



Upper Chattahoochee Chapter #436 - Trout Unlimited
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Dear Brad,

Ben Nabors, ***Newsline*** Editor, and I welcome you to our first issue produced in this new format. We've designed it to eliminate "white space" and to make more information readily available to you thru web links. It also has many advantages from a production standpoint taking us from a cut-and-paste paper product to an electronic web-based publication.

We would love to hear what you think of it. [Send comment](#)

As an owner of a Winston IIX, I am delighted to announce the first of several tie-ins with R.L. Winston this year. Our first quarter raffle item is a **Boron IIX fly rod** (retail - \$795). Based upon ticket sales for last year's rod raffle, your chances of winning are excellent. See below for details.

As the new year has rolled over, I encourage you to pay your voluntary Chapter dues. Your donations are vital in supporting our work as an outstanding TU Chapter. You may use the quick link at the right.

I want to close with a special "Thanks!" to Jim Hardy who is retiring from our Fishing Dayz coordinator. In tribute, over a dozen members turned out for the Smith Creek outing in Helen on Saturday. Programs Chair Mark MacDonald will be recruiting Jim's replacement. Please contact Mark if you have an interest. [Fishing Dayz](#)

Sincerely,

Brad

Brad Cruickshank
 President
 Upper Chattahoochee Chapter #436 - Trout Unlimited

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Win !



UCCTU News

January Meeting Speaker - Damon Hearne - "Land Protection and Advocacy" Damon is TU's project coordinator for the Southeast Land Protection Program. Working with land trusts and TU chapters, Damon helps protect and restore watersheds and streams within the eastern brook trout range in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Damon lives with his wife, Megan, and daughter, Julianna, in Asheville, North Carolina



Past President Honored
At the TU Georgia Council meeting in Gainesville last month, UCCTU President Brad Cruickshank, on behalf of the Chapter, presented Immediate Past President, Kevin McGrath with a new fly rod. Mack Martin, Council Chairman (looking on) inscribed the 9' - 9wt Sage One rod with Kevin's

name, office and term. This rod will get a lot of use on northern and lake trout during Kevin's annual trip to Kasba Lake Lodge.
[Find out more about Kasba](#)

Trout In the Classroom Update

This year Tom Schmeltzer is coordinating this program for UCCTU. Teachers have a lot of flexibility to make TIC relevant to his or her classroom curriculum. In the second grade at St John Neumann Catholic School, the focus is be on caring, on growth, and on understanding life cycles. At our two high school participants, St Pius X and Crossroads/Second Chance, students explore water chemistry, the nitrogen cycle, natural resource management, and watershed geology and ecology. This is one of the reasons that TU provides an ever-growing online lesson plan library instead of one standard curriculum for teachers to follow. [For more information on TIC](#)

- Jim Harvey - Education Chairman



Due to the efforts of former Fundraising Chairman, Ken Mock, UCCTU was approved as a non-profit by "1% For The Planet". 1% corporate members donate at least 1% of revenues annually to environmental causes. UCCTU has applied for a \$5000 grant from 1% member Nature's Path Foods. The funds will be used to replace and upgrade Trout in the Classroom equipment. The applications receiving the most votes on Facebook will be funded. PLEASE VOTE TODAY: [Please vote today!](#)

Q1 Raffle - Winston Boron Illx Fly Rod!

Your choice of 3 - 6wt. in length of your choice (retail \$795). **Mack Martin says "This is a great rod!"**. Proceeds will benefit UCCTU. Tickets available at UCCTU January meeting.



Dream Trip 2013

See Chapter Officers and Board members for tickets. Proceeds support Georgia TU Youth Trout Camp.
[Description of Prizes](#)

Coming Events

- January 16 - Fly Tying (see info below)
- January 22 - Chapter Meeting
- February 2 - Fishing Dayz
- February 26 - Chapter Meeting
- February 28 - Fly Fishing Film Festival

Monthly Fly Tying

Join members Dutch Earle, Ron Cheslock and friends for an evening of fly tying, Wed, Jan. 16 at 6:30 pm. Dinner is provided. [Contact Dutch for detail](#)

Fly Fishing Film Tour Coming Again

Plaza Theater, February 28.
[Purchase Tickets](#)



[AFFS Website](#)



"Peach State Trout" Blog is Born

Georgia Trout Unlimited has a new blog. [Check it out today!](#)



UCCTU Supports CFR

CFR Executive Lori Simon sent the Chapter a thank you letter acknowledging its support of their fly fishing retreats for breast cancer survivors. UCCTU recently made a donation of \$250.

[Learn more about CFR](#)

Fowler Shakerag Decision Threatens Hooch

The latest Court ruling in the ongoing legal battle over approval of the proposed Forsyth County wastewater treatment facility may result in degrading the Chattahoochee River water quality. [Read more](#)

[Read Forsyth News article](#)

[Read court ruling](#)

An Inching Foot

We retreat to our rivers and streams for enjoyment. But ignoring basic safety guidelines nearly resulted in tragedy for this local fisherman.

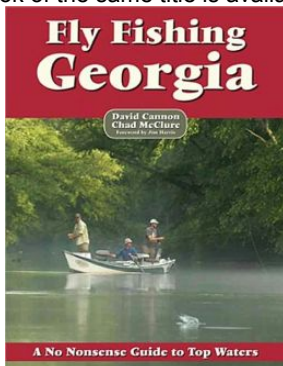
[Read account](#)

"Sweep the Hooch" - Coming Again

Our Chapter Spring conservation event will be the 3rd Annual "Sweep the Hooch" on April 13. UCCTU volunteer waders will again be needed at Jones Bridge. [For Details](#)

February Meeting Speaker

Professional photographer and fly fishing author David Cannon will speak on "Fishing Photography" and "Fly Fishing Georgia: A No Nonsense Guide." His book of the same title is available from Amazon.



[To purchase](#)

Backcasts

Welcome to UCCTU

New Members:

Joseph Beck
Tatiana Bitca
Bradley Garner
Larry Haldeman
Horace Hamilton
Rob Harrison
David Henderson
Randy Hill
Brad Hobbs
William Kessler
Stan Leacock
Laura Nabors
Edward Overdyke
William Schill
Andrew Sprinkle

Member Transfers:

Sally Bethea
Michael Brown
Ron Cheslock
William Hetzler

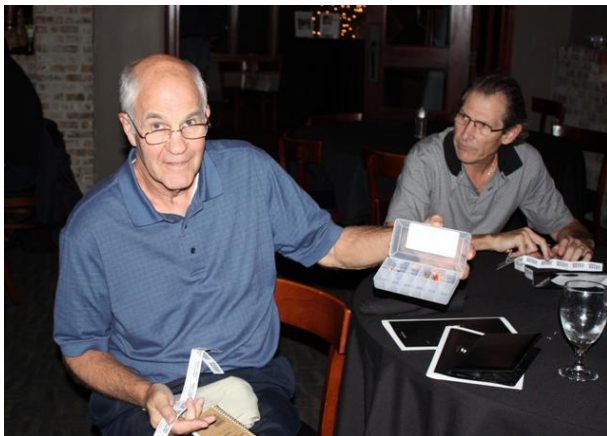




Guide Mark MacDonald - Streamer Fishing



Steve Johnson with a question



A lucky raffle winner



Walt Anderson is a winner !



Enjoying food and drink at Ippolito's

TIE-ATHLON



The **Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited** is holding its first ever "Tie 1 On-Tie-athlon" at Bass Pro Shops, Lawrenceville. March 9, from 9am - 5pm, teams from Georgia TU Chapters will compete for the prestigious "Golden Vise" award. Sponsors are needed to make



donations per fly tied by our UCCTU team. Both Atlanta Fly Fishing School and Cruickshank Remodeling have pledged \$.10/fly so far. [To Pledge](#) Proceeds will benefit Council and Chapter conservation and education programs. UCCTU Past President Dutch Earle is putting together the UCCTU fly tying team. [To Volunteer](#)

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