



TIGHT LINES April 2009 Newsletter of the

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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

"- - - perhaps the greatest satisfaction on the first day of the season is the knowledge in the evening that the whole of the rest of the season is to come." By Arthur Ransome in *Rod and Line* (1929)

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

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

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

3rd Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm – Social & Yarn Spinning 7:00 pm – Program & Meeting
(You don't have to believe the yarns - - if you don't want to)

At every regular chapter meeting there will be a raffle for fishing or camping items to help pay the cost of mailing the newsletter to members without E-mail. Bring an item to donate and a dollar or two for raffle tickets - you might win something.

"Do not tell fish stories where the people know you; but particularly, don't tell them where they know the fish."
Mark Twain

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there!

Mar 28 (Sat) AM Opening Day for Seasonal Trout Streams in GA WAaaaahWHoooo!

Mar 28 (Sat) PM Satolah Fire Department Bluegrass & Bar-B-Q, Start serving 5 PM, music starts at 7 PM with our own The Foxfire Boys & Country Detour.

Apr 4 (Sat Morning) Rabunite 101 - Rabun TU's Half-Day Fly Fishing Seminar for Adults: (male and female age 16 years and older). Rabun County Recreation Center The seminar will cover equipment, casting, knots and entomology. To attend or to volunteer to help, contact Charlie Breithaupt . Ph 706 782 6954 E-mail knc615@windstream.net

Apr 4 (Sat Evening) Oconee River TU Chapter Fundraiser in Athens, Details [HERE](#)

Apr 18 (Sat) Tailwater TU's Smith Creek Workday with GA WRD at Unicoi S.P. [HERE](#)

Apr 21 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, Community B&T, **Program:** David Cannon - "Fishing Photography".

Apr 24 & 25 (Fri & Sat) Rabun TU's Campout Fri Night with Workday Sat Morning for BtB with USFS/GA WRD leading work on North Fork Moccasin Creek and camping beside the Wildcat Creek Road. Contact **Jimmy Whiten**, Ph 706 886 6546 jimmywhiten@nctv.com

Apr 28 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Community B&T.

May 1- 3 (Fri – Sun) Southeast Region TU Rally, Hungry Mother State Park, Marion VA

May 2 (Sat) Kids Fishing Event at Black Rock Mountain State Park 8 AM

May 13-17 (Wed – Sun) Camping & Fishing Chattooga Backcountry with Camping at Cherry Hill C.G. (with hot shower, flush toilets & tables) Nice place, great fishing & fellowship. Click [HERE](#) Location: Off SC Hwy 107, 1.5 mile south of Burrell's Ford Rd intersection.

May 9 (Sat) Blue Ridge Mountain TU Chapter High Country Boil - For details, visit [HERE](#)

May 18 (Mon) Annual Spring Family Cookout with Mentoring 4 PM at Indian Lake with Boy &/or Girl Scout Troops as our guests.

May 23 (Sat) Workday - Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up on Sat. morning in preparation for GA Trout Camp

May 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting - location TBD

2009 RABUNITE 101 (1/2-day fly-fishing workshop) – Sat. AM, April 4th
6th Annual - 2009 GA Trout Camp; June 7 –12 Volunteer mentors needed for both

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



RAINBOW WARRIOR

THIS IS A VERY GOOD FLY TO HAVE DURING THE EARLY SEASON ON THE DELAYED HARVEST SECTION OR WHEREVER THE FISH ARE FEEDING ON MIDGES. DROP OFF BEHIND A DRY OR DEAD DRIFT DEEP BEHIND A WOOLYBUGGER. SEE Y'ALL ON THE RIVER.

HOOK: 14 THRU 18 SCUD
HEAD: TUNGSTUN OR GLASS BEAD
TAIL: PHEASANT TAIL FIBERS
THREAD: RED 8/0
THORAX: RAINBOW SYNTHETIC DUBBING
BODY: PEARL TINSEL OVER TYING THREAD
WING CASE: PEARL TINSEL

"It is the constant—or inconstant—change, the infinite variety in fly-fishing that binds us fast. It is impossible to grow weary of a sport that is never the same on any two days in the year. I am fond of all sorts of fishing, in fresh or salt water, in the interior of the country, or on the coast, but trout angling takes a grip upon the imagination. It is more of a mental recreation than other methods. There is always something in questions, something to discuss."

Louis Rhead

April Hatches

The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies
None at all	All Month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Quill Gordon Mayfly	Early	L am to M pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12-14 Quill Gordon Nymph
Blue Quill Mayfly	Early	L am to M pm	16-18 Blue Quill, BWO, or Blue Dun 16-18 Prince or Pheasant Tail
Small Dun Caddis (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm L pm to dark	16-18 Gray Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 16-18 Gray Caddis Pupa
March Brown Mayfly (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm	12-14 March Brown or Adams Parachute 10-14 March Brown Nymph, Dark Hare's Ear, or Pheasant Tail
Cream Caddis (Very important)	All Month	M day to L pm	12-14 Elk Hair Caddis 12-14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
Yellow Stonefly	Late	E to L am L pm to dark	14-16 Yellow Stimulator or Elk Hair Caddis (Yellow) 14-16 Yellow Stone Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly (Important)	Late	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Speckled Gray Caddis	Late	M to L pm	12-14 Dark Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 12-14 Dun & Yel/Brn Caddis Pupa
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

'Website-of-the-Month': <http://www.streamexplorers.org/site/c.pjJ0lcMSLuG/b.4813071/k.BD57/Home.htm>
Check out this: » [Give a kid a Stream Explorers Membership](#)

From the Desk of Chris Wood

Last week at his kindergarten's celebration of Black History month, my son Wylie stood up and said, "My name is Lloyd Hall. I am a food chemist. I discovered a salt mixture that helps food last longer." While I was getting over the disappointment that he didn't get to "be" Jackie Robinson, Ethan grabbed my arm and said, "When are you going to take us fishing again?"

The "fishing" that Wylie's friend referred to involved TU staff Dave Rogers, Andy Snyder, and Keith Curley reading books, tying flies, and casting in the school's playground. We'd planned a legitimate fishing day but Wylie's teacher, and I'm not kidding, left one of the kids at the library the week before. After that, the principal "rescheduled" our outing to the school grounds.

Kids today are far more likely to spend time on a computer or in front of the idiot-box (as my Mom calls the TV) than they are to wander creeks. In a single generation, we've moved from a society where 60 percent of us grew up in rural areas to one where 80 percent now live in urban or suburban places. Childhood obesity is on the rise as kids spend less time outdoors, and not surprisingly, the number of licensed anglers in the U.S. has declined.

This is where TU fits in. Recovering wild and native fisheries so that our kids can fish for them in their home waters requires protecting the highest quality habitats and reconnecting them to lower elevation areas through local restoration activities. TU developed the **Stream Explorers** program (www.streamexplorers.org) so that future generations ensure that such vital work endures.

Membership in Stream Explorers gets you a neat quarterly newsletter with activities kids can do on their own or with parents and teachers. It costs \$12 a year. I've signed up my kids, and my brothers' families as Stream Explorers. I hope you'll do the same.

Stream Explorers, Trout in the Classroom, and youth camps demonstrate to our children that we are optimistic about a better future. Every time we take a kid fishing, or on a stream clean-up, or teach them how to plant trees, we reaffirm the promise of TU's vision. And that's not just good for TU, it's good for the country. Thanks for all you do. Stay in touch.



Chris Wood, Trout Unlimited, Chief Operating Officer
cwood@tu.org direct line: 703-284-9403

Editor's notes: See the "Membership Update" section of this newsletter for the names of Rabun TU's first 2 Stream Explorers.

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

Eighteen (18) members of Rabun TU are volunteering 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 weekly by trained employees of the Chattooga Conservancy and transferred (by a chain-of-custody procedure) to a TU volunteer.

The volunteer schedule through the winter and spring is as follows: **Larry Walker** (3/24); **Ray Kearns** (3/31); **Doug Mansfield** (4/7); **Terry Rivers** (4/14); **Tim McClure** (4/21); **Kathy Breithaupt** (4/28); **Charlie Breithaupt** (5/5); **Gary Deal** (5/12); **Ray Gentry** (5/19); **Lea Richmond** (5/26); **Eedee Adams** (6/2); **Travis Barnes** (6/9); **Tom Matthews** (6/16); **Bill Kelly** (6/23); & **Fritz Vinson** (6/30)

Current Status:

Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009

Subject: Stekoa Creek Task Force - meeting delay

Hello everyone,

During our last meeting in October, we had agreed that the next Stekoa Creek Watershed Task Force meeting would be scheduled for January. Since our last meeting, here at EPA we have been undergoing some changes. The Water Management Division, has been undergoing a reorganization these last couple of months to include a new name, Water Protection Division, and changes to the Branches and Sections. One of these changes was that the Watershed Management Office, within which I worked, was dissolved and staff from this office were moved into different sections, including a new Watershed Coordination Section, which is located in the Water Quality Planning Branch. The Watershed Coordination Section consists of a watershed coordinator for each of the eight states in the region.

As part of this reorganization, I accepted a reassignment to the Clean Water Enforcement Branch. The reorganization and my subsequent reassignment are why you have not heard from me these last few months. Mary Jo Bragan has recently accepted the Georgia Watershed Coordinator position. You may have met Mary Jo during some of our earlier meetings. Right now Mary Jo and I are working together to ensure a smooth transition here at EPA as we begin the planning process for FY2010.

I think it's important for the Task Force to meet, especially to talk about the work the Fix the Sewer Group has been involved in (and potential opportunity to receive money from the stimulus package); update on the 319 funding; and the draft Outreach Plan that Larry Walker put together. However, because of changes occurring here, I think it's going to be April before someone from EPA will be able to coordinate a meeting.

I wanted to see if there is someone who would be willing to coordinate the next meeting or coordinate sharing information with the group through email. I think everyone has been doing a great job to keep things moving forward and wanted to thank you for your efforts in this process.

From: Stacey Bouma - Clean Water Enforcement Branch, U.S. EPA Region 4

Editor's notes: *This delay is a major setback at a critical time in the funding procurement. The Stekoa Creek Watershed Task Force would appreciate help from anyone with ideas how to eliminate this US EPA disconnect and delay.*

The following is an excerpt from a Letter to the Editor of The Clayton Tribune (3/5/2009)

<http://theclaytontribune.com/>

City manager leads stimulus push

- - - the big black truck is not headed for Atlanta to help us battle for our scrap of the "pork-laden" stimulus package; but thankfully our city manager has come to our rescue once again.

Cissy Henry, on her own volition, worked tirelessly evaluating and compiling the pertinent information, completed the required government forms and submitted them in enough time to have already received a promising phone call back from Atlanta. Hurray Cissy!

Most likely the John English Drive sewer replacement will be the most favored candidate. It's our biggest project, it will create the most jobs and it will help the greatest number of people, making it our best shot at getting a really big chunk of the pork.

My concern is this: to actually get money in hand, Obama requires the project be shovel ready. This project is shovel ready, except we still lack a few property easements. With these easements and the stimulus money, we could finally get this long-awaited sewer project finished, improve the quality of life for those folks granting the easements, and increasing property values for the entire neighborhood.

It would also free up the \$207,000 earmarked for this sewer project to be applied towards other sewer projects or replacing old water lines. It's within our reach and I'm excited thinking of the possibilities.

From: Debbie Chisholm – Councilwoman, City of Clayton

Editor's notes: *Cissy Henry is the City Manager for Clayton and she has been an active participant in the Stekoa Creek Watershed Task Force. Thanks Cissy.*

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

Want to help with the Stekoa monitoring? For info on where you or your organization can send a donation to help pay lab fees E-mail edadams1@windstream.net. All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c) 3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

Paul Diprima of the Coosa Valley TU Chapter submitted the following article to TIGHT LINES. <http://coosavalleytu.org/>

A humorous look at opening day: "Just when is it legal to fish"

Saturday, March 28th is the opening day of trout season in Georgia. Streams such as Johns, Dicks and Waters as well as about 1/3 of the streams in Georgia that have been closed to fishing since 30 minutes after sunset October 31st will be legal to fish. There is a magic moment at which anglers can toss a lure or bait into their favorite seasonal stream without breaking the law. The exact time that an angler can make his first legal cast

on the 28th is by definition in the State of Georgia fishing law, "30 minutes before sunrise". By definition, sunrise is that moment when the sun appears above the horizon. So far it looks like you can start fishing at that exact moment and that should be simple enough to do, but Georgia is a big state and the sun actually rises earlier on the east side of the state than it does in Floyd, Gordon and Chattooga Counties.

I have thought about this quite a bit and in flat areas the sun can be seen above the horizon earlier than mountainous areas. In the down to March 28, 2009 and choose the county that you plan to shadow of the mountains you sometimes don't see the sun till fish in, change to daylight saving time and it will tell you when the after 9am. So if that is true, is sunrise later in the mountains? Just sun will rise in that county. It is legal to fish beginning 30 minutes when in the #@**# can you start fishing?

The answer is quite simple. The DNR web site will tell you. Go to

<http://georgiawildlife.dnr.state.ga.us/content/displaycontent.asp?t>

prior to that time. In Rabun County fishing starts at 6:56 am, in Dawson County it is 6:59 am and Floyd Counties' legal time is 7:03am. Just hoping that all the anglers who read this will stay legal and have a successful trip. Good luck and great fishing.

Rabunite 101 - An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Trout.

On Saturday, April 4, 2009, the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will offer a 4 hour seminar including casting, entomology, knots and equipment to folks who want to get started in the pleasure of fly fishing for trout. The location will be at the Rabun County Recreation Center just south of Rabun County High School. We will be able to accommodate 28 students and the cost of \$25 per person will include lunch.

Do you know someone that might be interested?

Tell them to contact Kathy or Charlie Breithaupt to make reservations. knc615@windstream.net or (706) 782-6954

Members of the Rabun Chapter are needed to instruct and help in other ways.

Please save that date and let Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt know if you can help.

What's New Elsewhere?

US Congress budgets \$50 million in 16 states for Forest Service land acquisition through LWCF program; Regrettably GA (plus SC & NC) will get \$0. CA gets 23% of the funds

For LWCF info, click: <http://www.fs.fed.us/land/staff/LWCF/>

Article submitted by Rabunite Jim Kidd (3/22/2009)

Georgia was in, once again until it went to conference committee. Conference cut out the GA funds. The Senators had the money in their budget request, but did not make the effort to fight for the funding. This is the third time in four years and it is destroying the program in Georgia. The 2010 budget request is in now for the Ward Creek and Etowah River tracts. These two projects would have provided extensive protection for the headwaters of the Etowah River in Lumpkin County.

I would suggest that TU members write both Senators and their respective Congressman and express their disappointment at the Senators performance and their continuing inability to bring conservation money to Georgia. They need to hear from at least 100 people. They then need to ask, respectfully, that the Senators make a better effort to follow-up and bring the 2010 money to our State.

They need to write to the local office. Don't send email or send to Washington. The address is on their web sites. These folks really need to hear from unhappy people if we are to save the program.

The letter should be short and contain:

1. Disappointment at the performance of the Senators/Congressman
2. Demand that they follow-up the requests and send letters to the conference committee, requesting \$ for the 2010 budget.
3. Suggest that they work with Jack Kingston, who is on the appropriation committee to fund these projects.
4. Discuss the importance of these projects in protecting Georgia water quality in the headwaters of major rivers.
5. Tell these people that they are killing a popular program and hurting conservation efforts in our State.

For maps and more information, contact Jim Kidd Jikidd@windstream.net

USFS-SC Forest Supervisor Dr. Jerome Thomas has accepted a job in the Regional Office in Atlanta. He will leave SC in May. No word on who will be the interim Forest Supervisor.

The following is an excerpt from an article in The Smoky Mountain News <http://www.smokymountainnews.com/>

USFS-Upper Tellico (NC): Environmental groups poised to win long battle

By Becky Johnson • Staff writer (3/11/2009) Following a prolonged debate, the national forest service wants to close a system of four-wheel drive trails in the Tellico Off-Road Vehicle area outside Andrews. The playground is famous among four-wheel drive enthusiasts, but rutting of the trails by tires has led to serious erosion problems, polluting creeks and rivers with muddy runoff. The cost of fixing the eroded trails is out of reach for the forest service. "Our analysis indicates that on-the-ground conditions are worse than we first thought," said Marisue Hilliard, supervisor of National Forests in North Carolina. "The trail system has extensive damage and contributes unacceptable levels of sediment into the Tellico River and its tributaries." After years of turning a blind eye to the problem, environmental groups spurred the forest service into action two years ago under threat of a lawsuit. To read more, click [HERE](#)

USFS-NC: TU Applauds Forest Service Tellico Decision

TU applauds the decision by the U.S. Forest Service to protect critical brook trout habitat in North Carolina's Upper Tellico Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trail system by recommending as its preferred alternative the closing of a 39-mile OHV trail system in the Nantahala National Forest. The area is located in the Tusquitee Ranger District, in Cherokee County, North Carolina. »[Press Release](#)

Public Land Nationwide: Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 fails in House

Washington, DC. On 3/11, the House of Representatives voted "for" 282-144 and failed to achieve the two-thirds majority needed to pass. The vote was conducted under the suspension of House rules, which is why the two-thirds majority was needed to pass it. On 3/20 the Senate passed 77-20 this package of legislation related to public lands, national parks and water development. It will now be sent back to the House for consideration in the immediate future. The package includes [*The Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor Study Act of 2007*](#) (S. 637), would direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in AL and GA and [*The Wyoming Range Legacy Act*](#) (S. 2229), would protect 1.2 million acres in Wyoming's Bridger-Teton National Forest from new oil and gas leasing. The legislation has been crafted to allow for existing energy development to continue by way of directional drilling into the Wyoming Range, minimizing impacts to wildlife habitat and the Grey's River watershed. To read more about S 6371, click: [HERE](#) To read the TU release, click [HERE](#)



Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Custom Fly Rod Raffle

Winston Blx, 9 ft, 4 wt, 4 pc, Boron/Graphite

Over \$600 Retail Value!!

Drawing on July 21st at the Annual Summer Family Picnic
Tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10; Contact Pat Hopton for Tickets
Ph 706 782 4978 E-mail scotts_creek58@yahoo.com

Our good friend Mack Martin of North Georgia Custom Rods has
donated this fly rod to Rabun TU.

<http://www.mackmartin.com/CustomRods.htm>

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

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

The draft EA public comment period closed on August 18th. Almost 3000 public comments on the draft EA were received. Two-thirds of the comments called for protecting the values of solitude and remoteness of the Upper Chattooga and one-third of the comments were for unrestricted year-round, any water-level boating access on the upper Chattooga. The E-mailed comments can be read by clicking [HERE](#). The final decision will be released in 2009, click [HERE](#)

Editor's notes: *The following article was submitted to TIGHT LINES by the author, John Springer. John is a member of the Hammonasset TU Chapter in Connecticut* <http://www.hammonassettu.com/>

Fishing Dukes Creek by John Springer (2/21/2009)

A wonderful area to fish in late fall or very early springtime is in NC, SC and GA. The weather from what I have experienced in 6 trips can be very cold at night but during the day as a rule the temperature goes up to the high 50's and low 60's. As always there are days this does not happen, and it stays cold. Just put another piece of shot on your leader and fish a bit slower.

This past trip I fished a small river in Georgia called Dukes Creek, it's located in the northeastern top part of the state near the town of Helen. This area is called Smithgall Woods there is a bit of history about the area. It was mined and logged until nothing was left. Then a gentleman who knew the value of this piece of land started buying it up. When he was done it was said to be worth 21 million dollars. He sold it to the state for half price as long as it was kept and operated as a wildlife area forever for everyone to enjoy. The creek can only be fished 3 days a week by a maximum of 15 anglers. You call them up and they give you a reservation in advance.

When I went they were having a bear hunt on the property so I could only fish the first mile of the 4 miles of river they control. It was not a problem as there were only 4 of us fishing this day. Our only problem was it was 22 degrees the night before and the river is completely enclosed by a canopy of trees, so it never really warmed up.

They have been in a serious drought for a long time so because of the low water conditions the fish were only in the deepest pools. There are many trophy size fish to catch, the water is gin clear and as with any C&R water a real challenge to catch. I saw many 14-16 inch fish; I caught a 10-inch rainbow. Had the water been a bit warmer and the fish feeding I might have done a bit better.

Like the others I have fished there, this stream has a sand bottom with good size rocks - no gravel and no mud. From what I have been told the hatches are not all that good but they have caddis and midges with some Mayflies.

There are picnic tables spread out and pavilions to sit and eat. All the major pools also have beautiful wooden staircases to bring you to the river so that the banks are not trampled. For public water I have never seen a place so well kept up.

In Helen there is Unicoi Outfitters fly shop. If you're on a family vacation the town of Helen was built to look like a Swiss village, from what I saw there are enough stores to go through to keep any women shopping for several days while you fish.

If you're down that way and want to fish in a beautiful place, very wild and scenic looking spend a few days on Dukes Creek. Oh yes one more thing, there is no charge for fishing this almost private water. All you need is a license. They do sell local honey and they have a jar for donations. You should leave them something to help keep the place going. It is much appreciated and well worth it.

Editor's Notes: For more info on Smithgall Woods, click [HERE](#)

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



Letters To and From the Rabunite

Sent: By US Postal on December 15, 2008

To: Chris Wood – Chief Operating Officer, National TU

Subject: 2008 Board Match Campaign

Dear Chris,

Enclosed please find a Wal-Mart Foundation check (#1501190) dated December 2, 2008 in the amount of \$1,000. An officer of the Rabun TU Chapter requested this donation at the Clayton Georgia Wal-Mart. It is being sent to you with the request that you include it in the 2008 Board Match Campaign to "double in value."

Please send to Rabun Chapter the "thank you gift" of the Abel Super Series 8 reel in black corral finish (retail value: \$910). We plan to auction the reel at the 22nd Annual Rabun Rendezvous on January 24th (see enclosed announcement).

We hope that you and others from the National TU staff will be able to join us at this year's Rabun Rendezvous. Sincerely,

From: Doug Adams – Treasurer, Rabun Chapter

Editor's Notes: Terry Rivers, Rabun TU's Past President, requested the donation.

Sent: By US Postal, January 25, 2009

Dear Rabunites,

Thank you for generously auctioning Tom Landreth's brook trout pen and ink drawing to benefit Back-the-Brookie. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

All of your support for Back-the-Brookie, both in the field and financially, leads the council. Thank you,

From: Kevin McGrath – Chairman, GA TU Back-the-Brookie, Roswell, GA

Editor's Notes: *The auction raised \$700 for BtB, click [HERE](#)*

Sent: By US Postal, January 29, 2009

To: Doug Mansfield – Secretary, Rabun Chapter of TU

Thank you for contacting me to share your concerns about the Burton Trout Hatchery.

First, I want to apologize for the delay in responding to your letter. I wasn't sworn into office until January 12, 2009 and felt that it would be inappropriate to respond to your concerns in my official capacity until I had taken the oath of office.

I'm very concerned about the parks and natural resources that are in our district. The 8th District is the most park-rich district in the State of Georgia they play a major role in our communities. Fortunately, the Burton Trout Hatchery, as well as the other parks in our district, have been saved and come out escaped being closed.

We need to be vigilant during the tough times to ensure that facilities like Burton Fish Hatchery are protected from further budget cuts, as the tourism revenue these centers bring to our area, far exceeds the costs of operating these facilities.

Thanks again for contacting me and if I can be of service to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me. Sincerely,

From: Rep. Stephen Allison – District 8, GA House of Representatives

Editor's Notes: *Rep Allison, the Burton Trout Hatchery is NOT a state park. Click [HERE](#)*

Sent: By US Postal, February 10, 2009

Dear Trout Friends,

On behalf of my entire family, I'd like to thank you for making a contribution in my father's name to the Marietta Museum.

From: Katherine Crowe – Waterboro, SC

Editor's Notes: *Arthur Crowe was a Rabunite. Rabun TU's BOD authorized the memorial gift.*

Sent: By US Postal on February 11, 2009

To: Stephanie Davison - Manager of Membership Services, National TU

Subject: Gift Memberships

Dear Steph,

Enclosed please find the Rabun Chapter (# 522) check #1245 dated February 11, 2009 in the amount of \$90

This check is to pay for the renewal of the following 6 TROUT Magazine only memberships @ \$15 each:

Black Rock Mountain State Park
Moccasin Creek State Park
Tallulah Gorge State Park
Rabun County Library
Rabun County High School Library
Rabun Gap – Nacoochee School Library

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Sincerely,

From: Doug Adams - Treasurer, Rabun Chapter

Sent: By US Postal on February 11, 2009

To: Ray Gentry – Treasurer, Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited

Subject: Rabun Chapter Donations

Dear Ray,

This check is NOT for the "Back the Brookie" program (the \$700 already sent was for BtB).

This \$3000 is to be used to pay summer interns working on trout streams in NE Georgia that contain wild rainbow and brown trout.

The Rabunites are proud to provide financial support for these 2 programs. Happy Trails,

From: Doug Adams – Rabun TU Treasurer

Sent: By US Postal on February 11, 2009

To: Holly Demuth – Executive Director, Stop I-3 Coalition

Subject: Donation

Dear Holly

We agree with you, we also believe this highway is unnecessary, fiscally irresponsible, and environmentally disastrous.

Enclosed please find our donation check for \$300. Regards,

From: Doug Adams – Rabun TU Treasurer

Sent: By US Postal, February 11, 2009

To: Chris Wood – Chief Operating Officer, TROUT UNLIMITED

Subject: Rabun Chapter Donation

Dear Chris,

Enclosed please find Rabun Chapter's check #1246 dated February 11, 2009 in the amount of \$2,000.

This is a donation to be used as follows:

>\$1,000 for the "Embrace-A-Stream" program

Because we believe this program provides necessary seed money to address today's concerns in our coldwater resources.

(Instead of the Winston Boron II-MX 9' 8 Weight as an incentive gift, we would very much appreciate the Winston Vapor 5 Weight Rod and Ross CLA 2 Reel which better fits our fundraising program.)

>\$500 for the "FIRST CAST" - [Youth Fly Fishing Education Initiative](#)

Because we believe that today's youth are tomorrow's protectors of our coldwater resources.

>\$500 for TU's Southeast Land Protection Coordinator

Because as so many of the wood product companies are currently divesting of their SE land holdings, we believe now is time to preserve these coldwater resources for future generations.

Chris, on Dec 15th we sent you a \$1,000 Wal*Mart Foundation check (see enclosed letter) which we solicited from our Clayton, GA store. We sent it in December for 2 reasons: 1) to double in value through the 2008 Board Match Campaign and 2) so we would have the "thank you gift" of the Abel reel for our January 24th fundraiser, The Rabun Rendezvous. We have not received the Abel reel. Please check into this, we still would like to have it for a future fundraiser

We are looking forward to another year of working in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and GA DNR to preserve, protect, and enhance the trout resources in Northeast Georgia. Sincerely,

From: Doug Adams – Treasurer, Rabun Chapter

Sent: By US Postal on February 11, 2009

To: Shelia Humphrey - Smithgall Woods Conservation Center, GA DNR, Helen, GA

Subject: Donation for the Outdoor Education Program

Dear Shelia,

Enclosed please find the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited check #1244 dated February 11, 2009 in the amount of \$2,000.

This check is to be used in support of the ongoing "Environmental Education Program" and is to be counted as a match in the non-game funding grant program.

This donation is an expression of our appreciation and continued support of your excellent outdoor education program

being conducted for the young people of Northeast Georgia.

Sincerely,

From: Doug Adams – Treasurer, Rabun Chapter

Sent: By US Postal, February 13, 2009

Dear Rabun TU,

Thank you so much for the generous donation to Smithgall's Education Program. I assure you that the money will be used to expand and or enhance our current activities in both outreach and onsite presentations. It is a pleasure and privilege to work hand-in-hand with individuals who strive to "leave no child inside" and stimulate a desire for learning more about the world in which we live. Dave and I are looking forward to Rabunite 101 in April and GA Trout Camp in June. Again, please give my regards and a huge "thank you from the bottom of my heart" to all TU members! Sincerely,

From: Sheila Humphrey – Smithgall Woods, Helen, GA

Editor's Notes: *At the Annual Planning Meeting, the members of Rabun TU donated \$2000 for the ongoing "Environmental Education Program". To read more, click [HERE](#)*

Sent: By US Postal, February 24, 2009

To: Rabun Chapter, Trout Unlimited

Thank you and the Rabun Chapter for your continued support of the education programs at Smithgall Woods Environmental Education Center. Your generous contribution of \$2,000 will be used to enhance the programs that Sheila offers to students in Northeast Georgia to educate them about the woods, streams and wildlife we all enjoy. We are proud of the accomplishments at Smithgall Woods and the Rabunites have always been a dependable partner in this effort.

Again, please express our thanks to everyone. Tight Lines!

Sincerely,

From: Ken Riddleberger – Regional Supervisor, Game Management Section, Wildlife Resources Division, GA DNR, Gainesville, GA

Sent: By US Postal, February 24, 2009

Dear Members of the Rabun Trout Unlimited Chapter and the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited,

I am writing on behalf of the Chattooga Conservancy to acknowledge and thank you for your generous, continued support of the "Stekoa Creek Project" through your \$5,000 pledge to cover lab fees for water testing, and volunteering to transport water samples to the lab (through 6/30/09). We greatly appreciate this generous pledge, which will enable us to keep the Stekoa water quality issue at the forefront of items in need of corrective actions at city and state levels.

I believe we will see significant progress in this daunting but achievable task in 2009, thanks to Trout Unlimited and the Chattooga Conservancy's cooperative efforts. I look forward to keeping TU members abreast of progress in the Stekoa Creek Project during this year ahead of us.

Thank you very much, again, for your continued support and help with the task of improving water quality in Stekoa Creek. Sincerely,

From: Nicole Hayler – Manager of Stekoa Creek Project, Chattooga Conservancy

Editor's Notes: *To see a list of the other donors, click [HERE](#)*

Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES March 2009 Newsletter

To: All Rabunites,

Congratulations on the best Rendezvous ever. It was especially good for me since that my first weekend out of confinement since my leg break debacle. I am sure you all will do much good with all the money you made. You all lead the way for Georgia TU when it comes to doing the good work. All of us

who help out a little are glad to do so and see funds go for good causes.

With your all's permission I hope to participate in some of your campout 's and projects. I don't know how much help I will be with this less than 100% leg. Charlie and I will make a great pair won't we.

From: Garland Stewart – CTU Chapter, Canton, GA

Editor's Notes: *Thank you for your kind comments. We look forward to your joining us. Thank you for all you do for the Rabunites and our coldwater resources.*

Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES March 2009 Newsletter

Thanks for sharing. I enjoyed your newsletter. Also, do I safely assume that the info "notification" about Noland Creek (black panthers, hogs, copperheads, hornets, etc., ad infinitum) is a gag?

From: Butch Clay – Mountain Rest, SC

Editor's Notes: *Well - - lets just say John likes his solitude when he's in the SMNP backcountry..*

Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Subject: RE: TIGHT LINES March 2009 Newsletter

Thanks for including the article on the SC TU Council award to Don Eng. Have forwarded your email and attachment to him, and also will print a paper copy for him too. Another great newsletter... You guys continue to be a model TU chapter... and your time and energies over the years have been the glue and catalyst... The Best.

From: Malcolm Leaphart – SRTU Chapter, Columbia, SC

Editor's Notes: *Thank you for your kind comments.*

Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Subject: dream trip raffle

Hi my names Harrison Beckwith and I'm a member off the Chattooga River Chapter in Clemson. I was forwarded the Rabun Chapter newsletter and was just reading over it. I was interested in the dream trip raffle. There's a lot of awesome prizes in that! I was wondering if you had to be a member of the Rabun chapter to participate. Thanks,

From: Harrison Beckwith – CRTU Chapter, Clemson, SC

Editor's Notes: *Thank you for your E-mail. Anyone can participate in the dream trip raffle.. You don't even need to be a member of TU.*

Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES March 2009 Newsletter

Great work on Stekoa Creek. Thank you for all you do.

From: Lucy E. Bartlett – Tiger, GA

Editor's Notes: *Thank you for your kind comments.*

Sent: By US Postal, February 25, 2009

To: Rabun chapter – Trout Unlimited

On behalf of everyone here at (Stop I-3 Coalition dba) WaysSouth, thank you for your generous contribution of \$300 received on February 11, 2009.

Your support of WaysSouth allows us to safeguard the southern Appalachians and nearby Piedmont communities from irresponsible, wasteful transportation projects. Whether we are working to **Stop Interstate 3** or promoting alternatives to **Corridor K**, WaysSouth is filling a niche that has long been neglected.

With your help, we are working to promote ways for people and goods to move in and through the southern Appalachians in ways that protect this special place that so many call home and millions of others visit annually to experience its unique heritage, scenic beauty and recreation opportunities. (continued)

Thank you again for your donation. We look forward to acknowledge you in our upcoming on line newsletter. To stay

informed about the issues at hand, [sign up](http://www.wayssouth.org/) on our Web site <http://www.wayssouth.org/> . You will receive our quarterly newsletter and action alerts. Your elected officials need to hear from you that business as usual does not cut it any more. Not in this special place. Sincerely yours,
From: Sandy Lyndon - WaysSouth, Lakemont, GA

Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009

Subject: Chattooga angler's diary

I will almost certainly fish the Chattooga NF at least five times between now and December. I have been three times since January 1st! So let me know what DNR wants and I would be happy to send reports to them.

From: Dale Powell – A Rabunite, Alpharetta, GA

Editor's Notes: *Thanks Dale. I mailed you a 2009 diary with instructions.*

Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009

Subject: Arthur Crowe

Your write up in the newsletter was great, particularly your personal note. We all have many particular incidents that we fondly recall about Arthur. Thanks putting it in the newsletter. Best Regards,

From: Clay Hudgins - A Rabunite, Gainesville, GA

Editor's Notes: *Arthur was Clay's uncle.*

Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES March 2009 Newsletter

Thanks for bringing Tom's artwork to the Women's (GA Women Flyfishers) party. I got it for Shirley and she loves it. She was out of town that night.

From: Sonny Marshall – CTU Chapter, Marietta, GA

Editor's Notes: *Rabun TU donated one of the Tom Landreth "Trillium" prints.*

Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES March 2009 Newsletter

Wow, what a newsletter! You did a fantastic job. I printed it out so I could read every word. Sorry I missed the Rabun Rendezvous.

From: Carol Browning – MBTU Chapter, Greenville, SC

Editor's Notes: *Thank you for your kind comments.*

Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009

Subject: HTAP FY'09 Projects

To: Mike Brod, Wildlife Biologist, Chattooga River Ranger Dist.

Re: Proposed Sarah's Creek Project

The Board of Directors of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited was asked its position on a USFS proposal to replace the ford on Sarah's Creek with an arched culvert. The Board neither supports nor opposes this proposal, but prefers that funds earmarked to benefit aquatic life and fish passage be utilized for improving situations that would benefit wild trout. For example, the culvert carrying Reed Creek under Burrell's Ford Road needs to be upgraded for fish passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input

From: Doug Mansfield – Secretary, Rabun Chapter of TU

Editor's Notes: *The Forest Service requested a Rabun TU letter of support for the Sarah's Creek project. Mike Brod met with the Rabun TU BOD on 2/24 to answer questions about the proposed project. The Chattooga River Ranger District is seeking \$150,000 in USFS funds to replace the Sarah's Creek low water crossing with a new and improved open-arch crossing. The main purpose of this project would be to restore the natural morphology of the stream, therefore, improving aquatic habitat.*

Sent: By US Postal, March 2, 2009

To: All the Rabun Trout Unlimited Members,

On behalf of Fly Fishing for Vets I would like to thank you for your most generous gift of \$1,000.00. As we start our second year your gift will certainly be put to good use in supporting our Wounded Warriors. Your commitment to helping Fly Fishing for Vets in Georgia is sincerely appreciated.

With your gift Fly Fishing for Vets will be able to further its goals to advance its mission of helping our Wounded Warriors on active duty, in the VA hospital, or in many forgotten Georgia communities. Through our program and donations from wonderful fellow fly fisherman like all of you we will see many lives changed for the better this coming year and hopefully many years to come.

Again, on behalf of all the Fly Fishing for Vets volunteers and the service men and women who will be able to enjoy the fishing experience again because of your magnanimous gifts, I want to wish you and all a very hearty thank you.

Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions about the program, or visit our web site at <http://www.flyfishingforvets.com/> for more information.

Thank you for your support.

From: Ken Griffin – Executive Director, Fly Fishing for Vets, Peachtree City, GA

Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2009

To: David Rogers – Director of Volunteer Operations, TROUT UNLIMITED

Subject: Rabun TU donations to National TU

Hi David,

Will you please check on something for me. Rabun TU recently made 2 donations to National TU. In December we sent \$1,000 Wal*Mart check for the BOT match and about a month ago we sent \$2,000. We have not received an acknowledgement, a "thank you" or the 2 incentive gifts (see attached letters). Sincerely,

From: Doug Adams - Treasurer, Rabun TU Chapter (522).

Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009

Subject: RE: Rabun TU donations to National TU

First off...Thank you for the contribution!

Those are significant amounts and we greatly appreciate your chapter's willingness to give.

Second, I apologize that you've not received any sort of acknowledgement. Let me look into that and see what I can do.

Take care and thanks again for everything. Tight lines,

From: Dave Rogers - Director of Volunteer Operations, TU

Editor's Notes: *On Friday (3/6) I received a telephone call from Daphne Steinberg, Membership Services Coordinator - Trout Unlimited, saying the incentive gift is on the way. On 3/13, Rabun TU received the Winston Vapor 5 Weight Rod and Ross CLA 2 Reel, which will be used as a future fundraiser. Because the December donation was a Wal*Mart check, we did not receive the incentive gift.*

Sent: By US Postal, March 9, 2009

To: Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Stop I-3 Coalition, Inc (d.b.a. WaysSouth). Your continued support means so much to us as we try to protect our streams and watersheds from the pollution that more highways and careless people bring. You are marvelous stewards of our environment. Sincerely,

From: Lucy Bartlett – WaysSouth Board of Directors, Tiger, GA

Sent: Monday, March 09, 2009

Subject: Chattooga River Stocking

Georgia Women FlyFishers would like to make a donation to the Chattooga stocking project. Please let us know who to make the check out to and where to send it.

Many of us have and will continue to enjoy fishing the

Chattooga and we appreciate all that Rabun TU is doing to continue to make it one of our finest rivers for trout fishing in the southeast. Tight lines,

From: Eunice Lovell - President GWFF 2009

Editor's Notes: *Eunice, that is wonderful. For more than 20 years, Rabun TU has had a "challenge cost share agreement" with the Forest Service. Anglers and the USFS split the helicopter costs 50-50. Currently anglers contribute \$1,500/year to deliver GA WRD's trout to the lower backcountry sections of the Wild & Scenic Chattooga's North Fork and West Fork. The helicopter trout stocking, which began in 1971, is part of an annual fisheries management "put & grow" program to supplement the natural trout reproduction in the lower sections with sub-adults (approximately 5 inches long). There is no stocking above Burrell's Ford where the trout fishery is sustained by natural reproduction of brown trout.*

Tom Landreth, a charter member of Rabun TU, died in December 2007. Tom was a well-known and accomplished watercolor artist and fly fisherman who loved painting area streams. 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.

Therefore, please 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.

Posted on NGTO: 3-12-09 <http://www.georgia-outdoors.com/forum/showthread.php?t=71765>

Thanks to Rabun TU... I wasn't really sure who to get in touch with, but I wanted to show my appreciation for the publicity in the March newsletter. The "Tight Lines" publication is always a great read, and I couldn't be happier that my blog was included!

From: Marcus Leach (a.k.a. trout-tiger) – Clemson, SC
<http://www.fishingwithmarcus.blogspot.com/>

Reply on NGTO: 3-13-09

Marcus - I have it on good authority that one or maybe even two Rabunites check out NGTO's message board, so I'm sure your thanks will get thru!. Rabun TU's newsletter *Tight Lines* is a must-read for trout fishing in NE GA, IMHO. It is also a

If you have a comment or an opinion to share with the readers of TIGHT LINES, please submit it in 250 words or less to edadams1@windstream.net

"BACKCASTING"

Mar 7 (Sat Morning) GA TU Council Meeting: 6 Rabunites attended the meeting in Dahlonega. The agenda included: Call to Order, Introductions, Roll Call, Opening Remarks, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Treasurer's Report, The Burton Trout Hatchery update, Saving Private Brooks, 2009 Trout Camp, 2009 Dream Trip Update with turn in Stubs & Checks, Amicalola River Tract /DNR, Back-the-Brookie, Chattooga North Fork Management Plan, CEI and rechartering, Fly Fishing for Vets, Stream Buffer Bill, 23rd Annual Chattooga Coalition Meeting, and Southeastern TU Rally.



Mar 7 (Sat Evening) Mountain Bridge TU Chapter (SC) 50th Anniversary Banquet;

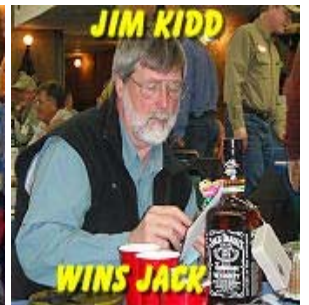
About 70 coldwater conservationist attended and 3 were Rabunites. The fundraiser had lots of nice silent auction and bucket raffle items. Rabun TU donated a framed LE print by Rabunite artist, Broderick Crawford. The buffet dinner was very good. Rabunite Jeff Durniak presented an entertaining PowerPoint program on the theme of mentoring youth and attracting younger members to TU, and he said lots of nice things about the Rabunites.



Mar 17 (Tues Morning) Meeting with Mike Joyce, new fisheries biologist for Chattahoochee-Oconee NF: Alex Watson, Conservation Chairman for GA Back-the-Brookie, arranged the meeting. Also attending were Rabunites Charlie Breithaupt, GA TU Council Chairman, and Doug Adams, Forest Service Liaisons for the Council. Subjects discussed included data base for Back-the-Brookie (BtB), 2009 BtB plans, background and current status of the summer intern program, importance of USFS Wildlife Technicians, partnering with USFS & GA WRD for wild trout enhancement projects, the December annual planning meeting, schedule of current in-stream projects with TU Chapters [HERE](#), the Chattooga Coalition, protection of large woody debris in streams, backcountry helicopter stockings, kids fishing events, GA Trout Camp, etc.

Mar 17 (Tues Evening) Chapter Meeting - 26 Rabunites attended Program: John Cross is manager of Unicoi Outfitters and a professional trout guide. He presented a very informative program full of tips for fly-fishing in North Georgia trout streams. John says to fish with at least 2 flies, an attractor and a trailer. Fish deep with a woolly bugger and trail a small nymph. Fish mid depth with a floating fly such as a stimulator trailed by a weighted nymph at varied dropper lengths, fish near the surface with a floating fly such as caddis and trail an unweighted nymph or soft hackle, fish on the surface with 2 dry flies that match the hatch, fish a midge trailing behind a 14 or 16 parachute or humpy. Change the trailer fly pattern often. Use fluorocarbon tippet below the surface and nylon on the surface. Add and remove sinkers to vary depth to get to the location of the holding trout. Vary the length of the trailing tippet. Stalk wild trout. With a good presentation, wild trout have 2 choices – eat or starve. Hook sets are FREE (there is no charge at the end of the day for hook sets). Great program – thanks John. **Meeting raffle** had 9 buckets with a 16 caddis fly selection, a jar of local sourwood honey, a 36 piece screwdriver set, a waterproof fly box from the Tom Landreth estate, a snake bite kit and much more. The raffle raised \$115 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 the members who purchased raffle tickets.

Mar 21 (Sat) GA Foothills TU Chapter's Hoot on the Hooch Fundraiser was attended by 126 coldwater conservationists and 18 were Rabunites. Bluegrass, Bar-B-Q, nana puddin', door prizes, bucket raffles, silent auctions, and the dream trip raffle winners provided a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship for all. Rabun TU donated a framed LE print by Rabunite artist, Broderick Crawford.



The **Dream Fly Fishing Vacation winner:** Ticket # 1507, Carl Riggs of the Blue Ridge TU Chapter - The seller of the winning ticket was Carl Riggs (he sold the winning ticket to himself!!) and he received 1/2-day fishing for two people at Nacoochee Bend. Carl is donating the Nacoochee Bend trip to the Blue Ridge TU Chapter to auction off at their High Country Boil on May 9.



Runner Up Prizes:

1. Guided fishing trip at Pine Island, FL. Ticket # 1245, Zelle Lassiter of the Cohutta Chapter, Sold by Zelle Lassiter
2. Custom made Temple Fork fly rod. Ticket # 1924, Kin Craig, Sold by Rocket Roy Lowe from the Foothills Chapter
3. Four-dozen flies and nice fly box. Ticket # 0708, Don Thompson, Sold by the Larry Vigil of the Cohutta Chapter

4. Five-day trip to Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada. Ticket # 1783, Brian Holloway, Sold by Bill Egeland of the Tailwater Chapter
5. Certificate for AFFS Fly-fishing class. Ticket # 1335 Tommy Stephens, Sold by Paul Diprima of the Coosa Valley Chapter
6. Temple Fork Outfitters fly rod. Ticket # 0614, Tony Kearns of the Kanooka Chapter (Son of Rabunite Ray Kearns), Sold by Tony Kearns
7. Trout fishing float trip for 2 on the Chattahoochee River. Ticket # 0328 Mark Keller
8. Trophy trout Fly Fishing for 2 people at Nacoochee Bend. Ticket # 1618 Tim Hardigall
9. USE of a cabin near the Pere Marquette River in MI for trout, salmon or steelhead fishing. Ticket # 0407 Mike Shortridge Sold by Mack Martin of the Upper Chattahoochee Chapter
10. Fly box with flies. Ticket # 0805 Duane Stalnaker, Sold by Larry Vigil of the Cohutta Chapter
11. Fly box with 6-dozen flies. Ticket # 1869 Blue Ridge Chapter, Sold by the Blue Ridge Chapter
12. Fly box with flies. Ticket # 1726 John Reinking, Sold by David Hulsey of the Blue Ridge Chapter
13. Fly box with flies. Ticket # 1463 Erica Ballinger, Sold by Paul Diprima of the Coosa Valley Chapter

Thanks to everyone for making the Dream Trip raffle such a great success. ALL 2,000 TICKETS WERE SOLD!!!!

Mar 24 (Tues) BOD Meeting – 7 members participated. Some agenda items included: **Updates** - Rabun TU Selected the 2 Kids for 2009 Trout Camp and modification of the point system for 2010, 2009 Rabunite 101 on 4/4: Stekoa Creek / Fix City Sewers, Dream Trip Raffle ticket sales and the Spring Custom Fly Rod Raffle. **New items** – Letter in support of the USFS Tallulah River (Tate City) Road improvement project, Oconee River TU Chapter Fundraiser on 4/4, April Chapter Meeting Program, Annual Spring Family Cookout with Mentoring of Scouts on 5/18, June Chapter meeting program, Rabun TU's Campout Fri Night with Workday Sat Morning for BtB on 4/24 & 25, Camping & Fishing on 5/13-17, Workday - Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up on 5/23, the 1/2-Day Fly Fishing School at Tallulah Falls State Park on 7/18, Chapter letter for LWCF for GA, Rabun County kite day on 4/18, and National TU Rivers Clean-up Day on 6/13. **Status reports** - Publicity, Treasury Report and Tom Landreth Memorial Fund.

**Rabun TU will sponsor 2 kids to the 2009 GA Trout Camp and they are:
Isaac McCrackin, age 13, from Clayton GA & Jack Speyer, age 12, from Madison, GA**

THANK YOU

Crawford Art Gallery - Michele & Broderick Crawford in Clayton for your March donation of goods and services.
Eedee Adams for your donation of all proceeds from the sale of 4 hand-knitted felted wool purses.
Georgia Women FlyFishers for your donation to the Tom Landreth Memorial Fund at Rabun TU.
All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c)3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our condolences to **Tom Shirley** and his family upon the recent death of his sister, Ruth Ann Shirley Banks.
Our condolences to **Tracy McCoy** and her family upon the recent death of her sister-in-law, Debbie McCoy.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **4 new members** this month: **Avril Adams** (Stream Explorer), 109 Elaine Court, Easley, SC 29640; **Calder Adams** (Stream Explorer), 109 Elaine Court, Easley, SC 29640; **Chris Whitley**, 318 Edgewater Trail, Toccoa, GA 30577; and **Monty English**, 73 Tipperary Court, Jefferson, GA.30549

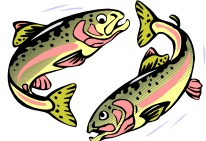
Thank you to 2 new upgrades to **LIFE TU Memberships: Mitch Logan and Terry Rivers**

Thanks for re-upping: **David Smith, Allan Ramsay, Ray Hannah, Ronald Larson, Tom Shirley, Patsy Gentry, Arnold Deitz, Pat Gorman, Tom Guest, and Jim Kidd**

It is time to renew your membership: **James Butler, David Cantrell, Raymond Taylor, Justin Tyson, Frank Allan, Cecil Beehler, David Jordan, Donald MacLeod, Steve Denman, Rick Hires, Tracy McCoy and Pom Sinnock.**

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From the Fly Tying Desk of Jimmy Whiten

As I set at my desk (quiet time, I guess) pondering thoughts about all of my trips out west (4 to be exact), all were good and then some better. Of course the first one was the best, a learning experience, never thought a trip out west would be so great, seeing scenes and places that I have never heard of and many that I have seen as pictures in magazines, books and on TV. I know that there are lots of places out west and north that I plan to see. I am always amazed to see great pictures in magazines, books, and on TV and be able to say to myself "I have been there!"

Now with that said, my mind is going wild with thoughts from the past and plans for the future. Right now I am thinking about the price of gas last year (\$4.00 per gal), thinking of the ways I could save gas such as drive slower or travel less. As I traveled last year and making plans for this year (as expensive as gas is there seems to be plenty for a price) it dawned on me, I can buy gas lots easier than I can recall time back.

I ask each of you just to give this some thought. How many more trips can you take in the rest of your life? Taking this into consideration as we think about a trip out west and many other places, then the cost of gas is only a small slice of the pie.

Happy Fishing,

Jimmy

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<http://www.tu.org/site/c.kkLRJ7MSKtH/b.3022897/k.BF82/Home.htm>

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