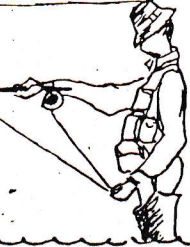


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NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED

APRIL, 1987

APRIL/MAY MEETING NOTICE

THE RABUN CHAPTER WILL NEXT MEET ON FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 1, AT THE RIDLEY CREEK CAMPGROUND. THE EXACT TIME WILL PROBABLY BE DETERMINED BY HOW SOON WE CAN GET EVERYONE OUT OF THEIR WADERS. MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE URGED TO CAMP OUT THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS. OUR PRESIDENT, DOUG ADAMS, IS ONCE AGAIN TAKING ON THE TASK OF FURNISHING THE FOOD, SO PLEASE NOTIFY DOUG BY PHONE OR CARD WHICH NIGHTS YOU WILL BE THERE:

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WE WILL, OF COURSE, GET IN SOME FISHING IN THE CHATTOOGA AND SURROUNDING STREAMS, AND DO SOME WORK IN THE FORM OF AQUATIC INSECT STUDY.

WE MAY HAVE SOME GUESTS FROM TROUT UNLIMITED IN SOUTH CAROLINA AS WELL AS THE GEORGIA COUNCIL, SO LETS TURN OUT AND MAKE THEM WELCOME.

MARCH MEETING

STEVE MOORE, FISHERIES BIOLOGIST FOR THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN PARK, PRESENTED OUR PROGRAM AT THE MARCH MEETING. STEVE POINTED OUT HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO KNOW YOUR AREA WHEN MANAGING A COLD WATER FISHERY. WHAT WORKS IN MONTANA OR PENNSYLVANIA DOESN'T NECESSARILY WORK IN THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS. APPARENTLY, THE RAINBOW IS SHORT-LIVED DOWN HERE IN THE SOUTH, SURVIVING TO ABOUT THREE YEARS OLD AND A MAXIMUM OF 11-12 INCHES, UNDER GOOD CONDITIONS. THE BROWN, ON THE OTHER HAND, REACHES ABOUT 6-7 YEARS ON THE AVERAGE. STEVE GAVE US A LOT OF INFORMATION AND FROM THE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS OFFERED BY MEMBERS AND THE MANY GUESTS, IT WAS A THOUGHT PROVOKING EVENING.

DALE KILLEY REPORTED ON THE WATERS CREEK COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON BOTH EXPERIENCE AND A RECENT FIELD TRIP TO THE AREA. IN BRIEF, THE MEMBERSHIP ENDORSED THE FOLLOWING FOR WATERS CREEK:

1. INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT WATERS CREEK IS AVAILABLE FOR FISHING
2. WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE USE OF ECONOMICS AS A METHOD OF DECREASING FISHING PRESSURE.
3. WE DO NOT SEE A FEASIBLE METHOD OF LIMITING THE NUMBER OF "RODS PER DAY" OR "BEATS".
4. FROM A BIOLOGICAL VIEWPOINT THERE IS NO NEED TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF "KEEPERS" A PERSON MAY HAVE PER YEAR.
5. WE SUPPORT THE PRESENT REGULATIONS THAT THE POSSESSION OF ANY BAIT, LURE, LANDING NET OR GEAR NOT LEGAL FOR USE ON WATERS CREEK IS UNLAWFUL (INCLUDING BARBED HOOKS).

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THE RABUN CHAPTER JOINS WITH OTHERS IN CONGRATULATING THE CHATTAHOOCHEE CHAPTER, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF EARL WORSHAM, FOR THEIR PLEDGE OF \$50,000 IN SUPPORT OF THE LIVING BRIGHTWATER TRUST - A CHAPTER RECORD!

DON MABRY, TROUT UNLIMITED BOARD MEMBER

ONE OF OUR GUESTS, DON MABRY, BROUGHT US UP TO DATE ON THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT BEING ENCOURAGED BETWEEN TU AND THE U.S.S.R. WHO KNOWS, CAVIAR AND VODKA HAVEN'T HELPED - MAYBE TROUT FISHERMEN WILL!

DON ALSO REVIEWED WITH US THE CONTROVERSY STIRRED UP IN THE RECENT ISSUE OF TROUT REGARDING THE U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE AND THE GOALS OF TROUT UNLIMITED! I WROTE A PERSONAL LETTER TO THE EDITOR SUPPORTING OUR MANY U.S.F.S. FRIENDS AND THEIR EFFORTS. WE MAY DISAGREE, AT TIMES, BUT NAMECALLING AND INUENDO HAS NO PLACE IN OUR EFFORTS.

LAST, AND YES, LEAST IN SIZE ANYWAY. OUR NEWEST MEMBER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER IS HENRY HOYT WILLIAMSON, BORN IN LATE MARCH TO JOYCE AND HENRY WILLIAMSON. "HANK", HIS STREAMSIDE HANDLE, IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF WADERS, SIZE 000. HE'S TIRED OF FISHING FROM HENRY'S CREEL!