



# *Trout Tales*

## Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

### November 2011



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello to all members!

It's now cooler, the leaves are changing and the DH waters are stocked. What a great time of year to enjoy the outdoors.

The RRTU board met on Saturday, November 5, to establish a plan for our upcoming fiscal year. Below you will find a short list of items discussed:

- Additional streamside events. We have traditionally had two or three of these events each year; we plan to up the dosage next year!
- Updated RRTU web site. Our web site, [www.rockyrivertu.org](http://www.rockyrivertu.org) will receive plenty of attention in 2012 as we begin to emphasize this resource as the "go to" location for the latest information regarding RRTU.
- Continued usage of our financial resources to support coldwater fisheries. To officially start the year off we have decided to give \$1000 to the Southeast Conservation Project Fund; Damon Hearne acts as program director for this fund.
- Fly tying class during the winter months. My good friend Nick Land has donated material for our monthly fly tying class in order to boost fund raising for Rivercourse. Thank you to our ace instructors **Jack McNeary**, **Tom Adams** and **Alen Baker** for their service.
- And there's MUCH more! Stay tuned to our web site and the newsletter for additional information regarding fiscal year 2011-12 plans.

We are finishing up our reporting to national Trout Unlimited regarding the last fiscal year (October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011). We posted over 2000 volunteer hours! THANK YOU to all our volunteers and as always, if you would like to join us on a project or activity, please contact me (or any of our board members).

I am looking forward to seeing you at our November 17 meeting. Remember this will be our last regular 2011 meeting as there is no meeting in December.

Happy holidays!

- **Bill Thomas** ( [bill.thomas1999@gmail.com](mailto:bill.thomas1999@gmail.com) )

### **RRTU Calendar**

Nov 12: Fly tying

Nov 17: RRTU meeting

Nov 19-20: Tie One On For CFR Team Challenge

Nov 25: Streamside, Wilson Creek

December – no monthly meeting

Dec 10: Fly tying

Jan 14: Fly tying

Jan 19: RRTU meeting

Feb 11: Fly tying

Feb 11: RRTU meeting – Birthday Party!

Mar 10: Fly tying

Mar 15: RRTU meeting

### **November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**Richard Heald – Rivercourse.**

**Covenant Presbyterian Church  
1000 East Morehead Street  
Room 205, Fellowship Hall  
Charlotte, NC 28204**

**Social time: 6:30 PM**

**Meeting: 7:00 PM**

**Note: Some RRTU members meet for dinner before the meeting at the Dilworth Neighborhood Grille, 911 East Morehead Street, (704) 377-3808. Ask the hostess for the RRTU group; folks usually gather for dinner around 5:30 PM.**

## **Friends of Rocky River (FORR)**

The 2011 Friends of Rocky River (FORR) program campaign officially started in February. RRTU sent each chapter member a letter via USPS mail.

Many individuals have responded already and the 2011 campaign is over the \$5000 mark in donations.

**If you have not donated yet, please do so.** A successful 2011 FORR campaign should allow the chapter to meet routine annual expenses. Our goal for the 2011 campaign is \$8000.

In order to donate, please make checks payable to Trout Unlimited and mail your tax deductible donation to:

Jonathan Miller  
2900 Winghaven Lane  
Charlotte, NC 28210

Some employers may match employee donations to 501(c)(3) organizations. If your employer matches employee contributions, please include those forms with your donation.

Thank you!  
- **Steve Craig/Terry Hill**, FORR Committee

## **October 20, 2011 meeting**

We had a last minute surprise at our October 20 meeting as our planned speaker had to cancel. However, we had some members who had recently returned from a western fishing trip and they presented photos and stories. Thank you to our presenters **Tom Adams, David Hollifield, Jim Mabrey, John Oliver, Tim Ramsey** and **Bill Thomas**.

Just a few highlights:

- The cabin on Henry's Fork
- Clearwater River (beside the 75 mile road)
- Rock Creek (Bill's favorite)
- Blackfoot River
- R.L. Winston in Twin Bridges, MT

- A few bear stories. Some of these were a bit like your typical angler "fish" stories (grin).
- The Box Canyon (on Henry's Fork)
- Hebgen Lake
- Firehole River
- Ask **David Hollifield** about his new R.L. Winston rod and what that TroutHunter guide did to it (David was NOT grinning).
- Ask **John Oliver** about the BIG fish of the trip.

Thanks to all who were able to attend.

- **Editor**

## **Appletree Fall 2011 Trip October 6-9**

We are still looking for some additional pictures of the October Appletree trip. Please share and we will showcase some of those in the January newsletter. And if you have a good story or a testimonial regarding Appletree, send those too.

- **Editor**

## **Upcoming RRTU Meeting Topics/Presenters**

### **November 17**

Richard Heald, Rivercourse

### **January 19**

TBA

### **February 11 (Saturday)**

Annual Birthday Party. Speaker TBA.

### **March 15**

TBA

## **November 17 meeting – Richard Heald**

The November meeting will feature Richard Heald. Mr. Heald has long been associated with the North Carolina Trout Unlimited Rivercourse program. Please join us on Thursday as we learn more about this important NCTU educational program. And bring a buck (or two) as I am quite certain that we will have a raffle as well.

- **Editor**

## RRTU Fly Tying Class for 2011-2012

The first class of the 2011-12 sessions was held on Saturday, November 12. Five beginners and a few experienced hands enjoyed a few hours tying. The next class will be held on Saturday, December 10. Here are a few pictures from the November 12 class:



Fly Tying Class will begin November 12th and be held the 2nd Saturday of each month from November to March. This means that our Saturday class will precede the RRTU meeting which is held the third Thursday of the month. We will hold the classes in the same place as the last two years:

REI

9755 Northlake Centre Pkwy off of West WT Harris Blvd. We meet in the Community Room from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

In the past we have everything from beginners wanting to learn the basics of fly tying to the well advanced tier. We are able to do this because we have three levels of classes.

The most advanced class pretty much works at its own speed and the members share ideas and techniques with other tiers.

The beginning class starts with the basics of the equipment used in fly tying and its usage. Beginners will learn how to use a rotary vice, whip finisher, use dubbing, select thread and hooks. Each session will become more advanced as tiers learn new techniques. By the end of the five sessions beginners will be on their way to tying the flies they need for trout and pan fishing.

One of the greatest benefits of our classes is that we really get a chance to know the other members and talk fishing.

#### Charges for Fly Tying Class

This year we will charge \$10.00 to all persons who attend where an instructor is provided. The money will be used to purchase hooks and other materials for the classes. In the past **Jack McNeary** has taught the beginning tiers with help from **Alen Baker**. Each week we have found that new people show up. **Alen** will bring the new tiers up to speed. **Jack** will continue to work with the tiers from the first week to develop their skills throughout the five sessions.

Meanwhile, **Tom Adams** will work with the more advanced tiers who want to learn new and advanced techniques.

Experienced tiers who come just to tie flies at their own pace and share experiences with others will not be charged a fee for tying materials.

At noon we send someone out for sandwiches and charge \$5.00 for those who want to participate.

We have at least six rotary vices and other tools and materials for our classes. Please feel free to bring your own vise and tools if you have them. If you are thinking of coming, we would like to have a head count so please contact **Jack McNeary** at [jmcneary@gmail.com](mailto:jmcneary@gmail.com). You will not be bound by this, but it will give us an idea as to how many people to expect.

We look forward to seeing you on November 12th for the first session at REI.

- **Tom Adams, Alen Baker and Jack McNeary**

#### November Board Meeting – 2012 Calendar

The RRTU board met on November 5 at REI for some initial 2012 planning. A tentative calendar has been developed and important dates are listed here. Note that additional events will be added as we go through 2012.

Jan 19: RRTU meeting  
Feb 11: RRTU meeting. Birthday party (Saturday).  
Mar 15: RRTU meeting  
Mar 17: Saturday Streamside  
Apr 12-15: Appletree  
Apr 19: RRTU meeting  
May 17: RRTU meeting  
May 19: Saturday Streamside  
Jun 03: Sunday Streamside (South Fork of the New River)  
June 21: RRTU meeting  
Aug 16: RRTU meeting  
Sep 20: RRTU meeting  
Sep 22: Saturday Streamside  
Oct 4-7: Appletree  
Nov 15: RRTU meeting  
Nov 23: Friday Streamside (Wilson Creek)

#### Casting for Recovery, Nov 19-20

This year we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Casting for Recovery! As part of that celebration, we are launching our FIRST "TIE ONE on for CFR" Team Challenge, hosted by Kevin Howell and Davidson River Outfitters on November 19-20, 2011. All proceeds will go to CFR Carolinas.

You will find more information regarding this event and CFR Carolinas here:

[http://castingforrecovery.org/wordpress/?page\\_id=2820](http://castingforrecovery.org/wordpress/?page_id=2820)

Casting for Recovery Carolinas is a unique program that provides NO COST support and education weekends for breast cancer survivors in any stage of recovery. Our 2½ day retreats offer survivors the opportunity to learn fly fishing as they connect with other women. An all volunteer staff composed of medical, mental health and fly fishing professionals, provides instruction, support and the latest in breast cancer education.

- **Joyce Shepherd**

#### Wilson Creek DH Streamside, Nov 25

These Delayed Harvest waters are quickly becoming the favorite place to go for fly fishermen as well as

families and friends. I always find it very pleasing to see children and young adults there fishing, for they are our future members to pass on our mission to.

To refresh your memories, the Wilson Creek Caldwell County DH water is from Lost Cove Creek to Phillips Branch running 3.5 miles next to Brown Mountain Beach Road.

To get there:

### **Morganton Route**

Take I 85 South to Exit 17 US 321. Turn left (North) into US 321 going 37 miles and merge onto I 40 West. From Interstate 40, take Exit 103 (Morganton) / US 64 exit. Turn right on to Burkemont Ave/ US 64. Take a left onto Fleming Dr/US-64 Bypass W (continue to follow US 64 Bypass W). Turn left at N Carolina 181 N/N Green St, Continue to follow N Carolina 181 N for about 11 miles. Turn right at Brown Mountain Beach Rd/State Rd 1405 which continues onto Adako Rd/State Rd 1335 for about 5 miles. Turn left at Brown Mountain Beach Rd and proceed for about 8 miles to the Delayed Harvest waters.

### **Lenior Route**

Take I 85 South to Exit 17 US 321. Stay on US 321 past Interstate 40, Hickory and Lenior for around 53 miles. Turn left at Main St NW then take the 1st right onto N Carolina 90 W/Valway Rd NW. In about a mile, Turn left on to N Carolina 90 W/Collettsville Rd, Stay on following N Carolina 90 W/Collettsville Rd for the next 9 miles. Turn left at Adako Rd/State Rd 1337. In about 3 miles, Turn right at Brown Mountain Beach Rd and proceed for about 8 miles to the Delayed Harvest waters.

At the DH waters there is an old mill-factory located on the right side of the road. Go in and park in the large parking lot. There are so many fish there you should lose count of how many you have hooked.

Our lunch will be served at around 12:00PM. We will have it in the pavilion at the Mortimer Campgrounds. This is on your right after you pass the intersection of Brown Mountain Beach Road and State Rt 90. You will be able to see the Pavilion from the road. There are washrooms which should still be open as the

campgrounds closes for the season November 30<sup>th</sup>. Your lunch donation will cost you some trash that you will pick up during your fishing adventure and \$5. Back by popular demand this year's streamside cooked lunch will be Brunswick Stew, corn bread, pumpkin pie or sweet potato pie, coffee and water.

If you are into enjoying the beauty of our NC Mountains think about coming to this one.

Bring your rods/reels, waders, and flies. In the fall I recommend wet nymph fishing versus dry fly. With all the leaves falling I find it hard to dry fly fish. However, I am sure there are you purest that will tie on an Adams or Elk Hare Caddis and catch fish between the leaves. My point is it is challenging to have a good surface drift with all the leaves floating on top. With hatchery fish all the regular nymph fly patterns should work well. My favorites are hare's ears, pheasant tails, and copper johns.

We will not have a car pooling rendezvous point for this streamside. If rides are needed lets work it out amongst ourselves.

Otherwise, see you on the stream.

- **Nicholas Mermigas**

### **TU – National News @ tu.org**

Looking for information on legislation? How about recent press releases? Searching for the TU president's message in the TU newsletter? Interested in member benefits? You will find all of these ... and much more at [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org)

### **- 2012 TU Annual Meeting -**

You will NOT have to travel far for the 2012 TU Annual Meeting though you will still have to "go west." More precisely ... northwest to our very own Asheville! Watch for news on this exciting event and mark your calendar for this September 14-16, 2012 event.

### **- Other "stuff" -**

(1) The holiday gift giving season is upon us; it's a great time to give a child a TU youth membership. Check on the Stream Explorer program.

(2) In the News: Anti-Pebble initiative approved by 34 votes (*Alaska Daily News*), Big Trouble on Little Mountain (*The Drake Magazine*).

(3) TU in Action (see website): Best Wild Places – White River Colorado; Pine Forest Range Bill; Sportsmen Ride Right; Klamath Legislation; TU Sponsors 2012 F3T Film Tour.

(4) Got a question? That question may already be answered in the Ask Trout Unlimited section located here: <http://www.tu.org/about-us/ask-trout-unlimited>

### - Trout magazine -

Lost your recent issue? Trying to find an old article? You will find current and archive issues of *Trout* on the TU web site in the Press Room tab:

<http://www.tu.org/press-room/trout-magazine>

### - November 2011 Lines to Leaders -

The National Leadership Council (NLC) approved the following focus areas of the National Conservation Agenda:

- (1) The Pebble Mine
- (2) Yellowstone National Park native fish conservation
- (3) Protecting roadless areas (stopping HR 1581)
- (4) Hydrofracking for gas and oil development
- (5) Upper Colorado water withdrawal
- (6) Clean water act
- (7) State and federal natural resource funding

## Tales from the Stream

Editor's note: We are always excited to hear from RRTU membership about their fishing adventures. This one comes from member **Tim Wilhelm** ... THANKS Tim!

### Siblings

Those of you that are the older brother or sister of a younger sibling know how it was growing up when Mom called to you from the back door: "Don't forget to take your younger brother!" In my case it was a sister that was two years younger than me. It does not matter how old you become, you're still the older brother so it kind of rubbed me the wrong way, at age 47, when Mom said "You never call your sister!" "Ah Mom!" Obediently I called, we talked. During our conversation, I told her of an upcoming fishing trip and Debbie said she'd love to go trout fishing one day. I had my choice of saying "Yeah, sure we'll have to go one day" but

instead I said something stupid like "What about in October?" So in October of 1998 I took my sister to South Mountain State Park to fish Jacob's Fork on her first fly fishing trip. She loved it and we made plans for another.

Why is all this important to my story? Well, little did Debbie or I suspect when we took that first trip that by our next trip both Mom and Dad would be gone and we would be orphans. Since then we have tried to take a trip a year with our most recent trip being last month to float the Watauga. Over the years we have hired several different guides but we found her guide of choice after I introduced her to Ollie Smith.

Debbie drove down from Durham that Friday and we rode together to Banner Elk where we were going to stay that night. Deal was I would pay for gas, she would buy dinner. I was thankful that, based on what we drank and ate that night, gas prices were so high. Ollie met us on Saturday morning at the motel and we drove over to Elizabethton together. We launched just upstream of the Caddis Riffle with Debbie perched in the bow and I in the stern seat. I broke the ice with a nice fish and it wasn't long before Debbie caught her first and got the skunk out of the boat. Ollie had her rigged with some manner of Blue Winged Olive with a crane fly larva dropper of his own design. Although there weren't any sulphurs on the water, there were craneflies so I was fishing a sulphur pattern to represent the cranefly. Debbie pretty much stayed with the BWO pattern all day but I switched from the sulphur to a caddis and later to a couple patterns that passed as BWO's (an Adams and a Haystack that had a trailing shuck). I raised a lot of fish but my spidey senses weren't as good as they should have been. I caught four but didn't set the hook on probably 20. Debbie, on the other hand, had her best day and caught about a dozen.



Ollie helping Debbie with a good one. She really enjoyed playing this fish.



My biggest fish, Ollie and little sister. (Imagine how big her head would be if it was held that close to the camera!)



Goodness, aren't those waders slimming?

- Tim

### Tip of the Month

Are you having trouble tying the blood knot to connect two sizes of clear monofilament or fluorocarbon leader or tippet? Getting the end of each the line through the middle loop with large fingers and poor eyesight is a definite challenge. Instead learn to tie a (3 turns)

surgeon's knot. Actually the surgeon's knot is less likely to fail when connecting a very fine 6X to 8X tippet to the leader.

- Alen Baker

### Fly of the Month

This "fly of the month" represents the latest in the **Tim Wilhelm/Tom Adams** series.

Soft Hackles

Flies similar to today's soft hackled flies were first mentioned in Dame Juliana Berners' 1496 *Treatise of Fishing with an Angle*. Likely their history extends even farther back than that, but it wasn't until Sylvester Nemes' 1975 *The Soft-Hackled Fly* that they began to receive the attention they deserve in the United States, and became known in general as "soft-hackle" flies. I think the first time I became aware of and fished a Soft Hackle fly was when Theo Copeland told me tie two on and fish them on the Watauga in the riffle just upstream of Siam Bridge. His instructions were to cast the flies at about a 45 degree angle downstream and then let them drag across the current to where they were directly downstream. Then you could do a couple things the first of which was to slowly raise the rod tip causing the flies to look like they were hatching. This often brought a sharp tap at the other end and the pull of a fish. If you didn't pick one up right away you could jiggle the rod to impart a little action to the fly or drop the rod a little and play out a little line before repeating the process. While Theo may have taught me the technique, my favorite experience fishing soft hackles was on the White River.

In 2001, I traveled to Mountain Home Arkansas for the first time to attend the Southern Rodmaker's Gathering. There I met Denis Dunderdale who is now retired and guides on the White. Denis took me and another bamboo rodmaker to Redbud Shoals for an afternoon of fishing. The water was down so we were able to wade out into the current where we caught fish after fish on soft hackles. I think the human brain has the capacity to remember everything we do, but if it doesn't fishing soft hackles that day at Redbud is one memory that will stay with me.

I have been back several times to the gathering but for various reasons I haven't been able to fish soft hackles at Redbud. In fact the last trip was in 2008 and because of severe rainstorms in the spring; Bull Shoals dam was releasing so much water still in October that water levels on the White were 8 to 10 foot higher than normal. We drifted through the shoals dragging nymphs that year but there were no wading and no soft hackles anywhere on the river. This year, conditions were as near perfect as they could be and once again Denis took me to Redbud. The dam had been turning 2 or 3 generators that morning but the water hadn't reached Redbud yet and it was still wadeable when we got there. We got out of the boat and I waded out into the middle of the current (dang those rocks are slippery). There I tied on two Soft Hackles and cast them downstream. Tap, tap, tap I missed the first one and to be honest the second one too, but then I got in the groove and brought several nice rainbows to hand. Unfortunately after 30 minutes of fishing I noticed that the rock next to me had disappeared below the surface of the water. The water was coming up and it was time to get back in the boat.

I may have to wait another 10 years before I can toss soft hackles at Redbud again, but it is worth the wait.

### **Soft Hackle**

#### **Fly of the Month 11.11**

HOOK : Tiemco 200 R, 2487, 3761 Hooks, size 12,14,**16,18,20,22,24,26**

Thread : 8/0 Uni or equivalent to match, Size 20 or smaller - Griffiths 14/0

Abdomen : Pearsall silk, tying Thread, quills, biots, dubbing

Thorax: Dubbing

Hackle : Partridge, Starling, Jackaw, Snipe, Quail, Hen Hackle

The various specs above should reflect the many manners in which to tie a good soft hackle. The directions below are for a BWO or Olive Soft Hackle.

Directions:

1. Begin two or three eyelengths back from the eye and wrap, touching thread wraps to bend at the point above the hook barb. Let the bobbin hang.
2. Select one goose biot by pulling from the stem. This will leave a tag end that is useful in holding with fingers or hackle pliers. Observe the biot and you will notice a convex and concave manner. Either one will do, I prefer the concave to be the top of the wrap. This leaves a slightly raised ridge on the leading edge of the biot as it is wrapped.
3. Tie in the biot by the tip. Three wraps at the tie in are sufficient. Wrap the thread forward trapping any remaining biot flat to the hook shank. At the thorax let the bobbin hang. If there is any remaining biot trim it. When I am wrapping the biot I start the first three or wraps with my fingers for control. It seems easier. Switch to hackle pliers for the remaining wraps, overlapping slightly up to the thorax and tie in with three or four wraps of thread. Cut away any remaining biot and let the bobbin hang.
4. Wax the thread. From your dubbing source pull several (not many) long strands of dubbing. If you pull gently, stretching the fibers as you pull, the dubbing will go on very finely to the thread. Spin very tightly, about eight times the hook gape for the first wrap. Wrap the thorax with the dubbing. I usually make a sort of figure eight with the dub making a small and tight ball of dub. If necessary repeat the process. Let the bobbin hang.
5. Select the hackle. I prefer Hungarian Partridge dyed olive for this fly. Use the feathers closest to the head for this pattern. Prepare the feather by stripping the downy feathers exposing the shaft. Using tweezers grab the very center of the point of the feather and draw back the other fibers away from the tip. You will size the length of the barbs at this point. In other words look at the length of the barbs and decide where on the feather the right length appears in sufficient quantity to make two wraps. Tying in with the very tip brushed in the opposite direction of the fibers to be wound will leave a space which gives a clear area for the tie in.
6. Tie in the hackle at the front of the thorax by the tip, with the curve of the feather fibers toward

the hook bend. Make two or three firm wraps to bind the hackle (it is easy to pull the hackle off the hook as you start winding it on – if you do, no worry, just repeat the tie in with the same hackle even after trimming the tip). Trim the tip and make two or three wraps toward the eye, let the bobbin hang. The hackle should be at the thorax dub. One last note – before tying in some tiers will trim away some of the feather barbs on the opposite side of the tie in. This will help in preventing the hackle from bunching as it is wrapped. You can do this in advance or in place. Trim only enough for one wrap.

7. Using hackle pliers wrap the hackle for no more than two turns, keeping the turns close to one another and advancing toward the eye. When wrapping make sure to not twist the hackle as you wrap. You can also brush back the fibers as you wrap to prevent unwanted entrapment of fibers. Secure with two or three wraps and trim the waste hackle.
8. Form a thread head, whip finish and add head cement.

Olive Soft Hackle



Brown Soft Hackle



Orange and Peacock Soft Hackle



## Partridge and Green Soft Hackle



- Tom Adams, Tim Wilhelm

### Rant of the Month

Got something which has been buggin' you? Want to get it off your chest? Here's a new feature which we will run occasionally (depending on input). This month's rant revolves around stream etiquette and was sent by **John Gray**.

I have an idea for a Trout Tales article that I would like to pass on to you for your consideration. This was born out of a bad experience that I had on the water last week.

I took a newbie to fish last Wednesday. We went to Wilson Creek because it is scenic, fairly close to Charlotte, wide open for those that are inexperienced casters and it was loaded with fish. I knew the stream had been stocked the day before. We had been in the water some time, fishing upstream catching fish left and right, when two guys parked their car immediately above us, jumped out and charged into the water not 50 yards upstream in what is known as a very good hole. They knew where they wanted to go and didn't care about us. To add insult to injury, they then

proceeded to continue to fish upstream ahead of us for another quarter mile.

As you probably know, there are all kinds of folks fishing Wilson Creek, many of which don't know or care much about fly fishing etiquette. However, I'm convinced these two knew that they were cutting us off. They were experienced anglers and kept looking downstream at us sheepishly. These repeated glances indicated to me that they knew they weren't supposed to do something like this, but they did it anyway.

There were so many fish to be caught that day that I didn't say anything to them. However, had this been a wild trout stream I certainly would have gotten after them as I have done with others in the past.

My sense is that roughly 25 percent of people cut a fisherman off because they are selfish. They don't care about what is right, they're in it for themselves. I believe the other 75 percent simply don't know fly fishing etiquette. It is curious to me that golf has such a well established set of customs and manners, while fly fishing seems to lack this.

In an attempt to do something to turn this around I was wondering if it might make sense to publish a generally accepted list of fly fishing etiquette in *Trout Tales*. Here is a link to an article published by the *Colorado Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited*, <http://parks.state.co.us/SiteCollectionImages/parks/Parks/AH/RA/Fly%20Fishing%20Etiquette.pdf> that I think fits the bill.

Having people read this may not solve the problem of being cut off, and it certainly won't cure cancer. However, any additional bit of civility on our streams would be a welcome addition to our sport.

- John

### As seen in the November 3 Charlotte Observer

I noticed a short article regarding trout and fly fishing in the November 3, 2011 *Charlotte Observer*. This short article noted the number of trout added to the WNC Fly Fishing Trail streams in November and that some local innkeepers in the Sylva area are offering special fall rates. To learn more, check the WNC Fly Fishing Trail at <http://flyfishingtrail.com/>

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2011/11/03/2743667/notebook.html>

- Editor

## **RRTU on Facebook**

How's your social network doing? How about your fishing network? RRTU certainly wants to help with the second question. RRTU now has a Facebook page. Search for us on Facebook under Rocky River Trout Unlimited and sign up to join us. Also, please "like" the page as this will help us to be located more easily. You will be able to post and respond on this Facebook page. You can post pictures, invitations for fishing buddies or trip results, flies that work for you, etc. This page is for your use; we hope you use it often! RRTU on Facebook is a "closed" group meaning your name is public but your information is not.

- **Jim Mabrey**

## **Stream Water Flow Data**

Ever wonder about the water flow in your favorite stream? How about after a big rain? The USGS has monitoring on some NC streams. You may check on that data at this web site:

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nc/nwis/rt>

## **Hatch Charts**

Familiar with any web sites which list hatch charts we could reference here in the newsletter? If so, please share. The flyfishingnc.com site has this chart:

<http://www.flyfishingnc.com/fly-bugs/patterns/fly-hatch-chart-north-carolina-smoky-mountains>

- **Editor**

## **The all electronic RRTU newsletter**

The RRTU board made a decision to move to an electronic-only newsletter format starting in 2011. Our printing and postage costs for the paper newsletter were running over \$3000 annually; we plan to put all newsletter cost savings into RRTU programs. We use an electronic mail list server for sending the monthly RRTU newsletter. If you want to receive the monthly electronic newsletter, please follow these instructions:

Using the email account with which you wish to register, send an electronic mail message addressed to:

[sympa@list.nctu.org](mailto:sympa@list.nctu.org)

The subject line of this email should read:

**Subscribe rrtu-news firstname lastname**

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