



TIGHT LINES June 2010 Newsletter of the

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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Visit the Rabun TU website: <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

"Fishing is not an escape from life, but often a deeper immersion into it..." Harry Middleton

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

New RE/MAX Office, Clayton, GA

US 441S, just south of MAMA G's restaurant

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.

"The capture of a really big fish is a pleasant surprise; were it a forgone conclusion, angling would be robbed of much of its fascination. It is the unknown in our sport which is so tempting."

From Mirror of Angling by E. Marshall-Hardy

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there!

June 5 & 6 (Fri & Sat) FFF Conclave at Unicoi S.P.; Details [HERE](#)

June 5 (Sat) Mentoring - Annual Kids Fishing Event, 8 AM at Tallulah River with USFS & GA WRD. Direction: the event is in the first USFS campground on road to Tate City. Volunteers needed. Rabun TU members will cook hot dogs for lunch. **Passing it on!**

June 6 – 11 (Sun – Fri) 6th Annual GEORGIA TROUT CAMP at RGNS. For more info, click [HERE](#). **Passing it on!**

June 15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office **Program** – Jim Kidd & Friends; *Little T smallmouth and Chattooga redeye*

June 22 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office

June 26 (Sat) Rabun TU Stekoa Creek Clean-up Day. Volunteers will meet in Covered Bridge Shopping Center parking lot on the McDonald's end at 9 AM for instructions and trash bags. Bring waders and gloves. For details, contact Rabunite Chris Whitley; project organizer E-mail cwhitley@curraheclub.com

July 13 & 14 (Tues & Wed) Annual Electro-Shock Sampling of the Chattooga River - Meet on 7/13 at 9 AM at Burrell's Ford Bridge. We need all the volunteer help we can get to carry equipment in/out and to net fish, bring waders and full water bottles.

July 20 (Tues) Family Picnic, 6 PM, Kelly's Water Falls Park

July 27 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office

2011 Rabun Rendezvous - Saturday, Jan 22, 2011

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



BROWN STONE FLY

A GREAT FLY FOR YOUR BOX IN JUNE. THEY ARE LAYING EGGS AND TROUT ARE KEYING IN ON THEM.

HOOK: 8/10 2X DRY HOOK
BODY: ORANGE/YELLOW/FOAM
UNDER WING: BROWN DEER HAIR
WING: TURKEY WING
LEGS: BROWN RUBBER
ANTENNA: PAINT BRUSH HAIR

"This is night fishing...a gorgeous gambling game in which one stakes the certainty of long hours of faceless fumbling, nerve-racking starts, frights, falls and fishless baskets against the off chance of hooking into...a fish as long and heavy as a railroad tie and as unmanageable as a runaway submarine."

Sparse Grey Hackle (Alfred Miller)

June Hatches

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

Know Your Forest: 12th in a series:

The USFS Campgrounds on the Tallulah River

Campgrounds' Hosts: Rabunites Jim "Nugget" & Louise Nixon

Tallulah River Campground

Open year round, Length of stay is 21 days. Rugged mountain scenery and the Tallulah River plunging by make this a beautiful place to camp, fish or hike. The area offers 17 tent and/or RV sites. Large parking apron site is 10' x 98'. Whole area is fairly level but wooded. Wheelchair friendly, 7 water spigots, picnic tables, grills, lantern poles, public phone, interpretive signage, and security. Good, hard-surface roads until you reach Forest Service Road 70; expect narrow gravel road that is crooked and steep in parts. Restrooms are accessible to people with disabilities. Each of the 17 campsites is equipped with a tent pad, picnic table and grill. Drinking water is also available at this area.

Fees:	Camping: \$14/site/night
Open Season:	Open year-round
Water:	Drinking
Restroom:	Chemical
Operated By:	Chattahoochee Management, INC.

Directions: Take U.S. 76 west from Clayton for 8 miles; turn right (north) on unnumbered paved county road for 4 miles; turn left (northwest) on Forest Service Road 70 for 1 mile.

Fishing: The Tallulah and Coleman Rivers offer good trout fishing. The Tallulah is open for fishing year-round and is a stocked stream with general trout fishing regulations.. The Coleman River is a non-stocked seasonal stream (closed to fishing November through March). Only artificial lures may be used on the Coleman River and its tributaries from its junction with the Tallulah River upstream to Forest Service Bridge No. 54. For more info, click [HERE](#)

Day Hiking: Hiking through nearby Coleman River Scenic Area is popular. The Coleman River Trail parallels the river for 1 mile through stands of large old-growth timber.

Tate Branch Campground

Located at the junction of the Tallulah River and Tate Branch, this recreation area offers camping and fishing. This remote area offers 19 campsites with tent pads, picnic tables and grills. Campground has 4 walk-in tent campsites. 15 sites are smaller tent/RV sites. Sites have picnic tables, gravel spur, grills, lantern pole. Chemical toilet

Fees:	Camping: \$14/site/night
Open Season:	19 March-31 October
Water:	Drinking
Restroom:	Chemical
Operated By:	Chattahoochee Management, INC.
Directions:	3 miles past the Tallulah River Campground.

Sandy Bottoms Campground

Rugged mountain scenery and the Tallulah River plunging by make this a beautiful place to camp, fish or hike. This rustic area provides 12 sites with picnic tables, grilles, lantern poles, defined campsite area, graveled parking spur, wooded and open sites. Sites can accommodate tent and/or RV. Largest site 12' wide x 47' long. Adjacent to Tallulah River, which is stocked with Rainbow Trout

Fees:	Camping \$14/site/night
Open Season:	19 March-31 October
Water:	Drinking
Restroom:	Vault
Operated By:	Chattahoochee Management, INC.
Directions:	1 mile past the Tate Branch Campground.

The Rabun Chapter TU has a new website! Take a look and tell us what you think.

'Website-of-the-Month': <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

Please send comments & suggestions to Pat Hopton, Website Project Manager, scotts_creek58@yahoo.com

Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Custom Fly Rod & Sage Reel Raffle

Winston 9', 4 piece, 4 weight, BII-MX Boron/Graphite fly rod plus a Sage 2050 reel

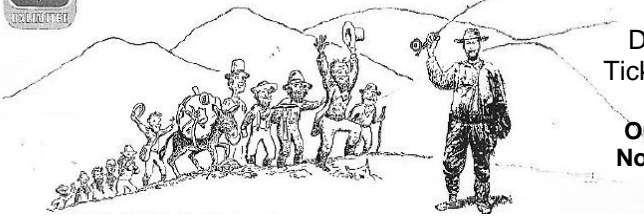
Over \$1,000 Retail Value!!

Drawing on July 20th 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 Atlanta Fly Fishing School and North Georgia Custom Rods has donated this fly rod and reel to

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



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.

Stekoa Creek Sewer Line Update (May 24, 2010)

Report Submitted by Nicole Hayler - Stekoa Monitoring Project Manager, Chattooga Conservancy

The City of Clayton is moving forward with replacing a leaky section of terracotta sewer line along Scotts Creek, a major impaired tributary to Stekoa Creek. Approximately 2,000 feet of sewer pipe will be replaced, upstream from the old elementary school property. This work is called the "Westside" sewer line project, and Clayton's public works director plans to start very soon.

The Westside project is being paid for by a \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant, with leftover funds from a sewer project in the John English Road area. But the money was nearly lost, because a private property owner denied signing an easement for the work. Upon learning that the city was resigned to losing the grant, the Chattooga Conservancy intervened with an 11th hour contact to the Department of Community Affairs. Fortunately this worked, and provisions for a prescriptive easement were allowed, thus moving the project forward.

Another sewer repair project in the development stages involves replacing a bottleneck section of the main sewer line trunk behind the Duval car dealership property on Highway 441, as recommended by the Chattooga Conservancy. Here, a larger diameter line feeds into a smaller pipe, likely causing sewage leaks into Stekoa Creek and the periodic high fecal coliform readings at water sampling sites in that area. Estimates are that

approximately 1,000 feet of 24-inch line is needed for replacing the sewer line from Supply Mart up, and then about 60 feet of 12-inch line is needed for crossing Stekoa Creek between CVS and the Duvall dealership. Still undecided is whether to replace the sewer line under the Duvall property. Infratec is the engineering company for this work, which is to be funded from Clayton's SPLOST money that's earmarked for sewer and water line repairs.

It is encouraging that the City of Clayton is moving forward with 2 sewer line replacement projects. However, still needed is: 1) an engineering functionality study that identifies sewer system design and operational flaws causing chronic infiltration and inflow events; 2) a prioritized schedule of actions for fixing the sewer system's problems, with a budget cost estimate for each step; and, 3) a dedicated funding mechanism for accomplishing this work over time. As recently acknowledged at Clayton City Hall, this sewer system information and a dedicated fund would greatly enhance the city's chances for receiving grants from entities such as the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority; such grants may be awarded with some principle forgiveness and other incentives that would significantly decrease the financial burden for the City of Clayton. There remains much need for encouraging city officials to place a high priority on repairing Clayton's sewage collection infrastructure.

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

Rabunite Volunteers Needed For Stekoa Creek Clean-up Day

<http://www.tu.org/streamcleanup>

On **Saturday, June 26th**, 2010, TU chapters around the country will be participating in the annual **Stream Clean-up Day**. In an effort to clean up and protect our coldwater fisheries, each TU chapter has been asked to select a local stream, on which, to spend part of a day removing trash and debris. This year the Rabun chapter will be working along the banks of **Stekoa Creek** (Stekoa Creek City Park downstream to the McDonald's) from **9:00 a.m. until Noon, Saturday, June 26th**. Volunteers will meet in Covered Bridge Shopping Center parking lot on the McDonald's end at 9 AM for instructions and trash bags. Bring waders and gloves. Please come out and lend a helping hand in the Rabunite effort to help **restore** one of our own local streams.

For more details, contact Rabunite Chris Whitley; project organizer, E-mail cwhitley@curraheclub.com

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Recreation Management Plan

[Forest Service Voluntarily withdraws Decisions on Recreation Uses on Upper Chattooga River](#)

(USFS Regional News Release December 21, 2009)

The decision, which emphasized year-round high-quality trout fishing while providing boating opportunities on the upper Chattooga North Fork, was withdrawn on 12/21/2009 to allow for additional analysis. As a result, the status quo is preserved on the river (meaning no boating is allowed above the Highway 28 bridge) until the forests issue three new decisions, probably in the spring.

Letter To The Rabunites

4-29-2010

United States Joint Forces Command

Mr. Breithaupt, thanks to you and the other members of Rabun Trout Unlimited for all that you do to keep N. Georgia streams "trout ready". I have caught many trout from these streams and rivers and thanks to your efforts I look forward to catching many more.

My parents attended your auction in January and my mom bid on a very nice pen with wood fish inlaid on the barrel - her intent was to send it to me in Iraq. She lost the bid, but Mr. Dick Albertelli - who makes the pen and donates them to TU - gave her another one to send to me. I salute Mr. Albertelli for his service to TU and creativity in making such a fine pen. I'm writing with it now and will cherish it always. The enclosed picture was taken during the 3rd Annual Baghdad fishing tournament on 28 April 2010.



Editor's Notes: Actually, it is the Rabunites who should be thanking you, Captain Morgan, for your service to our country. Capt Morgan is the son of Rabunites Sandy & Ralph Morgan of St Marys, GA.

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

"Catchin' Corner" - Troutng Tips

Georgia Troutng Through The Seasons

By Jeff Durniak, Northeast Region Fisheries Supervisor; GA Wildlife Resources Division (www.gofishgeorgia.com)

Summer (June – September) **Hint** - six foot rod and six foot leader, Royal Coachman trude, small wild rainbows!

Where: West Fork Chattooga – "Three Forks" tributaries; Most national forest extreme headwaters (Hooch, Moccasin, etc); Noontootla (Fannin Co); Toccoa River tailwater below Blue Ridge Lake; Dukes Creek in the mornings

Remind Rabunites that they can subscribe to my email notes by giving me their email address and then by "passing on" their love of trout fishing and their commitment to conservation to a new person or two.

Sincerely, Jeff (Dredger) Durniak Jeff.Durniak@dnr.state.ga.us

Welcome to the new Savannah River TU Chapter

Located just down stream in Hartwell, GA. The President is Terrell Fleming terrellhelen@yahoo.com
Georgia now has 13 active Trout Unlimited Chapters.



SMART

Angler's Notebook

by Carl Richardson

Mayflies

Mayflies are important food items for many fish, especially trout. There are more than 700 kinds of mayflies in North America. Pennsylvania is home to some 300 different species. Mayflies go through a change called metamorphosis. Unlike butterflies that have four stages (egg, larva, pupa, adult), mayflies go through three stages. This is incomplete metamorphosis. Use the letters ENA to remember each step: Egg, nymph and adult.

EGG

The period at the end of this sentence is larger than the eggs of most mayflies. Most eggs have hair-like projections that make them stick to the bottom. Eggs hatch after a month, but some types of mayfly eggs take as long as three months to hatch. From the egg, a nymph emerges.

NYMPH

The nymphs of some mayflies burrow into the bottom. Others swim about freely, cling on rocks or crawl around on the bottom. Some are predators; others eat live or decaying plants. As they eat and grow, nymphs shed their skins. One mayfly sheds some 45 times. Most mayflies live in streams and some rivers, but there are a few that live in lakes and ponds.

Nearly all Pennsylvania mayflies live as nymphs for one year. At the end of this stage the mature nymph changes into an adult. This happens at the same time every year for each species when water temperature and day length are just right.

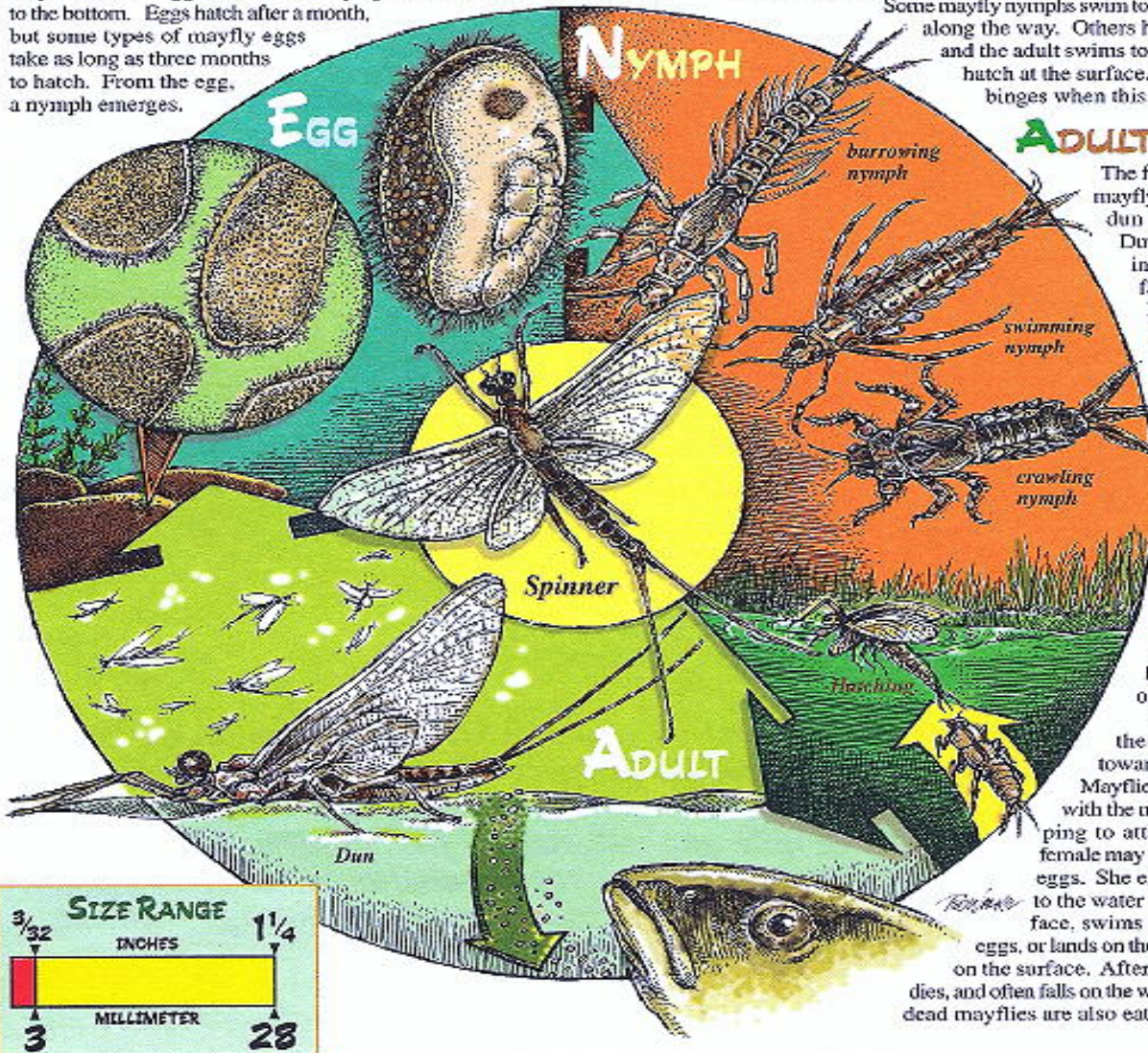
The hatch: When nymphs shed their skins and become adults.

Some mayfly nymphs swim to the surface, hatching along the way. Others hatch on the bottom and the adult swims to the surface, or they hatch at the surface. Fish go on feeding binges when this happens.

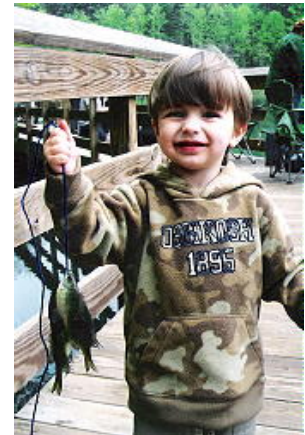
ADULT

The first stage in an adult mayfly is called a dun. The dun cannot reproduce. Duns that survive hatching and reach the surface aren't safe, yet. Fish often feast on the duns as they rest on the surface. Bats, birds and other insects eat them as they fly away from the water. The duns fly to streamside trees and brush. Most Pennsylvania mayflies change again into a reproducing stage called a spinner. This usually happens within a day or so of hatching.

Usually at nightfall, the spinner flies back toward the water to mate. Mayflies mate in big clouds, with the males diving and dipping to attract a mate. Each female may lay as many as 1,200 eggs. She either drops her eggs to the water from above the surface, swims to the bottom to lay eggs, or lands on the water and lays eggs on the surface. After mating, the mayfly dies, and often falls on the water's surface. These dead mayflies are also eaten by fish.



Fishing Report from Black Rock Mountain State Park's Kids Fishing Event



May 6, 2010

The park's 20th annual fishing rodeo was a huge success last weekend, even if we had to dodge a little mist and drizzle, and a large number of kids caught fish. Even those that didn't were able to take home a nice prize, and it looked like everyone had a lot of fun.

I want to tell you how much we appreciate Trout Unlimited's support. I know most organization's budgets are tight right now and that makes the help you gave us all the more meaningful. Enclosed are some pictures we wanted to share with you so that you could see some of the smiles you helped create.

Thanks again for your support and friendship. Hopefully, TU will be in a position to work with us again next year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Lampros".

Anthony Lampros, Superintendent



Editor's Notes: *The Rabun TU Chapter donated \$300 in support of this event. We believe that some of these kids will grow up to be the next generation of coldwater conservationists. **Passing it on!***

What's New Elsewhere?

GA-DNR Deadline Extended for Input on DNR Lands Classification and Fee Proposal SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. (5/19/2010) The deadline to provide public input on recent DNR Lands Classification and Fee Proposals has been extended. The GA DNR's Wildlife Resources Division and Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division are considering changes relating to the operation and management of DNR-managed lands. These changes may include: charging fees at DNR-managed properties and facilities, classification of DNR-managed properties, and diversifying recreational opportunities on DNR-managed properties. Currently, people hunting and fishing on WRD-managed properties pay a fee. People are not charged a fee for using WRD-managed lands for other purposes (e.g., mountain biking, bird watching, photography, and other recreation). To provide a more equitable and financially sustainable system, the Department is seeking public input on a proposal to charge a fee for the use of designated areas on WRD-managed properties. Designated areas may include: shooting ranges, special use trails, campsites, defined recreational zones and, in some cases, may include an entire property. ([Click here for more information](#))

GA-DNR Learn the Basics at a Kids Fishing Event SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. (5/7/2010) Looking for a way to spend more time with a child or grandchild this summer? Introduce them to fishing. Research shows that most people are introduced to fishing by a family member, and most consider a family member to be their best fishing friend. The GA DNR's Wildlife Resources Division encourages adults, especially those with little or no angling experience, to introduce a child to fishing at one of the many statewide kids fishing events scheduled this spring and summer. "Kids fishing events are popular community activities that introduce youth and their families to the joys of fishing, and promote a better understanding of the natural environment," says John Biagi, Wildlife Resources Division chief of Fisheries Management. "These events provide an opportunity for youth to fish, often for the first time, with assistance from experienced volunteers and in places where they will probably catch a fish." Kids fishing events are sponsored across the state and provide fishing lessons to both children (under age 16) and parents from knowledgeable instructors. The Wildlife Resources Division co-sponsors most events by providing channel catfish and trout to improve fishing, educational materials for participants and guidance for sponsors. [Full Story >>](#)

USFS-GA Don't Move Firewood! (May 19, 2010) When camping on the National Forest, please get your firewood from available sources provided on the forest or a vendor close to your destination. **Don't pack your own!** Invasive insects and diseases in firewood threaten our native trees and forests. If you move firewood, you could be giving these pests a free ride to new territory. Our forests are severely threatened by non-native insects and diseases that can eliminate entire species of forest trees. Recently introduced insects and diseases such as emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, Sirex woodwasp, and laurel wilt are wood-infesting species that can and are being transported long distances in firewood. Other non-native pests such as hemlock woolly adelgid, gypsy moth, thousand-cankers disease, Dutch elm disease, oak wilt, beech bark disease, and sudden oak death may also be moved to new areas in firewood. Once transported into new areas, these pests can become established and kill local trees. We must all do our part to stop the spread of these invasive pests and protect our forests and trees. [Learn more about this important issue here.](#)

USFS-GA Royston Man Pays for Damage to National Forest Land (May 20, 2010) Gainesville, Georgia Royston man was ordered to pay more than \$800 in fines and restitution for damage caused when he drove his pick-up truck off road into a wildlife opening on the Chattahoochee National Forest. Shawn Chitwood, 19, of Royston, pled guilty to damaging natural features in an incident that occurred on January 3rd in the Farmer's Bottom area of Stephens County. U.S. Magistrate Susan S. Cole ordered Chitwood to pay a \$100 fine and \$704 in restitution costs to repair the damage done to the national forest by his pick-up truck. Law Enforcement Officer Jeff Angel reported, "I received a report that a pick-up was stuck in one of the national forest wildlife openings. When I arrived at the scene, the pick-up was almost up to its axles in mud." He continued, "It took several hours for a wrecker to successfully extract the vehicle from the wildlife opening." For more info, click [HERE](#)

USFS-GA New Deputy Forest Supervisor Joins National Forests in Georgia (Apr 26, 2010) Gainesville, GA A 21 year veteran of the USDA Forest Service is joining the national forests in Georgia as the Deputy Forest Supervisor. JaSal Morris will be the number two person in charge of the 865,000 acre Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forests which stretches across the north Georgia mountains and into central Georgia. George Bain, Forest Supervisor for the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, stated, "I am pleased to have someone with JaSal's abilities join the national forests in Georgia. He brings to the job strong skills in leadership and relationship-building." JaSal comes to Georgia from the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests in South Carolina where he has served as an Administrative Officer since 2001. He has been with the Forest Service since 1989 and has served in Virginia, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, Alabama and in the Washington, DC office. Originally from Martinsville, Virginia, JaSal earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia. For more info, click [HERE](#)

USFS-SC Supervisor's Order: Occupancy and Use - Developed Areas Aug 1, 2009) The following acts are prohibited in all developed or otherwise designated recreation areas within the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests. This order is effective August 1, 2009, until August 1, 2014.

- Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. [
- Camping for a period longer than 14 days. After a 14-day camping period, the designated recreation area must be vacated for at least 4 days.
- Entering or using the area or a portion thereof when closed to public use by sign or gate.
- Using a single family campsite or other area by more than 8 people or more than 2 vehicles, or use of a multiple family campsite or other areas by more than 14 people or more than 4 vehicles.
- Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions.
- Being publicly nude.
- Swimming, *except in designated areas.*
- Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun.
- Being in the camping areas between 10 pm and 6 am, except a person who is camping or who is visiting a person camping in that area.
- Hunting.

For more info, click [HERE](#)

The following short story appeared in the Miller County Liberal, Colquitt, GA <http://www.millercountyliberal.com/> and is reprinted here with permission of the author.

7th and final in a series of Bob Kornegay short stories about North Georgia:

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT (AND SO DOES CLETUS)

By Bob Kornegay

In late summer the meadow is tinged with gold. The tall grass undulates, ocean-like, with the slightest breeze. It is a lovely meadow, a north Georgia mountain meadow. A river, the Hiawassee, runs through it.

Cletus Monroe and I are waist-deep in the river. Bankside trees and meadow flank us on either side.

A cloud momentarily covers the sun. Briefly, the meadow is darkened by shadow. The cloud passes and the meadow brightens, from gloom to golden glory in an instant. It is a sight truly worth beholding.

Even Clete is impressed.

"Right purty pasture, ain't it?" he offers.

"Meadow," I correct him. "In the mountains it's called a meadow."

With that, Clete suggests I perform a physically impossible feat. Something involving a certain bodily function carried out in a straight-up, vertical ascent. Something gravity will not allow. Something I couldn't do even if it did. I don't have a rope.

Clete casts a fly into a deep pool and makes no further comment, other than a muttered, "ain't no dadgum trout in this worthless dadgum creek."

"River," I interject. "In the mountains it's called a river."

Ensuing circumstances make it prudent that I pause and change my leader and fly, allowing a quite perturbed Mr. Monroe to proceed downstream, creating ample (and safe) distance between us. Soon, he is but a mere speck in the distance.

Moments pass. Between casts, I glance up and notice what looks like the mere speck's exiting the stream. Rapidly.

"Strange," I say to myself. "Do I see my stalwart companion at this moment dashing headlong across yon meadow? And what, pray tell, is that mad conglomeration of nondescript debris he seems to be leaving in his wake?"

My eyes have not deceived. Ladies and gentlemen, Cletus has left the river. Reaching the spot where I last saw him fishing, I find hard evidence. Rod, creel, and landing net litter the bank. A new trail, spontaneously and haphazardly constructed, now winds through streamside flora and cuts across the meadow in

zigzag fashion.

And, yes, there is a debris field. Here, a hat. There, a pair of waders. Yonder lie shirt, pants, felt-sole wading shoes, and a bedraggled pouch of Red Man.

I cross the meadow, painstakingly gathering up these tell-tale shards of frenzied flight as I go. I follow the trail to the highway and cross into the woods on the other side. The path is lost in the fallen leaves of the forest floor. I stop and look about.

"Now where," I say to no one in particular, "did he go from here?"

"I'm right over here, fool," says a big hemlock tree.

No, wait. It's Clete, peering sheepishly from the other side of the giant conifer. He steps out, completely naked save the waistband of an absent pair of Fruit-of-the-Looms, lost, I later learn on the barbed-wire fence that runs between meadow and road.

With downcast eyes (the sight of a nude Cletus Monroe has stricken more than one good man blind), I toss my burden of discarded clothing at my old friend's feet. As he dresses, he offers a matter-of-fact version of an explanation.

"Snake," he says. "Big 'un. Stepped right on 'im. Jumped out of the creek and ran like a striped ape. Bumped into one a them round wasp nests there at the edge of the pasture. Got three in my clothes and got nekkid. Now you just shut up and let's go to the truck!"

Silently, we make our way back across the gold-tinged, late summer meadow. Suddenly, with no warning, Clete blurts out with heartfelt disgust and loathing, "Wasps! Dadblasted wasps!"

"Hornets," I instruct. "In the mountains they're called hornets."

Now, how do I explain to my other fishing buddies that these red marks around my neck were made by the elastic waistband from Clete's underdrawers?

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Editor's notes: *Bob Kornegay's book of outdoor humor and nostalgia, BUDDIES AND BOBTALES, is available for \$22.00 postpaid. Mail check or money order for personalized copies to Bob Kornegay, P.O. Box 568, Blakely, GA 39823.*

"BACKCASTING"



I'VE WAITED 11 MONTHS FOR THIS?

IT WAS FINALLY MAY WITH LOTS OF FLIES HATCHING AND "DARK-30" TIME!

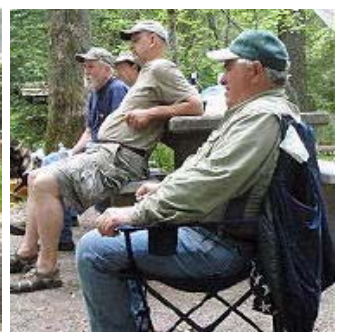
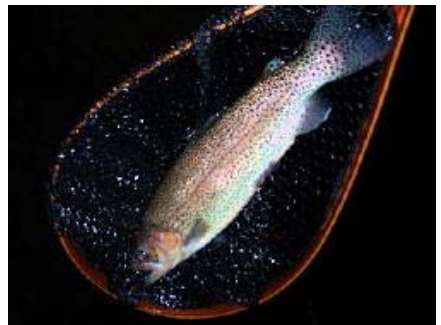
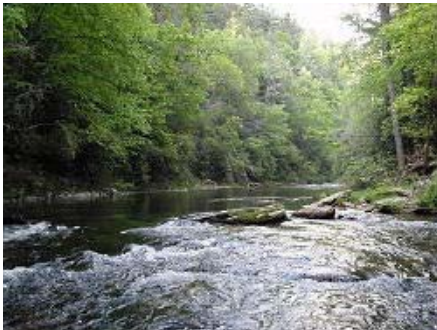
I GOTTA GO! I'LL LEVEL THE WEEDS NEXT MONTH - - - MAYBE.

"Reaching home to find all in bed, except for the dog standing in grass over his head."

Excerpt from the poem *Ode to the Rabunites* by The Professor, a Rabunite.
"BACKCASTING" (continued)

May 1 (Sat) Fundraiser - Oconee River TU Chapter – 3 Rabunites attended. Rabun TU donated a Broderick Crawford framed LE print for their auction. Rabunite Charlie Breithaupt attended and reported it was "a good event."

May 12–16 (Wed – Sun) Camping & Fishing the Chattooga Backcountry. We had another great campout at Cherry Hill Campground with a total of 14 members camping, 2 guest and 3 visitors from the Cohutta TU Chapter. We had great food, great fishing with a bonus of catching and also great fellowship. If you missed this one don't forget the one in October at Apple Tree Campground on the Nantahala River in NC. Report filed by Terry Rivers, the campout organizer.



May 14 (Fri Morning) Mentoring - Middle School at Rabun County Park Pond – Prez Larry Walker reported about 20 kids participated. **PASSING IT ON!**

May 14&15 (Fri & Sat) Meeting - SE Regional TU Rally & Troutfest in Townsend, TN was attended by 4 Rabunites. Kathy & Charlie Breithaupt were there for the TU Rally and Broderick & Michele Crawford had a booth in Troutfest.

May 17 (Mon Morning) Mentoring - Middle School at Burton Hatchery Fishing Ponds – Prez Larry Walker reported about 60 students participated and he awarded 9 Stream Explorer Memberships to deserving kids. **PASSING IT ON!**

“BACKCASTING” (continued)

May 17 (Mon Afternoon) Mentoring - Annual Spring Family Cookout with the Girl & Boy Scouts fishing - a wonderful evening with 32 girl & boy scouts; scout leaders, parents, grandparents, siblings; and about 30 Rabunites (about 100 folks total). There were some huge bream caught by the kids, the food was plentiful and delicious, and every scout left with a fishing reel. Our thanks to Rabun Gap – Nacoochee School for use of the facility, to Community Bank & Trust for use of the cooking grill, to Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church for loan of the tables, to Bass Pro Shops for donating the reels, to Burton Trout Hatchery for loan of the rods, and to Reeves Hardware - Dillard for donating the bait. Thank you to Rabunite Ray Gentry for organizing the event, checking /repairing the reels. And a special thanks to all the fishing mentors. **PASSING IT ON!!!**



(Center picture) That's Cassidy with her VERY FIRST FISH ever caught! She was scared to touch it so Pat Gorman helped her with it.



YOU GOTTA LOVE WATCHING KIDS CATCHING BREEM





“BACKCASTING” (continued)

May 22 (Sat) Meeting - GA TU Council in Sautee, GA with 5 Rabunites attended. All 13 GA TU Chapters were represented. The agenda included: Call to order; Roll call; Opening remarks; Minutes from the previous meeting; Treasurer’s report Old business - Trout in the Classroom; Trout Camp, final plans; Insurance; SE Rally; BtB Report; Dream Trip wrap up; Forestar (Amicalola) Tract New Business - Apply for awards from TU National; FFF; National meeting; Zip Codes; Re-chartering; Elections next September and Nominating Committee; River Clean Up Days - June 26th; Other new Business; Chapter Activity Announcements; Adjourn

May 25 (Tues) Meeting - Board of Directors – 8 members attended this streamside meeting with Larry Walker providing the chicken dinner. The agenda included: Recaps – Cherry Hill Campout; Middle School mentoring / Stream Explorer memberships; Annual Spring Family Cookout with Scouts; Oconee River TU Chapter Fundraiser; Southeast Region TU Rally; & Funds for Josh Seehorn’s Research at UGA Status Updates – Plans for 2010 Stekoa Creek Clean-up Day on 6/26; Redesign Website; 2010 Rod Raffle; CRTUC Pre Meeting MENTORING PROGRAM & Call for Chapter Members to "step-up": LWCF; Outreach to Scouts for Merit Badges & Stream Explorer Members; Membership; Recruit & Retention Plan(s); Chapter Lending Library News; & October Appletree Campout reservations Upcoming – 5/29 Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up; 6/5 & 6 FFF Conclave at Unicoi S.P; 6/5 Annual USFS Kids Fishing Event at Tallulah River; 6/6 – 11 6th Annual GEORGIA TROUT CAMP; 6/15 Chapter Meeting Program; 6/22 BOD Meeting; 6/26 Rabun TU Stekoa Creek Clean-up Day; 7/13 & 14 Annual Electro-Shock Sampling of the Chattooga River; 7/20 Family Picnic at Kelly’s Water Falls Park; & 8/17 Meeting Program New Business – 2011 Rabun Rendezvous with a maximum 20-minute program & 10 min for special award(s) ; Chattooga Electro-Shock Fish Sampling 7/13 & 14 with campout one night on 7/13; Foxfire Mountaineer Heritage Festival will be Fri & Sat (10/1 & 10/2); Nominations of 2 new directors for 2011-2014 (election of 2011 officers & 2 new directors at Sept meeting); & Selling Rabun TU Caps Reports – Publicity; Memberships at 164; & Treasury Report

May 29 (Sat) Workday - Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up in preparation for the 6th Annual GA Trout Camp – 9 Rabunites participated and completed the task in short order.

THANK YOU

Sandy & Ralph Morgan of St. Marys GA for your cash donation.
Bill Kelly for donating the groceries to feed lunch to about 40 people at the 2010 Fly Fishing 101 Seminar.

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to **Broderick Crawford** for being Georgia Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year for 2010-2011. Broderick’s painting of three Widgeons (Ducks) has been chosen as the winner for the Georgia Ducks Unlimited Art Competition. Numbered and signed prints are available at Crawford Art Gallery in Clayton, ph 706 782 8379.

Congratulations to **Jim “Nugget” Nixon** on the release of his CD titled *“Fletcher Gap – Going Home”*. The CD is available at Blue Ridge Music in Clayton, ph 706 782 9852.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite “WELCOME” to **3 new members** this month: **BOB COLLINS**, PO BOX 1276, CLAYTON GA 30525-0032; **YONG KIM**, 90 CREEKVIEW TRL, CLAYTON GA 30525; & **SUSAN PATTON**, 598 HARDY FARM ROAD, MARTIN GA 30557

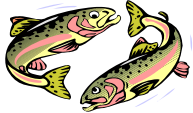
Thanks for re-upping: **William Reno, Monte Seehorn, Rick Hires, Leigh Wyatt, Jim Barrett, Donald Early, Warren Stiles, Kent Wilson, Pam Harrison & John Harrison.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Matthew Calvin, Will Pendrey, Tom Shirley, John Eaves, John Rumsey, Bill Thompson, Bob Biebel, & Chris Sawers.**

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Letter From The Chapter President

Fellow Rabunites,

Wow, May was quite a month for our Chapter. We had a lot of fun at our campout and fishing outing, but more importantly, we did some good things for the kids. The month began with our campout at Cherry Hill and various fishing forays in and around the Chattooga. Good food, good fishing (and some catching), good friends and good times were had.

As the month progressed, we hosted three youth fishing outings. Two were for Rabun County Middle schoolers and one was for the Girl and Boy Scouts in Rabun County. All together, close to 150 kids were mentored. Thanks to Ray Gentry for organizing the Scouts picnic and fishing outing. It went well! Also, thanks to the many volunteers who made it happen!

Speaking of volunteers, June will give us plenty more opportunities. It kicks off the first weekend with a Kids Fishing Event we help sponsor along with DNR and USFS. All you have to do is show up to help. We need hot dog cooks and any other forms of help you can provide. Then, the Georgia TU Council's Trout Camp kicks off. As always, our own Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt, along with a cast of many, have put together an awesome week for a couple dozen lucky kids.

"But wait", as the TV pitch sales people say, "there's more". On June 26 our Chapter will conduct our first stream clean up event on Stekoa Creek in Clayton. Chris Whitley has planned a good event that will help this troubled creek with the clean up itself, but also will more TLC that we hope will continue to spread throughout the community. We need your help. Please see the details elsewhere in this newsletter, but more importantly, send Chris an E-mail and let him know you plan to help cwhitley@curraheclub.com.

I look forward to another great month of helping kids and critters with you.

Best regards, *Larry*

P.S. Oh yeah, in the middle of all this, we have a great program on tap for our monthly chapter meeting on June 15. Y'all come!

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