



# Blue Ridge Chapter, Trout Unlimited

## Winston-Salem, North Carolina

October 2007

### President's Letter

*Peter Lloyd, President*

Hello, Blue Ridge Members,

It's officially Fall but you wouldn't know it by the weather. It continues to be hot and dry. As a result, the Wildlife Resources Commission reduced the number of trout scheduled for stocking in delayed-harvest trout waters for October. You can read more about this on our website at <http://blueridgetu.org>. I can't tell you what this means in light of the growing concerns surrounding climate change, but it is something to ponder. Nonetheless, to the extent that climate change increases global temperatures, the work TU supports, and our individual efforts to conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gases, becomes more critical to conserve and protect cold water fisheries.

We are planning activities for fiscal year 2008 which started October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you know of an event that where chapter could participate by providing information about TU's cold water mission, fly tying demonstration and/or instruction, fly casting, etc., please let us know. The earlier we know about these events, the better able we will be to recruit volunteers to participate. By the same token, if you have any suggestions to help improve our chapter's effectiveness, please do not hesitate to contact us with your ideas.

Along these lines, I would like to establish a committee, primarily composed of members at large, for volunteer recruitment. Members of the Volunteer Recruitment Committee will receive a list of several members to call (from the convenience of your home or elsewhere) to let them know about upcoming opportunities to volunteer and see if they will be able to participate. If you are interested in helping the chapter become more effective by serving on this committee, please let me know.

We are also looking for input from our members to expand and enhance our Chapter's website. If there is something you would like to see on the website or have suggestions for improvements please give your thought to me and Martin Boggess, Webmaster ([mboggess@eastridge.net](mailto:mboggess@eastridge.net)).

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 16, 2007, 6:30 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2007, 6:30 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 2008, 6:30 PM BRTU CHAPTER MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 2008, 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.

#### Board Members:

Sam Ogburn  
Eugene Pope  
Paul Scheponik  
Michael Davis  
David Richards

Our Annual Fundraising Banquet originally scheduled for November 3, 2007 has been rescheduled to **February 16, 2008**. Consequently we will have a regular chapter meeting on November 13. This is the second Tuesday of the month (rather than the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) to avoid having the meeting during the week of Thanksgiving. We hope that having the banquet in February will result in fewer conflicts so more people will be able to attend. Please add this to your calendars (or PDAs) now. February isn't too far away and preparing for the banquet takes a lot of work. If you can spare some time to help with the planning and/or preparation for the banquet, or have something to donate, contact Randy Welfare ([Randy.Welfare@bradfordmc.com](mailto:Randy.Welfare@bradfordmc.com) or (336) 727-0425).

Finally, we are now in fiscal year 2008 and will be electing new officers and directors for the board. We will present a slate of officers for the membership to consider at the October 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting. The election of the officers and directors will then be held at our November 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting. Serving on the Board is great way to learn more about TU and help make a difference. I encourage everyone to consider taking a leadership role in our chapter.

That's all I have for now. Our next meeting will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Texas Land and Cattle Steak House. I hope to see you there.

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## **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

### **Chapter Meeting Announcement**

*David Richards, Program Chair*

The program for the October 16<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting will be given by will be Gerrit Jobsis from American Rivers, ([www.americanrivers.org](http://www.americanrivers.org)). American Rivers is the only national organization standing up for healthy rivers so our communities can thrive. Through national advocacy, innovative solutions and a growing network of strategic partners, American Rivers protect and promote our rivers as valuable assets that are vital to our health, safety and quality of life. Founded in 1973, American Rivers has more than 65,000 members and supporters nationwide, with offices in Washington, DC and the Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, Midwest, Southeast, California and Northwest regions.

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 Member**

Manuel Dobson. . . and thank you to all of you who have renewed your memberships. If your uncertain about your membership status, feel free to drop me a line.

### **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](mailto: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 us this money for conservation and education projects. If have an email address, just send it to me at [lloydpb@forsyth.cc](mailto:lloydpb@forsyth.cc) and you will be notified by email when the newsletter is posted. Thanks to those of you who have signed up for the email.