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## Other TU Chapter's Hosting Spring Banquets

Other chapter's have always been very supportive of the Rabun Rendezvous. Coming up are several chances for us to return the favor coming up:

The Foothills Chapter is hosting the 3rd annual "**Hoot on the 'Hooch**" on Saturday, March 16th, at the Unicoi Lodge. Social begins at 6pm with dinner at 7pm. They plan to have silent auction and raffle items. Admission is \$20/person which includes dinner. Feel free to BYOB. For more information, contact Jimmy Harris at (706)778-5377.

Our friends to the south, the Chattooga River Chapter in South Carolina will be hosting their annual banquet on April 13th at the Holiday Inn in Clemson, SC. Cost is \$20/person. For more information contact Pat Street at 864-868-2751.



## Quick Casts:

### On the Internet: TU, Flyfishing Network, and Virtual Flyshop -

For those of you who surf the net, you might want to consider joining the flyfish list. This is an interactive list of about 1000 flyfishing folks who discuss a variety of flyfishing and conservation activities. You can subscribe by sending a message to : [listserv@ukcc.uky.edu](mailto:listserv@ukcc.uky.edu). The text of your message should be: subscribe flyfish [your name]. You do not need to provide any other message. TU National is on the World Wide Web at <http://www.tu.org/trout/>. The Virtual Flyshop is at <http://www.flyshop.com/>.

**Good Old Days** - Henry Wells was one of the most enjoyable fishing writers of the late 19th century, and he was good at dispensing wit as fishing advice. For instance, "There is not a single blackfly in the Adirondacks. All are married and have large families."

## Prepare For Spring With The March Meeting.....

At the March meeting, fellow fly fisherman, guide, and chapter member Henry Williamson will be hosting the chapter at the *Fish Hawk Flyfishing School* in Sky Valley. Henry plans to help us prepare for the upcoming season by sharing some of his more successful fly patterns so be sure to bring your vice and supplies. He also suggested that you bring a fly rod, if the light stays around long enough, we'll do some casting.

As always, our agenda starts with a social at 6:30pm and the meeting begins at 7pm. If you want some help with casting etc., get there at 6:30. That will give you some time before it gets dark. To get there, from 441 take Hwy. 246 (commonly referred to as the Highlands Rd.) Turn right at the white store (Fish Hawk sign on corner) and go past the entrance to Sky Valley. Go approximately one mile and turn left at the *Fish Hawk Flyfishing School* sign.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The following is an excerpt from Michael Furtman's Trout Country:

"When you return to camp or home after that day on the river, with the sweet smell of trout lingering on your hands, know that you are smelling not just a fish, not just the residue of a day a-stream, but smelling years and ages, and epochs through which nature sought to create not just a fish suitable for life in a cold stream, but a fish perfect in every way for that life.'

"That sweet smell of perfection is a scent more valuable than money, rarer than stocks and bonds, more enduring than profit margins, older than property rights.'

"Trout know everything they need to know about their world. They can make more trout, eat insects, battle with competitors, avoid predators. There is nothing we can teach a trout, and absolutely nothing that they need from us except a place in which to live. That we have come to possess the ability to decide which creatures will survive and where they will do so is an awesome responsibility.'

"I suggest that although we have the power to decide, we do not have the right. Wild trout deserve their own evolutionary future. We simply do not have the wisdom to chart their course, nor is it our prerogative.'

"We can only guarantee them a place to fulfill their destiny."

*Tight Lines'*

*Tom*

See you at Henry's flyfishing classroom on Ford Mountain.

### North Carolina's Delayed Harvest Program

You are probably familiar with the Delayed Harvest sections of the Nantahala and the Tuckaseegee Rivers just north of us in Macon and Jackson Counties respectively. In case you would like to venture further into North Carolina in search of other Delayed Harvest areas, here they are:

Ashe County	Trout Lake
Burke County	Jacobs Fork
Haywood County	Richland Creek
Henderson County	North Fork of the Mills River
Jackson County	Tuckaseegee River
Macon County	Nantahala River
Surry County	Ararat River
Watauga County	Watauga River
Wilkes County	East Prong of Roaring River & Stone Mountain Creek

At this writing, March, April and May on these streams are artificials, single hook catch and release only. Then on June 1st you may creel your catch under NC hatchery supported stream regulations.

## Workday Scheduled For Popcorn Creek In April

The chapter's first work day for 1996 is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th. Plans at this point are to camp out Friday evening and work on Saturday. Details on the campsite location and directions will be in the April newsletter. Go ahead and mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Workdays are always a lot of fun; for those of you that may have forgotten just how much fun, these photos from the Reed Creek work day last year might be a good reminder!



## The Bird Dogs Fly Of The Month

### Deer Hair Caddis

**Thread:** Olive

**Hook:** Standard dry fly, 18,16,14

**Body:** Dark Olive Dubbing

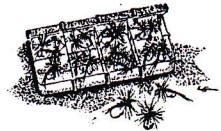
**Hackle:** Dark Blue Dun or Brown

**Wing:** Southern Deer Hair

These flies may be seen on our southern streams from now until May. They are especially important on our tail race fisheries where some huge hatches rivaling anything seen out west ( well all most) occur.

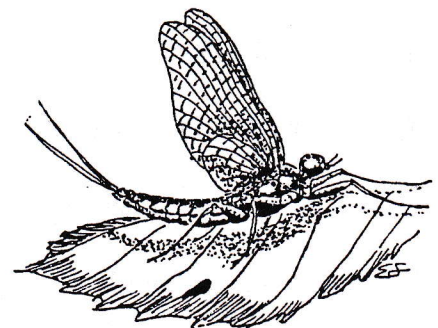
This fly must be tied with southern deer hair. Southern deer have much finer hair than do northern deer, therefore the hair won't "flair" out when it is tied down, nor is it as brittle as northern deer hair. I use hair from the center of the back of deer. It is straight and easy to stack. One chunk 6"X6" will tie hundreds of flies. Good hunting!

*Kyle*



### Southern Appalachian Insect Hatches For March

Early Black Stone Fly	Feb.-March	18 Black Stone Nymph 18 Black Adult Stone Fly
	Late March	
Blue Quill	Morning to early afternoon	18 Blue Quill Wet and Dry 18 Adams
	Late March	
Quill Gordon	Early Afternoon	18 Quill Gordon Wet or Dry



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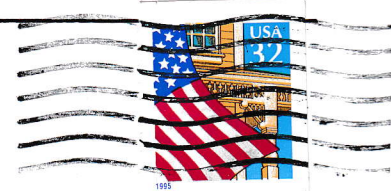
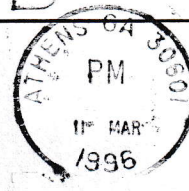
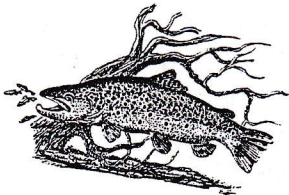
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**Spring Tune Up at the Fish hawk  
Flyfishing School in Sky Valley.**  
Social at 6:30pm meeting at 7pm.

**Saturday the 20th is a planned  
workday on Popcorn Creek.** This is  
an overnigher! Full details in the April  
edition of Tight Lines.



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