



Trout Tales

Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

January 2010



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2010 - another year and New Year's resolutions abound! Lose weight, get in better shape and fish more are a few of mine. I hope that you consider becoming more active in RRTU this year. Maybe you want to learn to tie flies or maybe tie better flies, find new streams and fish them with a new friend or maybe you have a desire to fish in new places (out west - Idaho or Montana or up north - Pennsylvania). RRTU has resources for all these activities; please inquire if you need assistance with your fishing plans.

Last year RRTU was able to sponsor three Trout in the Classroom (TIC) projects through your generous donations of time and money. We also sponsored two students to RiverCourse last summer and donated money to the Muddy Creek Project for a foot bridge over Goose Creek. Your support and commitment to cold water conservation will be needed even more in 2010. When the RRTU Board meets this month to plan out our year and set our goals, I will have more information for you next month.

Our first meeting of the new year will occur on January 20 at Bass Pro Shops, Concord Mills Mall at 6:30. Jim Casada will join us to speak about trout fishing and his new book, *Fly Fishing in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park: An Insider's Guide to a Pursuit of Passion*. We will meet upstairs in the large meeting room. Looking forward to seeing many of you at this informative meeting!

We are testing a pilot program for the winter months to provide a monthly fly tying class at REI, Northlake Mall. We will be meeting on January 9 and again on February 6 from 10:00 until 2:30. These classes are for all level of experience. This is a great way to learn to tie and also meet new members making plans for getting out on the streams later in the spring. Your interest and participation will decide if we continue this program next winter.

We have set dates for the 2010 RRTU Appletree trips. They are April 8 - 10 and October 7 - 9 on camp site A. This is the first site on the left, nearest the bath house and has space for 25 campers. Watch for sign-up opportunities soon; please make plans to join us as we always fish, eat well and enjoy some fun fellowship.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year!

Jim Mabrey

January 29 - 30: Charlotte Fly Fishing Show

The annual fly fishing show event is back again in 2010. RRTU will help with a TU booth which will highlight Trout in the Classroom (TIC) activities.

Location: The Park (formerly the Charlotte Merchandise Mart), 2500 E Independence Blvd

Times: Friday 10:00AM - 08:00PM, Saturday 09:00AM - 05:30PM

Admission: Adult \$15 for one day, \$25 for two day pass. Children under 5 free, under 12 \$2. Scouts under 16 in uniform free. Uniformed military \$10.

For complete details -

http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Charlotte_NC.html

TAILS FROM THE CREEK

On Friday, November 27, **Nick Mermigas** hosted a streamside event on the new delayed harvest Wilson Creek waters in Caldwell County. We heard all kinds of bragging about Nick's world famous Brunswick stew, jalapeno corn bread and pumpkin pie ... and that the fishing wasn't bad either! Twenty-five folks fished, enjoyed a fine meal and did some stream cleanup (four BIG bags of trash were collected).

Want to fish Wilson Creek? The delayed harvest waters, recently opened, are between Lost Cove Creek and Phillips Branch. This section of the creek is a short distance upstream from the Wilson Creek Visitor Center, 7805 Brown Mountain Beach Road, Collettsville, NC 28611. GPS coordinates: 35.962364, -81.760671 will put you in the neighborhood.

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send an email addressed to **sympa@list.nctu.org**

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January Meeting
Program: Jim Casada

Bass Pro Shops
8181 Concord Mills Boulevard
Concord, NC 28027
Wednesday January 20
Social Time: 6:30 pm
Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm