



# Blue Ridge Chapter, Trout Unlimited

## Winston-Salem, North Carolina

May 2009

### President's Letter

Peter Lloyd, President

Greetings! We had a great turn out at our chapter meeting last month! Katherine Mull and Wayne Kirkpatrick from the Dan River Basin Association gave us a great presentation on the work of their organization including their extensive *Trout in the Classroom* and stream monitoring programs they have successfully integrated into the school systems curriculum.

At our last board meeting we approved a \$1000 donation to the Muddy Creek Partnership to help with their ongoing work to reduce sediment and improve the tail water fishery in the Catawba River below Lake James. Our chapter has been supporting this work for several years and a few of us got the opportunity to see some of the stream restoration work the Partnership has done. A lot of work has been done so far, but much more is needed. Additional information on this work is available on our website under *Conservation & Education*.

We also approved a \$500 donation to casting for recovery. Our chapter learned more about CFR, a national non-profit, support and educational program for women who have or have had breast cancer at our November 2008 chapter meeting. Our donation will help sponsor a breast cancer survivor for the NC weekend retreat.

Finally, we approved a \$100 sponsorship for Jakes Day coming up 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. Did I mention that we see a lot of kids? I did and the more volunteers we have the better.

Before I sign off I want to talk a little about poaching. Many of us enjoy fishing delayed harvest streams and are aware of, and sometimes observe, other anglers keeping fish before harvesting is legal. While this illegal activity concerns me and many of our members, preventing poaching or enforcing laws is not part of our organizations mission. Our mission is to *Conserve, Protect and Restore North America's Cold Water Fisheries and their Watersheds*. While it saddens me to know that poachers are out there, I realize that laws must be enforced by professionals, our Wildlife Enforcement Officers. But there is something we can do responsibly: Report poaching and other wildlife violations by calling 1-800-662-7137. Don't

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 19, 2009, 6:00 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING  
June 16, 2009, 6:00 PM BRTU Chapter Meeting  
June 20, 2009, Mitchell River Stream Clean  
August 1, 2009. Jakes Day

#### 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

worry about remembering this number, it's on the back of your license.

I hope to see you at our next Chapter meeting on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

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### 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.

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## Chapter Meeting Announcement

**Steve Hanna**, with Project Healing Waters in Charlotte will be our speaker for the May 19 Meeting. Project Healing waters uses fly fishing as therapy for disabled veterans. Steve will give us an overview of the program and offer ideas how our Blue Ridge Chapter may support and participate in their activities. Try to read over the excellent article on Project Healing Waters in the Fall 08 issue of TU's Trout before the meeting.

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.

## 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](mailto: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.



Jack Smith talking with Boy Scouts about fly fishing and the Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America

## 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.

## Fly Fishing Merit Badge

BRTU Members Mike Davis, Peter Lloyd, Bill Remaley, Jack Smith, and Mike White were at Raven Knob on Saturday May 2, working with around 15 boy scouts on their Fly Fishing merit badges. The scouts learned about safety and possible injuries, good outdoor sportsmanlike behavior, importance of practicing *Leave No Trace*, matching a fly rod, line, and leader, how different types of flies are used. Members also assisted the scouts as they practiced fly fishing knots, fly tying, casting (even the Nial Knot!).

The last activity of the day was actual fly fishing in Lake Sabotta for bream and bass. Many of the scouts caught fish on their own flies including a few who managed to catch some nice sized largemouth bass. Most importantly, all the scouts and volunteers had a great time.

## Welcome New Members

Fred Phelps, Stephen Qualkinbush, H. Preston Essic, Jr., Donald Tyndall, and Stacy Fuessle