

Tight Lines.....

Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Presidents Message

Apologies are due to all for the problems with the last meeting. It was unfortunate, but when duty calls, the folks at the USFS must respond. As it now stands, the folks responsible for setting up the meetings are all USFS employees. We will look at alternatives to remedy this situation so it won't happen again. We have rescheduled our Yellowstone speaker for April 26th. It is a great show so please try to be there.

Many thanks to Jeff Durniak and Jim Nixon for manning the booth at the Conservation Fair. Special Kudos to Sharon for her display design and efforts in setting things up. Ours was one of the best displays at the fair!

It is time to meet at the Double Bit camp. Don't forget our April 8th campout and workday on Saturday the 9th. It will be a great time to share stories, do a little early season fishing, and get together around the campfire. I would like to have an informal meeting and discuss a few issues for the chapter. I hope to have a large group at the campout.

Jim Kidd - the Prez

Please excuse the brevity of this newsletter. Several folks had called about the campout so we felt like this was important information to get to you on a timely basis. *Sharon*

TU For Kids Expands Nationwide

The TU For Kids Program, which allows youngsters to get a fly rod, reel, and line at a reasonable price along with a special conservation brochure written especially for kids, is expanding nationwide. Ads for the program have appeared in *Trout Magazine* and *The Emerger*. Under a new agreement, Zebco which owns Martin rods, will provide each child who signs up for the program with a Martin fly rod outfit.

The cost is \$40 plus \$3.95 shipping and handling. Call 1-800-805-4607 or (703)284-9424 for ordering info. Good opportunity for the up and coming little people.

Foothills to Assist with Helen Trout Festival

The Foothills Chapter will be helping with a Trout Festival on Saturday, April 9th in Helen. There will be prizes awarded for a variety of things; largest fish, etc. Casting demos will be given throughout the day as well as fly tying demos, fishing videos and TU videos will also be shown.

Festivities also include a fish dinner and a live country band. Registration is \$12.00 per person which includes the dinner and the tournament. The tournament boundaries are between State Route 75-A bridge to the north and the bridge at Nora Mill to the south. All trout must be caught between these two bridges between the hours of a to 3:30 pm. and weighed in. For more info., contact the Alpine Helen Festivals and Events Council, 706-878-3677.

Open House at Atlanta Fly Fishing Outfitters

The Atlanta Flyfishing Outfitter will host an open house on Saturday, April 9th. It begins at 3:00pm and will give you an opportunity to meet and visit with Jim Criner, owner of Bud Lilly's Trout Shop in West Yellowstone, Montana.

At 5:00pm, Jim will present a program on fishing the Big Horn River. At 7:00pm, he will present a program on fishing in the Yellowstone area.

Interested in going? The outfitters are located in The Shops of Dunwoody, 5486 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Atlanta.

Ah Yes! We are going to try and go 'Fishing in Yellowstone' one more time!

We blew it last month - no two ways about it! David Van Lear has agreed to do his program but we had to be a little bit flexible in the scheduling. Our formal (if we have such a thing) meeting will be on the 26th of April (**this is the fourth Tuesday instead of the third**) at the US Forest Service office. The library was not available on the 26th so we had to punt! Social at 6:30, meeting at 7:00pm. Promise that we won't stand you up this time; hope you will join us for this excellent program!

Chapter Workday and Campout

Yes - we are having a workday on Reed Creek on Saturday, April 9th. We hope you can join us around the campfire on Friday evening for a lot of yarns and lines. If you need directions to the campsite, give us a call. We'll be expecting to see you on Friday. If you can't make it Friday evening, see around 9:00am Saturday morning.

Unidentified Swimming Object Reported by the Vacum

Back awhile, while fishing with nameless people on a nameless

river in southeastern Rabun County, the Vacum spotted a USO in the nameless river. His first thought - the bunny from the Rendezvous in another clever disguise. Turned out it was just an otter, about three hundred yards beyond the "Black Hole."

Important Stuff To Remember



April

**Fri.-Sat., April 9th -
TU Workday on Reed
Creek**

**This includes an
overnight campout at the
Double Bit camp site!**

**Tues., April 26th, Montly
Meeting/Program at the
Forest Service office.
Social at 6:30, meeting at
7:00 pm. We'll spend the
evening "Fishing In
Yellowstone" with David
Van Lear.**



May

**14th - Kids Fishing
Rodeo at Nancytown
Lake**

Fly of the Month

The Elk Hair Caddis

Hook: Mustad #94840 Sizes: #16 and #14

Body: I prefer Fly-Rite #22 Cahill Tan fine poly dubbing, but most tan colored material will work.

Hackle: Ginger, palmered up the body.

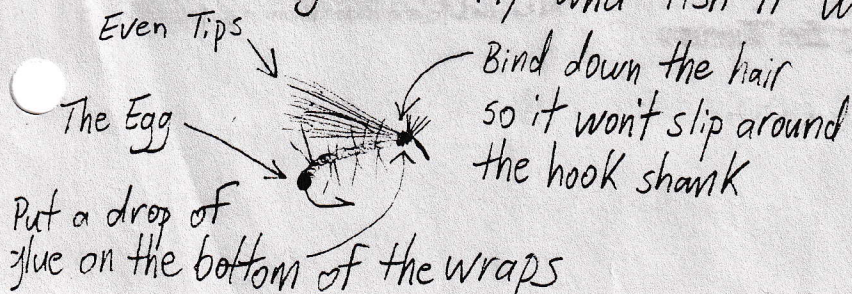
Wing: Bleached or very naturally light (tan) colored elk hair. If you are buying it in a store look through all they have and chose the piece with the straightest hair. Stack the hair to make the tips even.

Thread: Cream, 3/0 size. Don't use the smaller 6/0 size, it will break.

Egg Sac: Olive poly dubbing, made into a small ball.

Everybody knows that you can't go fishing in April without a box full of 'Elk Hair Caddis'. This particular fly was developed to match the flies on the River. I don't believe the egg sac has any practical value, but I looks cool! I don't think a fish has ever swam up to an eggless fly and said to himself, "This ones not real because it doesn't have an egg!". So leave it off if you want.

Sometimes the fish prefer this fly fished just under the surface as an emerger or an egg layer. So if your getting refusals tie on a non-ginked fly and fish it wet.



Yard work sucks,
Gone Fish'n
Kyle B.