



Blue Ridge Chapter, Trout Unlimited

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

March 2010

2010 Banquet Report

By Scott Larsen

We would like to thank everyone for coming out to our **Conservation Banquet** last month and making it a success. We had 124 attendees and generated funds to support our conservation and educational activities for this year, such as Trout in the Classroom, Rivercourse, Muddy Creek, and more.

We want to thank **Robin Searight** and **Brandon Frakes** for all of their hard work and enthusiasm which made the banquet a success as well all of the members who worked on the Banquet Committee. I think this level of participation really shows what a strong chapter we have.

The banquet was again a **lot of fun** with a great meal and a huge variety of prizes including a 50" TV, several guided trips, a weekend in the mountains, a fantastic trout quilt, as well as a place setting for four. Sam Wauford again did a fantastic job as MC.

We also want to thank all of **our sponsors** who donated gear and trips as well as all the members and guests who donated such a great range of prizes. Sponsors included Jeff Wilkins, Great Outdoor Provision Company, Squeak Smith, Green Drake Fly Shop, Gene Pope, Carolina Mountain Sports, Sam & Hayes Wauford, Hutchison Allgood, Rusty Berrier, Paul Chatham, and Celeste Harris. A special thanks to IB Southerland Memorial Sponsorship for their donation.

We all know how tough this economy is so we all really appreciate your continued support in these tough times.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 31 – Fly Tying Event

April 9-11 – Balsam Lodge Trip

Apr 20 – Chapter Meeting

May 18 – Chapter Meeting

2009-2010 Chapter Leadership

Officers:

David Richards, President

Mike Davis, VP

Bob Lassiter, Sec.

Peter Lloyd, Treas.

Peter Lloyd, Past Pres.

Board Members:

Chad Fulp

Brandon Frakes

Scott Larsen

Robin Searight

Jayne Sommer

Steve Hennings

President's Letter

David Richards, President

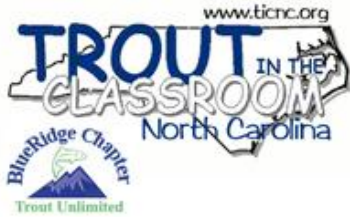
Hello, Blue Ridge Members,

Well, Spring is finally here, after a particularly cold winter. I am encouraged by the early Spring fishing reports that I read on our website. Just go to www.blueridgeTU.org and click on **Fishing Reports**. Alas, with my travel schedule this year (I was in three countries last week) I haven't been fishing as much as a wish, but I still get the thrill by **reading on our website** about how other BRTU members are doing so well on the North Toe, the Mitchell, and other favorite spots. And I am looking forward to our **Balsam Lodge Trip**, which will be April 9-11. For this trip we rent a big lodge on Balsam Lake for a three day weekend. There's great fishing nearby on several great rivers, including the mighty Tuckaseegee, the challenging Pigeon, pristine Courthouse Creek, and others. There are still a few spaces open for the trip, so if you are interested in information send an email to Allie Hutchison: (Allie.Hutchison@HutchisonAllgood.com).

Chapter Meeting Announcement

By Steve Hennings

April Chapter Meeting Topic: Trout in the Classroom



**Tuesday, April 20th
6:00pm ~ Presentation at 7:00pm**

Venue: Texas Land and Cattle Steak House, 1110 Creekshire Way, Winston-Salem, NC. Located in Winston Salem just off of Hanes Mall Blvd. across the road from Target

Presentation & Conversation

From our Trout in the Classroom Teachers and Support

~Opening~

Dave Richards BRTU President

~Introductions and Release day Plans~

Steve Hennings – BRTU TIC Coordinator

~Teacher Presentations & Comments~

Liz Cronan – Sugar Loaf Elementary School

Cathy Berrier – Ledford High School

Dana Keeny – Ellis Middle School

Peter Zein – Sandy Ridge Elementary

~Comments from Support Team~

Chad Starbuck – NC Wildlife Enforcement Officer of the Year 2009

TU Classroom Support – Michael Davis, Brandon Frakes & Don Davidson.

~Future Scope of TIC in NC and Closing~

Rusty Berrier - NCTU Project Coordinator

”Connecting Students to Their Watersheds”



Other News

Fly Tying Event, March 31.

Here is your chance to practice fly tying or learn how it's done! No experience or equipment required at this fun event. All flied tied will be donated to causes we support: *Rivercourse* and *Casting for Recovery*.

Date and Time: March 31, 2010 6:00 – 9:30 PM

Location: South Fork Recreation Center, the Our House (old farm house) bldg, 4403 Country Club Rd, Winston-Salem.

-----Welcome New Members!-----

Robin Coffey
Richard Dalton
Frank Davis
Dave Dixon
Rick Hughes
Alex Jung
Mel Labounty
C Mills
Tim O'Connell
Scott Saalweachter
Donald Shaffner
Joseph Stanfield
Randy Wright