



# The Arkansas Trout

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**JOIN US ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st: Guide Night. Whet your appetite for forthcoming low water.** Hear local guides share tips, tricks & tactics as well as an outlook for local fisheries. Bring a friend to the Whole Hog Cafe in Fayetteville at 6:30 for dinner and social time. The program starts at 7:00 pm.

**RIM SHOALS OUTING:** Join us April 30-May 2 for great camaraderie, food, and fishing. Fish for lunkers in one of the best areas of the White River, break bread with other club members while staying right on the river. Registration is available on our website. Contact Bruce Ritter at 479-409-4529 with questions.

**BANQUET:** Mark your calendar for Friday, March 5th at 6:00 pm. Join us at the Fayetteville Town Center for our annual banquet. This is our club's primary fundraiser, enabling us to help underwrite conservation activities as well as an outstanding social event.

*The mission of Trout Unlimited is to conserve, protect, and restore North America's cold water fisheries.*

## From the Prez....

Welcome to 2010!!!! This coming year will be a growing and exciting year for the Arkansas Chapter. The Arkansas Game & Fish will be starting on the Beaver Tailwater Conservation Project by the end of the year. This project will repair habitat damage that has occurred below the dam from the flooding we have experienced the past two years. As a chapter, we will help with volunteer and monetary support.

This past year, we have been very vocal in expressing our views to changes in fishing regulations proposed by the AG&F. We were instrumental in changing the regulations from the use of barbed to barbless hooks but lost out in the changes on the Norfolk from Option 1 to Option 2 C&R with the use of multiple hooks. Thank you to our membership in sending your opinions to the AG&F! You can make a difference!

Please mark your calendars to attend our Annual 24th Conservation Banquet on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Fayetteville Town Center. A mailing will be going out soon and information will be posted on the website for your viewing. This year, we have some very exciting raffle packages and special gifts for our sponsorship and trophy tables. Please consider supporting the chapter through the purchase of a Gold or Silver sponsorship or a Brown or Rainbow trophy table. You will be generously rewarded!!

Our Rim Shoals outing is scheduled for April 30– May 2, 2010. This is a great fishing weekend with excellent food and great hospitality from Gary and Paula Flippin at the Rim Shoals Resort. More info will be posted on the web site.

I look forward to seeing you at the banquet! Best wishes for a pull on your line and the release of many beautiful fish in the coming New Year!!!!

Kerri Russell  
President, Arkansas Chapter TU

**TU Work Day:** On Saturday, December 5th several members of our chapter braved the elements and assisted the Army Corp of Engineers with building wood fence in and around the parking area below the dam. Our group put in a full day and, as you can tell from the photos, our chapter was well represented. The folks at the Corp were a pleasure to work with. Thanks to Bill Elder (fence-builder extraordinaire) for the photos.



*It may not be straight, but it's secure!*



*The Chain Gang!*

*What's that rock doing in my hole?*



## Resources

The TU national website is greatly improved and offers a wealth of information that is now easier to access. Specifically, we recommend the blog to keep up-to-date on issues: <http://troutunlimitedblog.com/>

## Dry Run Creek

Hope everyone is aware of the tremendous improvements to the already exceptional Dry Run Creek that has occurred. In November, Mr. Leon Alexander, Vice President of the Friends of the Norfolk National Fish Hatchery, spoke to our chapter, presenting numerous slides of “before” and “after” photos of many of the improvements. A great deal of work was completed on streamside stabilization and in-stream habitat improvements. Your chapter is a financial supporter of the Friends of the Norfolk National Fish Hatchery.

## Update on Options 1 & 2 on the Norfolk

In early December, Ray Smith, the Chairman, Arkansas Council & National Leader Council Representative, sent a letter to Brett Morgan, Chairman of the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission.

The letter urged the commissioners to reconsider “Option I” with respect to following the AGFC’s staff recommendation to expand the Catch & Release area on the Norfolk. One week later, Jeff Williams, Trout Program Coordinator for the AGFC provided a written respond to Ray’s request. Mr. Williams thanked Ray and TU for voicing their thoughts.

Copies of both letters are available on our website in their entirety. We are unaware of any action that the AGFC has taken with respect to our request and urge our members to continue to contact AGFC Commissioners.

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States represented: 10 — AR, AZ, MO, MS, NE, OK,  
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### Helpful Definitions

**Hook:** A clever advertisement to entice a fisherman to spend his life savings on a new rod and reel.

**Lure:** An object that is semi-enticing to fish, but will drive an angler into such a frenzy that he will charge his credit card to the limit before exiting the tackle shop.

**Reel:** A weighted object that causes a rod to sink quickly when dropped overboard.

**Rod:** an attractively painted length of fiberglass that keeps an angler from ever getting too close to a fish.

**School:** A grouping in which fish are taught to avoid your \$5.00 flies and hold out for corn.

**Tackle Box:** A box shaped alarmingly like your comprehensive first aid kit. Only a tackle box contains many sharp objects, so that when you reach in the wrong box blindly to get a Band Aid, you soon find that you need more than one.

— Anonymous

Check our website [www.arkansaschaptertu.org](http://www.arkansaschaptertu.org). You can find pics, a calendar of upcoming events, past newsletters, and links to other helpful websites to keep abreast of trout, conservation, and fishing issues. Our intention is to post timely information regarding meetings, functions, and to provide updates as they occur. **email: [web-mail@arkansaschaptertu.org](mailto:web-mail@arkansaschaptertu.org) if you have info about an event to post.**

Chapter meetings are generally held on the first Monday of each month at the Whole Hog Cafe in Fiesta Square in Fayetteville.

Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. with social time. Dinner can be ordered if you would like. Program starts promptly at 7:15 p.m. and ends at 8:00 P.M. Normally, there is one meeting/program and one outing per month.

**REMINDER: No regular meetings are scheduled in June, July, and August.**

### Fish stories

A fisherman returned to shore with a giant marlin that was bigger and heavier than he. On the way to the cleaning shed, he ran into a second fisherman who had a stringer with a dozen baby minnows. The second fisherman looked at the marlin, turned to the first fisherman and said..."Only caught one, eh?"

— Anonymous

### Trivial Fish Facts

1. The more sardines placed in a can, the greater the profit as sardine oil costs more than the sardines.
2. The most poisonous fish in the world is the Stone fish.
3. Minnows have teeth in their stomachs; the better to digest their food.
4. Atlantic salmon are able to leap as high as 15 feet.
5. Lobsters and crayfish eat their own shell after molting.

—guy-sports.com; About.com