



Blue Ridge Chapter, Trout Unlimited

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

June 2007

President's Letter

Peter Lloyd, President

Hello, Blue Ridge Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and maybe getting in a little fishing. Summer is nearly here, June 21, 8:26 EDT to be precise, and the weather is already heating up. As we move into Summer, our focus often shifts to Summer vacations, outdoor projects taking advantage of the longer days and spending more time with families. School age children are on Summer break and many may be bored and looking for something to do. Time to take a kid fishing! This is a great opportunity to introduce kids to stream ecology, cold water conservation, and of course, fly fishing. It will also add a new level of enjoyment and satisfaction to your outdoor experience. So the next time you head out to your favorite water this summer, consider taking a kid with you (after talking with their parents). If you are able to do so, please share your experience with your fellow members at a chapter meeting. Education is a big part of what we do and everyone's efforts (even if you have fun) count towards making our chapter effective and successful at promoting cold water conservation.

We had a great chapter meeting on May 15th at our new venue, The Texas Land & Cattle Steak House. Around 40 folks attended which is the best turn out we've seen for a number of years. I hope this means we are doing something right and can continue to increase participation at our chapter meetings. I believe at least part of this success is due to the great work of our program chair, David Richards, membership chair Dan Benfield, as well as our new venue.

The program at the May meeting was titled "Matching the Hatch" and was given by Jeff Wilkins who operates Jeffery Wilkins Fly Fishing in Summerfield, NC. <http://www.jeffreywilkinsflyfishing.com/>. This was an excellent program and I want to thank Jeff for coming out and sharing his knowledge of the sport.

In addition to the program, Southern Foods, Chef's Preference brand, through our member Sam Wauford, donated a box of wild salmon which we raffled off at the May meeting. The Chef's Preference brand, has partnered with TU and 5% of purchases (10% for wild

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 19, 2007, 6:30 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2007, 6:30 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2007, 6:30 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2007, ANNUAL FUND RAISING BANQUET

2006-2007 Chapter Leadership

Officers:

Peter Lloyd, President
Dan Benfield, VP
Randy Welfare, Sec.
Bill Remaley, Treas.
Sam Stitcher, Past Pres.

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Sam Ogburn
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Michael Davis
David Richards

salmon) for designated orders are donated to TU (see the article in the May newsletter). We raised over \$100 with the raffle and the lucky winner was Bill Remaley.

Before I sign off, I would like to let you know about an opportunity to help TU's efforts to make the federal Farm Bill, currently up for reauthorization, more fish friendly. Recently Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl introduced a bill to create a fisheries and stream-habitat restoration program in the Farm bill including annual funding of \$60 million. More information on the Farm Bill is in the Spring issue of "Trout" and at www.tu.org. You can help TU's efforts by contacting your representatives urging them to support a fish friendly Farm Bill. An easy way to do this by email is available at TU's website (click on the Spring issue of "Trout" then click the link for 'Farm Bill Action'). Please help TU's efforts to secure this significant source of funding.

Our next meeting will be June 19th at the Texas Land and Cattle Steak House. We will be taking a break for the Summer so this will be our last chapter meeting until September 18th.

That's all for now. I hope to see you at our June 19th chapter meeting.

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Chapter Meeting Announcement

David Richards, Program Chair

The program for the June chapter meeting will be given by Anthony Hipps and will be about tying his Soft-Bodied line of flies (Poppers, Sliders, frogs, etc.) as featured in Fly Tyer Magazine (Summer 2006 and Summer 2007 issues). Anthony is a professional fly tying artist, instructor, and speaker from Lexington, North Carolina and has been tying flies for more than twenty years. Anthony is active with the Federation of Fly Fishers Southeastern Council, serving on the Board of Directors and as the Council's Fly Tying Chairman for the past several years.

Our chapter meets at **Texas Land and Cattle Steak House** just off of Hanes Mall Blvd across the road from Target. Our meetings start at **6:30 PM**, but come early and join us in conversation and get to know your fellow members. We order from the menu and after dinner, our speaker gives their presentation. We welcome new members. Bring your family with you. This is a family oriented organization with a large number of female members as well as youth members.

Welcome New Members

Michael Cabrera, Steve Lawing, J. Michael Kidder, Mark Skoggard, Brent Johnson, and Don Raines.

Check Out BRTU's Library

If you're interested in learning more about fly fishing, fly tying, or conservation, you have a wealth of information available in the Chapter's library. You can see what we have available by going to our website at:

<http://www.blueridgetu.org/>,

and clicking the Library link at the bottom of the home page. If you see something you'd like to check out, contact Dan Benfield at dancon7@earthlink.net or (336) 723-7165 and we'll have it for you at the next chapter meeting. If you know of a resource, book, video, etc. that would be a good addition to our library, tell a board member and we will try and get a copy. Finally, if you have a book or other resource that you don't need or want anymore, consider donating it to our library so other members will have an opportunity to check it out.

Newsletter On-Line

Many of us get this newsletter from the BRTU website. This saves the postage costs so we can use this money for conservation and education projects. If have an email address, just send it to me at lloydpb@forsyth.cc and you will be notified by email when the newsletter is posted.