

# About Ed Lombardo



ESPN selected 12 of some of the best fly fishers in America to compete in its first Great Outdoor Games Competition, (The Olympics of Fly Fishing) which was held in Lake Placid NY. Ed Lombardo was one of the twelve competitors. Some of the other competitors were Doug Swisher, Wendy & Terry Gun, and Brian O'Keefe. Ed has more than 45 years' experience in fly fishing.

Thirty years ago, Ed Lombardo founded The New England School of Fly Fishing at the W. Alton Jones Campus of URI. He is also Chief Fly Fishing Instructor for Addieville East Farm and Deer Creek Farm, both nationally known shooting and fly-fishing preserves here in Rhode Island.

Ed is a veteran fly-fisher, guide, instructor, and expert fly tier. With over forty year's experience, he has fished for such diverse species as Trout, Steelhead, Atlantic Salmon, Black Bass, Striped Bass, Bluefish, Bonefish, and False Albacore. He has 34 years' experience fly-fishing the fabulous BigHorn River, the Yellowstone National Park area, and Spring Creeks of Montana. He has also fished Florida for Tarpon.

He is a professional lecturer, fly fishing writer, amateur entomologist on fly fishing, and writes for both national as well as local print and TV media. Ed is a featured speaker and fly casting celebrity for The Annual Fly-Fishing Show in Marlboro Ma. and has done the same for 12 years at The Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Expo in Worcester Ma. and 10 years

for The Wilmington Fly Fishing Expo as well. He is also a member of the Narragansett and Northern RI Chapters of Trout Unlimited, Honorary Life Member of United Fly Tiers of RI, Honorary Life Member of the Smithfield Sportsman's Club, long time member of Rhody Fly Rodders and, Trustee Member / of The Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association of RI. In 2013 Ed was honored by being awarded the The Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association's highest award, The Trustee Award.

In 1993 Ed established and coordinated a Fly Fishing course at the University of Rhode Island's Bay Campus, and started a Fly Fishing School and Program at The W. Alton Jones campus of URI. He has been lead fly-fishing instructor for RI/DEM'S Fish & Wildlife's Aquatic Education Program now for more than twenty-eight years to the present.

In 2012 Ed was honored by The State of RI and The RI/DEM'S Fish & Wildlife Division for his untiring work and dedication for more than 32 years of service in teaching thousands of men, women, and children the Art and Science of Fly Fishing. The 2012 Conservation Trout Stamp has his Adams dry fly which Ed tied and appears on the stamp along with his name.



Since 2006 every September Ed has had the honor of teaching the New England Patriots the Art and Science of Fly Fishing at The Annual Matt Light Fly Fishing & Shoot Out



Fund Raising Event which is held at Addieville East Farm here in RI every year. Players such as Tom Brady, Matt Light, Vince Wilfork, Deion Branch, Wes Welker, Rob Ninkovich, Stevan Ridley, Jerod Mayo, Rob Gronkowski, Julian Edelman, Nate Solder, and Sebastian Vollmer, Troy Brown, James White, to mention a few have all enjoyed this great sport of Fly-Fishing.



Ty Warren and Vince Wilfork of The New England Patriots