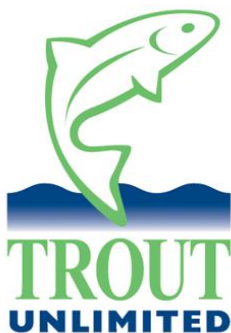


## SOUTHERN LINES

### TROUT UNLIMITED RAY NEIRLE SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER JULY 2009

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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

**June's Meeting:** Mark Sedotti put on quite a show. His distance casting and accuracy are some goals that most of us can only dream about. I do apologize that the meeting went so long but once Mark got started he did have a lot of material to present. I would like to thank Cathy Mainardi for providing transportation for Mark from Center City.

**July 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** This month's meeting is our annual BBQ. It will be held in the Grove at Square Circle. We will be starting earlier at 6:30pm. It is a relaxed, informal get together with good food and good comradeship. It's a great evening to come out and talk with your fellow fly fishers. We will be having our accuracy casting competition. See how well you can cast to a hula hoop at distances of 20, 30 and 45 feet. All you need to enter is your favorite rod of 7wt. 9ft. or less. You will get three attempts to land in the hoop at each of the distances. The winner will walk away with a \$25 gift card from LL Bean.

Also we are allowed to fish in the lake. It is a "Catch and Release" lake with plenty of bass. If you plan to fish be sure to bring your NJ fishing license.

**Fly of the Month:** There will be no "Fly of the Month" this month due to the informal nature of the meeting.

**Smithville Park "Arts in the Park" in Eastampton, NJ:** As you recall I reported last month on our display/demo at the "Earth Fair" in Burlington County. Well I guess we did a good job since we have been invited back to do it again for their next event. On Sept. 27th the Park is holding a folk art festival. Even though fly fishing is not necessarily considered a "Folk Art", I'm always looking for ways to get more exposure for the sport and the Chapter so I accepted the invitation.  
<http://www.burlcoarts.com/ArtsinthePark.htm>

This only part of the story. We have also been invited to the Hammonton Green Festival on Sept 19th. The festival focuses on conservation and self-sustaining eco-friendly practices. It would be a great opportunity to showcase the Trout Unlimited conservation agenda.  
<http://hammontongreen.com/events.aspx>

Anyone interested in helping on either or both of these events please touch base with me. The events are scheduled for 10am to 4pm and 12 to 4pm.

**State Council Meeting:** The meeting was held July 19th at the Pequest Hatchery. All of the State Chapters were represented. Some of the topics covered were:

1. Ken Lockwood Gorge- the road paralleling the river will be closed on the lower end and the upper end of the road opened to the Trestle Pool.
2. Musconetcong Home Rivers Initiative Project is moving along and help will be needed to do plantings at the dam removal sites.
3. The FFMP expects adequate seasonal flows due to the reservoirs being at 100%

#### **DIDYMO Update**

An evasive aquatic algae known as didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*) and sometimes referred to as "rock-snot" continues to make the news as its spread continues. Recently, the NYC DEC has confirmed its presence in the famed Esopus Creek. Previously, didymo had been confirmed in the Batten Kill in Washington County near the Vermont border and in the East and West branches of the Delaware River. Other Eastern states have confirmed its presence including Connecticut, Maryland and West Virginia where four different waterways have been found to be infected. Didymo is an extremely troublesome phenomena as it can grow on the bottom of fast moving rivers and develop in thick mats that can destroy native aquatic plants and insects. There are currently no known methods to control or eradicate it once a river becomes infected. NYS DEC is currently recommending a product from a company called Spray Nine Corporation to aid river recreationalists in cleaning their equipment. Spray Nine Marine is advertised as a broad spectrum disinfectant for marine and boating use. The DEC suggests it could be useful for cleaning equipment exposed to didymo infected waters. More information can be found at the following website: <http://www.spraynine.com/> (reprinted with permission from Upper Delaware Trout Unlimited June Newsletter)

**Upcoming Trip:** The next scheduled trip will be to the Boiling Springs area on the weekend of October 16,17 and 18. Carl Wyckoff and Rick Pflieger are working with Craig Hull for a trip to some private water. If you're interested let us know since the number of slots is limited.

**Activities Fees:** There are a number of members who have yet to pay their activities fee for 2009. We all love this Chapter but it will not run on love alone. Send your check of \$15.00 to:

Bill Ceravolo  
107 N. Monroe Ave.  
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Checks should be made payable to **Trout Unlimited SJ Chapter**

Keep in mind you should also be a member of the National TU. The web address is:  
<http://www.tu.org> or <http://www.tu.org/site/c.kkLRJ7MSKtH/b.3022897/k.BF82/Home.htm> click on "Membership Services" and then "Renew Membership"

**What's Next :** We do not have a meeting in August and our September meeting is being held at Corson's Inlet.

Hope to see you at the BBQ.

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