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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

February's Meeting: I would like to thank Carl Wyckoff for his presentation. Due to questionable weather our scheduled speaker, Tom Bratlik, canceled out.

March's Meeting: On March 31st at 7pm we will have Craig Hull with his fly tying techniques and his quite reasonable flies. Craig is a commercial tier and guide from South Central Pennsylvania. Come out and stock up on those hard to tie flies.

Banquet: In these tough economic times it was really nice to see 60 plus people attend. We all owe Carl Wyckoff a very big THANK YOU for his efforts presenting another great banquet. I received many compliments about how well it went but really the compliments should go to Carl. There were two last minute donations that were not recognized in the program that need to be mentioned. Thanks go to Steve Mongiardo for his water color print and Steve Monahan for the TFO rod.

The George Griffith award was given to Howard Brooks and Steve Moody for their efforts working on Ridley Creek. Our most prestigious award, the Ray Neirle award, went to Jim Nash for his continued efforts in coordinating the Trout in the Classroom program and his support of the Chapter. I would like to thank the Officers and Board Members for the wonderful plaque I received.

Our rod/reel and Life Membership to TU National raffle was a split event. The first winner of the drawing was already a "Life Member", me. So another drawing was made to select the winner of the "Life Membership". Bob Heindel won. Bob will receive a Lifetime membership to Trout Unlimited but I'm keeping the rod and reel. Congratulations to Bob.

Upcoming Trips: This year's schedule is posted on the website. <http://www.sjtrout.org> If you want to read any past newsletters they are also posted on the website

Fly Tying Classes: Our fly tying classes are going well. I'd like to thank Ed Braun for running the basic table. Our advanced table tiers were; Bernie Shapiro (nymphs), Bob Bott (cinder worms), Alex Sinelnik (dragon flies) and Steve Moody (wet flies). The last class is Craig Hull with a demonstration and all of his flies.

Tying Demo at LL Bean: On Saturday March 19th we did a tying demo at LL Bean. The table drew quite a crowd. I'd like to thank Howard Brooks, Steve Moody, Jerry Martina and Bruce Mumie (a cameo appearance) for doing a great job.

Burlington County Earth Fair 2010: We have again been invited to participate on Saturday June 19th. I have proceeded by filing the application in hopes of having some Chapter members support. Last year it was a great day. If you think you can help out let me know.

Future Meeting Speakers: If you have any ideas or thoughts on speakers for our meetings please share them with me

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Alaska Bands Felt-Soles: Last month I reported on Alaska's ban on felt-soled waders. As a result of this ban LL Bean no longer sells any wading products with felt soles. As of the end of February LL Bean destroyed over a million dollars of product to remove the felt soled products from all of their stores. The threat of invasive species moving to clean streams and rivers is serious business. Anyone who is still using felt should visit www.cleanangling.org for the appropriate cleaning of your gear before fishing new water.

Membership/ Activities Fees: I would like to thank those who have faithfully paid their activity fee and are members of the National TU. I will again be reviewing our roster soon. If you have no activity in either account you will be dropped from our data base. So if you want to continue with us please let me know with a return email/letter or send your check of \$15.00 to:

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Checks should be made payable to **Trout Unlimited SJ Chapter**

Keep in mind you should also be a member of National TU. The web address is:
<http://www.tu.org> and click on "Membership Services" and then "Renew Membership" or
<https://www.tumembership.org/member> and scroll to the bottom of the page and complete the form.

Camden County Federation has asked me to assist them in picking a student for a scholarship to the Cold Water Conservation School in June. If you have anyone you would like to recommend or are interested in helping out please contact me before Monday March 29th.

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Hope to see you at the next General Membership meeting.

Bob Powell

