

TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED

JUNE 1988

JUNE MEETING

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet on Tuesday, June 21st at the Rabun County Library in Clayton. Social hour begins at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00. Videos of the various work projects and fishing outings will be shown - one clip even shows Bill Kelly releasing a Brown Trout!

APRIL/MAY MEETINGS

It was a busy 60 days and meetings were just a part of our activities:

May 6th Chattooga River Bug Study - Nine Rabun TU members met at Oconee State Park to sort out all the aquatic insect life from samples collected by personnel in the USFS and the Georgia and South Carolina DNR's. There to help from our chapter: Jim N., Bill K., Doug A., Mike H., Jeff D., Monte S., Kyle and friend, and Tom L.

MAY 6TH Returning to our camp it was decided to shock Heddon Creek to compare results with last year. Imagine my surprise when 16 Browns, including 6 young of the year turned up. My brother Walt and I had cleaned this particular section out just a few days before. Last year the shocking turned up 6 Browns and no young of the year.

MAY 6TH Ken Henderson, the new Supervisor of the USFS in Gainesville joined us at the camp site and discussed some of our concerns in his jurisdiction. We all noticed that Ken listens and we look forward to working with him and his staff.

MAY 6th After epicurean delights served up by Chef Adams and staff. we held our official meeting around the campfire. Much of the discussions centered around the activities of the day and entertainment by that ole story teller Henry Williamson. Henry described the strange mating urges displayed by hooked salmon in Michigan. I have searched through my meager references on trout and find no reference to the MCF Syndrome. Ask Henry about it - you will be astonished.

MAY 7TH Not fully satisfied with the activities on the 6th, we assembled early on Reed Creek and by noon had finished one more large structure and a couple of deflectors. Thanks to Eric, Kyle and friend, Bill K., Loni, Jim K., Jim N., Doug A., Doug W., Mike H., Art Shick and his two sons Adam & Travis; Don Mabry and me.

MAY 7TH After the structure work there was a mass exodus of the stream bed and clouds of dust were seen flying off in all directions. It is suspected that more up-close and personal research on adjacent waters was in progress but the results have been spirited away to the Rabun Chapter vault in Persimmon.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Keener Creek - The Chapter's Keener Creek Project Committee prepared and sent to the City of Clayton, Georgia DNR and the USFS. a proposal to utilize an existing impoundment on Taylor Creek for future water needs. Jim Nixon went over the details with Mayor Ramey.

2. Brown Trout Workshop - Asheville - April 4 -May 1st
Two Capter members, Monte Seahorn and Jeff Durniak, helped organize and conduct this event and three members, Doug Adams, Jim Kidd and Kyle Burrell, attended on Friday.

3. Doug Adams attended the Georgia TU Council in Atlanta on behalf of the Rabun Chapter:

4. The Chattooga River Outstanding Resource Waters public hearing has been delayed until after July 15th.

TIP OF THE MONTH

While not a real tip the following is an observation by Jim "Nugget" Nixon. Jim shares this with all our readers in the hopes that they too will come to know and understand the peculiarities of trout. Jim says that not only do trout like to make fools of flyfishermen, they enjoy other games - like badminton! What you dear reader may have thought a splashy rise, was not that at all. Nugget notes that those trout having only one adipose fin are simply leaping over a hovering mayfly and batting it to another trout, who returns it in a like manner. The game ends when an unclipped trout joins in as that usually destroys the mayfly. We here in the Rabun Chapter are using this information to develop a hovering fly and once mastered, complete tying instructions will be shared as we do with all our information.

TROUT DAY MOCCASIN CREEK STATE PARK
Saturday June 18th
2 PM - 4 PM

The Rabun Chapter members will handle the program:
Fly Tying, Fly Casting, What's in a vest? How to
wade a stream. Bugs to Know. And other Stuff.
PLEASE COME _ BRING YOUR GEAR _ HELP WITH INSTRUCTION

★ RECONSTRUCTION OF THE TALLULAH RIVER ROAD ★

There will be a public hearing at the Persimmon Community Center, Monday, June 20th, 7 PM. for public input on the USFS plans for the Tallulah River Road. This will have an impact on the river adjacent to the 4½ miles of reconstructed road. Any members that can attend should, especially you Persimmon folk.

MEMBERSHIP We're slipping a bit -fourteen members have allowed their TU membership to expire. Come on you guys, we need you:

Sonny Cannon	Maxie Gates	Charles Moore	Ben Sanders
Frank Darnell	Dale Kilby	Dave Wahlbom	James Smith
Roy English	Walt Lane	Henry & Joyce Williamson	
Jim Enloe	Glen Littrell	Grady, John and Will Nichols	

Cliff Callender, Walt Chastain and Doug & Darren Volk have renewed.

And WELCOME to our newest member, my brother Walt Landreth, Jacksonville Florida. Walt promises to be on hand for all work projects provided someone other than his brother instructs him on fly fishing.

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