



Blue Ridge Chapter, Trout Unlimited

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

September 2009

President's Letter

Peter Lloyd, President

Greetings! I hope everyone had a great Summer. Although I enjoyed the Summer, I am looking forward to some cooler weather.

The first order of business is the election of officers for our chapter for fiscal year 2010. The Nominations Committee proposes the following slate of Officers and Directors for consideration by the membership at the September 15, 2009 Chapter Meeting.

Immediate Past President	Vacant
President	David Richards
Vice President	Mike Davis
Treasurer	Peter Lloyd
Secretary	Bob Lassiter
Director	Brandon Frakes
Director	Scott Larsen
Director	Robin Searight
Director	Jayne Sommer

The board consists of the officers and no fewer than 6 directors. Directors currently serving in 3 year terms are Chad Fulp and Steve Hennings. Dan Benfield, Gene Pope, Bill Remaley and Sam Wauford are stepping down from the board. I want to thank them for their many years of service to our chapter and especially Bill who has served as Treasurer for the past six years.

Several BRTU members came out to tie flies at the South Fork Recreation Center on July 21st, 2009. We had beginners, experts and hacks tying a variety of flies from Adams to Dragon Flies and Hares Ears to Soft Hackles. We ended the night with approximately 90 flies which were donated to NCTU RiverCourse and the NC/SC Casting for Recovery Program. Thanks to all those who turned out and to the City of Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department for providing the venue. We hope to have another Fly Tying in the near future.

Jakes day was held on Saturday, August 3 and over 200 kids attended. Michael Davis, Bob Lassiter, Brandon Frakes, Don Davidson, Peter Lloyd, and Steve Hennings were out introducing kids to fly fishing and many caught their first fish on a fly rod! This was a real success and we received great feedback. Check out the full story on our website under *Conservation & Education*.

In other news, our board approved up to \$500 to assist the Stokes County Soil & Water Conservation District to obtain conservation easements along the Dan River. The Dan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT 15, 2009, 6:00 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING
OCTOBER 2-4, 2009 BALSAM LODGE OUTING
October 10 & 11, PHW Tournament
October 20, 2009, 6:00 PM BRTU Chapter Meeting
October 24, 2009 Mitchell River Stream Clean
November 17, 2009, 6:00 PM BRTU Chapter

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

River Basin Association has also committed \$500. These funds will be used to obtain the first easements along this stretch off the Dan and hopefully open the door for establishing many more conservation easements. Stokes Soil & Water expects to receive federal grant money to fund future easements.

A couple reminder before I sign off. The Fall Balsam Outing (information is on the website) is October 2-4. We also have a stream clean (followed by DH fishing) on the Mitchell River scheduled for October 24. Look for information about the stream clean in the next couple weeks.

That's all for now.

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

Peter
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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 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. If you don't have internet access you can call Peter Lloyd at (336) 774-0278

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Chapter Meeting Announcement – Sept. 15th

Judson Conway will be speaking at our September 15th about fishing NC/TN Tailwaters and Patagonia. Judson is the owner of Elk Creek Outfitters in Boone, received a degree in outdoor recreation from Appalachian State University. He is an FFF certified casting instructor, a certified EMT, and has been professionally guiding fly fishing since 1991. Judson has guided in Alaska, Chile, Montana, Wyoming, the Bahamas and the Florida Keys in addition to the Southern Appalachians of NC, TN and VA.

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.



Jakes Day Angler with Her First Fish on the Fly

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.

Trout in the Class Room Expands for the '09-'10 School Year

New tanks, chillers and other equipment were purchased in August to outfit two new schools for TIC: *Sandy Ridge Elementary* in Stokes County and *Ellis Middle School* in Davie County. Mike Davis will be assisting Sandy Ridge Elementary and Brandon Frakes will be assisting Ellis Middle School. We are also continuing to support the TIC projects at Ledford High School in Davidson County and Sugarloaf Elementary School in Alexander County. Don Davidson will be assisting Ledford High School and Steve Hennings will continue assisting Sugarloaf Elementary School.

Although we're not the first TU Chapter in North Carolina to sponsor TIC projects, we seem to be getting the most exposure. *North Carolina Wildlife Magazine* will run an article about TIC in the October issue featuring the Ledford High School and Sugarloaf Elementary projects! Many thanks to Steve Hennings for leading this great program.

To learn more about TIC, go to www.ticnc.org, and if you want to get involved, contact Steve Hennings (shennings@triad.rr.com or 407-1206).

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>.

Welcome New Members

Cody L. Jackson, Jason M. Allred, Jacob S. and Jan C. Wharton.