

Tightlines

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June?

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"I fish
because I love to;
because I love the environs
where trout are found;
because
trout do not lie or cheat
but respond
only to endless patience;
because there are no
telephones on trout waters;
because only in the woods
can I find solitude
without loneliness;
because maybe someday
I will catch a mermaid.

John Voelker
Testament of a Fisherman

Presidents Message

I hope everyone has had as good a May on the river as I did. The fishing was good and the river seemed to be in excellent shape. It is good to see our efforts pay off in terms of good fishing and good water quality. One piece of good news relative to water quality is that the Georgia Council has formed a permanent Committee that will coordinate efforts in Georgia to acquire land with LWCF funds. With the heavy development in North Georgia, it is important that we support these efforts to protect our cold water habitats. This will be a discussion item at the coming meeting.

It is time to be thinking about the lands west of Hiawassee - see you at our next meeting.

Editors Notes

Ah yes.... Jaybird holes and long walks at night, 17" brown trout caught on a lure, lies about fish missed and those caught. Spring is always full of surprises. It is indeed, so much more than fishing.

Congrats to the Vacuum

Kyle Burrell has been appointed to direct the "fisheries" portion of the Chattooga River Ecosystem Project. Kyle has received a full-time, two year appointment by the US Forest Service.

The information generated by this effort will be used to direct future management decisions in the

Chattooga River basin.

June's Program

Our next meeting will be at the Rabun County library on Tuesday, June 21, social hour begins at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7:00pm.. We will watch the new national video production that features some of the chapters in north Georgia as well as Jeff Durniak. DNR will also be bring a video for us to watch. We would like for folks to bring pictures or a video along with your lies to share with the other members of the group.

Workday on Popcorn Creek

Our workday on Popcorn Creek was successful although we were extremely few in numbers. We installed two cover logs and a deflector.

Thanks to all of those who participated in the workday!

Improvements to Burrells Ford Rd.

The Forest Service is in the process of making several improvements to reduce the amount of erosion entering Reed Creek. Sediments traps and culverts have been installed at strategic points on the road. Silt fence has been placed on some of the steeper inclines in the area of the old Burrells Ford Road. The Forest Service will monitor the amount of sediment when the traps are maintained.

Cheek Boxes

South Carolina is suppose to be checking the boxes this month.

Doug Adams is our checker for the month of July.

West of Hiawasee already?

After recent expedition west of Hiawasee, Arthur "The Old Crowe" and his bird dog "Hoover" Burrell are pleased to inform us that the White River in Arkansas has been successfully surveyed with excellent results. The river abounds with 10" to 16" Rainbows and Browns which easily succumb to Sow Bugs and Olive Woolly Buggers. Maps were procured and locals were questioned. Crowe and Burrell returned with a wealth of information and are happy to announce that bribes are encouraged and appreciated! The politically conservative Arthur says that it sure is good to say something positive about Arkansas for a change.

1994 FJU National Convention

"Mountains and Wild Trout" is the theme of the 94 convention. Events scheduled for this year include a Western BBQ, fishing seminars, bus tours of Yellowstone, and all the fishing you can handle.

For registration forms, check the summer issue of Trout magazine.

Have You Seen This Man?

Local reports indicated that this man was last seen walking down Charlie Mtn. Rd. He had that 'deer in your headlights look' and was mumbling something about "west of

Hiawasee". If you see him, wind him up and send him home. His family is worried about him.



Fly of the Month The Black Ant

Hock: Mustad 94840 Sizes 20, 18, 16, 14, 12

Body: Black Fur or Yarn

Hackle: Black Thread: Black



Studies have shown that the ant is one of the most common food items in a trout's summer diet. These Flies are very easy to tie and require very little material. Keep the hackle sparse and let the fly go wet. Use it on a trailer behind a parachute or Wulff type fly. This makes it much easier to detect a strike as an ant tends to "disappear" when used alone.

Try sizes 20 and 18 on picky flat water fish. Save the 12's for Bluegills and such, they love them too!

Think Rain!
Kyle B.

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Dear Jim,

I want to take the opportunity to thank you and the members of T.U. for all your support for the Black Rock Mountain Junior Fishing Rodeo. We had a good turn-out again this year, the weather was great, and I feel that the kids had a lot of fun.

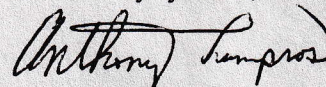
We especially appreciated the efforts of Doug Adams, Pat Hopton, and Bill Kelly who helped get things started and then stayed to help supervise the event. They certainly contributed a lot. And needless to say, we also appreciate the financial support of your organization. Because of your generosity, we were able to purchase numerous "consolation" prizes, thereby awarding participation, not just success.

We are considering shortening the duration of the event next year by one hour, stopping fishing at 11:30 instead of 12:30. We are beginning to feel that some kids, especially those who aren't experienced anglers, are beginning to get a little tired by the end of the event. I know that several children left early and weren't on hand for the prize drawing. Maybe shortening the event a little might serve to keep everyone "in the fold" so to speak. Those kids that get into it and want to fish some more can always continue to fish after the event is over.

What do you think? I'd welcome any feedback that you or other T.U. members might offer. For that matter, I am open to any feedback from your people that might serve to make the rodeo a better-run event. Please encourage your people to contact me with any suggestions.

Again, thanks for everything. By working together we have developed what I believe is a fun event for area youngsters. I hope we can continue this relationship to make the rodeo even better in the future.

Sincerely yours,



Anthony Lampros, Manager
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