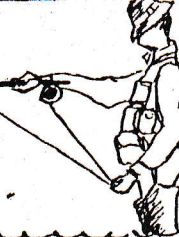


TIGHT LINES



MAY 1989

MAY MEETING - TIME AND LOCATION CHANGE

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its' monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 17th in the Conference Room of the Best Western Motel in Dillard, Georgia. The social hour will begin at 6:30, the meeting at 7:00.

We are pleased to have Dr. Robert A Bachman, Maryland Department of Natural resources as our guest speaker. You can get a head start on Dr. Bachman's presentation by digging out your Winter 1989 issue of Trout and reading TROUT WATCHING and HOW TROUT FEED on pages 62 and 72 respectively. He also wrote the introduction to 100 BEST TROUT STREAMS in the current issue of TROUT. Forgoing the usual methods of research of trout such as fin clipping, electro-shocking or fish tank watching, Bob has spent man, many hours, days and weeks, directly observing and photographing wild Brown Trout in Spruce Creek up in Pennsylvania and draws some startling conclusions about this wary fish.

Chapter members, guests and visitors are urged to attend the May meeting to meet and hear Dr. Bachman. Who knows, you may even discover a new tactic on that elusive monster in your favorite stream!

APRIL MEETING HELD IN MAY

Even though the meeting was held during the clearing weather of Saturday. May 6th, the day and night before was a time to talk about over future campfires. After a brief meeting fifteen of us headed upstream from our camp at Double Bit and installed cover logs and a wedge type dam on Hedden Creek. With the now falling but still high water it didn't take long to observe the structures in action. Members Doug Adams, Jim Nixon, Alan Hooper, Mike Hogelin, Eric Esche, Walt Landreth, Jim Harris, Don Atkinson, Kyle Burrell, Tom Landreth, Jim Kidd (USFS also) joined with Jerry Wood, Doug Watson, Steve and Ronnie (I simply cant recall the last names but do remember the work) all of the Forest Service, in this latest effort of the Reed Creek Project. Kudos to all of us!

To condition ourselves for the above project several subjected our minds and bodies to the gale force winds, torrential rains and tornadoes skipping about on Thursday evening and all day Friday. The river "rose" to the occasion. Trout that had not been subjected to fin clip were clinging in little circles to every firm boulder they could find. The clipped trout now reside in the Tugaloo. As evening came on with no relief in sight, one of our more ardent fishing members was seen, head down with tears rolling down his cheeks. His flyrod held in a white knuckled grip, his creel floating through the dining area and into Ridley Branch, he was the mirror of dejection. Thinking I could be of some comfort in his grief, I dog-paddled over only to hear him say, "Only 364 days of fishing-the year's shot to hell!"

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At one time four of us huddled together drinking coffee and watching Walt and Nugget flying around in the air on the ends of guy lines. As a figure floated by the camper clutching an umbrella, one had visions of Mary Poppins but it was just Nugget having fun. As the wind gained in intensity Hawg thought of who he might leave his Chattooga fishing map to then decided he'd rather take it with him

Out of all this chaos we had great meals including biscuits baked in the dutch oven, country ham and many other tasty treats - Thank You Nugget!

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

BUG OUT AT OCONEE STATE PARK

On Friday morning, May 5th, Doug Adams, Jim Nixon, Walt and Tom Landreth, met with about thirty other TU members and U. S. Forest Service folks over at Oconee State Park to sort out the bugs collected from the river. This is the last scheduled session and the results will be added to the previous data to establish a base for future comparison. The Forest Service treated us to a spicy shrimp, corn and sausage boil that was as delicious as you would imagine. Thank you Bob for cooking it right!

RABUN SPREAD IT AROUND CREW AT IT AGAIN

Working on Rabun County bridge projects spanning She Creek, Warwoman Creek and Keener Creek, the crew sowed seed, fertilized (our specialty) and mulched the areas surrounding the recent bridge work. Jim Nixon reports that we did such a good job, one of the commissioners wants to know if we would go back and bushhog it. Jim Nixon, Alan Hooper, Mike Hogelin, Eric Esche, Doug Adams and Tom Landreth were the spreaders this time. If you think these are just your everyday, dull as dirt work projects, think again. On this one I spotted two real live buffalo, two ostriches, learned the history of John C. Calhoun's Black Diamond Railroad and found a new and exciting way to get from Hwy 76 near the river to Warwoman Road without going to Clayton.

WATERSHED APPROACH TO TROUT MANGEMENT

On Thursday, May 18th, the Southern Division, American Fisheries Society will sponsor a workshop on trout management at the Best Western Motel, Dillard, Georgia. Included in the agenda our own Jeff Durniak (Georgia DNR), Monte Seehorn and Jim Kidd (USFS) will present parts of the program. Jim will be reporting on our Reed Creek Project. Workshop hours are from 8:45 AM to 4:40 PM and we and other interested parties are invited to attend. Jeff also asks that we volunteer to guide those who are interested to some of our streams. Blindfolds will be furnished.

OUR FISHING PRESIDENT COMES THROUGH

You may know that the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund was established to provide monetary help to our state fishing programs with a portion of what we spend on gas, motors, boats, lures, rods, reels and other equipment. In an article in Bassmaster's Magazine, Ray Scott was throwing horseshoes with the President and brought up that the Office of Management and Budget was considering going to the fund for additional revenue. Mr. Bush said he wasn't aware of this and within the hour, the OMB called to say that the fund would not be touched. He was later reassured by President Bush that this was the case. This might be the time to write a note of thanks to the President to let him know that we appreciate his help and more importantly, we are aware of what's going on. Thanks to Rabun member Derek Scorer for this update.

RABUN CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP GROWS

Over the past couple of months we have gained nine new members. Here's a big WhaaaHOOOO! to:

Ken Carter-Duluth	Derek Scorer-Tallulah Falls	
Randy Dilliot-Clayton	Robert Brockmann-Monroe	Jim Harris-Cornelia
Arthur Crowe-Marietta	Lawrence Ross-Stone Mtn	Fred Doherty-Clayton
Hiawassee Realty-Hiawassee		

Thanks also to all of you who have renewed and just a friendly reminder to the following who haven't:
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'YANKEE INVASION WELCOMED

As a boy growing up in Georgia, I too was taught that "damnyankee" was one word. Years passed and I met many who obviously who deserved that expletive but most didn't. Well, I met another this weekend who was just born in the wrong place and therefore talks funny. Enjoyed it Don - Yawl Come!



I caught them on a size twelve Dark Hendrickson dry fly. What are you using?

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