one. The day began with the drive out to Allentown with my new good friend, Rich Post, in his spacious, comfortable and souped up Ford pick-up truck. It wasn't the vehicle that first impressed me, but rather, his collection of fine liquor, but I digress. At eight AM the sun was fighting its way out from the clouds. Once the fight was over, the sun never went back in. We all arrived at the Heritage Section at nine AM for breakfast. Hal Fish arrived much earlier and fought several nice rainbows before we all got there. It was a cold evening and the sun had much catching up to do. It was chilly and at most 39 degrees outside. The water was almost clear and 44 degrees. There wasn't much going on, on the surface of the water. Still, you could spot scores of trout, especially the golden trout.

By ten, we had finished up the last of the coffee, and were stringing up our rods. I started with a tiny size 18 pheasant tail and a tiny size 22 bright green nymph. Within the first half hour I hooked a rainbow, brown and even one of the golden trout. I changed my bottom fly to a tiny size 20 baetis nymph and continued to catch several more. Hal experienced much of the same. By mid day Hal caught over a dozen. "Everything I tied on, I caught a fish on. I could do no wrong today", he said. David Hart also had an exceptional morning. He was a man of few words that day but smiling from ear to ear. We all were.

By eleven thirty it was in the upper 40's, and trout were rising everywhere. I witnessed some fish jumping entirely out of the water chasing after emerging flies. I didn't know what was hatching, but it sure was small. From a snagged branch off the bottom of the stream I found tiny baetis nymphs and had the very same imitations in my vest. BWOs dry and emerging were winning combinations that day. I took off most of the weight from my tippet and fished successfully the rest of the morning in the film.

At lunch time we all gathered and ate together at a picnic table near the water. It was 50 degrees and very comfortable. We talked about our ups and downs of the morning. Harvey Roberson hadn't caught anything until Hal tied on for him the right fly and pointed to the right spot to fish. My new friend Rich also had a rough morning on his first visit to the Little Lehigh. Of course, Hal only added insult to injury when he said, "You know, it took me two years before I caught my first fish here". To make up for it, Hal gave Rich one of his shamy worms which seemed to make the difference for him. After lunch he caught and rolled several nice fish including a nice golden trout, too.

By four or four thirty we were all off the stream. It was certainly tougher fishing in the afternoon. When we arrived we were alone in the Heritage Section and by the early afternoon a dozen others had joined us. Though the trout were still feeding on the surface, they were very selective.

Fishing during the week obviously has its advantages, and I hope with enough advance notice more can join us.



Fly Casting Clinic for Beginners

Saturday, July 9th 12 - 3pm

Sunday, August 21 12 - 3pm

Registration is required.

CJTU Kids Fishing Day at the Hatchery

Saturday, September 10 10am - 4pm

A full day getting our kids involved in the fishing experience. We'll teach em the works. Starting with a tour of the hatchery, fishing ethics, tying knots, tying flies, etc, and then spincasting and fly fishing for trout in the pond. More information will be forthcoming. We want to get members involved in this teaching experience.

Fishing with the Blind

We have three dates this summer. They are:

Friday, June 17th

Wednesday, July 13th

Wednesday, August 10th

The NJ Federation of the Blind is excited about having more groups participate. For that reason we will need more help this year. Anyone interested in assisting in this program contact Ozzie at our general meetings.

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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, Recessa Falls, PA	May 8	\$ 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 Autoport Motor 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 stripers 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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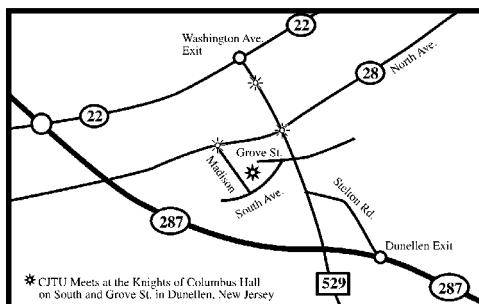
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June 14, 2005, Rocci Aguirre, Catskill Coordinator, TU National.