



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

October 2009

## President's Letter

*David Richards, President*

Message from Incoming President Dave Richards:

Last weekend, on the catch and release water at Cherokee, I tried my best to catch the monster trout that I could clearly see at the bottom of a deep pool of clear water. Although I threw them everything in my fly box, those trout just sat there contently watching my flies drift slowly by. Copper Johns, egg patterns, pheasant tail nymphs, elk hair caddis... none of my standard fare was of any interest to those big rainbows! On the other hand, the fish that were in faster water eagerly chomped on my flies, and I caught (and released) the biggest fish I've ever caught in NC. Obviously, these fish (and this angler) like to be in the fast stream, where they have to stay active and not just sit around watching the world go by in slow motion.

I see Trout Unlimited much the same way. It is much more fun to be in the fast stream, actively participating, rather than just hanging out and waiting for things to happen. It is an honor and privilege to have been elected President of the Blue Ridge Chapter. I look forward to continuing with the projects that have been started under Peter Lloyd's leadership, such as Trout In The Classroom, the Muddy River project, and river cleanups. Your BRTU is recognized as one of the most active TU chapters in North Carolina! Let's have fun, stay active, and keep moving toward the TU vision: By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

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## Project Healing Waters Tournament

PWH and Rivers Edge Outfitters are sponsoring active, retired, discharged veterans for a two day fly-fishing tournament, October 10 & 11, in the spectacular Blue Ridge Mountains (non-vet angles can also participate). More information is available on our website. If you don't have internet access you can call Peter Lloyd at (336) 774-0278

## Welcome New Members

Brad, Dodson, and William Long.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 10 & 11, 2009 PHW TOURNAMENT  
OCTOBER 16, 2009 MUDDY CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT  
OCTOBER 20, 2009, 6:00 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2009 MITCHELL RIVER STREAM CLEAN  
OCTOBER 30-31, 2009 MUDDY CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT  
NOVEMBER 17, 2009, 6:00 PM BRTU CHAPTER Meeting

### 2009-2010 Chapter Leadership

#### Officers:

David Richards, President  
Mike Davis, Vice Pres.  
Bob Lassiter, Secretary  
Peter Lloyd, Treasurer

#### Board Members:

Brandon Frakes  
Chad Fulp  
Steve Hennings  
Scott Larsen  
Robin Searight  
Jayne Sommer

## Thank You

Message from Outgoing President Peter Lloyd:

I am happy to welcome Dave Richards as our new President. Dave has been an active member of our board and I am confident he will do an excellent job serving our members and representing our chapter at the state and national levels.

I am very honored to have had the opportunity to serve as BRTU's president for the past three years. It has been a very rewarding and enjoyable experience. I am proud of our chapter's accomplishments and am confident we will continue to be active and productive. We have established a strong Trout in the Classroom program, continued support for the Muddy Creek Partnership, supported many conservation and education programs, and provided several stream clean and other activities for member participation. I am particularly happy with the level of participation of our members. We have had consistently high turnouts at our chapter meetings and activities.

I want to thank you, the members, and our past and current officers and directors for making our chapter successful. I want to thank Rusty Berrier in particular for his somewhat covert guidance and direction.

I will continue serving on the board as your treasurer and encourage you to continue your support of this great organization.

I hope to see you at our next Chapter meeting on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### Chapter Meeting Announcement – Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

The program for the October 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 other activities in NC. 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 **6:00 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

### Rivercourse 2010 Accepting Applications

Applications are now being accepted for Rivercourse 2010. The dates for Rivercourse 2010 are June 20-25, 2010. Applications from Chapter sponsored campers will be given preference until December 15th after which campers will be accepted on a first come-first accepted basis. Rivercourse is open to boys and girls age 13-15. The cost for the summer camp is \$595.00. More information and an application can be found at : <http://www.nctu.org/rivercourse.html>.

### 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](mailto:loydpb@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.

### Mitchell River Clean-up–Saturday, Oct. 24th

October 24 will be our second Fall Mitchell River Clean-up. This is a collaborative effort with the Stone Mt. Chapter, the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, and the NC Department of Transportation to clean-up the Mitchell and access sites, with special emphasis on the Delayed Harvest area. Keeping the Mitchell and its access sites and roads free of litter and debris is important to the resource and to the continued public access for angling. This is your chance to help – so make plans to be with the Chapter at this important TU conservation effort. In addition to the clean-up, we will also have a hot dog cookout provided by the chapter and spend some time after lunch breaking into groups and enjoying some angling. This will be an opportunity for new members and any beginner fly anglers to receive some hands-on assistance.

We will meet at the Mitchell River Delayed Harvest Area at the 1st Parking area on the right, just past the Juddsville School Rd bridge between 9-9:30am. Or, if you would like to carpool we will depart from the McDonalds on Jonestown Rd/421 at 7:45am. Litter bags will be provided by NCDOT. Please bring some gloves and lot's of enthusiasm!!

Please Contact Dan Benfield at 723-7165 or [dancon7@earthlink.net](mailto:dancon7@earthlink.net) for questions and to sign-up. We will make the final count and any other logistics at the October meeting on the 20th. We need an estimate on folks attending to determine the lunch requirements.

**SO - GRAB YOUR WADERS AND GEAR - BE THERE!**



Meal Time at the Balsam Lodge Fall Outing, October 2-4, 2009