



Trout Tales

Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

July 2009



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the last couple weeks our rainfall began to dry up. There should still be adequate water for the trout in the mountain streams to survive but a prolonged fight will over stress them. If you do go fishing, land the fish quickly and try not to take them out of the water when releasing them. July is a great month to focus on warm water fish, try bass or bluegill on a fly rod and let the trout relax.

Our June meeting program, Trout In the Classroom, was very well received. Vicki Carbone gave a PowerPoint presentation on her TIC program at Davidson Day School. She is looking forward to doing the program again this year and is already planning on ways to increase the student participation level. After her presentation, a challenge was issued by **Tom Raspis** for all those attending the meeting to donate to purchase another TIC package. We were able to raise \$850 in pledges at that meeting and are well on our way to being able to make a second TIC program a reality. You can e-mail **Jim Mabrey** at r্তুjim@gmail.com or **Bill Thomas** at bthomas999@bellsouth.net to get your name on the pledge list. We are looking for about \$650 more to complete the purchase. These are the type programs that will build our foundation for the future of our sport. We need to do all we can to get kids interested in the outdoors and get them off the couch and away from the TV and computer games.

RRTU sponsored two campers to Rivercourse this year. **Caleb Barnhardt** and **Demi Reinhold** were our two students and they are set to speak at our August Meeting along with **Joyce Shepherd**. This is another way we can influence young people and get them involved in the outdoors and conservation.

We are in the process of setting up the Companion Fishing program. We have already had several donors

and companions go out and are evaluating the program to see how to make it most attractive and effective. We plan to post the Companion Fishing Trip on the website this month. If you have a favorite stream that you

would be willing to take a fellow TUer to and show him or her, how and where to fish for a donation to RRTU. This is a program that is designed for you. If you are new to fly fishing or just want to expand your knowledge of places to fish and want to take advantage of the Companion Trip. Check out the website (rockyrivertu.org) later this month.

We have selected a Nomination Committee for the coming years Officers and Board Members. If you would like to serve RRTU in one of these capacities, please contact **Bill Thomas** at bthomas999@bellsouth.net, **Tim Wilhelm** at twilhelm@carolina.rr.com or **Justin Souma** at jsouma@jasouma.com. These are the members of the committee.

Have a Great July,
Jim Mabrey

TAILS FROM THE RIVER THANKS TO THE 09 RRTU BANQUET

(Editor's Note: During a state council meeting the Triangle Fly Fishers Chapter of TU shared their concept of a Companion Fishing Trip. They also provided RRTU with a trip for our Banquet. Paul Issacs has provided this report of the trip.)

I'd like to thank all the RRTU members at this years banquet that kindly did not out bid me on the fly fishing trips, if you all can do the same next year, much appreciated.

Anyhow, I had two very enjoyable boat trips, the first being the Shad trip on the Roanoke River.

The Shad March 31st: C/O **Tim Ross** TU Raleigh Chapter.

Thanks kindly to **Tim Ross** from the Raleigh Chapter we both enjoyed a wonderful day on the river. After many phone calls and emails we set our date, Tim had been watching the rising water levels and waiting for the right moment, although Tim had been out the day before and had a tremendous day our trip apparently proved to not be as productive, yet we caught plenty to say the least.

I was pleased to win this trip as I had recently watched a day on the Shad on UNC-TV fishing show and at that time thought what fun, Tim & I set off for Weldon NC just north of Roanoke, put the Jon boat in right at that same spot where they had filmed the fishing show. Well there where plenty of boats on the river but Tim had his spot, we rigged up and after a few tips on how to cast for these Shad we went to work. A good job Tim explained to me that casting for Shad is not the same as the delicate cast for trout, Tim introduced me to wet casting, with a 9 weight rod and two lures the size of your thumb, Tim instructed me, you cast behind you, let the line drag the water then hurl it forward and commence to stripping (the line that is) well let me tell you better be fit not just because its energetic but also because Tim is 70 years of age and kicking my ass. Well shad are a fun fish to land; they compare them to the Tarpon which is another fish I have yet to catch.

As the day drew to and end I had one last thrill and that being that whoever rides with Tim has to reverse his truck and trailer down the ramp, in front of all those on lookers, so if you have never reversed a boat trailer and wish to join Tim in the future, best get some practice in. My reversing was rewarded by as much to my amazement when a climbed into the passenger seat there was Tim drinking a Heineken, yes a Heineken, you may think what's the big deal but Tim's a Baptist, I love Baptists and he shared one with a Presbyterian.

Thanks Tim.
Paul Isaacs

2009 KIDS FISH-FOR-FUN EVENTS

National Fishing and Boating Week occurs each year during the first week of June. During that week, **Fish-For-Fun** events are held across the state for youth. The name of each youth that participates is entered into a drawing to receive a lifetime fishing license. State law does not allow NCWRC to give away the licenses so they must be bought and donated by an organization. I am proud to say that the North Carolina State Council of Trout Unlimited one of the licenses this year. The press release below was taken from NCWRC's website.

RALEIGH, N.C. (July 1, 2009) — Zack Kahl, of Jacksonville, and Miah Domel, of Morehead City, are two young anglers who love to fish. Thanks to Neuse Sport Shop and the N.C. State Council of Trout Unlimited, they will be able to indulge their passion for fishing for the rest of their lives – without ever having to pay for a license.

Zack, 12, and Miah, 9, won the top prizes, lifetime fishing licenses, in a statewide drawing from participants in 40 kids' "Fish-For-Fun" events held in celebration of National Fishing and Boating Week earlier this month.

Zack won a lifetime freshwater/saltwater combination fishing license, donated by Neuse Sport Shop, located in Kinston, while Miah won a lifetime freshwater fishing license, donated by the N.C. State Council of Trout Unlimited.

Zack's license, which is valued at \$450, gives him fishing privileges in all public waters in North Carolina, including designated mountain trout waters, trout waters on game lands, joint waters and coastal waters. Miah's license, valued at \$250, gives her fishing privileges in all public waters in North Carolina, including designated mountain trout waters, trout waters on game lands and joint waters.

Zack participated in the June 6 kids' fishing event at Ord Pond in Jacksonville, while Miah participated in the June 6 event at Lake Powhatan in Buncombe County.

In addition to the Ord Pond and Lake Powhatan events, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, along with the U.S. Forest Service and Bass Pro Shops, supported 38 other free fishing events during National Fishing and Boating Week, all aimed at promoting fishing as a fun activity the whole family can enjoy.

At each event, participants who registered were entered into a random drawing for fishing-related prizes. In addition to the lifetime fishing licenses, rods and reels, tackle boxes, fish playing cards and spools of fishing line were donated by Bass Pro Shops and the Wildlife Commission. Click [here](#) for a list of winners, including their ages, fishing event locations and their prizes.

“We’re grateful to everyone who made the Fish-for-Fun events possible this year,” said Robert Curry, chief for the Commission’s Division of Inland Fisheries. “The Wildlife Commission has always been a supporter of kids’ fishing events by supplying fishing ‘grab bags,’ staffing fishing events and stocking fish in public waters. Generous donations by Neuse Sport Shop, Trout Unlimited and Bass Pro Shops, along with the assistance of the U.S. Forest Service and local sponsors, have made these events fun outings for the entire family.”

THE DAVY KNOT

I like knots but tend to tie the same knot all the time, the Clinch Knot. One of the knots that I have an interest in learning is the Davy Knot, although I have had limited success. It is a simple not that is easily tied and has a high breaking strength. Perhaps you can teach it to me later.



Follow these instructions to tie the knot:

1. Take your fly and pass your tippet through the bottom of the eyelet. Turn the fly upside down so the hook point is turned up or on the top.
2. With the fly extended to the left, pull or extend about three or four inches of tippet through the eye.
3. Take your tag piece of mono and pass over the top of the main leader (away from you) and draw it back through, making a loop.
4. Take the tippet and pass it under, then over the top of the bottom leg of the loop. If you have been successful, the tag end will point directly toward you.
5. To secure the knot, bite the tag piece and pull the leader end taut, causing the knot to close. If you have tied the Davy knot properly, the knot is firmly fastened and will not slip.

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With room for more

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July Meeting

Program: Brena Jones – NCWRC

Why Mussels Matter and Their Urgent Message About Our Aquatic Habitats

Tyber Creek Pub

1933 South Blvd.

Charlotte, NC 28203

Wednesday July 15th

Social Time: 6:30 pm

Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm