TIGHT LINES

NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER

TROUT UNLIMITED

November 1988

NOVEMBER MEETING

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet Tuesday, November 15, at the Rabun County Library in Clayton. <u>Social hour will begin at</u> <u>7:00 PM and the meeting at 7:30</u>. Consideration will be given to suspending the December meeting in favor of a dinner meeting in January, with spouses invited. If you have no spouse, try to get one by January. Our program has not been finalized as this is rushed to press, but not to worry, you will enjoy the evening.

OCTOBER MEETING

Our slate of officers for the coming year was finally unanimously approved after a brief, but fierce floor fight. Our scurvy crew will be led by:

Jim Nixon President Doug Adams VP Membership & Special Projects Tom Landreth VP Communications & Newsletter Jeff Durniak VP Special Events . Treasurer Jim Kidd

President-elect Nixon will select his board and rumor has it, Bill Kelly will be asked to head up a "Special Trout Regs" committee and Henry Williamson will look into marketing Brook Trout.

OSR WATERS IN N. C.

After compiling data and citzens input, North Carolina should make a decision on which streams to include in their Outstanding Resource Waters status on December 8th.

BETTY CREEK

The Chapter has been asked to look into stream improvement on Betty Creek.

GRANTS ARE WHERE YOU FIND THEM

The Chapter has been awarded a \$4,700 grant by the U. S. Forest Service for soil and water conservation work on the Heddon Creek watershed. This action was recommended by the Regional Hydrologist, U.S.F.S. HOORAY! And thank you!

THE GREAT T SHIRT POETRY CONTEST

One of Allison Adams' friends at Agnes Scott was so overcome with emotion, then inspiration, when she first saw the Rabun County T-Shirt, she wrote a poem and posted it on the dorm door. As if by magic, other contributions were tacked along side the original. The Chapter has decided to award a T-Shirt to the best entry. And you thought artistry went unrewarded!

TIPS FOR OPENING DAY IN RABUN COUNTY

Well, here it is. Our first "where to go" article in <u>Tight lines</u>. Two friends and I were checking out **Explore** over in the **Explore** area. Approaching a medium size pool just below **Explore** we noticed a nice rise. Approaching caustiously we could plainly see **Explore** Brown Trout finning in the current and suddenly **form** more swam into view. Before we left, we spotted **Explor** trout, ranging from **Con** to **form**.

To get there, take **Continue** out of **Continue**, go **Sec** 5.5 miles on **Reserved** then turn left at the gravel road. Continue **Continue** miles to the bridge. The pool is located **Continue** yards **Continue** from the bridge. Good luck and I'll see ya there.

NATIONAL WANTS TO KNOW

Doug Adams has received a questionaire from the new TU National President that invites comments and thoughts on TU as an organization. Doug responded with what certainly reflects the philosophy of the Rabun Chapter. Summing up his reply is difficult but it could be said that we would appreciate more direct financial help from National for our in the field projects and less emphasis on numbers of members and more on recruiting members who want to work to improve, protect and enhance our cold water fisheries. Doug also pointed out the hazards of "spotlighting" streams. (Excuse me, I must make some adjustments in the preceding article)

Watch your CLAYTON TRIBUNE for socko, boffo article on the Rabun Chapter and all of our private and public friends who have helped so much on the Reed Creek Project!

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