



# 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**

**November, 2011**

**Rod Raffle**

*The raffle will continue for one of Jim Mill's custom graphite fly rods at the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.*

**November Meeting**

*Chapter members Lee Ewart and Milt Wofford will speak to us about Tenkara Fly-fishing.*

**Tenkara**

*Information about Tenkara Fly-Fishing does not constitute an endorsement by TCTU.*

**October Grub Committee**

*The grub committee for the October meeting will be Dr. David McGuire and Mike Lackey.*

**Email addresses needed**

*Your editor requests 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. Guests are invited to join us at no charge.



## Tenkara - Traditional Japanese Fly-Fishing

As Steve Jobs with Apple said; "Think Different!"

Our program for the November meeting will be provided by chapter members Milt Wofford and Lee Ewart. For some time now these two have been delving into the mysteries of Tenkara. Tenkara is the traditional Japanese method of fly-fishing which uses only a rod, line, tippet and fly.





According to the Tenkara USA website: "Tenkara is primarily used and particularly effective for trout fishing in mountain streams and small streams. Some of the main advantages are its simplicity, the very delicate presentations with the light line, the ability to hold the line off of the water and a fly in place over difficult currents, precise casting, and great control of the fly."

Images are from the Tenkara USA website at

<http://www.tenkarausa.com>

Tenkara rods from Tenkara USA are from 11 to 13 feet in length but more importantly, they telescope down to a mere 20 inches or so and this makes them ideal for backpacking and short hikes to get to small streams. The bottom of the rods is stiff while the tip is quite flexible. There are no guides on Tenkara rods. The line is simply attached to the end of the rod.

Tenkara USA specifically supports the Deschutes Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

As with traditional fly-fishing you are casting the weight of the line and so lines for Tenkara fly-fishing are specially designed for the type of rod being used. A 35 foot spool is available which is enough for two lines. They do not absorb water, have no memory (coiling) and are less expensive than traditional fly lines. Traditional fly lines will not work with Tenkara rods. 5X or thinner tippet are recommended.

The technique requires a much shorter casting stroke than is used in regular fly-fishing. The backcast stops at the 12 o'clock position with the forward cast stop occurring from the 1 to 2 o'clock position. Following through on the cast from the stop position allows you to gain a little more reach and provides for a more delicate presentation.

For more information and a chance to see the equipment and learn about landing fish be sure to attend the meeting. Who knows? Tenkara might be the difference for you!

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