



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

September 2007

President's Letter

Peter Lloyd, President

Hello, Blue Ridge Members,

Summer is waning and Fall is just around the corner. Our chapter meetings will start up again this month after the Summer break. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Summer and is energized to participate in some of the chapter's projects this year.

Our chapter participated in a of couple activities over the Summer. Steve Henning represented the chapter at Jakes' day on August 4th in Lexington and introduced the kids to fly fishing, casting and cold water conservation. On Saturday, August 11th Mike Davis, Chad Fulp, and Bill Britt gave a presentation to campers at Hanging Rock State Park about cold water fisheries, stream restoration, regulations and fly fishing techniques. The park staff were great to work with and about 25 campers turned out. We are planning to do some additional activities at Hanging Rock State Park this year and will be looking for volunteers. This should be a great opportunity to share information about TU and cold water conservation with kids and adults. Contact Mike Davis (davism@andassoc.com or (336) 580-6341) or me if you're interested in helping out.

We already have a few events coming up on the calendar. The Fall trip to Balsam Lodge will be the weekend of October 12th. If you're interested, contact Allie Hutchinson at alliehutchison@haprinting.com or (336) 406-6006. Space is limited if it hasn't already filled up.

Our Annual Fundraising Banquet will be November 3, 2007 this year. Last years banquet at the Village Inn in Clemmons was a great success and a lot of fun. We will be at the Village Inn again this year and have rented more space in anticipation of an even larger turn out. The banquet is a great chance to introduce your family, friends and neighbors to TU so bring them along. A large part of the banquet is the various auctions. We need items for the auctions and will gladly accept donated items such as gear, art, household items, and most anything else that might grab someone's interest. We will also need volunteers to help with setting up the auctions and

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 18, 2007, 6:30 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING
- OCTOBER 6 2007, BIG SWEEP
- OCTOBER 16, 2007, 6:30 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING
- NOVEMBER 3, 2007, ANNUAL FUND RAISING BANQUET
- JANUARY 15, 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 Stitcher, Past Pres.

Board Members:

- Sam Ogburn
- Eugene Pope
- Paul Scheponik
- Michael Davis
- David Richards

preparing the venue. If you have something to donate or are interested in helping, contact Randy Welfare (Randy.Welfare@bradfordmc.com or (336) 727-0425) or me.

Finally, we are approaching the end of our fiscal year and will need to elect new officers and directors for the board. Serving on the Board is great way to learn more about TU, take a more active role in TU's mission to promote cold water conservation and interact with TU members from other parts of the country. It is also critical to the operation of our chapter. I encourage every to consider taking a leadership role in our chapter. If you have an interest in serving on your chapter's board, please contact me by phone or email. By the same token, if you have any suggestions to help improve our chapter or activities/events where we could promote TU's mission, please do not hesitate to contact me with your ideas.

That's all I have for now. Our next meeting will be September 18th at the Texas Land and Cattle Steak House. I hope you will be able to attend.

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Chapter Meeting Announcement

David Richards, Program Chair

The program for the June chapter meeting will be given by Scott King from the NC State University extension service. Scott will be speaking about recently designed erosion control practices for mountain use and the resulting benefits and improvements to fish habitats. Scott is an Extension Associate with Department of Soil Science at North Carolina State University. His work involves erosion control concepts, riparian buffer designs, and stream and wetland restoration efforts. He has done extensive research in the mountains of North Carolina regarding the most effective ways to control erosion to preserve our streams and rivers.

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

Robert Hardy, Ann Mills Lassiter, Dean F. Stell, Bridgett Goad, Benjamin C. Hulcher, Jonathan M. Hulcher, and Steven Gallo.

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. If you have an email address, just send it to me at loydpcb@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.