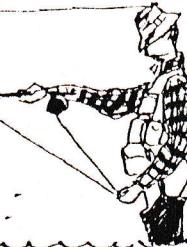


TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED

JANUARY 1989

JANUARY MEETING

This is the meeting we didn't have in December, because we changed it to a January meeting. It is now January so we're going to have what should have been last month's meeting this month. We're meeting on January 21st at the American Legion Club, in Clayton. You can get to the Club by going about 3/4 mile East of the Heart of Rabun Motel on Warwoman Road, looking to the left. This is a very special meeting. It is, in fact, the Rabun Chapter Conclave & Chattooga River Coalition Dinner and Music on the Grounds Hot Damn You all Meetin'! WHOOOOO HAAAAA!!!

The fun begins about 5:00 PM during the socializing and listenin' to the high society sounds of some of the best bluegrassers you ever heard. About 6:00 we'll have supper, provided everyone who promised brings what they promised. During this time you will be able to try your luck winning a hand crafted fly rod, or perhaps a dozen or two flies, or a limited edition print, or lots of other stuff you have always wanted. So come early. (Your beloved editor will try to complete a watercolor of the Chattooga right in front of your very eyes without, He hopes, making a complete fool of himself.)

About 8:00, Monte Seehorn, Jeff Durniak and Don Eng will bring us up-to-date on the Chattooga River Project. So whatever you had in mind for Saturday, January 21st, consider cancelling out cause you'll have more fun with us!

NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN CONTACTED OR IF YOU HAVEN'T CONTACTED US GIVE EITHER TOM LANDRETH 754-9202 OR JIM KIDD 782-2474 A CALL AND LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING AND WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO EAT OR DRINK



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ACTIVITIES

1. Fly Tying class We have had two fly tying sessions with Henry up on Ford Mountain and all who have attended will tell you the experience was great. Henry is just as good at teaching the basics of tying flies as he is at teaching you to cast them. In clear to follow demonstrations and hands on help at the vise, Henry guides the beginner through his first fly in short time. One more session to go - first Tuesday in February.

2. PROPOSED CHANGES IN STATE FISHING REGULATIONS

Tom Landreth attended the public hearing on the proposed changes in fishing regulations, held in Cleveland at the Court House on December 13th. Russ England, Jeff Durniak and Alan Padgett represented the DNR while a Chattahoochee Chapter member, the guy who feeds the fish at Waters Creek and Landreth made up the public. Russ outlined the proposed changes and discussed at length the changes of most interest to our chapter:

- WATERS CREEK
- a. Open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
 - b. Limit of 3 trophy fish per season
 - c. Wildlife Management Stamp needed for entry

After the "hearing" was officially over, the subject of an open season for trout came up. (The member from Atlanta thought this was to be a part of the proposed changes.) Summing it up, England doesn't think it is the right time to bring this subject up and says there hasn't been any discussion of it in the DNR. He also states that the Georgia DNR does not have sufficient data to support a change in season length.

REED CREEK PROJECT

Several Rabun Chapter members met on Sunday afternoon, December 11th, at the culvert on Burrell's Ford Road. We surveyed the road from Reed Creek at the culvert to Persimmon Gap, marking areas where washes were carrying silt and sand to the creek bed. We also installed several silt fences until more permanent corrections can be made. The crew: Eric Eshe, Doug Adams, Jim Nixon, Pat Hopton, Jim Kidd, Ned Wetherill and Tom Landreth.

U. S. FOREST SERVICE

District Ranger David Jensen and Forest Supervisor Ken Henderson have cosigned a Forest Service letter to the Rabun Chapter, thanking us for our "time, effort, sweat and energy" spent on our joint projects and cites our partnership as "one of the best examples of how forests can develop working partnerships with interested and involved publics." The feeling is mutual gentlemen. We look forward to more of the same in 1989.

RECLASSIFICATION OF THE CHATTOOGA RIVER HEADWATERS IN N.C. TO OUTSTANDING RESOURCE WATERS (ORW)

As many of you know, the Rabun Chapter was the first to request of the North Carolina DEM to reclassify certain streams in the Chattooga Watershed to OSW. Our immediate concern were the four waste water treatment plant discharge permits that were pending. Well, the DEM has done just that, reclassifying the entire Chattooga River watershed in N. C. as ORW, AND for the first time in the state, implementing storm water runoff control requirements. A big battle won, but the war goes on.

CHATTOOGA RIVER PROJECT

The Chapter contributed \$100 as a share of the Georgia Council's contribution to the project.

BAIT OF THE MONTH

White-Footed Deer Mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*) Our most ardent bait fishing members swear by this one. A sure fire bait for those sulky big browns leary of treble hooks on Rapalas. A bit difficult to tie but definitely worth the effort: *LY KE*

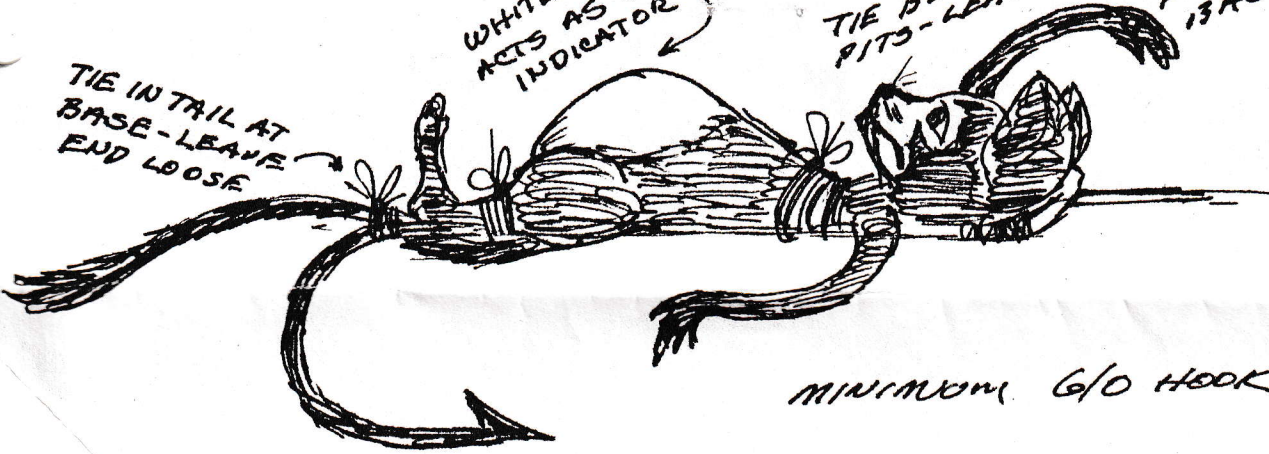
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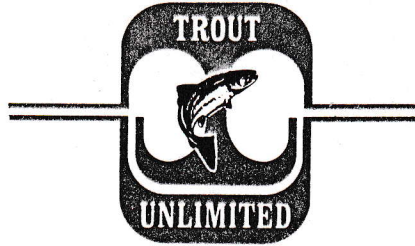
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