



# TIGHT LINES January 2007 Newsletter of the

## Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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

*"Fishermen don't yield to the weather."* Jack MacKinnon

### CHAPTER'S NEW MEETING PLACE

#### Community Bank & Trust, On US 441 next to Ingles, Clayton, GA

We meet in the Community Room (Outside Entrance on South Side)

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

*"The desire for fishing is like some diseases, in attacking a man with great severity without notice. It can be no more resisted than falling in love can be resisted, and, like love, the best treatment is its gratification."*

From The Armchair Angler by Charles Bradford

#### "FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates - See you there!

#### Jan 1 **HAPPY NEW SEASON!**

**Jan 16 (Tues) Chapter Meeting**, 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust  
**Program:** David Cannon – *Mentoring and the Rabunite Sub-Culture*  
Final Arrangements for Rabun Rendezvous

**Jan 19 (Fri) Annual Meeting of the Chattooga Coalition**, 9 AM, USFS Office in Clayton, Attendees represent the CONF, SNF, NF of NC, GA WRD, SC DNR, NC DEM, and anglers from GA, SC, and NC TU.

**Jan 20 (Sat) 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabun Rendezvous**, The Dillard House Conference Center, 1 PM Set-up, 5 PM Social, 6:30 PM Dinner. For details contact **Doug Adams** Ph 706 746 2158 [edadams1@alltel.net](mailto:edadams1@alltel.net) ; For Lodging call toll Free 1-800-541-0671.

**Jan 23 (Tues) BOD Meeting**, 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust

**Feb 3 (Sat) Annual Planning Meeting**, 8 AM, Breakfast Meeting at the Dillard House. All Rabun TU members are invited.

**Feb 6 (Tues) Fly Tying**, 7 pm, with Terry Rivers in his shop at his home near Persimmon; Call or email for directions (706) 782 7419 [tlr1121@alltel.net](mailto:tlr1121@alltel.net)

**Feb 13 (Tues) Fly Tying**, 7 pm, with Terry Rivers in his shop near Persimmon

**Feb 20 (Tues) Chapter Meeting**, 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust  
**Program:** – *The Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project*

**Feb 27 (Tues) Board of Directors meeting**, 7 pm, followed by **Fly Tying** in Terry Rivers' shop.

#### **Rabun Rendezvous: Saturday - January 20, 2007**

**Program Presenter – Jeff Durniak "The Evolution of the Rabunites"**  
The TU National Conservation Professional of the Year

#### FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



Y2K

WE HAVE HAD GOOD RESULTS DURING THE EARLY D.H. SEASON WITH THIS FLY AND HAS ALSO WORK WELL ON FRESHLY STOCKED TROUT. I TIE THIS FLY WITH LEAD WIRE FOR EXTRA WEIGHT. FISH THIS LIKE YOU WOULD ANY NYMPH. THE BEST WAY TO TIE THIS I FOUND IS TIE ONE SIDE THEN THE OTHER (EGG YARN), OVER LAPPING THE YARN PAST THE EYE. THEN FOLD THE YARN BACK TOWARD BEND OF THE HOOK AND TIE DOWN NEXT TO THE BEAD. THEN TRIM TO PROPER LENGTH PAST THE BEND OF THE HOOK, ABOUT 3/16 OF AN INCH. GOOD LUCK.

**HOOK:** SCUD STRAIGHT EYE SIZE 12  
**HEAD:** GOLD BEAD SIZE 1/8  
**BODY:** EGG YARN; CHARTRUSE AND PINK

*"It [fly tying] is a relief to the uneasy mind by calming the disorders that disappointments might have caused, and by cheering the hearts of those who pursue it as relaxation and enjoyment."*

William Blacker

## JANUARY HATCHES

The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies
None at all	All Month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill	All Month	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

**'Website-of-the-Month':** <http://www.gon.com/page.php?id=94&cid=124>  
**Check out: Rabunite Ramble**

### 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](http://www.georgiatu.org)

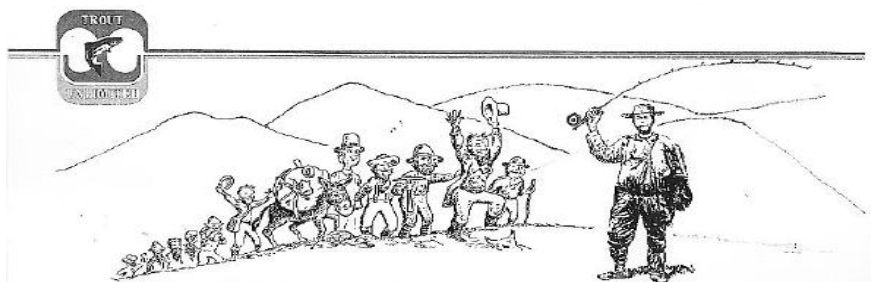


**There are 6 consolation prizes for lucky ticket holders including a 4 night stay in an Idaho log cabin with 3 days of guided Yellowstone area fishing, 2 Georgia trophy trout outings, a custom made Thomas & Thomas 9' 5 weight 4 piece fly rod, and 2 sets of 6 dozen flies & boxes.**

All 7 winning tickets will be drawn March 24<sup>th</sup> at the "Hoot on the Hooch" TU event in the banquet hall at the Helendorf Inn (in Helen, of course). You do not have to be present to win.

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](mailto:tlr1121@alltel.net)



**The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited proudly presents  
A Celebration Of Rivers, Streams, Trout, and Trout Fishing.**

**Please Join Us for the 20th Annual  
Rabun Rendezvous**

*"The Rendezvous was unlike anything before or since, a gathering of uninhibited men down from the mountains. The event attracted perhaps a hundred mountain men, their indian wives, and assorted visiting tribesmen. Amusements included gambling, drinking, storytelling – continuing day and night." Quote from The Mountain Men by George Laycock*

**When: Saturday, January 20, 2007      Where: The Dillard House Conference Center**

**Cost:** \$30 for adults and \$25 for youth of 15 and under.      Cash or personal checks are fine (we don't do credit cards).

5 PM Social, 6:30 PM Dinner      For details contact **Doug Adams** Ph 706 746 2158 [edadams1@alltel.net](mailto:edadams1@alltel.net) ;

For lodging call toll Free 1-800-541-0671      **Mention you are coming to the Trout Unlimited Rendezvous for the best rates.**



# SMART

## Angler's Notebook

by Carl Richardson

illustrated by Ted Walke

## Stoneflies

The scientific name for this order of insects is *Plecoptera*, which in Latin means "braided wing." The wings of adults have numerous veins, making them appear braided. Stoneflies, as you can guess, live in habitats with plenty of stones. They prefer fast-moving, clear streams with a bottom of rocks and stones. Small mountain brooks and large streams in wooded areas usually have plenty of this type of habitat, and often many stoneflies.

Stoneflies, like mayflies, have incomplete metamorphosis. The stages of incomplete metamorphosis include egg, nymph and adult, or "ENA."

### NYPH

Stonefly nymphs have two tails and two sets of wing pads or plates. They also have gills on the middle body segment near their legs. Mayflies may have two tails, but their gills are on the last body segment. The nymphal stage of most stoneflies is one year. There are a few species here that take as long as three years to mature. Stoneflies crawl about and cling to the rocky bottom, sheltered from the current. In small streams, many species feast on leaves falling from streamside trees. In larger waters they graze on other aquatic vegetation, like that slime or the scum that covers rocks. There are some stoneflies that are predatory.

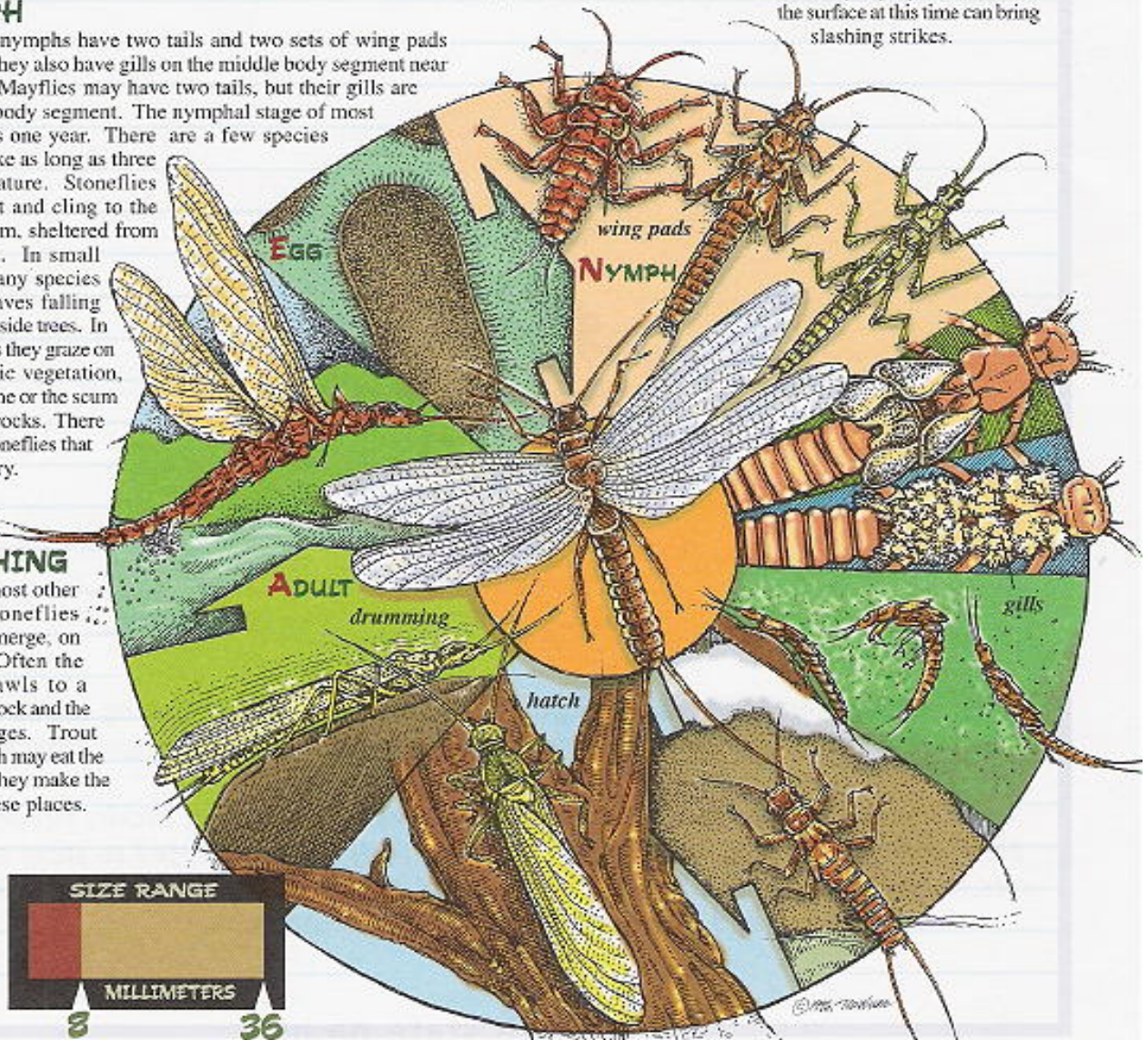
### HATCHING

Unlike most other insects, stoneflies hatch, or emerge, on dry land. Often the nymph crawls to a streamside rock and the adult emerges. Trout and other fish may eat the nymphs as they make the move to these places.

### ADULT

The wings of adult stoneflies fold back flat over the body. Caddisflies also have "laid back" wings, but they almost form a tent over the body. After hatching, the adults fly to streamside vegetation, where they may live from a few days to a few weeks. Many adults do not eat, but those that live as adults longer do eat vegetation, pollen or nectar.

The adults attract mates by "drumming"—bouncing up and down on their vegetation perches. They mate on this vegetation and the female takes the fertilized eggs to the water to deposit them. She may skate across the surface, dropping egg packets. This is often when trout eat the adults. A bushy dry fly skated across the surface at this time can bring slashing strikes.



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# Visitor Use Capacity Analysis, Upper Chattooga River

TO REVIEW THE PURPOSE OF THE CAPACITY ANALYSIS, VISIT <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/forest/projects/chatt.shtml>

## **POINT** and **COUNTERPOINT** The Third of a Series:

### Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Chattooga Headwaters

**Editor's note:** A boater posted a link on the Sumter National Forest Bulletin Board to "Frequently Asked Questions." To read all 17 boater questions and answers, visit [http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Wiki/aw:chattooga\\_faq](http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Wiki/aw:chattooga_faq) We believe readers also should have the "counterpoint" answers provided by the "foot travel only" stakeholders. Here are the next 2.

#### **Will opening the upper Chattooga to paddling allow tubers to navigate the Chattooga?**

**Boater's point:** Not necessarily. Paddlers are requesting access for whitewater boating, which requires specific craft designed for the activity. Paddlers have never requested that craft not designed for whitewater be allowed on the Chattooga. Furthermore, the reaches are likely not desirable for floating in tubes.

**Counterpoint:** Although the boaters are not requesting access for tubing, tubing and similar activities are inevitable if the Chattooga's North Fork is opened to unlimited floating. Occasionally tubers are already "poaching" backcountry float trips from Lick Log Creek to Highway 28. Should boaters gain unrestricted access, both the 'experienced' and 'less skilled' floaters with their "specific crafts" could put-in at Burrell's Ford at any water level. During low water levels the view from the bridges at Burrell's Ford and Highway 28 is deceptively placid to the 'less skilled' (a.k.a. Bubba) boaters. Some will probably be anglers with their open cockpit kayaks, canoes, personal pontoons, and float tubes. Is it possible to place restrictions on the level of experience required for boaters on the North Fork? If so, what government agency would be willing to assume the responsibility of judging the qualifications of persons participating in sports such as whitewater boating? It may be expected that no government agency would be willing or have the resources to conduct such evaluation, with the inevitable result that non-experienced boaters will try to float the North Fork, resulting in unnecessary rescues and injuries. The present North Fork zoning solves that dilemma.

#### **Will opening the upper Chattooga to paddling allow commercial use?**

**Boater's point:** No. Paddlers are requesting access for non-commercial use only. Commercial permits for use of public lands and waters are an entirely different matter. More importantly, the upper Chattooga will not support commercial use due to its flashy hydrology, stream size, and difficulty. Commercial outfitters have openly stated that they have no interest in rafting on these sections. There are thousands of whitewater streams on USFS lands, all of which are open to boating except the Chattooga, but commercial boating occurs on only a small fraction of those streams, when permission is granted.

**Counterpoint:** Yes, opening the upper Chattooga to paddling will open this area to commercial use. Although we agree that commercial guided rafting will not be authorized, there will be no limitation on the use of "taxies" and rental boats, which are certainly "commercial" uses. American Whitewater agrees that these are commercial uses when they wrote a letter about lower Chattooga boating to the USFS dated 6/10/02, explicitly acknowledging that commercial users are less skilled than non-commercial users. The following are excerpts from that letter, "Other commercial users - the shuttle clients and/or rental customers of any other special use permit holder such as a shuttle permit or any entity that advertises to rent equipment on the Chattooga River. In general this group of users are less skilled, less aware of their impacts on the river, and are more prone to needing public search and rescue services." "Shuttle permits are generally issued to the companies that also rent inflatable kayaks or other river craft and commercially promote and encourage river use." "There are no restrictions on the number of craft a company can rent."

<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/resources/repository/Final%20AW%20comments%20re%20Amendment%2014%20EA%20June%2010%202002.pdf>

If the Agency were to grant the "unlimited use" that the private boaters are requesting, shuttle services and rental inflatable kayaks (a.k.a. duckies) would be permissible. Private boaters may use either "rental" or "owned" cars or boats. The Forest Service can't discriminate if a private boater uses rental equipment. For safety considerations, would guided duckies be permitted next? Then maybe "creeking" clinics? That would be kind of like "the camel's nose under the tent." The present zoning prevents this.

## **What's New in the Chattooga Zoning Issue?**

**Dec 15 (Fri) USFS posted a Status Update and recent public comments.** Visit, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/>

**Dec 15 (Fri) The USFS's Consultant notified (by E-mail) the members of the angler panel,** due to the holidays, "we are now looking at January for our first field event, assuming that we get the appropriate flows."

**Dec 21 (Thu) Boater's Court Case Update:** As a result of the Notice of Appeal filed by the boaters, the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court appointed a Case Mediator. On 12/21 the mediator conducted a "settlement" conference telephone call with the parties involved.

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

*Have you experienced user conflict or interference from whitewater boating on a mountain trout stream? 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 North Fork of the Upper Chattooga, for "foot travel only"? If you have an opinion, please take a few minutes and tell the Forest Service.*

**SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO:** PROJECT COORDINATOR – JOHN CLEEVES, E-MAIL [jcleeves@fs.fed.us](mailto:jcleeves@fs.fed.us)

USDA FOREST SERVICE, 4931 BROAD RIVER ROAD, COLUMBIA, SC 29212

FOR MORE INFO ON THE VISITOR USE CAPACITY ANALYSIS, VISIT: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/forest/projects/chattbackground.shtml>

**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 these values intact for future generations.**

***"Fish are, of course, indispensable to the angler. They give him an excuse for fishing and justify the fly rod without which he would be a mere vagrant. But the average fisherman's average catch doesn't even begin to justify, as fish, its cost in work, time, and money. The true worth of fishing, as the experienced, sophisticated angler comes to realize, lies in the memorable contacts with people and other living creatures, scenes and places, and living waters great and small which it provides. "***

Sparse Grey Hackle (Alfred Waterbury Miller)

## Fishing Report

Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2006

Just finished my monthly enjoyment of Tight Lines. Down side is it makes me really miss the fall fishing in the area.

As for this area.....fishing has been fair for "Red" (drum). Slot for keepers is 20" to 28." Have caught enough to do a fish fry for 12 of our RV Neighbors. A couple of days ago - before the colder weather arrived, I have never seen the "Reds" so active. From about 10:00 am til 5:00 I'm sure I caught 30+ fish. Most running from 12" - 19." Yes.... You don't have to believe it if you don't want to.

Take care and catch & release a big fall brown for me. Release so I can catch him later and eat'em.

From: C. C. Barrett – Rockport, TX

## What's New Elsewhere?

**The USFS has eliminated formal environmental impact statements from the process for writing overall management plans that are required every 15 years for each of the 155 national forests.** WASHINGTON, DC, (12/13/06) (ENS) The agency said that "writing management plans has no effect on the environment." This determination qualifies the individual plans of each national forest for "categorical exclusion from individual study" under the National Environmental Policy Act, NEPA. The forest plan revisions will now take two to three years instead of over five years with the previous rule, the agency said. The decision came after what the agency called "environmental review" of the new process for developing and updating land management plans under regulations published last year. Under the 2005 planning rule, full environmental analysis will continue at the project level, the Forest Service said. For the complete article, visit <http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/dec2006/2006-12-13-03.asp>

### **Embrace-A-Stream Grant Application Submitted by Rabun TU for Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project** (12/14/06)

Amount Requested - \$6,000; Total Project Cost - \$41,063

Stekoa Creek is classified as primary trout water, and should be capable of supporting trout reproduction. Stekoa Creek is also infamous as a major, very polluted tributary to the National Wild & Scenic Chattooga River. Persistent lack of corrective actions by state and local authorities to address excessive fecal coliform and sediment levels has been responsible for the continued deterioration of the stream for over 30 years. Thus, Stekoa Creek is currently listed as an impaired waterway by state and federal agencies for not supporting its designated uses as a primary trout stream and recreational resource.

**Overall Goal:** The overall goal is to restore the water quality of Stekoa Creek to its designated uses as a primary trout stream and recreation resource, and to restore the National Wild & Scenic Chattooga River downstream of the Stekoa Creek confluence to the water quality standards that have been set for swimming and associated water contact sports.

**Proposed Action Plan:** Rabun Chapter will partner with the Chattooga Conservancy, Engineering Management, Inc. (a certified laboratory), and Georgia Wildlife Resources Division of GA DNR in the Conservancy's ongoing water testing program for identifying pollution sources in Stekoa Creek. This partnership will boost the program by allowing for an intensified sampling schedule of testing once a week at 8 sites along Stekoa and its suspect tributaries.

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

To learn more about Embrace-A-Stream Grants, visit <http://www.tu.org/site/pp.asp?c=7dJEKTNuFmG&b=277882>

**Stop I-3 Newsletter Update** (12/1/06) For those of us concerned with protecting the quality of our environment and stopping Interstate 3, the results of November's election bodes well. Residents of the mountain region of Georgia and North Carolina sent a clear message to Washington, D.C. The people of Georgia's 12th Congressional District chose to re-elect Rep. John Barrow, who was running against former Congressman (and well known supporter of I-3) Max Burns. Voters in North Carolina's 11th District elected Heath Shuler over Rep. Charles Taylor. A major plank in Shuler's platform was his dedication to environmental protection. For example, he made it clear that he opposes construction of the infamous North Shore Road through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Instead, he sided with the Swain County Commission and the conservation community in support of a monetary settlement for the county. It seems likely that Representative-elect Shuler will oppose other proposals to build unnecessary, wasteful and environmentally damaging roads like I-3. To read more, visit <http://www.stopi3.org/newsletter.html>

**Back-the-Brookie Update** (12/16/06) Kevin F. McGrath, the GA Chairman for Back-the-Brookie said, "*Georgians should be proud of the progress that we have made and our contributions to this 17 state effort.*"

For the 2006 Recap, visit <http://georgiatu.org/id6.html>

For the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV), visit [http://www.fishhabitat.org/documents/EBTJVFactSheet\\_Revised.pdf](http://www.fishhabitat.org/documents/EBTJVFactSheet_Revised.pdf)

***"The best time to fish is with the moon in the right phase, barometer on the rise, appropriate light and temperature – you can't miss! But remember to hold your mouth right and spit over your left shoulder. ... Trout fishing with a fly consists of manipulating an infinite variety of unknown variables. That's probably what brings all of us to worship at this altar.***

***Don't pay any attention to anyone who tells you when is the best time to fish, friend.***

***The best time to fish is when you're fishing."***

From "The Best Time to Fish for Trout" by Stephen "Salty" Saltzman in Flyfishing, December 1989

## **"BACKCASTING"**

**Dec 2 (Sat) GA TU Council Annual Planning Meeting** at the Forest Service Office in Gainesville was attended by 7 Rabunites. Items discussed included minutes of the previous meeting, treasurer's report, dream trip report and consolation prizes, CEI report, a letter from GA TU Council supporting the concept of USFS timber sales, trout camp and National TU concave, chili cook-off report, Cabela's rod raffle, Chattooga's North Fork user capacity analysis, Back the Brookie, Raccoon Creek project, and development of the 2007 Calendar of Activities and Projects with USFS, GA WRD, and NPS. Our thanks to the Forest Service for providing the meeting space and to Garland Stewart & the Cohutta TU Chapter for providing the snacks.



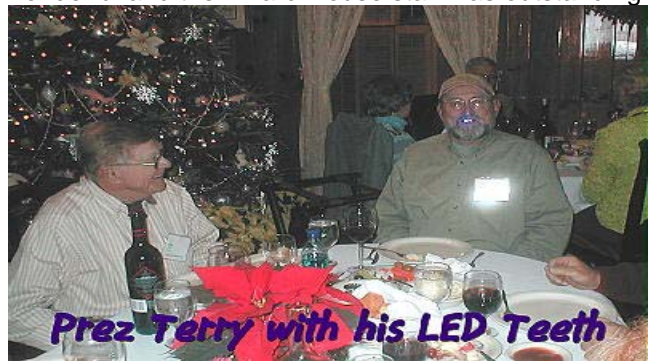
**Chairman Charlie B, Secretary Kathy B & Treasurer Ray G  
Rabunites All**

TIGHT LINES staff photo by Patsy Lewis-Gentry

**Dec 12 (Tues) The Annual Christmas Dinner** was in the beautifully decorated Rock House at the Dillard House and enjoyed by 33 Rabunites. The food and fellowship were wonderful and the Dillard House staff was outstanding.



**Looks Like Fun!**



**Prez Terry with his LED Teeth**



**Pass it Around, Larry**



**Jimmy Tells About His 20 inch Trout**



**Frank sez, "I better get Gail's Dessert."**



**Kelly sez, "The party is over  
But you don't have to believe it -- if you don't want to!"**

We appreciate the use of the Community Room for our meetings.

**A BIG Rabunite "Thank You" to the Atlanta Fly Fishing Club**  
<http://www.atlantaflyfishingclub.org/>  
**for their \$1000 donation supporting the Georgia TU Council's 2007 Georgia Trout Camp!**



### Georgia Trout Camp Application Process

Charlie Breithaupt, the Camp Director, is taking applications NOW for the **2007 Georgia Trout Camp**. Twenty-four campers (boys and girls from ages 12 – 15) will be selected for the 2007 Georgia Trout Camp, June 10 – 15<sup>th</sup>.

For details, visit: <http://georgiatu.org/id3.html>

Or contact **Charlie Breithaupt, Camp Director** Ph 706 782 6954 E-mail [knc615@windstream.net](mailto:knc615@windstream.net)

**Another BIG "Thank You" to the following Rabunites for their cash donations to be used as Grants-in-Financial-Aid for deserving youths sponsored by Rabun TU going to the 2007 GA Trout Camp:**  
**Elizabeth & Frank Allan** of Atlanta, GA; **Sandy & Ralph Morgan** of St Marys, GA;  
**Winona & Max Gates** of Clayton, GA; and **Tom Matthews** of Tiger, GA

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite welcome to **one new member** this month: **Jim Hyatt**, 221 Barber Rd, Marietta, GA 30060.

Thanks for re-upping: **Frank Allan, Gary Deal, Tom Matthews, Travis Barnes, Bill Thompson, and Reb Hester.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Matthew Calvin, Kyle Burrell, Lindsey Gilbert, Allison Adams, Anthony Welch, Tony Wheeler, Cari Westbrook, Chris Shackelford, William Hamlett, Bruce Mitchell, and Connie Keener.**

We offer our deepest condolences to the **Terry Rivers Family** on the death of Terry's father, Howard, on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### "Wow, What a Fish "

Those were the first words I heard from my Daddy's mouth when I landed the first fish of my life. I could not have been more than six years old at that time; but those words have stuck with me all my life

I'm sure at that time in my life, the fish could not have been longer than 4 or 5 inches max; and, at that young age in my life, I still remember him saying with every one I caught "Wow, what a fish."

As I grew older, my father saw the interest I had in the sport called fishing. I would ask him if he could take me. He never refused when he was not busy working to raise his family. Later in life and after I had left home, the sport has become my greatest passion today which is fly fishing, tying my own flies and mentoring young kids in the art of fly fishing.

My Dad's been sick for a year or more; and I have been visiting him when I could. I would always take him some recent photos of some of the fish I caught since my last visit. He would always say those familiar words, "Wow, what a fish."

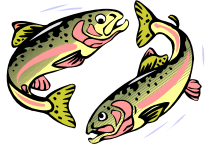
As I write these words, my Dad at the age of 90, passed away less than 22 hours ago. I had to tell someone "Wow; What a Man."

**Howard Lee Rivers** (August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1916 - December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006)

Your Son, Terril

### Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2007

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

### **Happy New Year Everybody!**

I hope this finds everybody and their families doing fine; and I hope everybody had a great holiday season.

All that attended the Rabun Chapter Christmas Party seemed like they had a wonderful time. I again want to thank the Dillard House for a great meal and wonderful service.

This past year was another good one for the Chapter with the work projects and the increase in membership. And all the volunteer work from our members has been outstanding.

I hope I can continue by trying my best to serve as chapter president; and do the best to serve our goals that we all have come to enjoy. I could not have done it without a great bunch of people. Thank you all.

Just remember, we have one more meeting before the Rendezvous; and we need to have everybody attend to get the last planning details. This year's program is going to be a good one. You don't want to miss this one.

*Terry*

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

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