



# TIGHT LINES July 2008 Newsletter of the

## Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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*Definition of a fly rod: an antenna, which transmits, peace, tranquility, excitement, fellowship, and most of all, an awareness, and appreciation, for the outdoors.* Author unknown

### **THE JULY MEETING is the ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC!**

#### **Kelly's Water Falls Park – Dillard, Tuesday, July 15th, 6:00 pm**

**Directions:** Travel north on US-441, on the north side of Dillard turn right at the traffic light on GA-246, go about 1.7 miles, turn right on Wayfarer Lane, then go 1/4 mile to the end of the gravel road.

**The Chapter will provide the soft drinks, the fried chicken, plates, etc. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, veggies, salad, chips, or a desert.**

There will not be a raffle at the Family Picnic.

*"The fun comes, I think, as it does with just about any other act of skill, when you are properly challenged, when you are fascinated by what's difficult. I guess I fish not because it's easy but because it's not; I guess I fish because there's really no end to what you can learn, no reason to think that you'll exhaust the complexity of the sport in a lifetime."*

Nick Lyons, "A Sweet Complexity" in *Fly Fisherman*, September 1986

### **"FORWARD CASTING"**

#### **Important Dates – See you there!**

**July 8 & 9 (Tues & Wed) Annual Electro-Shock Sampling of the Chattooga River – RESCHEDULED to 7/23 and 7/24.**

**July 15 (Tues) Annual Family Picnic, 6 PM, Kelly's Water Falls Park (see above for details)**

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

**July 23 & 24 (Wed & Thurs) Annual Electro-Shock Sampling of the Chattooga River - Meet on 7/23 at 9 AM at Burrell's Ford Bridge. We need all the volunteer help we can get to tote equipment in/out and to net fish, bring waders and full water bottles. More details to follow later.**

**Aug 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust; Program – Leon Brotherton "Info From The Chattooga Angler Diaries"**

**Aug 21 (Thurs) Stekoa Creek Watershed Strategic Planning Meeting – All 4 groups to report.**

**Aug 26 (Tues) Board of Directors 6:30 PM, Community B & T**

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

### **FLY OF THE MONTH**

by Terry Rivers



#### **TRICO DUN PARACHUTE**

DURING THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER, DURING EARLY AM AND LATE PM, IF YOU SEE TROUT SIPPIN OR ON A BIG FEEDING FRENZY AND THE BUGS ARE SMALL, MORE THAN LIKELY THEY WILL BE TRICOS. HAVE A FEW IN YOUR BOX AND TRY THEM. YOU MAY BE SURPRISED.

**HOOK:** 18 TO 20 DRY FLY

**TAIL:** WHITE SADDLE HACKLE FIBERS

**BODY:** DUBBING / DUN OR BLACK

**WING:** WHITE HACKLE WRAP AROUND PARACHUTE

**PARACHUTE:** WHITE ANTRON OR CALF TAIL

*"The fixation we have on anatomically correct fly patterns is an interesting phenomenon. "What are they biting on?" is the common questions one angler asks of another. The assumption is that if we have the right fly we'll catch fish. The fact is that in most situations it's the placement and presentation of the fly that gets the job done. Using a non-descript or gaudy wet fly changes the angler's emphasis to the proper fishing techniques rather than the "name that bug" routine. If you're not concerned with copying anything in particular you feel more free to fish up, down or across stream. Maybe those guys with their 12-foot, green-heart rods weren't so old fashioned after all."*

John Gierach, "Classic Story Retold" in *Flyfishing the West* magazine, October 1980

## July Hatches

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
None at all	Can happen any time on any day		Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Brown Stonefly	All Month	Early to Mid AM	10-14 Brown Stimulator 10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Golden Stonefly	All Month	Early AM	8-12 Ginger Stimulator 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 Trico Spinner Fall	Early	Mid AM Late PM	20 Parachute Trico 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, Hoppers, Etc			Various Times & Sizes

**'Website-of-the-Month':** <http://www.midcurrent.com/default.aspx>

**Visit "F/F Techniques" - "Reading Trout Water":** [http://www.midcurrent.com:80/articles/books/rosenbauer\\_reading\\_water.aspx](http://www.midcurrent.com:80/articles/books/rosenbauer_reading_water.aspx)

"Morning Mist" by Tom Landreth



### **Tom Landreth Memorial Fund**

(Jan. 25, 1932 – Dec. 8, 2007)

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

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.

**So far there have been donations totaling \$2,150.**

#### **We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Tom Landreth Memorial Fund donors:**

Allison Adams – Decatur, GA  
 Brooks, Amanda, and Avril Adams – Easley, SC  
 Doug and Eedee Adams – Rabun Gap, GA  
 Don and Sally Atkinson – Sylvania, OH  
 Stephen and Jennifer Arbitter – Mountain City, GA  
 Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt – Clayton, GA  
 Russell and Margaret Burken – Toccoa, GA  
 John Eaves – Royston, GA  
 Elizabeth Fowler – Clayton, GA  
 Ray and Patsy Gentry – Sautee, GA  
 David and Sheila Humphrey – Clarkesville, GA

Jim and Carolyn Kidd – Lakemont, GA  
 Doug and Sheila Mansfield - Hiwassee, GA  
 Tom Matthews – Tiger, GA  
 Tracy McCoy – Clayton, GA  
 Ralph and Sandy Morgan – St. Marys, GA  
 Stephen Raeber – Atlanta, GA  
 Don and Ann Stenhouse - Suwanee, GA  
 Garland and Pat Stewart - Canton, GA  
 Bill Thomas - Charlotte, NC  
 Russell Tyre - St. Petersburg, FL  
 Larry and Beth Walker - Lakemont, GA

#### **The donations have been sufficient 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.

## **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)

# 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 collected by trained employees of the Chattooga Conservancy and transferred (by a chain-of-custody procedure) to a TU volunteer 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: Ray Kearns (7/1), Charlie Breithaupt (7/8), Eedee Adams (7/15), Bill Kelly (7/22), Larry Walker (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)

## Summary of Stekoa Creek Watershed Strategic Planning Meeting - May 22, 2008, Clayton, Georgia

**Welcome/Purpose:** Stacey Bouma, from the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 4 Watershed Management Office, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She explained that the purpose of the meeting was to focus on strategic planning to improve water quality in the Stekoa Creek Watershed. Participants were invited because they play a key role in the community. Also, relevant State and Federal organizational representatives were invited to participate and provide assistance. The committee that organized this meeting included Cissy Henry, City Manager for the City of Clayton; Scott Dills, City Marshall for the City of Clayton; Mary Gazaway, Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD); Adam Hazell, Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center; Nicole Hayler, Chattooga Conservancy; Jane Fowler, Southeast Watershed Forum; and Mary Jo Bragan, USEPA; and Stacey Bouma, USEPA.

**Introductions/Review of Agenda:** Stacey Bouma introduced Jane Fowler, with the Southeast Watershed Forum. Jane Fowler served as the facilitator for the meeting. She asked everyone to introduce themselves, giving their name, affiliation, and interest in improving Stekoa Creek. She also reviewed the agenda, which is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the Stekoa Creek Watershed Stakeholders Information Packet. This information packet, prepared by the City of Clayton, also contained the following information: Rabun County map with streams; draft participant contact information; strategic planning solution opportunities; National Flood Insurance Act; City of Clayton Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and amendments; Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for Stekoa Creek (fecal coliform impairment); and Chattooga River Watershed Plan.

**Key Issues and Opportunities:** Mary Gazaway, from the Georgia EPD Total TMDL Implementation Program, led this part of the agenda. A poster at the front of the room contained a list of key issues and sub-issues based on the organizing committee discussions and discussions between the City of Clayton and key stakeholders in the community. The key issues were used as a starting point for participant discussion on whether these were the issues or if some additional issues should be added. A finalized list is shown on Page 4 as a result of this discussion. (\*) denotes which key issues the participating stakeholders considered the most important. Mary Gazaway then shared potential solution opportunities (located on Pages 5-6 and also in the Packet). Jane Fowler explained that the solution opportunities handout contained information that the participants could consider when working on proposed accomplishments during the next portion of the meeting.

**Proposed Accomplishments/Priorities:** Jane Fowler divided participants into six groups to brainstorm on the following question: "What do we want to accomplish in the next two years to make Stekoa Creek an ideal resource for the community?"

The groups were asked to provide specific ideas (3-5 words) on the cards (half sheets of paper) that were provided. Jane Fowler collected the top four ideas from each group and placed these on the "sticky wall" (parachute cloth). Participants were then asked to group the cards into categories of initiatives and then name the categories. After the initial cards were collected and grouped, Jane Fowler then collected any remaining cards from the groups and placed these on the "sticky wall" for participants to then group these into the existing categories or new categories. Each participant was then given three dots to mark their top three priorities (i.e., categories). Based on this voting system, the top four categories for proposed accomplishments to work on were the following: (1) Fix Sewer System (2) Secure Funding (3) Improve Compliance with State and Local Regulations (4) Develop Stekoa Creek Vision and Master Plan.

**Action Plans (small groups):** Jane Fowler asked participants to divide into four groups based on their interest in the topics. Each group was asked to: Develop a SMART (specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic, time-limited) objective: Identify key steps that need to be taken to achieve the objective; Identify a leader for this effort; Determine who else needs to be at the table; Identify resources needed and possible sources/mechanisms; & Decide on the first step, who will be responsible, and set a date.

Members of the four groups are as follows with the leader indicated in bold lettering.

**Fix Sewer System** – **Nicole Hayler**, Debbie Butler, Doug Adams, Charlie Breithaupt, Moody Barrick, Lee Robertshaw

**Secure Funding** – **Chuck Mashborn**, Kathryn Granberg, Dave Jensen, Steve Blackburn, Mary Gazaway, Nianne Mullis, Stacey Isaac Berahzer

**Improve Compliance with State and Local Regulations** – **Ed Dibble**, Gordon Fowler, Lee Keefer, Shannon Fitzgerald, Stacey Bouma

**Develop Stekoa Creek Vision and Master Plan** – **Linda Johnson**, Maria Rodeghiero, Larry Walker, Adam Hazell, Mary Jo Bragan

Each group presented their SMART objective and key steps that needed to be taken to achieve the objective. Individual groups will meet separately to finish working on their action plans. They will then present their action plans at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to gather input from all of the Stekoa Creek Stakeholder participants.

**Next Steps:** Four individual groups meet to work on the action plans prior to the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Individual groups share draft action plans and receive feedback from overall group at June 26 meeting for all participants:

**"Fix Sewer System" Group Action Plan:** (developed 6/19/2008) **OBJECTIVE:** Phase 1: Engage a qualified

engineering firm to consolidate the various reports and surveys of The City of Clayton's sewage collection system, with the primary deliverables being: 1) a comprehensive assessment of the current state of the entire sewer system (needed for each gravity sewer segment and each force main segment is the pipe

length, pipe diameter, and pipe material type), and 2) an engineering analysis that features an implementation plan, projected costs, and a prioritized schedule of proposed actions to fix the sewage collection system's infiltration and inflow problems.

**Our Opinion:** Reprinted from The Clayton Tribune's lead editorial (6/19/2008) <http://www.theclaytontribune.com/>

### **Problem identified, now get busy**

Clayton got further documentation last week that a sizable portion of its sewer infrastructure is in horrendous shape. Tim Jacobs said employees from his company, Video Industrial Services Inc., figured 40 percent of the sewer lines they saw were damaged. That estimate covers just the portion of lines inspected, or about 1 percent. One doesn't have to come up with a detailed line-by-line analysis to know that large numbers of leaky pipes decrease the quality of life of many residents. That includes raw sewage pouring into nearby streams and back flows into people's homes. The problem also can stifle growth by discouraging people from moving into the city. Growth, the engine that has spurred the area for so long, also has been part of the problem. The reigning policy for too long has been to add

infrastructure to support growth while failing to take care of existing lines. Clayton City Council and Mayor Tom Ramey Sr. seem to have finally gotten serious about the leaky pipes, but is enough being done? Council should get a firm estimate of how much it would cost to repair the old terra cotta lines. From there, members should engage in rational discussions as to how such a project could be financed. The city needs to quit hoping for a grant from state or federal governments because those handouts are getting harder and harder to come by. The video testing is just a first step in getting a better evaluation of the problem. Virtually everyone has known about the sewer infrastructure problems for years. Now it's time to focus on making tangible improvements.

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

**Want to help with the Stekoa monitoring?** The 2008 Trout Unlimited 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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### **Letters - To and From the Rabunites**

**Dated:** May 24, 2008, sent by US Postal

**To:** Members of Rabun Chapter of TU

On behalf of all the members of the Chattooga River Chapter of Trout Unlimited, we would like to thank you for the Rabun Chapter's donation of the framed and signed Landreth print; it was especially appreciated and drew many bidders!

As you know, our dues, personal contributions and time we donate are insufficient to covert the many conservation and public-benefit projects we undertake each year. Your Chapter's thoughtful donation certainly helps us toward our many goals! We thank you again,

**From:** Al Owens – Fund Raising Administrator, CRCTU

**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008

**Subject:** Interns update

FYI, First two weeks are going well with the interns, to date we have worked on the Walnut Fork renovation project, Stover renovation project and this week we are focusing on habitat on High Shoals Creek with the aid of Monte Seehorn. Ever seen a 75 yr. old swing a sledge. He still can!!!!

**From:** Leon Brotherton – GA WRD Fisheries Tech III, Burton Hatchery

**Editor's notes:** *There are 8 college interns working this summer on projects to enhance trout fisheries in North Georgia. They are working under the direct supervision of fisheries professionals with the Wildlife Resources Division of GA DNR. Most of their work is on Back-the-Brookie projects (click [HERE](#)). They are being paid 100% by grants and donations (Trout Unlimited, Georgia Power Co & US Fish and Wildlife Service). The Rabun TU Chapter donated \$3,500 for the 2008 Intern Program.*

**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2008

**Subject:** Proposed Chattooga River Wheelchair Accessible Pad on FS799

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

**Re:** Chattooga River Wheelchair Accessible Fishing Pad Scoping Letter

The Board of Directors of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited supports the USFS proposal to construct a wheelchair accessible fishing trail and pad on the Chattooga River adjacent to the Long Bottom Ford primitive camping area. We believe that everyone should be afforded the opportunity to enjoy recreational fishing and the proposed site will provide for easy wheelchair access. Please make this e-mail a part of the public record.

**From:** Doug Mansfield, - Secretary, Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2008

**Subject:** Chattooga River Wheelchair Accessible Fishing Pad

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

At the quarterly meeting of the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited held June 4, 2008 we discussed the proposed project and the scoping letter. A motion was made, seconded and passed to fully support this project as outlined in the scoping letter. The Council represents over 3500 members of Trout Unlimited in the state of Georgia. Please make this message part of the public record.

**From:** Charlie Breithaupt - Chairman, Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited

**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2008

**Subject:** Interns

FYI, This week completes the first three weeks of solid work. To date we have installed 8 stream structures on High Shoals creek, built and installed the barrier on Tate Branch (with Monte's help of course), removed non native fish from Walnut Fork and Stover and eliminated two streams that were rumored to have BKT in them in the past.... Sorry none were found. We also have 8 logs by the creek bank that are ready to be placed in the creek on the

Ramey Creek Georgia Trout Camp workday. The crew is really coming together well and as you can tell have been busy! Thanks again for all those that help raise and donate money to see this work get done.

**From:** Leon Brotherton – GA WRD Fisheries Tech III, Burton Hatchery

**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2008

**Subject:** Donation

I have received a \$2,000 donation to Back-the-Brookie from the Upper Chattahoochee Chapter.

**From:** Ray Gentry – Treasurer, GA TU Council, Sautee, GA



**Sent:** Wednesday, June 25, 2008

**Subject:** interns

This is the update on the work done in the last two weeks. Last week was spent on Stover Creek (3 days) and Rock Creek (1 day) building habitat stream structures.

This week again we are on Stover building structures and working on the barrier. The volunteers from the Dahlonge TU Chapter have helped out BIG!!!!!! Thank You.

I will send a complete report out Friday if all goes well.

**From:** Leon Brotherton – GA WRD Fisheries Tech III, Burton Hatchery

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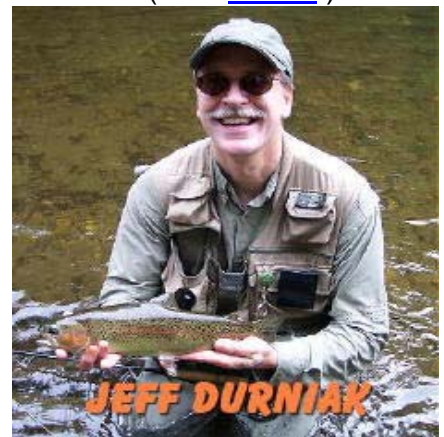
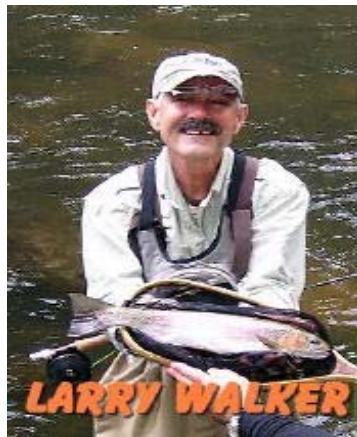
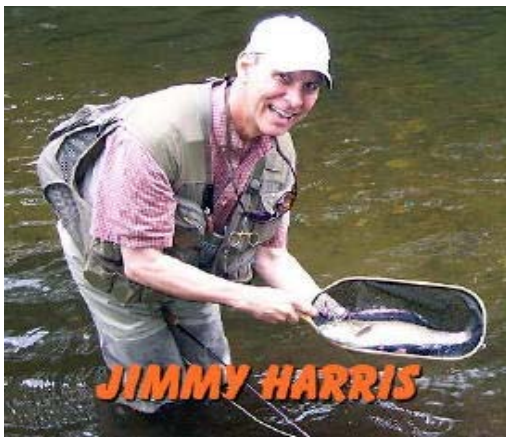
### May 2008 FISHING REPORTS

**The Grip & Grin Gallery** - All of these trout were released unharmed and only memories were kept.

*"I realized that life is just a collection of memories. And memories are like starlight: they go on forever."*

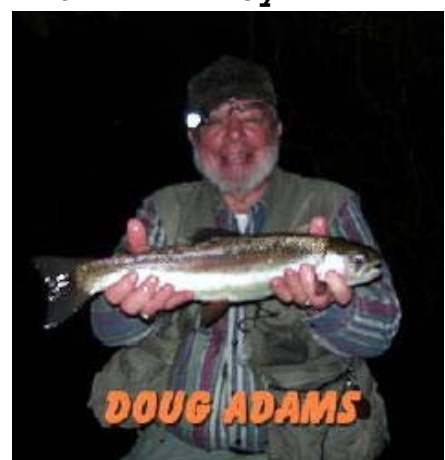
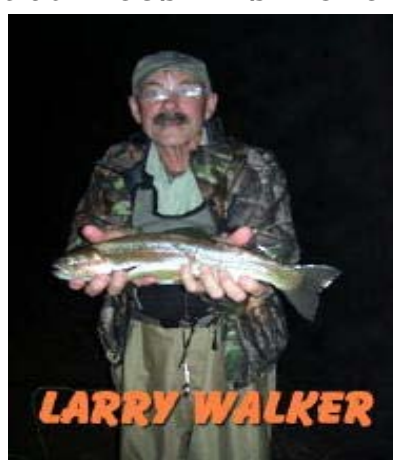
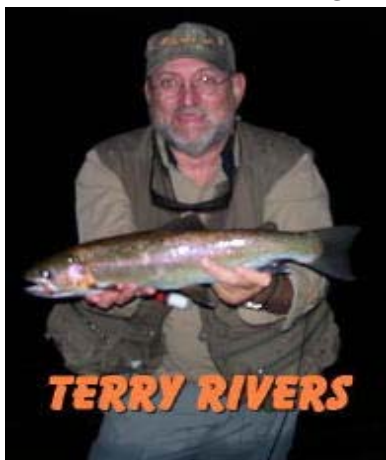
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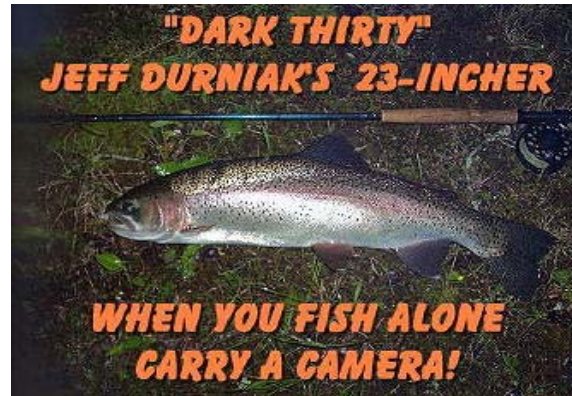
### Some Rabunites Fished The Green Drake Hatch (click [HERE](#))



**Editor's Notes:** Larry caught his good'un on one of his 3 Tom Landreth's flies.

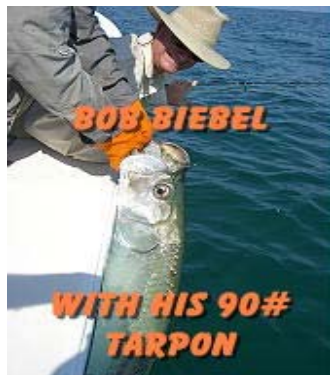
### AND A Few Rabunites Fish Until Dark-Thirty





WHERE? I.D.B.I.S. (I DON'T BELIEVE I SAID).

THE RABUNITES DON'T STOP FISHING WHEN THE SUMMER HEAT HAS ARRIVED!



And some start planning their annual trips out West of Hiawasee!

## Trout Tips for Summer Fishing in Western Wyoming

Contributed by Rabunite Kyle Burrell – Summer Fly Fishing Guide in Cora, WY; Cell 678-231-8004 [fishwithkyle@yahoo.com](mailto:fishwithkyle@yahoo.com)

We can expect good water levels this summer. The Wind River mountain range has had substantial snows this winter, and water levels should be much better than last year, which of course means better fishing!

Remember to bring plenty of good flies with you. Here is a rough list of stuff you need to bring:

- > Parachute Adams: sizes 16, 14, 12, 10 (heavy on the 12s)
- > Chernobyl ant type flies: there are lots of variations and most everything will catch fish. Size 6 is about right.
- > Grasshoppers: about anything in size 10, 8, and 6 will catch fish.
- > Beetles: black, about size 12 up to 8.
- > Black woolly buggers: Sizes 6 and 8
- > Pale Morning Duns: just about any pattern style will catch fish. Emergers, dries, nymphs, anything & everything. Size 18 and 16
- > Elk Hair Caddis: Tan wings, olive body, brown hackle. Also about any caddis pattern, X-Caddis, etc, and emergers, will catch fish during a hatch.
- > White Bunny strip type streamers: big minnow looking flies in size 4 will draw some unbelievable strikes from some monster sized browns and cut-bows.
- > Wulff type dry flies for the brookie streams. Royal Wulff, H&L Variant, etc. Sizes 14 and 12 are about right.
- > Beadhead Prince nymphs: killer fly on whitefish as well as trout. Bring lots.
- > Beadhead soft hackle pheasant tail: in 18 and 16. A great dropper under a big dry.

With this selection you'll cover 95% of what you may need. But be sure to bring other favorite patterns too. Seems that every year someone shows up with something new that catches the heck out of fish. Better to have it and not need it than need it and not have it.

Other considerations:

- > Expect gas to cost between \$4 and \$5 a gallon.
- > Be sure to bring good walking shoes if you want to hike to remote brookie streams.
- > Don't forget the sunglasses, hat, sun gloves. I'll have plenty of sunscreen and bug repellent so don't worry about taking it on the plane (they are considered liquids).
- > Be sure your rods and reels are good quality and in perfect working order. Some of the Green's fish will have you into the backing, so make sure it's in good shape too. Don't bring the cheap gear and don't go out and buy stuff either. Once you're there, if I decide your equipment isn't up to snuff, I'll insist that you use my outfits. I have three excellent Winston Boron rods and good Lamson reels too. I bought them for customers to use so don't be shy about asking to use my equipment.
- > Practice casting if you haven't done much lately. Expect 30-50 foot cast with the wind blowing 10-20 mph on some days.

I'm sure I'll have more to tell you about later. If anyone needs to speak to me my cell # is 678-231-8004. I only check e-mail about once a week so that is the best way to contact me. Regards, Kyle

## "BACKCASTING"

**May 31 (Sat) USFS Kids Fishing Event – Tallulah River, Sponsors: USFS, GA WRD, & Rabun TU – 7 Rabun TU members participated. GA WRD stocked several thousand trout and about 110 kids turned out for the event. Many caught their limit of 8 trout to be cooked for supper, some right there in the campground with their families. It was a fun event for the kids, parents, and volunteers. Rabun TU donated \$300 for the purchase of 25 fishing gear prizes (awarded to the kids by random drawing) and goodie bags for all the kids.**



**June 4 (Wed) GA TU Council Meeting – 6 Rabun TU members attended and 10 GA TU Chapters were represented. Items discussed included: Treasurer's report; Dream trip report & plans for 2009 trip / raffle; 2008 GA Trout Camp; US Forest Service update; Stekoa Creek update; Back the Brookie update; Chapter Effectiveness Index; Re-chartering of Chapters; Fly Fishing for Vets <http://www.flyfishingforvets.com/>; Handicapped access to trout waters; and Council officers nominations for next 2 years.**



## June 8 – 13 (Sun – Fri) 2008 GEORGIA TROUT CAMP REPORT by Charlie Breithaupt – Camp Director

Well, we did it!! Once again the Georgia Trout Camp had a very successful camp and prepared 24 young anglers (20 boys and 4 girls) for a future in fly-fishing and water conservation. They learned to cast, read the water, be courteous to other anglers, protect our environment, identify bugs, tie knots, tie flies, maintain their equipment and catch fish!! The weather was hot, very hot and dry but we didn't have hailstorms or high water as in past years. Fishing is an outdoor sport so weather is just part of it.

A lot of folks do a lot of work to make this camp go and everyone is important. This is truly a statewide camp with campers from all 12 chapters and volunteer mentors from 10 of the 12 chapters (39 mentors total, including 16 from the Rabun Chapter). As always Shelia Humphrey at Smithgall Woods got the kids excited about bugs and good, clean water. The DNR guys, Leon Brotherton and Lee Keefer, along with Mike Brod from USFS, instructed the campers in stream ecology, electro-shocking and stream structure construction. The eight interns working through funding by Trout Unlimited added to the conservation experience of the boys and girls. Perry Thompson, head of the stocking program at the Burton Hatchery, and his team helped the kids load the fish on the stocking truck and distribute them in the streams. Knowing where to fish was explained by Jimmy Harris using a unique underwater video. Jeff Durniak gave an award winning performance of how "not to act on a stream" with Doug Adams receiving several Oscar nominations for his supporting role. How Doug caught a 16" Rainbow during the performance is

beyond me, but he's good at that.

TU National was supportive in the background checks (thanks to Andy Snyder - the new Sally Armstrong), literature, goody bags, and provided a free membership for all campers.

Once again our "Young Mentors" (TU members who have attended camp previously and are 15 years old) added much needed help. Gavin Carson, Elizabeth Farquharson, Ian Farquharson, Kevin Lash, and Austin Sims all gave of their time to pass on what they learned just a couple of years ago. They paint a bright future for TU.

Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School provides us with a near perfect facility to run the program that we do. They help make our camp successful and add much to our comfort. We are truly grateful. With guys like Garland Stewart and Frank Tolbert, we leave the school in better shape than we found it.

I can't imagine the hours that Mack Martin and Bob Foster spend getting all the equipment ready for the kids and for fly tying. And it is great to have a professional seamstress like Emmilyn Rivers to sew on the trout camp patches. I do know the time Kathy spends getting all this organized and it just would not work without all this effort. At this time of year we think about what we need to change for next year and would appreciate any suggestions from you. We want to just get better and better so let me know your ideas. Charlie

### **Below is a list of the men and women who helped with Trout Camp 2008. Thank you; thank you!!!**

Doug Adams	Ray Gentry	Charles Pollard
Eedee Adams	Jimmy Harris	Doug Reid
Dick Albertelli	David Humphrey	Lea Richmond
Vic Aloisio	Ray Kearns	Terry Rivers
Josh Barnett	Jim Kidd	Deborah Scott
Pat Bradley	Kevin Lash	Austin Sims
Charlie Breithaupt	Dick Luscher	Garland Stewart
Kathy Breithaupt	Doug Mansfield	Frank Tolbert
Gavin Carson	Shelia Mansfield	Larry Vigil
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Ian Farquharson	Mack Martin	Larry Walker
Bob Foster	Jim Nixon	Alex Watson
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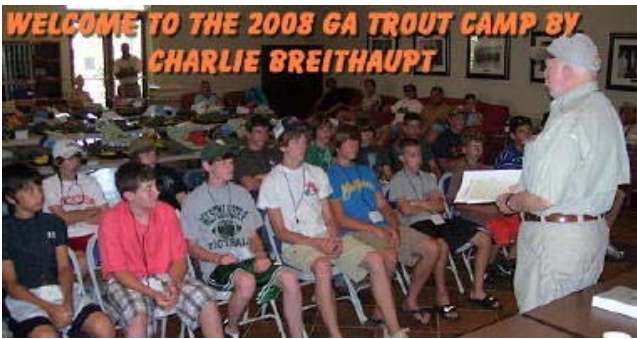
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<b>Fly Box Outfitters</b> – Kennesaw, GA	<b>Georgia Parks Division (Smithgall Woods) of GA DNR</b> – Helen, GA
<b>Bass Pro Shops</b> - Lawrenceville, GA	<b>USDA Forest Service, Chattooga River Ranger District</b> - Clayton, GA

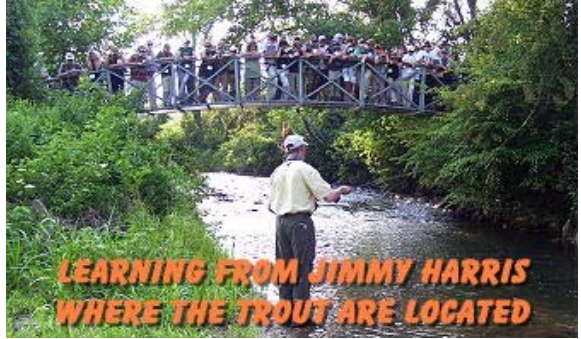
To read The Clayton Tribune's article about the 2008 Georgia Trout Camp, click [HERE](#)



A few scenes from the 2008 GEORGIA TROUT CAMP



**WELCOME TO THE 2008 GA TROUT CAMP BY CHARLIE BREITHAUPT**

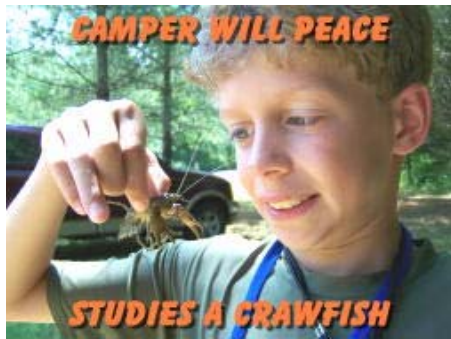


**LEARNING FROM JIMMY HARRIS WHERE THE TROUT ARE LOCATED**



**LEARNING STREAM ECOLOGY COLLECTING BUGS**

**AT SMITHBALL WOODS**



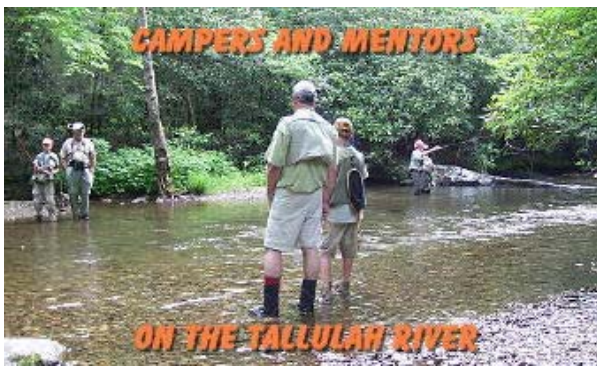
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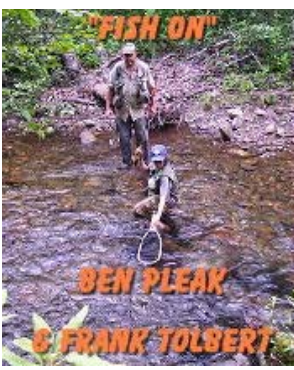
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**CAMPERS AND MENTORS**

**ON THE TALLULAH RIVER**



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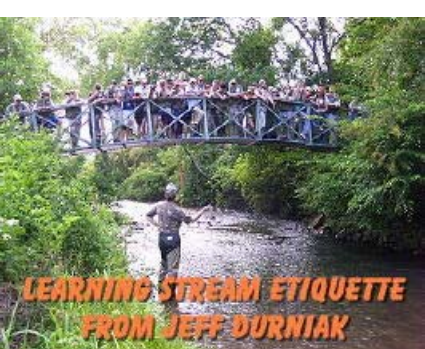
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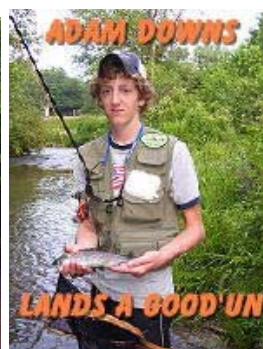
**ENHANCING TROUT HABITAT**



**ONE LOG AT A TIME**



**LEARNING STREAM ETIQUETTE FROM JEFF DURNIAK**



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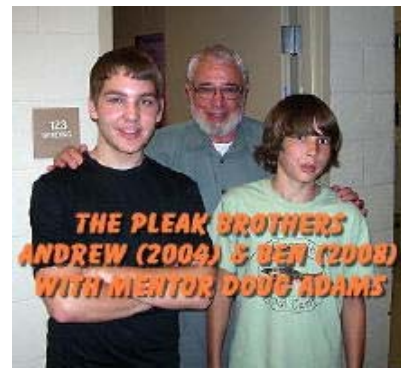
**BEN PLEAK**

**WITH ANOTHER**



**GRAHAM MAYNE**

**WITH A RAINBOW ON A FLY**



**THE PLEAK BROTHERS ANDREW (2008) & BEN (2008) WITH MENTOR DOUG ADAMS**



**2008 CAMPERS AND MENTORS AT GRADUATION**

**Cabela's Scientific Anglers**

**Outdoor World**

**Treat Unlimited**

**June 17 (Tues) Chapter Meeting** – 14 members attended. Jenny Sanders, Executive Director - Little Tennessee Watershed Association (LTWA) <http://www.ltw.org/>, made an excellent PowerPoint presentation. She explained the mission of the organization is to protect and restore quality habitat in the Little Tennessee River and tributaries upstream of Fontana Reservoir. She explained the difference in her organization and the Land Trust of the Little Tennessee. The issues being addressed by the LTWA include biodiversity, rare species, cultural value, recreation, economic needs, municipal drinking water supply, and historical value. The LTWA is currently working in 4 program areas: biomonitoring, education, restoration, and the headwaters initiative. The LTWA has about 150 members. **Meeting raffle** had 10 buckets with 3 fly selections, a jar of local honey, book of NC trout maps, rain gauge & outside thermometer, a SS flask, snakebite kit and much more. The raffle raised \$83 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.

**June 19 (Thurs) Stekoa Creek “Fix Sewer System” Group Meeting** – 2 Rabun TU members participated (Charlie Breithaupt and Doug Adams). The “Fix Sewer” group’s primary charge is to assist work that will reduce fecal coliform levels in Stekoa Creek. See Stekoa Creek Update section of this newsletter for the [Fix Sewer System Group Action Plan](#): (developed 6/19/2008)

**June 21 (Sat) Benefit Concert for Stekoa Creek Clean Up** – about 14 Rabun TU members attended. It was a wonderful concert that raised over \$1,100 to help clean up Stekoa Creek. A send a BIG “THANK YOU” to the groups “**Old Enough To Know Better**” (to hear a sample, click [HERE](#)) and “**The Carmel Ridge Band**” for donating their performances and to the **Stekoa Creek Trading Company** [HERE](#) for donating the use of their terrific venue.



**June 24 (Tues) BOD Meeting** – 6 Rabun TU members participated. Items discussed included: Re-cap of the 2008 Georgia Trout Camp; Program for 2009 Rabun Rendezvous (1/24/2009); July 15 (Tues) Annual Family Picnic, 6 PM, Kelly’s Water Falls Park, July 8 & 9 (Tues & Wed) Annual Electro-Shock Sampling of Chattooga River is CANCELLED due to short age of USFS people; Update: Chattooga North Fork – Boating Zoning - Nothing new; Update: Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project - Progress is being made!; Update: Publicity, Public Relations, &/or Outreach (nice articles in Tribune about KFE on Tallulah and GA Trout Camp); Treasury Report; and program for September Chapter meeting.



**June 25 (Wed) Program at Library** – 3 Rabunites participated. Charlie Breithaupt, Terry Rivers, and Ray Kearns gave a short PowerPoint presentation and then fly tying and casting demonstrations to about 10 kids at the Rabun County Library.



**June 26 (Thurs) Stekoa Creek Watershed Meeting** - 6 TU members participated (Doug Adams, Charlie Breithaupt, Larry walker, Gordon Fowler, Maria Rodeghiero, and Joe Gatins). Each of the 4 working groups made a report. An action plan was developed for the groups to work on before the next meeting. And the next meeting with all 4 groups will be on August 21<sup>st</sup>. More details will be presented in the next TIGHT LINES newsletter.

What’s New Elsewhere?

**GA-USFS Anderson Creek OHV Trail System project decision** (5/23/2008). Close all trails within, and connected with, the Anderson Creek OHV Trail System, including approximately six miles of authorized trails and several miles of unsigned and undesignated trails. For more info, click [HERE](#)

**SC- USFS Proposed project:** Construct a Chattooga River wheelchair accessible fishing platform. For more info, click [Here](#)

**SC- USFS Proposed project:** Install Moody Creek aquatic passage. For more info, click [Here](#)

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





## Congratulations to Pat Hopton

### The Recipient of the 2008 Rabunite “Dark Thirty” Award

In May, during the green drake hatch, Pat fished 13 consecutive evenings until “Dark Thirty” (5/17 through 5/29) and was rewarded by netting several large rainbow and brown trout, including an 18 inch wild brown. All were caught on dry flies and all were released unharmed.

**Editor’s Notes:** *I’m sorry we don’t have a “grip & grin” picture of Pat and one of his large trout. Pat, like a lot of Rabunites, enjoys the solitude of fishing the undisturbed backcountry waters alone and stalking surface feeding wild trout, particularly Chattooga North Fork browns. Even when Pat and I carpool to a trailhead, we usually separate on the stream and fish different reaches alone and rendezvous back at the vehicle at “dark-ninety” for the story telling. Experiencing the fairies (click [HERE](#)) during the walkout is a bonus. The new LED flashlights are wonderful!*

***“It is quite easy to debase the sport, change its values, dilute its ethics and destroy its traditional associations with quietness, relaxation and the opportunity to think. Angling is not a competitive sport. The fisherman’s only real competition is with his quarry and his only real challenge is the challenge to himself. Nothing can add to this, but the blight of interhuman competition can certainly detract from it.”***

From the book Bright Waters, Bright Fish by Roderick Haig-Brown (1980)

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to **Rachel Davis** upon her graduation with an Associates Degree in Veterinary Technology. Rachel was President of the Student Veterinary Technology Association at Athens Technical College and she was also presented the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership. .

**Tom Matthews** has made a beautiful recovery from being “rekneed. “

We wish **Monte Seehorn** a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

It is good news to hear of continued health improvements for **Jean Kelly, Emmilyn Rivers,** and **Kathy Barnes.** Our condolences to **Pat Gorman** and **Jeff Durniak** on the recent drowning death of their close friend, Rich Best.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite “WELCOME” to **two new members** this month: **Broderick Crawford**, PO Box 1012, Clayton, GA 30525; and **Sidney Doster**, 654 Sautee Trail, Sautee Nacoochee, GA 30571.

Thanks for re-upping: **Reb Hester, Doug Hickman, Hugh Thompson, Pat Hopton, Larry Walker, Russell Burken, David Smith, Hal Avery, Randall Corbin, Kyle Burrell, Donald Early,** and **Walt Landreth.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Mike Fuller, Ron Grob, Arthur Guthas, Taylor Marchman, Jacob Shelton, Randy Suddeth, Charles Cawthon, Lewis Reeves III, Johnny Cannon, John Duncan, Don Kinser, John Patrick, Maria Rodeghiero, Devin Anderson, Steve McAdams, Terry Roderick,** and **Nancy Gribble.**

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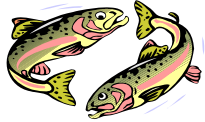
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**From the Fly Tying Desk of Jimmy Whiten**

As adults have you ever daydreamed of your past, what you wish you had done in your younger days, the trips you would have taken but talked yourself out of, more education you could have had but you did not take advantage of, and the things you would do differently, if you had a second chance?

And, oh yes, the opportunities you dreamed of that never came your way?

What is Trout Camp? It is all of the above.

For all of us that never had someone to teach us about fishing and all of the knowledge that goes with it, just think, the Georgia Trout Camp would have been that opportunity.

Entomology, conservation, knots, fly tying, casting, reading of the water, stream etiquette, learning where the fish are likely laying, what equipment you need, hands on fishing with anglers that have been fishing for years, and memories forever. Now that is the Georgia Trout Camp.

Charlie Breithaupt, as coordinator, and a large number of volunteers spent hours and hours of hard work before camp ever started, not to mention all the hard work during camp week, making the Trout Camp a big success. MY THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED WITH THE 2008 GEORGIA TROUP CAMP!

With plans already under way for 2009, I am sure the next Trout Camp will be a success also.

Happy Fishing,

*Jimmy*

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