

TIGHT LINES



JULY 1992 OFFICAL NEWSLETTER **OF** THE RABUN CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED

JULY MEETING TUESDAY THE 21st AT THE LIBRARY

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday evening, July 21, at the Rabun County Library in Clayton. Jeff Durniak, Program Chairman, promises to produce a real live Ranger from North Carolina - Dave Cawrse, Highlands District - where the Chattooga comes from. Dave is going to talk about land acquisitions as a tool for watershed protection. We will have a few snacks around 6:30 during the social half hour and get the program underway about 7:00. See you there.

JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Even without a formalized agenda, our June meeting turned up a member of Governor Miller's Preservation 2000 Committee; one bona fide trout fishing Chairman of the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited and a delegate to the big Earth Summit in Rio. Not too shabby for the renegade chapter!

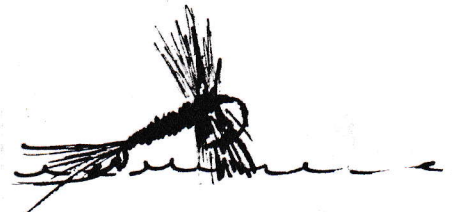
After a "swap meet" during our social half hour, we had a short business meeting in which we voted to donate \$200 in direct welfare to the newly formed and financially strapped chapter in Habersham, The Foothills Chapter. We then signed or made our mark on a card that was to accompany the book, "Trout" to Scottsboro, AL. This was a token of our appreciation to Eric Esche for all his help and friendship. Good Luck Eric! Come see us!

Asking an attorney to give a five minute synopsis of anything is like asking Hawg Adams to go and do a "little fishing". Nell Jones, chapter member, and an attorney, had just gotten off the plane from Rio where she was attending the Earth Summit and, I suppose, caught a cold dancing the mambo with Al Gore. Not to worry, Nell gave us a most interesting look at the Summit and clarified (an unusual lawyer tactic) with diagram and hoarse dialogue some of what was taking place down there. Thanks to Nell, we were getting the news fresh from the Summit.

Then Charlie Wharton, fellow chapter member and resident of rural Tate City, gave us some insight into the workings of Governor Miller's Preservation 2000 Program. Charlie urges that anyone who wishes to "nominate" a parcel of land for consideration, do so immediately. Call me if you need a form.

Bobby Bell, Chairman of the Georgia Council of TU and Coosa Chapter member, joined us and brought us up on the activities of the Council. I've included the Council's goals for 1992 and thank Bobby for being on hand to elaborate. We in the Rabun Chapter always appreciate Bobby being on hand because he makes us comfortable - he don't wear sox either!

A hunter who ain't a liar, a fisherman who won't toy with the truth is generally the kind of man who will do you one in the eye on a cattle trade, foreclose a mortgage on a widder, and sneak stamps out of the petty-cash box.
Robert Ruark, The Old Man's Boy Grows Older, 1957



FROM THE DNR

Fred Young of DNR's Real Estate Unit updated the Board on the status of Preservation 2000. He reported that his unit is negotiating with twelve property owners for the purchase of 53,000 acres of land. The DNR Board will be asked to approve the acquisitions after they are announced by Governor Miller.

The May 27 meeting of the Board was also held outside of Atlanta, at Madison, Georgia. At the May meeting, DNR Commissioner Tanner reported to the Board that with the end of FY 92 approaching, the State's Office of Planning and Budget has requested that each agency lapse one percent of its current operating budget to address the concern that the Administration's revenue estimate might not be met. This amounts to between \$550,000 and \$650,000 for the Department of Natural Resources.

KIDS FISHING DAYS UPDATE

Remember a year or so ago how much the Senior Golf Pros were looking forward to Jack Nicklaus reaching the age of 50 and joining them on the seniors tour? Well, that's about how I feel knowing that in a few short years the Burrell and Littrell boys will have free access to the streams in North Georgia! Moccasin Creek State Park hosted a bunch of youngsters and were aided by a few old heads from the Rabun Chapter. Thanks to Kyle Burrell for getting Durniak, Nixon, Kidd and Adams out to make sure the kids had a great time!

And up on the Tallulah River under the direction of Frankie Green, kids swarmed the banks and caught trout with the help of Jim Nixon, Jim Kidd, Kyle Burrell, Glen Littrell and Jerry Burrell. After showing everyone how it's done, the Burrell and Littrell youngsters were observed giving private lessons to members of the Foothills Chapter. Thanks to you all of you for caring enough to see that our youth learn the joys of fishing. Just remember, a day fishing adds a day, at least, to your life expectancy.

THANKS TO ALL WHO TURNED OUT FOR THIS YEARS FISHING DAYS AND HELPED OUT!!!!

HOW TO BEAT THE SUMMER FISHING DOLDRUMS

1. Look to your terrestrials - ants, hoppers, beetles
2. Tie on those really tiny flies - 18's and those twenties.
3. Finer and longer tippets.
4. Hit the stream at daybreak or at dusk.
5. Get outta here and head west of Hiawassee and let Durniak do TIGHTLINES!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Add two new members to the Rabun Chapter: Russell Burken of Toccoa and Terrell Park of Dillard. Glad to have you aboard!

Jim Carrall, Jim Kidd, Warren Kiernan, John Martin, Manty Seabo, Steve Theis and Rebecca & Peter Malik.

The following need to renew their memberships: Bob Blalock, Jim Darnell, Jeff Durniak, Nell Jones, Howard Thompson, Mort Meadors, David Chastain, Carl Fredricks, F. B. Doherty, William O'Connor, James Vandiver and George Wittbold.

Atlanta Fly Fishing Outfitters
invites you to their Summer Open House,
Saturday, July 25th
7:30 to 10:30 P.M.

5486 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd.
The Shops of Dunwoody
698-0707

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Aug 24, 25, 26, 27 Chattooga Electro Fishing Monte Seehorn
 Sep 16, 17, 18 West Fork Electro Fishing Monte Seehorn

There's stuff coming up in October and December and our regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. We'll remind you of all these things in good time. Meanwhile, "Oh, I packed my grip for a farewell trip..."



"Making A Difference In Georgia"

Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited Goals for 1992

- I. Continue our cooperation with U.S. Forest Service to improve trout habitat on streams inside Forest Service boundaries
- II. Continue to build on our relationship with Georgia Game & Fish.
- III. Seek out private property owners that will cooperate with Trout Unlimited, in trout habitat improvement and bank stabilization projects.
- IV. Become more involved in water quality monitoring and enforcement in the North Georgia Mountains and the lower Chattahoochee River.
- V. Continue educating the public for the need to conserve and protect our cold water resources.
- VI. Become more involved in educating our school children about cold-water fisheries and Trout Unlimited's conservation role.
- VII. Make recommendations to Site Selection Committee for Preservation 2000.
- VIII. Become more involved with Conservation & Environmental groups in Georgia and share information that can help our cause.
- IX. Work on ways to increase membership in the state, and spawn new chapters.
- X. Work for a year around trout season in Georgia.
- XI. Work for lower creel limits on select streams in Georgia, and maybe even a Catch-And-Release only area.
- XII. Work with Forest Service and Game & Fish on Brook Trout restoration project, both monetarily and with volunteer labor.

We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors.
 We borrow it from our children.
 From an old Pennsylvania Dutch expression.

