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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

September's Meeting: Sept 28th at Corson's Inlet. We decided to cancel the event due to rain and higher than usual tides.

October's Meeting: Oct. 26th at 7:00pm. The group from South Jersey Coastal Fly Anglers will do a presentation on Cape Cod fishing.

Trout in the Classroom: Egg day is October 26th. Jim and I will report on our success delivering the eggs at the meeting.

Hammonton Green Day Festival 2011: I was truly concerned that I would be there by myself. But as it turned out we had a good crowd of members supporting the event. It was a cold and windy day but we still got our message out. I would like to thank Andy Brasko, Chris Moser, Christina Muller, Marie and Dick Schmitt, Mark Williams and Carl Wyckoff for coming out.

Casting for Recovery update: We had four representatives involved in the two retreats run in New Jersey. Christina Muller and Sue Ellen Powell were involved with the Ocean City retreat as trainee fly fishing instructors, which means they were involved for the complete weekend, Friday through Sunday. It was a very demanding schedule with something planned for the retreat attendees every moment of the long days.

Cathy Mainardi and I were river guides. Cathy was at the Ocean City retreat and I did the Musconetcong River retreat. The Musky retreat was held at the Warren County Rod and Gun Club in Bloomsbury New Jersey. The Club members went out of their way to provide for the ladies. Since this is a private club, on a very heavily stocked section of the river, it was expected to see all of the

women catch fish. Mother Nature did not cooperate. Heavy rain in the days before the event raised the flow to 692 cfs and the river is best fished at 200cfs. I was cautious about venturing in too far with my lady attendee. She didn't catch any fish but we both had a good time.

After the event the club members allow the river guides to return to the river and fish. This was a real reward for our efforts. Who would think you had to fish with 4X tippet so late in the season on a New Jersey river. The fish were huge. Below is a picture from the Ocean City retreat. The ladies in pink shirts are staff and those with fly rods are participants.



State Council Meeting: October 16th @ Rutgers College in New Brunswick. I would like to thank Andy Brasko for attending the meeting with me. Some of the topics discussed were:

- The Flatbrook Trout Conservation Area regulation changes were discussed. The State has indicated that there will be no change until the writing of the 2014 code. With the additional time there is a move to extend the TCA area to sections up stream of the Rt. 206 bridge for 2.5 miles. It would bring the total to 5mile of stream. This would change the present 4 fish per day creel limit to catch and release only year round.
- The "Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs" State funding has ceased to materialize. Our legislators have failed to pass the bill supplying the money.
- The Delaware River Basin Commission is considering a new model for releases. The model will consider the inflows to the reservoirs as an index for releases.
- The State Council moved to donate \$1400 to the Yellowstone TU Chapter for the study of lake trout to help with the restoration of the cutthroat population. It was recommended that the local chapter also make donations.
- The "One Fly" contest being held this year will also double as the State Council Banquet. The event is being held on Nov.12 at the Raritan Inn. If you are a contestant or dinner guest you will get to fish their private water after the contest and before dinner. If you would like more info please visit www.njflyfisherman.com or contact me.

•Brian Burns has reported to Brian Cowden a drop in brook trout population on Mason's Run. Most of our older members have vested time on the restoration of this stream so I will collect more information and report to the Chapter ASAP. Hopefully I'll have something for the October meeting and look for something in the November Newsletter. For more info on the stream visit:
<http://www.njtu.org/2010/11/saving-mason%e2%80%99s-run/>



Bob Van Sciver: The passing of Bob Van Sciver is a sad thing for our chapter members. We will all miss Bob's pleasant smile, great demeanor and his excitement when telling a fishing story.

Elections: Soon it will be time for elections. It would be nice to have some new blood in the mix. Our chapter is doing well but could be even better with some fresh minds running it. Keep in mind that I need to vacate the presidency soon as I've been doing it for 5 years. If you're interested in running for an office please let it be known.

Upcoming Trips and Events: Within the next month or two we will be setting up our calendar for the fishing trips of 2012. If there's a trip you would like to run please let me know.

Future Meeting Speakers: Please share any ideas or thoughts for future speakers.

Membership/ Activities Fees: I would like to thank those who have faithfully paid their activity donation and are members of National TU. Please bring your donation to a meeting and give it to John McNeill or send your check of \$15.00 to:

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<http://www.tu.org> and click on "Membership Services" and then "Renew Membership" or
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Hope to see you at the meeting

Bob Powell

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