



# *Trout Tales*

## Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

January 2009



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Fellow RRTU Members,

Happy New Year to all members of Rocky River Trout Unlimited. I am looking forward to 2009 with great anticipation and some reservation. I think the economic challenges of 2009 will be substantial. The Board of Directors and the Officers of RRTU have adopted an aggressive set of goals and projects for the coming year. We will be asking the membership to join us in these efforts and projects and to give according to their ability.

We are going to be at the Merchandise Mart on January 30 and 31 at the Fly Fishing Show. We will have a booth set up to encourage the fly fisherman that is not a member to join and to let those that are members know what we have been doing the past couple years. If you have a few hours that you would like to spend at the Show as a representative of RRTU, please contact Bill Thomas at [bthomas999@bellsouth.net](mailto:bthomas999@bellsouth.net) and let him know your desired time. We will be having a raffle for a \$500 Bass Pro Gift Card (\$10 per ticket or 5 for \$25), winner to be selected at the end of the Fly Fishing Show. We will also start two more raffles, one for a March Brown Travel Rod ( 7 piece 9' ) with an Orvis reel. This raffle, and possibly others, will be started at the fly show and we'll select these winners at our Barnquet..

Speaking of which, our 2009 Barnquet will be held at Oehler's Mallard Creek Barbecue on March 21<sup>st</sup> and will our major fund raiser for the year. We plan to have auction items as well as bucket raffles and some games to raise money for this coming year. Ticket prices are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. This includes the Barbecue meal and an expo in the afternoon. We plan to have several local fly shops or guides at the Expo to demonstrate the newest and greatest fly fishing items and gear.

I also want to let you know that 'We have rainbow trout babies'. I found out right after the first of the year that

our trout eggs are now sac fry and doing well. We have about 175 sac fry, which is about what we expected from the 250 we started off with. The students at Davidson Day School are really excited about this project and are learning a lot about the resource we cherish. If their reaction to the Trout in the Classroom (TIC) is an indication of the future, we will have a new pool of members to look forward to.

Jim Mabrey

### **NCWRC ANNUAL HEARINGS**

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission holds its annual hearings during the first 2 or 3 weeks of January. It is during these hearings that the commissioners receive comments from the public on the regulations the commission is proposing for the next year. Between now and their March meeting the commissioners will consider the proposals and the public's comments. The new proposals will be adopted at the commissioner's March meeting.

Normally, there aren't a lot of controversial trout regulations to be considered. Most of them are what could be considered housekeeping changes such as changing a boundary or adding DH water. This year though proposal F8 seeks to change the Catch and Release, Fly Fishing Only regulations on the South Toe River to Wild Trout Waters. The South Toe was one of the first rivers in NC to receive C&R regulations back in 1984. One of the reasons it was proposed back then was because it promoted awareness in anglers of our need to conserve and protect our fisheries, a core value of Trout Unlimited. NCTU is opposing the change because we need to continue to promote that awareness.

The commissioners will take comments on this proposal as well as the other changes until the end of January. You may not be able to attend a hearing, but you can make your comments online at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

All right, we're ready if you are.

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January Meeting  
Program: Conservation in the Carolinas  
Presented by REI

**Light Rail Family Restaurant**  
**8045 South Blvd**  
**Charlotte, NC**  
**Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Social Time: 6:30 pm**  
**Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm**