

The Kom Dunker



January 2012

Newsletter of the Cohutta Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Lines from the Leader

Hello,

I hope that everyone had a restful, happy and safe holiday season.

We had a really good Shrimp Boil fund raiser – and on behalf of the Cohutta chapter I want to let all of the businesses and individuals who contributed to the event that we really appreciate your support. For those in the chapter please be sure to support the local fly shops, outfitters and guide services that help us in so many ways. Thanks all!

I also want to give a **BIG THANKS** to all of the folks in the chapter who volunteer their time in the various roles from being captain of a SOTM or camping event, to being on the board, Trout in the Classroom, Trout Camp, a committee lead, helping with the various events, doing the cooking to keep us well fed, and from my perspective - the other chapter leads (Jeff, Carolyn and Ken) - who helped me to navigate the water's of being your president last year.

We have plenty of “opportunity” within the chapter, so if you can help out please let us know.

As we go into 2012 I hope that you will enjoy the camaraderie and events we will have this year – from the monthly chapter meetings, to the Stream of the Month (SOTM) fishing outings, the workdays, and to cap it all off the Smoker and the Shrimp Boil.

I hope to see you at the Thursday, January 26th chapter meeting. We will review the calendar of events for the year along with having those members who have equipment to sell, trade, and swap to bring their items to the meeting.

Be sure to bring your calendars, any “extra equipment” (who has any of that but most importantly yourselves **and**

a friend to see what the Cohutta chapter of Trout Unlimited is all about.

Thanks, and I hope to see you all on the 26th!

To Tony Rackie
tu242prz@gmail.com
<http://tucohutta.org>

What's Inside	
Lines from the Leader	P. 1
Calendar of Events	P. 2
SOTM INFO	P. 2
BSA FlyFising Merit Badge	P. 2
Membership	P. 3
Update on Brown Trout Study	P. 4
SouthEastern Regional TU Meeting	P. 5
Trout in the Classroom both Schools	P. 5 & 6
Electo Shocking Trip	P. 7
The Guides Angel	P. 8
Top Ten Flies	P. 8
Easy Flies to Tie	P. 9
Trout Camp Info	P. 11
Embrace A Stream Info	P. 12

Calendar of Events

Cohutta Chapter Meeting	Jan 26th
Cohutta SOTM DH Paces Mill	Jan 28th
Cohutta Chapter Meeting	Feb 23rd
Cohutta SOTM Toccoa DH	Feb 25 th

**Meetings are held at the Delkwood Grill
1 mile east of I75 on Delk Road in Marietta, the
fourth Thursday of the month.**

January - Stream of the Month

The first SOTM for 2012 will be the Chattahoochee DH at Paces Mill. It will be on Saturday, January 28th. The reports that it is fishing well when the water conditions permit, but there are also large crowds on the week-end to take advantage of this. It is easy to wade this area and also the trails along the river lend itself to walking upstream to Whitewater and float tubing the section. We will be meeting in the parking lot at Paces Mill at 9:00am. Afterword's, we will be grilling hotdogs in the picnic area around 2:30 or 3:00pm. Please check the TU Chapter web-site for last minute changes due to weather or water conditions.

<http://www.tucohutta.org/TroutUnlimitedWebsite/Home.html>

BSA Fly Fishing Merit Badge

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. With the start of a new year we are planning on the Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge program. Expectations are to have this event in the spring, once we have a finalized calendar

for other chapter and national events. Anyone with comments and or suggestions please free to contact me or Rob Hilkin with these.

If there are Troops that you know of that are interested, also have them contact us.

I e-mailed four Troops last fall with no positive results. Programs such as this reflect on us as a local, state and national group. We need to insure that our membership is happy with the manner that this program is conducted.

Strong knots to all,
Steve Westmoreland
sgw001@aol.com

Cohutta Chapter #242 Officers

President

Tony Rackie Phone 770-712-7231
E-mail tu242prz@gmail.com

Vice President

Jeff Wilson Phone 770-693-0168
Email jlw_beer@yahoo.com

Treasure

Ken Dye Phone 770-973-0751
E-mail kdye@bellsouth.net

Secretary

Carolyn Wilder Phone
Email tu242sec@gmail.com

First Cast Committee and TIC

Mark Anderson Phone 770-422-2347
E-mail markie.mark@att.net

Stream of the Month

Carl Kologinczak Phone 770 924-0001
E-mail ckolo@bellsouth.net

Rob Hilkin Phone 770-778-2252
E-mail robflyfisher@gmail.com

Fisheries Development Committee

Jeff Wilson Phone 770-693-0168
E-mail jlw_beer@yahoo.com

Special Projects and Conservation

Diane Minick Phone 770-855-6128
E-mail dianeminick@msn.com

Membership Committee

Tony Rackie Phone 770-712-7231
Email t_rack59@yahoo.com

Web site

Jeff Wilson Email jlw_beer@yahoo.com

Newsletter Publisher and Editor & Fundraising

Thom Underwood 404-414-1012
E-mail underwood.thom@gmail.com

Back the Brookie Program

Bob Anderson E-mail ANDERSOR@gasupreme.us

Program Committee

Ron Minick Email ronminick@msn.com

Public Relations Committee

Don Thomson Email doniphan@comcast.net

Special Projects Committee

Ken Dye Email kdye@bellsouth.net

Don't forget to visit our Web Site at

www.tucohutta.org

WANTED for the Chapter:

Laptop PC for the Chapter use.
Any Operating system, just need it to load and run Power Point presentations via vga port to external projector, a USB that supports flash drive and a wireless network adapter so that we can bring up our web page.

If you have a used one that you want to donate to the chapter let us know.

Thanks,
Tony

Membership:

If you run into anyone interested in seeing what TU and our chapter is all about get them a copy of our newsletter, point them to our web page, or have them contact me.

If you are not sure if you are correctly assigned to our chapter or if your membership is current please review your profile at <http://www.tu.org/user> or contact me for assistance.

Tony

Chapter Membership and information:

tu242info@gmail.com

Sign up for TU or Renew Your TU Membership.

<https://www.tumembership.org/member/intro>

Please enter chapter **242** to be sure you are assigned to our chapter

Current Membership Info:

(as of 01/16/12)

Active Members = 517	Prior Month = 522
Renewed/Contributed = 34 Soon to Expire (This Month) = 11 Expired (Last Month) = 11 Transferred In (30 days prior) = 0 Transferred Out (30 days prior) = 0 Address Changes (30 days prior) = 2 Stream Explorers (children) = 11	
Source: http://leadersonly.tumembership.org/reports/chapter_membership	

Some items to check:

-  Has your membership expired or will it soon?
-  Are you correctly assigned to our chapter?
(Cohutta 242)



<http://www.streamexplorers.org/>

You can also check out the info available from TU related to youth, and you may want to consider giving a subscription to the TU Stream Explorers as a gift to a friend or family member.

<http://www.tu.org/about-us/youth-education-and-outreach>

A “Welcome” to the new folks to our chapter since the last newsletter. We hope to meet you at one of our upcoming chapter functions. Please feel free to contact one of the leaders of the chapter if you have any questions.

Name and City

Thomas Baribault - Acworth

Carl Dishneau - Marietta

Henry Drescher - Powder Springs

Mary G Gibson - Atlanta

Jeremy Guy - Acworth

Jeffrey Hale - Woodstock

Steve Marth - Columbus

Jeannie McCormack - Canton

Brandon Mercier - Kennesaw

Margaret Thrash - Atlanta

Shawn Ward - Woodstock

Source: Chapter 242 Roster with join date > Nov 21, 2011

From [My TU](#)

Source: <http://www.tu.org/member-services/welcome-to-my-tu>

Online Trainings

Join us for our upcoming conservation and volunteer training sessions and tap into the expertise of our staff and volunteers. Trainings are at 8:00 p.m. Eastern time. Contact [Rob Keith](#) if you are interested in attending.

- February 7 - Utilizing Membership Tools
- March 13 - TU's New Online Community
- March 15 - Leaders Only Tools



Other TU Important Dates

- November 15 - Annual Financial Report Submission Deadline
- April 21, 2012 - Stream Clean-Up Day
- June 23, 2012 - Stream Clean-Up Day
- September 2012 - Annual Meeting in NC

fly fishing gear soon to be out in 2012 and to express your thanks to Gary for what he does for Trout Unlimited. Please make an effort to attend

this meeting. The Council will award Gary with a nice Appreciation Plaque for his support of TU.

Best regards...

M. A. (Mack) Martin Jr.

Chairman

Georgia Council Trout Unlimited

www.georgiaTU.org



Update: Chattahoochee Brown Trout Growth and Migration Study

Submitted by Patrick O'Rourke, GA DNR Fisheries Biologist

We took some diet samples during the past couple of weeks on the 'Hooch below Lanier. The most common items we found were midge larvae (size 20-24, black, brown, or green) and black stonefly nymphs (size 14-18).

We also saw smaller (size 18 or so) scuds and green (color is a shade somewhere between olive and chartreuse) caddis pupae, swallowed case and all. If you're going to fish near Buford Dam, concentrate heavily on midge larvae and small black adult midges. For bigger fish, streamers, spinners, spoons, or crankbaits imitating fish (including brown trout) should be the way to go. These fish will eat some of the previously mentioned insects, but it is obvious that those items make up a much smaller portion of the big fish diets.

We didn't see as many large fish this month as we did the last two but missed netting a big brown that was at least 6 or 7 pounds while we shocked in the snow on Friday.



Sportsman's Day at the Capitol

Gentlemen:

Sportsman's Day at the Capitol will take place this coming year on February 8, 2012. I realize that most of you will not be able to join us at the capitol, however I am extending an invitation to all of you and any representative from your chapter just in case you are in town or want to come down to see what the event is all about.

The activities begin in the capitol at about 9AM and continue until about noon when we are served lunch. Please let me know if you would like to take part in this event.

Regards...

M. A. (Mack) Martin Jr.

2012 GWFF ANNUAL FUNDRAISER & ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

You are invited to Georgia Women Flyfishers' annual fundraiser!

Flyfishing auctions, raffles and fun. Beer tours and tastings. Wine and Food.

Tickets \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Pre-event tickets may be purchased from GWFF members, at GWFF meetings or by mailing a check for a ticket(s) made out to GWFF (for Annual Fundraiser tickets) to Circe Tsui at 3762 Midvale Rd., Tucker, GA 30084. Requests must be post-marked no later than March 5th. Include an e0mail address for receipt verification. Tickets will

bes held at the door the night of lthe evsnt. No refunds. Tickets will also bse available at the following events: Great Southern Fishing Show and Atlanta Fly Fishing Club meetings

Southeastern Regional Meeting

Dear TU volunteer leaders in Southeastern states,

We hope you will consider joining us at the Trout Unlimited (TU) Southeastern Regional Meeting in Asheville, NC, April 13-14, 2012. Fellow TU council and chapter leaders from across the Southeast will rally on Friday to tour different spots in the area that highlight a few of the many conservation success of TU's grassroots in North Carolina. That evening, TU will host a barbecue for attendees. On Saturday, we will gather at the Doubletree hotel for a full-day session to include group discussions, concentrated presentations and opportunities for council and chapter leaders to share successes and discuss common challenges. Following the full day of workshops and seminars, fellow TU leaders will meet for a no-host dinner at a local restaurant.

Since we are still in the early stages of planning, we would like for you to provide us with some input on what you'd like to see on the agenda and what you'd like to get out of a meeting like this. We ask that you take the following, brief survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DFSJYX7> by Friday, January 27. Your answers will help guide our planning efforts and ensure that this meeting is created for the grassroots, by the grassroots. In the coming weeks – after reviewing feedback from the survey – we will include more information about the meeting on TU's website at: tu.org/events. Here you will find information about lodging options, registration fees, agendas, etc... In the interim, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact any of us in TU Volunteer Operations.

Thanks for all that you do for TU.

Sincerely,
Beverly

Sam Rizzio Youth Clinic

UCCTU will conduct its annual Sam Rizzio Youth Clinic the morning of May 5, 2012 at the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell GA. The clinic is a comprehensive one-day fly-fishing clinic for young men and women, ages 10 to 15 designed for the beginning

fly fisher and will provide basic instruction in all phases of fly-fishing including conservation, knot tying, insect identification, fly-tying, and fly-casting. Each student will be awarded a certificate upon completion and a drawing will be held for a fly-rod and reel. Please extend our invitation to your members to enroll their children or those of family members and friends in the clinic. As the date draws closer, Bill Phinney, Rizzio Clinic Coordinator, will contact you with additional information and registration details.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,
Kevin F McGrath
President
Upper Chattahoochee Chapter Trout Unlimited



Trout-in-the-Classroom: Cobb County Schools (By Mark Anderson)

Cobb has expanded the T.I.C. Program into 2 schools. Campbell HS continues this program for the 3rd year and Harrison HS has implemented the program this year. A big thanks to the Cohutta Board for your continued support!! The Cobb release is being coordinated and planned for late April. Here are tid-bits from the 2 programs.

Harrison High School

Students in Steve Childers Outdoor Education classes are helping to develop this web site. <https://sites.google.com/site/harrisonhoyaoutdoored/>
The students contribute articles as well as pictures on a regular basis. The website will focus on outdoor education and the progress of the trout along with tips on conservation and state

regulations. The chiller and aerator at Harrison went down for 6 hrs and a fish kill occurred. Luckily, Mr. Childers was quick to remedy the electrical problem and a healthy population is now thriving.

Campbell High School

Trout in the Classroom is highly successful this year at Campbell High School in Smyrna. The trout eggs arrived in October and the hatching and survival has been very successful. The fish are being studied by 2 outdoor education classes, 6 biology classes and 2 environmental science classes. The students have been diligently monitoring water quality and survival rates. They have done a great job as we have 50 fish that are healthy in their temporary home! A big high-five to Mrs. Mudd. She applied for an "Impact Grant" from the Cobb Schools Foundation and was awarded \$2,000 for the Campbell HS TIC Program. Here is the Campbell TIC Web-site:

<https://sites.google.com/site/cobbcountrytroutintheclassroom/campbell-hs--mudd-s-trout-blog>

<https://www.sites.google.com/site/harrisonhoyaoutdoored/>



Trout In the Classroom at Herschel Jones Middle School

By Rodney Tumlin

The New Year is here! Trout In the Classroom is up and running at Herschel Jones Middle School in Dallas Ga. Currently, we have 16 healthy, active Rainbow Trout swimming in our mini-hatchery. Their average size is three inches. Once again, students are maintaining "Trout Journals" and making periodic entries based on classroom observations. Students also conduct and document daily water quality checks, feed the trout, change water, and clean and maintain the tank and equipment.

We have a tentative date set for our "Trout Release". As of now, it is scheduled for Tuesday the 27th of March. Park Permits, transportation, parent permission, etc. have been applied for. Once again, the call is going out for volunteers to help with the release. In the past, members have manned rotating stations where they demonstrate and instruct in various skills such as fly tying, knot tying, entomology, fly casting, types and use of equipment, orienteering, and other skills related to trout and trout fishing. In addition, we will also need volunteers to help with preparing and serving lunch. There will be about 75-80 students and chaperones attending the Trout Release. If you can, please mark this date on your calendar. Thanks in advance!

Brown Trout Shocking Trip

December 14, 2011

Brad Wright

Many asked me why I volunteered to help DNR with this project in early December since it would be cold and possibly really miserable weather conditions. My answer was because I am crazy as heck and didn't think about that when I raised my hand.

Well, unknown to all of us, Wednesday, December 14th would dawn cool and clear and the temps would rise into the sixties. What a beautiful day on the river and a great experience.

We (Michael Finn from Upper Chattahoochee and I) met Patrick O'Rourke at Abbotts Bridge at the gentlemanly hour of 10 AM and proceeded up river about eight miles to Settles Bridge. Our trip was chilly but otherwise uneventful and aided by the downstream flow from the generation at Buford Dam.

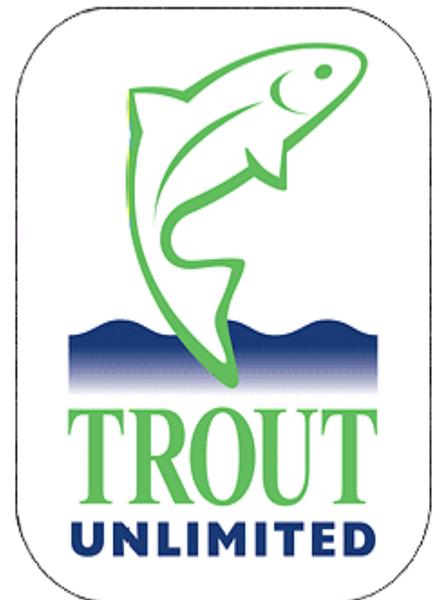
Once we arrived at Settles Bridge we tied off to a mid-stream downed tree to wait out the generation flow so we could start our shocking. Patrick readied the boat, putting out the shocking arms and explaining how the system work and the impact on the trout. He did mention in passing that the current (electrical not river) was strong enough that it was not advisable for us to fall in while there he was shocking the fish. Then he told us that he had a foot pedal that would allow him to cut the flow of electricity if one of us did fall in. That did make us feel better.

Finally the water flow slowed down enough for us to begin our day's work. Michael and I took turns on the net duty trying our best to not net suckers and at the same time get as many trout as we could. After three passes over the area we drifted just below the old bridge and tied off to begin measuring, weighing, tagging and documenting. What we discovered very quickly was that these fish are really healthy and hardy under these conditions and that they could be handled with a little more force than we might apply after landing them on rod and reel. Some of them just didn't want to get measured without a little extra persuasion.

Then the second pass through the same areas after lunch and we both realized that we had a better eye for trout versus sucker and quicker responses to the shocked fish with the net. The excitement came when Patrick and I spotted a reasonably large brown that we really wanted to get into the net. Letting Michael know where it was while Patrick maneuvered the boat

around it took about three tries but we got it. Just over 19 inches and about 3.5 pounds. Not as big as Galen Haines' from earlier but respectable none the less. After all the fish were recorded for Patrick's study we secured the boat and settled in for the ride downstream to Abbotts Bridge. Lower water made the trip a bit longer but with the weather nobody really minded.

Michael and I thoroughly enjoyed our day on the river and helping out with the DNR's brown trout study. Both of us want to go again.



The Guides Angle

Hunt to fly fish?

Many fly fishermen are already hunters but to those who do not hunt it would behoove you to get to know and appreciate more of the hunter types. Fly anglers that really get into fly fishing usually at some point begin constructing their own flies. When you tie your own flies you not only control your supply of inventory but you also can take extra steps to build higher quality flies that commercial tiers often are lacking in workmanship somewhere in the assembly-line. One of the key components to tying quality flies that are durable and effective is to acquire high quality natural materials. Although many modern flies today are tied with man-made materials such as synthetics, rubbers and foams most flies designed specifically for trout and bass call for the “real-thing” that is furs or feathers from specific mammals and birds.

Many of the animals that are used for their fur and feathers in fly tying are domestic but some purist fly-tiers try to use wild or undomesticated birds or mammals. A great example of the inferiority of domestic feathers verse wild is the pheasant. Pheasant are raised commercially in captivity and therefore live in cages that are overcrowded and unclean which causes their long tail feathers to be deformed and brittle. My source of wild pheasant is a good hunting buddy and client who I barter with for pheasant tail feathers from his hunts in South Dakota and boy what a difference from your usual mail order domestic feathers! Another good example of domestic birds vs. wild feathers are the CDC feathers from ducks and other waterfowl. All waterfowl possess an oil gland located on their rump which is used by these birds to preen their feathers to apply this oil to help repel water. These CDC feathers which is a French term “cul de carnard” which translates to “ass of a duck”. I am a duck hunter so please let me know if you want to swap other valuable materials for fly tying as wild duck CDC is excellent for dry flies!

Mammals both domestic and wild are excellent sources of fur for fly tiers. Most notable of mammals in North America are those from the Artic. At these extreme north climes animals like the Artic snow shoe hare has a special hollow and textured fur on the bottoms of its feet that helps them to adapt and survive in a harsh environment. The fact that this hair is hollow(very buoyant) and fine it makes outstanding small dry flies like the Bunny-dun used to imitate size #22 down to #26 dun Blue Winged Olive mayflies. Another critter from the same region is the Polar bear.

Polar bear hair is translucent which helps to camouflage the bear and also allows sun rays to penetrate their hide for solar radiation warming. The translucent qualities of this unique fur reflects sun rays remarkably and is used for some deadly baitfish patterns/flyies. Some species such as Polar bears are protected and cannot be sold over the counter but again if you get on the good side of a big game hunter you may have all the bear hair you could possibly want.

It is rewarding to catch a fish on a fly that you constructed but what if you or a friend provided furs and feathers as well!

Tight lines!
Chris Scalley

Top 10 flies (dry and wet)

Here's a list of the top 10 flies (dry and wet) for fly fishing, as voted on by the readers, with a quick blurb on what makes each fly special: Do you agree?

1. Elk Hair Caddis

Hands down my personal favorite in terms of a flexible dry fly that can be used just about anywhere, the elk hair is a simple imitation of the adult caddis fly that works perfectly for most types of trout. While elk hock is usually pretty tough, it has a great buoyancy quality in it. Blow off the water every couple casts, and there's no need for floatant.

2. Hare's Ear

Another go-to fly for most types of trout, the Hare's Ear (made of mottled brown hues of hare's fur) is one of my favorite nymphs out there. It's a classic pattern that mimics small aquatic insect larvae or crustaceans. It can also be tied in a range of sizes, from a size 8 longshank to a 22, so it's also a very versatile pattern that appeals to everything from trout to grayling, salmon to bass.

3. Pheasant Tail

I'm a big fan of the flashback, a variation of the classic pheasant tail, which has a signature thorax made of peacock herl. The flashback adds Lurex over the herl to give it a little sparkle in the muddy waters I find myself fishing after the runoff. It's another great fly for just about any type of trout, so if you don't have this nymph in your box you're missing an all-around winner.

4. Blue-Winged Olive

A pattern that's really come on strong in recent years, the blue-winged olive resembles various species of mayfly that have that traditional olive

body and smoke-colored wings. I never leave home for a trout fishing trip without this and my trusty Elk Hair dry flies.

5. Woolly Bugger

Another classic, the bugger is the most versatile streamer in my pouch. I've caught everything from lunker rainbow trout to crappie, and largemouth and striped bass on the woolly. The woolly bugger is great because it not only looks like a bait fish or leech, but it darts around like one with tons of action on the retrieve as well. It also comes in dozens of colors, so if the black and olive version isn't working out, try something crazy like a purple one. My biggest brown trout (Montana) and biggest striped bass (California) came on the same purple woolly if you can believe that one. Believe in the bugger, that's all I'm saying.

6. Clouser Minnow

The clouser, like the woolly bugger, is an effective baitfish imitation, only it's made of bucktail (called a hairwing) and works best (for me, at least) in saltwater. The turquoise and white is made for the flats, and nearshore fishing, and the bucktail holds up in the salty conditions as well. And with a hook that's tied upside down, it's a great option for anglers wanting to avoid the seaweed and snagging rocky bottoms. Just make sure the hook's big enough of to hold a halibut, or a striped bass, because that's the kind of fish you'll be tempting with a clouser.

7. PMD (Pale Morning Dun)

There are a lot of duns out there, but the pale morning dun model takes the cake – particularly out West. The PMD is a staple on summer freestones, but the exact pattern depends on when and where you're fishing. There's a PMD for just about every occasion, with a nymph, emerger, spinner, and even a comparadun or sparkle that'll get the job done throughout the summer season.

8. Adams

I cheated a bit here by just calling No. 8 the Adams, as the parachute Adams was a top 10 selection that I've lumped in here as well. The Adams, however, gets most of my recognition because the pattern is nearly a century old. The combination of grizzly and brown hackles makes it a trout magnet just about anywhere, which is why it's still among the most popular flies on the market. Keep this in your box with an elk hair and a hare's ear, and you'll be in good shape pretty much anywhere a dry fly is relevant.

9. Soft Hackle

I have to admit, I was a little surprised the soft hackle cracked the top 10. A cross between a nymph and a simple hackled wet fly, the softy is the darkhorse of the bunch. The good news is it's pretty easy to tie, and it's great for rainbow and brown trout. To liven things up a bit, I like to spruce the soft hackle up a bit with orange

seal fur on the body, but olive and black are the more traditional approaches.

10. Prince Nymph

Known best as a stonefly nymph, the prince is a pretty solid general nymph pattern. I'll use it on good-sized rivers and lakes alike, tempting trout, panfish and bass with this versatile nymph. On larger waters, I'll go with the beadhead to add a little more action and get the fly down on the bottom. Add some gold tinsel to the body (rib), and you'll have a nice "flasher" to complement your flashback pheasant tail.

Five Easy Flies to Tie

The winter is a great time to learn how to tie your own flies.

So what are the easiest flies to tie?

Well, when you're just starting out, you definitely want to stay away from advanced flies like Dave's Hopper.

Instead, try tying some of these simple flies when you're just getting started fly tying:

- **Griffith's Gnat:** A great all-purpose fly, it's tied with a peacock herl body and short-fibered grizzle cock hackle.
- **Brassie:** An odd-looking fly, the Brassie is made with a thorax of dark rabbit fur and a copper wire body.
- **F Fly:** A pretty simple fly, with an olive pheasant tail fiber body and wings made of gray cul-de-canard.
- **Egg Fly:** Made to look like a salmon egg, the fly's main feature is the round, pink Glo-bug yarn body.
- **Bloodworm:** Like the Egg Fly, the bloodworm is a fly converted spinning reel anglers might want to start with. It's pretty easy to tie, with a Marabou dyed red tail and a threaded, red nymph glass body.

That should get you started. If you need some additional information on fly tying, be sure to check out our rundown of the top [tools for fly tying](#).

Cohutta TU Chapter Supporters

Thank these folks for supporting the Cohutta TU Chapter throughout the year.

Gary Merriman *The Fish Hawk* 404-237-3473

www.thefishhawk.com

Willie Perry *Fly Box Outfitters*
678-594-7330

www.flyboxoutfitters.com ,

Jimmy Harris *Unicoi Outfitters*
706-878-3083

www.unicoioutfitters.com

David Perry *Southeastern Fly Guide Service*
615-796-5143

www.southeasternfly.com

Chris Scalley *River Through Atlanta*
770-650-8630

www.riverthroughatlanta.com

Shannon Ward *Orvis – Atlanta*
404-841-0093

www.orvis.com

Abbey Jackson *Blackhawk Trout Stream*
706-947-3474

www.blackhawkfishing.com

Henry Cowen *Cowen's Quality Flies and Guide Service*
henryc@marmellatacorp.com
home 678-513-1934 cell 678-677-5382

Tic Smith *Southeastern Anglers*
866-55TROUT

www.southeasternanglers.com

ticboat@aol.com

Bill Oyster *Oyster Fine Bamboo Fly Rods*
706-372-4239

www.oysterbamboo.com

Mack Martin *Atlanta Fly Fishing School*
404-550-6890

www.atlantaflyfishingschool.com

Dina Miller *Serenity Ridge, Gatlinburg Cabin*
706-372-4239

www.cabin-in-gatlinburg-tn.com.

Steve Lamb *Georgia Fly Guide*
678-986-0703

www.georgiaflyguide.com

Chattooga River Fly Shop
864-638-2806

www.crflyshop.com

Andy Bowen *Cohutta Fishing Company*
770-606-1100

www.cohuttafishingco.com

Mike *CutThroat Leader Company*
208-559-4788

<http://www.cutthroatleader.com/>

Trout Camp Application Notification

Calling all Trout Campers!

Once Again the Cohutta Chapter of Trout Unlimited (Marietta area) will sponsor to campers! So make sure you get your application in on time!

Where: Rabun Gap Nacoochee School, Clayton Georgia

When: June 10-15, 2012 (Sunday - Friday)

- Boys and Girls, 12-15 Years Old
- Learn and Practice the Sport of Fly Fishing
- Study Sound Conservation Practices
- Enjoy a Fun and Rewarding Experience

A brochure describing camp activities is available [here](#)

What will campers be doing? Here is a sample [schedule](#)

What to bring to Trout Camp?

To apply, fill out the **application** and enclose a short essay that will help us understand your interest in the camp:

- When did you start fishing?
- How often have you fished in the last year?
- Why are you interested in attending trout camp
- Can you make a firm COMMITMENT that you will be able to attend and have the ability to get to Trout Camp and stay all week?
- Are there any activities you have completed or are working on that is related to TU's mission and in particular in support of our chapter?
- Would you plan to continue your involvement with Trout Unlimited after the camp is over?

Completed Applications and essay should be given to the Vice President (via email tu242vp@gmail.com in person by MARCH 1st 2012.

**2010 EMBRACE-A-STREAM
PROJECT EVALUATION & REPORT FORM**

General Information

Chapter or Council Name & State: Georgia Council – 9GA

Name of Project, Stream, or Watershed: Georgia Brook Trout Habitat Improvement, Monitoring and Evaluation

Chapter or Council Contact Information:

Name Kevin F. McGrath
 Address Chairman, Georgia TU Back-the-Brookie
 3391 Windsong Court
 Roswell, GA 30075
 Phone Number 404-668-5865
 Email btb@georgiatu.org

Financial Information

Date of Award: 2010 EAS Grant Amount: \$9,000

Total Project Cost: \$226,028 Total Volunteer Hours: 2,310

Did the Embrace-A-Stream grant leverage or help match any additional funding?

Yes X No If so, please clarify in the table below.

Source of Leveraged or Matched Funds	Amount
Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture Grants	\$40,000
Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited	\$18,750
Project Total	\$ 58,750

Outcomes and Evaluation

All TU chapters and councils should evaluate the impact of their projects. Evaluation involves identifying and measuring specific indicators to demonstrate the impacts of your work. To truly evaluate a project you must measure conditions before you begin work and after the project is completed. Examples of indicators are water flow or fish populations. Other volunteers may want to evaluate their projects by measuring the number of new members gained, the amount of publicity generated, or the increase in participant conservation knowledge. The indicators for your project will depend on what you are trying to accomplish. Please feel free to contact Rob Roberts (703.284.9424 or rroberts@tu.org) with questions on project evaluation.

Please list the specific objectives of the project. What did you want to accomplish?

The overall goal of the project was to protect and preserve existing brook trout populations, especially the Southern Appalachian strain, while restoring brook trout by restoring critical habitat.

Please list the indicators used to evaluate these objectives.

Conservation

Restored approximately 40 miles of brook trout habitat by constructing 212 habitat improvement structures in 20 existing brook trout streams - greatly exceeded goal.

Removed non-native trout from 3 miles of 3 brook trout streams - exceeded goal.

Gathered and evaluated water samples from 15 brook trout streams and tested for pH, ANC and temperature - met goal.

Surveyed, catalogued and evaluated macroinvertebrates on 5 brook trout streams – met goal.

Sampled 11 streams for brook trout and added 2 streams to documented brook trout stream list – additional goal.

Strengthening TU

Project supported the goals and objectives of the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture – met goal.

Georgia TU chapters donated 2,310 TU volunteer hours valued at \$46,778 supporting the project - greatly exceeded goal.

One day of Georgia TU Trout Camp focused on brook trout with instruction and a stream enhancement project – additional goal.

All thirteen GA TU chapters and three non-TU fishing organizations financially supported the project – exceeded goal.

One chapter added a Back-the-Brookie Coordinator position – met goal.

The Georgia TU Council developed a new display that includes visuals and information about Back-the-Brookie – additional goal.

The project's success was reported at council meetings and in chapter newsletters, increasing enthusiasm and support for native fish conservation, protection and restoration – met goal.

Georgia TU Back-the-Brookie gave a presentation at the annual Chattahoochee National Forest/ Georgia DNR Partners Meeting to federal and state agency personnel – additional goal.

Brook trout management strategic planning was expanded and enhanced between GA TU, GA DNR and US Forest Service – met goal.

If you did not achieve your target objectives, please briefly explain why.

Not applicable.

Other information

Did you collaborate with TU field staff during the implementation of this project? If so, please describe briefly.

TU Fisheries Scientist, Jack Williams was consulted during the course of the project. TU CFO, Hillary Coley was consulted during the course of the project concerning leveraged funds.

Do you have any plans to continue or expand the project? If yes, please describe.

Yes. GA TU and its partners will continue brook trout restoration and enhancement. Plans for 2012 include a culvert replacement to allow native fish passage, continued removal of non-native trout on 3 streams, habitat enhancement on 9 streams and water quality monitoring on 15 streams. TU members will be directly involved with stream enhancements and water quality monitoring. Further analysis and evaluation of macroinvertebrate populations is planned.

Additionally, a Georgia TU chapter is planning a brook trout restoration project that complements the work completed in this grant.

Please describe any publicity the project received, including dates, source, and type of coverage. (Please attach any press clippings.)

Georgia TU BTB Updates - quarterly
Chapter newsletters - various
Facebook – continuous
Sportsmen's Day at the Georgia Capital - annual
Chapter presentations by both Georgia TU Back-the Brookie and U.S. Forest Service
TU National press release

Other comments:

Georgia Trout Unlimited sincerely appreciates its partnership with TU Embrace-A-Stream and the program's support of native fish restoration and conservation in Georgia. TU Embrace-A-Stream grants have provided significant leverage to native fish management in the state and generated enthusiasm with TU membership. The grants to the Georgia Council and Gold Rush Chapter have demonstrated TU's firm commitment to partnering with our stakeholders.

Thank you! Please return to: Embrace A Stream, Trout Unlimited, 1300 N. 17th St., Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22209. FAX (703) 284-9400.