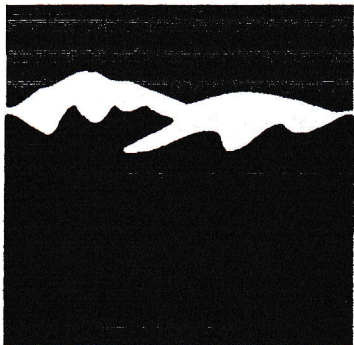


Tight Lines



*Find tongues in trees, books in
running brooks, sermons in stones and
good in everything.*

-William Shakespeare

Reduction of Buffer Zone Passes In the House-

The 100' buffer issue has been mentioned in several of the latest editions of Tight Lines. It was mentioned at the February meeting that the proposed reduction to 25' passed the House on February 14th. I'll try to keep you up to date with this critical issue.

Funds Generated by 'Rendezvous' To Bring TU Message To Local Youth

This years theme for the Rabun Chapter is **education**. To help meet that goal, funds generated by the 1995 Rendezvous will be used as part of an outreach program directed towards the youth in Rabun County. As part of that effort, the chapter will offer to pay half of the cost of a student membership in Trout Unlimited. The Rabun Chapter will use teachers at the various high schools to "spread the word." In addition, Jim Nixon has donated his time to develop a video for use in local classrooms. Jim took the "canned" TU National video and added a local touch by editing in clips from Chapter work projects, campouts, and fishing excursions. The video he developed will help bring home the importance of protecting our local rivers and streams.

Another area the chapter plans to support financially this year are the youth fishing rodeos. As you may remember from reading the Board of Directors notes in the last edition of Tight Lines, the chapter has pledged monetary support to the Fishing Rodeos that are held each year at **Black Rock Mountain State Park (Ga. DNR) and the Tallulah River (USFS)**. Both of these events provide an opportunity for young folks to experience the joys of fishing.

We also want to encourage all chapter members to attend the scheduled work projects and bring your kids, grand kids, the neighbors kids, etc. They will have a ball and learn a lot about protecting our valuable trout fisheries. If this chapter is looking to make a difference, I for one, think we are on the right track!

1995 National Fishing Week Dates Set: June 5-11

Cartoonist Jim Davis and his feline friend, Garfield, will be co-chairs for this years week long celebration. Garfield is the 1995 honorary 'spokescat.' It should surprise nobody that this year's theme will be "Eat, Sleep, and Go Fishing." Sound like a great idea to me!

*The following was reprinted from
'Long Line Release', the newsletter
of the Chattooga River Chapter*

Wahalla Hatchery plug to be pulled

All sources confirm that the US Fish and Wildlife is to cut off funding as of Oct. 1, 1995. A real "FAST ONE" has been pulled on the southeast. The total cut off of funding by the USFWS will not allow sufficient time for SC to secure and appropriate a funding commitment that would insure continued operation of the hatchery. WE NEED TIME! The feds must maintain hatchery operation while a plan is developed and funding is secured. This hatchery is a hard working, efficient, and faithful old friend. Let's get really hot and flood our elected officials with letters emphasizing our displeasure and request continued funding until a transition plan can be implemented.



Monthly Meeting Information

Get With The Program And Further Your Trout Education

If you missed the program last month, you missed a great demonstration by Kyle Burrell on custom rod building. Kyle took us step by step through selecting a blank, putting on the handle and guides, and adding finishing touches of your own.

There's another opportunity this month for you to add some working knowledge to your current library. Kyle and other chapter members will take us less experienced fish heads through such basics as knot tying, selecting equipment, reading the water, what flies and lures to use when, etc. If you have a younger fisherman in the family who is just starting out, this would be a great opportunity for them to learn some basic tips about trout fishing. Rabunites are widely known for their charisma (for lack of a better word) and this program should be entertaining and informative.

Join us at the Rabun County Library on Tuesday, March 21. Walt Landreth provides refreshments at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7pm. Walt should be in a particularly festive mood this month; the chapter approved an expenditure for him to get a new coffee pot!

*Fly of the Month
From The Tying Table
Of Bird Dog Burrill*

Beadhead Caddis Larva-

- Hook:** Any short wet fly or nymph hook
- Thread:** Olive or tan, match the body color
- Body:** Dubbed fur; olive, tan, green, hare's ear
- Bead:** Small gold
- Lead wire for weight**



I call this the world's easiest fly. Slide on a bead, wrap a little lead, dab on some fur and it's done. Fish it dead drift, on the bottom with a strike indicator. It's simple but very effective in our caddis fly rich streams.

From the Prez.....

Sorry many of you missed the February meeting. Kyle demonstrated several basic guidelines to keep in mind when building your own graphite rod. As one who has built a couple of them myself, I can assure you, seeing is believing. The manuals and directions, no matter how clear, just don't measure up to a personal demonstration. We can now anticipate Kyle leading us this month in "Trout 101". If you aren't quite sure of the knot best used for tying your leader to the line; line to backing; is backing necessary here in North Georgia; what's an adipose fin anyway; how to tie on two flies and what would be a good combination to try? These are some of the questions we'll try to answer at the March meeting. Don't miss it - bring a prospective member - or call one of our missing members and remind them that it's the third Tuesday.

If you haven't been keeping up, our esteemed state assembly will most likely have passed two bills by the time you read this and they each could have detrimental effect on your fishing for years to come.

Senate Bill 375 - This bill relaxes environmental standards measuring water quality and erosion control for developers and others like utility companies. Building associations and Georgia Power were really pushing this one.

House Bill 350 - This is the bill concerning itself with "buffer zones" and would reduce the minimum distance between new single-family homes and trout streams. This also includes the provisions in Senate Bill 375.

If you haven't already done so, it is probably too late to contact either Twiggs or Middleton

Since Twiggs proposed the House Bill in the first place, you can assume he voted for it. I'm not sure where Middleton stands.

With federal monies due for close scrutiny we can be sure the environment will take a big hit. Now, if our representatives in Washington will assure us that the budget cuts will be even handed, that's one thing. If we are going on subsidizing agriculture, the timber industry and other businesses; while collecting less than market price for grazing fees on public lands; allowing mining interests to remove valuable resources from public lands for practically nothing, then we have a legitimate beef.

Tight Lines,

Tom

Tip: For March's meeting come prepared to demonstrate your favorite terminal tackle knots. It'll be easier if you bring two pieces of heavy twine or light rope for clarity.

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Program: Trout 101 with the Vacuum Kyle Burrell and others. Rabun County Library, 7pm.

No Meeting In May....
Gone Fishing

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July 22- Family Outing at Kelly's Picnic

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Program: "Effects of Budget Cuts on Trout Fishing"

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TBA- Since so many members head west of Hiawasee this month, plans are delayed for the time being. Who knows, we might meet on the northwesterly flowing stream.

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June 20-First Aid For the Outdoorsman. Also, there are two kids fishing rodeo's this month. Black Rock Mtn. State Park and Tallulah River. Details TBA.

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The Federation Of Fly Fihers has a 2-day seminar planned for June 9th & 10 at the Falcon Inn, Suwanee. Not many details available at this time but rumor has it that Lefty Kreh & Doug Swisher will be two of the guest speakers.

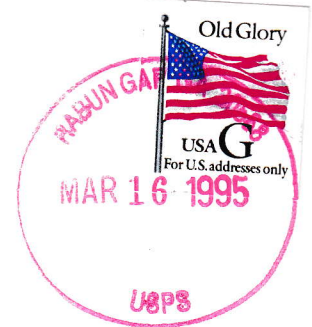
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