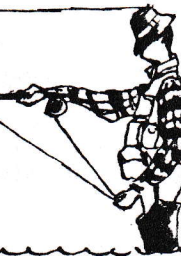


# TIGHT LINES



NOVEMBER 1991

NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

NOVEMBER MEETING TO BE AT THE LIBRARY The Rabun Chapter monthly meeting will be on Tuesday evening, November 19, 1991, at the Rabun County Library in Clayton. Social hour will begin at 6:30 and will be cut to one half hour so that the meeting may begin at 7:00 PM. For your entertainment Clem Defino was going to have the Hooter Girls serve refreshments but after the way he conducted himself in Rome, I doubt they will show. Anyhow, at this time I'm trying to contact Jeff Durniak to ask him to present an update on the Chattooga River. I feel sure he will do just that so count on it.

After we hear from Jeff, there is some pressing business to take care of and we ask that if you can possibly make this meeting, do.

1. First off, we need to elect officers for the next year. Our current slate has agreed to serve one more year but made it very clear that their feelings were not on the line and if there are nominations from the floor, so much the better.

2. Before you can say it, the RENDEZVOUS will be upon us and there are many preparations to discuss and on which to take action. J. Kidd, J. Nixon and Eric are going to update us on location.

SARAH'S CREEK SITE OF OCTOBER MEETING Our chapter just seems more at home holding a meeting on the banks of a mountain stream. Too bad we can't have them all outdoors! We did a little business, ate well, were entertained by the buck dancing demo by Nugget, who then redeemed himself with his pickin'. With the help of a young guest we plotted against Kidd, who didn't cooperate - he didn't show until the next morning.

## CHAPTER CALENDAR

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| Nov 18 & 19 | Fish Sampling in mainstream of the Chattooga. Meet at Stumphouse Ranger Station 8:30-9:00 AM<br>THIS IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE USFS WITH THE DNR'S FROM BOTH SC AND GA. TROUT UNLIMITED MEMBER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. |
| Dec 7       | TU Council/USFS Planning Meeting in Dahlonega   |
| Dec 17      | December Chapter Meeting - Rabun County Library   |

STRUCTURES INSTALLED ON SARAH'S CREEK Fifteen Chapter members floated and dragged prefabricated structures, logs and rock into place on October 4th and when the day was finished, seven structures were in place. These improvements are highly visible as Sarah's gets a lot of pressure. Who knows, maybe a few stockers will find our cover structures and survive a year or two. Thanks to all who participated, especially Ted and Bob, who drove up from Loganville and Monroe to lend a hand.

M & M'S HELP PANTHER CREEK STOCKING PROGRAM Back in September, Mike and Mort were on hand to help Jeff bucket stock fingerlings in Panther Creek.

COOSA VALLEY BANQUET Our Coosa Valley TU <sup>BUNCH</sup> ~~Club~~ threw a banquet in Rome on October 10th and four of us drove over. Actually, Walt Landreth drove over and back. Doug Adams was one of the big winners for the night, hauling in loot all evening. Walt won at least one prize. I'm not sure what Clem won but he certainly worked at it. He said something about lining up the Hooter Girls for the Rendezvous, so I assume that is what he was doing while away from the table all evening. Since I was the only one of the bunch who wouldn't succumb to the feminine wiles of Bambi, Kim and whoever, I didn't win anything.

CHATTOOGA RIVER BANQUET Preliminary reports suggest that the Chattooga River Chapter hosted a very successful banquet, grossing close to \$12,000. Hearing all about the Rome Hooter Girls, Eedee and Lil, chaporoned Doug and Nugget to the event and of course they won nothing! Jim Kidd also attended but hasn't reported on his winnings - and he always wins.

#### TOPICS OF A GENERAL NATURE

1. KING CREEK STUDY Rabun TU members will volunteer to assist in a Study of Seasonal Fish Movements, or "From Stream to Creel". The study will be managed by Andy Dolloff, Research Fisheries Biologist, USFS. Details to follow.
2. Over 22,000 Brown Trout fingerlings averaging 5.1" were helicopter stocked at nine locations from below Big Bend to above. These were Walhalla Browns
3. Tom Hawks, District Ranger, Chattooga District, is still soliciting comments regarding management of the Tray Mountain and Raven Cliffs Wilderness areas. Another meeting is scheduled for November 16th at the Dahlonega Public Library. These meetings are not connected with the Jenkin's proposed wilderness legislation.

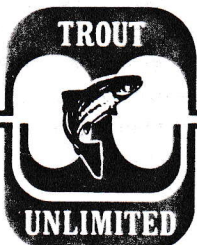
4. Several years ago, I contacted National regarding the possibility of using some of my art in their fund raising efforts. Never heard a word. Several weeks ago I scribbled a note on the bottom of the letter suggesting that the membership consider a special TU credit card carrying an APR of 18½%. I simply suggested that the APR bordered on usury and that Congress was beginning to take a serious look at these credit card rates. I also suggested that members such as the Rabun Chapter contributed to TU efforts by rolling rocks, hauling logs and driving steel. Well, Terry Austin, Director of Development, responded to my note with a four page letter and a packet of articles describing all the good works that TU does. I wouldn't dare condense Mr. Austin's comments but will bring the entire file with me to the November meeting for your perusal. (President Bush has recently asked the banks to lower interest rates on credit cards)

5. Don't forget - membership fees in Trout Unlimited have increased - a regular membership is now \$25, a family \$30. All of this money goes to National. Our raffles and other fund raising activities is how we function at the local level.

6. Do you remember OUTDOORS IN GEORGIA? The DNR ceased publication of this fine magazine in June of 1979. I've fumed over this for several years and complained to my state representatives and senator. I fume no more! The Georgia Wildlife Federation has just published GEORGIA WILDLIFE and it is a real gem. While the DNR is not the publisher, I note in the first issue that they do make several contributions to the magazine. I'll have a copy at the meeting for you to examine, and hopefully, subscribe to!

MEMBERSHIP NOW STANDS AT EIGHTY EIGHT - Wayne Hubbard (Clermont) who has taught Kyle most of what he knows about trout fishing, has joined the chapter and we're glad to have him. James Reed has renewed. Howard Page, Catherine Ritch, Bob Singleton and John Singleton need to renew.

THE COFFEE CAN THAT MIKE KEEPS IN THE BACKYARD now contains \$2722.56 including my recent check for \$10.00 to pay for the beautiful TU License plate. Now Mike has about a dozen of these left and would like to get rid of them. He'll have them at the next meeting.



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chattooga "Coalition" Members  
FROM: Jeff Durniak and Ralph Ruddle *JDR (off)*  
SUBJECT: Fingerling Trout Stocking

On Monday, September 16, 1991, approximately 22,433 walhalla strain brown trout averaging 5.1 inches were helicopter-stocked at nine Chattooga River sites between Burrells Ford and Reed Creek. There were four drops above Big Bend Falls and five below, with the three lowest drops at tributary mouths (Reed, Pigpen, Salt Trough) in case the heat wave experienced during stocking had continued.

All brown trout had been adipose fin-clipped on August 30 at Buford Hatchery. Fin-clipping at Buford took approximately 43 man-hours, giving a rate of about 525 fish clipped per man-hour. Post-clipping mortality over the first weekend was less than thirty fish, truly a credit to the clipping crew.

Thanks to DNR drivers Bill Couch and Hal Chestnutt, to Tom Kelly's USFS helicopter support crew and pilot, to members of the USFS (Russell, Wentworth, Riddock, Annen, and Bramlett), Trout Unlimited (Forbes, Chase, Beck), and the angling public (Michael and Henry Cochran) for clipping help, and to the Buford Hatchery staff for accommodating those fish. Jim Kidd and the USFS paid for the copter stocking time.

Our cooperative efforts should again pay off in a year or two as the browns reach a catchable size. The voluntary creel survey data and other angler reports should help us to track their survival distribution, and growth. We understand that the browns should also be joined by rainbows stocked later this fall by Randy Geddings. If you have any questions regarding this recent stocking, feel free to contact one of us here at Burton Hatchery.

JD/sj

cc: Michael Cochran TU: Adams, Mortenson  
USFWS: Wilson SCWMRO: Geddings  
USFS: Seehorn, Kidd, Russell GADNR: England

MESSAGE DISPLAY



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From: Eddie Morris  
Postmark: Oct 10, 91 1:21 PM Delivered: Oct 10, 91 1:21 PM  
Subject: Forwarded: MAINSTREAM SAMPLE

Comments:  
From: Eddie Morris:R08F03A  
Date: Oct 10, 91 1:21 PM

## Message:

From: Monte Seehorn  
Date: Oct 10, 91 11:40 AM  
THE RIVER IS BACK DOWN TO SAMPLING SIZE. A QUICK CHECK WITH A FEW KEY PEOPLE SHOW TIGHT WORK SCHEDULES FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. I THINK IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE HOWEVER TO GET AT LEAST ONE MARK AND RECAPTURE SAMPLE IN THE PIGPEN OR BIG BEND AREA THIS FALL. WITH ALL THE RAIN AND COOLER TEMPERATURES LAST SUMMER, CARRYOVER COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH HIGHER THAN NORMAL. THIS DATA WOULD HELP DELINEATE THE EXTREMES IN TROUT POTENTIAL IN THE RIVER AS DETERMINED BY CLIMATOLOGICAL FACTORS. NOVEMBER 18 AND 19 IS THE SUGGESTED DATE. MEET AT THE STUMPHOUSE RANGER STATION AT 0830-0900. LET ME KNOW WHO CAN PARTICIPATE. IF WE HAVE A BIG ENOUGH CREW WE'LL SEPARATE AND DO BOTH STATIONS. IF NOT WE'LL TAKE THE ENTIRE CREW ON ONE STATION (MOST LIKELY). MINIMUM CREW SHOULD BE 4-5 SHOCKER TOTERS, 4 DIPNETTERS, 2-3 MEAT HOGS (BUCKET TOTERS), AND 2-3 PROCESSING FISH AS WE GO (LOOKING MORE LIKE ONE SAMPLE ALL THE TIME). IF AVAILABLE, WE CAN EFFICIENTLY USE SIX SHOCKERS, SIX DIPPERS, THREE BUCKET TOTERS, AND 3-4 CLIPPING, WEIGHING AND MEASURING AS WE GO.  
GA. F.S.- 4 PEOPLE-3 SHOCKERS GA. DNR-2 PEOPLE- 2 SHOCKERS  
S.C. F.S.- 4 PEOPLE- 2 SHOCKERS S.C. DNR- 4 PEOPLE- 2 SHOCKER  
N.C. F.S.- 2 PEOPLE- ONE SHOCKER

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

YES! Please begin my one-year introductory membership in Trout Unlimited at the rate I have checked below. I understand my dues payment entitles me to all regular membership benefits, including a TU decal, personal membership card and quarterly issues of Trout magazine with Action Line.

Please check membership category:

- Regular membership (\$25) /  3 years (\$65)
- Family membership (\$30) /  3 years (\$75)
- Sponsoring contributor (\$50)\*
- Century contributor (\$100)\*
- Conservator contributor (\$250)
- Individual Life (\$500) (No further dues)\*
- Family Life (\$600) (Husband & Wife)\*
- Student membership (\$10)
- Business membership (\$100)\*

Payment enclosed \*\*  Please bill me

today!

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Canadian memberships please add \$5/yr.; all other countries, add \$20/yr.  
All contributions over \$12 are tax deductible.

\* Note special benefits for these membership categories.  
\*\* Make checks payable to Trout Unlimited.  
Mail this postpaid card to join TU today!