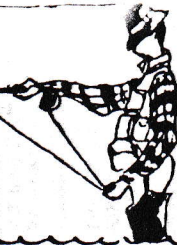


# TIGHT LINES



**January Meeting:** The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold it's January meeting at the Rabun County Library in Clayton, Tuesday, January 19, 1993. This meeting will not follow the customary format. We will begin about 6:30, finalizing plans for the Rabun Rendezvous. All members who can lend a hand at the Rendezvous are asked to come and participate in this last meeting before the big bash January 30th. There will be no program.

**December Meeting:** Our December meeting was held on the 15th and while we had no program other than a few videos, it developed into one of the more important meetings of the year. More on this later. Besides a video starring your editor as he landed one monster trout after another with Cahill picking up a stray or two, Jeff Durniak brought us up to date on the tornado damage over at Water's Creek. It's obvious the damage was severe and will require many hours of work to remove the majority of the debris. Obvious too, is that the forest canopy has been seriously reduced and will probably have an adverse effect on water temperatures. Jim Kidd thought the damage was the result of clear cutting and was surprised when told that, no, the damage was indeed nature's own. The look of envy was hard to hide, eh Jim? Another video featured some foreign sewage engineer conducting a pictorial visit to Twin Lakes in Helen. Personally, I got a lot out of this last one but since this newsletter does find its way into hearth and home, I will not elaborate. Thanks to Doug, Jeff and Clem for the flicks.

**Reports:** Mike Hogelin reports we have more or less \$3120 in the Chapter Till. Mike will present a more accurate accounting after the Christmas shopping period is over.

**King Creek Project:** Jim Kidd advises that the wiers (fish traps) on King Creek will most likely be removed soon. In fact, they will probably be gone by the time you read this. The leaf fall really raised havoc with this project but we understand there was some success in late October and early November. Will provide the details as soon as they are available.

**Membership:** This area drew the most concern. Actually, we haven't experienced a drop in numbers as much as we have lost many of our charter and most reliable members. We have maintained numbers through new members outside our area and we are grateful for those; but, we want our old members back! Our new president, Kyle Burrell, will address this concern shortly and you are urged to respond. We need the input of every member, past and present. The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited has been a vital force in northeast Georgia on behalf of our cold water resources. Let's put our heads together and develop a course for the chapter to follow in the coming months and years. Be thinking about it!

And, speaking of membership, welcome Jane & Tom Dickerson of Rock Hill, S.C., to the Rabun Chapter. Hope we will meet you at the Rendezvous! Gary Breece and James Reed have renewed their memberships and the following members need to: Bill Bunch; Allen Darling; Steve Denman; Wayne Haines; Wayne Hubbard; Glen Littrell; Steve Littrell; Steve McCall; Dave Schmidt and Teddy Vance.



December 15, 1992

PRESS RELEASE

Southeastern Brook Trout Symposium  
February 27, 1993  
Tennessee Aquarium  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Contact: Brad Weeks, (615) 266-8816

The Southeastern Region of Trout Unlimited and The American Fisheries Society is sponsoring a Southeastern Brook Trout Symposium on February 27, 1993 at the Tennessee Aquarium. The symposium will consider recent genetic studies of Brook Trout in the southeast as well as state management intentions regarding the region's only true native trout (char)-the southern Brook Trout. Steve Moore, fisheries biologist of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and Brad Weeks, Southeast Regional Vice-President of Trout Unlimited, are organizing the event.

The symposium is open to all interested trout anglers. Featured panel members will include Gary F. McCracken and Stan Guffey of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. McCracken developed the process to analyze DNA sequence variation amongst various Brook Trout populations in the southeast. He will explain the process and its implications - particularly with regards to interaction between native and hatchery-bred Brook Trout.

A panel discussion regarding Brook Trout management in the southeast will take place following McCracken's presentation. The panel will consist of Cindy Williams, fisheries program manager for the Southern Region of the U. S. Forest Service; Larry Hohn, regional fisheries manager for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; Jim Borawa, fisheries biologist for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Danny Scott, assistant chief of fish management for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; Jeff Durniak, research biologist for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources; and Dan Rankin, assistant trout biologist for the South Carolina Department of Wildlife & Marine Resources. These experts will make a brief presentation of their own state's management goals and activities. The panel will then answer questions from the audience related not only to Brook Trout management, but also wild Rainbow and Brown Trout management.

Interested anglers and naturalists are encouraged to attend the symposium, beginning at 1:00 P.M., February 27, 1993, in the auditorium of the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

No fewer than 13 categories of fish wrangler appear in the credits for "A River Runs Through It," Robert Redford's adaptation of Norman Maclean's Montana fly-fishing memoir. Fish that looked painfully hooked were "harmlessly tethered," says Patrick Markey, the co-producer, and all of the scaly extras were farm-raised, not river-caught. In some scenes, a mechanical trout impersonated the real thing. (Unfortunately for the rest of the fish in existence, manufacturers of fly rods predict that the film has encouraged an abundance of anglers to take to the water.)

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Reply To: 1830

Date: December 16, 1992

Dear Volunteers,

In Fiscal Year 1992, volunteers participated in many projects on the Andrew Pickens Ranger District. Examples of their accomplishments include:

- Students and teachers from the Baylor School in Chattanooga did extensive repair work on the Woodall Shoals Trail.
- Several paddling clubs and commercial outfitters adopted sections of the Chattooga and carried out many clean-up trips.
- The Concerned Citizens for the National Forest did an impressive clean-up project along the Rich Mountain Road, which netted enough used appliances to start a new business.
- Many volunteers labored in the hot sun this summer on the Chattooga Old Town archeology dig.
- Charles and Mary Ann Layton spent about six months as our Cherry Hill Campground Hosts. Cleaning the restrooms, keeping the peace, giving information to campers, and campground maintenance are some of the many projects they assisted with during their stay.
- Three Trout Unlimited Chapters, Rabun, Chattooga, and Saluda, helped with river and trail clean-up, fish sampling, the Youth Fishing Derby, and a study being conducted by Clemson University on the effects of beavers on trout.
- The National Wild Turkey Federation and South Carolina Bowhunters' Association contributed money which was used to fund many wildlife habitat improvement projects.

Volunteers helped with many other projects-also, too numerous to list. The volunteer work on the District totaled about 12,000 hours last year. The contribution of the volunteers enabled the Forest Service to complete many more projects than would have been possible otherwise.

The Andrew Pickens Ranger District extends our gratitude and a Thank You for all the work you have accomplished. We appreciate your kindness in giving your time and money for the benefit of the Forest and the public.

*Steve Jones*  
HORACE JARRETT  
District Ranger



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Chapter Presidents & Council Chairmen: Please make copies of this publication and distribute to your Chapter/Council leaders.

## BROOK TROUT SYMPOSIUM

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## PRESIDENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH AWARDS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is sponsoring the seventh Annual *President's Environmental Youth Award* national competition for grades kindergarten through 12. The purpose of the competition is to offer young people an opportunity to become an environmental force in their communities. This is a great chance for TU Chapters to recognize outstanding youth contributions to coldwater fishery resources. To obtain an awards application, contact your regional EPA office. If you need information on how to contact your regional EPA office, contact Neal Emerald at national TU.

## AFS SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS NOW AVAILABLE

The proceedings from the November 1991 symposium *Fisheries Management: Dealing with Development in the Watershed*, is now available. The proceedings cover five topic areas: the

role of the fisheries manager, evaluation techniques in relation to fisheries management of watersheds, pros and cons of mitigation, developing realistic management objectives, and public education and involvement. The symposium is available for the cost of \$30.00. AFS members can obtain the proceedings for \$40.00. To get your copy, send your check or credit card information to: American Fisheries Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, #110, Bethesda, MD 20814-2199 or call (301) 897-8616, FAX (301) 897-8096.

## TU AWARDS NOMINATIONS REMINDER

It is time to put together your chapter or council nominations for the outstanding achievements of chapters, councils, and individuals. Award winners will be recognized at the National TU convention in Hershey, PA in August of 1993. For more information, contact Loretta Pogorzelski at (703) 281-1100 ext. 304. Information regarding awards selection criteria is listed in your chapter/council handbook. Send your nominations to Loretta at the national TU office.

## TU FINANCIAL REPORTING DUE

Chapters and Councils must have their financial statements in the National TU office by March 31, 1993. The reporting form is attached to this issue of *LTL*. If you have any questions, contact Loretta Pogorzelski at (703) 281-1100 ext. 304.

## PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The 1993 *Annual Island Press Environmental Sourcebook* is now out.

This catalogue contains publications on a variety of environmental topics including Restoration of Aquatic Ecosystems, Conservation Easements, Wetlands Protection, Biodiversity, Endangered Species, Watershed Management, etc. To obtain a copy of this catalogue, call: 1-(800) 828-1302.

The U.S. Forest Service's Natural Resource Conservation Education Program (NRCEP) has a newsletter entitled: *The Catalyst*. The goal of NRCEP is to develop awareness of environmental issues and critical thinking skills that enable people to better understand complex environmental problems. NRCEP attempts to fulfill this goal by using factual information about natural resources as the basis for structured education experiences, by encouraging successful and innovative conservation education efforts, and by engaging in partnerships designed to complement and enhance existing programs. To get on the mailing list for *The Catalyst*, contact NRCEP, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090, or call (202) 205-1043; FAX (202) 205-1174.

## PETE RAFFLE JOINS TU AS NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Public relations specialist Pete Raffle has joined TU's national staff as Director of Communications. He's already hard at work with editorial and production duties on *TROUT* magazine, and will be presiding over the effort to make *TROUT* more closely reflect TU's conservation mission and the needs, interests and concerns of our membership. He is also looking forward to directing a major public relations and media campaign to

"get the word out" about all the terrific things TU is accomplishing nationwide.

Pete joins TU fresh from a stint as Senior Writer at WNET in New York, the nation's flagship PBS station, where he orchestrated public relations strategy and produced the station's monthly viewer's magazine. He holds a B.A. in English from Yale University. An avid angler, Pete comes from a proud family of conservationists; his father is president of the Ernest Schwiebert Chapter of Trout Unlimited in New Jersey and Youth Education Coordinator for the New Jersey Council TU. Please join us in welcoming Pete to the TU team.

## TU CLIP ART AVAILABLE

Need to spruce up your chapter or council newsletter or any other TU publications? Call Jennifer Lee at (703) 281-1100 and she will send you TU's camera-ready clip art.

## TU APPLAUDS NOMINATION OF CAROL BROWNER AS NEW HEAD OF EPA

President-elect Bill Clinton's nomination of Carol Browner to head the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, his first major environmental appointment, drew praise from TU and other conservationists.

Browner, 37, currently heads the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, where she oversees a budget of \$650 million and a staff of more than 1,500. At the EPA, Browner's responsibilities will mushroom as she oversees a budget and staff more than ten times as large.

"We're very pleased with the nomination. She has a strong record of environmental protection in Florida with the DER," commented Steve Moyet, TU's Director of Government Affairs. "She has done especially well on wetlands and water quality issues. We look forward to working with her," Moyet added.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Loretta Pogorzelski has just been promoted to the newly created position of Office Manager and Jennifer Lee to the position of Assistant Office Manager.

Loretta and Jennifer have made a significant contribution to the smooth running of the national office of TU. We expect them to perform admirably in their new roles.

Loretta joined TU in 1989 as Assistant to the Executive Director. In addition to maintaining her old duties as Assistant, Loretta will assume full office management and administrative responsibilities for the national office. These responsibilities include maintaining the phone system, office equipment, and the logistics of TU's impending move from Follin Lane to a new headquarters.

Jennifer joined TU in September as our receptionist. Since then, she has proven herself to be an invaluable resource. In addition to graciously fielding phone calls, Jennifer has served as a "utility player" by taking charge of many tasks above and beyond answering the phones. As Assistant Office Manager, she will report directly to Loretta and will complete a transition to the position by the end of January. She and Loretta will work together to ensure smooth operation of the national office. Please join us in congratulating Loretta and Jennifer on their new positions.

## KNOW YOUR 103RD CONGRESS!!!

As 1993 and the 103rd Congress approaches, it is important for TU chapters and councils to reach out and get to know your new Representatives and Senators as well as returning members of Congress. We encourage TU leaders to arrange to meet with your Congressional leaders and staff. Schedule a meeting when they are at home in your district. Educate them about the goals of TU. Provide them with press clippings on the accomplishments of TU in the local community to improve and protect water quality and salmonid habitat. Next month we will provide a list of Congressional leaders complete with new committee assignments. TU chapters and councils can make a world of difference by getting to know your Congressional leaders and contacting them on coldwater fishery resource issues when needed. If you need more information, contact Steve Moyet (703) 281-1100 ext. 308.



## CHAPTER/COUNCIL VISIBILITY

TU Chapters & Councils that would like to grab some local visibility may want to consider underwriting the local PBS distribution of *Shadow Casting: The Making Of A River Runs Through It*. The program will be offered through the Pacific Mountain Network (PMN) to over 325 PBS stations in the national system. Each station will individually decide whether or not to air the program. There is a tight window on the airing period to take advantage of the film's theatrical release and probable Oscar nominations. The program will be shown between January 1 and early April 1993. Because of satellite fees and production costs, a small charge, based on the station's population area, will be made for the pickup. If chapters/councils wish to make sure their area receives the program, they can offer to act as the local underwriter and receive an underwriting credit. The actual credit will be worked out between the chapter/council and the station with the assistance of the PMN. Underwriting fees are very reasonable. There are seven tiered pricing levels ranging from \$750 in major cities (NY, Chicago, LA) to \$75 in small communities. Call Terry Austin at (703) 281-1100 ext. 307 for additional information.

## TU COMMENTS ON PROPOSED ALASKA 1% RULE

National TU submitted comments to EPA on the proposed rule which would gut the Section 404 Clean Water Act guidelines for wetlands mitigation sequencing for Alaska. TU emphasized that current regulations provide ample flexibility to allow limited destruction of wetlands under current sequencing requirements. The proposed rule would allow developers to destroy Alaska wetlands without evaluating whether any practicable alternatives exist. The proposal would eliminate avoidance and mitigation measures for all permit analysis for even the highest value wetlands. TU stressed the valuable role wetlands play in protecting Alaska's unique salmonid fisheries and their importance to the state's economy.

## KEEP US UPDATED ON CHAPTER AND COUNCIL OFFICER CHANGES & OTHER HAPPENINGS.

## RABUN RENDEZVOUS

January 30th is fast approaching and we need to be ready:

1. Those of you who have been putting off sending in your cash or item contribution, now is the time! We need to know just what we can count on. Contact: Jim Kidd, RT 1, Tiger, GA 30576 or call (H) 782-2474 (W) 782-3320.
2. We are urging all Rabun Members to wear their fishing vests to the Rendezvous as sort of a unifying element. Of course this isn't a requirement, but it would be a nice touch. ( You might want to remove any old sandwiches or Golden Niblet cans from the pockets, unclip the landing net as they are uncomfortable to sit on.)
3. We would like to be set up by 4:00 PM on the 30th, so come on over to the Dillard House by 3:00 PM and give us a hand.
4. Always a tough decision, we decided to charge \$10.00 for children. We are charged for each plate used.

**SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE EDITOR:** There have been a few complaints that TIGHTLINES is not arriving early enough to alert you to meeting times and dates, etc. I would like to have it in the mail one week before our regular meeting or special meetings like campouts and work projects. To do this, I will need materials and reports ten days before the meeting date. I would also like for committee chairman to call or drop me a note providing the information you want included. It's too time consuming for me to call around to find out what's going on. With your help we can have TIGHTLINES in your hands in time to make plans.

**OUT WITH THE OLD! IN WITH THE NEW!** Well, not out exactly, just moved over a little bit. Doug Adams once again came to our aid and served as our chapter president these past two years; but, now must make room for the incoming president Kyle Burrell. Try as I may, I just can't get that vision of the old man with the scythe and the diapered baby with the banner on his chest out of my mind. Seriously folks, I know you join me in thanking Doug for his leadership these past two years, and again, for all those other times in the past. It seems inadequate, but **THANKS DOUG!!!** And here's a tip of the glass to Kyle and the fine job he is sure to do as our new president - **TIGHT LINES, KYLE !**

## THE RABUN RENDEZVOUS NEEDS YOUR HELP

### TECHNI-SPEAK AND TROUT FISHING

Anyone who reads the flyfishing magazines knows the advertising and most of the articles are aimed at the affluent angler who arms themselves with \$400 rods and reels with matching price tags. That is what is meant by a "balanced outfit". There now seems to be a shift towards those anglers who hold an MBA in either marketing or more likely, a doctorate in Statistics. Here are excerpts from just two such articles: "wader errors", "casts per hour" (CPH) and "presentations-per-trout-caught-ratio". Wader errors and those who commit them are the subject of much kidding around the campfire but aren't viewed with statistical meaning. Angling quantification? Hey friend, did you have a good time?

The sad fact is that wooing trout is like wooing certain attractive and mettlesome women: they will not play unless they are in the mood — and moreover think of it first.

Anatomy of a Fisherman, Robert Traver



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>COORDINATOR</u>
Tues Jan 19	Monthly Meeting	Library	
Sat Jan 30	Rabun Rendezvous	Dillard House	
Sat Feb 27	Brown Trout Symposium	Tennessee Aquarium	
Sat Apr 24	Work Project	Charlie's Creek	USFS
Sat Sep 18	Work Project	Charlie's Creek	USFS

Chapter meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month unless you are notified otherwise. They are held at the Rabun County Library in Clayton, Georgia and begin at 7:00 P.M. The above calendar will be updated each newsletter so be sure to refer to it each month.

REMEMBER JANUARY 30TH IS THE RABUN RENDEZVOUS IN DILLARD, GEORGIA

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A river is never quite silent; it can never, of its very nature, be quite still; it is never quite the same from one day to the next. It has its own life and its own beauty, and the creatures it nourishes are alive and beautiful also. Perhaps fishing is, for me, only an excuse to be near rivers.

*Roderick Haig-Brown, A River Never Sleeps. 1944*

