

TIGHT LINES

October 2006 Newsletter of the

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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Visit the Rabun TU website: <http://www.rabuntu.com/>

"The difference between fly fishers and worm dunkers is the quality of their excuses."

THE CHAPTER MEETING PLACE

Clayton Presbyterian Church (Located behind the Post Office) - Clayton, GA
3rd Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm – Social & Yarn Spinning 7:00 pm – Program & Meeting
(You don't have to believe the yarns - - if you don't want to)

At every regular chapter meeting there will be a raffle for fishing or camping items to help pay the cost of mailing the newsletter to members without E-mail.

Bring an item to donate and a dollar or two for raffle tickets - you might win something.

"When the going gets rough, get your fly rod and head for a stream. There's something about the trout and all the trappings that go with them, the fresh air, the surroundings, etc. that soothes the soul."

Jody Moore

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates - See you there!

Oct 14 (Sat) Chili Cook-off Coosa Valley TU, Rome, GA
<http://www.tuchilicookoff.com/>

Oct 17 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 pm, Clayton Presbyterian Church
Program – Anthony Rabern: How to catch those BIG Lake Burton brown trout.

Oct 24 (Tues) Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 pm at the Church

Nov 8 – 12 (Wed – Sun) Campout and Fishing with Camping in Long Bottom and with Fishing in the Chattooga DH, backcountry, and front-country.

Nov 14 (Tues) Rod Building Workshop at Terry River's shop.

Nov 21 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 pm, Clayton Presbyterian Church
Program – Jeff Fields, President of NGTO: Who Are We and How We Can Work Together (i.e. Trout Camp)

Nov 28 (Tues) BOD Meeting and Rod Building Workshop at Terry River's shop.

Rabun Rendezvous: Saturday - January 20, 2007
Program Presenter – Jeff Durniak
The TU National Conservation Professional of the Year

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



LARVA LACE CADDIS

THIS FLY IMITATES A CADDIS PUPA. A BEAD HEAD IS OPTIONAL. VARY THE COLOR AND SIZE TO MATCH THE DIFFERENT CADDIS HATCHES. I LIKE TO USE THIS FLY AS A DROPPER WHEN BLUE WING OLIVES ARE HATCHING. AS YOU ARE DRIFTING THIS BEHIND A DRY LET IT ALSO DRIFT DOWN STREAM, AT THE END OF THE DRIFT BE READY. THE TROUT THINK THE DROPPER IS EMERGING.

HOOK: TMV 2487 # 16-18

BEAD: GOLD

THREAD: OLIVE 8/0

BODY: SMALL GREEN LARVA LACE OR SMALL VINYL RIB/GREEN

THORAX: BLACK DUBBING/SQUIREL OR KAUFMANS BLEND

"The trout fly of today grew out of the trout fly of yesterday. From a dim ancient and medieval background it emerged in the late Middle Ages, multiplied, and divided into schools from which the flies of today take their character."

John McDonald

The Bugs	Time of Month	OCTOBER HATCHES	
		Time of Day	Suggested Flies
Small Dun Caddis	Early	Mid AM to Late PM	18 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Speckled Grey-Brown Caddis	All Month	Late PM	14–16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/Yellow-Brown 14–16 Dun & Yellow Caddis Pupa
Large October Caddis (important)	All Month	Early AM and Late PM	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair; 12-14 Ginger Stimulator 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill (important)	All Month	Late AM to Mid PM	16-18 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-18 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

TU Chapter 'Website-of-the-Month': <http://www.chattoogatu.org/>
Check Their Upcoming Events: <http://www.chattoogatu.org/events.html>

The Chattooga Conservancy is working to clean-up Stekoa Creek



Stekoa Creek enters the W&S Chattooga River.

Lets Work Together. Volunteer just one morning per month (2 to 3 hours) to take water samples.

Contact Jenny Sanders – Project Manager at 706-782-6097
info@chattoogariver.org

For more info on the project:

<http://www.chattoogariver.org/index.php?req=stekoa>

Rabunites, we have talked about this for years, now lets do it!

Ask your Representatives for help to clean-up Stekoa Creek. It takes only a few minutes. Click on: <http://www.chattoogariver.org/index.php?req=stekoa>

To: State Senator Nancy Schaefer

Sent: September 17, 2006

Subject: Stekoa Creek, Rabun County

I have been asked by the Board of Directors of Trout Unlimited to ask your help in solving the following problem:

From articles in the Clayton Tribune you must know of the problems with Stekoa Creek. This stream flows through the town of Clayton, into the National Wild & Scenic Chattooga River and ultimately into Lake Tugaloo. On the State of Georgia's 303(d) list of impaired streams for over a decade, the Stekoa is polluted by chronic sedimentation and with fecal coliform problems.

Most of these problems stem from a decaying City of Clayton sewer system, which the city officials say they simply do not have the funds to fix.

Not only is Stekoa Creek a health hazard, it is so polluted that it is unfit as trout habitat. Restoration of the health of this stream would be beneficial to the City of Clayton, the citizens of Rabun County and the many visitors to the area.

As our elected State Senator in the Georgia Assembly, what can you do to help in solving this financial dilemma? Would you please keep us informed as to what action you may take in this important matter?

Sincerely, Tom Landreth, member - Board of Directors, Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

To: State Representative Charles Jenkins

Sent: September 17, 2006

Subject: Stekoa Creek, Rabun County

Dear Representative Jenkins:

I contact you at the request of the Board of Directors of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Stekoa Creek runs through the town of Clayton, joining the National Wild & Scenic Chattooga River and eventually emptying into Lake Tugaloo. Chronic sedimentation and fecal coliform problems, this creek has been on the State of Georgia's 303(d) list of impaired streams for over a decade. It is a serious public health hazard as well as being unfit for trout habitation.

The primary cause for the high number of fecal coliform bacteria is a failing City of Clayton sewer system. The system is in the need of a complete overhaul; but, city officials say they simply do not have the funds to accomplish this task.

As our elected representative to the Georgia Assembly, is there anything that you can do to help the City of Clayton with this financial problem and at the same time help restore the health of Stekoa Creek for the citizens of Rabun County and its visitors?

We appreciate your support of stronger stream buffer laws and we hope you will continue to do so.

The members of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will appreciate being kept informed of any action you may take in this matter.

Sincerely, Tom Landreth, Member - Board of Directors, Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

"There's no taking trout with dry breeches." Miguel de Cervantes

The End of a Series:

Traditional Southern Appalachian Trout Fly Patterns

(Sorry, we have discontinued this series to avoid copyright infringements.)

"When you are next complaining about the selectivity of trout, bear the thought in mind: were it not for this fortunate trait, how long would our stream fishing last?" From "Streamside Guide" by Art Flick [1947]

Dream Trip Raffle For A Fly Fishing Vacation!

The winner and their partner will each receive:

- 5 days fishing and 6 nights lodging and meals at the Green River Guest Ranch in Cora, WY
<http://www.grquestranch.com/>
Dates July 21-27, 2007
- 9 ft 5 wt Winston Boron II X custom made fly rod
 - An Orvis Battenkill barstock reel with line
 - A fly box and flies for the trip.
(Approx. 5-7 dozen per box)
- \$650 in travel expenses (this is total, not per person)

For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

Ticket price is \$10 and proceeds will go to the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited to help fund the annual Georgia Trout Camp and the Back the Brookie campaign which helps brook trout restoration and educational projects.

Contact Prez Terry Rivers for your raffle tickets: Ph 706 782 7419 E-mail tlr1121@alltel.net

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Visitor Use Capacity Analysis, Upper Chattooga River

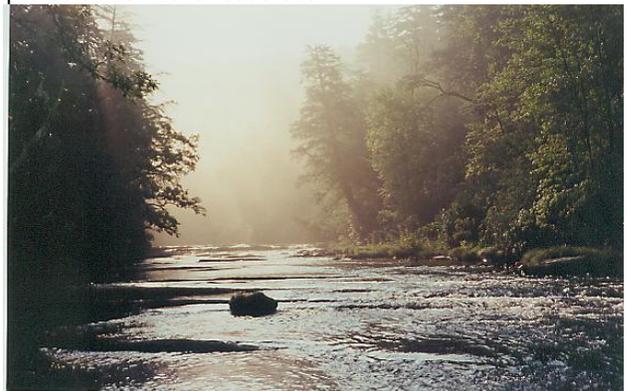
In 1999, the North Fork of the Upper Chattooga (upstream of the Highway 28 Bridge) was named one of the 100 best trout streams in America. The Upper Chattooga backcountry is unique in the Southeast in terms of the high-quality trout fishing experience in a boating-free, wild and remote setting.

In 1974, Congress designated 57 miles of the Chattooga River as a Wild and Scenic (W&S) River in part because of the Outstandingly Remarkable Value (ORV) of Recreation. For the past 30 years, the lower two-thirds of the Chattooga River, including the lower 4 miles of the W&S West Fork, have been zoned to permit boating. The proliferation of boaters in the Lower Chattooga River has conflicted with, and essentially driven out, many other users from the great majority of this W&S River. Meanwhile the remaining North Fork of the Upper Chattooga river corridor, above the Highway 28 Bridge, has been zoned for "foot travel only" (no horses, no bicycles, no boats). This area includes the Rock Gorge, Big Bend Falls, and the Ellicott Rock Wilderness. In response to the boater's demands for access, the Forest Service is conducting a year long (through August 15, 2007) Visitor Use Capacity Analysis for the Upper Chattooga. <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/forest/projects/chattdata.shtml>

Now the whitewater boaters are in Federal Court demanding that the Forest Service open the North Fork for immediate and unregulated access (any number of boats, anytime, any water level) for rafting, canoeing, and kayaking. This threatens the

area's Outstanding Remarkable Values of Recreation, including backcountry solitude and remoteness.

The Upper Chattooga has always been a haven for hikers, hunters, naturalists, bird watchers, swimmers and trout anglers. These groups are now working together as **Friends of the Upper Chattooga (FOTUC)** to preserve and protect this area. The primary goals of the FOTUC are to help protect the North Fork of the Upper Chattooga's wild and scenic values, to educate the public of threats to these values, and to assist the Forest Service in arriving at a responsible decision that, above all, protects this river's resources.



A misty morn in "The Steps" on the N. F. of the Upper Chattooga

Zoning of conflicting uses is good stewardship, not discrimination. Stewardship encompasses far more than picking up litter; it includes the protection of the aesthetic values of natural resources such as remoteness and wildness, the proper regard for the rights of others to solitude, and the responsibility of preserving those values intact for future generations.

What's New in the Chattooga Zoning Issue?

Aug 16 (Wed) - Beginning date of the one-year user analysis of the National Wild and Scenic Chattooga and West Fork Rivers. Volunteers from the public will use "count cards" to collect data. To see a count card, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/>

Aug 30 (Wed) – Chattooga Conservancy (CC) and American Whitewater (AW) Meeting in Clayton. The purpose was to discuss the possibilities of working together in the Forest Service process to first, make it a more fair process, and secondly, to agree that any boater use in the headwaters would have to be restricted to protect the resource. Lastly, CC asked AW to drop their lawsuit in order to depolarize the community. The AW rejected the offer without discussion and said that they would never drop their lawsuit. To read the meeting agenda, visit <http://www.chattoogariver.org/index.php?req=ban/>

Sept 1 (Fri) – Nominations closed for expert panel members (boaters and anglers). The Forest Service will announce the selected panel members on October 1st.

Sept 6 (Wed) - Federal Court in Gainesville heard oral arguments on the Forest Service motion to dismiss the boater's lawsuit. The lawsuit seeks to open the North Fork of the Chattooga River upstream of the Highway 28 Bridge for immediate and unregulated access (any number of boats, anytime, any water level) for rafting, canoeing, and kayaking. The Judge heard verbal arguments from attorneys representing both parties. No decision was announced from the bench by the judge.

Sept 12 (Tues) - The Jackson - Macon Conservation Alliance Board voted unanimously to join the Friends of the Upper Chattooga and support the present Chattooga zoning. The Jackson - Macon Conservation Alliance was formed 6 years ago to "serve as an alliance of organizations dedicated to protect and preserve the natural environment and cultural character of the headwater regions of western North Carolina."

Sept 13 (Wed) - The Chattooga Conservancy posted on their website an alternative for whitewater boating above the Highway 28 Bridge. The proposal was made by the Chattooga Conservancy in an effort to reach a resolution for the Upper Chattooga controversy. To read more, visit: <http://www.chattoogariver.org/index.php?lev=ban&req=regulations/>

Sept 18 (Mon) – Joe Gatins, President of Georgia ForestWatch, accepts the Spokesman position for Friends of the Upper Chattooga. For more information about GA ForestWatch, visit: <http://www.gafw.org/whoware.html>

Yellowstone National Park & the Upper Chattooga: Is there a connection?

Q. Are there other public waters owned by the federal government where whitewater boating is not allowed?

A. Yes, there certainly are. A whitewater boating ban on all streams and rivers in Yellowstone NP has been in effect since 1950.

Some boaters look upon Yellowstone's rivers as the "crown jewels" of America whitewaters and the Black Canyon of the Yellowstone as the "Everest" of rivers. "Yellowstone has over 400 miles of incredible rivers which are entirely off-limits to the boating public," said Jason Robertson of American Whitewater (AW). The ban was revisited by the park's ID planning team from 1985 to 1988. The team collected baseline data on the potential impacts should the ban be lifted. In 1988 the ID team issued a 110-page report titled "*Boating on Yellowstone Rivers: An Analysis and Assessment*". The end result was that the ban was maintained based mainly on concerns for crowding and aesthetics, according to an AW report. But the NPS spokesperson also sites conflicts with other park visitors. "We're looking at ways to reduce impacts rather than to increase or add activities," she said. "Once an activity is established it is very hard to change it, so you don't want to jump into something." "It's much harder to fix it than it is to not allow it at all," she said.

Editor's note: *The complete ban on whitewater boating in Yellowstone NP continues today.*

In 1998 AW submitted a proposal to the NPS seeking a limited private boater access in Yellowstone NP. The proposal recommended that Yellowstone NP open four select river segments for non-commercial whitewater recreation on a season-limited basis.

<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/archive/article/41/>

In July 2000 the NPS responded to the request, again denying whitewater boaters access to Park waters. The NPS noted that granting the group's wishes could lead to detrimental impacts upon plants, wildlife and archaeological sites. It would also generate additional motor vehicle use for launching and recovery, as well as for parking at both put-in and take-out points. This creates direct and indirect impacts at or near roads and parking areas. Also, whitewater boating has the potential to become a spectator activity in certain locations. The NPS also cited sanitation and safety concerns, as well as concerns over conflicts with other Park visitors (hikers, photographers, anglers, wildlife viewers, and birders).

From 1995 until 2001 AW was seeking a limited private boater access to the Upper Chattooga (high water and winter months only). Then early 2001, AW withdrew their limited access request and demanded unrestricted year-around access (any water level, any month, any number of private boaters, etc).

Editor's note: *Could it be that the second denial of access by Yellowstone NP in July 2000 may have been the motivation for the boaters to change their demands here?*

In March 2003, the Park expanded on its reasoning in a letter to a boater. This is an excerpt from that letter: "Whitewater boating would conflict with other established park uses that require the atmosphere of peace and tranquility found in the Black Canyon. This stretch of the Yellowstone has a trail paralleling it that large numbers of people hike year-round (it is one of Yellowstone's most popular trails). Further, the Black Canyon contains one of the few stretches of large rivers in the West without either a road running parallel or recreational boaters traveling down the river. It presents to the hiker the increasingly valuable view of a truly wild river, one without any evident alteration or use by humankind. Preserving the look and feel of this wildness, this "vignette of primitive America," has guided park management since the late 1960s, and continues to guide management today. Visitors seek out this experience; indeed, viewing Yellowstone's wild animals is the most commonly cited reason for visiting Yellowstone, even eclipsing the viewing of our famous thermal features. More visitors are drawn to the wildness of this part of Yellowstone than would be drawn to whitewater boating, particularly given the skill level needed to navigate this stretch of the Yellowstone. For many trail users, the sight and sound of whitewater boaters floating down the Black Canyon would diminish that wildness, peace, and tranquility." (Underlining added)

<http://boater-talk.com/forum.php?forumid=AW&mid=370543>

Editor's note: *Sounds kind of like the Upper Chattooga backcountry, doesn't it?*

In the 1998 proposal, AW told the NPS, "Although infrequent, the National Park Service's (NPS) decisions have been successfully challenged in courts of law. A review of the case law scrutinizing National Park Service decisions strongly suggests that the decision to ban boating in Yellowstone National Park is unreasonable and may not be upheld if challenged in a court of law." "American Whitewater is not seeking a court battle on the issue of whitewater recreation in Yellowstone." http://www.americanwhitewater.org/resources/repository/ynp_4_analysis.pdf (Underlining added)

Then on November 14, 2001 (after the Park rejected the AW proposal), AW posted on its website: "The Superintendent's negative decision relies entirely on unsubstantiated statements about potential conflicts and adverse impacts. Given the lack of evidence or documentation of these impacts, or public participation in the decision making process, American Whitewater is continuing to pursue our legal options in Yellowstone." (Underlining added) <http://www.americanwhitewater.org/archive/article/303>

On December 10, 2002, Jason Robertson, AW Access Director, posted this on their message board concerning the 2000 rejection by Yellowstone: "The Park eventually replied to AW and denied our request for access after an intentionally disrespectful 2 years." "So, what did AW learn from this experience? We learned to hone our message on access projects, to prime the political spectrum in our favor in advance of action, to educate our volunteers on the media message, to build coalitions, and a lot more about the politics of legal action. We then took our hard won education to the Grand Canyon where our legal efforts to restart the river planning process were successful. While we lost in Yellowstone, we came out stronger

and increased our abilities to work with the Park Service." (Underlining added) <http://boatertalk.com/forum/BoaterTalk/287768>

In August 2006 AW posted on their website, "American Whitewater's work on the Chattooga River began over ten years ago and we are now in a position to overturn this illegal ban on boating. Our volunteers, pro-bono legal teams, staff, and membership are on the verge of protecting your rights to enjoy Wild and Scenic and Wilderness rivers across the country." (Underlining added) <http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Wiki/aw:chattooga>

Editor's notes:

Why are the boaters investing so much and costing the taxpayers over \$1.5 million dollars just so the experienced boaters can have some high water access to a few miles of another "creeking" stream, the North Fork of the Upper Chattooga?

Is it possible that the reason AW is putting so much effort and resources into this North Fork of the Upper Chattooga issue (and now filing a lawsuit against the Forest Service) is for the legal precedent it will establish in a federal court if they are successful?

Does AW intend to use overturning the zoning of the Chattooga as the legal precedent to mount a federal court challenge in their 20-year struggle with Yellowstone NP?

Is the Chattooga just the steppingstone to reach the big prize, Yellowstone?

Will this recent boater's BLOG hold true?

Upper Chattooga soon, Yellowstone later.

<http://www.boatertalk.com/forum/BoaterTalk/1046931>

They want "access now, with no restrictions."

Excerpts with permission from the Chattooga Conservancy newsletter, "Chattooga Quarterly", Summer 2006 <http://www.chattoogariver.org/>

The campaign by American Whitewater to force the Forest Service to open the Chattooga River headwaters to whitewater boating has become one of the most polarizing issues since the Chattooga was designated as a National Wild and Scenic River in 1974. The Chattooga Conservancy's position to keep the headwaters closed to boating is drawing increasing flak from the "paddling" community as the controversy escalates.

. . . the Forest Service points out that whitewater boating is only one of many possible uses and when conflicts arise, they have the discretion to limit some use to protect the resource.

Given the rapid growth of "creek boating," how many boaters would show up in the headwaters? What water levels are feasible for a headwater run? Would there be new access points created below private property? What about the massive "strainer" hazards currently in place, and in the foreseeable future due to the inevitable die off (from Hemlock Woolly Adelgid epidemic) of nearly all the great hemlocks in the headwaters? Would search and rescue teams be permitted to create new access roads? (Check out the highway put in to

Ravens Rock on the Georgia side of the river for the recovery of Rachael Trois' body.) If the Forest Service did open the headwaters to limited boating, would they have enough law enforcement capacity to enforce restrictions? (Yes, "creeking" is somewhat self-regulated, but not at higher water levels—check out Overflow Creek or the Green River on a good day.) What about conflicts with other users, beside fishermen, that use the headwaters at all levels? What about the extremely delicate river side zone teaming with rare plants and animals? What about the threat to an increasingly rare opportunity for a true wilderness experience?

AW's lawsuit throws all these questions to the wind. They want "access now, with no restrictions." Rather than participating in the process of determining the highest and best use of the headwaters with due consideration to protecting the resource, AW's lawsuit raises the possibilities of irreparable harm from risks unknown to other users, and to the river itself.

To read the complete article, visit:

<http://www.chattoogariver.org/index.php?req=index&quart=Su2006>

Obviously, however this issue is resolved it will be precedent setting with far reaching consequences into the future and across all federal agencies managing and zoning recreational waters. You need to share your views NOW.

Editor's notes: The following is a letter to the editor of *Fly Fisherman* magazine, December 2006, pg 8: <http://www.flyfisherman.com/>
The letter is reprinted here with permission of the letter writer.

Cranberry Kayaks

When I read "The Problem with a Limited Resource," (FFM Sept 2006) I thought that you guys were watching me. On July 2, I was fishing the Cranberry River in West Virginia. It was a perfect day: low humidity, no rain, and the stream was clear. Trout rose for Blue-winged Olives and March Browns. I was

releasing a nice rainbow when I heard someone yell, "look out." I turned and saw a kayak coming right at me. This person could see for about 300 yards downstream. I was fishing in open water. He came so close that his paddle touched the back of my leg as he passed by. A second kayak, right behind the first, was operated by a lady who acted like she had little experience with

kayaks, and she asked if I would raise my pole so she could pass under it. A third was operated by a younger girl who paddled over the spot where I was fishing.

This shut down the trout for rest of the day. I work for a living like most people, so I have little time to hit the streams, but that day was shot. As a fisherman and a sportsman I respect others on the streams and in the woods. I was taught this as a young boy by my father and uncles. I have passed it on to my child as

well. I would not cast over a kayak or push one out of the water so I could fish that spot. I was taught to respect people's space. I hate to walk up on someone's camping area. I feel I have entered their home without knocking.

I believe all can use the stream, with proper respect for one another's sport.

Charles Thomas – Charlton Heights, WV

Have you experience user conflict or interference from boating on a mountain trout stream? Have you had your day spoiled by a parade of boats going through? Have you been displaced to another stream because of conflict, disgust, or interference caused by boating? Are there trout streams you now avoid because of boating? Is it worse now than it was 20 years ago? What's it going to be like in another 20 years? Do we need more stream sections zoned like the Upper Chattooga, for "foot travel only"?

If so or if you have an opinion, please take a few minutes and tell the Forest Service. Please be specific as to stream, time of year, type of boats involved, behavior of boaters, effects on fish behavior, effects on fishing experience, etc. Once you have shared your own experiences, please pass this request on to other backcountry visitors.

Send your comments to: Project Coordinator - John Cleeves, E-mail jcleeves@fs.fed.us ;
US Forest Service, 4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29212.

For more info on the User Analysis, click on: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/forest/projects/chatt.shtml>

"Beginners may ask why one fishes if he is to release his catch. They fail to see that the live trout, sucking in the fly and fighting the rod is the entire point to our sport. Dead trout are just so much lifeless meat."

Ernest G. Swchiebert, Jr

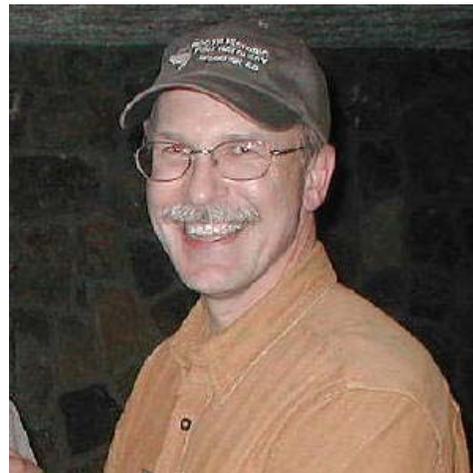
What's New Elsewhere?

2006 National Conservation Awards Announced (9/15/2006) Minneapolis, MN: National TU is proud to give this year's Conservation Professional Award to Jeff Durniak of Georgia's Department of Natural Resources.

Jeff is currently the Northeast Regional Fisheries Supervisor with the Wildlife Resources Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. For more than 7 years, Jeff has been working behind the scenes with the US Forest Service planners and managers to assure the new Chattahoochee National Forest management plan provides for good watershed restoration and protection.

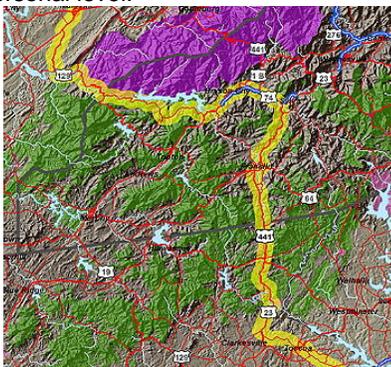
Several years ago he saw the trends in our population and realized that we were facing a serious problem in the years to come because fewer and fewer young people were given an opportunity to experience fishing, and consequently develop an ethic toward the resource. As a result, he took it upon himself to become a one-man promotion team encouraging organizations such as Trout Unlimited to become angling mentors to both youngsters and adults. He is actively involved with the Youth Education Program at Smithgall Woods Conservation Center, which reaches over 14,000 school kids each year. He organized and coordinated the annual Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi State Park which gives over 2,000 participants an opportunity to learn more about fishing, hunting, boating, archery and other outdoor activities.

Jeff has shown dedication to TU's mission statement from the professional to the personal level.



Jeff Durniak

2006 National Conservation Professional Congratulations, Jeff. Well deserved!



The I-3 "441 Alternate 1C" route

Stop I-3 Coalition Update (9/18/06):

Substantial numbers of north Georgia

GA WRD - Weather breaks and Dukes Creek fishing back on. (9/14/06) From WRD fisheries biologist Lee Keefer, "I believe that the Conservation Area (706-878-3087) may now take fishing reservations from September 17 onward." The water temperatures have moderated significantly at Dukes Creek. Smithgall Woods Conservation Area resource manager Scott Bardenwerper advised that daytime high water temperatures are now below 20 degrees C (68 F) and no additional mortality has been observed since the

residents appear to have picked up on an informal mantra making the rounds: "I thought they had killed that road," many are saying. Not so, as the FHWA officials have noted. The study is still to be accomplished. But there is some suggestion that I-3 supporters are deliberately "playing possum" about the issue – to let some of the controversy die down somewhat for now -- only to forcefully resurrect it later. And that won't be much later in the future, according to Georgia Rep. Charles Jenkins: "It's quiet now, but get ready for a lot of talk about it after the elections," he told constituents at a recent gathering in Dillard. Rep. Jenkins's position is, "I have no problem with I-3 being built...as long as it does not come through our beautiful mountains."

American Whitewater has just joined the "Stop I-3 Coalition". AW is the 35th organization to join. "Stop I-3" is something on which TU and AW can fully agree.

To read the September newsletter, visit <http://www.stopi3.org/newsletter.html>

To view enlarged maps of all potential routes through the mountains, visit <http://www.stopi3.org/maps/index.html>

closure to angling. Thanks for your patience and for your conservation efforts. If you go, practice sound catch-and-release methods on these trophy trout so that they will survive and give many more anglers a thrill on the end of their line.

There were about 2 weeks of very hot and dry weather in August that proved fatal to 150-200,000 fingerling trout at the GA DNR Burton Fish Hatchery, according to hatchery manager Perry Thompson. Fingerlings generally are about 7 inches. "All the fish we lost were for next year's stocking of local streams," said Thompson. He said another 300,000 fingerlings were moved to the GA DNR Buford Hatchery. It operates on the cold water discharged from the bottom of Lake Lanier.

For several August afternoons in a row, the water temperature of the Chattahoochee River in Helen, GA exceeded 80°F.

USFS – Proposed brook trout stream projects (9/1/06) The Tallulah/Chattooga RD has issued a letter for public comment scoping habitat enhancement and restoration projects on 17 brook trout streams in NE Georgia. The projects include the following activities: (1) brook trout culvert replacements, (2) habitat enhancement, (3) brook trout restoration, and (4) brook trout rehabilitation. These projects would occur over the next 3-5 years. The proposal is part of an ongoing cooperative effort between GA DNR, USFS, USF&WS, TU and other partners to protect and enhance Georgia's brook trout populations. For more information or to submit comments, contact USFS biologist Mike Brod in the Clayton office: Ph 706 782 3320, E-mail mbrod@fs.fed.us

Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture: The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV) is the nation's first pilot project under the National Fish Habitat Initiative, which directs locally-driven efforts that build private and public partnerships to improve fish habitat. The long-term goals of the EBTJV are to develop a comprehensive restoration and education strategy to improve aquatic habitat, to raise education awareness, and to raise federal, state and local funds for brook trout conservation. To read more, visit <http://www.brookie.org/site/pp.asp?c=likVL3POLvF&b=1558555>

Judge Restores Clinton's 'Roadless Rule': SAN FRANCISCO (9/20/06) AP — A federal judge on Wednesday reinstated the "Roadless Rule," a Clinton-era ban on road construction in nearly a third of national forests. The 2001 rule prohibits logging, mining and other development on 58.5 million acres in 38 states and Puerto Rico, but the Bush administration replaced it in May 2005 with a process that required governors to petition the federal government to protect national forests in their states. U.S. District Judge Elizabeth Laporte ruled that the Bush administration failed to conduct necessary environmental studies before making changes that allowed states to decide how to manage individual national forests.

To read the complete story, visit <http://www.chron.com disp/story.mpl/ap/nation/4203025.html>

Or visit the AP story in the ajc (9/24/06) <http://www.ajc.com/search/content/metro/stories/2006/09/24/metforest0924a.html>

"Men and fish are alike. They both get into trouble when they open their mouths."

Jimmy D Moore

Rabun TU BOD Letters & Responses

To: USFS Tallulah R.D., Chattahoochee NF

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 8:29 AM

Subject: USFS ltr 1950-3-1/7700

I have been asked by the Board of Directors of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Clayton, Georgia, to respond to your letter of August 1, 2006, regarding the closure of a non-system road that accesses two campsites on Ridley Branch. The Rabun Chapter is opposed to this closure.

There are very few campsites in the area that are accessible by a vehicle and the two sites affected are used by many forest "stakeholders" and closure of the road would increase the pressure on existing campsites.

The area in question is such a small one, surely the Ellicott Rock Wilderness Extension can go forward without the closure of not only the road but the two campsites.

Thank you for asking for our comments.
Tom Landreth - Board of Directors, Rabun Chapter of TU

To: USFS Andrew Pickens R.D., Sumter NF

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2006 9:30 AM

Subject: Fall 2006 Controlled Burning Proposal

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Clayton, GA supports your proposal for Controlled Burning on the Andrew Pickens Ranger District.

Our primary reasons for support:

1. In areas where there is no harvesting of timber; and there are no wildlife openings being created, the understory takes over. Controlled burning would reduce this fuel supply in the case of forest fire.
2. The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid is probably going to drastically alter the stream edges throughout the forest. Replacement trees

will have a hard time getting through the rhododendron and laurel thickets unless controlled.

We thank you for the opportunity to respond to this proposal.
Tom Landreth - Board of Directors, Rabun Chapter of TU

To: Kathleen Atkinson, Supervisor, Chattahoochee NF

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2006 9:17 AM

Subject: Wildlife Technician

Does the Forest Service anticipate hiring or appointing a replacement for Doug Watson here in the Tallulah Ranger District? Members of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited feel that a replacement is necessary to assure the success of future TU/USFS work projects within the district.

Last weekend, Saturday, August 19th, a habitat improvement project was scheduled on Ramey Creek as a part of the "Back the Brookie" program. The project was carried out despite the fact:

1. Inadequate tools were on hand for the project. (Not even a shovel!)
2. Precut logs were not on site for the structures, as is the case in the past. And, the FS person assigned to using the chain saw was obviously inexperienced with this type of project.
3. There was no clear-cut objective as to structures necessary.

Under Doug Watson's leadership, our joint projects went off smoothly and both the Forest Service and the volunteer's time was used to best advantage.

Is there a time that members of our board could meet with you and discuss the need for a wildlife technician?

Thank you,

Tom Landreth - Board of Directors, Rabun Chapter of TU

From: Kathleen Atkinson, Supervisor, Chattahoochee NF

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2006 6:01 PM

Subject: Re: Wildlife Technician

Thanks for sharing your concern, and I apologize that the coordination for your workday was not up to par. Doug Watson did a wonderful job during his time here, and I know he worked

closely with you all.

I spent the day today in a budget meeting, looking at the work we need to do next fiscal year, and our projected budget. As always, there is much more work than funding available to accomplish these duties. And looking at the numbers, I do not anticipate hiring a full time replacement in the near future. We did have a wildlife student working for us on the Tallulah RD this past summer, and anticipate bringing that summer student back next year during summer break. While this is no substitute for a full time employee, it does allow us to make progress on some projects. Also, we do re-evaluate staffing needs on a regular basis, based on attrition in other areas program areas, mix of skills on the districts, etc.

I encourage you to talk to Dave Jensen, the district ranger, or Scott Hill, the deputy district ranger, about the workday last weekend. I do not know the details of who was assigned as your workday coordinator, but it does sound like we could do a better job. TU has always been a great partner to work with, and we want to continue this partnership.

To: GA WRD & USFS Chattahoochee NF

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2006 8:56 AM

Subject: Fall Stocking on Chattooga

It's only a couple of months before the scheduled Fall helicopter stocking is to take place. Are things all set for this event and is there anything that the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited can do to set this in motion?

Tom Landreth - Board of Directors, Rabun Chapter of TU

From: Mitzi G Cole- Chattahoochee N.F.

Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 11:07 AM

Subject: Helicopter Stocking

Tom, Yes the USFS will fund the stocking for the fall and for the spring and will continue until told otherwise. I did check with the Army as TU requested and they thought it was just a tad crazy to do such a thing as drop fish from a flying bird...in other words, they said they could not perform that type of work because their helicopter comes from Ft Benning to do specific tasks and the helicopter has to be available at all times in case of an emergency. We will however, work with South Carolina to try and cut costs by coordinating stockings. This fall we will be using a FS ship, it is smaller than what we had in the spring but the costs should be lower because it is not under a contract.

Our budget shop is going through a transition with payments, etc. interlinking with Albuquerque and things are not as smooth as it was when we had control over our budget expenditures. The process for TU's portion of the stocking, of \$1500 for the future stockings, can continue as before, to give the TU check to the Tallulah District, and then it will be sent to Albuquerque out of the Supervisor's Office. Thanks, Mitzi

Editor's notes: *For the past 20 years, TU in Georgia has had a "challenge cost share agreement" with the USFS. TU and the USFS split the helicopter costs 50-50. GA WRD provides the trout (paid for through state fishing license and trout stamp fees). Currently TU contributes \$1500/year.*

Letters to the Editor

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2006 11:56 AM

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES September 2006 Newsletter

Thanks. Y'all put together a really good newsletter.

From: Becky Johnson, Reporter - Smoky Mountain News, Waynesville, NC <http://www.smokymountainnews.com/>

Editor's notes: *We used excerpts from one of Becky's articles in our September issue.*

Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 9:28 AM

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES September 2006 Newsletter

G. Custer summarizes it all !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

From: Dr. Keith G. Farley - Mt Pleasant, SC

Editor's notes: *Capt. George Custer's letter to the USFS was reprinted in the September issue, with his permission.*

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2006 9:12 AM

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES September 2006 Newsletter

Outstanding job you are doing with Tight Lines. Much appreciated by all, I'm sure

From: Russ Tyre – St Pete Beach, FL

Editor's notes: *Thanks for the kind comment.*

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2006 1:59 PM

To the Rabunites in Clayton GA, thanks for a great campfire circle, not soon to be forgotten. Looky here !!

http://www.jondurham.net/jon_durham018.htm . Pass it along to the rest of the Rabunites, Doug. Thanks.

From: Jon Durham For More info visit www.jondurham.net

Editor's notes: *Jon was camped near us at Cherry Hill C.G. during our July volunteer work outing. He joined us and shared his music with us for the evening's campfire concert.*

Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2006 11:02 AM

Subject: Unicoi Outdoor Adventure Day

Hi Guys! I am planning to be at Unicoi to work that event for TU. So, please add me to the volunteer list. Will come fully equipped with "Morgan Bait". Best. Ralph.

From: Ralph Morgan – Saint Marys, GA

Editor's notes: *Ralph and Sandy operate the Saint Marys TU Outpost, "rigged to sleep 10 or 12 in comfortable beds!"*

Sent: Monday, September 04, 2006 7:59 PM

Subject: Sportsman's Connection: Rainbow Trout by the Numbers

An interesting article off of the Georgia Wildlife Federation's website: <http://www.gwf.org/sctroutv14n2.htm>

From: Josh Barnett - Newsletter Editor, Oconee River TU Chapter – Athens, GA

Editor's notes: *Josh, thanks for the heads-up.*

Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2006 9:00 PM

Subject: CNN Reports : Whitewater deaths surge in U.S.

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/US/09/05/whitewater.laws/index.html>

Whitewater laws vary greatly

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/US/09/05/whitewater.survey/index.html>

Rafting deaths in 2006

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/US/09/05/whitewater.deaths/index.html>

From: Terry Rivers - Clayton, GA

Editor's notes: *Disturbing info.*

Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2006 9:04 AM

Subject: Hovercraft

NGTO message board is reporting hovercraft activity on the Chattahoochee. Check out the local chapter of hovercraft owners: <http://www.mindspring.com/~7Elpb3/WhatsNewhtml>

With no keel and no propeller shaft to worry about, these things require only inches of water. I know they are motorized, but could they operate on the Chattooga under the regulations being proposed by the AWA above Hwy28?

From: Tom Landreth – Rabun Gap, GA

Editor's notes: *Maybe, don't know.*

Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2006 3:09 PM

Subject: Email Address Change for Newsletter

Can you change my email address? Love the Rabun Chapter TU Newsletter and don't want to miss any issues. Thanks.

From: Ken Louko – Blue Ridge, GA

Editor's notes: *Done. Thanks for the kind comment.*

Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 6:20 PM

Subject: Georgia Council Trout Camp

I thought I would share the progress of one student that attended the 2006 Trout Camp in June. Some of you may remember Kevin Lash, he was always paying attention to the classroom work, was one of the first outside every morning for casting, he did his homework assignment and listened to what his mentors said when he learned to tie flies and go fishing.

Kevin attended Atlanta Fly Fishing School a couple of weeks ago, where he was completing his requirements for the BSA fly fishing merit badge. Kevin demonstrated casting skills that reminded me of a young Tiger Woods showing his amazing ability with a golf club in his early teens. Kevin was able to help teach the others how to cast and give very helpful hints during fly tying. This is an example of what can be accomplished when young men and women are introduced to a sport correctly and are subsequently encouraged by their parents to practice and continue learning. Kevin's casting was near perfect and he was very proud to help his fellow scouts with their knots and fly tying.

I hope that we will see other campers developing these skills, enjoying a great sport and remembering the importance of wildlife conservation. This is the kind of result that gives all us mentors our pay for a job well done. Regards...

From: M. A. (Mack) Martin Jr. - Vice-Chairman GA Council - Cumming, GA

Editor's notes: Nice work Kevin. Kevin and his father, Dave, are Rabunites. Rabun TU sponsored Kevin for the 2006 GA Trout Camp. Good luck, Kevin, on your progression to Eagle Scout.

If you would like more info or an application form for the 2007 GA Trout Camp, contact Camp Director Charlie Breithaupt: Ph 706 782 6954 or E-mail knc615@hughes.net

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2006 7:03 PM

Subject: E-Mail ADDRESS

Please send my newsletter to my wife's e-mail address. Save your \$1.23 to help somewhere else. Thanks.

From: Daniel Wall – Tiger, GA

Editor's notes: Thanks for the E-mail Daniel. We now have E-mail addresses for about 85% of the Rabunites. However, we still spend approximately \$450 per year for copy and postage expenses to send "hardcopy" newsletters to the remaining members. Help us put these funds into protecting our coldwater resources instead. If you have E-mail, please share your E-address with us. Your E-address will be kept confidential (everything sent by "bcc"), your E-newsletter will be in full color, all the links and E-mail addresses can be click-to-visit, and you will also receive the E-mail TIGHT LINES "supplements".

Thanks: edadams1@alltel.net

To: Editor (by US Postal "hardcopy")

Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Subject: E-Mail ADDRESS

Don't have E-mail. Sorry. Relic of the past, I guess.

From: Arthur Guthas – Carnesville, GA

Editor's notes: That's fine. No problem. Welcome to Rabun TU. Hope to see you soon at a Chapter meeting, a work outing, a campout, or on a stream.

Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 4:02 PM

Subject: Re: Letter to Tight Lines

I am a kayaker who recently took a lot of heat from within the paddling community because I argued some of the merits of the boating ban, and because I tried to persuade AW to search for compromise on this issue.

At one time I was fully against the ban on boating in the headwaters, but as battle evolved, I came to understand how complicated the issue really is. I also became disgusted at how various user groups have oversimplified the conflict and misinterpreted each other's motives.

I am not arguing to keep the boating ban or end it. I am trying to get everyone to better grasp the issue.

Perhaps the most offensive part of the headwaters debate to me is the bad stereotype the paddling community has created for itself. Kayaks are not ATV's or snowmobiles, but I feel the paddling community has done an injustice to itself by using some of the same arguments as these high-impact user groups to open access into a wilderness area. I do not kayak merely to attain a cheap thrill, nor do I attempt to conquer a rapid. Instead, I dance with the river, using its current to glide safely through the water. I kayak to remind myself that I am one with the river and the environment. This is the same philosophy that motivates many people to hike or fish. We may use different mediums, but we are all trying to better connect with the environment and with ourselves.

From: J. Andy Hinton - Long Creek, SC

Editor's note: Andy, thank you for your comments.

American Whitewater (AW) recently submitted a 1300+ word "Letter to the Editor". On 9/13 we advised AW their letter was too long and to resubmit in 250 words or less. We suggested they could submit one each month until they cover all of their points. Their reply was they "thought opposing viewpoints were what letters to the editor are all about." As of this publication date, AW has not resubmitted a shorter letter.

If you have a comment or an opinion to share with the readers of TIGHT LINES, please submit it in 250 words or less to edadams1@alltel.net

"As President, I was able to save with the stroke of the pen a hundred million acres of wilderness area in Alaska. This is the kind of thing that is gratifying to a President, but to be on a solitary stream with good friends, with a fly rod in your hand, and to have a successful or even an unsuccessful day--they're all successful--is an even greater delight."

Jimmy Carter



Fishing Reports
From: Ray Gentry & Terry Rivers
Sent: Friday, Sept 15, 2006 4:17 PM

Subject: Seed Lake 9-15-06
It was a wonderful day on Lake Seed. Here they are, a brown and a bass.



Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006

Fishing was awesome on the Green (Green River in WY)

(But you don't have to believe it if you don't want to).

For more info, visit <http://www.grquestranch.com/>

I've attached a photo of the last fish I caught before I came back home (a 23 inch cuttbow). Took a dry fly too :-)

+~~~~~S

-Burly (Kyle Burrell) fishwithkyle@yahoo.com

Editor's notes: See elsewhere in this newsletter for the Dream Trip Raffle information. It could be YOU standing in the Green River next year.



Five Helpful Tips for Early Fall Fishing By Kevin Howell, Davidson River Outfitters, Brevard, NC

Visit <http://www.davidsonflyfishing.com/Staff.aspx>

(Copied from the Sept 2006 newsletter of the Cohutta TU Chapter in Marietta, GA. Visit: <http://www.tucohutta.org/>)

Here are five tips for helping you improve your catch in early fall. This can be some of the best fishing of the year, and you often encounter less anglers and a whole lot less tubers!

1. Approach large flat holes of water cautiously, large trout often lay in the back of the hole watching the entire hole for anything that resembles food. As soon as a shadow or wave washes over them in this shallow water they dart for cover.
2. Fish large terrestrial's. Trout will get really tuned into them, especially wooly worms and caterpillars. Fish flies like the Kevin's Caterpillar and Chernobyl ants as close to cover and under over hangs as possible. I generally fish flies in a size 8 or 10.
3. Fish as large of a tippet as you can get by with. However, early fall is usually marked with low clear water resulting in having to fish 5-6x tippet.
4. Fishing is great all day, but keep in mind that nights are cool and fish may not rise to dries early in the day (due to the lack of insect activity), so you will want to start off fishing nymphs. My best nymphs for early fall are The Bug, Kevin's Stonefly and the Bill's Provider. Then switch to dries once the day warms and the bugs get active.
5. Keep a streamer handy at all times. Large fish will often run down small fish and eat them with little remorse this time of year. If a large fish takes a swipe at a small trout you are trying to land, tie a large streamer (the size of the fish he was after) and throw right back in the hole and strip as if it were a wounded fish. This will often result in vicious strike breaking the fisherman's tippet if he is not prepared for the strike

"As for the fishing, it need not be good. There need only be a chance that it may be good. I do not much want to kill fish—I would rather release them. What I want to find is some classic situation—a good fish rising in a favorable, but not too favorable, place; the perfect lie that one can fish down to with mounting concentration, through a long reach; the difficult place close under the bank, where trouble is certain from the log jam or the rapid below. These things never grow stale."

Roderick Haig-Brown in a CBS broadcast, "The Man Behind the Rod"

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite welcome to a **new member** this month: **Pom Sinnock**, 258 Ginger Creek Lane, Unit 304, Clayton, GA 30525

It is time to renew your membership: **Lonnie English, Jim Kidd, Tony Wheeler, Pat Hopton, Jeremy Strauss, Eugene Nolte, Daniel Rabern, Patrick Gorman, and Andy Gaston.**

We wish a speedy recovery for Rabunite **Rachael Davis**. Rachael was involved in a serious automobile accident on Sunday (9/24). The vehicle she was driving was rammed from the rear then sideswiped. Fortunately, Rachael was wearing seat belts and her air bags deployed. She was treated and released from the hospital.

"I never lost a little fish - Yes, I'm free to say. It always was the biggest fish I caught, that got away."

Eugene Field (1850-1895)

"BACKCASTING"

Sept 9 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting at the Atlanta Fly Fishing School. Five Rabunites attended the meeting. The business conducted included the Treasurer's Report, Strategic Plan Review, Dream Trip Report for '06 & Plans for '07, CEI Report, 2006 Trout Camp Report, Chattahoochee River "Boat Ramp" Closure, WWTP Discharge into Lake Lanier, Cabela's Rod Raffle for BitB Thermographs (raised \$2,300), GA TU Website, Trout in the Classroom (Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter), Back the Brookie, New Stores in GA by Partners Bass Pro & Cabela's, GA DNR's Outdoor Adventure Day, Chattooga River Zoning Update, Recognition of Friends of TU, USFS Roadless Areas Status, and Re-election of Council Officers for F/Y2007. Our thanks to Mack Martin for hosting the meeting. Minutes of the GA TU Council meetings are available at <http://georgiatu.org/>

Sept 13-16 (Wed-Sat) TU National Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN was attended by Rabunites Charlie & Kathy Breithaupt and Jeff Durniak, the National Conservation Professional for 2006. And Charlie won another raffle. This time it is a Dream Trip for

him and Kathy to Three Forks Ranch in Colorado. <http://www.threeforksranch.com/fly-fishing.htm> Last year at the Southeastern Rally he won a raffle for a nice fly rod. Congratulations, Charlie. Say Charlie, would you mind buying a GA Mega Millions ticket for me?

Sept 16 (Sat) Waters Creek Work Day (USFS / GA WRD / NGTO / TU)

Two Rabunites participated and one of them submitted the following report: "Thanks to the efforts of about 30 volunteers from North Georgia Trout Online and Trout Unlimited, the Waters Creek trophy trout stream has three new habitat structures to harbor big trout. The deeper water created by those structures is needed the most during summer's low flows, when those fish are vulnerable to natural predators. Another one or two existing structures were also repaired during the four-hour work session on September 16. The log toting, ditch digging, and boulder rolling volunteers were directed by three professionals with the US Forest Service and three from GA WRD".



Sept 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting Program – Sheila Humphrey: *Youth Environmental Education Center at Smithgall Woods*. "I hear I forget, I see I remember, I do I understand". (Chinese Proverb). There were 21 folks in attendance for Sheila's excellent PowerPoint presentation. Sheila is in charge of the Environmental Education Center at Smithgall Woods over near Helen, GA. Over 30 different programs are offered in 5 general disciplines: Aquatics, Wildlife, Forestry, Ecology, and Human. The goals for the Environmental Education Center are "awareness, conservation, discovery and education." Last year she taught over 2400 youth on-site and over 11,000 through outreach. During the last 5 years, the Rabun TU Chapter has contributed over \$6000 in financial support of Sheila's work. For more info, visit <http://eeingeorgia.org/net/content/go.aspx?s=6392.0.68.4863>

The Meeting Raffle had 7 buckets, including a really neat trout wind chime, a ship-in-a-bottle, and 3 fly selections. Frank Tolbert was a double winner. We raised \$115 to be used toward the cost of mailing newsletters to members without E-mail and for meeting hospitality expenses. A BIG "thank you" goes to all the Rabunites who donated the items and to those who purchased raffle tickets.

Winston Custom Fly Rod Raffle: Our good friend Mack Martin of North Georgia Custom Rods donated a beautiful R L Winston Custom Fly Rod to Rabun TU (a \$700 value). Past Prez Ray Kearns did an excellent job managing the ticket sales. We sold every last ticket and raised \$1085. The funds will be used to sponsor kids to the 2007 GA Trout Camp. Ariel Seehorn, daughter of Past Prez Terry Seehorn, drew the winning ticket. The winning # 655325 belongs to Charter Rabunite Tom Landreth. Tom was not at the drawing. He and his wife June were on the road traveling to Maine for an artist's workshop. Congratulations, Tom. It was only right that you won - - considering all the artwork you have donated to TU fundraisers through the years. For more info on North Georgia Custom Rods, visit <http://www.mackmartin.com/CustomRods.htm>

Election of Officers for FY 2007: The results are shown below. With Tom Landreth away on a trip, we elected him Secretary. Prez Terry handled this without a hitch.

Sept 22 (Fri) Prez Terry Rivers Made a Presentation to Rabun County Head Start: There were about 85 kids that saw the presentation on Entomology, Snakes, Safety, Casting, and Fly tying. Rabunite Mike Fuller told Terry, "I wanted to thank you for the help on the presentation to the Head Start class. Shelia said that the presentation was very well done and that the entire school enjoyed it so much. I know that you did a lot to advance the base and interest to TU and again, THANK YOU."

Sept 23 (Sat) Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi State Park / Smith Creek: Seven Rabunites volunteered (Terry R, Frank T, Ray K, Ralph M, Ray G, Patsy G, and Jeff D.). There was a good turnout of participants (over 1500 visitors and over 100 volunteers), in spite of the threat of rain. Watch for some photos and a story in the next issue of TIGHT LINES.

Sept 26 (Tues) Board of Directors meeting was attended by 8 board members. Items discussed included: Locating a Different Meeting Place; Final Arrangements for Campout; Dream Trip Raffle Tickets; Rod Building Workshop in Nov; Possible Chapter Trip to WY in 2007; Meeting Programs for Oct, Nov, & Jan; List for Letters to Potential Rendezvous Donors; and a possible Embrace-A-Stream Grant Request.

Sept 27- Oct 1(Wed-Sun) Chapter Campout and Fishing: Prez Terry is expecting 15 folks to participate in this fun event.

The Marriage Counselor: The husband and wife go to a counselor after 25 years of marriage. The counselor asks them what the problem is and the wife goes into a tirade listing every problem they have ever had in the 25 years they've been married. She goes on and on and on. Finally, the counselor gets up, goes around the desk, embraces the woman, and kisses her passionately. The woman shuts up and sits quietly in a daze. The counselor turns to the husband and says, "That is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do that?" The husband thinks for a moment and replies, "Well, I can get her here Monday and Wednesday, but Friday I'm fishing."

Editor's notes: Our thanks to Rabunite Maria Rodeghiero for sharing this one with us.

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News from the President..... **Terry Rivers**

Hi Folks,

It seems that we all danced enough and received the much-needed rain. Much cooler weather is just around the corner and I'm really looking forward to the fall fishing season. The Prez as had a little chicken cone cartilage added to his knees and it seems to be helping. I just don't how long it will last. I have just now begun to crow in the mornings.

I want to thank Sheila Humphrey for a wonderful program at our September meeting. Shelia dose a wonderful job and has also been a great help every year at the annually Georgia Trout Camp.

Outdoor Adventure Day was another huge success. The rain held off and the turnout was much better than I expected. Seven members from our chapter attended. And I sure was glad to see Ralph Morgan up from St Marys (down on the Florida line) to help out. Thanks Ralph.

I want to congratulate Tom Landreth on winning the custom rod. A well deserve win to a person that has donated thousands of dollars of his beautiful paintings over the years to us and other TU Chapters. I also thank Mack Martin for building and donating the rod. The proceeds will be used to sponsor kids for our GA Council annual Trout Camp.

Well I guess I'll end this message. I'm going to THE RIVER this week for several days and I have better things to do besides sitting here trying to figure out where all these letters are on this keyboard.

See Ya'll On the Stream,

Terry

Have a great day - Hope you catch a lot of fish!

For more pictures, info, and back issues of TIGHT LINES, visit the Rabun TU website: <http://www.rabuntu.com/>

Georgia TU Council website: <http://georgiatu.org/> & National TU Website: <http://www.tu.org/index.asp>

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