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Tie One On

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The next meeting will be:

**Thursday, March 13th
Cadence Bank, Blairsville, GA**

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



February's meeting was unfortunately cancelled due to the inclement weather and the fact that our president was stranded in Whitefish, MT, when his Delta flight was cancelled.



Monthly Fly Tying

Note from Bob Kern:

"Well, the snow threw us for a loop so here is what I propose for March. You all tie the Quill Gordon and the Red Head for March. That means you will have three different flies to turn in including the Woolly Buzzer for February. Remember the more flies you turn in the more points you get for the box full of flies!"

January's Presentation:

The program for the evening was presented by Steve Hudson, "Getting Started in Saltwater Fly Fishing." He was also the guest fly tyer, demonstrating several saltwater patterns for the 5 tyers and the audience. The flies seemed relatively simple to tie. The selection was a Clouser Minnow and a Gurgler using a unique folded over foam body. Plus a rather simple but very unique shrimp pattern, incorporating 40-lb. Mono, five minute epoxy and glitter. Steve's program was a slide presentation covering all details for the required rods, reels, lines, leaders and a suggested fly selection. He showed many rather inexpensive alternatives for the beginner in salt water fly fishing. Prevention of saltwater corrosion was emphasized for both gear selection and maintenance. He stressed personal protection from the sun and proper wading footgear, and he left very little untouched. In Phase Two of his presentation, Steve's slides showed us maps, photos and the techniques for the most productive fishing at several locations in Florida. The locations included the panhandle area's Big Lagoon State Park near Pensacola, the east coast's Sevastian Inlet State Park, southwest Florida's Darling national Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island and the beach area a Naples.

Submitted by: Frank Retter, secretary



Now Available to Members.....

Podcasts of our meeting speakers' presentations are now available on the home page of our web site. Just follow the link for either Mac or PC users to listen to the entire presentation at home!

Thanks, Larry Bundy, for figuring out how to accomplish this!!



March Presentation:



Hiwassee River
Watershed Coalition, Inc.



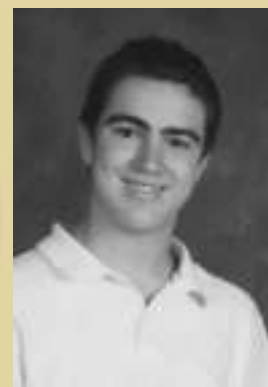
Callie Moore, executive director of the HRWC, will be our guest speaker. Callie became the first full-time executive director in January, 2003. She has a Master's Degree in Water Resources from Indiana University and is also a graduate of Western Carolina University's Environmental Health Program.

The Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition is an 19-year-old 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining good water quality in streams, lakes and rivers that flow into the Hiwassee River. The upper Hiwassee River watershed boundary includes almost all of a 4-county area: Cherokee and Clay counties in North Carolina and Towns and Union counties in north Georgia. We work in a non-confrontational manner with local landowners, governments, schools and businesses to recognize and address threats to our water resources. Over the past 10 years, the Coalition has brought \$6 million in grant funding into the upper Hiwassee River watershed. More than 92% of these funds were spent for on-the-ground projects and programs to facilitate water quality and aquatic habitat improvements in areas where it has declined!

Our Trout Camp Candidates 2014



"Cam" Reece, age 12, of Pensacola Fl., has a junior membership in Trout Unlimited. He and his mother are friends of Steve Banakas.



"Josh" Goeltz, age 15, lives in Young Harris. His father, Brad, is affiliated with Project Healing Waters and is the psychologist at the Blairsville Veterans Administration Clinic.



Southern Highroads Outfitters and Gift Company *Grand Opening*

Zack Phillips and his wife, Kelly Ann Payne, are opening their new store on Highway 515 between Ingles and Home Depot on March 29, 2014. The building shares space with Taste of Napoli restaurant which will remain in operation.

Zack is a fellow member of TU692 and has been dreaming of opening a shop for many years. He has done unbelievable research into the products that he will be offering and wants the shop to feature many local artists and crafters, as well. Zack will be in charge of the “outfitters” side with a heavy emphasis on fly fishing. He will have one of (if not, the best) selection of flies anywhere in the Southeast. He’ll also be selling such lines as Simms, TFO, Allen Rods, Echo, St. Croix, Lamson and many others. Zack will also be a dealer for Tenkara USA. In addition to fly fishing, the shop will also carry hiking supplies and equipment, hard shell kayaks and other products geared to the great outdoors.

Kelly will handle the “gifts” side of the store and sell custom gift baskets among many other home accessories and merchandise.

We wish Zack and Kelly the very best and know that they will do well in this area. With the unique mix of products they are offering, Southern Highroads Outfitters and Gift Company will become a destination for fly fishers and outdoors enthusiasts around the area.

Dream Tickets 2014

Once again, our chapter has sold its allotment of 100 Dream Tickets. The stubs will be delivered to the GA TU Council at its quarterly meeting this Saturday in Alpharetta. Harold Hogan and Larry Bundy will represent our chapter at the meeting.

By selling all of our Dream Tickets, the chapter will receive a \$500 rebate from the GA TU Council. Since we sold the tickets at half-price (\$5.00), the chapter will break even and those of our members who bought tickets have received a valuable commodity for half price.

The winner will be announced at the "Hoot on the Hooch" fundraiser on March 22nd in Helen.

DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!




GRAND PRIZE

*The 2014 Dream Trip reaches new heights. The opportunity to fish with John McGarity, stay in his fabulous log cabin conveniently located between the Madison River, Yellowstone National Park and the Honey's Fork puts you smack dab in the middle of some of the most famous trout waters in North America. John is the consummate trout angler, fishing almost every day during the 5 or 6 months each year he spends in Idaho. Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone checks with John for fishing reports. Having been a restaurateur, John is also an excellent cook... you will not go hungry on this trip! TU couldn't ask for a better host and guide for this year's Dream Trip. John McGarity
www.troutunlimited.com

- 5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 28- August 2, 2014
- \$500 total in travel expenses - travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winners.
*Fishing licenses, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the winners during their stay.
- Each winner receives:
 - Choice of Winston Billix or Sage ONE 4, 5 or 6 wt rod
 - A fly reel with Scientific Angler line
 - A fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen per host)

Tickets \$10 Proceeds Benefit TU Cold Water Conservation and Trout Camp

RUNNER UP PRIZES:

- Temple Fork fly rod, (2" 4 piece, Professional series of TIC1, 4, 5 or 6 wt). Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Temple Fork BVI 4-5 reel. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Six dozen flies in nice fly box. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Five day trip to Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada for one person. Trip is set up for two people for 5 days. Winner or partner must pay for second person @ \$3695 individual rate. Dates are open for selection at <http://www.kasba.com>. Donated by the Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada.
- Certificate to Fly Fishing Class or Fly Casting Class at the Atlanta Fly Fishing School. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Custom made Temple Fork fly rod of winner's choice. (Professional series, TIC1 or TIC1X). Donated by Garland Stewart.
- Full day guided float trip on the Chattahoochee River for 2 people. Includes lunch and soft drinks. Donated by River Through Atlanta Guide Service. Gordon Walker will be the guide.
- Half day guided fishing trip with Henry Clawan on the Chattahoochee for carp, Lake Lanier for striper or Lake Allatoona. (Anglers' choice.)
- One half-day unguided fishing for two people at Nacoochee Bend. Donated by Jimmy Harris, Uncle Chittlers.
- Fly Box with 6 dozen flies, donated by the Georgia TU Chapters - 2 drawings.
- Supreme gift: **Must be present to win!**




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