Spartanburg angler tops field in first Jocassee trout tourney

November event attracts 36 anglers

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Bubba Brunson shows off his winning brown trout in November's Lake Jocassee Trout Tournament.

The first Lake Jocassee Trout Tournament of the season, which is held every November, traditionally attracts few anglers and about as many fish.

But this season's tournament trail got off to a rousing start last month with 36 fishermen and plenty of fish brought to the scales.

"It was the best November turnout we've had," said Michael Meehan of the Jocassee Outdoor Center. "And 14 of those 36 anglers weighed in fish."

Topping the field was a 3.89-pound trout caught by Spartanburg's Bubba Brunson. Brunson is a familiar angler in Jocassee circles, having won the season-long Jimmie Orr Championship in 2007 and finished third in 2008.

Second place went to Matt McCreery of Easley with a 2.98-pound trout while Belton's Lee Sakovich took third place with a 2.83-pound catch.

The second event of the season is set for Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m. The weigh-in is at 4 p.m.

Entry is $40 per angler, with the pot split between the top three places – 50 percent to the winner, 30 percent to the runner-up and 20 percent to the third-place angler.

An optional big fish pot is $10 per angler per tournament, and anglers must fish at least two tournaments to qualify. Payback is 100 percent.

Kids under 16 fish free in all tournaments, with prizes given to the top three places in each event and a trophy to the season-long champ.

For information on this season's trout tournament trail, visit www.jocasseeoutdoorcenter.com and click on fishing, or call the JOC at (864) 944-9016.

■ The City of Greenville Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a beginner fly fishing class.

The two-day class will be held on Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday. Participants will receive comprehensive instruction on a variety of fly fishing skills and also will have the opportunity to practice what they've learned outdoors.

The fee for the class is $30, and all necessary equipment will be provided. Participants must be over the age of 16. To register or for more information about the class, contact Pam Davis at (864) 467-4331.