

TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED

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OCTOBER MEETING

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet on Tuesday, October 18th, at the Rabun County Library in Clayton. Social hour begins at 6:30 PM for the purpose of fellowship and telling fish stories, true and untrue. The Meeting begins at 7:00.

Eric Esche, Chairman of the nominating committee, has come up with a slate of sterling, although tarnished, characters for your consideration. Nominations are open and should you dare offer other names, they will be considered. We will then conduct the election. As submitted:

President	Jim "Nugget" Nixon
VP Membership & Special Projects	Doug "Cahill" Adams
VP Communications & Newsletter	Tom "I'll Never Tell" Landreth
VP Special Events	Jeff "Electricity is the best Pattern" Durniak
Treasurer	Jim "Joyce Kilmer" Kidd

The new president will select his own staff of directors for confirmation of the membership at the November meeting.

At this time, our program has not been finalized but will be of interest to all, I'm sure. Bill "Game Hawg" Kelly was to have demonstrated how to pack twenty four trout into the false bottomed willow creel but will be busy seining below Big Bend.

MAKE A FALL FASHION STATEMENT

Jim Kidd will have the stunning T shirts fashioned especially for Rabun Chapter members. They look great and are a necessary addition to your fall wardrobe, especially at Double Bit outings. Bring your \$10.00

HOLD YOUR BREATH, HERE COMES THE PAST MONTH ACTIVITIES

A. CHATTOOGA RIVER Project - Sept 16th

1) Jim Nixon, Bill Kelly, Monte Seehorn and Doug Adams represented the chapter at the "Bug Collection" party, Oconee State Park. We were the only Georgia chapter there, but South Carolina TU, including the new Chattooga River Chapter turned out.

2) Durniak and Kidd with able assistance from other members, spent two days shocking the area around Pig Pen and below Big Bend, with fair results. Only one stocked rainbow was brought up at Pig Pen, and yet, earlier a friend of Doug Adams caught and released 8-10 rainbows and one large brown.

B. REED CREEK PROJECT

- 1) Jim Kidd got a Road Construction & Maintenance specialist from the Coweeta Experiment Station to visit/tour/investigate all the roads in the watershed and make specific recommendations.
- 2) Glen Anderson and Jim Kidd arranged for Georgia Power Company to donate and deliver a truck load of wood chips to the Double Bit (Ridley) Camp
- 3) Eric Esche, Bill Kelly, Jim Nixon, Jim Kidd and Doug Adams, all expert at spreading it around, spread the chips over the entire camp.
- 4) Jeff Durniak and Jim Kidd, armed with their favorite fishing gear, and assisted by Tom Nixon, Eric Esche, Bill Kelly, Doug Adams, Art Shick and Ray ?, got some most encouraging results on Hedden and Ridley:

SHOCKING RESULTS
Number of Trout

	7/13/87	5/6/88	9/16/88
Ridley			
1st Pass	33		46
2nd Pass	<u>22</u>	N/A	<u>15</u>
	55		61
Hedden			
1st Pass	4	13	32
2nd Pass	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>
	5	16	47

This is the section of Hedden where we constructed the structures last September

- 5) Kidd and Adams, during several hours of torrential rain, covered all areas of the Hedden watershed, investigating and locating major sources of erosion and siltation.
- 6) Again, Jim Kidd, who has a thing about getting wet from head to toe, abandoned his family to fend for themselves in a heavy downpour and identified the problems on the new Burrells Ford Road and the Hicks Branch area of Reed Creek.
- 7) Marisue and Jim Kidd arranged for the USFS to purchase and spread gravel on the road to Double Bit. This has completely stopped the silt source in Ridley Branch.
- 8) Bill Kelly arranged for Vulcan Materials Company to donate about \$500 worth of gravel to the Glades Road on Hedden Creek.
- 9) Jim Kidd and Jim Nixon got the USFS and the Rabun County Commission to join in a co-op agreement to fix Glades Road. The county provided the trucks and drivers to haul and spread the gravel and donate fertilizer and grass seed.
- 10) Kidd arranged for the USFS to provide labor, tools and equipment to "daylight and reshape" Glades Road with the recommended "Coweeta Dips". USFS also donated the cover straw.
- 11) Another spreading crew, Jim and Tom Nixon, Jim Kidd, Doug Adams and Tom Landreth, spread seed, fertilizer and straw on the reworked areas of Glades Road. The grass is up and looks great!

ANOTHER BUSY MONTH FOR THE CHAPTER AND IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT THE MANY HOURS PUT IN BY THE MEMBERS MENTIONED ABOVE. THE CHAPTER ALSO THANKS THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE BODIES THAT GAVE OF THEIR TIME, MONEY AND MATERIALS. IF THIS KIND OF COOPERATIVE SPIRIT CONTINUES, WHO KNOWS WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH! THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

C. MEMBER SHIP

Welcome to new members Ed Strain of Cornelia and N. R. Wetherill of Clayton. And its time to renew guys:

Robert Atkinson, Jack Burnett, Jim & Greg Darnell, Arnold Deitz, Jim Kidd, Glen Littrell, Dave Schmidt, Jack Short & Fritz Vinson

WE GET LETTERS.....

from Lt. Gov. Zell Miller, who writes, "I appreciate your group's concern for protecting our natural resources and environment and especially wildlife habitat."

15" to 18" SPECKS

Your editor has learned of a place where huge "specks" are so common, they are measured by the box full. My wife and I are going there this week and if I come back I will definitely share their location with all who are at the meeting Tuesday!

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