



Blue Ridge Chapter, Trout Unlimited

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

November 2007

President's Letter

Peter Lloyd, President

Hello, Blue Ridge Members,

I hope everyone is doing well. With winter approaching I am looking forward to some cooler, and yes, even some down right cold weather. We were fortunate to get some rain to ease the drought and improve stream flows, but we'll need quite a bit more to recharge the ground water to keep stream flows stable. Consequently, I'm also hoping we'll get a lot of rainy days through the winter. Enough about the weather: time to get on with business.

The first order of business is the election of officers for our chapter for fiscal year 2008. The Nominations Committee presented a proposed slate of officers at our October 16th chapter meeting. At that time we were short one director to complete the board as specified in our bylaws (our bylaws are posted on our website). Since then we have completed the proposed slate which is as follows:

Immediate Past President	Vacant (*)
President	Peter Lloyd
Vice President	Dan Benfield
Treasurer	Bill Remaley
Secretary	David Richards
Director	Sam Wauford
Director	Chad Fulp
Director	Steve Hennings

(*) Our immediate past president, Sam Stitche, is currently serving as treasurer for our State Council.

The board consists of the officers and no fewer than 6 directors. Directors that will continue serving their 3 year terms on the board are Mike Davis, Eugene Pope, and Paul Scheponik. The proposed slate will be presented for approval by the membership at our November 13th chapter meeting and members may make nominations from the floor.

Attendance at our October meeting was down from what we've seen in the recent past. I suspect this was due in part to the news letter getting out later than it should. I apologize to those of you who were not able to attend due to this short coming and will work to get the news letter out in a more timely manner. Nonetheless we had an excellent program given Gerrit Jobsis from American Rivers about the work they do to protect and promote our rivers as valuable assets to our health, safety and quality of life. I encourage you to learn more about this

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 13, 2007, 6:30 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING
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

2006-2007 Chapter Leadership

Officers:

Peter Lloyd, President
Dan Benfield, VP
Randy Welfare, Sec.
Bill Remaley, Treas.
Sam Stitche, Past Pres.

Board Members:

Sam Ogburn
Eugene Pope
Paul Scheponik
Michael Davis
David Richards

organization by visiting their website:
www.americanrivers.org.

We just received information about Rivercourse for 2008. River course is a camp for boys and girls ages 13-15 sponsored by NCTU that emphasizes TU's mission of cold water conservation while also teaching the basics of fly fishing. The camp will be from June 22nd through 27th and applications are due by March 15th, 2008. The camp is limited to 16. Last years response exceeded this limit and, unfortunately, some kids could not be accepted to attend. If you know a kid that's interested in conservation and fishing, encourage them to apply early. We plan on having brochures at this month's chapter meeting, or you can drop me a line and I will send one to you. You may also apply online at www.NCTU.org.

Finally, I want to tell you about some recent work by Mike Davis, our Education Chair. He conducted a TU cold and conservation program at Hanging Rock State Park's Visitors Center on October 14th and talked with more than 30 folks about TU and our mission. The park rangers, Lucy, Scott, Jaye and Matt were very helpful and we look forward to doing similar programs in the near future. If you'd like to help out in this kind of activity, contact Mike at (davism@andassoc.com or (336) 580-6341), or me.

That's all I have for now. I hope to see you at our next meeting, November 13th at the Texas Land and Cattle Steak House.

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Chapter Meeting Announcement

David Richards, Program Chair

The program for the November chapter meeting will be given by Anthony Hipps about tying his Soft-Bodied line of flies (Poppers, Sliders, frogs, etc.) as featured in Fly Tyer Magazine (Summer 2006 and Summer 2007 issues). Anthony is a professional fly tying artist, instructor, and speaker from Lexington, North Carolina and has been tying flies for more than twenty years. Anthony is active with the Federation of Fly Fishers Southeastern Council, serving on the Board of Directors and as the Council's Fly Tying Chairman for the past several years.

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.

Welcome New Members

Pete Colding, John Mullins, Ernest Myers, John Prevette, and Randy Sherrill.

Check Out BRTU's Library

If you're interested in learning more about fly fishing, fly tying, or conservation, you have a wealth of information available in the Chapter's library. You can see what we have available by going to our website at:

<http://www.blueridgetu.org/>,

and clicking the Library link at the bottom of the home page. If you see something you'd like to check out, contact Dan Benfield at dancon7@earthlink.net or (336) 723-7165 and we'll have it for you at the next chapter meeting. If you know of a resource, book, video, etc. that would be a good addition to our library, tell a board member and we will try and get a copy. Finally, if you have a book or other resource that you don't need or want anymore, consider donating it to our library so other members will have an opportunity to check it out.

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 loydpb@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.