



TIGHT LINES December 2007 Newsletter of the

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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" Fishing in rainy conditions may make fisherman seem crazy to the great mass of unimaginative people, but then few fishermen care what they think"

John Gierach

THE DECEMBER MEETING is the ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER!

In the Rock House at the Dillard House – 2nd Tuesday December 11th
6:00 PM Social (BYOB) & 7:00 PM Dinner with the Awesome Dessert Table

Cost: \$22 per person - **Reservations Required.**

You must contact Doug Adams to reserve your place! E-mail edadams1@alltel.net or phone 706 746 2158.
There will not be a raffle at the Annual Christmas Dinner.

*"I've willingly confronted what, to others, might seem like intolerable discomfort and even danger for the chance to catch a fish, and I've been skunked more than my share of times.
But my time on the water has never been wasted."* From *A Fly-Fishing Life* by William Tappley

WARNING: Chattooga DH vehicle break-ins began again at Highway 28 lot on Tuesday, 11/20.

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there!

Dec 1 (Sat) GA TU Council Annual Planning Meeting with USFS, GA WRD, and NPS. 9 AM at USFS office.

Dec 8 (Sat) Tom Landreth Appreciation Day; 11 am to 1 pm
RSVP by December 1st to Kathy & Charlie Breithaupt
knc615@windstream.net (706) 782-6954

Dec 11 (Tues) Annual Rabun Chapter Christmas Dinner – Reservations Required. Social starts 6 pm and Dinner served 7 pm in the Rock House at the Dillard House. Entire family invited, \$22 / person, BYOB. To make (or cancel) your reservation, contact Doug Adams: E-mail edadams1@alltel.net or phone 706 746 2158.

No December BOD Meeting – Merry Christmas and Peace to All.

Jan 15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust, Community Room (Outside Entrance on South Side)
Program: 7:00 PM, presented by Doug Adams – *History of the Chattooga River*

Jan 22 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust

Jan 26 (Sat) 21st Annual Rabun Rendezvous -
Program by Sally (Our Gal Sal at National TU) Armstrong

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



TERRY'S OAK WORM

WHILE FISHING THE LAKES LAST YEAR WITH DR. LEA RICHMOND, HE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS WORM THAT EATS ON THE LEAVES OF WHITE OAKS. SOME OF THESE WORMS FALL TO THE WATER AND THE BREAM FEED ON THEM. AFTER WE FINISHED FISHING THAT DAY HE SHOWED ME A PICTURE OF ONE OF THESE IN AN INSECT BOOK. HE SENT ME A COPY OF THE PICTURE OF THE OAK WORM, AND THE REST IS HISTORY. I WENT TO MY TYING BENCH AND CREATED THE WORM. IT HAS BEEN GREAT NOT ONLY ON BREAM BUT ALSO ON TROUT. IT WON FLY OF THE MONTH ON WARM WATER FLY FISHERS WEBSITE (NOT BRAGGING OR ANYTHING).
TIE A FEW; THEY HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD TO ME.

HOOK: # 12 2X LONG
TAIL & ANTENNA: BROWN GOOSE BIOTS
HEAD: RED PLASTIC BEAD
BODY: ULTRA FINE BLACK CHENILE
HACKLE: BLACK PALMERED

"The fisherman has a harmless, preoccupied look; he is a kind of vagrant, that nothing fears. He blends himself with the trees and the shadows. All his approaches are gentle and indirect. He times himself to the meandering, soliloquizing stream; he addresses himself to it as a lover to his mistress; he woos it and stays with it till he knows its hidden secrets. Where it deepens his purpose deepens; where it is shallow he is indifferent. He knows how to interpret its every glance and dimple; its beauty haunts him for days."

John Burroughs, 1886

December Hatches

The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies
None at all	Can happen any time on any 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': www.gofishgeorgia.com
Check out the Delayed Harvest Trout Stream Maps: [HERE](#)

FISHING TIPS

Georgia Troutng 201 - The "Drag-Free" Drift

Prepared by Jeff "Dredger" Durniak - Georgia Wildlife Resources Division - November 2007

1. Dress right – drab clothing & polarized glasses. Leave the white cap at home!
2. From the bank, read the water: predict the trout lies and find your casting locations.
(Hint: in your mind, break up a large river into a bunch of small streams.)
3. "Hunt" – move slow; stalk like a heron.
4. **Get Close:** 10-20 feet (which means you'll have 0 to 10 feet of fly line on the water).
5. Split shot! Use enough to "tick" the bottom. Change the number/size of shot with each spot fished. Most marginal anglers fish OVER the trout.
6. Strike indicator – cork, yarn, or buoyant dry fly. Put it at twice the water depth. Slide indicator up/down with each spot.
7. What fly? "How" is more important than "what", but standards are #8 black bugger, #12 peach egg, #14-16 prince, #16-20 pheasant tail. Hatch chart: www.rabuntu.com.
8. Stop false casting! Use roll cast, water load, or Belgian cast, Click on http://www.midcurrent.com/articles/techniques/lord_belgian.aspx
9. Cast upstream (opposite shoulder) and leave rod tip down 1-2 seconds.
10. "Hi-Stick": - raise and lower rod at same speed current
11. **"Drag-Free" strike indicator at same speed and line of travel as leaf or bubble.** Most of your good drift is over when the indicator is directly across from you.
12. At end of drift, hold tight and let fly swing (for hits on the uplifting emerger).
13. "Paint the pool" with your casts. Three casts to good lie, then hit another. In other words, fish for all the eager fish rather than pound away at the one spooked or selective trout (exception: Smithgall). If possible, move your body instead of casting farther.
14. Set the hook with a sidearm, downstream wrist snap. Strike everything, since every 20th "rock" will have an adipose fin. Waaah-HOOO! (Rabunite term for "fish on")
15. Drag-Free is like learning to ride a bicycle. Practice these techniques for 30-60 minutes and they will become second nature.
16. Grip and grin. Push fish out toward camera!
17. Find a mentor. Learn from a better angler, and then...**be a mentor. Pass it on!** **Good Luck!**
www.gofishgeorgia.com

Winter Weather Delayed Harvest Fishing Tips:

- 1) Don't arrive early in the morning. Give the water time to warm with the sun.
- 2) Expect the fish to have smartened up and your catch rate to decline from Nov 1.
- 3) Start using some winter fishing techniques. See this website for a detailed guide to cooler weather fishing. It's "recycled" from last year at this time, but these Toccoa tips will work here again this year, and elsewhere. Try the ole "tiny fly off back" method.
http://www.blueridgemountaintuonline.com/fishing_reports.htm
- 4) Remember that shorter casts and better drifts often work best.

Fishing Reports from the Chattooga North Fork Delayed Harvest Section



4th Annual Dream Trip Raffle For A Fly Fishing Vacation!

The winner and their partner will each receive:

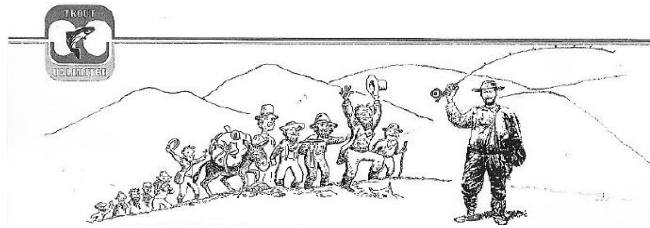
- 5 days fishing and 6 nights lodging and meals at the Green River Guest Ranch in Cora, WY <http://www.grguestranch.com/>
Dates July 26 – Aug 1, 2008
 - 9 ft 5 wt Winston Boron II X custom made fly rod
 - An Orvis Battenkill barstock reel with line
 - A fly box and flies for the trip.
(Approx. 5-7 dozen per box)
 - \$1000 in travel expenses (this is total, not per person)
- For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org



Support the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited; buy a \$10 raffle ticket to win a week of guided fly-fishing.

TO PURCHASE YOUR DREAM TRIP RAFFLE TICKETS @ \$10 EACH, CONTACT:

Rabun TU Chapter President - Jimmy Whiten, Ph 706 886 6546 E-mail jimmywhiten@nctv.com



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

Please Join Us for the 21st 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 26, 2008

Where: The Dillard House Conference Center, located behind the Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia.

Who: The more the better. Everyone interested in protecting our cold-water resources, including their families, friends, and all who love clean cold streams, trout, and trout fishing.

Social: About 5 o'clock PM folks will start gathering to "pick the pig" and enjoy the rocking chairs on the porch of the Conference Center. There will be snack trays of cheeses, crackers, and fruits. Soft drinks and ice will be available. If you want something stronger, better bring it yourself. There will be a fire inside to warm your buns.

The Foxfire Boys will again generously provide their 'down home' style of bluegrass picking and singing for your musical entertainment. Don't forget to ask about their CDs (now 4 of them), which will be available.

The large screen TV will be showing the Rabunites trout fishing some of their favorite 'secret spots'. This will be the ideal time to be looking over the raffle and silent auction items. **We welcome donations of raffle and auction items at the door, fellow TU'ers.**

Dinner: Fish, chicken, and pork with all the side dishes and desserts that have made the Dillard House so famous, will be served about 6:30. It is a serve yourself buffet, so you will not leave hungry.

Program presenter will be Sally Armstrong, National TU Volunteer Operations Coordinator. Her program will be stories from the "inside of operations" at Headquarters.

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

Lodging: The Dillard House has set special rates for rooms starting at \$49 (plus tax) for those that call and **tell them you're attending the Trout Unlimited Rabun Rendezvous**. Call: 706-746-5348 or Toll Free 1-800-541-0671

You must say you are there with Trout Unlimited to get the special rate.

The 2007 Rabun Rendezvous funds provided for the following: Sponsorship of 2 student summer interns working in NE GA fisheries with the GA WRD; Financial support for youngsters attending the GA Trout Camp; Financial support of the GA DNR Smithgall Woods Conservation Education Program; Lab fees - Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project; Kid's Fishing Events at Black Rock Mountain State Park (GA DNR) & Tallulah River (USFS); National TU's "First Cast", "Embrace-A-Stream", & "Back-the-Brookie" Programs; Trout Magazine subscriptions to all school & public libraries and 3 state parks in Rabun County; 3 in-stream work project outings with the USFS and GA WRD; and Helicopter stockings in the backcountry of Chattooga's North Fork (fall) and West Fork (spring)..

The following article was published 66 years ago in the Outdoor Georgia magazine (December 1941) written by our long time friend and Rabun TU member, the late Dr. CHARLES WHARTON (1923 – 2003) when he was only 18 years old. Charlie was a resident of Tate City at the head of the Tallulah River and was adjunct research associate at the University of Georgia's Institute of Ecology.

THINK ABOUT STEKOA CREEK WHEN YOU READ THIS!

*Polluted Georgia Waters Carry Disease,
Destruction; Stronger Laws Needed*

BY CHARLES H. WHARTON

POLLUTION is a grave problem; it is everyone's concern. Polluted water not only kills fish but destroys the sport of fishing which every Georgian is entitled to enjoy. It is insidiously destructive in many other ways. Disease is spread, livestock sickened, often fatally, and the refreshing beauty of our sparkling streams and lakes is denied us, when poisonous substances are allowed to be emptied into waterways.

Commissioner Cravey receives many notices from vexed citizens who want our rivers clean; men who cannot enjoy the sight of large rafts of dead and dying fish, evidence of unhindered carelessness. The cause of this condition is not clear, but the remedy is apparent.

One report was received stating that a peach-grower near Thomaston, in order to kill the worms in a poor peach crop, so they would not be able to affect next years yield, hit upon the idea of dumping his bad fruit into a local creek. Fortunately, Mr. Barron, president of a conservation club in Thomaston, heard of the plan and nipped it in the bud. These decomposed peaches would have robbed the water of its much-needed oxygen.

The Chattahoochee River is a good example of needless and careless pollution. So many complaints came in that an investigation was held. It has been shown that most pollution trouble can be traced to the absence of life-giving oxygen; oxygen is the controlling factor in pollution. Oxygen in the water is calculated in what is known as "parts per million;" according to a bulletin of the Bureau of Fisheries, fish are able to survive in water with a concentration of 5 parts per million, although a good fish fauna is seldom found in water with less than 8 parts per million.

During a recent low stage of the Chattahoochee, samples were taken from various sections above and below the disposal plant at the Bolton Bridge. This plant handles most of Atlanta's sewerage. Above the outlet



Department of Natural Resources technician taking samples from the Chattahoochee River for tests in state laboratory. (Photo by Earle Johnson.)

8.1 parts per million were recorded; five miles below it was down to 1.9 parts. It is not yet determined how far down the river this condition exists, but it is known that 1.9 parts per million of oxygen will not support fish life. The Department of Natural Resources hopes with the Health Department to remedy this situation, by operating the disposal plant more efficiently. Some fish as carp or catfish, it is understood, are able to survive below a concentration of 5 parts per million of oxygen, but in this condition they are undoubtedly subject to disease and low reproductive rates.

The laws of Georgia are far from satisfactory to cope with pollution. Our laws, as expressed by Commissioner Cravey, have no "teeth" in them. According to a section of the existing law, however, pollution on a non-navigable stream constitutes trespass, and property owners who own land on

lake or stream thus affected can stop, or help stop, the offender. Every landowner should cooperate with the Wildlife Ranger in his county to stamp out this evil. Another law states that it is illegal to float sawdust in a stream. We need whole-hearted backing by the people. We must use the laws we have until iron-clad laws are enacted.

Illinois recently took a step to halt pollution forever; setting up a Sanitary Water Board, functioning without compensation, and with full power to deal with polluters.

So, as we think about streams such as the Chattahoochee, the hundreds of small boys who swim in its disease-laden water—let's work towards obtaining a forceful law, for pleasure, for health's sake and for Georgia.

Our "Thanks" to Rabunite TOM LANDRETH for discovering this 1941 article and sharing with TIGHT LINES readers.

Stekoa Creek Update

Stekoa Creek Monitoring - A National Trout Unlimited "Embrace-A-Stream" Project [HERE](#) 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. The City of Clayton is entirely in the Stekoa Creek watershed.

DRIVING FOR TROUT

Seventeen (17) members of Rabun TU have volunteered their time and vehicle expenses to drive the weekly Stekoa Creek Monitoring water samples to the certified lab in Jefferson, GA (132 mile round trip) on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM.

Pick up will be at the new Chattooga Conservancy office location in the basement office space at the Clayton Veterinary Hospital, located at 205 South Main Street. The volunteer schedule through early winter is as follows:

Ray Gentry (12/4), Gary Deal (12/11), Travis Barnes (12/18), Doug Adams (1/2), Lea Richmond (1/8), Russell Johnson (1/15), Charlie Breithaupt (1/22), Jimmy Whiten (1/29), Fritz Vinson (2/5).

If you can volunteer to be a driver of samples to the lab, contact Doug Adams, Ph 706 746 2158; E-mail edadams1@alltel.net

What has been accomplished in the 8 months since Rabun TU partnered with the Chattooga Conservancy? On a consistent basis, the results of the weekly water samples have documented alarming levels of fecal coliform in Stekoa Creek and several of its tributaries. The water tests have also been directly responsible for identifying 3 major sewage leaks in the Stekoa watershed (that were reported to the GA EPD), 4 significant sewage leaks (not reported to the EPD), and ongoing trouble spots caused by the City of Clayton's leaking sewage collection infrastructure. A comprehensive spreadsheet of this year's water test results may be viewed on <http://www.rabuntu.com/>

The encouraging news is that the outright sewage leaks were fixed, on a case-by-case basis, by the city. In addition, a number of city employees have been spurred by the water test results to actively support tasks related to cleaning up Stekoa Creek. For instance the City Marshal has started to post large signs at sewage spill locations to raise public awareness about the health risks associated with polluted water. The City Manager has proposed the formation of a task force to address engineering strategies and funding mechanisms for improving Stekoa's water quality. With approval from the city council, the city marshal and city manager also worked in cooperation with the Chattooga Conservancy in submitting a Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) 319h grant request to fund numerous actions focused solely on improving water quality in Stekoa Creek; this grant request was approved and funding is expected in the spring of 2008.

On Nov 6th, a Stekoa Creek Watershed Meeting took place in the Clayton Rock House. Attending were 6 representatives of the City of Clayton (including 2 councilmen and the City Manager), the Rabun County Manager, 5 representatives of GA EPD, 7 representatives of US EPA, the Chattooga Conservancy Executive Director, and Rabun TU Project Coordinator. One of the objectives is to identify potential financing options related to the failing collection system.



Want to help with the Stekoa monitoring? For info on where you can send a personal donation to help pay lab fees, visit [HERE](#)
To see a list of organizations and individuals that have donated, click [HERE](#)

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



What's New Elsewhere?

Congressman Broun restates opposition to proposed I-3 through North GA (11/15/07) Town Hall Teleconference – However, Rep Broun does favor a new 4-lane limited access highway from Savannah to Augusta to Greenville, SC.

USFS – GA, New Forest Supervisor named for Chattahoochee-Oconee NF. George Bain, Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Daniel Boone NF in KY, has been selected. He was temporary Forest Supervisor this past summer. Bain said he was excited about his return to GA. *"I am looking forward to continuing the relationship I established during my time there, and working with forest employees and many other people throughout the state who care about their forests."* For the complete News Release, click [HERE](#)

THE DROUGHT: Ecologically, perpetual growth is an impossible thing (11/15/07) excerpt from AJC op-ed by Russ England, retired GA WRD fishery biologist. *"Georgia's water supply is a finite resource. It always has been and always will be. The quantity of water varies from year to year, depending on rainfall, but there is sufficient historic data to have an excellent idea of averages and extremes. On the flip side, Georgia's human population represents a constantly growing demand on water supply and water quality. During extreme droughts, the conflict between an ever-growing population and a finite water*

supply becomes obvious, or at least it should." For the complete op-ed, click [HERE](#)

GA - EDP granted the permit (10/31/07) for the expansion of the Clayton Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

Forest Service Plans December Release of Upper Chattooga River Environmental Assessment

News Release - Columbia, SC (11/7/2007) The U.S. Forest Service announced today that it will release an Environmental Assessment (EA) of recreation uses on the upper Chattooga River in mid-December. The agency had originally planned to release the EA this month.

"Our specialists in South Carolina, Georgia and North Carolina are working hard to analyze the environmental effects of several alternatives for managing recreation uses on the river," said Sumter National Forest Supervisor Jerome Thomas. "The social and biophysical issues being considered in this EA are extensive and complex; we simply need more time to ensure the analysis provides the decision makers with the information we need to select an agency preferred alternative."

The Forest Service presented six preliminary alternatives to the public during a scoping period in August. The agency revised

some of those preliminary alternatives and added new ones, which were presented at an alternatives workshop in Clayton, GA, in September. The agency is now analyzing those alternatives in an EA, which will go out for a 45-day public review period in mid-December.

"Throughout this process, we have emphasized the importance of public participation," said Thomas. "We realize that delaying the release of the EA until mid-December could make it difficult for the public to focus on reviewing the material during the holidays. Therefore, we are extending the review period from 30 to 45 days. Now the public will have until the end of January to respond."

The EA will be available on the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests' web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms> where additional background information can be found as well.

will future recreation management continue to zone the Chattooga north fork to



In Need of Deliverance

FOR THE LAST 33 YEARS, THE upper 21 miles of the Chattooga River, which forms much of the border between Georgia and South Carolina, has been designated "foot travel only" by the U.S. Forest Service. Unfortunately, all of that could soon change.

July 30, 1972, the day the movie *Deliverance* was released, is recognized as the watershed day for the Chattooga. Despite a certain jitteriness at the sound of banjo music, hordes of excited boaters journeyed to the river to paddle in the wake of Burt Reynolds.

As a result, annual float traffic increased from an estimated 800 boaters in 1971 to more than 21,000 just two years later, displacing many anglers. By 1974, the increased traffic and incidence of "user conflicts" between boaters and anglers obliged the USFS to impose the foot travel- only rules, which allow

boating on all but the first 21 miles of the river (ending at the Highway 28 bridge).

Recently, boating organization American Whitewater filed suit to open the upper river to floaters, saying that the current rules are discriminatory. Since that time, a two-year user-capacity analysis conducted by Sumter National Forest has been ongoing, with a decision to either continue the foot traffic rules or alter them expected this December.

In an area wildly popular with kayakers and canoeists, fishermen can be squeezed out. Doug Adams, a Chattooga angler since 1955, argues, "Anglers need this last section of the Chattooga, and they need it to remain boating-free."

—David Cannon

Editor's notes: The above article is reprinted (with permission of the author) from "American Angler" magazine, Nov – Dec '07 <http://www.americanangler.com/>.

"BACKCASTING"

Nov 6 (Tue) Stekoa Creek Watershed Meeting in Clayton, 2 Rabun TU members attended (see Stekoa Update for more info)

Nov 6 – 10 (Tue – Sun) Camping and Fishing at Long Bottom – About 18 folks enjoyed the fishing (backcountry, delayed harvest, and front-country), fellowship (music, Indian dancing, and story telling), meals (pot roasts, stews, fish & hushpuppies, Dutch oven deserts, and much more), and the wood fueled stove (it was 26 degrees a couple of mornings). **WAaaaahWHOOoooo!**



Nov 20 (Tue) Chapter Meeting: 15 Rabunites attended **Program – Paul Bradley**, Deputy Forest Supervisor CONF, gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation describing how the CONF fisheries program is funded. Congress establishes the overall Forest Service (FS) budget and allocations are made to each of the 9 regions by FS headquarters. Each region in turn allocates to each Forest. Each FS district annually submits proposals to Forest Supervisors for each program, including fisheries. When partners such as TU and GA WRD offer to participate (with funds and/or labor) in a fisheries project, the Forest and District are more likely to receive budget allocations for the leverage of seed money. Grants from US Fish and Wildlife, FishAmerica Foundation, or TU's Embrace-A-Stream are also good seed money for budget allocations. Another source of funding for fisheries work comes from the Knutson-Vandenberg (K-V) Act in 1930 to provide a mechanism for reforestation of national forest lands. The act authorizes the FS to use proceeds of the sale to cover the cost of replanting, removing unwanted brush, and (as authorized by 1976 amendments) protecting and improving the productivity of fish, wildlife, recreation, and other renewable resources within the particular timber sale area from which the funds are collected. **The Meeting Raffle** had 10 buckets with some very special items, including 2 fly selections, a jar of local sourwood honey, a set of topo maps on CDs, and 2 knives. The raffle raised \$91 to be used toward the cost of mailing newsletters to members without E-mail and for the meeting hospitality expenses. Maria won the first 3 draws and Ray G. won 5. A BIG "thank you" goes to all the Rabunites who donated the items and to members and guests who purchased raffle tickets.

Nov 27 (Tues) BOD Meeting: Items discussed included: Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project; Chattooga North Fork – Boating Zoning; 2008 Rabun Rendezvous Planning (1/26/2008); GA Trout Camp applications; Dream Trip Raffle for GA Council; Tom Landreth Appreciation Day (12/8); Annual Christmas Dinner (12/11); Jan Chapter Meeting Program; Program for Feb Chapter Meeting; GA TU Council Annual Planning Meeting (12/1); Publicity, Public Relations, and Outreach; Treasury Report; Summary of F/Y 2007 Annual Financial & Volunteer Hours Report; and the Annual Planning Breakfast (2/9/08).

Now is the time to begin the application process for Georgia Trout Camp 2008.

Here are a few facts and instructions:

Camp Dates: June 8 (Sunday) - June 13 (Friday): **Cost:** \$350 per camper;

Deadline to apply for Rabun TU Sponsorship: February 28, 2008

Instructions: Applications must be completed and turned in to a chapter. Each of the 12 chapters in Georgia has two spots to fill and each chapter decides how they want to select their campers. Once a camper is chosen by a chapter, the application, along with their tuition check, is forwarded to the Trout Camp Coordinator (Charlie Breithaupt). Campers will be notified of their acceptance as soon as possible. Later, around early May, more detailed information will be sent to each camper.

Information and application forms are available on the Council website <http://georgiatu.org/>

Questions and/or concerns should be directed to the Camp Coordinator.

Charlie Breithaupt; 194 Kitchens Lane; Clayton, GA 30525 knc615@windstream.net (706) 782-6954

*"During my addled career as a trout fisherman I have gone on a lot of wild-goose chases,
and I ruefully expect to go on a lot more before I hang up my waders."*

From Trout Madness by Robert Traver

Summary of F/Y 2007 Rabun TU Chapter Annual Financial & Volunteer Hours Report

(This annual report is required to maintain the Chapter's tax-exempt status)

Total Revenue (Cash inflow) - **\$24,076** **Total Expenses** (Program services - \$13,440; Fundraising - \$6,383) - **\$19,823**

Total Assets (Cash, Receivables, CDs, Inventory) - **\$13,880** **Total Liabilities** - **\$100**

Estimated Volunteer Hours: Conservation (restoration, protection, and advocacy projects) – **830 hours**

Fundraising - **480 hours**

General Operations (newsletter, website, membership, programs, reports) – **650 hours**

Youth Education – **1300 hours**

General Education – **120 hours**

Total Estimated Volunteer Hours – **3800 hours**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to a **new member** this month: **Steve Denman** (transfer), PO Box 408, Watkinsville, GA 30677

Thanks for re-upping: **Rad Smith, Glenn English, John Hoppes, and Tom Matthews**

It is time to renew your membership: **Tommy James, Joshua Watts, Mike Brod, Greg Rose, Andrew Rose, Ben Houston, Arnold Deitz, Paul Hanson, Chuck Breithaupt, Frank Holden, George Custer, and Donald Thomas**

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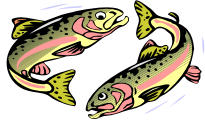
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From the Fly Tying Desk of Jimmy Whiten

Greetings to each of you! November and December is always a special time of year for me. Hopefully a time that we get to see loved ones we do not see from day to day, and an opportunity to catch up on all the news that has happened in their lives for the past year.

I was looking forward to the last chapter planned camping trip of the year. After all my planning I was not able to attend this camping trip. As I was listening to a few facts of the trip from some of the guys about how great the fishing was I realized I had missed a great trip. As they were talking my mind was flooded with memories of the past camping trips, the entertainment, hearing about past memories, the tall tales that just keep getting bigger each year, (ones that you don't have to believe unless you want to) and of course the food that is always prepared by our own great cooks. If you have never been on one of our camping trips you need to make plans now to attend one and watch our newsletter for the next camping trip.

Our last meeting was great but attendance was off. We missed all you guys that were not there. Paul Bradley, Deputy Forest Supervisor, gave a great presentation on how our fisheries program is funded and many other secrets. Thank you Paul for your time and hard work for this presentation. I enjoyed this very much and now I am more informed about how the system works.

Our Christmas Party will be December 11, at the Dillard House, starting at 6 P.M. Make plans to attend, it will be very nice. (Please let Doug Adams know if you plan to attend.)

Dream trip tickets are going fast. If you need any let me know (if you are not local let me know and we can use the U.S. Mail). This would be a great Christmas stocking stuffer.

Look in this newsletter for more details on our upcoming 21st annual Rabun Rendezvous, January 26. If you ever come to one you will not miss the next one.

Happy Fishing,

Jimmy

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