



TIGHT LINES April 2008 Newsletter of the

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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

There is no future in not fishing. The future lies in the man who fishes. Jimmy D. Moore

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

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

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

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.

"They say you forget your troubles on a trout stream, but that's not quite it. What happens is that you begin to see where your troubles fit into the grand scheme of things, and suddenly they're just not such a big deal anymore."

From Fly Fishing the High Country by John Gierach

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there!

Apr 1 (Tues) Chattooga River TU Chapter Banquet, Pendleton, SC For details, visit [HERE](#)

Apr 12 (Sat Morning) Rabun TU's Fly Fishing School for Adults; Rabun County Recreation Center A half-day fly-fishing for trout seminar for adults (male and female age 16 years and older). The seminar will cover equipment, casting, knots and entomology. To attend or volunteer to help, contact Charlie Breithaupt, Ph 706 782 6954 E-mail knc615@windstream.net

Apr 12 (Sat Evening) Oconee River TU Chapter Banquet in Athens. For details, visit [HERE](#)

Apr 15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust; **Program:** Mike Crane – *Implementation of the new Chattooga North Fork Management Plan*

Apr 16 – 20 (Wed – Sun) Camping & Fishing Chattooga Backcountry with Camping at Cherry Hill C.G. (with hot shower, flush toilets & tables) Nice place, great fishing & fellowship. Click [HERE](#) Location: Off SC Hwy 107, 1.5 mile south of Burrell's Ford Rd intersection. You need to contact **Bill Kelly** Ph 706 746 2104 E-mail bkjk1@alltel.net He plans the menu and buys the grub! Y'all Come! Bring a friend! **WAaaaahWHOoooo!**

Apr 19 (Sat) Smith Creek Workday with GA WRD.

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

Apr 25 – 27 (Fri – Sun) Southeast Region TU Rally, Hungry Mother State Park, Marion VA

May 2 & 3 (Fri & Sat) Camping Fri Night with Workday Sat Morning for BtB with USFS/GA WRD leading work on North Fork Moccasin Creek and camping beside the Wildcat Creek Road.

May 5 (Mon) Tailwater Chapter Banquet, Buford, GA - For details, visit [HERE](#)

May 10 (Sat) Blue Ridge Mountain TU Chapter High Country Boil - For details, visit [HERE](#)

May 17 (Sat) Workday - Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up on Sat. morning in preparation for GA Trout Camp

May 19 (Mon) Annual Spring Family Cookout with Mentoring at Indian Lake with Boy &/or Girl Scout Troops as our guests.

May 27 (Tues) BOD Meeting - location TBD

May 31 (Sat) Mentoring - Annual Kids Fishing Event, 8 AM at Tallulah River with USFS

5th Annual Georgia Trout Camp (6/8 – 6/13) Volunteers Needed

Contact Charlie Breithaupt . Ph 706 782 6954 E-mail knc615@windstream.net

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



COPPER JOHN

THIS FLY CAN BE VERY EFFECTIVE AS A DROPPER. THE COPPER USALLY IS ENOUGH WEIGHT TO GET IT DOWN WHERE THE FISH ARE, BUT YOU MAY ALSO ADD SOME WEIGHT WHEN TYING. I TIE THIS FLY SOME TIME WITH GOLD FLASHBACK OR PEARL FLASH. TIE A FEW I THINK YOU WILL SEE THEY ARE VERY PRODUCTIVE

HOOK: SIZE 12 TO 18
THREAD: BLACK 6/0-8/0
HEAD: BRASS OR COPPER OR BLACK
THORAX: PEACOCK HERL
TAIL: BROWN GOOSE BIOTS/ PHEASANT TAIL FIBERS
BODY: COPPER WIRE
WING: PHEASANT TAIL FIBERS OR WOOD DUCK

"As so often happens [when we have tied a hundred flies in a day and are bored and tired of tying], our somewhat neurotic breed (we call ourselves fly tiers) will break the boredom by tying some ungodly creation, or grabbing some material unrelated to fly-tying and incorporating it into a fly."

From "The Phillips Usual" by Francis Better in Fly Fisherman, April 1980

April 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
Quill Gordon Mayfly	Early	L am to M pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12-14 Quill Gordon Nymph
Blue Quill Mayfly	Early	L am to M pm	16-18 Blue Quill, BWO, or Blue Dun 16-18 Prince or Pheasant Tail
Small Dun Caddis (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm L pm to dark	16-18 Gray Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 16-18 Gray Caddis Pupa
March Brown Mayfly (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm	12-14 March Brown or Adams Parachute 10-14 March Brown Nymph, Dark Hare's Ear, or Pheasant Tail
Cream Caddis (Very important)	All Month	M day to L pm	12-14 Elk Hair Caddis 12-14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
Yellow Stonefly	Late	E to L am L pm to dark	14-16 Yellow Stimulator or Elk Hair Caddis (Yellow) 14-16 Yellow Stone Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly (Important)	Late	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Speckled Gray Caddis	Late	M to L pm	12-14 Dark Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 12-14 Dun & Yel/Brn Caddis Pupa
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

'Website-of-the-Month': <http://www.peninsulaclarion.com:80/kenairiverrun/kenairiverrun.html>

You will see the fish swimming in the lake. Click on the place in the lake you want the man to cast his line. Remember the fish are swimming and if you click on the fish by the time he casts his line the fish will have moved beyond that point. So click on a spot ahead of the fish where you think the fish will be after the line has been cast. Different lures are in the tackle box click on one to change your lure. Careful it could become habit forming

Q & A

Q Was that fishy looking Airstream trailer in the Chattooga DH parking lot from TUTV?



A, Yes, the trailer was with the crew from TUTV. And the crew of 4 came with instructions to get a show on the Chattooga North Fork trout fishing, the success story of the Chattooga Coalition, and the boating zoning issue. They contacted Jimmy Harris who cleared it through the Forest Service and Jimmy was their local guide. They shot 4 days of fishing (2/16 through 2/19) on the Chattooga DH section. Frank Smethurst, the show's host, interviewed several boaters at the Highway 76 Bridge. He also interviewed Dan Rankin (SC DNR), Jeff Durniak (GA DNR), and Doug Adams in the Highway 28 Bridge area. David Armstrong (and Sally) fished with them one day in the rain. Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt were with them another day in very high and dingy water. The crew went to a bluegrass show/benefit at the Satolah Firehouse on Saturday night where they took a lot of videos of The Foxtire Boys (all are TU members) and Curtis Blackwell's Dixie Bluegrass Boys performing. The fishing was good but the catching was "challenging" the entire 4 days. The bluegrass music was much better than the 4 days of catching. But hey, - - that's just the Chattooga. Doug was the parking lot monitor for 3 days and there were no vehicle break-ins! The program, titled **"Trout Unlimited: On the Rise"** will show on the Outdoor Channel, maybe in June. For more, click [HERE](#)

See also pages 13, 45 and 51 in the current issue of [TROUT](#) magazine (winter 2008).

Notes From the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Chattooga Coalition

(The information in the following report is taken from the official meeting minutes issued 2/14/08 by Chairman Monte Seehorn and portions are reprinted from the Chattooga River TU Chapter Newsletter, March 2008 <http://www.chattoogatu.org/>)

The coalition, a 22-year old partnership of state natural resource departments, the USFS and TU in the three states bordering the Chattooga River, held its annual meeting January 22, 2008 to review the state of the Chattooga River water quality and fishery. Major points of discussion are shown below. Nineteen (19) representatives attended this meeting.

Chattooga Boating/Fishing Assessment – Mike Crane, USFS Andrew Pickens District Ranger – The upstream limit of all alternatives ended below Grimshaw Bridge and the private land in that vicinity. Alternatives ranged from no boating above Hwy 28 to no restrictions in the area between 28 and Grimshaws. The preferred alternative should be released by early March, followed by a 30-day public comment period, with a final decision rendered by June 08. Doug Adams, GA TU, pointed out that boaters, in the USFS public meetings, were opposing stocking non-native species (rainbow and brown trout) in the Wild and Scenic river, thus reducing the quality of the fishery and angler visitation. This invoked a long discussion of invasive species.

Macroinvertebrate Sampling – Rockie English, Clemson University Professor – Rockie gave a brief summary of the current Chattooga River invertebrate sampling program. They are trying to replicate the earlier sampling done on the river 20 years ago, and, in addition, are utilizing some of the more current sampling techniques in order to get a clearer picture of the current situation regarding macroinvertebrate populations. They selected 18 main stem sites and eight sites on tributaries; with three replicate samples taken at each site. Sampling effort began at Fowlers Creek in NC. Rockie also provided charts of individual and invertebrate taxa found at the various stations. To date, only half of the site samples have been analyzed.



Rockie also gave an update on the effects of Antimycin treatment on invertebrates in the King Creek brook trout restoration project. Recovery was complete within a year.

Fisherman Diaries – Leon Brotherton, GA WRD – A dozen diaries were kept last year. Charts pointed out low numbers of wild brown trout in sections 4-7, and highest use in the DH area. Several other charts were presented on catch rates and use by section. Leon will present a program on this data at the Rabun Chapter meeting in August.

Temperature Monitoring – Leon Brotherton, GA WRD, reported temperature charts from 2005-2007 on several tributary streams showed the effects of last summers drought and high temperatures, although none of these small tributaries exceeded 20 C at any time.

Stocking – Leon Brotherton, GA WRD & Dan Rankin, SC DNR, reported In the fall stocking, 16,000 fish, mostly fingerlings, were helicoptered into the Chattooga River backcountry (not including the DH section). In the DH section, 6,000 rainbow, brown and brook trout were stocked, including several hundred surplus

brood stock. There was also a spring stocking on the West Fork backcountry by GA WRD.

Fish sampling – Dan Rankin, SC DNR, presented charts and data of brown trout density and biomass at all the stations over the years (1986 – 2007), and a chart showing size classes of brown trout taken at the Burrell's Ford location, including last July's sampling effort. The Burrell's Ford station at Spoonauger has consistently been one of the more productive sites for wild brown. Even under drought conditions, last summer's 40 kg/ha biomass is indicative of an excellent wild brown trout population, varying little from the 2004 sample (36 kg/ha), but significantly less than the 1998 sample (76 kg/ha) which was highest of all stations on the chart.

The DH area was sampled in mid-June, shortly after opening to keeping fish, just to see if there would be a significant number of fish present entering the hot summer months. Water temperature was already reaching marginal stage, and only three brown and 6 rainbow were taken in a 200-meter section. The condition of these fish was poor, indicating little if any chance for carryover. The most surprising finding was that no fish were using Reed Cr. as a temperature sanctuary. Eighteen species of fish were taken in the DH area, with seven of them on the S.C. "priority species" list. A recommendation was also made to prepare tables of non-game fish data similar to those of the trout.



Water Chemistry – Mitzi Cole, USFS-GA, presented charts of acid neutralizing capacity of streams in the Chattooga River watershed and across the Forest, showed a surprising variation stream by stream.

Stekoa Creek – Bill Hansen, USFS-SC, reported fecal coliform is still a major pollutant in Stekoa Creek tributary, but the effect is diluted significantly in the River. It appears that little sampling has been completed in the river below the junction with Stekoa, however. Data and reports can be accessed on the Chattooga Conservancy and the Rabun TU websites.



Charlie Breithaupt asked if there were any signage at the mouth of Stekoa Creek indicating to the public that they could be entering polluted water. Bill Hansen agreed to work with Charlene (USFS-GA) to line out problems and work on possible solutions, with TU's involvement.

Woody Debris Survey - Mitzi Cole, USFS-GA & Jeanne Riley, USFS-SC. The Forest Service recently completed a Large Woody Debris (LWD) survey from Highway 28 to the private land in NC, and on the West Fork, Overflow Creek and Holcomb Creek. The final report is available [HERE](#). There was some discussion about the problem of boaters removing woody debris from the streams.



Wild and Scenic Extension - Doug Adams, GA TU, recommended inclusion of the proposed three mile extension of the Wild and Scenic designation on Overflow Creek above Three Forks, and gating FSR86B at the proposed W&S Corridor boundary line with the parking area outside the corridor. Doug Besler, NCWRC, said that North Carolina would support such a proposal. Comments on this proposal are left up to individuals or specific groups (no Coalition recommendation).

Creel Census - Mitzi Cole, USFS-GA, stated that she had written a proposal to initiate a creel census for fishing and boating, and sent it to USFS planning office in Columbia.

Vandalism - Doug Adams, GA TU, brought up the problem with vehicle break-ins at the Highway 28 parking lots. Suggestions were made to put out surveillance cameras and warning signs with numbers to call. There was considerable discussion, but no hard and fast solutions were proposed. The USFS and DNR Law Enforcement people should discuss this situation and come up with some means to help alleviate the problem.

Wilderness "Standards" - Mitzi Cole, USFS-GA, The Forest Service has issued a Stewardship Challenge, calling for all Wilderness Areas in the National Forest system to "meet baseline standards by 2014". "The NFF, as the official nonprofit partner of the Forest Service will increase the resources available to meet this challenge by providing matching grants of up to \$50,000 to nonprofit partners to implement conservation projects that directly benefit Wilderness Areas within the National Forest system."

Hemlock Adelgid - Currently, it appears that stocking the predator beetles in this area of NC, SC, and GA has been a failure in widespread protection of the hemlock. Post stocking surveys of the beetles show little if any 2nd generation reproduction of the beetles. The use of systemic pesticides has been a success however, where it is feasible

In Memory of Tom Landreth

<http://www.tom-landreth.com/>

(2/26/08) The Rabun TU Board of Directors approved giving framed Tom Landreth LE prints to several TU Chapters and the GWFF (for their spring fundraisers) in appreciation of their years of supporting the Rabun Chapter's youth conservation education and coldwater conservation activities. In the spirit of Tom, the Chapter made 7 such donations during the past 6 weeks.

So far, Rabun TU has received Tom Landreth Memorial donations from individuals totaling \$1,050. All donations received will be used to help pay for the annual Chattooga backcountry helicopter stocking program. What a nice way for his family to allow us to honor Tom.

As a small token of remembrance, each donor is mailed 3 flies from one of Tom's fly boxes.

Carry one of his flies with you when visiting those places Tom loved.

Please make donation check payable to: Rabun TU For: Tom's Memorial Fund

Mail to: Rabun TU, PO Box 65, Rabun Gap, GA 30568

All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c) 3 non-profit) are tax deductible



Rabunite 101 - An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Trout.

On Saturday April 12, 2008 the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will offer a 4 hour seminar including casting, entomology, knots and equipment to folks who want to get started in the pleasure of fly fishing for trout. The location will be at the Rabin County Recreation Center just south of Rabun County High School. We will be able to accommodate 25 students and the cost of \$25 per person will include lunch.

Members of the Rabun Chapter are needed to instruct and help in other ways. Please save that date and let Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt know if you can help.

knc615@windstream.net or (706) 782-6954.

We believe that new trout anglers will become protectors of streams and rivers!

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

*We're Community Minded,
Just Like You.*

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What's New Elsewhere?

Stop I-3 Update - Broun's proposal: move it to South Carolina Georgia's Rep. Paul Broun, R-10, has been working to introduce legislative language in Washington that would reroute the Interstate 3 from Savannah to Augusta to Knoxville -- via the Greenville or Clinton, South Carolina, area, instead of directly through the mountains of north Georgia. The Stop I-3 Coalition has one overriding objective: To stop Interstate 3, under that name or any other name, and to do so by killing it and not by foisting it off on others. To read more, click [HERE](#)

Editor's notes: Rabun TU & GA TU Council recently donated \$300 & \$250 respectively to the Stop I-3 Coalition.

GA-DNR - New Online Reports Highlight Statewide Law Enforcement Activity on a Weekly Basis Social Circle, Ga. (2/4/2008) - Curious about recent law enforcement activity in your area? The DNR's Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) is making it easy for residents to keep up with what's going on in and around their county with a new online weekly law enforcement activity report. Each week's report portrays a sampling of the enforcement activities occurring across the state. WRD rangers provide detailed information on natural resource related illegal activity and issued citations, as well as information on local WRD events and educational programs. To read more, click [HERE](#)

Stekoa Creek Update

Stekoa Creek Monitoring - A National Trout Unlimited "Embrace-A-Stream" Project in 2007 & 2008 [HERE](#) Stekoa Creek is classified as primary trout water, and should be capable of supporting trout reproduction. Stekoa Creek is also infamous as a 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 is 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 winter and spring is as follows: Travis Barnes (4/1), Tom Matthews (4/8), Kathy Breithaupt (4/15), Russell Johnson (4/22), Gary Deal (4/29), Doug Adams (5/6), Lea Richmond (5/13), Russell Johnson (5/20), Jimmy Whiten (5/27), Fritz Vinson (6/3)

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

Chattooga Watershed Partnership is being formed by the City of Clayton

A meeting was conducted on 3/1/2008 at the Rock House in Clayton. It involved US EPA, GA EPD, and The City of Clayton. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss forming an area watershed coalition for the purpose of directing the future growth of Clayton/Rabun County area. During the meeting many of the concerns were:

- > **Is it possible to protect the environment and have growth and development?**
- > **How important is restoring water quality to the people of this community?**
- > **Is water quality a large percentage of our tourism economy?**
- > **Should development take precedence over environmental issues?**

These issues are just a few of the topics to be discussed with the formation of a community watershed coalition. The coalition will have individuals from the cities of Tiger, Mountain City, and Clayton who may have views that are pro-development or pro-conservation. Regardless of their views, this coalition will be able to sit down and help guide Clayton/Rabun County through this critical point in our growth. A meeting that will be facilitated by the Southeast Watershed Forum is being planned for May of this year. Doug Adams has agreed to represent the Rabun TU Chapter in this community watershed coalition.

Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2008

Subject: Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project

Doug - Here's what we found this morning, about an hour after collecting the sample at the Marsengill St. site. (This picture is one of the manholes in Scott Creek, just upstream of the Marsengill St. bridge.)

From; Nicole Hayler – Stekoa Creek Project Manager, Chattooga Conservancy



March 4, 2008: **This picture shows raw sewage flowing directly into Scott Creek (the west prong of Stekoa Creek) from an overflowing City of Clayton sewage collection system manhole.** Yes, a little bit of rain does make a big difference. But why? Does the rain saturate the soil and infiltrate failing pipes and joints, causing the sewage collection system to overflow?

THANK YOU to Members of RABUN TU

Sent: March 13, 2008 by US Postal

Dear Members of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited,

Thank you very much for your continued support and partnership in the ongoing Stekoa Creek Project through this second year of an Embrace-A-Stream grant. In addition, thank you so much for the Rabun Chapter's very generous \$3,000 contribution to match the EAS funds! We were thrilled to receive notice of this outstanding support.

As some of you may know, shortly we will begin testing water quality down at the Chattooga / Stekoa confluence and several other strategic sites. Expanding the scope of the water quality program relative to the Stekoa Creek issue has been made possible through a small grant from the National Forest Foundation, in cooperation with the Chattahoochee and Sumter National Forests. This along with some recent, positive actions at the City of Clayton level, and in combination with our partnership, will continue the push for progress on cleaning up Stekoa Creek.

I look forward to reporting this progress to you all during these upcoming months of 2008.

Thank you again,.

Sincerely, Nicole Hayler – Stekoa Creek Project Manager, Chattooga Conservancy

To view the lab results for the Stekoa Creek water samples, click [HERE](#)

Dahlonega, GA (3/15/2008) **At their regular quarterly meeting, the members of the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited voted unanimously to donate \$1,000 to help pay the laboratory fees necessary for the monitoring of Stekoa Creek.**

Want to help with the Stekoa monitoring? The 2008 Embrace-A-Stream grant pays for about 50% of the lab fees.

Matching donations are needed for the other 50%. For info on where you or your organization can send a donation to help pay lab fees E-mail edadams1@alltel.net or visit [HERE](#) To see a list of organizations and individuals that have donated, click [HERE](#)

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Letters - To and From the Rabunites

Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2008

Subject: FW: TIGHT LINES February 2008 Newsletter

I shared the Tight Lines with a golfing friend who loves to fish. His son is an Orvis guide in Blowing Rock. Thought you might enjoy his description of their last outing....

From: Cecil Greene – A Rabunite in Raleigh, NC

-----Original Message-----

Subject: RE: TIGHT LINES February 2008 Newsletter

Hello Cecil, My son (Orvis guide), his girlfriend (an avid flyfisher herself) and myself did a float trip on the Watauga River in Tennessee this past weekend, Sat. Jan 19. Needless to say, it was a very cold day, approx 8degrees F, with a wind chill of near 0. About as cold a day of trout fishing as I've ever had, only one other person sighted fishing on this entire / popular float trip stretch near Elizabethton Tenn. Eyelets freeze up, had to slap rod in water to break open ice in eyelets, water in bottom of boat on one side had frozen from heavy snow / thaw a few days before as cover sagged on one side and made boat weight lopsided, spit would freeze before you could draw a knot closed, anchor rope would freeze whenever it was brought in (a major problem with automatic foot controlled anchor device) fingers didn't work. But... a great day of fishing, several rainbow and brown in excess of 14" and many in the 12 inch range, some hatches when sun came out on mostly overcast day. Hard Core Cold to the core.... Not sure we will do it again.... but we now know a few things that we would add to make it work better. Keep sending the Newsletter, Thanks! Ken

Editor's notes: *Thanks Cecil, we love stories like this.*

Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2008

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES February 2008 Newsletter

As you know the Forest Service has solicited comments concerning the future of the Anderson Creek ORV/ATV area. I have fished Anderson Creek for 30 years or more and it has been one of the finest wild trout streams around with many big Browns caught. The ORV/ATV area in there nearly destroyed the fishing with one of the designated trails literally in Duff Creek (a major tributary of Anderson Creek and at one time a fine little wild trout stream itself) and illegal user created trails running in all directions. We should support the Forest Service in their decision to close the area to off-road vehicles and I hope that you can stir up some more letters from over your way. The Off-road vehicle clubs have started a " Friends of Anderson Creek" of all things complete with website and are threatening to sue.

From: David Govus – Ellijay, GA

Editor's notes: *We agree with you and the Forest Service.*

Sent: Friday, January 25, 2008

Subject: Re: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Predator Beetles

Jim Kidd and I were at a Society of American Foresters' meeting at the USFS office in Gainesville last night. There were several USFS and UGA-Forestry folks there. I asked if anyone knew of any success with the predator beetles. Basically, the answer was no. The USFS is treating individual trees in some settings, and their research folks are collecting cones/seed for future gene pool, but I didn't hear any optimism for the big picture. These aren't the experts. I still think we should hear what Rusty Rhea has to say, but I thought it might interest you to hear what the "rank and file" folks said.

From: Larry Walker – A Rabunite in Lakemont, GA

Editor's notes: *We still have not heard from Rusty Rhea.*

Sent: Monday, February 04, 2008

Subject: Congratulations!!!

Just reading the latest "Trout" magazine and happy to see the Rabun Chapter and the habitat restoration day mentioned.

From: Cecil Greene – A Rabunite in Raleigh, NC

Editor's notes: *Thanks.*

Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008

Subject: RE: Stover Creek

Congratulations to the Oconee River Chapter, the Gold Rush Chapter and the Rabun Chapter on receiving Embrace-a-Stream grants and thanks for the hard work during the application process. Now you can help the fish!!

From: Charlie Breithaupt – GA TU Council Chairman

Editor's notes: *Thanks.*

Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2008

Subject: ORCTU Donation to Stekoa Creek Project

The Oconee River Chapter of Trout Unlimited is proud to announce that we are donating \$200 to the Stekoa Creek Project. As additional funds become available for such projects, we will let you know. Please let me know if you have any questions! Regards,

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

Editor's notes: *Our THANKS to the Oconee River TU Chapter for continued financial support of this important project.*

Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Subject: Comments

My wife and I had a great time at the Rendezvous. I look forward to seeing the final tabulations from the raffle and silent auction. It certainly seemed like a good turnout, maybe the biggest of my three years attending. We appreciate the hard work the members have put in and hope to be more active in the future. Once that last child has flown, we should be able to enjoy our free time as we want, instead of how she wants!

From: Mitch Logan – A Rabunite in Lawrenceville, GA

Editor's notes: *Thanks for your kind comments. We look forward to your joining in.*

Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 By US Postal

Our thanks to the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited for your generous support of the Stop I-3 Coalition. With your help we plan to continue our fight to save the mountains and watersheds from this disastrous highway. Presently we are fighting the technical correction, which would route the highway through South Carolina. We don't want it anywhere in the mountains or immediate piedmont. We hope you can join our next supporting organizations conference call. Sincerely,

From: Lucy Bartlett – Chairperson, Stop I-3 Coalition Board, Tiger, GA

Editor's notes: *Rabun TU had donated \$300 more to the Stop I-3 Coalition.*

Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008

Subject: Donations

I have received two donations from the Rabun Chapter to the GA Council as follows:

\$3000 - For student interns working with GA WRD

\$500 - For GA TU Back-the-Brookie Program

From: Ray Gentry – Treasurer, GA TU Council and a Rabunite in Sautee, GA

Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008

Subject: RE: Donations

The Rabun Chapter continues to be a real leader in the work we do for Trout here in Georgia. Thanks to them also for the nice space they have on old GRIZ in their website. GRIZ

From: Garland Stewart – Canton, GA

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

Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008

Subject: RE: Donations

This is wonderful and greatly appreciated. I'll get a note off to the Rabunites soon. Regards,

From: Kevin F. McGrath – GA Council Back the Brookie Chairman, Atlanta, GA

Editor's notes: *Thank you.*

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008

Subject: Donation

I have received a donation from the Oconee River Chapter to the GA Council as follows:

\$500 - to GA TU Back-the-Brookie for Summer interns

From: Ray Gentry – Treasurer, GA TU Council

Editor's notes: *Great!*

Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Subject: TIGHT LINES NEWSLETTER

Forgot to thank you earlier for the February Tight Lines. Your newsletter makes for some great reading, keeping "flatlanders" (like myself) well informed on what's happened, what's happening and what's going to happen. I look forward to each new issue.

From: Russ Tyre – A Rabunite in St Petersburg Beach, FL

Editor's notes: *Thanks for your kind comments.*

Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES March 2008 Newsletter

Glad to hear from you. I still have that letter with the fly attached as a reminder of our good times on the Chattooga and documentation of how one little fly can make a trout shrink in just one week! I am flunking retirement big time. Last March I was appointed to the board of commissioners of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Thanks for keeping me on your distribution list, and please pass my continuing best wishes to the Rabun TU'ers.

From: Bob Bachman - Pennsylvania's Donegal TU Chapter

Editor's notes: *Best wishes to you, too.*

Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Subject: March TIGHTLINES

Every time a new issue comes out it is better than the last one. How do you do that?

From: Ralph Morgan – A Rabunite in St Marys, GA

Editor's notes: *Your feedback helps. Thank you.*

Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2008

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES March 2008 Newsletter

Great newsletter as always! Congratulations to the Breithaupt on their award for youth education. Regards,

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

Editor's notes: *Thank you.*

Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008

Subject: No Time for a Garden!

Please pass on this Wa-HOO and Amen to Jimmy for a nice President's message that showed true vision and leadership. I enjoyed a hearty chuckle. And I believe he penned a Kellyism or the next TU bumper sticker: No time for a garden!

From: Jeff Durniak – A Rabunite in Cleveland, GA

Editor's notes: *Agree!*

Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2008

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES March 2008 Newsletter

Thanks for Tight Lines - March issue. Sounds like things are going to start happening up there as the weather warms a bit.

From: Russ Tyre - A Rabunite in St. Petersburg Beach, FL

Editor's notes: *Yep!*

Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008

Subject: Donation

I have received a check from the Coosa Chapter in the amount of \$2,000 designated for the BTB Interns. I will make a full report of all donations at our meeting March 15 in Dahlonega.

From: Ray Gentry – Treasurer, GA TU Council

Editor's notes: *Great!*

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008

Subject: Rabun Chapter Donation

Wanted to let you know that Tom's painting was a big hit at the banquet on Saturday. Some how or another - I ended up buying it. So, I now have two of Tom's paintings in my possession.

Thanks again for the donation. Cheers,

From: Sally Armstrong – Mountain Bridge TU Chapter, Greenville, SC

Editor's notes: *Rabun TU gave Mountain Bridge TU a framed Tom Landreth LE print for their live auction fundraiser.*

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008

Subject: RE: Mountain Bridge TU Chapter Banquet

The painting brought \$350.00 so I think we did pretty good.

Thanks again for the donation

From: Tom Fischer – Banquet Chairman, Mountain Bridge TU Chapter, Greenville, SC

Editor's notes: *You did very good.*

Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Subject: Donation

I have received a donation from NGTO in the amount of \$1,500 designated to the "Brookie Intern Program".

From: Ray Gentry – Treasurer, GA TU Council

Editor's notes: *Great!*

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008

Subject: RE: Rabunite 101 - An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Trout.

I am continually impressed by all that your organization does and how well you do it all. Keep up the GREAT work. I'm looking forward to meeting you and your group in June when I speak at your monthly meeting. Until then, here's to tight lines!

From: Holly Demuth - Executive Director, Stop I-3 Coalition

Editor's notes: *Thank for your kind comments. We're also looking forward to the June meeting program.*

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008

Subject: Rabun TU gift

The Rabun Chapter has been a great supporter of SC TU and the Chattooga River Chapter. The Rabun Chapter's donation of the Landreth print goes above and beyond the relationship that 2 TU chapters usually have with each other. Pass on my thanks and gratitude for your support. Tom's prints are always among the most popular items at our auctions.

From: Tom McInnis – Member of Chattooga River TU Chapter & Past Chairman of the SC TU Council

Editor's notes: *The Rabunites appreciate the 20 years of cooperation we have enjoyed with the Chattooga River TU Chapter in our shared mission to protect, preserve and enhance the Chattooga River watershed and fishery. Congratulations on the CRTUC's 20th Anniversary coming up on May 25th!*

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

Rabun TU sales of Dream Trip Raffle tickets totaled 119. Prez Jimmy turned in a check for \$1,190 to the GA TU Council on 3/15/2008.

Editor's notes: Recently we have heard of some encounters on trout streams where a few younger anglers exhibited bad behavior or were rude. Maybe their mama just didn't teach them good manners.

Perhaps it is time we all reviewed the unwritten rules of *Ethics and Stream Etiquette* in trout fishing. The following is reprinted from the *Georgia Outdoor News (GON)*, September 2006. <http://www.gon.com/>

Rabunite Ramble

The other day I had hiked for about half an hour along a streamside trail into the North Georgia backcountry. I had not seen another angler on my way in. I slipped into the stream and began stalking trout. About 20 minutes later I saw another angler pass me going up the trail. We exchanged a brief nod. A few minutes later that angler dropped into the stream about 25 or 30 yards ahead of me.

Like in most field and stream sports, there are unwritten rules of **Ethics and Stream Etiquette** in trout fishing. Trout fishing is a way to leave the competition of everyday life and to enter a natural world where gentle people can enjoy being together while respecting one another's privacy and need for solitude. It is fine to share stories and flies with a stranger, but never a stretch of stream unless invited. This is especially true on public waters in the backcountry.

- We fish for different reasons. Some of us go trout fishing simply to experience some solitude. When you greet another angler on the stream or trail, it's OK to ask: "How's fishing?" If the other angler mumbles and looks away, respect his need for privacy and move along.
- Anglers should walk the trail to space themselves so as not to infringe on another angler's 'envelope of solitude'. This usually means around a bend and completely out of site of other anglers.
- If someone is fishing a pool, either move along to another section of stream or wait until the other angler is out of the pool and has moved along to another section.
- If you come across an angler sitting on the bank next to a pool, move along. The angler may be 'resting' the pool or 'resting' a particular fish.
- Never cross a stream where another angler is fishing. Find another place that is either well below or out of sight above to cross.
- Never hurry ahead of another angler to cover water that you anticipate the other angler is working his way towards.
- When two anglers meet on the stream and one is fishing 'up stream' and the other is fishing 'down stream', the angler fishing 'up' has the 'right-of-way'.
- When another angler shows you a secret fishing spot, never return there alone without asking your friend's permission. And never show the spot to someone else.
- When you discover what fly or lure is working, share the info (and a fly) with other anglers. When another angler gives you a fly, open your fly box and give him one of your favorites and tell him when and how you use it.
- Don't compete with other anglers on the number of trout caught. For some of us, success is fooling the fish into striking, even if the trout isn't landed. For others, success is in making a good cast. For others, success is just a day of solitude, making memories on a stream.
- Respect private property. Don't cross it without permission, even to get to 'public' property on the other side.
- If you are releasing fish, use the heaviest tippet you can to fool the trout. Play the trout quickly without exhausting it. If possible, release trout without handling them. Barbless hooks will make this easier..
- Pick up trash, even if it is not yours. When you clip off a piece of line, put it in your pocket and take it out.
- Invite someone less fortunate or less experienced to go with you and share your stream knowledge.
- Be active in conservation. Volunteering is a great way to give something back to the resource that brings you so much pleasure. Help Trout Unlimited accomplish its mission to conserve, protect and restore North Georgia's trout fisheries and their watersheds.
- Pass it on; take a kid fishing. Today's kids will be the watershed protectors of tomorrow

Treat other anglers, your surroundings, and your fish with respect.

The Ole Rabunite

Editor's notes: American Whitewater asks boaters to use the following guidelines when paddling past any angler.

http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Wiki/stewardship/share_the_river

- Stay in the main flow whenever possible while paddling past anglers or while paddling in heavily fished waters. Anglers generally work their way upstream while fishing so engage in this behavior as soon as you see a downstream angler.
- Paddle past areas that are being fished consistently with minimal splashing. Fish can be disturbed by noise and surface activity.
- Avoid shouting or being loud. Anglers and other backcountry recreationists generally appreciate quiet interactions with other recreational users. Voices carry well over water, so avoid shouting when in the presence of other recreationists unless necessary for safety reasons.
- Avoid startling anglers. When possible, pass anglers in on a highly visible path down the river and make eye contact with the angler as far upstream as possible. When in heavily fished waters or narrow blind streams, act as if an angler is around every bend. Fly Fishermen generally cast upstream so this consideration is often easily accomplished.
- Don't approach casting anglers. This should be obvious, but if you want to say hi or do a little PR for boaters, simply smile and nod.

Angling trumps bicycling, jogging, camping

More than 51 million people ages 6 and older in the U.S. went fishing in 2006. That's well above the number who participated in the other gateway outdoor activities – camping, bicycling, jogging and day hiking.

Over the last 7 years, participation was up for kayaking, canoeing, snow shoeing, Telemark skiing, and trail running. There was a decline in backpacking, paved road biking, and car camping.

The Outdoor Industry Foundation and its partners interviewed more than 61,000 individuals.

The results are in a free report called "The Next Generation of Outdoor Participants – 2007". (Outdoor Industry Association)

For the complete report, click <http://atfiles.org/files/pdf/OutdoorNextGen.pdf>



Membership in the Camo Coalition is FREE

Georgia Trout Unlimited partners with the Camo Coalition to make you aware of situations that impact cold water fisheries. Please consider joining the Camo Coalition as an individual member at <http://www.camocoalition.com/>. The Camo Coalition is an activity of the Georgia Wildlife Federation <http://www.gwf.org/>.

Another THANK YOU to the Rabunites

Via Email; March 15, 2008

Mr. Jimmy Whiten – President, Rabun Chapter of TU

Dear Jimmy:

Thank you for Rabun TU's generous contribution of \$3000 to our intern program and \$500 directly to Back-the-Brookie this year. The Rabunite's support over the past several years has been a key factor in our success:

- Eight streams with the potential to contain brook trout were surveyed by DNR personnel supervising TU interns paid through grant funds. This resulted in the discovery of three additional unknown brook trout streams and confirmation of successful restoration from a previous year on another stream. The brook trout recovered are being sent for typing to determine whether they are Southern Appalachian (SABT), Northern, or hybrid brook trout.
- Eight additional streams thought to have restoration potential were surveyed by interns. Barriers were located on all but one stream. One stream has already been stocked with wild SABT, another already holding brook trout in the headwaters is being restored to extend those waters by an additional mile.
- TU interns and TU volunteers have built 55 in-stream structures for habitat at preservation and restoration on

multiple brook trout streams during 2007. Dependent upon funding received for 2008, our goal is to build from 75 to 120 additional structures on ten separate streams during 2008.

- A database has been developed showing results from water sample collections from 2005 to the present
- Concern over the extreme drought and heat conditions turned our attention to the need to increase stream temperature monitoring. TU purchased thermographs, which have been utilized in 22 select brook trout streams.
- Contributions have enabled TU to contract for six presentations about brook trout. They meet Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) for lesson plans. The subjects are: Anatomy; Natural History; Food Chain; Habitat; Human Impact; and Restoration. This educational presentation has been completed and is available for school use through the Smithgall Woods Conservation Area Education Program.

We look forward to another successful year in preserving, protecting and restoring brook trout throughout North Georgia and sharing our success with you.

Regards, Kevin F. McGrath – Chairman, Back-the-Brookie, Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited



Dedicated to our Veterans and Their Families

Anyone who's ever felt the rush of seeing a trout rise to a fly can tell you, there's nothing else like it. It gives a sense of peace and a connection with nature, which can bring about physical, emotional and spiritual healing in a number of ways. For that very reason, Fly-Fishing for Vets was born.

Fly-Fishing for Vets is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created to provide wounded warriors and their families with a bit of relief from the many stressful aspects of recovering from an injury or being permanently disabled.

For the Vets, the foundation offers one or two-day trips with guided fly-fishing instruction and excursions as a means to get away from it all. The trips can also be therapeutic, in that they can restore confidence, feelings of independence and self-esteem for the wounded warrior. Trip options include the lakes at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, GA, and the Toccoa River nestled in the mountains of Fannin County, GA.

The program provides the Veteran and his family the opportunity to enjoy the healing effects that being in a peaceful setting among friends and family whose care provides a welcome relief from the stress of recovery and the return from war. Fly Fishing for Vets is a non-profit foundation dedicated to the Veteran and his family. While the veteran is fly-fishing we provide the spouse with time to herself, as an example, time alone at a local Spa. To do this we also provide basic services that are age based. Services for the children can range from simple babysitting to horseback riding for the older children. Older children are always welcome to fish with their parent. Ken Griffin, President of the Flint River TU Chapter (Peachtree City, GA), is the founder of the Fly Fishing for Vets program.

<http://www.flyfishingforvets.com/> Ken Griffin, Phone 678-993-9896 ckengriffin@comcast.net

Editor's notes: On 3/15/2008, the GA Council of TU voted unanimously to donate \$1,000 for equipment to Fly Fishing for Vets. On 3/25/2008, the Rabun TU Chapter Board of Directors unanimously approved a \$500 donation.

"BACKCASTING"

Mar 8 (Sat) Mountain Bridge TU Chapter Banquet Rabun TU donated a framed limited edition print of Tom Landreth's "Morning Mist" for the live auction. It sold for \$350.

Mar 15 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting in Dahlonega was attended by 6 Rabun TU Members. Items discussed included: Introductions; Roll Call; Opening Remarks; Minutes of previous meeting; Treasurer's report; Approval of \$55,000 annual budget; CEI Report; 2008 Trout Camp update; 2008 Dream Trip report; Back the Brookie; GA Aquarium; Chattooga River recreation zoning update; Trout in the Classroom; Helen Trout Day Event; Bass Pro Shop; TUTV update; Earth Share of Georgia update; Stop I-3 update; Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project, NGTO Spring Fling; Southeastern TU Rally; Workday on Betty Creek for Trout Camp; and Fly Fishing for Vets.

Mar 18 (Tues) Chapter Meeting – 22 Rabunites attended **Program: Lee Keefer**, GA WRD coldwater fisheries biologist, made a PowerPoint presentation on the status of native brook trout in Georgia and possible restoration plans. Only 9% of Georgia's original brook trout populations are intact, mostly in the upper most headwaters of trout streams that have physical barriers blocking the passage of other trout species. The Georgia plan is a 4-stage approach: 1. Population inventory – it determined that GA has 80 brook trout populations intact and 26 are pure southern strain. 2. Habitat improvement – since 2006 the TU interns a TU volunteers have installed 70 structures in brook trout streams. 3. Restoration planning – the streams must be within historic range, must have a barrier, and desirable to connect isolated populations. 4. Restoration of brook trout streams – where necessary antimycin will be used to remove other fish species. This could be a 15-year program. **Meeting raffle** had 11 buckets with 6 books, a fly selection, a jar of local honey, a chest tackle pack, a limited edition print and much more. The raffle raised \$110 to be used toward the cost of mailing newsletters to members without E-mail and for the meeting hospitality expenses. A BIG "thank you" goes to all the Rabunites who donated the items and to members and guests who purchased raffle tickets

Mar 25 (Tues) BOD Meeting - 10 Officers and Directors were present. The items discussed included: Update: Thank you letters to all Rabun Rendezvous donors; Update: ½-day Fly Fishing Seminar; Program for 2009 Rabun Rendezvous; Update: Chattooga North Fork – Boating Zoning; Update: 2008 GA Trout Camp; Update: Stekoa Creek Monitoring; Apr 15 Meeting Program; Moving the Indian Lake cookout meeting to Monday (5/19) on the regular meeting night for the Scouts; Mar 29 Helen Trout Tournament, Mar 29 Hoot on the Hooch, Apr 1 Chattooga River TU Chapter Banquet; Apr 12 Oconee River TU Chapter Banquet; Apr 16 – 20 Camping & Fishing Chattooga Backcountry with Camping at Cherry Hill C.G; Apr 19 Smith Creek Workday with GA WRD; Apr 25 – 27 Southeast Region TU Rally; Putting monthly meeting notices in The Clayton Tribune; Rabun OnLine; Tallulah River Watershed Protection Committee; Treasury Report; approved a \$500 donation to help buy a portable field computer for the Burton Hatchery; approved a \$500 donation to Fly Fishing for Vets, discussed and approved the Chapter's Secretary sending a letter to the Forest Service commenting on the scoping letter (dated 3/8) concerning 3 Soil and Water rehabilitation sites (click [HERE](#)).

Results of the National TU Annual Financial Report Process

Annual Financial Review: Grassroots Volunteerism on the Rise

In 2007, TU volunteers all across the nation increased their total conservation output, registering 618,510 hours of volunteer time! This represents a remarkable in-kind contribution value of over 11 million dollars (using the federal standard of \$18.77 per hour for volunteer work). In the past five years, TU's volunteerism has increased an outstanding 45 percent.

FISHING REPORTS

Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2008

Subject: Chattooga 3/2 report

Took my daughter down below Burrell's Ford for a few hours. This time she did not fall in!! She ended up bringing 14 to hand, biggest around 13 inches. Most came on a olive wb with a pt dropper. Then a nice hatch of small caddis came off and she caught a few on a dry. As far as me I never strung my rod up, just enjoyed watching her, and teaching her. I think she will end up making a great flyfisherwoman one day!!!! I am proud of her, not bad for a nine year old!!!!

From: John Eaves – A Rabunite from Royston, GA

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008

Subject: Chattooga DH 3/22

Hit the DH from about 10 till 7. On the first 2 runs I hit brought 15 to hand, Thought it was gonna be an awesome day, well the river showed its Dr. Jeckle and Mr. Hyde self that day. Ended up with 20 to hand, all bows. Did not see the first bug come off all day!!! Most people I talked to were having skunkage for luck. On my way out I decided to try a BIG olive, lead eyed rubber legged bugger on a sink line. All the deep runs and nothing!! Then all of a sudden - Wham! I thought I was hung on the bottom, until it moved. For 10 minutes, he took me all over that stretch of the river. Until he went straight for a logjam and it was over. I never saw him, but he was a handful on the 6wt. Still a beautiful day on the river!!!!

From: John Eaves – A Rabunite from Royston, GA

FRIENDS OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TU

This past month, several of our business friends again provided Rabun TU discounts on their goods or services.

We appreciate their continued support of our conservation work.

We extend a BIG "Thank You" to the following:

June Landreth of Tom Landreth's Studio, Rabun Gap, GA <http://www.tom-landreth.com/>

Ken and Janie Morris with The Hollow Log, Cornelia, GA <http://www.thehollowlog.com/>

Lorraine Guelker with Frank Amato Publications, Portland, OR <http://www.amatobooks.com>

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/>

Chattooga draft Environmental Assessment (EA): The draft Chattooga EA is currently under internal review. The Forest Service will post the draft EA on our website as soon as it is available for public review and comment (updated March 10, 2008)

Our friends at the **Upper Chattahoochee TU Chapter** (Roswell, GA) put out a very classy newsletter. The March issue of the "TU Newsliner" is posted and you can access it by clicking [Here](#)
They also have a great website <http://www.ucctu.org/index.htm>

Chattahoochee National Forest - Interactive Maps

<http://www.fs.fed.us/conf/maps/>



The Chattahoochee National Forest published its revised and updated forest visitor map in early 2007. What makes this map different from past editions is that the map was completely prepared using [GIS](#) technology. This makes it possible for the Forest Service to offer the map in 4 smaller sections in the [Acrobat](#) PDF format. Some of the features this provides are:

- Save and use the maps on your computer
- Zoom in to reveal more details with 100% image quality
- Search for feature and place names such as road numbers, campgrounds, and trails. Any text on the map is searchable.

Use the links below to download the different parts of the map, the legend, and an index to topographic maps.
Print the area visible on the screen on standard sized paper.

[Conasauga District West Portion](#) (2.3 MB); [Conasauga District East Portion](#) (2.5 MB); [Blue Ridge District](#) (11.6 MB)
[Chattooga River District](#) (8.0MB); [Map Legend](#) (148 KB); [Index of topographic maps](#) (155 KB)

Editor's notes: For on-line FREE topographic maps, click on <http://www.topozone.com/>
For on-line FREE satellite photos, click on <http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=wl>

Fly casting-golf tournament

Save The Date - August 16, 2008

The **Upper Chattahoochee Chapter of Trout Unlimited** in cooperation with the **Atlanta Fly Fishing School** will offer a fly casting-golf tournament for 20 foursomes of fly casters. This event will be sponsored by **Temple Fork Outfitters** and **Unicoi Outfitters** and will take place on August 16, 2008 starting at 9:30 AM at the Atlanta Fly Fishing School in Cumming, GA. The entrance fee will be \$50 per person and all proceeds will raise funds for Trout Unlimited and will be used to fund Youth education, Back the Brookie and Stream restoration projects in

Georgia. The winners of this tournament will each receive a Temple Fork fly rod of their choice, a new SA fly line and a surprise gift to be announced at the tournament. *Don't miss this one!* Contact Dutch Earle at hearle@esisearch.com or call 770-552-9609 for reservations. This is a great opportunity to have fun, improve your fly casting, help with the education and conservation efforts of TU and perhaps win new fly rod, line and who knows what else.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to **Pat Gorman**, a young Rabunite who has been accepted by the University of Vermont in the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **one new member** this month: **Ronald Larsen** (transfer), 2170 Big Pine Drive, Hiawassee, GA 30546.

Thanks for re-upping: **Gene Roberts, Russ Tyre, "CC" Barrett, Allan Ramsay, Neil Anderson, Billy Cook, Ray Hannah, Will Pendrey, Fritz Vinson, John Eaves, and David Jordan.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Devin Anderson, Steve McAdams, Bill Thompson, Pat Gorman, Reb Hester, Terry Roderick, Nancy Gribble, Doug Hickman, Lee Prater, Tommy James, and Joshua Watts.**

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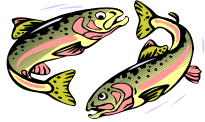
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From the Fly Tying Desk of Jimmy Whiten

The time is here, you should be checking on your favorite fishing hole that no one knows about watching for those hatches, water is up and fishing is good, (and some days some of the anglers are catching fish.)

Our first camping trip of the year is at Cherry Hill. There will be fun and great food, maybe some fishing, and always great stories by the campfire, the ones you don't have to believe unless you want to and of course the one that as my friend Tom Landreth would say. "I don't believe I would have told that." I will miss Tom.

I would like to leave my thoughts from fishing and camping to something that is very important to me. The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall. If you ever wanted to visit the Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. and have not done it, now you have the opportunity to see the next best thing. The Memorial Traveling Wall will be in Toccoa March 28, 29, 30 open to everyone 24hrs each day.

I spent months training with a unit going to Vietnam and orders came down for me not to go the day the unit shipped out. The unit suffered heavy casualties and heavy injuries - many of which were my friends. I guess this is why it means so much to me.

Happy fishing,

Jimmy

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/site/c.kkLRJ7MSKtH/b.3022897/k.BF82/Home.htm>

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