



Newsletter January, 2013

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The next meeting will be:

Thursday, February 14th...Don't Forget It's Valentine's Day!
Cadence Bank, Blairsville, GA

The fly tying session begins at 5:00 pm and the business meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

January's Meeting: The program was presented by Damon Hearne, Trout Unlimited's Southeastern Conservation Coordinator. Damon updated us on the way in which he works with the LCWF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) funded by royalties from offshore oil drilling. Of the \$900 million annually earmarked for conservation, only about \$300 million is available after other government programs take their share. While TU does not buy property per se, they assist in the acquisition of public land by paying for some of the incidental fees necessary to transfer property from private owners to the national forests. Also, for private landowners who want to aid in conservation while retaining their property for future generations, TU helps them add conservation easements to their property even though in some cases the land is still not open to public use. As an example of how they have helped in our area, he mentioned the acquisition of 20 acres along the Soque River that will become public access.



February Meeting: Bob Borgwat, local guide with Reel Angling Adventures and member of the Blue Ridge TU chapter, will present a program on fly fishing opportunities on the McCloud River in northern California. Bob has fished and written a few magazine stories about it. It's a remarkable and important wild trout fishery, arguably one of the best in the state, maybe all of the West. He has fished its public water, private water and part of it controlled by the Nature Conservancy. He'll share his knowledge gleaned from personal experience, the guide team of The Fly Shop in Redding, CA, and the state fisheries biologists. Interestingly, too, the McCloud River rainbows are the stuff of fishing legends ...they are the species that were used extensively for stocking of rainbow trout around the world.

It will be an interesting program that you won't want to miss!

Dream Tickets: We are happy to report that all 100 Dream Tickets have been sold. Last year the board decided to give back to our members by including a Dream Ticket for \$5.00 with each ticket sold to the annual picnic, 50% off the face value of \$10.00. Remaining tickets were sold to chapter members for the same discounted rate. Once we receive our \$500 rebate from the Georgia TU Council, the chapter will have broken even on the \$1,000 initial purchase price of the tickets. ***Good going, gang! Let's hope one of us is the Grand Prize winner!***



Noontootla Creek Farms January Fishing Special.....Don't Delay!

Larry Culpepper notified us of a winter special available to our chapter members. Half-day unguided trips to the Noontootla Creek Farms private trophy waters can be scheduled for the month of January at discount rates.

One angler: \$115.00 for the half day. (Normal charge is \$230.00.)

Two anglers: \$190.00 for the half day. (Normal charge is \$350.00.)

Bring your membership card and mention that you are a chapter member when you book the trip. Any questions call Larry at 706-994-4388.



***River Through Atlanta
Winter Special***

Chris Scalley is offering a special for January and February:

One or two anglers

Lunches provided

Hot and cold beverages

Six hours wade or drift boat tour for \$250.

Contact Chris at 770-650-8630 or
www.riverthroughatlanta.com.

Now, let's pray the rains will finally stop and the swollen rivers recede!

Chapter Work Projects in 2013:

Crystal Thomas at the hatchery e-mailed that they have decided to hold the Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo on May 10th, the day following the Special Kids Fishing Rodeo.

We are still waiting to hear from the Blue Ridge chapter regarding leading on two of the hatchery events this year. In the meantime, we need to move forward with our planning.

Volunteers will be needed, so reserve these dates on your calendar now.

4/20: River Project: Toccoa Sweep (9:00 - 1:00). *Blue Ridge chapter is Lead.*

4/20: Georgia Fly Fishing for Vets Day (8:00-3:00): *Paces Mill Park, Atlanta*

5/8: Hatchery Event: Special Kids Fishing Rodeo (9:00 - 12:00)

5/10: Hatchery Event: Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo (9:00 - 12:00)

6/7: Hatchery Event: Seniors Fishing Rodeo (9:00 - 12:00)

6/8: Hatchery Event: Family Fishing Festival (9:00 - 12:00)

6/15: Stream Project - Pretty Branch (9:00 - 1:00). *Blue Ridge chapter is Lead.*

8/24: Stream Project - Boggs Creek (9:00 - 1:00). *Tailwater chapter is Lead.*



Contrats to Steve Banakas for his prize-winning photo from last month's meeting.