

July 1995

July Meeting/Program At Kelly's Picnic Area

Bill Kelly has graciously agreed to host the chapter members, their families and friends at his picnic area on Saturday, July 22nd. Plan to come around 5pm and dinner will be at 6pm. The menu for the evening will be the time honored tradition of hotdogs and hamburgers. If that fare doesn't suit, bring your own and we can throw it on the grill. Each member is also asked to bring a **covered dish**. The cost of this feast will be \$3 to \$4 (nominal fee to cover the cost of the meat) for adults and children eat free.

We need to get a handle on how many folks will be coming with your party. Please give Tom Landreth a call at (706)746-2295 so we can get a head count.

This chapter function should prove to be a good time; you never know what shenanigans the Rabunites will be up to. Please plan to attend with your family and friends.

Directions to the Picnic Grounds: From Dillard on 441, turn right on 246 (Dillard to Highlands). Drive 1.7 miles and you'll see a small sign on the right that reads "Unity", turn there and continue to the picnic grounds.

Fish In August and Work in September

It was decided at the last meeting that since so many of the chapters members head west in August, **there will be no monthly meeting.** However, it is not too early to start getting geared up for the work project which is scheduled for **September 8th and 9th.** We will plan to camp at the Fisher Fields on Friday, September 8th, and work on the mouth of Reed Creek on Saturday, **September 9th.** The work project is a joint effort with our neighbors from **NC and SC.** I'll include directions to the Fisher Fields in the next edition of *Tight Lines*.

September will be a busy month for the chapter. **On Tuesday, September 5th,** there will be a **short** meeting at the Rabun County library to plan for the work day on Saturday the 9th. Our regular business meeting will be on September 19th at the Rabun County library. Socialize with other chapter members at 6:30, meeting at 7pm.

The chapter needs the support and input of all its members to make it successful. Please note these dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

President's Corner

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Let's all make an effort to come to our chapter's first family outing at the Kelly's picnic grounds on July 22nd. Here's a chance to get together with little time spent on business or driving steel and rolling logs. Please call and let me know if you plan to come. It's heartbreaking to see some little child have to fight Kelly over the last hot dog. If I'm not here, just leave a short message.

Some good news for a change. North Carolina has LOWERED their license fee from \$50 to \$40 for a non-resident comprehensive fishing license. It also expires 1 year from the day you purchase it. Some friends and I discovered this as we drove over most of western North Carolina on a recent Sunday morning, looking for an outlet that sells licenses.

Doug Adams and I attended the public hearing at Unicoi State Park regarding the forthcoming Chattahoochee Hatchery closing scheduled for October of this year. The meeting was to let the public have their say and those present did. The DNR has no plan at this date and are in the information gathering stage. Meanwhile, our Congressional delegation from Georgia is trying to create

legislation that would delay the closing from 6-12 months. There seems to be several roadblocks. The DNR just doesn't seem anxious to take over; there is concern over funds despite the apparent willingness of the sportsmen to once again cooperate by paying a larger fee for a trout stamp; Wallop-Breaux may or may not be used for part of the financing; the hatchery needs a water treatment plant to continue operation. Will keep you posted as more is learned.

The Georgia Council voted to contribute \$2000 to the Embrace-A-Stream project on the Chattooga. That's the Brown Trout migration study. That completes the fund gathering process and Kyle will be busy soon scuba diving around and implanting little transmitters in the bellies of trout. If you catch one of these trout this fall, it would be nice if you released it so it can continue to go wherever it wants to go. We'll let you know how to recognize these fellows later.

One chapter member and spouse has already departed for places West of Hiawassee Here's to big fish and
TIGHT LINES!

Tom

Hot Tip On Tailwater Fishery

According to the news off the Internet, Dennis Baxter, fisheries biologist for TVA, reports that the Hiwassee River below Chatuge Dam in North Carolina is the place to fish. TVA has installed a weir below the dam that aerates the water and evens out flows. As a result, trout habitat has drastically improved. It is expected to surpass the South Holston, the Clinch, and the Hiwassee below Appalachia Dam (which is suffering from high water temps in the river and reservoir).

Volunteers Needed For "Naturelink"

The Georgia Wildlife Federation sponsors this weekend outdoor adventure each year. This year the event is scheduled for Sept.29-Oct.1st at Camp Wasega which is located near Dahlenega. The GWF relies on volunteers to help with some of the sessions. TU volunteers are needed to teach trout fishing and other stream related activities. If you can help, please contact Devra Anderson, GWF, 1930 Iris Dr., Conyers, GA 30207, (404)929-3350.

If you remember from previous stories, the GWF fought very hard for the protective buffer zones on trout streams. Let's see if we can return some of the support they gave to TU.

The Judge Was A Trout? OK -here is the "rest of the story."

In the last edition of *Tight Lines*, there was a very short story entitled "One For The Gipper." Being the brain dead person I am, I managed to cut the end of the story short. I took a tremendous amount of teasing at the last meeting which is fine, I have a good sense of humor. However, I do want to finish the story so here is a quick recap.

On the opening day of trout season, two folks fishing on Dover Creek in Habersham County were checked by law enforcement officers. They had over forty brook trout in their possession. There were taken before a judge, and as poetic justice would have it, he was a trout fisherman. (**Not a trout, a trout fisherman!**) The judge threw the book at the two folks. This little blurb was excerpted from the Foothills Chapter newsletter. Chapter members were glad to hear this bit of news because they have spent a lot of time working with the Forest Service and DNR to sample and improve the trout habitat in this stream.

US Forest Service Appoints New Wildlife Biologist For Talluah Ranger District

Dave Deavours has been appointed to the Wildlife Biologist position vacated earlier this year by Franciso Sanchez. Dave was transferred from the Kootenia National Forest in northwest Montana. He says he kinda came home, as he is a native of Knoxville, TN. The chapter would like to welcome Dave and his family to Rabun County.

Fly Of The Month

Renegade

Hook: Dry Fly Style #16 up to #10

Tail: None **Wings:** None

Thread: Black

Back hackle: Brown Rooster

Body: (Between Hackles)
Peacock herl

Front Hackle: Cream or white

This is a buggy looking attractor fly that is usually fished dry, but is also effective when fished wet, like a wooly worm. It has no tail or wings to mess with so it is very easy to tie. It is great on small streams in the east or west so take some with you to "west of Hiawasee" and use it on the brookie streams.

Kyle

"Dirty Water Bill"

My apologies for not being timely with information about this bill. There was an entire page dedicated to this issue in the last edition of *Tight Lines*. The print shop mistakenly left out. Sorry about that but since this is such a critical issue to TU, I did want to get you some information about it. You have probably already found the insert in this edition that contains an article that was in last months edition of "Footnotes" (Foothills Chapter). As the article indicates, it was excerpted from the National TU Newsletter 'Lines to Leaders.' It does a good job of summarizing the bill and stating TU National's stance on the contents of the bill. I also enclosed a letter written to the Foothills Chapter President, Jimmy Harris from Nathan Deal. As Mr. Deal's comments are also applicable to Rabun and other counties, his comments are also important to all of us that live or recreate in this part of Georgia.

I hope this gets you up to date on the status of this bill and related issues.
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Volunteers Needed For Stream Sampling

There is a lot of sampling going on this month and DNR could use some help in the form on volunteers. If you are available, contact Ralph Ruddell at the Burton hatchery, (706)947-3112.

Dates:

Cooper Creek: 7/17 & 7/18

Noontootla: 7/19

Moccasin Creek: 8/1 & 8/2

Chattooga River: call for date(s)

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Picnic at Kelly's, see front for details

September 5th: Planning meeting for workday on Reed Creek; Rabun County Library, 7pm.

September 8th-9th: Overnight campout/work project on Reed Creek.

September 19: Regular business meeting, Rabun County Library, social at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm.

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