

TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED

DECEMBER 1988

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting will be postponed and become a January meeting. Rabun Chapter members have decided to hold a dinner meeting on January 21st in Clayton at the legion Hall. Friends, spouses and prospective members are cordially invited.

DINNER WILL BE A COVERED DISH AFFAIR AND IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOU RESPOND BY PHONE OR A NOTE, TELLING US IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY AND WHAT YOU ARE WILLING TO BRING. AGAIN, THIS IS IMPORTANT SO THAT WE COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS AND NOT END UP WITH TWENTY BAKED BEAN CASSEROLES AND ONE SALAD. PHONE OR WRITE:

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PLEASE LET US KNOW NO LATER THAN JANUARY 7, 1989

NOVEMBER MEETING

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited met at the Rabun County Library on Tuesday, November 15th. After the brief social hour, Jim Nixon, Chapter President-Elect, after working many hours with his transition team and concealing an illegally taken deer in the bed of his pickup, offered a slate of new directors for member approval:

Arnold Deitz - Director of Projects
Henry Williamson - Director of Education
Eric Eshe - Director of Archives
Pat Hopton - Director of Raffles
Alan Hooper & Glen Littrell - Directors of Construction
Jim Darnell - Director of Balancing Policy (?)

The members present approved with enthusiasm.

A report on membership was presented by Doug Adams, first welcoming new members W. T. LANGSTON, Gainesville, and, TODD TURNER of Hiawassee. These members have renewed: Robert Atkinson of Aiken, Jim and Gregg Darnell of Clayton, Jeff Durniak of Clarkesville, Jack Burnett, Atlanta; Dave Schmidt, Petersburg, Michigan and Mike Reed, Flowery Branch.

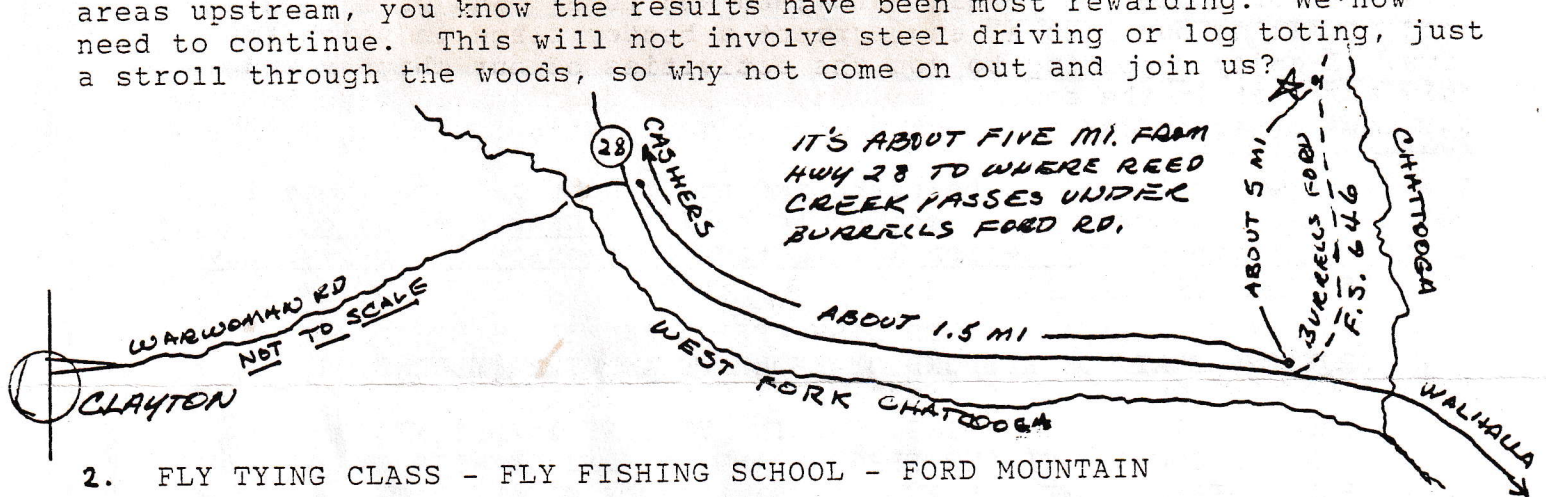
A friendly REMINDER to the following who have not renewed: Eddie Palmer, Fritz 7 Jeff Vinson, John Fowler, Jack Short, Bill Enloe, Tom Shirley and Tomy Short.

Jeff Durniak, Rabun Chapter and Georgia DNR Biologist, presented a preview of the Chattooga River Project data that will be discussed at the annual project meeting. Even though the data was in raw form, Jeff had some most informative and interesting ^{MATERIAL} from the creel survey, shockings and other efforts of the project. The effects of food supply and water temperature on the trout population were most evident. Thanks again, Jeff, for this update.

ACTIVITIES

1. REED CREEK PROJECT Sunday December 11, 1988

On Sunday afternoon at 1:00 PM, we need as many members as possible to meet at the Double Bit Camp to survey Reed Creek from the structure area downstream to Persimmon Gap, locating and identifying sources of siltation from Burrell's Ford Road. To those of you who have worked on Reed and the areas upstream, you know the results have been most rewarding. We now need to continue. This will not involve steel driving or log toting, just a stroll through the woods, so why not come on out and join us?



2. FLY TYING CLASS - FLY FISHING SCHOOL - FORD MOUNTAIN

Henry Williamson has graciously volunteered to teach us how to tie flies guaranteed to catch even the most finicky Brown. Henry ties a no frills insect looking fly and with a little practice perhaps we can too. The first ~~session~~ session will be held Tuesday, November 29th, at 7:00 PM at the school on Ford Mountain. The second and third sessions will be on the first Tuesday in January and February. Henry suggests the following supplies:

Vice - Hackle Pliers - Bobbin - Scissors - Mustad Hooks in the following sizes and styles: 94833 or 94840 size 14 for dries; 9671 size 12 for nymphs; 3906 #12 for wet flies; Pre-waxed thread in colors Black, Yellow and Gray; Dubbing in the following shades: Ginger or Light Yellow, Gray, Black and Hare's Ear (Natural). Dry Fly Hackle in Ginger, Brown and Grizzly (these are the Chinese type, not METZ); Peacock Herl; Lead Wire in small and medium sizes; medium Gold Tinsel Oval; White Poly Yarn for building the easy to see parachute wings; One Hen's Cape of any color; Turkey Tail and Lemon Wood Duck Flank.



There, there, Mr. Fletcher, the world doesn't begin and end with a fanwing Royal Coachman.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

And so it goes - another year of trout fishing and work projects to improve trout fishing. Each month when I sit down to compile this newsletter, I'm amazed at all we have accomplished during the past month. We can all be proud of the work we have done and the pace we have set for ourselves. Here's to 1989 and to all who will have a hand in making our natural environment a better place in which to live. I enjoy reporting to you the activities of our chapter and only ask that in the coming year let me hear from you on ways to make our newsletter better and just what you would like to see in TIGHT LINES.

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Wishing you all the quiet beauty
of this peaceful Christmas season.

