

TIGHT LINES



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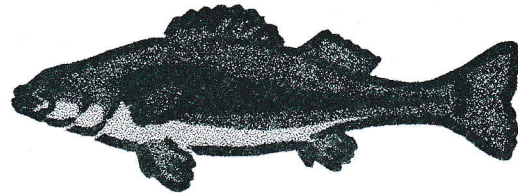
MARCH MEETING TO FEATURE SPRING FISHING TACTICS

According to the Cherokees, when the leaves on the trees are the size of a mouse's ear, trout fishing really begins. Well, it is almost that time. Clean and dress your line, stretch all the kinks out, lubricate your reel, check the gear in your vest and come to the chapter meeting on Tuesday, March 16th.

Kyle (The Vaccum) Burrell will offer his expert ad-

vise as to which flies work the best, leader and tippet size and tactics to use in searching out those trout on our area streams.

As most of you know who have fished with Kyle, he catches them when no one else seems to have a handle on what's going on. Kyle is a serious student of trout fishing so you don't want to miss this meeting.



Nacoochee Bend Serious Fishing For Trout

Thanks to **Jimmy Harris** of *Unicoi Outfitters* for presenting a terrific program at the February meeting. With slides and dialogue, Jimmy painted a convincing picture of

trout fishing on the Chattahoochee section referred to as Nacoochee Bend.

This section is leased by Unicoi Outfitters and managed as a catch & release, artificials only stream.

From the slides shown there are some truly large fish that will challenge any trout fisherman. The fish are fed as a supplement to the natural foods found in the river and attain great size and strength.

While it is a fee charged operation,

it is the most reasonable in the area. If you don't want to spend a fortune getting out west or up to Alaska, drive over to Helen and have serious trout fishing experience.

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IS CHUMMING A LEGITIMATE FLYFISHING METHOD?

If you are unfamiliar with the term "chumming", it is the act of scattering chopped fish and fish parts, or other fish food across the waters to attract the fish. You then cast into the middle of this attractor soup and the likelihood of getting a strike is greatly increased. This practice is normally associated with saltwater fishing.

It has been reported to your editor that a member of our chapter has "elevated" this science to a new level.

With a baggie full of fish chow he scatters the pellets across the stream and then casts a brown colored corkie into the middle of the "chum". I'm told that this can bring results unheard of when fishing by more orthodox methods.

The saddest part of this tale is that the party in question was instructing his son, a young and promising flyfisherman, in this questionable practice.

HOOT ON THE 'HOOCH, THE FOOTHILLS CHAPTER'S ANNUAL FUND RAISER, SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH, UNICOI STATE PARK LODGE AND CONFERENCE CENTER, STARTING AT 5 O'CLOCK

CHARLOTTE FISHING SHOW A FUN EXPERIENCE

Your editor attended the first show of it's type in the area, The Fishing Show, February 27th and 28th, in Charlotte, NC.

Outfitters, fly shops, manufacturers of rods and reels and others, like me, exhibited in the Charlotte Convention Center. For a first show, attendance was very good and will likely increase next year.

Casting demonstrations and seminars were well attended as nationally known names showed how to cast further than anyone is likely to ever have a need for. Expert tyers lined one whole area and showed how to use the latest materials and tech-

niques, as well as tried and true methods. For the rod builder there were some real bargains. One dealer, Dale Clemens, had Loomis blanks for five and four dollars a foot. All clothing was available at 50% off.

Outfitters were touting their trips into the wilds of Alaska or the marshes of the east coast. A few were bargains, most cost an arm and a leg! All in all, it was a very informative and interesting event that will, in all probability, take place in the year 2000, if there is a year 2000!

As soon as I get the word, I'll post it hear so that if you are so inclined, you can make plans.

SURVIVING A HEART ATTACK IN THE BACK COUNTRY



After climbing out of the Rock Gorge, a trout fisherman, age 41, begins to experience a burning sensation in the middle of his chest and throat accompanied by a feeling of nausea. The first thing he should do is:

1. Eat a couple of Tums and hope his "indigesion" will go away.
2. Drink a cup of water.
3. Immediately take off up the trail and seek emergency medi-

cal attention.

4. Swallow one aspirin tablet.

According to Dr. Eric Weiss MD in an article "Matters of the Heart", March 1999 issue of Outdoor Life, if you didn't check off on No. 4, you need to read the entire article. In the Rabun Chapter, we will check with our own expert, Dr. Russ Burken, MD. Dr. Weiss's article is very infor-

mative and should be of interest to quite a few of our chapter members.

Perhaps each of us should make sure we have a few aspirin tucked away in our fly vests. I know that I will and so should you older guys...and younger ones too!

What about it Doc, is he on the right track?

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS TO THE RENDEZVOUS

Over the next few issues, or however many it takes, we take time to thank all those individuals, companies and groups who donated time, talent and financial aid, making the 1999 Rabun Rendezvous a tremendous success on behalf of trout. **THANK YOU!**

Blue Ridge Rods
Unicoi Outfitters
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The Hollow Log
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The Dillard House
The Foxfire Boys
Reeves Hardware
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Rabun County Bank
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Dr Slick
(more in the next issue of Tight Lines)

RABUN CHAPTER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

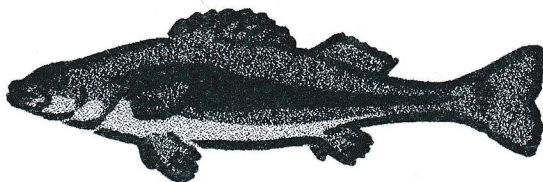
APR 03	GEORGIA COUNCIL MEETS AT THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM - FOOTHILLS
APR 10	WORK PROJECT ON THE NOONTOTLA
APR 20	MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING
APR 24	WORK PROJECT AT SMITH CREEK-UNICOI STATE PARK
APR 30	DAVIDSON RIVER CAMPOUT-PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST
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MAY 08	KIDS FISHING DAY - NANCYTOWN
MAY 18	MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING WITH FAMILY - INDIAN LAKE-RGNS
MAY 15	WORK PROJECT - UPPER CHARLEY CREEK
JUN 05	KIDS FISHING DAY - UNICOI STATE PARK
JUN 12	KIDS FISHING DAY - TALLULAH RIVER
JUN 15	MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING WITH FAMILY - KELLYS PICNID GRND
JUL 17	WORK PROJECT ON CHASTAIN BRANCH
JUL 20	MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING
AUG 16	MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING
SEP 11	WORK PROJECT ON SMITH CREEK - UNICOI SP
SEP 20	MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING
SEP 25	WORK PROJECT ON POPCORN CREEK
OCT 19	MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING
NOV 15	MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING
DEC 21	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING - DILLARD HOUSE

Will leave this complete listing in this issue as I have run out of BS and do not need the space. Hopefully, there will be some real fish stories passed on to the editor in the next few weeks.

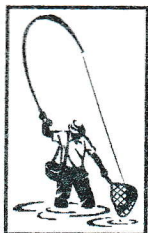
THE RALPH TWIGGS BACKSTROKE

Our Georgia State Representative, Ralph Twiggs (D) Hiawassee, introduced a bill in the assembly a week or so ago, that, if passed, would divert the funds collected from sales of the special wildlife auto tag to the general fund. Such a roar from the general public we have never heard! Apparently, Mr. Twiggs withdrew the bill and it is dead...but with Mr. Twiggs, one never knows. Could he be behind reducing the buffer zone on trout streams?

MAR 13 WORK PROJECT ON CORBIN CREEK
MAR 16 **MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING - Kyle (the Vaccum) Burrell**
MAR 20 HOOT ON THE HOOCH - FOOTHILLS CHAPTER - UNICOI STATE PARK
MAR 24 CHATTAHOOCHEE CHAPTER BANQUET - ATLANTA



Fishing is more than a sport.
It is a way of thinking and doing, a way of
reviving the mind and body.
.....Roderick Haig-Brown



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