

Monster Brown caught in Guadalupe

T.U. MEETING: All Chapter members, their guests and the public are invited to attend the 17 February 1979 meeting at the VFW Hall in Sattler, Texas, at 2:00 P.M. If you want to remain overnight at the Maricopa Lodge, call Ed or Margaret Carnes for reservations, Maricopa Lodge, Box 70, Star Route 2, Canyon Lake, Texas 78130, AC512-964-3600. Jeannette and I will be Room 19.

ELECTION TIME: Chapter Officers that should have been elected in October, will be elected at the 17 February meeting. Better be there to protect your interests. Absent members usually are elected to office.

RIVER NEWS: As of mid-January, the river is loaded with trout, the river, likewise is loaded with water, the release (22 Jan 79) is approximately 800CFS. This release should be reduced by meeting time, additional trout will also be released prior to the meeting by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. The Kanz lease was renewed for \$200, another special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Kanz for giving us river access at a very reasonable rate. We appreciate it very much. There are a few rules that govern the use of the lease area: (1) overnight camping and introducing fire arms into the area is not permitted; (2) members must show T.U. membership cards at the store prior to entry; (3) only fly-fishing is allowed, this is a catch and release area for T.U. members and their guests; (4) members are allowed to take a guest into the lease twice, the guest should then be motivated enough to join T.U.; (5) all members and guests are expected to help clean up the area prior to leaving; and (6) leave the gate the way you find it, be as quiet as possible when entering in the early A.M. By the way, our lease fee and Vibert Box programs do cost money. Everyone is invited to add a few dollars to the Chapter's treasury. Send a check to Hazel Schubauer, 5022 Prince Valiant Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78218 if you can.

HERE'S THE BIG NEWS: Bill Trussell, Houston, Texas, caught a 6 pound 8 ounce BROWN, 29 December 1978. IF the fish is ready by our February meeting, Bill and the monster will be there. This Texas record-maker was caught on a Girdle Bug in the white-water canoe area. Paul Schubauer took pictures and will have them at the meeting. Just seeing this BROWN is something special. Let me refresh your memory about our Brown trout program: In April 1972, 16,000 very small Browns were released. Mr Harry Jersig from the Lone Star Brewery matched our T.U. funds and made our first release possible. Those were lean years for our Chapter. In November 1972, 6,000, four to six inch Browns were released; in April 1973, 55,000 and in March 1974, 58,000. The Texas Parks Wildlife Dept. assisted the April 1974 release by paying the transportation charges; this was a big help for our chapter. Think about this for a minute and review some of the facts, Bill's monster resulted from one of the above mentioned releases of little Brown trout. It is likewise amazing that this trophy trout, in spite of floods, muddy water, hot summers, high temperatures and the famous downstreams hydrologists' policy of no water release when its' needed most, this Brown did survive. We know Rainbows have carried over from year to year, other monster Browns are waiting for the right fly at the right time. Some day soon, a fisherman will come out of the river with a 7 or 8 pound Rainbow. The world record Brown is around 35 pounds, its just a question of time, or look at it this way, we are 6½ pounds closer than we were in 1972. Today the Guadalupe gave Texas a state record, tomorrow the world! Its been a good year for Texas fly fisherman, Bill Pabst reports catching finger-sized Brooks last summer, Joe Kubiak caught a healthy 5-6 inch Brown in November, Chuck Duoba caught several 5-7 inch Browns recently, T. B. Whitehouse caught 2-3 inch Browns earlier in the year. Not to be out done, our President, Chad Oliver caught a trout! Now when Chad catches anything, that is news, but to catch a two inch Rainbow, this is something else. Chad stated there was a small school of two inch Rainbows. From whence cometh this little two inch Rainbow? If my memory serves me right, 13 Browns were "shocked up" a couple

of years ago by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., the largest was 17 inches long, a little later two 2 pound 10 ounce were caught, now super jaws, BROWN TROUT have come to Texas! If you catch any Brookies or Browns, report it to your Chapter officers, at least tell someone about it. This helps to keep records of our Chapter's projects. Some of you may not know that our friends the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. released small Browns last year and have about 20,000 small Browns just hatched to release later this year. Wade Butler and Pat Hudson are busy people.

VIBERT BOXES AND BROOKIES: On or about 10 February 1979, approximately 11,000 Brown trout eggs and 2,000 little Brookies will arrive from Montana. The loaded Vibert Boxes will be placed in redds in the river, IF the release from Canyon is less than 500CFS, if the river flow exceeds 500CFS, the eggs will be given to Wade Butler and Pat Hudson to hatch and when ready, the little Browns will be released into the river. Manpower will be needed to create redds, be where the action is, call Paul Schubauer and join the redd builders, 655-4539, San Antonio.

RED RIVER TROUT DOCK: For years, I've given the latest news from the Little Red River, since this is my last newsletter, it will also be my last report on this wonderful trout stream. Paul and Hazel Schubauer made two trips in November and reported fishing couldn't have been better, they caught some beautiful trout. They plan to return in March. Wade Johnson called me in mid-November and reported a Mr. Hoppie from Little Rock brought in a 9½ pound Rainbow taken near Richey Shoals. The river's record is 16½ pounds. By the way, the 9½ pounder was caught on a Gold Ribbed Hares Ear. If you get a chance, visit the Little Red River, as reported before, my favorite camp is the Red River Trout Dock. I will always think that this is one of the best trout streams in our country. Wade Johnson and Pappy Ferguson are special people and do their best to make your visit enjoyable. I hope to be there in early April - with my brother-in-law from Ohio.

SEE YOU AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING!

LET US GATHER AT THE RIVER!!!

Recently received T.U membership applications indicate an increase in annual dues. Regular membership is \$15.00 family membership is \$20.00.

Bob Newman has taken over the river water surveillance program. This project is financed by a grant from Dr. & Mrs. William Johnson of Waco.

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