

Tightlines

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Presidents Message

The late summer and early fall has traditionally been a very busy time for chapter members and this year was no exception. I hope everyone who had a chance to go west of



Hiawassee was fortunate enough to find great fishing and good company. I know I did.

I understand some initial planning was done at the last meeting in regards to the Rendezvous. We need to have as many people at this next meeting as possible so we can break up the responsibilities and get them assigned to committees or individuals. The other important thing we need to tackle is a program schedule or outline for next year. We generated some good ideas early in the year and we need to revisit that list. I would like to give Jeff plenty of "lead time" to firm up program plans for next year. I think it is essential if we want our chapter to continue to grow. See you at the next meeting.

Jim Kidd

Editors Notes

Many thanks to Tom Landreth who took over the newsletter duties in my absence last month. I got my trip out west although it was not exactly what I had in mind!

And by the way, Walt- you have been doing an excellent job of providing drinks and stuff. Thanks, those cookies are a welcome sight when I skipped dinner.

Meeting Recap

We were small in numbers but we had some big issues to tackle last month. Here's what you missed.....

>We discussed what we thought should be the management philosophy for the latest state acquisition along Dukes Creek. We were fortunate to have some members that were familiar with the property and could give us the "lay of the land". After several comments the chapter members present voted to recommend to DNR that the area be managed as an experimental stream. The underlying thought associated with that recommendation is that it would give DNR and opportunity to try some management techniques without being locked into a particular set of laws or legislation. Tom Landreth was going to present that recommendation of behalf of the chapter at a related meeting.

>The American Whitewater Affiliation is a club that represents the interest of whitewater enthusiast. The group requested comments from chapter members regarding possibly opening the section of the Chattooga River from Bull Pen Rd. to the Hwy. 28 bridge for boating during what would be considered "high water". After some discussion the members present decided that there was not enough specific information in the letter(s) to make any sound recommendations. The chapter is requesting that the group provide a delegate in this area to visit with us at one of our meetings. After that point, the chapter will be asked to vote on a formal recommendation to the club. When the date is determined for the delegate to visit,

I'll put the date in the newsletter. I think we can anticipate that being in December or January.

>The other item of discussion was the potential for partnership funding for a brown trout telemetry study involving Reed Creek. Jim should give us an update at the coming meeting on other funding sources and we will decide if this is a project the chapter wants to support.

Date for the Infamous Rabun Rendezvous Set

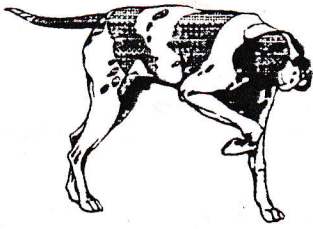
Yes- the event that rocks Rabun County every year has been planned for January 28th. We need all chapter members to be involved. Please try to make it to the next meeting so we can hammer out the details of who does what to whom this year.

Go tell it!!



HELP!!!!

Newsletters such as this tend to get very boring without contributions from outside parties. Heard a funny story lately, had a great fishing adventure? Hand write it and send it to me. I even consider printing a few good white lies or very tall tales. It doesn't have to focus on flyfishing, just needs to be related. For those of you that are shy, I'd even be glad to withhold the authors name. Hope I hear from some of you. *Editor*



From the Tying Desk of Bird Dog
Burrell.....

Sulphur Mayfly

Hook: Mustad #94840
Size: 14
Tail: Grizzly Hackle
Hackle: Grizzly Hackle
Wings: Grizzly Hackle Tips

This pattern can be tied as a parachute. It's a little yellow mayfly, not a true sulphur; I call it that for lack of a better name. Imitates late afternoon hatches in the fall and can be deadly on home waters. It should be tied sparse. Use light tippet and fish it dead drift.

Kyle

Nymph Know How

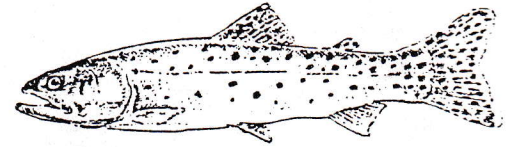
Fishing a nymph on a dead drift is arguably the most difficult method of flyfishing to master. But it may also be the most consistently productive. The recent popularity and wide spread use of strike indicators have made this type of fishing easier to learn- but even with these, the average fisherman will probably miss more strikes than he has hookups. By the time the angler detects the take and sets the hook, the fish has had enough time to realize his mistake and spit out the imitation. While the hard-bodied nymph makes for more realistic imitations (at least to the human eye), an artificial tied with wool, mohair or a similar material will often give you the extra time you need to make a hookup. That's because the fibers get stuck in the fishes teeth, making it more difficult to spit out.

Thanks Monte and Ben!

Monte Seehorn, Regional Fisheries Biologist and Ben Sanders, Wildlife Staff Officer received a framed Tom Landreth print at their retirement party. The chapter wanted to properly thank these two fellows for their support over the years.

Next Meeting

Our regular chapter meeting will be at the Rabun County library on Tuesday, October 18th. Join Walt and company for refreshments at 6:30, meeting at 7:00.



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