

THE FLYLINE

Trout Unlimited

Roanoke Chapter 308

Fall, 2011



Upcoming Events

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| 11/16/11 | November Chapter Meeting. Voting for Officers and Board Members |
| December | No Chapter Meeting—Happy Holidays!! |
| 1/18/12 | January Chapter Meeting |



Looking Back, Looking Forward

Fall is a time of change. Our new By-Laws have been written, voted on and passed. We'll be voting for new officers and board members at our November meeting on the 16th. Our chapter is participating in Coliscan testing at Glade Creek and our raffle date has been moved to early next year.

Many things remain the same. We continue to grow as a chapter and continue to do our part to conserve, protect and restore our coldwater fisheries and watersheds.

We look forward to seeing the new changes for our chapter and to continue the work that we as a chapter and Trout Unlimited as an organization are known for.

Where's My Paper Newsletter?

Trout Unlimited is dedicated to the preservation of our environment. In keeping with that mission, we have made the decision to abandon paper newsletters. The Flyline will now be published online only, and will be distributed by email and available on the Chapter website.

Glade Creek work Continues

The Roanoke Chapter continues work on Glade Creek with Coliscan Testing

Our chapter has been contacted by DEQ to consider helping with Coliscan testing at Glade Creek. Coliscan monitoring helps detect and isolate the contamination of surface waters by fecal matter.

Fecal matter can enter the watershed by several means, including humans, livestock, wildlife and pets.

Coliscan testing is a relatively new method using a special bacterial medium called Coliscan that provides a simple, efficient and inexpensive method of measuring Escherichia coli levels (E. coli).

James Beckley with DEQ met with several members of our Chapter to train us in the proper procedure to perform the testing. Space is provided by

Orvis to store and use an incubator to grow the cultures for testing.

We will soon start collecting samples and reporting to DEQ to help find any problem areas and work with landowners to keep this stream clean.

Look for updates on the progress at Glade Creek on Facebook at:

Glade Creek Restoration-
Roanoke Valley, VA



Green Hill Park-TU working with VDGIF

Our Chapter helped the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fishing with stocking the special regulation areas of Green Hill Park in Salem on October 13th.

This effort was led by Hans Loberg with about 15 members participating.

The chapter helps DGIF to insure that these trout are spread out in the river and stocked in areas to help their survival.



Raffle Fundraiser-Fly Fishing Film Festival

As you have noticed, we were not able to have the fundraising raffle in October of this year. With several pressing issues (TIC and new by-laws for instance), it was decided to push the raffle back a couple of months. This also gives us a new opportunity to sell tickets and raise awareness to our cause!

Our chapter is working with Orvis in Roanoke to sponsor a Fly Fishing Film Festival early next year. This would give us a chance to get an additional raffle items. sell more tickets and have an additional event in the cold winter months.

Some of the donated items for our raffle will be:

Access Fly Rod/Reel

Travel case for Rod and Reel

Safe Passage Sling Pack

Brodin Ghost Net

Wheatly Fly Box-Black Walnut

Safe Passage Carry it All Rod/Gear case

Custom Made Fly box from Hans Loberg

2 night stay at Meadow Lane Lodge

Set of Dunlop Golf Clubs

It sounds like it will be worth the wait!!



Kids Fall Fishing Derby at Franklin County

Our Chapter sponsored and participated in the Kids Fall Fishing Derby held at Waid Recreation Area in Franklin County, VA. The event was organized by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland fisheries as a fun event to teach kids to fish and to help them (and their parents) learn the importance of protecting our cold water fisheries.



The event was open to kids 15 and under. There were prize drawings, free food and drink and a free gift to the first 100 kids.



TU demonstrated and instructed fly casting techniques and fly tying. We also gave away a LL Bean rod and reel combo to one lucky fisherman.

This is another great example of our commitment to bringing new people into our sport and teaching conservation.



Announcements

Program Ideas?

As a Chapter we pride ourselves on the strength of our monthly programs. From fishing guides to state conservation officers, we work hard every month to provide speakers on a wide variety of topics of interest to our members. If you have an idea for an exciting program topic, please contact Whit Ellerman.

Photos/News Letter Items

Please send you ideas for news letter items and photos to Steve Minnix at sminnix@lesco.net

Conservation Efforts

Glade Creek

Continuing our conservation and restoration efforts on Glade Creek, we have begun a program of temperature monitoring on the creek. As noted in the newsletter, we are continuing to work to better this stream by working with DEQ and participating in Coliscan sampling to insure a clean stream.

Project Healing Waters

We have had a good summer with Project Healing Waters, the program where TU volunteers fish with veterans at the VA Medical Center in Salem. If you are interested in participating in this tremendously rewarding program, contact Bill Bainter for more information.

By-Law Changes

TU National has mandated that all chapters adopt new by laws that will more uniform throughout the country. Our chapter's by laws have been written and were voted on in the September chapter meeting.

The vote was unanimous and the by-laws have been approved and submitted to TU National. A copy of the existing by-laws and there e proposed new by-laws will be posted on the chapter web site for your review.

Thanks to everyone who worked on the new by-laws and who attended the September meeting to take care of this issue.



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