



# *Trout Tales*

## Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

December 2008



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Fellow RRTU Members,

The leadership of RRTU has been active in the month of November. We have been busy planning for next year and we have an ambitious set of goals. The leadership of RRTU is energized and excited about the upcoming events we have planned. Our next meeting is on December 17, 2008 at Fuddrucker's in Matthews, NC. This will be a social time with no formal program and will start at 6:30. The restaurant is located at 1701 Matthews Township Parkway. **We adopted a new logo for RRTU that we will be unveiling at this meeting.**

Our meeting scheduled for January 21, 2009 at Saltgrass will be relocated due to the restaurant closing. The new location will be announced in the January Newsletter. If you live on the South side of Charlotte and know of a place we can meet, please contact me. We prefer a private room that seats up to 35 and has no charge for the room. We would need it about 4 times a year.

We are going to have a booth at the Fly Fishing Show again this year. The Show dates are January 30 and 31 and we will need some help in manning the booth. We will have more on this in the January Newsletter also.

RRTU has taken a big step in youth education this month. We voted to sponsor a Trout In the Classroom project this year. The TIC will be in Davidson Day School. Our cost was about \$1500 for the equipment and our host teacher is Vicki Carbone. This TIC program will impact about 100 students on a daily basis. I understand that we are going to get Brook Trout eggs (Triploid) that will be released in the spring by the students. We plan to get pictures and post them on the website as a way to track the progress of the program.

The Board also approved the location of a Spring Fund Raiser on March 21 at Oehler's Mallard Creek BBQ

Barn. We plan to have a mini expo in the afternoon followed by a BBQ dinner. There will be auctions and raffles after the meal. Tickets will be \$30 each or \$50 per couple. The plan is to have beer and wine included in the ticket price.

We have a \$500 Bass Pro Gift card that we are selling raffle tickets for at \$10 per ticket or 5 for \$25. All the proceeds go to help fund River Course.

Thank You,  
Jim Mabrey

### **NOVEMBER MEETING BY BILL THOMAS**

November 17th, our North meeting at the Cookhouse, was with our friend Capt Kirk from Madison River. He gave a very in depth update on Stripper fishing on Lake Norman and demonstrated how to tie a Cap Caddis nymph, his own adaptation. He thought this might be a better nymph to show because more will fish this than a Czech Nymph. I had to agree. There were approximate 25 participants of which 5 were new. I polled both the new members along with a few of the older ones and they said getting the newsletter was a good thing. It reminded them of when and where the meeting was and what else was going on with the TU group.

To all those there, thanks for attending the meeting and supporting one of our local guides. See you at the December meeting.

The Rocky River Chapter of Trout Unlimited would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members from the month of November:

**Frank Gammon, Von Johnson, Craig Jones, Kieth Kozlowski, Ken Langley, Hoy Lanning Jr., Lorelei Lindow, Derrick Preston, Barry Rumfelt, James Sweitzer, Robert Tench and Thomas Whittington**

Given time, all clubs will have problems finding places to meet. Lately we seem to have had a little more than our share and have learned that the restaurant where we have been holding our Pineville meeting has closed its doors. We're scrambling for a place to meet soon enough that we can announce it at our December meeting, and you can help. If you have a favorite place, or at least a place that you think would work, send an email to Jim Mabrey and let him know.  
rrtujim@gmail.com

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December Meeting  
Program: Christmas Social

**Fuddrucker's**  
**1643 Matthews-Township Pkwy**  
**Matthews, NC**  
**Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Social Time: 6:30 pm**  
**Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm**