



Blue Ridge Chapter, Trout Unlimited

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

June 2009

President's Letter

Peter Lloyd, President

Greetings! As we're moving into summer we'll be taking a break from chapter meetings until September. We aren't taking the summer off and will be participating in **Jakes Day** on August 1, 2009. This event held annually in Davidson County introduces kids to outdoor activities such as fishing and hunting. Our chapter regularly participates in this event by operating a station where kids are introduced to fly fishing. We see a lot of kids at this event and volunteers always have a good time. The more volunteers we have the better so mark your calendars. Visit our website for more information or contact Steve Hennings (shennings@triad.rr.com or 407-1206).

We'll also be busy preparing our existing *Trout in the Classroom* programs and starting up a new TIC program. Mike Davis will be working with Sandy Ridge Elementary in Stokes Co. to set up a new tank and get the TIC program up and running this fall. We still have funding available for another new program and will continue working to match a volunteer and school to make it happen. Contact Steve Hennings if you're interested in setting up a TIC program in a school near you. Go to www.ticnc.org for more information

In last month's newsletter I mentioned that BRTU donated \$1000 to the Muddy Creek Partnership. I received an enthusiastic note from Andy Brown, President of Equinox Environmental Consultation & Design, Inc. (the firm directing the work) thanking our chapter as well as an update. Muddy Creek Partnership is now responsible for approximately 23 ½ miles of stream restoration that is either in-design, in-construction, or complete. These projects involve almost 40 different landowners. This restoration work is the equivalent of eliminating 357 16-ton dump trucks of dirt and sand from entering the stream annually. The broad economic impact of our work is over \$16 million and counting. Additional information on this work is available on our website under *Conservation & Education*.

That's all for now.

I hope to see you at our next Chapter meeting on Tuesday, June 16th.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 16, 2009, 6:00 PM BRTU Chapter Meeting
June 20, 2009, Mitchell River Stream Clean
August 1, 2009, Jakes Day
SEPT 15, 2009, 6:00 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING

2008-2009 Chapter Leadership

Officers:

Peter Lloyd, President
Eugene Pope, VP
David Richards, Sec.
Bill Remaley, Treas.

Board Members:

Dan Benfield
Michael Davis
Chad Fulp
Steve Hennings
Bob Lassiter
Sam Wauford

Project Healing Waters Tournament

At last month's chapter meeting we heard from Tim Cummings about *Project Healing Waters*. This is a wonderful program that helps our service men and women after returning from duty. You may have read about PHW in *Trout* or another publication.

PHW is sponsoring active, retired, discharged veterans for a two day fly-fishing tournament, October 10 & 11, in the spectacular Blue Ridge Mountains (non-vet anglers can also participate). Tim is looking for volunteers to help veterans with casting, fishing and fly tying. Contact information for Tim and a registration form with more information is available on our website.

PHW is all about "healing those who served." PHW has been offering its fly-fishing and fly tying program with proven results for a large number of our wounded. Vets receive many benefits including:

- The learning of fly fishing and fly tying skills.
- The opportunity to enhance physical and emotional recovery, while the recovering wounded are undergoing therapy treatments.
- The opportunity to enjoy the pleasures of fly fishing on fishing outings.
- The opportunity to adopt fly fishing as a life-long recreational pursuit.
- The filling of their memory bank with pleasant experiences.

This is a great way to support our troops and is sure to be a rewarding experience for volunteers as well the vets.

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Chapter Meeting Announcement – June 16th

J.E.B. Hall will be speaking at our June 16th meeting about western NC waters and tactics. J.E.B. is from Bryson City, NC and is the author of Western North Carolina Fly Guide. He is currently lead guide for Nantahala Outdoor Center fly fishing program and guides float and wade trips from the Asheville area all the way to Great Smoky Mountain National Park. He also leads an annual Alaska trip. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn about many of our western waters and how to fish them.

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 **6:00 PM** to allow folks to mingle, order dinner and get settled before the 7:00 program. We welcome new members and visitors. Bring your family with you. This is a family oriented organization: we welcome men, women and children.

Brookie License Plates Stamped!



Back the Brookie License Plates are rolling in! Although I haven't received mine yet, I've heard that some folks have received theirs. And reports are the plates are stunning, even better than anticipated.

Some folks have reported that they were charged an additional fee to receive their plates. It's my understanding that the fee is for the upcoming vehicle registration renewal and that paying it as requested will actually save you from having to pay the special license plate fee when your renewal would normally come due.

If you haven't ordered your plate, it's not too late. You can download and complete an application form from our website at <http://www.blueridgetu.org> or call me.

Mitchell River Stream Clean – Saturday, June 20th

We are having a stream clean at the Mitchell River on June 20. We decided to schedule this cleanup 2 weeks after the harvest begins based of feedback we rec'd from the land owner when we did the clean-up back in October: A lot of litter accumulates during the first couple weeks after the harvest season opens. Hopefully this will help keep the area clean through the summer. This is your chance to help and show your appreciation to the land owner for keeping this area open for fishing, so make plans join BRTU in this important conservation effort

We are inviting other Chapters who fish the Mitchell to come out and help so this should be a good opportunity to meet folks from other Chapters. Drinks will be provided.

We will meet at the Mitchell River Delayed Harvest Area at the Parking area on the right, just past the Juddsville School Rd bridge. For folks that want to carpool, we will meet at the McDonalds on Jonestown Rd at 7:45 AM and depart around 8:00 AM. We will arrive at the river around 9:00 and clean to around noon.

For more information contact Dan Benfield at (336) 723-7165 or (dancon7@earthlink.net)

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 you 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 already signed up for the email.

Welcome New Members

Robin Searight, Mr. Eric Shook, Mr. Joseph Nall, Robert M. Castro, and Mr. Forrest Boaz