



TIGHT LINES August 2010 Newsletter of the

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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

"Most anglers spend their lives in making rules for trout, and trout spend theirs in breaking them"
George Aston

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.

"At the outset, the fact should be recognized that the community of fisherman constitutes a separate class or subrace among the inhabitants of the earth."

Grover Cleveland

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there!

Aug 17 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program: Jimmy Harris – Fishing Trip to South America

Aug BOD Meeting will be by E-mail

Sept 11 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting in Blue Ridge

Sept 15 – 18 (Wed-Sat) Trout Unlimited National Meeting in Waterville Valley, NH

Sept 21 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program: Pat Hopton – Rabunite 101 on Fly Fishing Equipment

Sept 25 (Sat) Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi S.P./Smith Creek; TU Volunteers needed

Sept 28 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office

Oct 2 (Sat) Foxfire Mountaineer Festival 10 AM – 4 PM; in Clayton. Volunteers needed to man the Rabun TU booth. Please contact Terry Rivers, Ph 706 782 7419 or E-mail tlr1121@windstream.net

Oct 6 – 10 (Wed-Sun) Camping & Fishing; The USFS Appletree Group Campground, Site D (NC) <http://www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/recreation/appletree.pdf> & Fishing in Nantahala River D.H.; Max 25 people, reserve you place now with Terry Rivers, Ph 706 782 7419 or E-mail tlr1121@windstream.net

2011 Rabun Rendezvous - Saturday, Jan 22, 2011

Program Presenter – Rabunite Kyle Burrell, Trout Fishing Guide in GA & WY

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



INCH WORM

A GREAT FLY TO HAVE DURING THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER AND AN EASY ONE TO TIE.

HOOK: 12/16 2X CURVED SHANK
THREAD: BROWN
BODY: CHARTREUSE ULTRA CHENILLE

"True fish cars have unusual powers. Of course, they automatically develop a distinctive aroma that defines their mission in life. But they also have almost-magical abilities. For example, most of them can generate and multiply their own trash. Where at first there was a single MacDonalds wrapper, a used foam cup and empty beer bottle, soon a half-dozen of each appear, as if spawned by the initial clutter.

... If you need to make a trip to the local bank to see a loan officer to finance your purchase [of your fish car], you're looking at the wrong wheels.

Editorial by Jack Russell in "American Angler", November-December 1992

August Hatches

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
None at all	Can happen any time on any day		Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT #14 Parachute Adams is always a good searching pattern
Brown Stonefly	All Month	Early to Mid AM	10-14 Brown Stimulator 10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Golden Stonefly	All Month	Early AM	8-12 Ginger Stimulator 6-10 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly	All Month	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Hoppers, Etc			Various Times & Sizes

Editor's Notes: *The hot weather and light hatches of July and August are two of the reasons (excuses really) why many Rabunites make annual treks to fish and camp "West of Hiwassee", or as Lewis Reeves Jr. says, "Out Yonder".*

To view a Hatch Chart for other months, click [Hatch Chart](#)

The Rabun Chapter TU has a new website <http://rabuntu.org/site/> ! Take a look and tell us what you think.

'Website Page-of-the-Month': <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/for-beginners-a-rabunite-101-primer/how-to-speak-rabunite/> *"How to Speak Rabunite"*

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

Site by [Allison O. Adams, Editorial and Multimedia Services](#)

Know Your Forest: 14th in a series:

Black Rock Mountain State Park

Located in Mountain City, Rabun County
Black Rock Mountain State Park, named for its sheer cliffs of dark-colored biotite gneiss, encompasses some of the most outstanding country in Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Located astride the Eastern Continental Divide at an altitude of 3,640 feet, Black Rock Mountain is the highest state park in Georgia. Numerous scenic overlooks provide spectacular 80-mile vistas of the Southern Appalachians, and several hiking trails lead visitors past wildflowers, cascading streams, small waterfalls and lush forests. The summit visitor center and picnic tables are popular with travelers in northeast Georgia. Nearby are Tallulah Gorge State Park, Moccasin Creek State Park, and the town of Clayton with art galleries, restaurants and shops. Rental cottages with mountain views and a modern campground make this a great mountain getaway. Tent campers can even choose from more secluded "walk-in" sites or primitive backpacking sites. Campers with RVs should be aware that the park entrance includes a two-mile climb with a 10% grade, and the campground has a number of tight turns. Most camping rigs exceeding 25 feet are not recommended. Due to the incline and the high elevation, the park may close during periods of icy weather.

Reservations (800) 864-7275 **Park** (706) 746-2141

ACTIVITIES:

GeoCaching

Hiking - 11 miles of trails

Picnicking

Lake Fishing - bass, bream, catfish, perch, trout

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:

Clayton & Dillard, Georgia (antiques and arts)

Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center



DESCRIPTION, the park has:

Visitor Center & 1,743 Acres

A 17-Acre Lake

44 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$25-\$28) - cable TV hookups

12 Walk-in Campsites (\$15)

4 Backcountry Campsites (\$9/person)

10 Cottages (\$125-\$145) --#5 and #10 are dog friendly (\$40 per dog, max 2)

2 Picnic Shelters (\$40)

Pioneer Group Campground (\$105)

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Recreation Management Plan

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/sumter/resources/Chattooga.php>

(June 8, 2010) In December 2009, the three forests withdrew the decisions related to recreation uses on the upper Chattooga to complete more analysis. Specifically, analysis in both the Biological Evaluation (BE) and Biological Assessment (BA) were based on an alternative that assumed a maximum of four boater groups per boatable day. However, the selected alternative did not include this limitation. The agency also will have to re-consult with federal partners for concurrence on the new BA and the new BE so their agreement is on the correct alternative.

Because the Forest Service is committed to making sound and reasoned decisions, we are not limiting our review to the BA and the BE. We are also taking this opportunity to review all of the withdrawn decision documents to ensure we have included the best available information and the most complete analysis, as well as removed all inconsistencies. Undergoing this process will ensure accuracy and reflect the quality analysis completed by our specialists.

When we are prepared to release new, sound, reasoned decisions based on the very best information and analysis, we will let stakeholders, the public and media know. Once the final decisions are made, we will ensure that the decision is implemented in a timely and efficient manner.

Editor's Notes: To read my opinion issued in August of last year, click

<http://rabuntu.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/Boating-Zoning-Public-Statement-D-Adams-3-090826.pdf>

What's New Elsewhere?

GA&SC-USFS Burrell's Ford Bridge Maintenance to Impact Travel (7/9/2010) Gainesville, GA The Forest Service is beginning repairs and maintenance of the Burrell's Ford Bridge over the Chattooga North Fork. Dave Jensen, District Ranger of the Chattooga River Ranger District said, "We know this work is going to impact people who travel on Burrell's Ford Road. But this is an old bridge (built in 1968) that needs attention to keep it safe for the public to use." The bridge will be closed to traffic from both directions for four days each week, Monday thru Thursday. "We're trying to minimize the impact of the work by only closing it during the week and keeping it open on weekends, Friday thru Sunday" Jensen said. The project is expected to be complete by the middle of August. More [HERE](#)

I-3 IS VERY MUCH ALIVE! (7/22/2010) A contract has been issued to ICF International of Fairfax, VA to conduct the study of Interstate 3 (I-3) planning, cost estimate and routing. WaysSouth, originally the Stop I-3 Coalition, filed a Freedom of Information Act request and learned the study process will run approximately 13 months and will identify the steps to be taken in developing the proposed road, an estimate of the cost and a suggested routing. We have also reminded them that we were promised a seat on the advisory council. We intend to work as closely as possible with the government and its contractor to insure that the study is valid, includes public participation, and thoroughly considers all the issues involved.

Lucy Bartlett - Past Chair, WaysSouth BOD <http://www.stopi3.org/>
Editor's Note: For the Rabun TU position on I-3, click http://rabuntu.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/stop_i3.pdf

GA-USFS Forest Improvement Projects Now Underway
The Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests is implementing a

broad range of projects to improve trails, campgrounds, and other facilities this year. The end result will be better facilities for you, the forest visitor. But as with projects of this nature, there will be some inconvenience while the actual work is being done. We want you to know what, where, why, and when these projects will take place so you can plan your outings accordingly. These projects are made possible by funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. For details of project work in your favorite area, click [Forest Improvement Projects Now Underway](#)

USDA Forest Service encourages kids to get outdoors:
Part of larger Administration campaign focusing on children's health and national forests. WASHINGTON, (6/10/2010) USDA Forest Service [Chief Tom Tidwell](#) is encouraging kids to reconnect with nature by participating in the annual [National Get Outdoors Day](#) ("GO Day"). In its third year, National GO Day focuses on a single day when people can be inspired and motivated to get outdoors. National GO Day encourages healthy, active outdoor fun by encouraging first-time visitors to public lands and reconnecting youth to the great outdoors. More <http://www.fs.fed.us/news/2010/releases/06/goday.shtm>

TU and Field & Stream Join Forces to Protect "Best Wild Places"
TU's [Sportsmen's Conservation Project](#) has joined forces with [Field & Stream Magazine](#) to highlight the "Best Wild Places." These Western landscapes are largely intact, remote places, but face varied threats from development, incursion or invasive species. Rich in value to hunters and anglers, they all feature excellent fish and game habitat. Visit [Field & Stream](#) for feature stories, videos and photos about the tour. Check out the ["Best Wild Places" destinations](#).

HERE IS SOMETHING FOR THE KID IN ALL OF US

Meet our pet trout. They love trout chow and are always hungry! Will you feed them, please?

Click here: <http://rabuntu.org/site/youth/>

"Catchin' Corner" - Troutng Tips

from Jeff "Dredger" Durniak

* **Trout best bets** (7/28/2010): Options are limited by hot water, especially low elevation and south slope streams. Best bets are GA's three cold tailwaters (especially the Hooch) and the smallest mountain streams at high elevations, especially on the north slopes. There are some good reports on NGTO. The 2010 stocking season is winding down, but we've had to alter some of our trout stocking plans and avoid streams that are simply too warm to stock. It's a daily challenge. So, go a) up high and north or b) below a really big dam (check generation schedules first). For stockers this week, try this shorter list: Lanier tailwater, Hooch headwaters (at Horsetrough Falls campground), Low Gap, Jasus, Wildcat, upper Tallulah, Sarahs, Wildcat, Rock 7 Cooper.

* **River Bass:** If stray storms don't hit your favorite watershed, try to wading and river basin' in a warm water stream. Best times are early and late in the day (avoid the sun) and best places are those with shade and cover- logs or boulders. Wet-wading waist-deep for Chattooga redeye bass is a great way to beat the heat.

Fishing Reports

Rose Catches Her First Trout

by Jay Shelton, UGA's Fish Professor and member of Oconee River TU Chapter

Last Friday (6/25/2010) I picked up my 7-year-old daughter from summer camp and to my great delight she said the magic words... "Daddy I want to go fishing this weekend!" As luck would have it I had just learned about the Hartwell Tailwater.

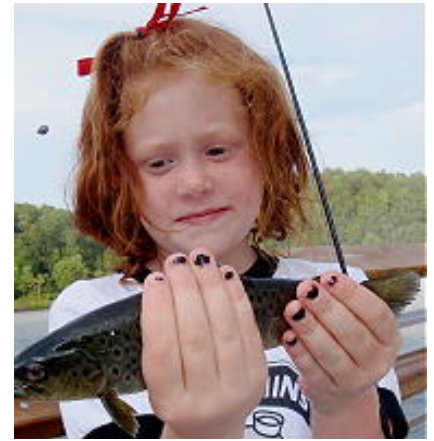
My daughter has caught a lot of fish in her career (bass, bluegill, catfish, sea trout and redfish), but nothing in cold water. So we made the easy drive from Athens to Hartwell. We arrived with wigglers at about 7PM, and commenced to fishing. Access is great for family fishing (lots of room and restrooms right there in parking area). The combination of cool water and shade made fishing from the pier very comfortable (and the price was right too - FREE). There were very few people on the pier when we arrived, but it is a BIG area and could easily handle quite a crowd.

Best of all, we had instant SUCCESS! My daughter caught her first trout (actually she caught her first NINE trout).

This is not a fly rod friendly area, but it sure is a great place for the family. And as the sun got low, and there was lots of fog on the river I heard some big splashes that made me think there is a good chance that the resident stripers had found some of those stocker trout - so if you go bring a big rod and be ready.

There are places for food and ice cream in the town of Hartwell for the drive home. So if you want to get in some summer action for the whole family...give it a try!

<http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell/dayuse.htm>



Editor's Notes: Rose was also in the May '09 & July '09 issues of TIGHT LINES with earlier catches, click [HERE](#)

Blue Ridge Tailwater (6/27/2010) Guru and Dredger had a slow but steady pick on rainbows and browns on Sunday afternoon. Some hit dries and some hit small wet flies. Other anglers said lots of fish had been rising during the morning hours.

Rabunite Version of "Dinner and a Movie" (6/26/2010) Notes: "In fact, it's a double feature at a drive-in theater. "

Directions to The Cataloochee Valley Drive-in: US276 north from Waynesville, left on Cove Creek Road right before you cross I40. Go up, over, and down into the valley - a long and pretty 7 miles. Start looking for elk around 6 PM. Ask the Bugle Corps ladies for tips - they're great guides. The bulls like the clover at the ranger station.

A trout hat trick (rainbow, brown, and speck) is possible as the high elevation keeps this place colder, longer. My winning combo was a 14 parachute Adams and a sunken ant dropper. Report by: The Dredger



Click on <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/playourvisit/cataloochee.htm>



River Bass "Window" (7/21/2010): Our angling trio watched USGS river gauges last Friday night and then made a Saturday plan. While many larger GA streams were blown out for Saturday, we saw a "window of opportunity" on the Little T. The thunderstorms had apparently bypassed most of that watershed and we found about three feet of visibility in the river. We had a fun morning of rock bass, bluegill, and smallmouth bass on poppers. Learn how to use those USGS gauges to find your best "windows of opportunity" and your stream and river trip success will increase! <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt>
Another report by: The Dredger

"BACKCASTING"

June 26 (Sat) Rabun TU Stekoa Creek Clean-up Day. 12 Rabunites put on waders, rubber gloves and tackled a dirty job. The group got in the polluted Stekoa Creek and cleaned up a stretch from McDonald's up to the Indoor Flea Market. When asked the purpose, project leader Chris Whitley said, "The national Trout Unlimited organization initiated a stream clean-up program to improve troubled waters and to draw attention to areas of need". Our Chapter chose Stekoa Creek because it needs a lot of help. "It's sad to have such a polluted stream going right thru the heart of our county," said Rabunite Charlie Breithaupt. "The good news is that TU and several other organizations are pitching in with their time, money and resources to bring attention and improvement to Stekoa Creek. I actually think that someday Stekoa Creek will become an asset instead of a liability to our community," Breithaupt said. The Rabun TU Chapter would like to thank all the landowners along Stekoa Creek who gave permission for access to accomplish the clean-up, to the County for allowing us to deposit the trash at the recycle center at no charge, and for those who volunteered. For more, click <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/work-projects/the-stekoa-creek-project/>. Report filed by Larry Walker.

Editor's Note: Our thanks to Chris Whitley. He led a well-planned and organized event.



July 14 (Wed) Annual Electro-Shock Sampling of Chattooga N.F. – 3 Rabun TU volunteers were among over 60 participants. If you volunteer next year you'll learn where the wild brown trout live. Click <http://rabuntu.org/site/gallery/work-projects/>



July 20 (Tues) Family Picnic: A wonderful evening of fellowship and good food (about 50 to 55 attended). The covered dishes were outstanding. **Our thanks to Bill Kelly** for use of the beautiful facilities at the waterfalls.



Kent Wilson of Dillard, GA won the Custom Fly Rod & Sage Reel raffle. Click <http://rabuntu.org/site/join-support/donate/>. The raffle raised \$1,634 (a record high) to support the Chapter's conservation & education activities. Thanks to all that participated and to Pat Hopton, the rod raffle manager.

July 27 (Tues) BOD Meeting - 9 members participated. Agenda items included: Recaps – Middle School mentoring; Stekoa Creek Clean-up Day; Annual Electro-Shock Sampling of the Chattooga River; Annual Family Picnic; 2010 Rod Raffle Status Updates – Website; Adding Chapter Lending Library News; LWCF; Outreach to Scouts; Membership Recruit & Retention Plan(s); New Member Welcome Package; Sell Rabun TU Caps for a fund raiser &/or for outreach; Water Samples from BTB Creeks Upcoming – 8/17 Chapter Meeting w/Call for Nominations.; 8/24 BOD Meeting; 9/11 GA TU Council Meeting; 9/15–18 Trout Unlimited National Meeting; 9/21 Chapter Meeting w/ Election of Officers; 9/25 Outdoor Adventure Day; 9/28 BOD Meeting; 10/2 Foxfire Mountaineer Festival; 10/6 – 10 Camping & Fishing; At Appletree Group Campground, 10/19 Chapter Meeting New Business – Reassignment of BOD duties for F/Y2011; Stream Explorers; Chapter donation in Memory of Julie Stalnaker Reports – Publicity; Membership; Treasury Report

Some Very Sad News

Julie Stalnaker had a brain aneurysm and died suddenly July 9th. TU and the GA trout fishing community lost an extremely active member in Julie. Many people talk about the need do something. Julie was one of those persons that got things done. She has been active in leading, organizing and coordinating projects for GA Women FlyFishers and TU. Julie and husband Duane were regulars at the Rendezvous. In lieu of flowers, Duane has asked that donations be made for a Trout Camp Scholarship fund to: Georgia Women FlyFishers, c/o Peggy Hart, 508 Hillside Trail, Woodstock, GA, 30188, In the Memo put "Julie & NGTO Match"

Letters to the Rabunites

Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010

Subject: June TIGHT LINES

What an incredible issue! Special thanks for including our son Reece's letter from Iraq. Thirteen pages of really interesting reading. If I were still teaching journalism I would have Doug in as a guest speaker for certain. You certainly know how to make us feel homesick for the mountains. But, the Pompano are starting to come in...which continues to make life very worthwhile here. More good news...Reece came home from Iraq 2 weeks ago. Best wishes.

From: Ralph Morgan – St. Marys, GA

Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES June 2010

Loved the pictures of the kids. So nice that you do so much with young people fostering their love of fishing - you do indeed, pass it on!

From: Jane Miller – Woodstock, VA

Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010

Subject: RE: TIGHT LINES June 2010 Sup #2

I checked out the web page of the week and found a wonderful picture of a huge bluegill, a very happy young lady and a happier you. Is she your granddaughter?

From: Don Atkinson – Sylvania, OH

Editor's Notes: Yes, *she certainly is.*

Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010

Subject: Re: TU Stekoa Creek Clean-up Day.

Thanks for sending the announcement and pictures. We really appreciate Trout Unlimited continued partnership efforts in the work to improve water quality in Stekoa Creek, and to keep the issue in the community awareness zone. That looks like a pretty good haul of trash, and shopping carts!

I haven't seen this week's edition of the *Clayton Tribune*, but I hope that some good visuals of the event as well as Chris and Charlie's excellent quotes are in there. Thanks,

From: Nicole Hayler - Stekoa Creek Project Manager for the Chattooga Conservancy,

Comments Received on the New Website <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

> Very nice, Pat! :cheers: I hope many of our viewers will take advantage of Rabun TU's website. This may be a good time to point out the monthly hatch charts in the Tight Lines newsletter, too! Windknot

> Well Done! A very nice layout, crisp graphics and very easy to use site navigation. I also noticed that the response from the site was very good. You just click the tab and you're there right now. John

> Nice site, easy to use, good information. Following Windknot's post I took a look at the Tightlines newsletter as well. Good stuff, you should highlight that tab. Joe

> Good job on the site Pat. Looks good and all the links & buttons seem to work. The Ole Man

> Got to love Wordpress Knot trying

> Well done. Lea

> Website looks great. Jeff

> Your new website looks really nice. I think you should include a photo on the home page of the States' cold water fish...the brook trout! Mack

> I think the web site is great. I booked-marked it right away. Thanks. Jesse

> Hey guys! The new Rabun TU site looks super! Nice job Allison! Kathy & Charlie

- > Good blog with some useful information. I will be back. Genie
- > I like the website very much. Good job! Kevin
- > Your new website is beautiful! Katheryn
- > Gosh, like the new look. Very clear and professional. Meta
- > Like the new website. Debbie

- > New TU website is awesome! Russ
- > Your website is absolutely excellent! I'm still working my way through the various links. The Rabunite 101 primer is hilarious. Loved it. This is award-winning work! Louisa

Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010

Subject: a web site success story

On Tuesday I checked my voice mail and had one from a person I did not recognize. Name was Stan Cofer, from Loganville, GA. Said he was interested in the Mack Martin rod raffle and asked for me to return his call.

So I did. Very nice guy, we talked for 15-20 minutes. Turns out he's a builder that had worked on a house here in Rabun County several years ago. At that time he bought a Tom Landreth print in town at Broderick Crawford's gallery. The other day he wanted to buy another print but didn't know how to find one, so he googled Tom Landreth. Lo and behold, the Rabun TU web site came up as a choice. He clicked on it, looked it

over and saw the rod raffle fundraiser. He became interested in purchasing raffle tickets so he got my name and number off the site and called me.

I sold him \$10 worth of tickets (his check came in the mail today) but more importantly he said he was going to join the Chapter. He said he didn't do much trout fishing but had always wanted to learn. He really liked the web site, and especially the Rabunite 101 page.

So we accomplished three things, all on account of the new web site: we raised funds for the Chapter, we recruited a new TU member, and we transferred the knowledge and fun of fishing to a new fishermen. Good job, folks.

From: Pat Hopton – New Website Project Manager

THANK YOU

Mack Martin of North Georgia Custom Rods for donating the beautiful custom-made Winston fly rod and Sage Reel for the raffle.

Chris Whitley for donation of the supplies needed for the Stekoa Creek Clean-up Day.

Mack Martin & the Atlanta Fly Fishing School for the donation of 4-dozen flies and other items for the meeting raffles.

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to **Polly and Cecil Greene** on their 50th wedding anniversary.

We are pleased to report that **Ray Gentry's** 90-year-old mother is recovering nicely after open heart surgery.

Our condolences to **Nancy and Gene Nolte** on the recent death of her mother.

Our condolences to **Steven and Lisa McCall** on the recent death of his father, a veteran of the Korean War.

Our condolences to **Jim and Carolyn Kidd** on the recent death of his father, a Purple Heart veteran of WWII.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to 2 new members this month: **COREY SMITH**, 1618 COOL SPRING RD, CLARKESVILLE GA 30523 & **BARRY BEERS**, 2625 ABBEY RIDGE RD SW, CONYERS GA 30094

Thanks for re-upping: **Jack Brandon** (upgraded to Life member), **Larry Walker**, **Mike Hamilton**, **Tim McClure**, **Chris Bedea**, **Charles Cawthon**, **Eugene Pipkin**, **Mike Fuller**, & **Maria Rodeghiero**

It is time to renew your membership: **Donna Claridad**, **Bill Coon**, **Thomas Johnson**, **David Jordan**, **Allan Ramsay**, **Kyle Burrell**, **David Cannon**, **John Hill**, **Cecil Beehler**, **Sam Bennett**, **Cecil Greene**, **Matthew Calvin**, **Will Pendrey**, **Tom Shirley**, **John Eaves**, **John Rumsey**, **Bill Thompson**, & **Bob Biebel**.

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The Board of Directors offers the following nominations for Rabun TU Chapter's F/Y2011 Officers and Directors:

President – Larry Walker; Vice President – Pat Hopton; Treasurer – Doug Adams; Secretary – Ray Gentry; Directors thru F/Y 2014: Chris Whitley & Frank Tolbert (replacing retiring Directors Bill Kelly & Ray Kearns); Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Aug. & Sept. Chapter meetings. Election will be at the Sept. Chapter meeting. F/Y 2011 begins October 1, 2010 .



Letter From The Chapter President

Fellow Rabunites,

July has been a very hot month and tough on the fish and other river critters. In spite of the ups and downs of weather trends, including the recent drought years, the Chattooga River biological sampling conducted earlier in the month indicated that the on-going health of the river is good.

A few of our Chapter members helped out the SC. and GA. DNR and USFS folks with the electro shocking sampling, but to be quite honest, I was disappointed in our turnout. I hope this isn't an indication that we are losing interest in this great river.

The family picnic at Kelly Park was well attended, the food was good, and the fellowship was outstanding. Thanks to Bill Kelly and family for hosting us. Congratulations to Kent Wilson for winning the custom rod and reel raffle, and thanks to Mack Martin of the Atlanta Fly-fishing School for providing it to us.

The Stekoa Creek clean-up we did in late June received some recognition in the local paper and from folks who read it. Mission accomplished. We brought public attention to our care for things other than just fishing and to this impaired water body.

We are at the time of year when your Board of Directors is developing organization plans for next year. If you have an interest in stepping up to help out in any of our activities in the coming year, please let me know.

If you haven't looked at our new website, you are missing some good stuff. Go to www.rabuntu.org. You'll be glad you did.

Jimmy Harris has an interesting program lined up for us at our meeting on August 17. See you there

Best regards, *Larry*

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