TIGHT LINES



APRIL 1992

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TU

THE APRIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON 24 APRIL about dark on the banks of Ridley Creek right where it joins up and makes one half of Reed Creek and erroneously referred to as the "Double Bit Camp". Soon as it's so dark you can't see your terminal tackle, head for camp. We'll have a fish fry, a short business meeting and discuss the work project for the next day. Jim Kidd and Doug Watson of the USFS will lead this work project on the structures in Reed Creek. We should be through on Saturday in time to fish late afternoon and evening.

PLEASE CALL JIM NIXON 746-5311 [W] or 746-3101 [H] WITH YOUR PLANS SO THERE WILL BE ENOUGH GRUB. THERE ALWAYS IS BUT IF YOU WILL LET JIM IN ON IT, THE JOB IS A LOT EASIER.

MARCH MEETING REPORT

Paul Joseph, Chattooga River Chapter and former Yankee, gave a most interesting slide and vocal presentation on "Salt Water Fly Fishing". I'm not sure if Paul gained any converts but he sure had our attention. After feeling my 3WT line slap me in the face on a small creek out beyond Hiawassee, I could readily see where I might want more rod, more line and more fly if I had to cast over five feet into an N'Easter off Hatteras or wherever. Thanks to Paul for coming over and joining us.

Coordinators either volunteered or where spang appointed for the Kids Fishing Days coming up this Spring and Summer:

Black Rock SP - Pat Hopton Nancytown Lake - Jim Harris Moccasin Creek SP - Kyle Burrell Tallulah River - Frankie Green

We also voted to spend some of our hard earned cash by:

donating \$100 each to the Kids Fishing Days held at Nancytown, Black Rock SP and Tallulah River.

donating \$300 for an Erosion Control Dinner Meeting

donating \$100 for the Creel Survey Cards

We discussed a trip to the Smokies to be coordinated by Jim Kidd who is no longer personna non grata for flagrant parking violations and for throwing garbage among the park flora. [I can't believe he got off under the first offender law!]

MEMBERSHIP APPROACHING THE CENTURY MARK

Steve Burch, John Dillard, Frankie Green, Walt Lane. Welcome New Members: Lewis Reeves, Martha & David Sherman, Jim Wentworth and John Range. WELCOME YOU EACH AND EVERY ONE AND HOPE TO SEE YOU OFTEN!!

RENEWALS: Arthur Crowe, David Gomez, George Reynolds, Tomy Short and Blair Tarnecki. THANKS, WE NEED YOU!

FOR A GOOD TIME CALL 404 754-3006 AND RESERVE A PURCE THURSDAY APRIL 23,1992

Gomer sez SHAME, SHAME, this may be the last TIGHT LINES you receive and what a literary void in your life this would be - so send in your renewal: David Chastain, Fredrick Hooper, Rodney Kilby, Donald MacLeod, Howard Page, Catherine Ritch, Bob Singleton, John Singleton, James Vandiver and YOU Henry Williamson, I miss you!

ACTIVITIES SINCE WE LAST MET

Doug Adams, presented a program, "Just the Chattooga" at the Chattooga River Chapter meeting on April 1, 1992. Noting his conduct at the Tri-State Conclave (earning himofficial censure by his chapter) Jim Nixon, Eric Esche, Mike Hogelin and Jim Kidd accompanied Doug to ensure he didn't get carried away.

Jim Harris announced an organizational meeting to form a TU Chapter in Habersham County on April 8th. Monte Seehorn, Jeff Durniak, Jim Kidd, Doug Adams and Jim Nixon were on hand to mislead Harris as much as possible.

Doug Adams, Jim Kidd, Jeff Durniak, Mort Meadows and Dave Jensen attended a meeting concerning Stekoa Creek on April 9th. [See enclosed letter.]



LET'S ALL SEE IF WE CAN GET JUST ONE MEMBER DURING THE GET A MEMBER DRIVE. FORMS ARE ENCLOSED AND WHO KNOWS YOU JUST MIGHT WIN SOMETHING. LIKE JILL, ST. JOHN OR ROBERT WAGNER!!

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

| APRIL | Service Creel Survey Boxes | J. Kidd & P. Hopper | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Fri April 24 Sat April 25 | Meeting and Campout Work Project | Ridley Camp Reed Creek | |
| Sat May 2 | Black Rock Mtn Kids Fishing Day | P. Hopton | |
| Sat May 9 | Nancytown Kids Fishing Day | J. Harris | |
| | NO MEETING IN MAY - GONE FISHING | | |
| June | Service Creel Survey Boxes | T. Landreth S K. Burrell | |
| Sat June ?? | Moccasin Creek SP Kids Fishing Day | K. Burrell | |
| June 8, 9, 10 | West Fork Electrofishing | M. Seehorn | |
| Tues June 16 | Monthly Meeting | RC Library | |
| Sat Jul 11 | Tallulah Kids Fishing Day | F. Green | |
| Aug 24,25,26,27 | Chattooga Electro Fishing | M. Seehorn | |
| Sep 16,17,,18 | West Fork Electro Fishing | M. Seehorn | |
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AT THE WILD TURKEY FEDERATION BANQUET. DILLARD HOUSE



<u> Doug Adams - President</u>

Tom Landreth – Paste Up Boy

P. O. Box 65 Rabun Gap, GA 30568 RT 2 Box 2355 Clarkesville, GA 30523

HELP IT'S TRY TO WITH THESE

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Chatt-Oconee NFs

Reply To: 2620

Date: April 8, 1992

Subject: 1992 Chattooga Fish Sampling

Chattooga Coalition ë

Pencil in the following dates on your calenders.

Mest Fork- June 8-10 and September 16-18.

Sampling will be at the same stations we've previously worked. Sampling will be depletion, requiring nets, cables, and at least six (preferably seven) shockers and a spare or two.

Highlands RD- 2-3 people

Andrew Pickens RD- 3 people Ga. Game and Fish- 3 people Chattahoochee N.F.- 6 people Great Smokies_ 2-3 people

Andy's crew T.U.- anyone that's interested

Location— meet at the Overflow bridge. I know Steve's not used to driving on National Forest roads and may slide off in the river again, but I can't think of a better place to meet (by the way, who was the other person who tried to drive down the cliff rather than walk?).

Mainstream- August 24-27

We'll be depletion sampling this year, so will need as many people as we can get. Suggested sample locations are Hwy. 76, Big Bend or Pigpen, Spoonauger or next site upstream, and Bad Fork.

Highlands RD_ 2-3 people

Andrew Pickens RD- 5 people (including Sumpter technicians if possible). Ga. Game and Fish- 3 people

Chattahoochee N.F.- 6 people S.C. Wildlife Resources_ 3-4

T.U.— We need you! That's big water (especially at Hwy 76) and we'll need replacements when Durn'ak and Wentworth submerge with their shockers running! In all seriousness, we could sure use half dozen or so people, especially on that site and the Bad Fork sample.

We will need 7 or 8 shockers on the 76 site, so bring all gear available. Let's plan to meet at the Andrew Pickens RD office 0930 August 24. That will give us time to get organized and still do the Big Bend or Pigpen sample (easy going). With an early start the next day we might even do Bad Fork and a lower sample (another easy day.)!

Jim and Donley plan to do the Bullpen sample, but I don't have their schedule yet. I'm sure we can scrounge up a few people to help on that one also. As soon as these "racorneurs of the road" return to the office and give me their schedule I'll get back with this trifin crew and see who wants to rappel down the "little ole slope" in to that sample station!

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Department of United States Agriculture

Service Forest

Tallulah Ranger District P. O. Box 438 Clayton, GA 30525 (404) 782-3320

Reply to: 2500

Date: March 13, 1992

Rabun Gap, GA 30568 Mr. Doug Adams Trout Unlimited PO Box 65

Dear Doug:

Approximately six months ago, Dave Perrin, who is affiliated with the Chattooga Outpost, Nannahala Outdoor Center, approached the Tallulah Ranger District in Clayron Georgia, with some concerns about Stekoa Greek and its water quality and how it might be improved. Although the majority of the watershed for Stekoa Creek is not on National Forest system land, it ultimately impacts federal lands, especially the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River.

define the roles that different parties may have and what the objectives of the River, the Tallulah District has agreed to host a short introductory meeting, in which Roger Frantz, a Forest Service facilitator from Atlanta, will coordinate input from the participants (government agencies, business leaders, interested private individuals). We want to discuss the problems associated with Stekoa Creek and the needs to correct them. We will also attempt to As we are also extremely concerned about the water quality of the Chattooga group might be in developing a long range plan.

meeting will be held at the Stonebrook Inn in Clayton Georgia at 1:00 p.m. We hope that this meeting will lay the groundwork for a positive dialogue from citizens and agencies concerned about water quality, development issues, and land use in the Rabun County area. The goals and objectives developed in this We would like to invite you to an initial meeting on April 9, 1992. meeting should serve as the first step in this direction.

attending this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Kidd Please respond to our office (404-782-3320) if you have an interest in

Sincerely,

DAVID W. JENSEN Jess 2.

District Ranger



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404-782-3320 (W) 404-782-4978 (H) PAT HOPTON IS COORDINATOR

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Black Rock Mountain State Park Mountain City, GA 30562 (404) 746-2141

April 2, 1992

Dear Doug,

Doug Adams
P.O. Box 65
Rabun Gap, GA

30568

I want to thank you and the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited for your willingness to assist with this year's Black Rock Mountain Junior Fishing Rodeo. This event is scheduled for Satu(day, May 2, and ye're looking forward to a real good turn-out.

As I mentioned to you, we are coordinating with the Game & Fish Division a special stocking of both catfish and trout, and we're hopeful that a good number of young people will be successful in catching fish during the tournament. I agree with you that our goal is "having fun", not necessarily "catching fish." One need not entirely depend on the other.

boxes, etc.). My goal is for as many young people as possible to go home with some type of prize regardless of the number of fish they may have caught. If Trout Unlimited can provide \$100.00, this would allow for the purchase of quite a few small-size prizes. If you're unable to provide this large an amount, we will be happy to receive any sum you feel is appropriate. You related to me your organization's ability and willingness to donate an amount of cash to help defray program costs. If this money is made available to us, I plan to spend every penny of it to cover the cost of prizes for kids who don't win prizes provided by local merchants (rods, reels, tackle

Again, Doug, thanks for your assistance. I look forward to coordinat TU's involvement with Pat Hopton. If you need any additional information from me, please give me a call anytime. I look forward to coordinating

Sincerely,

Black Rock Mountain State Park Anthony Kampros, Park Manager anthomy

> JIM HARRIS tor us 404-778-7402 NANCYTOWN COORDINATOR

MIXE HAS FOR SENT OUR \$100 DONATION EACH OF THESE 3 EVENTS

Agriculture Department of United States Service Forest Tallulah Ranger District P. O. Box 438

Clayton, GA 30525 (404) 782-3320

Reply to: 2610

Date: March 25, 1992

Doug Adams
Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
P.O. Box 65 Rabun Gap, GA 30568

Dear Doug:

The Tallulah and Chattooga Ranger Districts appreciate your participation in the Kid's Fishing Rodeos at Tallulah River and Nancytown Lake in 1991. There were many happy kids fishing at these events thanks to direct assistance by Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited volunteers helping the kids fish, and also due to prizes purchased with your financial assistance.

We would greatly appreciate this generous contribution. We understand there is a possibility of receiving \$100.00 from your chapter for each of the Kid's Fishing Rodeos at Tallulah River and Nancytown Lake in 1992.

We are looking forward to working with you again at Nancytown Lake on May 9

Sincerely,

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East Zone Wildlife Biologist Frankie Green

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YOUR REPRESENTATIVE SUPPORTO SIT REQUEST WRITE IME



ACTION ALERT

H.R. 4255 has been introduced. The focus is now on obtaining as many additional co-sponsors for H.R. 4255 as possible.

Council Chairman: Please write a letter(s) on behalf of your respective council to the Representatives in your state that a listed on the attached page.

You have two options in determining the content of your letter:

Utilize the sample letter we have provided, printed on your own council stationary. Utilize the fact sheet on H.R. 4255 to custom build your own

Send Neal Emerald at National TU copies of your letters. Please encourage all other council officers and leadership to write similar letters as individuals to their Representatives as

An earlier ACTION ALERT has been distributed to \overline{ALL} chapters via Lines To Leaders. Please encourage chapter presidents to follow through with our requests for letters.

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George Darden J. Roy Rowland Ed Jenkins Doug Barnard, Jr. Lindsay Thomas Charles Hatcher Newt Gingrich Richard Ray Ben James

SAMPLE LETTER

Tom Trout, Chairman Trout Council

1234 Caddis Lane Salmontown, State & Zip

Date

U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable (Name)

Dear Congressman or Congresswoman (Name):

I am writing on behalf of the (state) Council of Trout Unlimited, a (number of members) member organization dedicated to protecting trout, salmon, and steelhead habitats and resources.

We are concerned about the negative effects of wetlands losses on coldwater resources. With approximately 50% of our nations original wetlands now destroyed, it is important that we protect our remaining wetlands. H.R. 4255 the "Wetlands Reform Act of 1992," introduced by Rep. Don Edwards is a balanced bill which addresses both the permitting problems that development and commercial interests have raised, and provides a comprehensive in the approach for protecting wetlands. The proposed revisions in the Federal Wetlands Delineation Manual and H.R. 1330 and H.R. 404 will not protect wetlands. Rather they will accelerate wetlands losses. They will not protect riparian wetlands, which are crucial to protecting the biological integrity of our rivers, lakes, and streams.

Without riparian wetlands, most aquatic ecosystems will degrade and die. This will destroy both the abundant recreational opportunities that these resources provide and deny us the tremendous economic benefits that these water bodies

The proposed revisions in the Federal Wetlands Delineation Manual and H.R. 1330 and H.R. 404 should be labeled "antifishing" actions because they will do exactly that -- destroy a broad range of fisheries. We ask that you oppose the proposed revisions to the Federal Wetlands Delineation Manual and H.R. 1330 and H.R. 404. We ask that you become a supporter and co-sponsor of H.R. 4255, the "Wetlands Reform Act of 1992."

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

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1992 TU National Member · Get · A · Member Drive

Join fellow TU Members, JIII St. John and Robert Wagner, in "Making A Difference" for America's coldwater resources, by participating in TU's 1992 National Member-Get-A-Member Drive. If you do you and a friend may join Jill and R.J. Ishing for wild trout in Southern Chile at the fabulous RIo Puelo Lodge! (Plus earn valuable prizes thoice in appreciation from Orvis for helping TU grow! long the way!) If that's not enough, the Orvis Co. will outfit both TU travelers with the HLS flyrod outfits of their

need to expand our influence in the halls of Congress, in state capitals, and in local communities everywhere. Jill ohn and Robert Wagner believe in TU's mission and this important drive. That's why they have agreed to be our onorary Member•Get•A•Member drive co-chairpersons for 1992. Join them in "Making a Difference" TUs 1992 best-ever National Member Get A Member drive is designed to build the membership resources we

The rules to participate in this drive are simple:

- For every friend, co-worker, fishing buddy, or fellow conservationist you sign up from April 1st through May 30th, 1992, as a Regular (\$25) or Family (\$30) member, you will earn one Trout Buck towards the purchase of prizes listed inside this issue of Trout. Earn two Trout Bucks if you sign up a Sponsor member \$50). Every new recruit at the regular or family level will also earn you one chance in the **Rio Puelo, Jill St** ohn, Robert Wagner drawing - earn two chances to win for recruiting sponsors.
- There is no limit on the number of Trout Buck prizes you can earn and RIo Puelo chances you can win, in this exciting Member · Get·A·Member drive! Use the Member · Get·A·Member applications on the inside ack page of this wrapper to enroll your new members. Reproduce that page as needed or contact your local for additional copies.
- 4959 no later than June 30th to qualify (no exceptions). Student or discounted memberships are not eligible. All new member checks, credit card information, and applications must have an April 1st through May 30th, 1992 date and be in the hands of National TU at 800 follin Lane, SE, Suite 250, Vienna, Virginia 22180-
- designating his or her special efforts in this important drive. Every TU member who recruits at least (5) new members will earn a limited edition, Top Recruiter cap
- The top TU recruiter will also receive a Wheatley limited edition, 100th Anniversary Fly Box valued at
- application *and payment* sent in by May 1st, we'll enter your name in a separate, bonus raffle which will be drawn on Friday May 8th, that will see one lucky Member-Get-A-Member recruiter win an Orvis Anniversary late June, we would like to be able to enroll these new members as soon as possible. So, for every comp CPO III Fly Reel - a \$185 value. Participation in this early bird drawing does not reduce your chances in the Aio Puelo drawing. Whether or not you send in your new members by the 1st of May, your name will still be Special Early Bird Offer - While new member applications do not have to be sent to TU National until
- recruiters noting their accumulated Trout Bucks, Rio Puelo chances earned, and whether or not they qualified for a TU top recruiter hat. The winner for the Rio Puelo trip will be drawn at TU's 1992 Annual Meeting in Rochester MN on August 22nd where the top recruiting winner of the Anniversary Wheatley box will be At the conclusion of TU's 1992 Member · Get · A · Member Drive, prize order forms will be mailed to all

Other than that we have assembled an incredible prize package for our loyal members and hope that you will join jill and R.J. in participating! Good luck and good recruiting - now, "Make a Difference" for our coldwater fisheries!

HMANC____ Frank Smith, Chairman National Volunteer Membership Committee

Chapter Members! Attention SUPPORT TU'S

1992 Member · Get · A · Member · Drive

plus you may also win an all expense paid trip for two people to the Orvis Fly Rod Outfits, Pendleton Blankets & much, much more! – and earn this limited edition TOP RECRUTTER CAP - along with HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS in valuable prizes including TV sets, fabulous RIO PUELO LODGE in Puerto Montt, Chile . . .

with fellow TU members

fill St. John & Robert Wagner!

incredible drive, Rio Puelo Lodge, & the super prizes you can earn See the spring issue of Trout magazine for additional details or come to our next chapter meeting to learn more about this by recruiting your friends, neighbors and co-workers!

Make a Difference for Conservation!



1992 TU National Member · Get · A · Member Conservation Drive

Please return this page in its entirety to sign up new members and to earn your Trout Bucks and chances to the Rio Puelo drawing. There is no limit on the number of prizes you can earn or chances to win the trip to Rio Puelo Lodge in Chile. Please remember that every application check or charge must be dated from April 1 to May 30th 1992 to be eligible and all entries must be delivered to TU National by June 30th 1992 - no exceptions. See other information in this issue of TROUT for additional rules, restrictions, and explanations. If you are not currently a TU member you can use this page to sign up yourself and other new members.

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| Member · Get · A · Member | APPLICATION TODAY'S DATE |
| Dear TU: I am the sponsor of these new members. Please record their | NEW MEMBER'S NAME |
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| and chances to Rio Puelo. Thank you! | CITY/STATEZIP |
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