

# TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

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## CHAPTER ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

After some intense campaigning by the candidates, the Chapter exercised their duty and privilege and elected officers for the year 1999.

Terry Seehorn and Charlie Breithaupt were elected President and Vice President to give the Chapter a definite intellectual tone. Secretarial duties will fall to vacating President, Russ Burken. Being a community entrepreneur, Lewis Reeves was a natural to become Treasurer.

Our participation in work projects will be coordinated by Directors of Work Projects, Frank Tolbert and soon to be retired, Bill Kelly. Bud Parker and Gene Roberts will serve as Directors of Campouts and

should lead us to several exotic spots next year. Doug Adams will serve as Liason to the Forest Service, as he has for several years. Keeping track of new and current members will fall to Travis Barnes as Director of Membership. Jim Kidd continues as Program Director and Walt Landreth as Hospitality Director. Tom Landreth continues as the editor of Tight Lines.

As one will note, we have some relatively new pilots of the ship. Thanks to all of you for agreeing to serve the Chapter. Let's all cooperate when called on to help out and we are sure to have a successful year in 1999.

## 25000 SUB ADULT BROWN TROUT TAKE A HELICOPTOR RIDE

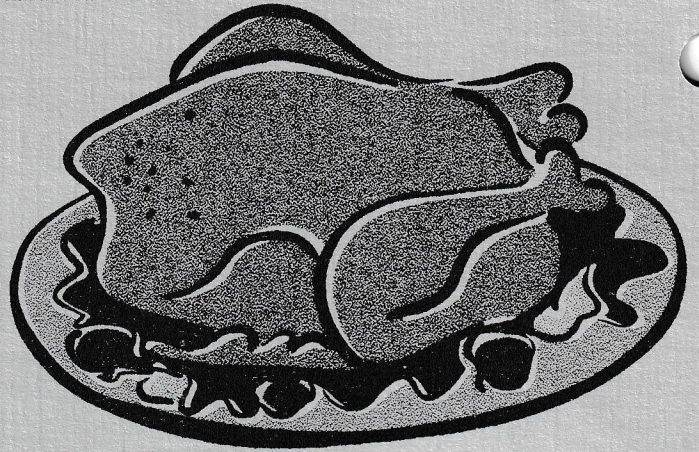
Well, all those Brown Trout that members of Terry Seehorn's class at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School (including Terry), Doug Adams, Russ Burken, Travis Barnes, Gene Roberts, Russell Johnson, Tom Landreth and personnel at the Burton Hatchery clipped are now residents of the Chattooga. They and approximately 25,000 Rainbows from the Walhalla Hatchery were dropped by helicopter on Friday, November 13th. With the cooler weather and higher river levels, they should acclimate quickly. Could be a great spring for trout fishing!

## HAVE YOU MADE A RESERVATION FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER?

Our December meeting will be held at the Rock House on the Dillard Complex in Dillard, on December 15th. We'll start gathering about 6PM, dinner will be served at seven. Like any good restaurant, the folks at the Dillard House can do a better job of serving us if they know how many are coming. Most who were at the November meeting committed and since then, I have one more couple for a current count of 26. That's a nice compatible group; but, we'd like to have you if you haven't made up your mind. Call either Doug Adams, 746-2158; or me, Tom Landreth, at 746-2295.

## Christmas Party - The Rock House on the Dillard Complex

Reservations have been made with the Dillard House for our annual **Christmas Dinner**, Tuesday evening, **December 15th**. Dinner will be served at 7 PM but we will start gathering at 6PM. The menu will be the Dillard's traditional holiday fare that you should be familiar with. You know it's good and plenty of it. The cost will be \$15 per person, payable at the dinner. *It will be greatly appreciated if you will call either **Doug Adams 746-2158** or **Tom Landreth 746-2295** and let us know if you plan to come and how many in your party.* The price includes dinner and set-ups. Should you desire to have a glass or two of wine or other favorite alcoholic beverage, you must bring it with you.



This is a great opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of each other and others in the family. Make an effort to come and join in.

## IS IT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT SPRING FISHING?

Apparently, members of the chapter are already thinking of camping and wetting a line this spring.

The subject came up at the November meeting and a date has been set for a fishing trip on April 30-May 1, 1999 to the Davidson River near Brevard, NC.

This is an excellent spot for headquartering as you have access to all of the various streams managed by NC Fish and Wildlife. Flies only; Catch & Release; Delayed Harvest or hatchery supported streams where you can keep a few; are all within minutes of the camp.

The Davidson River CG, located in the Pisgah National Forest offers good campsites with tables, fire rings

and either tent or trailer pads. Water is very close by and toilets and showers are also located convenient to your campsite. Should you wish to ask



your spouse along, you might mention that five minutes away from the

campground entrance, is Belk's, Walmart, Ingles, one of the best Italian Restaurants around and a bunch of other stuff in Brevard, about ten minutes away. This should also be prime wildflower time in that area and the abundant hiking trails could occupy the non-fishing partner for a long, long time.

If you wish to make a reservation, you must call the reservation number at 877-444-6777. Normally, the White Pine and Appletree Loops are held for this purpose. We will expand on this as time grows closer but you should block this time out on your busy schedule and plan to attend this fun outing.

## **TROUT UNLIMITED LOOSES ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND**

Ray Mortensen of the Chattooga River Chapter died of cancer October 23, 1998 in Chattanooga. In addition to his local chapter activities, Ray served as National Resource Board Secretary and as the Southeast Regional Vice President of Trout Unlimited.

Ray was a leader in the development of the Jocassee Gorges Conservation Project in South Carolina and served on the Duke Power Integrated Resource Planning Committee.

We will miss you Ray.

## **DESTINATION SMITH CREEK AT UNICOI STATE PARK**

Judging from postings on NGTO (all about trout fishing in Georgia on the Webb) the DNR experiment on Smith Creek is looking good. Managed as a Delayed Harvest Stream, Smith is stocked with large trout and many of them. Some members of the chapter have fished it and pronounce the experience as terrific.

The section designated as Delayed Harvest, begins immediately below the dam in Unicoi. You must get a parking permit at

the lodge before fishing. Leaving the lodge, turn right on Chimney Mtn Road, go a short distance and turn right at the park maintenance signs. Pass the tennis courts to the parking area for the stream. State ownership is about 1 1/2 miles from the dam to private property. We need to utilize this stream so that the DNR will realize the need for more streams designated as "Delayed Harvest"

## **PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS VOICED AT NOVEMBER MEETING**

Chapter members attending the November meeting made several suggestions to Program Director, Jim Kidd, as to what the chapter would like in the way of monthly programs. Among the ideas set forth were fly tying, knot tying, casting instructions, family and chapter outings. It was evident that the majority of the membership favors emphasis on hands on "how to" programs. While not ignoring conservation related programs, instructional sessions that would improve members skills and knowledge were foremost in the "suggestion box". Jim will be busy trying to get things in line and when the agenda is complete, it will, of course, be in Tight Lines.

## **RABUN RENDEZVOUS LOOMS ON THE HORIZON**

January 23rd is just around the corner. How are we coming on prizes? We'll need lots of door prizes, auction items and bucket raffle items. Do you tie flies - a dozen in a plastic box will attract a lot of interest. Have you received an item that you just don't want and it is in excellent or unused condition, consider it as a possible item. We need to think about the ladies that attend. They don't all fly fish and are just looking for attractive items on which to bid. Handy with the table saw - how about a couple of Bluebird boxes? Give it some thought. Out of towners who do not expect to come to the Rendezvous? UPS delivers here in Rabun County.

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

December 15th  
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Christmas Dinner Meeting at the Rock House, Dillard Com-

6PM Fellowship 7PM Dinner

January 19th  
plans for

January Meeting at Rock House in Clayton. Fine tune

January 23rd

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January 30th

Breakfast Planning Meeting at the Dillard House

February 16th

Monthly Meeting; Rock House, Clayton, GA

February 27 & 28

The Flyfishing Show, Charlotte, N. C.



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