

TIGHT LINES

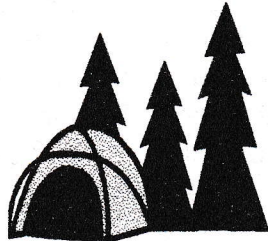


NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

September 1998

FAMILY CAMPOUT PLANNED FOR OCTOBER

Many of you have suggested that the Chapter have another family event and in response to that idea we have reserved a site at the Appletree Campground in the Nantahala National Forest for the weekend of October 16th, 17th and 18th. Parker will coordinate this outing. We will need to discuss the details at the September meeting. Tentatively, each family or group will be responsible for their own breakfast and lunch. Dinner will be a joint affair. This could also serve as the ideal background for knot tying, fly selection, stream reading and other related activities aimed at the beginning trout fishing person. So, plan to be at the September meeting and speak up with your ideas. Check the directions elsewhere in the NL.



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WORK PROJECT/CAMPOUT SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER

The work project at the mouth of Reed Creek will take place on September 26, 1998.

Cover logs and other habitat improvement structures are on the schedule. This will also be a good time for a campout on Friday the 25th and maybe even the 26th. We'll cover more of the details at the September meeting when, hopefully, Dave Deavers, USFS, will be on hand to fill in the details. To get to the project site just head on down Hwy 28, pass the turnoff to Burrells Ford. As you go down the hill towards the bridge over the Chattooga, look for a FS road on your left (It is normally closed and gated). Turn there and continue to the end of the road at the large open fields on your right. Unless you are the first one in there, you'll see us. All of this presumes the Forest Service will have the gate open.

FISHING THE TAILWATERS WITH HENRY WILLIAMSON

Not too many things are certain in these times; but, one thing is certain. Henry Williamson delivers good, solid information and in an entertaining style. At our August meeting, Henry discussed how to fish some of the tailwaters in the immediate area. "Effective fly patterns", "leader and line set up" and "how to get there" were some of the subjects Henry shared with us.

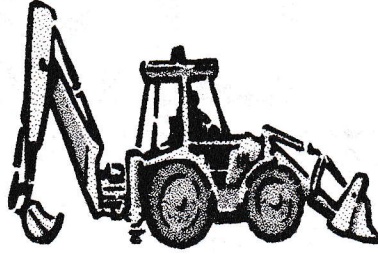
Trout in the Southeast are often described as opportunistic feeders, taking a shot at most passing insects (or flies) while those living in spring creeks are much more selective when it comes to dining. Henry makes the point that fishing our tailwaters are similar to fishing the spring fed creeks. The water is usually flat and clear. Most of the time, the insects are small (but not always). Blue winged olives, sulphurs and caddis in small sizes and in pupal, emerger and dun or adult patterns will, in most cases, prove the most effective. Tippet size should be no larger than 6x in most instances. An effective method is tying on an adult pattern, say a Caddis, and then



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From the Forest

Dave Jensen, District Ranger work continues on Burrell's through, you may also be demore. So, if you are trying to coincide with a late evening round and come in on the



and Chapter Member, reports that Ford Road. While you may get layed for minutes or much, much time your arrival on the river to hatch, leave early or go all the way South Carolina side.

KLEIN MEMORIAL FUND

Donations to the Klein Memorial Fund are used to pay the Rabun TU share of the helicopter cost for the annual fall stocking of Brown Trout in the Chattooga River. Phil Klein was a LIFE member of Trout Unlimited, a charter member of Rabun TU and a friend of the Chattooga since 1976. He died suddenly last December and his ashes were placed in the Chattooga in May. The fund has recently received a contribution from Allison Adams and Gary Hauk. *The fund has grown to an amount needed to pay Rabun TU's share through the year 2001.* Your tax deductible contribution can be sent to Rabun TU, PO Box 65, Rabun Gap, GA 30568.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REMOVES 224 MILES OF STREAMS FROM TROUT STREAM LIST

Officially designated trout streams in Georgia are subject to a 100 foot buffer on either side of the stream; while other waterways must have a 25 foot buffer. Of course, variances are routinely granted. The DNR justifies removal of the 224 miles of streams because there was no evidence that trout were living in the streams year-round. **David Waller**, Director of the DNR Wildlife Resources Division, says that none of the streams were delisted because of development, and no stream in the future would be delisted "simply because it has suffered from lousy development".

Question: Should not the DNR develop a written policy, based on scientific evidence, that a stream should be delisted?

Directions to the Appletree Campground: Go west on US 64 out of Franklin; you will pass the USFS sign "Wayah Ranger Station" on your right. Stay alert for a sign on your right, "Wayah Bald". Turn right and almost immediately, just past the small convenience store, turn left on Wayah Bald Road. Continue up, up, up and over Wayah Crest, down pass Lake Nantahala and into the small town of Nantahala (You might

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tying on a dropper such as a pupa pattern. Or an mayfly pattern with a small nymph pattern, pheasant tail would be good, tied on as the dropper.

Within easy driving are the Tuckasegee near Slva, the Nantahala near Andrews, the Hiawassee near Hayesville, all in North Carolina. The Hiawassee near Reliance, TN is a pretty good drive from Rabun County, but well worth the effort. It is important that before you go, get the release (generating) hours so that you play it safe and are not disappointed. Thanks again, Henry. The many times I've fished with him and listened to his ideas and suggestions - I've always come away with something new I can use.

It's NOT TOO EARLY....

to start thinking about chapter officers for the coming year. In addition to the usual President, Vice President, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, we need to appoint someone to ride herd over membership, a campout/workshop coordinator (hopefully Bud Parker will continue in this capacity), a youth activities coordinator and a governmental affairs coordinator (Doug Adams is now doing this by keeping us informed on USFS activities). So, be thinking about this. Would you like to take on one of these jobs? (Yep, this was in last month's Tight Lines but as yet I've not heard of any volunteers or suggestions.)

MEMBERSHIP

He's been to several meetings. He thought he was a member but then found his application and check tucked under the visor of his auto. He is now on the roster! Welcome to **Steve Takacs**, Publisher of "**Outdoor Sports in the Upstates**".

Also, welcome to **Wally Thompson** of Calhoun, Georgia. You're a pretty fur piece away, but we hope you can attend one of our outings soon.

TEN KEEPERS

In **Outdoor Life's** Summer 1998 Issue, Jerry Gibbs lists what he believes are the ten top fishing innovations of the past 100 years. Whether you agree or disagree, they are food for thought:

The Outboard Motor
Spinning Tackle
The Era of Dams
Nylon
Flyfishing's Rebirth

Environmental Awareness
The Great Lakes Bailout
Sonar for Fisherman
Synthetic Rods
The Bass Boom

Have any other products or events had a real change in fishing? If you think of any, let me know.

"There was never an angler who lived but there was a fish capable of taking the conceit out of him" - Zane Grey

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

August 18th Monthly Chapter Meeting, The Rock House in Clayton, Georgia; 6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting

September 15th Monthly Chapter Meeting, The Rock House in Clayton, Monte Seehorn, "Chattooga River Plan Update and Future"

September 25th & 26th Work Project and Campout, Reed Creek

October 16th & 17th Family Campout at Appletree CG

January 23rd, 1999 The Rabun Rendezvous

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