



# TIGHT LINES June 2008 Newsletter of the

## Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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

*"There's no use in traveling many miles to fish when you can be just as unsuccessful near your home."*  
Mark Twain **Editor's Notes:** *It'll save on gas, too!*

### 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)

**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 one great ingredient in successful fly-fishing is patience. The man whose fly is always on the water has the best chance. There is always a chance of a fish or two, no matter how hopeless it looks. You never know what may happen in fly-fishing."*  
Francis Francis, 1862

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

**May 31 (Sat) USFS Kids Fishing Event – Tallulah River, 8 AM** in the 1<sup>st</sup> campground. Sponsors: USFS, GA WRD, & TU - Volunteers and mentors needed. (Rabun TU is supporting this KFE with a donation of \$300)

**June 4 (Wed) GA TU Council Meeting 6:30 PM** at Bass Pro Shops in Atlanta

**June 8 – 13 (Sun – Fri) 2008 GEORGIA TROUT CAMP** All Day & All Night; we need all the help we can get! Contact **Charlie Breithaupt**, he is the Camp Director: Ph 706 782 6954 or E-mail [knc615@hughes.net](mailto:knc615@hughes.net)

**June 17 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM**, Community Bank and Trust  
**Program – Jenny Sanders, Executive Director - Little Tennessee Watershed Assoc**

**June 21 (Sat) Benefit Concert for Stekoa Creek Clean-up, 8 PM**  
For details see Stekoa Creek Update in this newsletter.

**June 24 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM**, Community Bank and Trust

**July 8 & 9 (Tues & Wed) Annual Electro-Shock Sampling of Chattooga River** (USFS, SC DNR & GA DNR) Lots of volunteers needed! Camping at Cherry Hill C.G. on Monday & Tuesday nights.

**July 15 (Tues) Family Picnic, 6 PM**, Kelly's Water Falls Park

**July 22 (Tues) Board of Directors meeting 6:30 PM**, Community Bank and Trust

**2009 Rabun Rendezvous - Saturday, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Program TBD**

### FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



**FUZZY FOAM CRAYFISH**  
**BY BOB CLOUSER**

HERE IS THE STORY BEHIND THIS PATTERN. A RABUNITE FISHED WITH ANOTHER RABUNITE RETURNED TO CAMP WITH A TALL STORY. HE HAD FOUND THE SECRET TO FOOLING THE WILD BROWNS IN A CERTAIN RIVER. HE TOLD ME THE STORY BEHIND THIS PATTERN AND I'VE ORDERED THE MATERIAL FROM BOB CLOUSER'S WEB SITE. CAN'T WAIT TO TRY IT OUT, WILL LET YOU KNOW IN THE SUCCESS ON THE PATTERN.

**HOOK:** # 4 TO #8 3X  
**CLAWS:** HEN MALLARD FLANKS  
**LEGS:** HONEY DUN HACKLE  
**TAIL:** PHEASANT TAIL  
**BODY:** CLOUSER CRAYFISH DUBBING  
**SHELL BACK:** FUZZY FOAM

*"One half the most skillful fishermen assert that the fly, as for instance, the scarlet ibis, need resemble nothing on earth, or in the waters under the earth, and that the sharp-sighted fish are never deceived by thinking ours the natural insect, but take him for some new and undescribed species. As for myself, to use the quaint language of the editor of the Knickerbocker, 'sometimes I think so, and then again I don't, but mostly I do.' "*

From Game Fish of the North by Robert Barnwell Roosevelt

## June Hatches

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
None at all	Any Day	Any Time	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Grey-Brown & Green Caddis	Early	Late PM	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/Green 14-16 Dun & Green Caddis Pupa
Speckled Grey-Brown Caddis	Early	Late PM	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/Yellow-Brown 14-16 Dun & Yellow Caddis Pupa
Small Dun Caddis	All Month	Mid AM	18 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Giant Black Stonefly	All Month	Dawn to early AM	4-6 Black Stonefly Nymph
Brown Stonefly	All Month	Early to Mid AM	10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Golden Stonefly	All Month	Early AM	6-10 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly	All Month	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Trico Mayfly	Mid to Late	Mid AM	20 Parachute Trico
Trico Spinner Fall		Late PM	20-22 Poly Wing Black Spinner
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc		Various Times & Sizes	

**'Website-of-the-Month':** <http://nctu.org/>

Check out: <http://nctu.org/rivercourse.html>

**"The Future of Coldwater Conservation Lies In Our Youth"**

*"Many of the most highly publicized events of my presidency are not nearly as memorable or significant in my life as fishing with my daddy." – President Jimmy Carter*

### A TIP FOR CREATING TOMORROW'S COLDWATER CONSERVATIONISTS START 'EM YOUNG!



(5/01/2008) Benjamin Clay (not quite 4 years) with his first trout. He caught them in THE RIVER. Look at that smile. I'll bet Benjamin's mother cooked those fresh trout that night. It's call makin' memories!

The following is reprinted from The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, <http://www.ajc.com/>

**AJC Outdoors:** Click [HERE](#).

#### **Hooked early, for lifetime:**

**May is good time to take kids fishing;**  
By Scott Bernarde; (05/04/08)

May brings fond fishing memories for **Jeff Durniak**, a former New Jersey boy who has made a career out of his love of the outdoors. That Mother's Day is next weekend only sweetens the stories. Durniak recalls his introduction to fishing, catching stunted pumpkinseed sunfish as a toddler — "we called them 'sunnies,' " — on family outings at a city pond in Plainfield, N.J. It was the seed that grew into a career in fisheries management for Durniak, who as a regional fisheries supervisor for the Georgia Wildlife Resources Division helps enable families to create their own memories. With his father, Walter, mother, Phyllis and, later, younger brother Chris, Durniak recalls fishing from the bank, catching slews of those little panfish and occasionally a "trophy" golden carp, the orphaned goldfish that fish-bowl owners let loose into the pond. Later, family fishing trips

expanded to wherever the fish were biting, from trout streams to the coast, and part of their catches were always shared with the rest of the neighborhood. "We fished almost every weekend if there wasn't snow still on the ground," said Durniak, who has been with the Georgia DNR for 23 years. "My parents put their kids first. We had no money, but we had lots of love." It was Phyllis, now 76, who brings the most vivid images of Durniak's childhood. A registered nurse who took a break from working to raise the two boys, she was a coal miner's daughter and wasn't scared of anything, whether it was baiting hooks, cleaning fish or wading knee-deep in the muck. "My fishing idol is my mother," he said. "She was probably a more skilled [fisherman] than my dad." May is a good time to begin your own fishing memories, Durniak says, especially if you're looking to introduce kids to the sport. Bream start bedding in earnest this month and are easy to catch with inexpensive equipment. The month is also filled with kids fishing events all across the state, where young anglers get first-hand instruction. For ideas, go to <http://www.gofishgeorgia.com/>.

## TEACH YOUR CHILDREN

General tips on introducing kids to fishing:

> **Kids Fishing Events:** Usually held on Saturdays by various fishing groups and government agencies, KFEs are a great place for a kid to get a start.

> **Keep it simple:** Crickets or worms on light, inexpensive tackle (cane poles are great for bream) will keep the rod bent. Almost every frequent angler started with crickets and a cork.

> **Short and fun:** Fish somewhere close to home, don't fish all day and remember to bring snacks. Kids won't have fun if they're bored or hungry.

> **Pond fishing:** Look for ponds at subdivisions, city, county and state parks, and even small municipal reservoirs. State-managed Public Fishing Areas are a good bet, too. They all have fish willing to bite.

> **Research:** The Georgia Wildlife Resources Division Web site ( <http://www.gofishgeorgia.com/> ) has a link to "Kids Fishing" (click [HERE](#) ) that will tell you everything you want to know. There you'll also find the Northeast and Northwest Georgia Fishing Guides, which have comprehensive information on where to go and what to do when you get there

**Editor's Notes:** Rabun TU is a sponsor of the Black Rock Mountain State Park's annual KFE. The following "Featured Photo" is reprinted from The Clayton Tribune (5/08/2008)

<http://www.theclaytontribune.com/>

## FEATURED PHOTOS

[I caught one!](#)



Kimberly Alford of Mountain City and her brother, Sean Alford, 11, learn how to hold a twisting trout at Black Rock Mountain State Park. Both anglers won trophies in the 19th annual junior fishing rodeo at Black Rock Lake.

## Memories of Tom Landreth

(Jan. 25, 1932 – Dec. 8, 2007)

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

*"And as I saw the morning star  
come up over the mountains,  
I realized that life is just a  
collection of memories.  
And memories are like starlight:  
they go on forever."*

Excerpt from the lyrics of "Aurora Borealis"  
by C. W. McCall



"Chattooga River" by Tom Landreth

Knowing of Tom's love of trout fishing and the Chattooga backcountry; his family gave their permission to establish the Tom Landreth Memorial Fund at Rabun TU with all donations used to help pay for the Chattooga backcountry helicopter stocking program.

What a nice way for his family to allow us to honor Tom.

**During the last 5 months there have been 25 donations totaling \$2,000.**

The July issue of TIGHT LINE will complete the 6 months of Memorial Fund notices and it will list the names of all the donors.

**So far the donations have been enough to pay Rabun TU's share of helicopter costs for 4 years, through 2011.**

It is not too late to make a donation. Write your 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

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.

## 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). The samples are picked up in the parking area at the Stekoa Creek Trading Co. on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM. The volunteer schedule through spring and summer is as follows: Jimmy Whiten (5/27), Fritz Vinson (6/3), Larry Walker (6/10), Terry Rivers (6/17), Doug Mansfield (6/24), Ray Kearns (7/1), Charlie Breithaupt (7/8), Eedee Adams (7/15), Bill Kelly (7/22), Travis Barnes (7/29), Tom Matthews (8/5), Kathy Breithaupt (8/12), Russell Johnson (8/19), Gary Deal (8/26), Doug Adams (9/2), Lea Richmond (9/9), Ray Gentry (9/16), Jimmy Whiten (9/23), Fritz Vinson (9/30)

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](mailto:edadams1@alltel.net)



## Stekoa Creek Update (Continued)

### Trout Unlimited members are donating \$1,000 per month to monitor Stekoa Creek

About \$480 per month goes to pay for the certified lab fees to test the water samples. Half is being paid by the National TU Embrace-A-Stream Grant (for 2 years) and the other half is being donated by the Rabun Chapter, Oconee River Chapter – Athens, Georgia Foothills Chapter - Cornelia, and Upper Chattahoochee Chapter - Roswell, the Georgia Council of TU and the Atlanta Fly Fishing School. The 17 members of Rabun TU that volunteer 3 hours and 132 miles of vehicle expenses weekly are donating services valued at approximately \$520 per month.

### June 21<sup>st</sup> - Summer Solstice Benefit Concert for Clean Up of Stekoa Creek



Saturday evening on June 21<sup>st</sup>, the band “Old Enough To Know Better” will give a benefit concert at the Stekoa Creek Trading Company. **All proceeds from the concert will be used for the ongoing work to improve water quality in Stekoa Creek, which flows through downtown Clayton in Rabun County.**

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. A contribution of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children is suggested for admission, while more generous donations are welcome. Come hear great music, have some fun, and support the big job of cleaning up Stekoa Creek!!

“Old Enough To Know Better” is a quartet of talented musicians that includes band member Allison Adams, who grew up in Rabun County (and is a member of

the Rabun Chapter of TU). Allison sings alto vocals, and plays the concertina and guitar. The other band members are Doug Oster on bass, guitar, and bass vocals; Larry Schulz on baritone vocals, guitar, bass, and mandolin; and Britt Dean on tenor vocals, guitar, and percussion.

The quartet performs a diverse collection of songs in a wide variety of styles that feature rich, close harmonies. Their repertoire includes original songs; shape-note hymns; bluegrass gospel songs; a Sea Island hymn from the Georgia coast; folk ballads; Beatles, Beach Boys, and Ink Spots tunes; songs from the “doo-wop” era, and more. The band makes frequent appearances in the metro Atlanta area, and around the northeast Georgia region, as well as the

nearby John C. Campbell Folk School in North Carolina.

The concert venue at the Stekoa Creek Trading Company is located just off the southbound lane of Highway 441 within Clayton city limits, near the stoplight leading to the center of town (turn west at the new Checkers Hamburgers, cross the bridge over Stekoa Creek and you are there). Come enjoy the “Old Enough To Know Better” performance, while supporting the Chattooga Conservancy's, the Rabun TU Chapter's and the City of Clayton's efforts to clean up Stekoa Creek!

For more information call 706-782-6097, or visit [www.chattoogariver.org](http://www.chattoogariver.org)

### May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting - Stekoa Watershed Partnership formed by the City of Clayton

The first meeting was on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Doug Adams participated representing Trout Unlimited.

#### Issues from the May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

##### 1. Fecal Coliform Contamination of Creeks.

A. Failing city sewage collection system seems to be a huge contributor to this.

(1) If a Wolphert Study was funded this would detect areas that are failing. This would give us the biggest victory in reducing fecal coliform in our streams.

B. Secure funding repair/replacement of failing septic tanks along waterways.

##### 2. Flood Plain Protection

A. Unregulated construction in Special Flood Hazard Area in past 15 years could

cause serious problems in future flood events.

B. Why have certain groups been allowed to fill in these areas while others have been stopped?

##### 3. Stream bank Restoration/City Park & Trail

A. City Park area on Stekoa Creek is possibly going to be donated to city. It will be named Stekoa Creek Park. This area will also be used for music and play events (Outside). It will have a stage, large grassy area for lawn chairs to sit and enjoy. Connected to this will be a trail that will travel south along Stekoa Creek.

B. After restoration of water quality, repopulate with native brook trout and

make available for fishing (fishing and water based recreation are goals for uses of Stekoa Creek).

C. Also possibility of mitigation bank for land along creek north of Needy Creek. This will be left alone except for trail along creek.

##### 4. Storm water Retention Plan.

A. This we hope will become city ordinance. This will help regulate the pollution going into waterways as well as properties that adjoin development. The State of Georgia has a plan they hope to become law statewide.

##### 5. Funding

A. Finding funding sources for these issues.

The following front-page article is reprinted from The Clayton Tribune (5/08/2008). Click [HERE](#)

## May 8<sup>th</sup> Article - City sewer woes? No problem, state says

By Chris McCaa, Staff Writer

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division says Clayton can proceed with a planned wastewater treatment plant expansion despite continued sewer infrastructure problems. "The plant meets all state requirements," said Mark Beebe, an EPD environmental engineer. A consent order given to Clayton by the EPD in 2002 required the city to make specific improvements to the infrastructure before receiving approval for the expansion. The improvements included the replacement of six manholes and repairs along 3,000 feet of sewer line. The consent order required the work to be completed within 240 days. According to the order, Clayton requested more time to make improvements three months after work began. The city informed EPD that the scope of the project had changed, and it wanted to replace more manholes and double the amount of lines replaced. City Manager Cissy Henry said EPD granted approval for the sewer expansion in 2005. She said a group of

concerned residents voiced concerns about the city's leaky infrastructure. Henry said this led EPD to revoke its approval. City Clerk Pat Bussiere said EPD again granted its approval on Nov. 28, 2007. Sam Buckles, EPD municipal team manager based out of Cartersville, said Clayton was currently in compliance with the consent order. Clayton City Council has approved the three-phased expansion project. The first phase of the project would expand capacity from 800,000 gallons per day to 1 million. The second phase would expand capacity to 2 million gpd. Beebe said the city also was improving the plant's technology. He said a fine screen would be installed to separate large debris that can't be broken down biologically. In addition to the fine screen, he said the city would install an aerator. Beebe said this device enhanced the treatment process by adding air to help break down waste. Buckles said the expansion would improve the water quality

entering area creeks. "When the discharge limit goes up in gallons, that means the quality has to be better because regulations are tighter," Buckles said. Buzz Williams, executive director of the Chattooga Conservancy, said the city was not prioritizing its sewer issues properly. "They shouldn't be expanding it (the plant) until they fix the current sewage infrastructure," he said. Burt Langley, manager of the mountain district of the EPD, said repairing the infrastructure was not necessary before expanding the plant. He said the expansion would not overload the current infrastructure. "No matter how big a plant you build, the collection system controls how much is treated," Langley said. Buckles said the EPD would continue to monitor the city's infrastructure. "We keep a close eye on them (Clayton) to make sure they're in compliance and take enforcement action when they are not," Buckles said.

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The following is the lead editorial in The Clayton Tribune (5/08/2008). Click [HERE](#)

## May 8<sup>th</sup> Editorial - Clean up what we already have first

**Our Opinion:** A nearly full courtroom more than a year ago showed up on a Thursday night to ask questions and hear the reasoning behind Clayton's planned wastewater sewer plant expansion. The comment at the time from Georgia Environmental Protection Division officials was how unusual it was for residents to display such a level of ownership in trying to solve the problem of leaky sewer pipes. People from all over the political spectrum had asked intelligent questions about what needed to be done to improve local water quality. Based on EPD's recent decision

to grant the city a permit to more than double the capacity at its wastewater plant, one could surmise that the infiltration and leakage problems caused by old sewer lines are only an afterthought in the state's eyes. Sam Buckles even said EPD would keep "a close eye" on Clayton to make sure it was in compliance and "take enforcement action" if it is not. That statement shows how backward the process is. Shouldn't EPD, the supposed guardian of natural resources in the state, be more focused on preventing sewage spills than punishing an offender after the

fact? As the process now stands, EPD is acting like an indulgent parent who buys a child more toys even after the child, despite repeated promises, has shown no inclination to pick up the ones the child currently has. EPD noted progress had been made in repairing lines, but the city is far from getting a handle on the problem. EPD previously retracted its approval for the expansion project after a chorus of concerns made it to the right desk. Some of those same voices can call Buckles at 770-387-4910.

## May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Stekoa Creek Watershed Strategic Planning Meeting

(5/22/2008) The City of Clayton organized this 4-hour initial meeting. Attendees included representatives of the City of Clayton, Mountain City, Rabun County, County Board of Education, County Economic Development Board, Chattooga Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, Wildlife Resource Division of GA DNR, Rabun Green, Stekoa Creek Greenway, County Chamber of Commerce, County Extension Agent, Georgia Power Company, USDA Resource Conservation & Development Program, Blue Ridge Mountain Soil & Water Conservation District, GA Mountain Regional Development Center, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), GA Environmental Protection Division (EPD), USDA Forest Service, GA Forestry Commission, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), USDA

Natural Resources Conservation Service, GA Department of Community Affairs, The Environmental Finance Center (EPA network at Chapel Hill), local developers, local realtors, and private citizens. The meeting facilitator was Jane Fowler of the Southeast Watershed Forum – center for watershed resources for local organizations and communities to better protect land and water resources.

Five TU members participated, Charlie Breithaupt, Larry Walker, Doug Adams, Maria Rodeghiero and Gordon Fowler. Gordon wrote a very nice summary of the situation (see below).

**Sent:** Saturday, May 24, 2008

I came away with an understanding that we are looking at two issues that are tightly interwoven. One is the problem

with fecal coliform, which is the most important but not the only pollution problem facing Stekoa Creek. The other issue is meeting the demands for development in a way that preserves Stekoa Creek. Fixing the fecal coliform problem is simple but not easy. Preserving the stream is neither simple nor easy.

Fixing the fecal coliform problem is simply a function of money and enforcement - money to identify and repair problems and enforcement to make repairs and construct new installation correctly. It may not be easy to do this, but in a nutshell that's all it takes.

Preserving Stekoa Creek is a much more difficult challenge that will require a community plan that has the consensus of the majority of the stakeholders. At one end of the spectrum are those who see



Stekoa Creek as a problem to be dealt with, an obstacle in their way, an issue that is going to cost them money and interfere with their plans. At the other end of the spectrum are those who see Stekoa Creek as the jewel of the corridor, the attraction for business and tourist, a natural resource that could become a

central element of a beautiful community.

I believe that if enough people share in the vision of Stekoa Creek as a featured element of the community, the money and enforcement issues will eventually be solved. But if we clean up the stream and do not reach agreement on the community plan, we will lose the stream to

development even if development obeys the letter of the law, for the letter of the law does not guarantee us anything in regards to scenic beauty or having a stream that is a drawing card.

**From:** Gordon Fowler

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

**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](mailto:edadams1@alltel.net). There are also additional expenses associated with weekly sample collections and supplies. To

see a list of organizations and individuals that have donated, click [HERE](#)

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

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## FISHING REPORTS

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008

**Subject:** Lanier Shallow Water Bite  
Is on!

Our DNR electrofishing is showing that spots are up shallow. Reggie Weaver recently called in and said he caught a bunch of spotted bass on surface plugs.

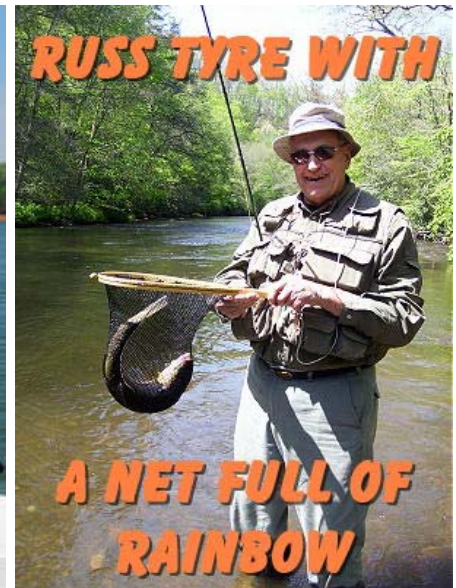
On a Saturday morning fishing trip, just past first light, we saw spawning threadfins right on the edge of rocky banks, with spots breaking into those bait schools in six inches to 2 feet of water. We caught no stripers, but they showed up on the graph just offshore, suspended 10-15 feet deep in 20-30 feet of water. Guide Henry Cowen said that those stripers are now moving up, too, with 3 fish to 12 pounds boated on Monday morning.

**From:** "Jeff Durniak"

<[Jeff.Durniak@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:Jeff.Durniak@dnr.state.ga.us)>



On Lake Lanier - Photo by David Cannon



Where? I.D.B.I.S. - Photo by D. Adams

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## What's New Elsewhere?

**GA-DNR: RECREATIONAL LICENSE AND BOAT REGISTRATION CHANGES** - The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) presents the following information to Georgia citizens, especially those sportsmen and women who hunt, fish and boat. A contract has been signed with Central Bank authorizing a new recreational license and boat registration system that will bring much needed improvements to the previous system. To read more, click [HERE](#)

**GA-DNR: RECIPROCAL LICENSE REVOCATION** - State law authorizes the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to enter into reciprocal hunting and fishing licensing agreements with adjoining states. Currently, the only reciprocal agreement with another state that recognizes hunting and fishing privileges for citizens 65 years old or older is between Georgia and Florida. This agreement has been in effect since July 15, 1988. Changes in licensing, hunter behavior and hunter demographics since that time have caused an imbalance in the value realized by each state for the privileges enjoyed by its citizens. Therefore, effective July 1, 2008, this reciprocal agreement will be revoked. To read more, click [HERE](#)

**GA-USFS Rabun County Man Must Pay for Damage Done to National Forest Land by ATV** (4/21/2008) Gainesville— A Rabun County man was ordered to pay almost \$1,400 to correct damage caused by his ATV (all terrain vehicle) on national forest land. The man, Brian Keith Kilby, 38, of the Persimmon Community in Rabun County, Georgia, was ordered by U.S. Magistrate Susan S. Cole to pay restitution costs along with fines (\$375) for driving an ATV illegally on national forest land, for baiting national forest land for wildlife, for hunting over bait, for hunting out of season, and for building a trail without a permit.

To read more, click [HERE](#)

**NC/TN-NPS - Smokies lets anglers keep all the rainbow trout they catch;** Associated Press; (5/20/2008) - GATLINBURG, Tenn. - The National Park Service will temporarily remove the limit on rainbow trout caught in Lynn Camp Prong as it works to restore native brook trout. From June 2 through June 14, fishermen can keep all the rainbows they catch, regardless of size, along an 8-mile section of the creek in the Tremont area of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Park Service biologists are working to restore native brook trout in the stream. To read more, click [HERE](#)

*Of course, now I am too old to be much of a fisherman, and now of course I usually fish the big waters alone, although some friends think I shouldn't. Like many fly fishermen in western Montana where the summer days are almost Arctic in length, I often do not start fishing until the cool of the evening. Then in the Arctic half-light of the canyon, all existence fades to a being with my soul and memories and the sounds of the Big Blackfoot River and a four-count rhythm and the hope that a fish will rise.*

From A River Runs Through It by Norman McLean

## Letters - To and From the Rabunites

**Dated:** 4/29/2008, sent by US Postal

**To:** Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

I cannot thank you enough for the print by Tom Landreth on the Chattooga River. It is outstanding and I plan to get it framed and give it high visibility in our house. I am assuming one of the fly fisher persons in the print must be Doug Adams.

Over the last three years of working on our project, I have developed a deep appreciation for this River and plan to see and visit it many times in my retirement. The Forest Service gave me a great retirement luncheon with Mike Crane and others doing a short skit on how much paper we have in our analysis so far.

Once again, thanks for the print and thinking of me. I'm sure we will meet on the Chattooga in the near future. Happy Trails to you also,

**From:** John Cleeves – Retired USFS Team Leader, Chattooga User Analysis Project

**Editor's Notes:** His boss presented the Rabunites' gift to John during his retirement luncheon on 4/22 in Columbia, SC.

**Dated:** 5/11/2008, sent by US Postal

**To:** Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Thank you for your generous contribution to Epworth Methodist Church. You all were very thoughtful to remember Patty in this way. The pastor came to visit every week after she had a heart attack and made a difference for the whole family. He also led a very nice funeral service at the church to honor Patty. We had wonderful memories of her as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Thank you,

**From:** Don (B.K.) and Sally Atkinson – Sylvania, OH (Charter Members of Rabun TU)

**Editor's Notes:** The Rabun Chapter BOD authorized the memorial donation.

**To:** Scott Dills – City Marshall; City of Clayton

**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2008

**Subject:** Stekoa Creek Stakeholders

Scott, I would like to be included as a stakeholder for the GA DNR. I will be out of town on that date. I have been watching the issues surrounding the Stekoa Creek for a while and I will be placing Thermographs in the creek this month to monitor the temp. To see the Stekoa returned to a reproducing trout stream would be a major accomplishment and I would like to help that happen. Lee Keefer (Fisheries Biologist) is planning on attending the meeting and will fill me in. I look forward to working with you

in the future.

**From:** Leon Brotherton - Fisheries Technician, GA WRD Burton Hatchery

**Editor's Notes:** We really are making progress.

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008

**To:** Mike Crane - District Ranger, Andrew Pickens District, Sumter National Forest

**Re:** Moody Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Scoping Letter

The Board of Directors of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited supports the USFS proposal to replace culverts in the Moody Creek watershed for the purpose of increasing available habitat for native trout and other aquatic organisms. We believe the proposed project to be consistent with good environmental management.

Please make this e-mail a part of the public record.

**From:** Doug Mansfield - Secretary; Rabun Chapter of TU

**Dated:** May 14, 2008

**To:** Michael B. Crane - District Ranger; Andrew Pickens Ranger District; Sumter NF

**Re:** Moody Creek Aquatic Organism Passage

As a stakeholder in the US Fish & Wildlife's Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture, Georgia Trout Unlimited's Back-the-Brookie Program supports the Moody Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Project outlined in your scoping letter dated May 5, 2008.

Replacing old culverts blocking passage of aquatic organisms to allow for fish migration and connect streams that are now isolated is a foundational step to improve the watershed's health and biodiversity. Correcting erosion issues around the old culverts to reduce siltation and improve habitat is important to the stream's health as well.

We want to encourage you in the Southern Appalachian Brook Trout restoration that would follow the culvert replacement. Southern Appalachian Brook Trout are the native salmonoid in the Southeastern United States. They are an important part of our culture and a legacy species. Restoring sustainable populations will ensure healthy, fishable populations of Southern Appalachian Brook Trout for future generations.

Please advise me if I can be of assistance in this or future brook trout projects. Regards,

**From:** Kevin F. McGrath - Chairman, Back-the-Brookie, Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited

*"The first thing I do not want is to excel as a fisherman, to catch many fish or fish of record size, for instance, or to be perpetually on trial as an "expert." I want to catch fish, of course, and I like to fish with the chance of finding big fish, even record fish, but I am not concerned with records — only with fish that will set problems worth my solving. I want to be a good enough fisherman to have a chance of solving the problems such fish present, and I want to be good enough to be comfortable, to be thoroughly interested, to know all the time, or almost all the time, what I am about."*

From Fisherman's Spring by Roderick Haig-Brown

## "BACKCASTING"



**May 2 & 3 (Fri & Sat) Camping Fri Night with Workday Sat Morning for the "Back the Brookie"** was CANCELLED due to forecast of heavy rain and severe thunderstorms. The activity will be rescheduled at a later date.

**May 6 (Tues) Stekoa Watershed Partnership Meeting** at Clayton City Hall – 1 Rabunite attended this organizational meeting.

**May 17 (Sat) Workday - Betty Creek** About 17 folks representing 3 GA TU chapters (GRCTU, CCTU, and 7 Rabunites) gathered at 8:30 am for hot coffee and junk food provided by Charlie B. Everyone put on their wading attire and went to work at 9 AM preparing Betty Creek for the 2008 GA Trout Campers. For the entire ¾ mile length, the low limbs were cut and cleared in short order. Two more 3'w X 3'h X 6'long gabions (wire baskets) were assembled and placed in the stream to enhance fish habitat. The crew went to work filling the gabions (54 cu ft each) with native creek stones. The entire work project was completed before noon and the stream now has some new and improved trout habitat.

**May 19 (Mon) Annual Spring Family Cookout with Mentoring of Girl and Boy Scouts** - 25 Girl Scouts, 27 Boy Scouts, about 30 Adult Scout Leaders and about 30 Rabunites enjoyed a beautiful evening of fishing, dinning, fellowship, and live music (performed by Rabunites Marie D, Eedee A, Jim N & Terry R). We want to express our appreciation to [Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School](#) for the use of this wonderful facility. We also want to thank the [GA WRD - Burton Hatchery](#) for the loan of the 28 rods and reels. Our "thanks" to [Reeves Hardware](#) in Dillard for donation of all the fish bait and fishing supplies. And a big "Thank You" to the [Bass Pro Shops](#) that donated fishing reels (reconditioned by Ray Gentry) so that every boy and girl went home with their own personal fishing reel. And a BIG "Thank You" to the event co-coordinators: Larry Walker, Terry Rivers, Charlie Breithaupt and Ray Gentry. You guys did a wonderful job of planning and executing the biggest and best Spring Family Cook-out, ever. **WAAAAHWHOOOO!** To read article in the 5/22 Clayton Tribune, click [HERE](#)



Photos by Doug Adams & Ray Gentry

**May 22 (Thurs) Stekoa Creek Watershed Strategic Planning Meeting** – 3 Rabunites participated (Charlie Breithaupt – Chairman, GA TU Council; Larry Walker – Vice President, Rabun TU; and Doug Adams – Rabun TU's Stekoa Creek Monitoring



Coordinator), Maria Rodeghiero – Rabun TU Member, Gordon Fowler – a TU member and attorney, and Lee Keefer – Trout Biologist, GA WRD. The meeting produced 4 working committees to address (1) reducing the fecal coliform pollution, (2) finding funding sources, (3) compliance and enforcement of existing laws and regulations to protect water quality, and (4) establishing a vision for the Stekoa Creek corridor. Next two meetings will be 6/19 to work on the action plan for reduction in fecal coliform pollution and 6/26 for all 4 working groups to report progress.

**May 27 (Tues) BOD Meeting** – 8 Members attended. The items discussed included: Re-caps of workday on Betty Creek, family cookout meeting with the Scouts, SE Region TU Rally, and computer & software for Burton Hatchery; Program for 2009 Annual Rabun Rendezvous (1/24/2009) and date conflict with Atlanta Fly Fishing Show; Updates on Chattooga North Fork Management (nothing new), 2008 GA Trout Camp (June 8 – 13) & changes in campers, Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project, USFS Eliminating Fisheries Biologist in GA, status of hiring interns to work in trout fisheries with GA WRD, and rescheduling North Fork Moccasin Creek Project; Discussions on future in-stream project work days in the Chattooga River R.D., USFS proposal for wheelchair accessible fishing on the Chattooga, possible 1-hour presentation at the library, teaching the Boy Scout fly-fishing merit badge, going away party for Mitzi Cole, and possible outreach to kids at a fall church sponsored function; Update: Publicity, Public Relations, &/or Outreach; Treasury Report; and Upcoming events: May 31 (Sat) 8 AM USFS Kids Fishing Event at Tallulah River; June 4 (Wed) 6:30 PM GA TU Council Meeting at Bass Pro Shops in Atlanta; June 17 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, Program – Jenny Sanders, Exec Dir - *Little Tennessee Watershed Assoc*; June 21 (Sat) 8 PM Benefit Concert for Stekoa Creek Clean-up at the Stekoa Creek Trading Co.; and June 24 (Tues) 6:30 PM BOD Meeting, Community B&T.

## **TROUT TIPS:**

### **"dark-thirty" a.k.a. "evening magic"**

**Sent:** Friday, May 02, 2008

Now is the time for trout's "dark-thirty." Many aquatic insect hatches and egg laying now happen the last 30 minutes of the day, so plan to fish until you can't see, and then walk out via flashlight. Waters that seemed dead during the day will come alive during that last 30-60 minutes of daylight, and you can catch a dozen or more fish when that evening hatch happens. Check the hatch chart on page 2 of TIGHT LINES and make sure you have yellow stimulators (14,16) tan caddis (14-18), and light cahills (14-18) in your dry fly box for the magic hour. At Smith DH, take some midges, too, to imitate the bugs coming off Unicoi Lake and riding the dam downstream to stream trout rises.

**From:** "Jeff Durniak"

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### **"small, high elevation streams"**

Most everyone into trout fishing is aware of the wealth of small, high elevation streams in the southern Appalachians of Georgia. What a lot of anglers don't realize is that these streams quite frequently can be better fished with a fly rod than with traditional spinning gear. You've got to have a little depth to the water to get a good action on small spinning lures but a properly cast dry fly

can float over the thinnest of holding areas and will often provoke a lightning strike from the stream's inhabitants. A good attractor pattern that can be easily seen in the dark, rhododendron-covered environs of mountain streams is key. Don't worry about matching the hatch as much as making a good approach and good presentation. Wear dark clothing, keep a low profile and don't make a lot of false casts. Try to make that first cast land right where you think it should and get a drag-free float. Good patterns for this are Humpies, Trudes, Royal Wulffs, Parachute Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Ants and Japanese Beetles. A shorter rod is good to have but not a necessity. You won't be doing much overhead casting and little false casting. Let the pull of the stream load (bend) your rod; i.e. allow your line to be carried downstream by the current until it straightens out, then in one smooth motion make a forward cast to present your fly. There it is, one smooth cast without alerting the fish to your presence. Just one of the easy tricks to fishing small streams successfully.

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### **"hatches to match"**

If you want to fish some of the larger streams that actually have hatches to match, consider the Chattooga River, Tallulah River, Toccoa River and the Nantahala in North Carolina. The Chattooga River right now is a great destination for late evening Light Cahills

and rising fish. If you go soon, you may also witness some Green Drakes and Coffin Flies. For the Light Cahills, you should have them in sizes 12 through 16 and a parachute pattern will be the easiest to see in the low light of dusk. If you want to match the Green Drakes and Coffin Flies should you be fortunate enough to be on the river at the same moment in time they show themselves, then you should know that you probably do not own a dry fly large enough to imitate these huge bugs. Take the largest Green Drake or Coffin Fly pattern you can find and triple or quadruple it in size. Southeastern Coffin Flies can easily be over 5 inches long from head to tip of tail with their body being close to two inches itself. It's a cool fly and a rare event that has been witnessed by very few anglers in this part of the country but well worth the effort. And when we say it happens at dusk, that's exactly what we mean. Don't expect any bugs before 7:30 PM. If they come off while you're there, you'll be fishing until well after 9 PM so bring a good flashlight and tell those who care about you that you won't be home until almost midnight. If you can't stay that late, then this is still good dry/dropper time on the Chattooga. Try a Parachute Adams with Lightning Bug dropper in the riffles and pocket water, big and ugly when dredging the bottoms of the deepest pools with Hurlless Nymphs and Woolly Buggers

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## **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)

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**TESTAMENT OF A FISHERMAN:** "I FISH BECAUSE I HATE THE ENVIRONS WHERE CROWDS OF PEOPLE ARE LOVE TO; BECAUSE I LOVE THE ENVIRONS WHERE TROUT FOUND, WHICH ARE INVARIABLY UGLY; BECAUSE OF ALL ARE FOUND, WHICH ARE INVARIABLY BEAUTIFUL, AND THE TELEVISION COMMERCIALS, COCKTAIL PARTIES, AND

ASSORTED SOCIAL POSTURING I THUS ESCAPE; BECAUSE, IN A WORLD WHERE MOST PEOPLE SEEM TO SPEND THEIR LIVES DOING THINGS THEY HATE, MY FISHING IS AT ONCE AN ENDLESS SOURCE OF DELIGHT AND AN ACT OF SMALL REBELLION; BECAUSE TROUT DO NOT LIE OR CHEAT AND CANNOT BE BOUGHT OR BRIBED OR IMPRESSED BY POWER, BUT RESPOND ONLY TO QUIETUDE AND HUMILITY AND ENDLESS PATIENCE; BECAUSE I SUSPECT THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING ALONG THIS WAY FOR THE LAST TIME, AND I FOR ONE DON'T WANT TO WASTE THE TRIP; BECAUSE MERCIFULLY THERE ARE NO TELEPHONES ON TROUT WATERS; BECAUSE ONLY IN THE WOODS CAN I FIND SOLITUDE WITHOUT LONELINESS; BECAUSE BOURBON OUT OF AN OLD TIN CUP ALWAYS TASTES BETTER OUT THERE; BECAUSE MAYBE ONE DAY I WILL CATCH A MERMAID; AND, FINALLY, NOT BECAUSE I REGARD FISHING AS BEING SO TERRIBLY IMPORTANT BUT BECAUSE I SUSPECT THAT SO MANY OF THE OTHER CONCERNS OF PEOPLE ARE EQUALLY UNIMPORTANT -- AND NOT NEARLY SO MUCH FUN." From the book: *Trout Magic*; 1974; by John D. Voelker; a.k.a. Robert Traver

#### Chattooga River Program on Outdoor Channel in June

We want to give everyone a heads up that the episode of **Trout Unlimited's "On The Rise"** which highlights the Chattooga River will be aired on the Outdoor Channel on June 20<sup>th</sup> (8 PM), 21<sup>st</sup> (2 PM) and the 22<sup>nd</sup> (7:30 AM). The television show (with which Unicoi Outfitters, the Georgia Foothills Chapter of TU and the Rabun Chapter of TU helped) was filmed back in mid-February. We had challenging weather conditions during the filming but the producers assure us they have put together one of the best shows of the series (Ah, the magic of television!). The Chattooga River is a national treasure right here in our state and an amazing trout fishery due to many years of dedication and hard work by Georgia and South Carolina Trout Unlimited members in conjunction with the Forest Service and both state's Departments of Natural Resources. We owe all of them a tremendous debt of gratitude and we hope you get a chance to see the show.

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## FISHING REPORTS

Rabunite John Eaves carp reports from the past few weeks

**Friday (5/9)** Well did not get to go to my usual location due to the gusty winds. So I tried a new location on the GA/SC border. I actually sat on the SC side looking a hundred yards across to GA. When I got there I had only 1 rod rigged up, so I baited it up and threw it out. After I got my first rod out I started rigging up my second rod. Ended up catching three before I got my second rod rigged and baited. Well now to get my 3rd rod rigged and baited, in the time it took me to do that I had caught 5 more. All after noon it was non stop mayhem with 3 rods out. The action slowed around 4, but they were still biting. About that time here comes a truck with a big tank in the back a proceeds to dump around 20000 trout right there where I was fishing. Luckily for me I had my fly rod in the truck. From then until dark I caught well over a hundred trout and probably another 15 carp, which brought my carp total for the day well over 40!! All the carp averaged 5-10 lbs. apiece. I did lose a big mirror around 20 lbs, I got him to my feet and the hook came out. All and all a great day outdoors. Oh, I even got to watch a bald eagle for most of the day. Lurch

**Saturday (5/10)** Well I guess I used up all my luck on Friday. Saturday I fished from around noon till dark on the watershed. Bad news is I had 1 bite and that was it. Even my wife and daughter were drowning worms for catfish and nothing!!!! Good news is everyone I talked to whether on a boat or the bank had the same luck, so at least I know it was not me!! Lurch

**Sunday (5/11)** Today my gang and I went to the same place I went on Friday. We fished from 1 till about 6 and nothing. I had 2 pull downs all day and missed both. In fact my wife, my daughter, and I took us about a 2-hour nap. It was such a peaceful afternoon and a wonderful day to be out with the family. Lurch

**Friday (5/16)** Well after running errands this morning I got to the water around 11. Got everything set up and started fishing. The wind was "howling". So I gave it up around 4. I tried one of the new flavors cornbread got me and the number for today was magic #13. Nothing big all around 5 lbs or so, but still fun. I have had problems throwing my pack bait off, so I tried Kix cereal as

my pick up on my hair rig instead of corn. Well it worked, but the carp would not pick it up (I watched one suck up all the pack bait and leave the Kix). So I put corn on and used a 6" leader and packed my bait around my weight and swivel. That was the ticket. I did hook onto one that I never turned and he took me into some stumps and I ended up breaking off. I did see some biguns jumping on the other side of the river and where they were at there is no way to bank fish. So I guess I will have to take my kayak out and go for a sleigh ride!!!! The wildlife I saw today were as follows: a bald eagle, a loon, ducks and geese, a blue heron, and a game warden. The last one was a very sneaky subject, hiding in the bushes watching me for a while before checking me out. Lurch

**Saturday (5/17)** Got up early and decided to hit the watershed. Got there around 6:30 and set up. By 11, I was getting fed up with the wind (it was blowing hard enough to pull line out my bait feeders). I had missed 3 and I was seeing them jump next to an island that is out of reach from the bank. So I drove home and despite the wind loaded up my kayak and went back. I paddled hard to get to that island and found a small cove out of the wind on the backside. I ended up with 7, smallest one was around 5 lbs. and the biggest was in the low teens. Lurch

**Thursday (5/22)** Today after sitting most of the afternoon at the dentist with my wife, I got the carp bug. So I went home dropped the wife off and headed out to the upper end of Russell. Got there around 3:30 and set up. By 5 nothing!!! So I decided to give it 30 more minutes and call it quits. Five minutes later one pull down, got him, a nice 5lber. I no longer got him released and there goes another rod. I ended up catching 11 before I had to leave at 7, when my wife called wanting me home. Still a great day!! Hopefully tomorrow I will try Yonah or Burton. Lurch

**Friday (5/23)** Arrived at my location around 8 and got set up. I was fishing below Tugalo dam on the upper end of Yonah, there is a little park there with camping and a ramp. I started having hits right away; first one to hand was a nice 3lber. Throughout the afternoon the action was non-stop with the big fish of the day missing 15 lbs by a few ounces. I actually lost count on how many; I was having too much fun. Around noon people started showing up and setting up camp and I noticed something. I really started to wonder if there was a casting for extras on



Deliverance part 2. By 3, I had more teeth in my mouth than the whole campground combined, and then it happened. There was a woman chasing something with a net (what I do not know), and she was NAKED!!!! Now this is a woman you do not want to see naked, she was probably 6 foot and 400 lbs.!!! Well I decided it was time to go, so I packed up and left before naked

lady decided to catch me with her net. Another interesting day carp fishin'. Lurch

I hope y'all enjoyed these.  
John Eaves (a.k.a. Lurch) – Royston (GA) Rabunite

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### **Rabunite Ramble - Fishing is life. The rest is just details.**

A Flatlander and a Rabunite meet in the parking area at THE RIVER about dark-thirty. The Flatlander asks, "Did you have any luck today?" To which the Rabunite replies, "Shonuf did - lucky to be here on THE RIVER today." "I mean any luck fishing?" "Hadda couple of raisdums so I switched to a tandum rig, ya know a tractor-trailer rig. Then had three burndums and upcapped a couple more. Got below a bug factory just when the switch went on. Then I hipolum three gooduns and invited them to dinner. They wuz dumplins, all sidewinders and drifters. It's OK to eat them. They're like Doritos; the hatchery will make more of em. WAAaah WHOooo! Knowhutimean??"

A foreign language? No, not really. You have heard of "street wise" and "street slang"? Well, this is kinda like that. Rabunites talk in "RIVER slang".

To help you converse with Rabunites you encounter, here is a glossary of terms:

**Flatlander** – resides south of Tallulah Falls

**Rabunite** – usually a member of Rabun TU

**raisdums** - the fish just came up to look & went back down

**tandum rig** – 2 flies

**tractor-trailer rig** – attractor fly with a wet fly or nymph on a dropper

**burndums** - definite contact with the fish

**upcapped** - fish getting off before netting or fondling

**bug factory** – shallow water over a cobble bottom on a slight gradient

**switch went on** – trout feeding frenzy begins

**hipolum** - immediate removal of the fish from the water

**gooduns** - any trout, Flatlanders call them "NICE FISH"

**invited them to dinner** – put them in the creel

**dumplins** - freshly stocked trout dumped from the bridge

**sidewinders** – stock trout with some fins missing

**drifters** - stock trout with all of its fins missing

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Congratulations to **Larry Walker** for being named Rabun County Board of Realtors "Rookie of the Year."

We are happy to report that **Emmilyn Rivers** is feeling much better.

We wish speedy recoveries to both **Jean Kelly** and **Bill Kelly**.

**Beth Walker, Louise Nixon** and **June Landreth** are recuperating from recent falls in the home.

In 1990, nearly 1 million people required hospital emergency room treatment for falls on stairs and steps alone.

For more info, click [HERE](#)

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **one new member** this month: **Joe Kitchens**, PO Box 1330, Clarkesville, GA 30523

Thanks for re-upping: **Donna Claridad, John Hill, Tony Allred, June Landreth, Monte Seehorn, Erwin Ford, Bill & Jean Kelly, Charles Mobley, and Matthew Calvin.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Johnny Cannon, John Duncan, Don Kinser, John Patrick, Maria Rodeghiero, Devin Anderson, Steve McAdams, Reb Hester, Terry Roderick, Nancy Gribble, Doug Hickman, Bryan Powell and Lee Prater.**

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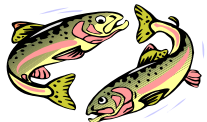
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**From the Fly Tying Desk of Jimmy Whiten**

In the real world of Rabunites, May is always a busy time. This May was no exception, with all of the fishing you must do, final planning for Trout Camp and of course our annual picnic at Indian Lake where we hosted the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts with the largest number we have ever had. Fishing was great and of course, with the Rabunites as host, food was great and plenty of it. My thanks to everyone that helped make it a success! All of the kids left with a rebuilt reel thanks to Ray Gentry. As everyone was leaving I could see the good memories on their faces (kids and grown-ups alike). This makes it all worthwhile.

Earlier this year we had Fly Fishing 101 for adults, now it is the kid's time, one week of intensive learning at Trout Camp (there will be a lots of tired people by the end of the week and it won't be just kids!) If history repeats itself when these kids graduate they will know more about fishing than a lot of us adults.

Happy fishing,

*Jimmy*

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