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October 2013

Newsletter of the Cohutta Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Lines from the Leader

Time is winding down for the year but there are still plenty of activities coming up. We have our last meeting of the year Thursday the 24th where we will hear a quick presentation from one of the teachers running a TIC in Cobb County.

One upcoming event I wanted to let you all aware of is showing of the film Waypoints The Cohutta Fishing Company is hosting in Cartersville on November 9th. Through their generosity any proceeds from this will be donated to both our chapter and the Coosa Valley chapter. Please show your appreciation of this by not only attending the film presentation but also by visiting The Cohutta Fishing Company on downtown Cartersville. The flyer for this is printed below.

And don't forget the smoker on November 1st same place as last year and the Shrimp Boil December 14th. More to come on those two events below.

I wanted to thank the 15 or so volunteers that came out to help with parking at the Coosa Valley cook off. Not only did we take this burden so they didn't have to worry about it, they will donate a portion of the money they made our chapter. Not bad for a couple of hours of work. Thank for organizing and keeping us in line Larry V.

One last note say thanks to John Dykes next time you see him for the hard work he has put into getting two TIC up and running in Cherokee County. I believe both classes have hatchlings already.

See you Thursday.

Jeff

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Calendar of Events

Cohutta Meeting	October 24 th
Smoker	November 1 st
Waypoints Film	November 8 th
SOTM Toccoa DH	November 16 th
CCR Tails & Ales	November 16 th
Shrimp Boil	December 14 th
Cohutta Meeting	January 23 rd
Rabun Rendezvous	January 25 th

**Meetings are held at the Delkwood Grill
1 mile east of I75 on Delk Road in Marietta, the
fourth Thursday of the month.**

Source:
https://leaderonly.tumembership.org/reports/chapter_membership_changes/242



You can also check out the info available from TU related to youth, and you may want to consider giving a subscription to the TU Stream Explorers as a gift to a friend or family member.

<http://www.tu.org/streamexplorers>

Where do our members live?

City and State	
Acworth, GA	34
Alpharetta, GA	2
Armuchee, GA	1
Atlanta, GA	109
Austell, GA	1
Avondale Estates, GA	1
Ball Ground, GA	1
Blue Ridge, GA	2
Bremen, GA	2
Buchanan, GA	1
Canton, GA	35
Carrollton, GA	13
Cartersville, GA	8
Columbus, GA	4
Dallas, GA	18
Decatur, GA	1
Douglasville, GA	15
Eatonton, GA	1
Ellijay, GA	1
Euharlee, GA	1
Fairmount, GA	1
Griffin, GA	1
Hiram, GA	3
Holly Springs, GA	1
Kennesaw, GA	34
Kingston, GA	2
Lilburn, GA	1
Lithia Springs, GA	1
Mableton, GA	1
Marietta, GA	107
McDonough, GA	1
Powder Springs, GA	18
Rockmart, GA	2
Rome, GA	1
Roswell, GA	2

Sandy Springs, GA	1
Savannah, GA	1
Smyrna, GA	38
Suwanee, GA	1
Talorsville, GA	1
Temple, GA	2
Villa Rica, GA	4
Waleska, GA	4
White, GA	4
Winston, GA	3
Woodstock, GA	36
Acworth, GA	34

We also have members of our chapter with addresses in 11 other states.

Life Members:

Our chapter now has **81** Life Members

Join as a TU Life Member and check out the current offer for a fly rod, reel, personalized Life Member certificate, member card, a lifetime of TROUT magazine and all other associated TU member benefits.

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SOTM October 2013

Okay now, in my first year (along with Joe Richards) in the position I do believe that we have cancelled more than we have done. So let's see what has really happened. Weather, generation schedules, weather, generation schedules and then to top it all off after moving the Rattler Ford trip to hopefully reap the benefits of the DH stocking in October on the Snowbird, our fearless "leaders" somehow figure out that we haven't had to experience a partial shutdown of the government yet, so they threw that into the works.

I am really starting to worry about the last fishing event planned for this year on the DH of the Toccoa in mid-November after the annual smoker event. (That is contrary to what I said in an earlier news release.) I can only imagine what else can or could go wrong by then. However, I am going to think "glass half full" this time and go with that.

Thanks to Don Thomson and Joe Richards for their valiant attempts to make the Rattler Ford SOTM event take place in spite of the fiasco occurring in our capital.

So, I mentioned before, our next outing will be November 16th and we will fish the DH section of the Toccoa river. DNR should have stocked the river by then and hopefully the elements will cooperate and allow us to really fish this beautiful section of the river. Lunch will follow the fishing. Since I will not be in town for the October chapter meeting, Joe Richards will have the sign-up sheets and maps.

Please keep an eye on the website and your email for any last minute updates.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Smoker and the Shrimp Boil. Both events should be lots of fun and the Shrimp Boil is your chance to help fund the chapter's treasury through your participation in the raffles and silent auctions.

Tight lines

Brad and Joe

Speaker of the Month

This month is our last speaker of the year and will be one you don't want to miss. Kevin Howell from Davidson Outfitters will be talking about one of our favorite places, the Davidson River and surrounding great places to fish. You don't want to miss this meeting!

Diane

The Guides Angle

"Brown trout BLITZ!"

The Chattahoochee River tail water below Buford Dam is unique in that our brown trout spawn is later than most trout fisheries. A combination of a mild climate and shortened photo period causes our brown trout to actively spawn from late Fall around mid October through early Winter into mid January. Recent brown trout studies conducted by GA DNR biologist Patrick O'Rourke show that despite the fact that the State entirely quit stocking browns in 2003 there are very high population densities throughout the river(3,000 browns per mile) With 38miles of river between Buford and Morgan Falls Dams that is a lot of brown trout! Even though we generally catch 80%

rainbows in this stretch of river during stocking season the tables will turn to 70% browns caught when we get into October. I think this catch ratio changes due to the aggressive spawning behavior triggered by shorter days and cooler weather but also the fact that DNR stops stocking on Labor Day in September. As the eternal optimist I will have to say that the lack of fishing pressure caused by the Federal Government shut-down in October should result into a very productive Fall/Winter Brown-Blitz if these politicians in DC can finally get it together!

Cohutta Annual Smoker

Cohutta TU smoker will be Friday Nov. 1, 2013 at Skip Spears log cabin in Jasper.

Plan on arriving as soon as you can after 5:30pm, for social time.

We will have food ready at 7:00 or 7:30. This year we will have snacks for early arrivals, Griz's Brunswick Stew and BBQ from Williamson Bros. Bring your own adult beverages, we will have some soft drinks for non-drinkers. As usual if some folks want to stay over bring your own sleeping bags, cots etc. and you all can go fishing from there. Leave the place clean when you leave.

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2013 FF Team USA Nationals

Cohutta Chapter's Garrett Gresham took second place at the 2013 Fly Fishing Team USA National Championship over the Weekend in Basalt, CO



See Results at the end of the Newsletter

2013 TU Camp Essay Contest Runner-Up



Camp: Georgia TU camp at Rabun Gap

TU Chapter: Coosa Valley Chapter

Favorite Stream: White River in Cotter, Arkansas

Thoughts on Being Outside: I love being outdoors and on the water. It relaxes me. I do not have to think of anything other than fishing.

Ethan's Essay:

Trout Unlimited summer camp is a week focused completely on me! Oh yeah! And the other kids too. What an amazing, friend making, fishing, learning, good food eating week it was!

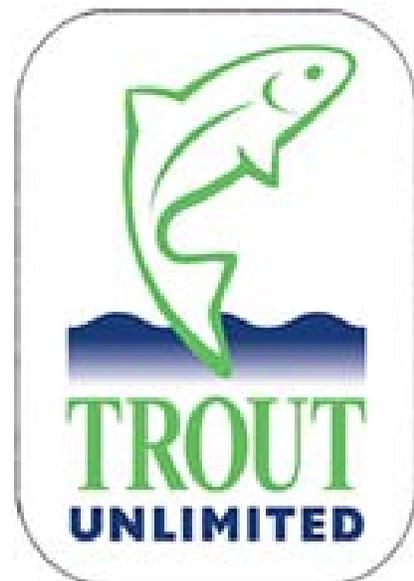
My reasons for enjoying my week at trout camp was probably a little different than most of the other campers. In 2010, my dad was diagnosed with a heart condition that made it necessary for him to be listed for a heart transplant. He got sick so fast that he could not wait for a donor heart so he was implanted with an LVAD (left ventricular assists device). This was the same thing that Vice President Dick Cheney had. My dad got his 3 weeks after Vice President Cheney.

Life on the LVAD was not easy and my dad was very sick. My mom had to focus most of her attention on him but she always tried to spend time with me too. My dad did not feel well enough to focus on much of anything. In the blink of an eye, my life changed! I went from being home schooled and traveling all over the country with my parents to being placed in public school and staying with different family

members during my dad's frequent hospital stays. We no longer traveled or even planned anything much further away than dinner. I stopped doing my favorite things like fishing and fly-tying. It just wasn't the same without my dad and I had to help my mom. I didn't have time to do the things that I once took for granted. My mom needed me to help her take care of my dad and all the things at home.

On July 2nd, 2012, my family received a phone call that would change our lives forever! Emory university hospital called to tell us they had a heart for my dad! My dad's transplant has been a great success and a daily gift to my family. Now, I am back to fishing and fly-tying and I was given the wonderful opportunity to have A WEEK FOR ME! Before my dad's transplant I could not have attended TU camp because everything and everyone had to focus on my dad but this year I received the gifts of freedom from worry, the opportunity to make new friends, learn new techniques in fly fishing and fly tying, and spending a week that was all about me! I will remember my week at Trout Unlimited Camp for the opportunity it was and the carefree memories it gave me. I will try to always remember what a gift it is to enjoy the small things in life. Small things aren't so small when you do not think you will ever be able to do them again. A hero gave me my fishing buddy back when he signed his donor card. I will be forever thankful!

Example of how your contributions and fund raising (like the Dream Trip) helps to provide opportunities for kids to attend Trout Camp and gets them and their family more connected with Trout fishing and the outdoors.



Fall Trout Tactics

by Dave Karczynski



photo by Robert Gillespie

Summer days, summer nights are gone/ I know a place where there's still something going on. –Bob Dylan

It's happened, in Michigan at least. There's football on screens, hot cider in hands, the shrill whine of leaf blowers in the air.

Summer has left the building.

It's around this time of year that the *trutta* army starts to splinter. Some drop the rod and pick up the bow or gun and hunt elk, deer, birds. Others start their long-awaited two-handed enterprise of the year. This week's column goes out to the guys who want to keep trout, or if you're like me and have been caught up hucking the big stuff at toothy beasts these last few weeks, to return to the finesse roots of the sport before winter swoops in to limit your options. Last week I had a great conversation on the subject of fall opportunities with my friend [Alex Lafkas](#), a guide at the top of his game and a threat to brown trout from Michigan's Au Sable to Arkansas's White River and quite a few places in between. Whether you're looking for numbers of fish or The One, here's what lies ahead for the committed trout bum from here on out to the New Year.

Dry Flies

September heading into October places us just at the tail end of the terrestrial season, with just a bit of good dry fly opportunity left. "Save that effort for the middle part of the day, sunny days being best," [Lafkas](#) advises. There are still plenty of fish willing to

look up, but temperatures play a more important role in their willingness to commit to a fly in the film.

Optimal dry fly locations change a bit as well. With the low water characteristic of most rivers in early autumn, fishing to bankside structure is no longer par for the course. Instead, turn your attention to the center of the river, that area where you typically get your spring and summer wading done. Those mid-river seams and bubble lines can be the dry fly angler's meal ticket this time of year.

A parting tip to the late-season dry fly angler: carry ants. And make sure a few of them have wings. This is the time of year to be on the lookout for the coveted/hallowed flying ant hatch. Some go their whole lives without seeing one, but those that have know that it's some of the best surface action you could hope to encounter.

Streamers



Lafkas with a post-spawn streamer-caught pig.

According to [Lafkas](#), there's an easy explanation for the fall streamer bite—the spawn. "Everything in the fall is dictated by the need to spawn, and the need to spawn is just another way of saying the need to eat." Late September usually kicks off this bite, and the following few weeks typically represent excellent fishing for both numbers of fish as well as size. That said, size of fish is not always proportional to size of fly this time of year. Until the first good fall rains bump up the CFS and stain the water, it's best to downsize and de-color. Smaller flies, more natural colors and less flash is the way to go. Afficionados of the mega-streamer take note: there's both challenge and reward in this fall finesse streamer game (your shoulder thanks you in advance).

The period extending from the end of the spawn to the beginning of true winter is one of your best shots

of the year at an honest-to-goodness big fish. Year in and year out, Lafkas catches some of his best browns in the week between Christmas and New Years. "Fish have bled calories during the spawn, and they really want to get pack on some insurance weight before the real cold weather hits." These fish got big because they don't make mistakes. The post-spawn bite is one of those times of year when they get a little careless. Take advantage of this.

Nymphs

On rivers with significant summer weed growth, fall represents a time of expanding nymph opportunity—those slower seams and slots are finally free of green and open for business. It's also time to break out that 'other' box of nymphs. "Stoneflies and midge larvae are my go-to flies in the fall," Lafkas says. "There isn't a whole lot of caddis or mayfly activity this time of year, and those bugs that are present are small. But a fish will move, and sometimes move a good distance, for a meaty prince nymph." If migratory salmonoids are present in your system, eggng in the slots behind gravel can also make for some truly epic days.

Conclusion

Fall is a great time to be on the upstream stretches of your favorite river. Angler numbers are down but fish densities are up: those summer fish numbers have been added to by migratory browns and rainbows from the bigger waters below. And these fish will be above average in size. According to Lafkas, one reason so many good fish are caught in the fall is that, well, they're finally catchable: "Those big fish spend a good part of the year on big, slow, featureless flats. There's not enough time in the year to cast efficiently to them. But once they come up in to the skinny water, they hold fast to structure and as a result are easier to fish to."

So there's your siren's song, in case you needed coaxing. Plenty of fish, including some big boys, no one around, and weather that's just not too hot or too cold but just right. Sounds like a reason to get some fresh air. Not that you needed the excuse.



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Don making sure the distance is good



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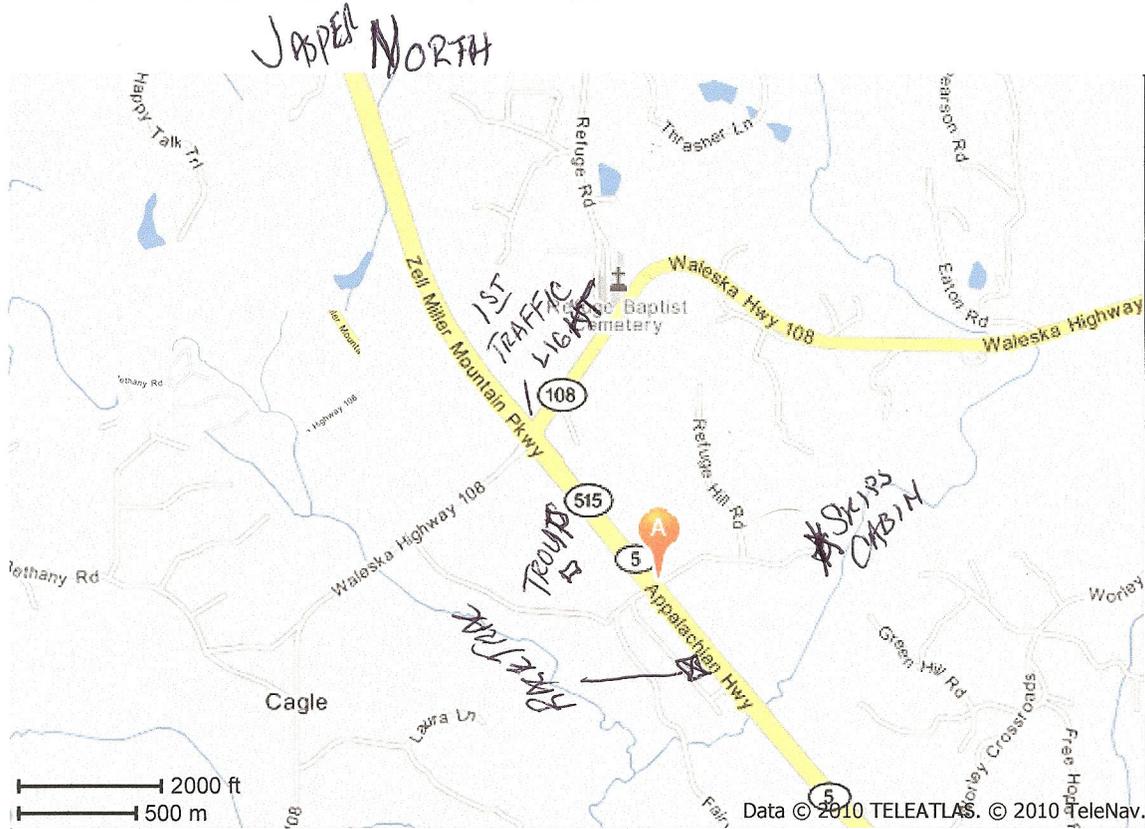
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Team USA National Fly Fishing Championships

Final Results					Basalt, CO	2013
Individual Results						
Standing	Competitor	Team	Fish Points	Placing Points	Total Fish	
1	Josh Graffam	USA 2	100380	7	152	
2	Garrett Grisham	North Carolina	93720	8	142	
3	Russell Miller	USA 1	54200	15	82	
4	Pat Weiss	USA 3	100940	16	152	
5	Hunter Hoffler	North Carolina 2	80660	16	125	
6	Glade Gunther	USA 3	68960	17	100	
7	Jeremy Sides	Colorado	67820	17	105	
8	Brian Capsay	USA 2	76440	18	118	
9	Norm Maktima	USA 2	58540	18	89	
10	Steve Parrot	Colorado	52300	18	79	
11	Gabriel Wittosch	North Carolina 2	76360	19	108	
12	Josh Stephens	USA 2	60980	19	92	
13	Lance Egan	USA 1	74660	20	115	
14	Mike Sexton	USA 3	40640	20	59	
15	Paul Bourcq	USA 2	54940	23	84	
16	Devin Olsen	USA 3	72200	26	112	
17	Scott Enloe	North Carolina	62920	26	92	
18	Randy Hanner	USA 1	51360	26	78	
19	Laramie Smith	Montana 2	53600	27	80	
20	Brown Hobson	North Carolina	47380	27	73	
21	Charlie Card	USA 3	38300	27	58	
22	Dan Oas	USA 1	64080	28	99	
23	Hunter Enloe	North Carolina 2	51600	28	81	
24	Andy Koons	Freestone	55540	29	84	
25	Jimmy Smith	Montana 2	43520	30	63	
26	Mason Simms	North Carolina 2	34360	31	50	
27	Mike Bradley	Rocky MTN South	53540	32	80	
28	John Roberts	Montana 1	52080	32	75	
29	Brian Doyle	Rocky MTN South	53920	33	78	
30	Brian Kelso	Montana 2	43620	33	64	
31	Sean Crocker	Freestone	50060	34	79	
32	Kurt Finlayson	USA 1	46020	35	69	
33	Michael Yelton	Dead Drift	42660	35	67	
34	Rob Kolanda	Rocky MTN South	31000	35	47	
35	Ken Crane	Freestone	39060	37	58	
36	Mark Hanes	Freestone	38060	37	60	

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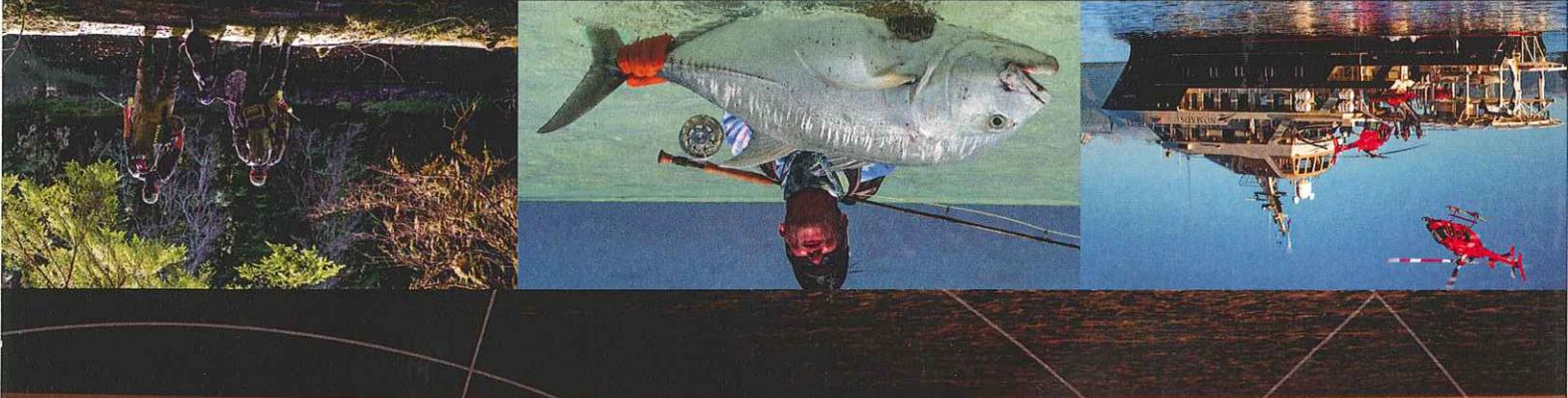
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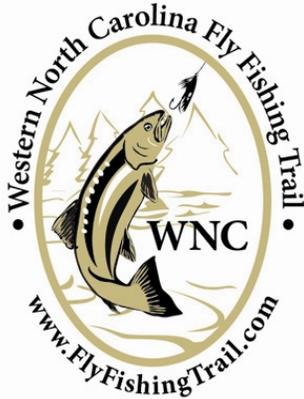
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WNC Fly Fishing Trail News

For Immediate Release

Sept. 24, 2013

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Trail's Delayed Harvest Waters to Receive Nearly 20,000 Trout

SYLVA, N.C. – The delayed harvest section of the Tuckasegee River – a main stop on the Western North Carolina Fly Fishing Trail – will be stocked with 19,600 trout this fall.

The stocking will be conducted by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in two segments: 9,800 trout the first week of October, and 9,800 trout the first week of November.

Brook and rainbow trout will account for 80 percent of the fish placed in the river, with brown trout making up the remaining 20 percent.

Anglers are allowed to fish the delayed harvest section of the Tuckasegee River year round. However, fish caught between Oct. 1 and the first Saturday in June must be released immediately. The delayed harvest section of the Tuck runs from the N.C. Hwy 107 bridge in the Lovesfield community to Dillsboro.

“Your catch percentage goes up greatly when the delayed harvest waters of the Tuck are stocked in October and November,” said Alex Bell, a fly fishing guide in Sylva. “This provides a great chance to accomplish the ‘Tuckasegee Slam’ which is catching a brook, rainbow and brown all in the same day.”

Another good place to fish the Trail this fall is Scott Creek. Scott Creek flows through Sylva and Dillsboro and received 3,000 brook, rainbow and brown trout in July and August.

Both Scott Creek and the delayed harvest section of the Tuckasegee River were recently designated as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

The program encourages trout fishing as a heritage tourism activity and allows anglers to fish the waters by purchasing a three-day license for just \$5. Those who already have a valid N.C. fishing license and trout privilege license do not need to purchase the three-day license.

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