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Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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CHATTOOGA COALITION UPDATE SUBJECT OF NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be on Tuesday night, November 16th at the Rabun County Library in Clayton. Social hour begins at 6:30 with the official meeting getting underway at 7:00. Jtm Kidd, chapter member and part time employee or the U.S. Forest Service will bring us up to date on what's happening with the Chattooga Coalition and all those extra dollars being earmarked for acquisitions in that watershed. (I have heard no further word from the Wilderness Society nor from anyone who has talked with them so I assume they are not on the agenda.)

We will also expect to hear from Jim Nixon who I understand has a slate of officers for 1994 for

your approval, or disapproval.

The Rendezvous is planned for late January and that is not far away. We'll need to solidify

plans for that and put them in action.

PLEASE, TU'ERS, COME TO THIS MEETING. HELP MAKE PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR AND THEN HELP EXECUTE THE PLAN. WE NEED ALL OF YOU TO MAKE TU A VIABLE ORGANIZATION.

JERRY WEST GUEST SPEAKER AT OCTOBER MEETING Dr. Jerry West,

Professor at Western Carolina, spoke to us regarding research undertaken by the school to better understand the relationship of our native Brook Trout in streams where the Rainbow Trout has been introduced. The studies were not conclusive but did indicate that Brook Trout seem to loose some degree of reclusivness in the abscence of the Rainbow. It is hoped more research will be intituted in the future in order to clarify some of the data presented. We thank Jerry for taking this time with us and hope he'll come on down again soon.

FIN CLIPPING AT BURTON If just the Browns that were clipped on Thursday, October 21st are stocked in the Chattooga, you're in for some slim pickings in a couple of years! Jeff Durniak and I did the best we could (and that was pretty damn good) foran hour or so and then were joined by my lovely wife, June, for another hour of snipping. The three of us then retired to the second floor of the administration building where Karen Durniak had been preparing supper for a crowd. The menu: corn on the cob. slaw, hot dogs, hamburger steak, Texas style toast and cake. Have you ever invited people for dinner and no one showed up? I hope not.

MEMBERS OF RABUN CHAPTER HELP INTRODUCE SCOUTS TO FLY FISHING Kyle Burrell, Bill Kelly, Jeff Durniak and Jim Nixon joined members of the Chattahoochee Chapter in demonstrating the fine art of angling for trout to a couple of dozen Atlanta area Boy Scouts. I understand Kyle wowed everyone with his expertise, which doesn't surprise this writer who has been embarrased more that once fishing with the "Vacuum"! Kyle, after explaining the ways of a trout, demonstrated fly tying and casting to the youngsters. Hopefully, trout will have gained some new supporters. Thanks to Bill, Jeff, Jim and Kyle for representing the chapter in this worthwhile happening.

On a personal note: June and I have purchased a house on Wolffork Road in Rabun County and will be relocating up there as soon as we dispose of the house here in Habersham. We're looking forward to this move and will keep you up to date on our progress. In the meantime, think about the weekend of December 4th and 5th, it's our annual open house and you are all welcome!

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