

HACKLEBARNEY CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED



CHAPTER MEETING: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2004 TIME: 7:30
PLACE: AMERICAN LEGION HALL, POST #55, LEGION PLACE, WHIPPANY, NJ

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Meeting Directions:

Route 80 to Parsippany - I-287 South to Rt. 10 East. At second traffic light turn right into Pine Plaza. Bear left and exit parking lot to the left of the super market. At stop sign turn right. Make first right onto Legion Place. American Legion is 100 yards on the left.

Guest Speaker:

We have Ben Turpin of Dunkleberger's Sport Shop to give a presentation on fishing the Pequest River.

Banquet:

The auction items are in, the Speaker is hired; now all we need to do is show up and have a great time. March 27, 2004 at the Hanover Marriott, the Chapter will be holding the 2004 Annual Banquet (start time 6:30 pm). For those that do not know, our **Guest Speaker is Jack Gartside** of Boston, Ma. Mr. Gartside is a world renowned Fisherman, Author and fly tyer. If you have not heard him speak, this banquet is for you. Auction and raffle items include numerous guided trips, a weeknight and Guided Trip at the Baxter house (donated by the Baxter House) a day of beauty at DePasquales, A rod and reel outfit (donated by Tightlines), Woodworking items by Bob B. and many other items. Pay attention to next month's newsletter for Conservation Rod Raffle Tickets. You do not have to attend to win. Contact me, John Marci, at 973-208-8702 with questions or ticket information. Ticket information follows:

Hacklebarney 2004 Annual Banquet

Name: _____

Saturday March 27, 2004

Number Attending _____

Where – Hanover Marriott

Make Checks payable

To: Hacklebarney TU

Mail to: John Marci

4 Hilltop Rd. Newfoundland, NJ 07435

Cost - \$35.00/per person

Includes – Dinner/Door Prizes

Evening Events – Speaker/Auction/Raffles

Please list guests names on the back of this ticket.

Sponsorship Program:

If you could help increase chapter revenue by shopping for tackle and talking to the proprietor, would you? We currently have two loyal sponsors;

Tight Lines Fly Fishing in Pine Brook in Pine Brook and Fly Fishing Plus in Riverdale.

What is Fly Fishing:

Boot-foot vs. Stocking-foot (Part 10 of 14)

Boot-foot: The shoe is permanently attached and easier to get on and off than the stocking foot, also less expensive than the stocking foot plus the cost of the shoe. They do not fit as well as a laced boot. Some will come with felt liners others will require you wear extra pairs of socks to fill out the boot.

The loose fitting boot does not provide ankle support and can cause blisters when walking any significant distance. Generally available only in men's sizes. Only a few manufacturers offer women's and children's' sizes. **Stocking-foot :** The shoe is separate and does not come with the waders. This makes the total cost a little higher. They're available in man-made simulated leather or Cordura Nylon. Cordura is lighter to wear and carry but takes longer to dry. There is a better selection of sizes and styles. Better fit provides better support, comfort, and safety. When packing up from the river, the shoes which contain all the dirt can be packed separately in a plastic bag until you get back home or to the next stop. (You should try to always clean your boots off to prevent spreading whirling disease) This helps in keeping your gear and vehicle clean. You can wear just the shoes with shorts in warm weather to wade wet and still have the support and safety of felt soles. Gravel and sand can work its way into the shoe causing wear to the foot of the wader. A set of gravel cuffs is highly recommended.

Wading Belts: This is a belt worn over chest high waders to prevent water from getting in should you take a spill. Highly recommended.

“From the President’s Beat”

For those of you that attended the January meeting, our own Hacklebarney TU chapter members treated you to excellent fly tying demonstrations. Many thanks to Bruce (Stimulator dry flies), Jeff Kurt (synthetic caddis pupa, midges), Ken Tutullo (who made his way down from the Baxter House to show us several effective Catskill patterns), Bill Dunn (master of the elk hair caddis), Michael Dammeyer (guru of deer hair bass bugs), and the notable Matt Grobert (scuds, LaFontaine caddis pupa and a new inverse parachute dry fly pattern). This was once again a great evening. Remind yourselves to attend next January.

With cold weather, snow and ice keeping me away from the (liquid) water, I stopped by the Fly-Fishing Show in Somerset this past weekend. I had a chance to meet Jack Gartside, the featured speaker for this year’s banquet. Jack displayed his unique trout and bass foam patterns, including his Gartside Gurgler. Thanks to Marc Levy, I began fishing this pattern a few years ago. We can both attest this fly raises largemouth bass to the surface for exciting top water action! I’m looking forward to Jack’s presentation at our banquet on March 27. I also spoke with Bob Clouser, who vividly recalled his visit to our banquet of few years back –



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no one forgets Hacklebarney! Bob has to be one of the friendliest people in this sport, and his Clouser minnow pattern is probably a staple in every angler's fly box.) I picked up some purple marabou and saddle hackle at the show on the recommendation of Mike Suriano. He has had success with purple for pickerel in late winter. I've already tied up a half dozen purple EZ Buggers, now all I have to do is wait for the ice to melt on the ol' fishing hole...*Bill Sjovall*

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Call: Ron – 973-627-7398, or John 973-208-8702 for more details.

Application Fee: Check made payable to Hacklebarney Trout Unlimited
Send Checks to Hacklebarney Fly Fishing School, 10 Troll Lane,
Rockaway, NJ 07866-4714

Day 1: In-Class & Hands-On Casting Instruction. Including a meeting of friends you haven't yet made.

Saturday, April 24, 2004. 9 am - 3 pm

Place: Hackettstown Fish Hatchery, 5th Ave. & Reese Ave., Hackettstown, NJ - Hatchery Phone: 908/852-3676

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• **Day 2:** Field and Pond Casting Instruction, Refinement, & Fishing for Big Trout.

•**Sunday,** May 2, 2004. 9:15 am - 3 pm.

Place: Pequest Trout Hatchery, 605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ - Hatchery Phone: 908/637-412

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Please pay your annual \$15.00 chapter activity fee.

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Spring Fishing Trip

This year's Chapter – Spring Fishing Trip will take place on the Housatonic River in Northwestern Connecticut. The Housatonic River flows out of the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts. This river is a tremendous trout fishery, and is considered by many as one of the best trout rivers in the eastern half of the United States. The Housatonic River is ranked # 40 of the top # 100 Fly fishing Streams of United States.

The Spring Fishing Trip will take place during the weekend of May 14th – 16th.

Lodging has been reserved for 12 Chapter members at the Housatonic Meadows Lodge in Cornwall Bridge, CT. The Housatonic Meadows Lodge is a newly restored four-season Lodge overlooking the banks of the Housatonic River. The Lodge features five spacious guest rooms, 3.5 bathrooms, and a fully stocked modern kitchen. There is also a deck equipped with a grill if we wish to barbeque. The Lodge sleeps 12 and is great for groups (Hacklebarney has reserved the whole Lodge for the weekend). The original hardwood floors and stone fireplace create a casual environment where we can relax after a day of fly fishing. The Lodge is directly across from the Housatonic River and a neighboring State Park.

The price for lodging is \$48 a night (two night minimum or \$96). Reservations for 12 Chapter Anglers have already been made. Ken Schlegel (Chapter trip planner .. 973-618-0758 or ekschlegel@comcast.net) will reserve a spot for first 12 members who sign up for the weekend. Trust me, this is one fishing weekend you will not want to miss.

For those unfamiliar with the stream, the "Housy's" most popular area begins in West Cornwall, CT (Route 112 intersection of Route 7) where a 10.4-mile stretch of **Trout Management Area (TMA)**, together with a stretch of Fly Fishing Only water, offer a large

number of holdover fish in the 14- to 18-inch range. And many 18-plus-inch class fish are caught here each year! This is the most popular 10.4-mile stretch of river. The beginning of the TMA, well above the covered bridge in West Cornwall, is made up of long, deep, slow pools followed by short riffles and runs. Here, the bottom of the river consists of mostly silt. Keeping that in mind, the Green Drake hatch (silt dwelling bug) is one you should look for from mid- to late-May. The Housy is a big river that is very capable of holding many trout. Fishing the pockets with nymphs can be extremely productive, especially in times of high water. Large trout up to 18-plus inches are frequently caught in this fashion. Throughout the TMA, there are several named pools -- actually too many to list (maps will be available for those who join the trip). Some of the noteworthy pools are The Elms, Garbage Hole, Carse, Monument, One Car, Two Car, and Church pools. All of these pools, plus many others that we haven't listed here, are very dynamic and enticing. The Trout Management Area ends at the Route 4 Bridge. Hatches on the Housatonic are very diverse. A large number of Mayflies, Stoneflies, and Caddis are available in these waters. Check the Hatch Chart,

Housatonic River Hatches									
Insect	Size(s)	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
BWO	20-28								
Hendrickson	12-14								
Green Caddis	14-18								
Tan Caddis	16-20								
Green Drake	8,10 2XL								
Gray Fox	12-14								
Brown Drake	8								
March Brown	10								
Sulphur	16,18								
Light Cahill	12,14								
Blue Quill	16,18								
Black Caddis	18,20								
Alders	12								
Trico	24								
Slate Drake	12								
Terrestrials	14-24								
White Fly	12,14								
Red Quills	12,14								

For those of you interested in camping ... [Housatonic Meadow Camp Ground](#) is located 1 mile north of Cornwall Bridge on Route 7 on the Housatonic River. The park is known for its 2-mile stretch of water limited to fly fishing, ninety-five campsites in rustic setting, picnicking, fishing, hiking, canoeing, etc.

Campground Office: (860) 672-6772 (Mid April - Columbus Day)
 Park Office: (860) 927-3238

There is also a Fly Shop on the Lodge premises - Housatonic Meadows Fly Shop is a full line

Orvis Dealer, and home of Tightline Adventures Guide Service. Co- owner and Orvis Endorsed Guide, Martin Iannone, has over twenty years fly-fishing experience and extensive knowledge of the Housatonic River's "T.M.A."

So ... for classic New England trout fishing the Housatonic is one of the regions premiere tailwater fisheries. Fish riffles, runs, pools, and pockets for brown, rainbow, and brook trout and smallmouth bass. Two hours from New York City. Two and half hours from Morris County – come join the fun this Spring with your fellow Hacklebarney Chapter Members – you won't be disappointed.

Winter trout in NJ

New Jersey is fortunate in having year round trout fishing. Even with the extreme cold, the trout fishing in December and January has been good and February and March should be even better. All wild trout streams and streams stocked in the fall offer willing trout throughout the winter. Here are a few suggestions from my experiences.

- Go out just in the warmest part of the afternoon. The fish bite best and it is more comfortable. There is no need to stay out all day in cold weather.
- Dress warmer than you think you should and wade as little as you can. You might as well be as comfortable as possible.
- Look for slow moving water about 2 to 3 feet deep over a dark bottom. The trout like to warm up in the sun without being seen. These spots may be too warm for trout in the summer.
- Look for runs with less ice; they may be the warm spots.
- Remember the spring holes of August. The cold spots in August are the warm spots in February.
- Try a dark streamer or woolly bugger drifted along the bottom. A little black stonefly nymph #12 to #16 is also good (a dark pheasant tail is a good approximation) and the sucker spawn fly can really produce fish when the suckers start to congregate to spawn in March. Midge fishing is fun, but winter trout often prefer a good meal.
- Try visiting a Lehigh Valley limestone about an hour drive away. The Little Lehigh, Cedar Creek, Monacacy Creek, and Saucon Creek all offer sections of warmer spring creek water in park settings that are never far from a good place to get coffee (these are good spots to learn about midge fishing).
- The trout are always biting near the Pequest Hatchery due to the warm effluent from the hatchery and massive stocking. If the shoulder-to-shoulder crowd near the spillway bothers you, walk to a hole downstream of the bridge. Just make sure to fish the side towards the hatchery where the water is warmer. A thermometer is a good tool to find the warm spots.

Winter isn't just for tying flies and dreaming about spring. A dose of winter fishing can be a cure for cabin fever and you may even catch a few fish.



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