



Tuck Tales

Newsletter of the Tuckasegee Chapter #373 of Trout Unlimited serving the western North Carolina counties of Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain

A Monthly Newsletter

April, 2010

This Month's Program

This Month's program will be provided by Matt Kulp, Fisheries Biologist with GSMNP.

April Grub Committee

Jim Mills will head up the Grub Committee for the April meeting.

5th Annual Yard Sale

Dick Sellers has asked that members please bring items to donate for the Chapter's Yard Sale April 10th.

May Meeting

GSMNP Clean Up. See page 3!

Email addresses needed

Your editor is still requesting that everyone please provide updated email addresses so we can make certain our data base is up-to-date and you won't miss notification of newsletter and event emails!

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Tuckasegee Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets the first Tuesday of every month, with the exception of June, July and August, in the Community Room at the rear of the United Community Bank of Highway 107 South in Sylva at 6:30 PM. A meal is provided by the Grub Committee at a cost of \$5 per person. Guest are invited to join us at no charge.

Trout Season Opens

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission will open approximately 1,000 miles of hatchery-supported trout waters in 25 western counties at 7 a.m. on April 3. The season will run until one-half hour after sunset on Feb. 28, 2011.

While fishing on hatchery-supported trout waters, anglers can harvest a maximum of seven trout per day, with no minimum size limits or bait restrictions. Hatchery-supported trout waters, marked by green-and-white signs, are stocked repeatedly from March until August every year. Many of these waters are stocked monthly, although some heavily fished waters are stocked more frequently.

This year, Commission personnel will stock nearly 864,000 trout, with 96 percent of the

stocked fish averaging 10 inches in length and the other four percent exceeding 14 inches in length.

The stocked trout are produced in four Mountain region fish hatcheries operated by the Commission and distributed along hatchery-supported streams where public access for fishing is available. While hatchery-supported waters are open to public fishing, many of those miles are privately owned.

"Anglers need to know that fishing opportunities on many hatchery-supported streams are available only through the continued support of landowners," said Doug Besler, Mountain Region supervisor for the Division of Inland Fisheries. "For this reason, we want to remind anglers to respect the land they're using and remember that access can be taken away if landowners feel their land is being abused."

Anglers can help prevent the loss of public access to fishing by:

Respecting private property and landowners at all times

Removing all trash and litter from fishing and parking areas

Parking only in designated areas and leaving driveways open for pass-through traffic

Closing and/or locking gates after use

Reporting wildlife violations by calling 1 (800) 662-7137

Above press release from NCWRC.

Invite A Guest to our Meeting!

Tuck Clean Up



26th Annual Tuckaseegee River Clean Up

Saturday April 17th, 2010

Come out on April 17th and help TCTU clean up our namesake river. The Tuck needs our help every year at this time. With all of the high water we've experienced lately it's for sure there'll be plenty of trash and debris to clean up on our assigned beat of the river.

And just where might that be you ask? Well for those new folks it's the area between the Highway 107 bridge and the Webster bridge on the original Delayed Harvest section. We generally clean both sides of the river even though we are only responsible to D.O.T. for the south side of the river.

Base Camp Cullowhee from WCU will handle cleaning the island as usual due to the fact that they'll be in canoes and rafts and will have the ability to access it properly.

You will be walking the shallows, roadside and river banks picking up trash so wear appropriate shoes. In other words, no flip flops or sandals. Wading boots and old tennis shoes work best.

A good pair of work gloves is advisable as well.

See you around 8:00 AM!

Ducks On The Tuck



Once again it will soon be time to wrangle those rubber ducks for New Century Scholar's Ducks-on-the-Tuck!

It's been an annual tradition with TCTU for some years now. We don our waders and help to gather up all of the ducks that are released for the race.

The New Century Scholars program, started in 1995, provides support, encouragement and incentive to selected students from Jackson, Macon and Swain Counties. NCS targets "high potential" students and provides extra support and last dollar college tuition assistance. Students are involved in the program from 7th grade through high school graduation. Graduating scholars who choose to utilize the program's tuition assistance at Southwestern Community College will receive additional support while at SCC where they will work to complete an Associate degree. Students then have the opportunity to continue at Western Carolina University to earn a Bachelors degree.

This year's Ducks-on-the-Tuck is scheduled for Sunday, April 25th. Get your duck for \$5 and help to support the program.

Hopefully our nets won't have any holes in them and we'll get every single one of those wasckally ducks this year!

May Meeting



The May meeting of TCTU should be fun! We will have a clean-up on Saturday morning, May 8th along the Oconaluftee River in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Afterward we'll enjoy a covered-dish lunch with the chapter providing the burgers and beverages as we have done for our May meetings in years past. Following the meal we will all wet a line and see if we can tempt those Smokies trout.

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