



# TIGHT LINES

JUNE 2001

NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

## CHATTOOGA RIVER UPDATE

The Chapter's June meeting will be held at the Rock House in Clayton on Tuesday, June 19th, beginning at 6:30 for fellowship and the meeting at 7:00 PM.

An update on what's been going on with the Chattooga River Planning committee. This is not the same as the US Forest Service Land Management process but decisions that will have a direct impact on the Chattooga River. Shall white water boating be allowed upstream from Hwy 28 bridge? Is there a need to pave Burrell's Ford Road on the SC side of the river? How shall the Nicholson Tract be managed? Should the gate be opened for drive in camping or for horse camps? These are just a few of the questions to consider. Please try to be there to voice your opinion.

## INDIAN LAKE FAMILY OUTING

Sorry if you and yours didn't make it to the, now annual, family cookout at Rabun Gap Nacoochee's Indian Lake on May 15th.

We had a pretty good turnout and it did not storm or even rain.

Several folks gave the lake their best shot and caught some really impressively small panfish. Gene Roberts seemed to have it down pat, catching monsters of 3 to 6 inches on almost every cast. (He has fished with

Kelly a lot lately and probably picked up that old guide's trick of tipping a fly with a worm) The food was good thanks to chefs Cheryl and Charlie.

The Chapter is indebted to the RGNS for allowing us to use this terrific facility and we certainly thank them. Better make plans now to make the outing at Kelly's Waterfall Picnic grounds in August. Details in the July Tight Lines.

## FOLLOW THE LEADER FISHING OUTING

Meet at the Burrell's Ford Bridge about 6:00 PM, June 22nd if you are interested in fishing with the pros, **that is if we can find any**. Otherwise, we will just flounder around until we locate trout gullible enough to accept our offerings.

## SARAH'S CREEK MEETING & PROJECT

Once again, Sarah's Creek will get out attention during a combination meeting and work project, Friday, July 20th and 21st. Plan to camp out in the same area as the last

project. We'll have the meeting Friday night and be ready for whatever the USFS has planned for us Saturday morning. It will be a good time to get in the water!



## DELIVERY PROBLEMS WITH YOUR CAST?

The following is not offered as advice from your editor but is based on a little experience and observation of some really knowledgeable fly casters. The first tip is to stop your rod on the last cast at about the 10 o'clock position. If you continue your cast to an almost horizontal position, it results in big loopy lines that are not very wind resistant and collapse before your leader straightens out.

By stopping your wrist action a little sooner, you form tighter loops that are a lot easier to deliver with some precision. Also, don't apply more power on that last cast than you did on your false casts. Usually no extra power is needed on the delivery cast unless it's really a long one.

Another tip is to aim your cast so that the loop opens just a few feet above your target area and not six or eight feet up in the air. Your casting hand should "describe" the intended line of travel of the line...in other words, slightly higher on the backcast, and slightly lower on the last cast.

When done properly, your leader should land in a series of "S" shapes and not in a pile...unless that's what you are trying for.

At the Flyfishing Show in Charlotte, I watched George Harvey cast again and again, stopping his wrist action at just the right spot, the line straightens out and the leader and fly softly lands, making a series of gentle "S"s. This allows the fly to float with no drag for a longer time than when the leader lands perfectly straight.

## "WYOMING WILDLIFE" AND "WILDLIFE IN NORTH CAROLINA"

Two outstanding magazines published by state agencies are *Wyoming Wildlife* and *Wildlife in North Carolina*. The May issue from Wyoming Game & Fish is entirely devoted to the Cutthroat Trout and is really outstanding work. From the West Slope to the Greenback Cutthroat, their beginnings, their decline, the politics, the research and what is being done to restore this native of the Rockies to it's former glory, makes for interesting reading. I highly recommend it if you can lay your hands on a copy.

In "Running Water Smallmouths", the NC Wildlife Resources Commission

makes an excellent case for heading for one of the smallmouth bass streams for a different angling experience. Some of the streams close by are:

French Broad; Tuckasegee downstream from the dam at Dillsboro; Little Tennessee, downstream from Franklin; Oconoluftee, downstream from Cherokee and the Hiawassee, the lower portion before reaching Hiawassee Lake. Smallmouth's preferred morsel is crayfish but also take readily to salamanders and minnows.

So, if it gets a little slow on your favorite trout stream.....



# NOW HEAR THIS.....

Sat Jun 9	USFS Kids Fishing Day on the Tallulah River
Tue Jun 19	Monthly Chapter Meeting - Rock House, Clayton Chattooga River Planning Update
Fri Jun 22	Follow The Leader on the Chattooga. Meet at Burrells Ford Bridge
Fri Jul 20	Monthly Meeting on Friday nite; Work Project on Saturday the 21st
Tue Aug 21	Monthly Meeting, Kelly's Waterfall Picnic Ground <b>Everybody bring covered dish</b>
Tue Sep 18	Monthly Meeting, Rock House, Clayton, "Doc" Burken's Annual First Aid Update
Sat Sep 22	Work Project, Sarah's Creek

*PLEASE CALL ME IF ANY DATES OR EVENTS ARE INCORRECT:  
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Editor's Note: Yeah, this issue has a lot of filler type bull in it but that's what you get when one person writes all the articles. Anybody have any stories, any articles, any thing?

## MAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES COUNT

Many TU Chapters have "chapter dues" to supplement the funds necessary to fund their newsletter and other chapter activities. The Rabun Chapter has never seen the need for this, depending instead, on monies raised at the annual Rabun Rendezvous and in past years, raffles at the monthly meeting. So that we may continue this policy, make sure that when you renew your national membership, you send your renewal form and check to our treasurer, **Lewis Reeves, at PO Box 1222, Clayton, GA 30525**. National returns \$5.00 of your national dues to the Chapter. It helps!