



Blue Ridge Chapter, Trout Unlimited Winston-Salem, North Carolina

January 2008

President's Letter

Peter Lloyd, President

Hello, Blue Ridge Members,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays and is optimistic about the new year ahead (I didn't get that bamboo fly rod for Christmas: maybe next year). Hopefully we'll get enough rain and snow to end the drought, recharge the ground water and return stream flows to normal.

Our November meeting was well attended. We had an excellent program given Anthony Hipps about tying his Soft-Bodied line of flies (Poppers, Sliders, frogs, etc.). Mr. Hipps also donated two boxes of his flies to the chapter which we raffled off to a couple of lucky attendees.

We also elected the new slate of officers at our November meeting. Thank you to all of our members who attended this meeting and taking care of this important business. I also want to thank all of our officers and board members for serving especially Chad Fulp, Sam Wauford, and Steve Hennings who are new to the board. Let's not forget Sam Sticher and Sam Ogburn who rotated off our board and are serving at the state and national level. All of these folks give a great deal of time and effort so we can continue to participate in the organization and further TU's mission to *Conserve, Protect, and Restore Cold Water Fisheries*.

The board met on November 26th and made chair assignments for the following standing committees:

Program	Dan Benfield
Membership	Sam Wauford
Conservation	Mike Davis
Education	Steve Hennings
Banquet/Fundraising	Gene Pope

Chairing these committees requires a lot of work and they could really use your help. Please consider participating in one or more of these committees. Your ideas and assistance will make our chapter more effective and you might even pick up a few tips for the next time you're on the water. If you are interested in helping out, drop me a line and I will get you in touch with the chair. You can call or e-mail me anytime.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 15, 2008, 6:30 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2008, ANNUAL FUND RAISING BANQUET
MARCH 18, 2008, 6:30 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING
APRIL 15, 2008, 6:30 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING

2007-2008 Chapter Leadership

Officers:

Peter Lloyd, President
Dan Benfield, VP
David Richards, Sec.
Bill Remaley, Treas.

Board Members:

Michael Davis
Chad Fulp
Steve Hennings
Eugene Pope
Paul Scheponik
Sam Wauford

In other news, BRTU participated in a project on Sat, December 15 at Goose Creek near Marion. Approximately 20 people from TU and other organizations joined Squeak Smith and planted about 250 trees to improve the riparian buffer and reduce sediment flowing into the stream. Goose Creek ultimately feeds into the Catawba River below Lake James. The Catawba River has the potential to be an excellent tail water fishery but continues to be adversely impacted by sediment from its tributaries. A big thanks to Mike and Austin Davis, Greg and Jonathon Montgomery, and Matt Yetter who participated form our chapter.

That's all I have for now. I hope to see you at our next chapter meeting at the Texas Land and Cattle Steak House.

Peter
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Welcome New Members

David Stewart, Barry Sheets, Robert M. Ziegler, and John Easley.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Chapter Meeting Announcement

Dan Benfield, Program Chair

The program for the January chapter meeting will be given by Squeak Smith. Mr. Smith is a member of TU's Board of Trustees, and has been a full time volunteer at virtually every level of TU since 1986. He also publishes a newsletter, *Squeaks Squiggles*, which you can read on NCTU's website, <http://www.nctu.org>. His presentation will provide an update on Muddy Creek as well as what's going on with the Linville project. He will also provide an update on what's going on 'nationally' with TU and entertain questions on other projects, not to mention some exciting fishing shots to keep our interest.

Our chapter meets at **Texas Land and Cattle Steak House** just off of Hanes Mall Blvd across the road from Target. Our meetings start at **6:30 PM**, but come early and join us in conversation and get to know your fellow members. We order from the menu and after dinner, our speaker gives their presentation. We welcome new members. Bring your family with you. This is a family oriented organization with a large number of female members as well as youth members.



Greg and Jonathon Montgomery working hard at Goose Creek

Rivercourse 2008

Applications for Rivercourse 2008 are due by **March 15th, 2008**. River course is a camp for boys and girls ages 13-15 sponsored by NCTU. Rivercourse emphasizes TU's mission of cold water conservation while also teaching the basics of fly fishing. The camp will be from June 22nd through the 27th and is limited to 16. Last years response was overwhelming so, unfortunately, some kids could not attend. If you know a kid that's interested in conservation and fishing, and would like to attend the camp, encourage them to apply early. You can get more information about Rivercourse and apply online at www.NCTU.org or contact Peter Lloyd at lloydpb.forsyth.cc or (336) 774-0278 for assistance.

Newsletter On-Line

Many of us get this newsletter from the BRTU website. This saves the postage costs so we can use this money for conservation and education projects (~\$3.50 for each member annually). If have an email address, just send it to me at lloydpb@forsyth.cc and you will be notified by email when the newsletter is posted. Thanks to those of you who have signed up for the email.



Squeak Smith and Mike Davis at Goose Creek