

Newsletter from the
land of the Rabunites

Tight Lines

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Renew Your Membership Early

This is a reminder that
annual membership dues
will be going up as of
October 1, 1995.

Members who renew by
September 30, 1995
will be able to extend
their membership for two
years at current rates.
Student and senior dues
will remain the same.

September-Reed Creek, Campout, Meetings, and More

As mentioned in the last newsletter, September is a very busy month for chapter activities. In case you forgot to note the dates on your calendar, here's the run down:

Tuesday night, Sept., 5th,
Rabun County Library.
Work project and camp out
planning session. Since this
is a joint project with other
chapters, we need to take
the time to plan the
strategy for the weekend.
Please put this on your
calendar, we need your input!

Friday, September 8th and
Saturday, September 9th.
Campout and Work Project on
Reed Creek. The Rabun
Chapter will host chapter's
from North and South Carolina
at the Russell Fields (wildlife
openings). For directions, see
page 2. Come early Friday,
we'll start around 9:00am
Sat.

Eating is important-



Plan to bring a covered dish to compliment a Bar-B-Que Chicken Dinner on Friday night. The Rabun Chapter will charge just enough to cover the cost of the chicken! BYO Drinks and breakfast is on your own!

Jim Kidd, Chef for the evening will need to try and get a head count. Please call and let him know if you will be around for dinner on Friday night. Please call him at (706)782-3320.

As if that was not enough, the Chapter's regular monthly meeting will be at the Rabun County library on Tuesday, September, 19th. Jeff Durniak, Fisheries Supervisor of the Northeast Region, Georgia DNR, will be our guest speaker for the evening. Social at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm.

For more information on the Reed Creek workday, see the note from the USFS Wildlife Technician, Doug Watson, on page two (2).

On the weekend of September the 9th, the weekend after Labor Day, the U.S Forest Service, The Rabun Co. Chapter T.U., The Chattooga Chapter of T.U. (S.C.), and our Foothills Chapter will be participating in a much needed project on the lower part of Reed Creek at the confluence of the Chattooga River. This project is being planned as a camp out, social, partial work day and fishing trip all "rolled up" in one weekend outing.

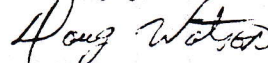
I will describe the work first. Since it is always the most undesired. The project area will be in the flood plain of lower Reed Creek where Reed flows into the Chattooga River. It will be from the river up stream for approximately 400 yds. We have planned on building three large Single Wing Constrictors 33' long with three 33' Cover Logs across from the constrictors. These structures are designed to improve the habiat for trout by creating long deep fast flowing pools. This type of habitat is much needed in tribs of the Chattooga River such as Reed Creek, because of fish moving out of the river during hot summer days seeking cooler water. We believe that tribs such as Reed can be "life savers" for trout during days of higher river water temps such as 70+ degrees F.

The logs for these structures have already been cut, measured and "snaked" into the creek channel by a team of two Belgium horses and owner "Snuffy" Richard Hall from S.C. They are at the locations they need to be for installation. All we need now is to have at least 6-10 members from each 3 chapters to come out on Sat. Sept. 9th and help build these from about 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and then go fishing if so desired. I am desperatley asking for your help in getting these completed. We hope to have each chapter building a Constrictor and a Cover Log across from it. So please try to come and work for part of that day. The rewards will be very benefical by enhancing this habitat.

Second, camping on the Chattooga near the project site will be taking place starting on Friday afternoon the 8th of Sept. We will have an area set up for TENT CAMPING. A pull camper will never make in on the access road coming in. The road is an old road that follows up the side of the river to some Wildlife Openings where the camp will be located. Most any vehicle should make it in but I suggest not to bring your BMW'S or Cadillaacs. The road has one small Spring Branch ford and a few small mud holes, but 2 wheel drives should make it fine. The distance from highway 28 is approx. 1 mile in to camp.

The Rabun Chapter usually has someone who "picks and sings" and tells some good fishing tales. These guys are always good for a great camp and fun "social" on Friday night before the work day on Saturday. You are welcome to bring any kind of beverage of your choice. So please, put it on your calendar and come on out and do a little work and have some fun camping and fishing on the "Mighty Chattooga" it is a beautiful place!!! Directions follow on map. Time schedules are: Fri. Sept. 8th camps can be set from 1 P.M. on. Gate will be open....Sat. Sept. 9th work on structures from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Fish, relax, camp, or break camp after 4. Gate will be closed Sunday afternoon about 5 if anyone stays until then.

Sincerely yours,



Doug Watson, Wildlife F.S. & T.U.

Directions to Russell Fields

From Georgia and North Carolina: Travel south on Hwy. 28 (towards Walhalla). There is an unnumbered Forest Service Rd. that will be on the left just before the Hwy. 28 bridge. It is usually gated but will be opened early Friday afternoon. If you cross the Hwy. 28 bridge, you have gone to far. When you get close, slow down! If you are unfamiliar with the turn it will sneak up on you.

From SC: Travel north on Hwy. 28. After crossing the Hwy. 28 bridge and the Georgia line, turn on the first gravel road to the right. It is an unnumbered Forest Service Rd.

Presidents Corner

Jeff Durniak will be at our September meeting and will be wearing his official hat as Fisheries Supervisor of the NE Region, Georgia DNR. Jeff has expressed a willingness to field your questions regarding our fisheries and answer them to the best of his ability, which is considerable. Let's have a good turn out to show Jeff how much we appreciate his joining us for our meeting.

By the time *TIGHT LINES* is in your hands, most trips "west of Hiwassee" will be history, or, in some cases fiction. October would be a real good time to air some videos and show some slides of your trips. Unless there is another suggestion, the program will consist of videos and other visual presentations, led off by Russ Burken's account of his salmon fishing in Alaska.

Just a reminder: TU DUES INCREASE ON OCTOBER 1ST, 1995. For instance, individual membership will increase from \$25 to \$30 annually. But, if you can see your way to renewing your membership for two years, you'll save \$10 bucks; IF you get your renewal in before the October 1st deadline. Other membership categories offer similar savings on a two year renewal.

Again, I'd like three volunteers to act as the Nominating Committee for our chapter's officers for the coming year. You can hold up your hand when I ask at the September meeting. It's easy. It won't hurt. You'll be proud you did!

I'll not bore you with a long tale of

the one that got away - but one did! And he or she was a bigg'un with shoulders a mile wide to match the vermilion strip down it's flank. And isn't it gratifying that, often, it is the one that got away that takes center stage over the others that found their way into the net. Here's hoping that big 'bow will be there in that pool in '96, 'cause we have a date!

TIGHT LINES!

Tom

James Payne Affected By Whirling Disease

Reprinted from *The Leader*,
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Chapter of TU, Rome, GA

I think I have whirling disease! After attending all of the activities of my three children (T-Ball, Softball, Soccer, piano recitals band concerts, dance recitals, church and school activities) all I seem to do is go around in circles. I do not know when I first became infected, but I do remember having the first "twitch" when I said "I DO." After the first child I began wailing to one side but could generally maintain a straight course. The second child made it difficult to get from point A to point B without turning around at least once. The third child put me in a tail spin. I understand the disease is now becoming prevalent in the wild populations of middle class males. Whole age classes (35 to 45) of the wild middle class males are now absent from trout streams. Biologist tell us that their research indicated these afflicted

males can be found in mini-vans and station wagons whirling aimlessly through suburbia. The research has only focused on wild males and has not included hatchery males who aren't real men and do not go trout fishing anyway.

I accept my fate gladly and whirl through life with my wife and children. But every once in a while I will stagger back to my mountain stream where my back begins to straighten and my step becomes sure once again.....

(James Payne is President of Coosa Valley Chapter TU)

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

Rio Grande King Trude

Hook: Dai-Riki Model 700C, size 12, 14, & 10.

Tail: Golden Pheasant Tippet

Body: Black Chenille

Wing: White calf tail hair

Hackle: Brown Rooster

This fly was used with great success on brook trout streams west of Hiwassee. Personally, I like to tie mine on a nymph hook so it can have the extra length. It also works great as a great indicator when fished with a nymph as a trailer. It floats like a cork and the white wings are easy to see. It is also very durable.

Kyle

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Tuesday, Sept. 5th: Brainstorming session to make plans for the upcoming work project on the 9th. Rabun County library, 7pm. Very short meeting, please plan to come!

Saturday, Sept. 8-9. Reed Creek Project. Campout on Friday evening. Workday on Saturday. Camping at Russell Fields, joint project with other chapters.

Regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 19th. Rabun TU'er and Fisheries Supervisor of the Northeast Region, Jeff Durniak, will be our speaker. Hopefully, he will have the new biologist with him. Rabun County Library, 7pm.

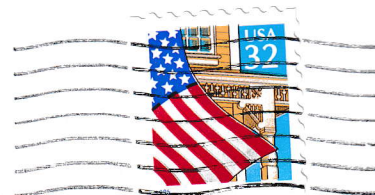
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Russ Burken and other chapter members will entertain us with tall tales about adventures west and north of Hiwassee.

Rabun County Library; social at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm.

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