



25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

# TIGHT LINES

## July 2011 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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**A friend once asked, "How come a guy who dresses in rags and drives a smoky old pickup can afford such snazzy tackle?" "It should be obvious."**

From *Trout Bum* by John Gierach

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

**Kelly's Water Falls Park – Dillard, Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

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

**The Chapter will provide the soft drinks, the fried chicken, plates, etc.**

**Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, veggies, salad, chips, or a desert.**

The **Custom Fly Rod Raffle** winner will be drawn. There will not be a meeting raffle at the Family Picnic.

*"The fisherman has a harmless preoccupied look; he is a kind of vagrant that nothing fears. He blends himself with the trees and the shadows. All his approaches are gentle and indirect. He addresses himself to the stream as a lover to his mistress; he woos it and stays with it till he knows its hidden secrets. He knows how to interpret its every glance and dimple; its beauty haunts him for days."*

John Burroughs 1886

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

**July 12 (Tues) Annual Electro-Shock Sampling of the Chattooga River** - Meet on 7/12 at 8:30 AM at Burrell's Ford Bridge. **Volunteers needed.** We need all the volunteer help we can get to carry equipment in/out and to net fish (2.5 miles each way). Bring waders, a camera, a picnic lunch and full water bottles. <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/work-projects/the-story-of-the-chattooga-coalition/>

**July 19 (Tues) Family Picnic, 6 PM, Kelly's Water Falls Park** (see box above for details). Custom rod raffle winner will be drawn:

<http://rabuntu.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/rabun-winston-rod-raffle2011.pdf>

**July 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office**

**Aug 16 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program:**  
Flint River TU's Ken Griffin. *The Flyfishing for Vets Program.*

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

**Aug 24 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office**

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabun Rendezvous – Saturday, Jan 21, 2012**

### **FLY OF THE MONTH**

by Terry Rivers



**FOAM HOPPER**

IT'S THAT TIME IF THE YEAR AND TROUT ARE  
LOOKING FOR TERRESTRIALS. HAVE SOME OF THESE  
IN YOU BOX, TIED IN SEVERAL COLORS AND SIZES.  
SEE YA ON THE RIVER.

**HOOK:** # 10 3X LONG  
**BODY:** YELLOW FOAM  
**HEAD:** YELLOW FOAM  
**WING:** DEER HAIR  
**LEGS:** MED. YELLOW RUBBER LEGS

*"Piece by piece the raiments of the ceremony are removed from the trunk of the car. If there is one item in the fly fisherman's collection that seems out of harmony, it is the waders. A trout fly is nearly weightless, but waders are abominably heavy; the rod is a thing of rhythm and grace, but waders are incredibly clumsy to put on, to wear, to take off and even to store neatly. They are the completion of a progression that pays homage to the sensitivity of the trout at one end, but at the expense of the mobility and self-respect of the fisherman at the other."*

Dr. Charles Bagdade, "The Ritual" in Vol. XII, No. II (1978) *The Flyfisher*

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## July Hatches

The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies
None at all	Can happen any time on any day		Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Brown Stonefly	All Month	Early to Mid AM	10-14 Brown Stimulator 10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Golden Stonefly	All Month	Early AM	8-12 Ginger Stimulator 6-10 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly	All Month	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Trico Mayfly	Early	Mid AM	20 Parachute Trico, Trico Emerger, Griffith's Gnat
Trico Spinner Fall		Late PM	20-22 Poly Wing Black Spinner
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Hoppers, Etc (Important)			Various Times & Sizes

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



Webpage-of-the Month: <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/jeffs-tips/fishing-in-the-drought/>  
**Fishing in the Drought**

**Rabun TU's Award Winning website** <http://rabuntu.org/site/>  
 The website's first anniversary was in June. We had 20,181 views in the first year!!  
 (That's an average of over 55 views per day!) **WAAaahWHOoooo!**

Please send comments & suggestions to Pat Hopton, Website Project Manager,  
[scotts\\_creek58@yahoo.com](mailto:scotts_creek58@yahoo.com)

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

## LAST CHANCE

### Custom Fly Rod & Sage Reel Raffle

**Winston 9', 4 piece, 5 weight, Bill-X Custom Boron/Graphite fly rod plus a Sage 2050 reel. Over \$1,000 Retail Value!!**

Drawing on July 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 as a fundraiser (as he has in previous years). <http://www.mackmartin.com/CustomRods.htm>

<http://rabuntu.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/rabun-winston-rod-raffle2011.pdf>

## Fishing Report by Rabunite Ray Gentry

### Dark-30 on 5/24/2011 during the Green Drake Hatch

We went up river and Pat said it would be slow for a while. I fished hard but it was slow going until 8:30 pm. I caught one 12" rainbow about 7:30 but nothing thereafter.

Then the Green Drakes in the mature form of Coffin Flies came out of the trees and soon they were everywhere.... and I mean EVERYWHERE. I got several hits (3) but could not connect. It was completely dark now but the fish were still hitting. Man the fish loved those coffin flies. Suddenly there was a big swirl just 15 feet from me so I let the coffin fly slowly drifts a lot closer than before.

Suddenly with a splash that would rival the dropping of a bowling ball into the water, I set the hook and the fight was on. With an admonition from Pat to not rush him followed by "He's BIG, Don't Horse Him", the fight continued. Suddenly, Pat was at my side and his light helped a lot. Several cartwheels and many jumps later Pat's light guided the fish to my net. Hi fives all around and pictures galore then he was released. He was 18" and fat as a butterball. The rainbow was the best GA fish I have taken. All because I had the right fly from a friend. Pat also got three rainbows to 16" at dark. Where? I.D.B.I.S.



**Rabun TU - 25 years ago this month:** Tom Landreth issued the very first newsletter for the Rabun Chapter of TU (reprinted below) **Editor's notes:** Tom Landreth was Rabun TU's newsletter editor for 12 years. To learn more about Tom, click <http://rabuntu.org/site/join-support/the-chapters-special-funds/>

JULY 1986

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

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#### MEETING NOTICE

THE JULY MEETING OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 15TH OF JULY AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE RABUN COUNTY LIBRARY IN CLAYTON, GEORGIA. UPDATES ON SEVERAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE AREA, OUR CHAPTER'S PARTICIPATION, PROGRAMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS, ARE SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION. HENRY WILLIAMSON, INSTRUCTOR, FLY TYER, WILD TROUT STALKER AND ALL-ROUND BON-VIVANT, WILL FURNISH ANOTHER INTERESTING VIDEO ON TROUT.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A GROUP OF GUYS WITH COMMON INTERESTS GATHERED AT THE RABUN COUNTY LIBRARY ON JUNE 24, 1986, AND FORMED THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED. A SLATE OF OFFICERS WAS ELECTED:

DOUG ADAMS	- PRESIDENT
JIM NIXON	- VICE-PRESIDENT
TOM LANDRETH	- VICE PRESIDENT
TOM SHIRLEY	- SECRETARY/TREASURER
JIM DARNELL	- DIRECTOR
FRITZ VINSON	- DIRECTOR
JIM KIDD	- DIRECTOR

WE HAVE 26 CHARTER MEMBERS RANGING FROM MIDDLE GEORGIA TO PENNSYLVANIA; FROM COLUMBUS THROUGH TIGER, RABUN GAP AND PERSIMMON. IT WAS A FAST START TOWARDS THE CREATION OF AN ACTIVE AND VIABLE CHAPTER. LET'S KEEP IT MOVING!!

#### CHATTOOGA CREEL LOG

A CREEL LOG IS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO FISH THE CHATTOOGA. THE DATA ON THE FORM IS MOST USEFUL IN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS DYNAMIC WATER RESOURCE. ADDITIONAL LOG FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE JULY MEETING.

#### CATCH AND RELEASE

SIGNS WILL BE POSTED ON AND NEAR THE CHATTOOGA, ENCOURAGING THE RELEASE OF UN-INJURED TROUT. REMEMBER, THE FUTURE OF TROUT FISHING DOESN'T LIE IN CATCHING YOUR LIMIT, BUT LIMITING YOUR CATCH.

#### VIBERT BOXES

THE EDITOR DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ALL HE KNOWS ABOUT THIS SUBJECT. GENERALLY, THE IDEA IS TO HATCH OUT EGGS IN THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. THE RESULTS SHOULD BE A TROUT THAT IS WILD AND "NATIVE" TO THAT STREAM. OUR EFFORTS WILL BE ON THE CHATTOOGA. MORE ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE JULY MEETING.

#### NEWSLETTER

LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU WANT IN YOUR NEWSLETTER. HUMOROUS ANECDOTES, FISHING TIPS, NEW TWIST TO AN OLD FLY, LAYING OUT 30 YARDS OF LINE ON THE COLEMAN, WHERE THE LAST NATIVE GEORGIA BROOKIE WEIGHING 3 POUNDS LIVES, (A PRIVATE NOTE TO THE EDITOR ON THIS ONE, ETC., ETC. SOME CHAPTERS ALSO HAVE A NAME FOR THEIR NEWSLETTER, SUCH AS "WALHALLA BROWN", "BRIGHT WATERS", ETC. SUGGESTIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP.

ONE LAST WORD ON THE NEWSLETTER. TO GET AN ITEM IN, PLEASE TRY TO GET IT TO ME ABOUT 10 DAYS BEFORE OUR MONTHLY MEETING.

TIGHT LINES!!





## What's New Elsewhere?



### Potential I-3 Routes as of May 2011

The Federal Highway Administration has narrowed its choice of potential routes for I-3 to two. On the map below, Corridor A, shown in deep blue, and Corridor B at the southern end, shown in deep purple, are the remaining routes under consideration.



For more info, click on: <http://www.wayssouth.org/campaigns/stop-i-3/resources/potential-i3-routes/>

I-3 Highway Study Results Due in June

<http://www.savannahbusinessjournal.com/news/ports-transportation/1162-3rd-infantry-division-highway-study-results-due-in-june>

<http://www.wayssouth.org/campaigns/stop-i-3/resources/>

On 5/26, Lucy Bartlett (WaysSouth BOD member) said on Facebook, ***“Excellent public meeting last night in Dahlonega. Standing room only crowd to hear the sad news that the I-3 study has decided on a route that is basically another Northern Arc. We are delighted that they have finally seen the light that another major highway through the Southern Appalachian Mountains would be “fatally flawed” but let’s not substitute a route that we thought was dead years ago.”***

## What's New Elsewhere? (Continued)

### Possible closing of US Fish & Wildlife Service Erwin (TN) Hatchery could affect Walhalla State Hatchery (SC)

**Tom McInnis** with SC Trout Unlimited said, "For us in South Carolina, the Erwin hatchery is vital. Here is the response I received from Scott Poore, the manager of the Walhalla Fish Hatchery regarding the importance of federal hatcheries for our state's trout fishery:"

**Scott Poore** – Manager, Walhalla State Fish Hatchery, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources wrote, "The simple answer to your question is no, we cannot maintain current production if Erwin closes and all else remains the same. There were 2.08 million eggs produced here at Walhalla in 2010. Of that total, 618,918 eggs came from Erwin which is 30% of our total egg production. All eggs received from Erwin are rainbow trout eggs which as you know, is the species we stock the most of in SC trout waters. So, if you break this down further, we are slated to receive approximately 700,000 eggs from Erwin annually (the 2010 number is slightly lower but we still met production goals). Of our rainbow trout production, that accounts for approximately 70-75% of our total rainbow production.

We receive four genetic strains of rainbow trout from Erwin that allows us to have mature, stockable fish throughout the year. Lose these four strains and we're down to the one genetic strain we produce here. Under the current production goals, that means that we would have rainbows available in the spring only, perhaps holding some back for stocking mountain lakes.

Additionally, the mitigation (12") fish would be directly impacted as well. Approximately 54% of our mitigation fish come from Erwin. The US Army Corps of Engineers supplement our budget by producing these fish. So, not only does this impact us from

merely egg production it also affects the facility financially. With that being said, we can purchase eggs from a private grower to replace these lost fish, but the last estimate I received was around \$40K. If all state and tribal hatcheries lose their eggs from these federal hatcheries facing closure, then supply and demand could significantly affect that price.

I know that you are well aware of our state's budget issues and the cuts our agency has faced. Lose the eggs, the income that trout angling produces for our state, and it could be extremely detrimental to the hatchery."

On 6/16/2011, **Steve Moyer**, Trout Unlimited Vice President of Government Affairs advised:

Please visit our online action center to support funding for the mitigation hatcheries of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which are at risk of closure because of proposed funding cuts.

**WHY WE CARE:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed a \$11 million cut to the National Fish Hatchery System, and specifically a \$6 million cut to the National Fish Hatchery operations account for the mitigation hatchery system. There are 9 mitigation hatcheries nationwide at risk, 7 of which are in the Southeast. These hatcheries provide valuable recreational fisheries, and help to provide over 3,000 jobs and account for \$325 million in economic benefits to local communities and states.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** Please visit our online action center today and write to your representative and ask that they help restore funding for the Fish and Wildlife Service mitigation hatchery system.

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### The Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery in Suches GA will remain open.

**Editor's Notes:** The following is reprinted from the June Newsletter of the Blue Ridge Mountain TU Chapter.

Concerning the Rock Creek Hatchery, here is the latest from Deborah Burger, the manager of the hatchery. The hatchery will stay open with all employees remaining on staff. Production will be reduced by 20%, and all improvements and repairs planned for the upcoming fiscal year will be cancelled. The plan is NOT to stock TVA waters, including below the Blue Ridge Dam. However, Deborah thinks either the State or TVA will step up to the plate and make sure these waters are stocked. Only time (and politics) will tell. <http://www.fws.gov/chattahoocheeforest/>

The goals of the Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery are:



- Fulfilling mitigation responsibilities and providing recreational fishing opportunities for Federal water development projects via a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia.
- Fulfilling Tribal Trust responsibilities by providing technical assistance and rainbow trout to Native American Tribes.
- Partnering with federal and state agencies and conservation groups to study and monitor the status of aquatic populations and to improve aquatic habitat of rare fishes as well as other aquatic species in TN, AL, GA, KY and NC.
- Providing recreational fishing opportunities on Service lands.
- Assisting in the recovery of threatened and imperiled fish.
- Developing and implementing conservation education programs

To read more: <http://www.ngatu692.com/Hatchery.html>

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### Motorized Off-Road Vehicles No Longer Allowed in Georgia Waterways

Now that HB 207 is a law, enforcement is the key to keeping motorized vehicles out of Georgia's rivers and streams. If you see someone riding an ATV in a river or stream, chances are they are breaking the law (although it should be noted that the law does not apply to roads or streams on private property and there are exemptions for certain types of ATV use). This activity can be reported to any state enforcement agency—local police, the DNR, highway patrol, etc. So keep an eye out and thanks to everyone from the grassroots to the grasstops who made this happen!

"This came about for a few different reasons," says Gordon Rogers, who was the Satilla Riverkeeper at the time the Brantley

County Ordinance was passed. It wasn't long before Brantley County's new ordinance got statewide attention. It wasn't just South Georgia rivers that were being affected by irresponsible ATV use. Trout Streams in North Georgia were being treated poorly by ATV riders as well. According to Gordon Rogers, "Trout Unlimited really kicked in support for the statewide bill and brought the support of some state Senators from North Georgia like Chip Rogers and Jim Butterworth."

To read more:

<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/420085/53722b3091/1567500539/86fc89de8c/#successc>

Click [HERE](#) for a look at HB 207.



## "BACKCASTING"

**June 4 (Sat) Mentoring - Annual Kids Fishing Event** at Tallulah River with USFS & GA WRD; 5 Rabun TU Chapter members assisted. It was beautiful weather and perfect water conditions. The Chapter had a table set up to answer questions. Chapter members walked the stream helping the kids and taking pictures. Many TU application brochures were given out. Each kid got a Stream Explorer application in their registration package. Approximately 165 kids registered for the event. The GA DNR did a great job of stocking the river with lots of hungry trout. Many kids caught their limit of trout; nearly everyone caught at least one or two. 59 tickets were sold for the Mack Martin Rod Raffle. Report filed by Pat Hopton.

### The Tallulah River Kids Fishing Event - PASSING IT ON!







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**June 5 – 10 (Sun – Fri) Mentoring - 8<sup>th</sup> Annual GEORGIA TROUT CAMP:** 19 Rabun TU members volunteered to help.

Once again twenty-four young anglers are now better trained and better equipped than most folks you'll meet on our trout streams. Twenty-one guys and three girls eagerly soaked up all that was offered to them by volunteer mentors and instructors from Trout Unlimited, DNR and the Forest Service. The weather and the trout cooperated as we dodged a few showers and all campers landed a trout.

Our camp is an effort of all of Trout Unlimited in Georgia. All of the 13 chapters sent campers and about 40 volunteers from over half the chapters in our state gave of their time and knowledge to "pass it on" to another generation. As always Mack Martin put together all our equipment and taught the casting classes. Once again Terry Rivers led all the fly tying sessions along with his other duties.. like driving the Gator. A number of folks spent the entire week in camp...Garland Stewart, Louisa Buckner, Pat Bradley, Doug Reid, Ray Gentry, Fred Ruppel, Sherman Head, Bill Day, John Humphrey, Ed Chamberlain, Ben Telenko and Frank "Iron Man" Tolbert. New TU member "Scotty" Scott was there most of the week.

Guest appearances by Duane Stalnaker, Jimmy Harris, Jeff Durniak and Doug Adams helped the campers learn how and where to fish and how to be a good sportsman. Our five Young Mentors..Daylan Green, Brian John, Austin Summers, Austin Gilleland and Kevin Lash..offered their knowledge and leadership to help the campers have a productive and enjoyable week.

There is an unbelievable amount of work that goes into all the planning, coordination and correspondence that takes place before camp even starts. Kathy puts all that stuff together and, when camp ends, settles all accounts with all involved.

Thanks to all who participated and supported the Georgia Trout Camp in any way. It takes all of us to accomplish what we just did. Let's do it even better next year.

Tight Lines, Charlie Breithaupt, Camp Director

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia Trout Camp – PASSING IT ON!**











To see more Camp photos, click <http://rabuntu.org/site/gallery/educational-programs/>  
**The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia Trout Camp – PASSING IT ON!**

**June 18 (Sat) Rabun TU Stekoa Creek Clean-up Day.** – The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited conducted its second annual clean up of a section of Stekoa Creek. This time, 13 of its members partnered with representatives of the Chattooga Conservancy, Troop 6 of the Clayton Boy Scouts and several like minded and concerned citizens that responded to the clean up notice posted in the Rabun Town Crier.



As annoying as a "pop-up" on my computer screen, the word **WHY**, in bold letters, blocks everything in my mind's eye. This occurred to me after my first glance at the picture of the 5X10 ft. trailer containing several large trash bags of debris, a construction barrier, 3 car tires, and a variety of metals and plastics.

In about three hours, all of this was collected on about a one mile stretch of the Stekoa Creek, which parallels Hwy 441, as it flows through the city of Clayton, Ga. The project area was from the newly established Stekoa Creek Park next to the Georgia

Mountain Market parking lot, down to the bridge that crosses over it, just below McDonalds.

You really cannot nor should not point your finger at the property owners or businesses, who so willingly gave their support of this project by granting access to the portion of creek that borders their property. Some one once told me, "always remember this..... "If you point a condemning finger at someone, you always have at least three pointing back at you."

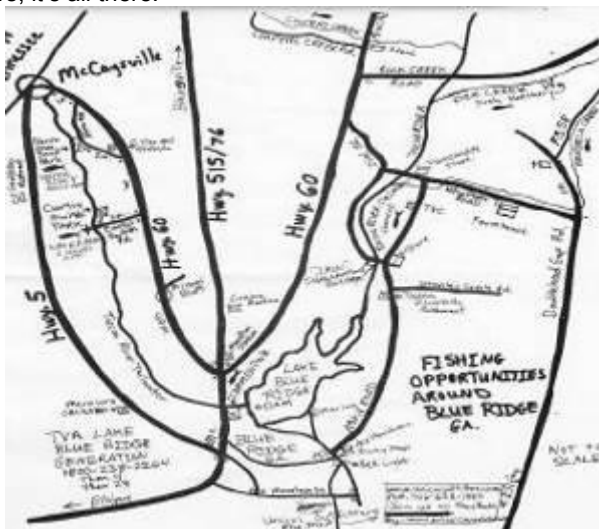
This rubbish could have come from many different scenarios. Such as bad weather, i.e., high wind and water flows, things falling out, being blown out, or mindlessly being tossed out of any vehicle passing up or down HWY 441; or, from the several bridges that cross this stretch of the creek. Nevertheless, it made its way into the creek channel and eventually into the creek itself.

As a community, we must first police our own conscience, then accept the responsibility and own the accountability of our actions and deeds. As an individual, we must educate ourselves and the next generation that cold, clean water is not only vital to us, but to every living thing that exists downstream.

In closing, I would like to offer up a well earned and deserved **"Thank You"** to all who participated in this event. Also, to all the private and business property owners who supported us by granting their access to the creek. Gail and I would also like to express our gratitude to Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt for their hospitality. And, last but certainly not least, to my wife, Gail, who patiently has always got my back covered! (especially when it comes to spelling). Sincerely, Frank. Report submitted by Frank Tolbert – River Clean-up Project Leader



**June 21 (Tues) Chapter Meeting** – 22 attended. David (& Becky) Hulsey, Unicoi Outfitters (guide, author, photographer, and Blue Ridge store manager) presented an interesting and very informative program titled “Trouting opportunities near Blue Ridge”. The presentation was complete with a PowerPoint slide show and hand out maps (see below). Tailwater, Delayed Harvest, wild trout and stocked waters, it’s all there!



The **Meeting Raffle** had 6 buckets and raised \$67 to be used toward the cost of mailing newsletters to members without E-mail and for the meeting hospitality expenses. Thanks to **Terry Rivers** for handling the meeting raffle. A BIG “Thank You” goes to all the Rabunites who donated the items and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets.

**June 28 (Tues) BOD Meeting – members participated** Some agenda items include: Recaps – 5/28 Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up, 6/3 & 4 Southeastern Fly Fishing Festival, 6/4 Annual Kids Fishing Event at Tallulah River, 6/5–10 8<sup>th</sup> Annual GEORGIA TROUT CAMP, 6/9 Donation of Long Bottom Campout for 2 people to DU Banquet, 6/14 Free Fly Tying Session at Kountry Vittles, 6/18 Stekoa Creek Clean-up Day Status Updates – Nominations: 3 new directors, Chattooga anglers E-diary, 2011 Rod Raffle, Gift Fly Rod from National TU for our EAS donation, DRAFT Revised Chapter Bylaws, Outreach to Scouts for Merit Badges & Stream Explorer Members, Membership Recruit & Retention Plan(s), Water Sampling of Brookie Streams, Design of Chapter Logo Upcoming – 7/12 Annual Electro-Shock Sampling of the Chattooga River, 7/19 Annual Family Picnic New Business – Volunteers ½ Day on Thursdays for Burton Hatchery, \$5000 set aside in 2011 budget for non-brook trout stream structure maintenance, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chapter & 25<sup>th</sup> Rabun Rendezvous Reports – Publicity, Membership Retention, Treasury Report

### Letter to the Rabunites



### Volunteers for the Burton Hatchery

The plan for Rabun Trout Unlimited members to work as volunteers at the Burton Hatchery has been postponed until further notice. Georgia DNR is reviewing its policy on volunteers.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We wish for **Lewis Reeves Jr.**, **Betty Wyatt** and **Terry Rivers** that they all get to feeling better soon.



## Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Recreation Management Plan

### [Upper Chattooga River Environmental Assessment](#)

Last year, on December 9<sup>th</sup> the Forest Service re-initiated the NEPA process on recreation uses on the upper Chattooga River (North Fork) by scoping a proposed action. The agency asked the public for any new information. To see the 48 “new” public comments submitted in January, click [HERE](#). To read the Forest Service’s response (4/14/11) to these comments, click [HERE](#).

Meanwhile the status quo (no boating) continues on the North Fork as the boaters’ second lawsuit is proceeding to a court trial.

The boaters’ lawsuit calls for immediate and unregulated boating access (anytime, any number of boats, and at any water level).

## Rabun TU Lending Library News



To see the lists of items in the Library, click on: <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/chapter-lending-library/>

The library is available for Rabun Chapter members and guests.

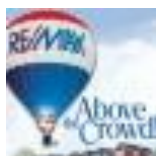
For more information, contact Charlie, the Chapter Librarian. Ph 706 782 6954 E-mail [knc615@windstream.net](mailto:knc615@windstream.net)

Do you have a book, book on tape or CD, video tape, or DVD that you would donate to the Chapter Library?

All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501c3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

## THANK YOU

**Georgia Women FlyFishers** <http://www.georgiawomenflyfishing.com/> for your cash donation to the Tom Landreth Memorial Fund  
<http://rabuntu.org/site/join-support/the-chapters-special-funds/>



**RE/MAX of Rabun** (click [HERE](#)) for providing the conference room for the Rabun TU monthly meetings.

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite “WELCOME” to **7 new members** this month: **JOHN EDWARDS**, PO BOX 527, CLAYTON GA 30525; **LARRY HUTCHENS**, 103 VALLEY RIDGE DRIVE, PERRY GA 31069; **BILL SETZER**, 12151 CLAY CITY RD, FAIRHOPE AL 36532-6511; **THOMAS WEST**, PO BOX 53, LAKEMONT GA 30552-1; **HAMPTON WILLIAMS**, 922 TIGER CONNECTOR, TIGER GA 30576-2306; **DANIEL FOUNTAIN** (Stream Explorer), 1224 POOL CREEK ROAD, CLAYTON GA 30525 & **VICTORIA WELCH** (Stream Explorer), PO BOX 386, CLAYTON GA 30525.

Thanks for re-upping: **Tim McClure**, **Steven & Elizabeth Perry**, **Mike Fuller**, **Chuck Breithaupt**, **Dale Powell**, **Robert Larsen & Kevin Lash**.

It is time to renew your membership: **Billy Cook**, **Donald Early**, **Patsy Gentry**, **Warren Stiles**, **Howell Freeman**, **David F. Nichols**, **Ronald Smith**, **Tom Matthews**, **Stephen Wilson**, **Arnold Deitz**, **Pat Gorman**, **Troy Meek & Kirk Allen Thompson**.

### The Board of Directors offers the following nominations for Rabun TU Chapter's F/Y2012 Officers and Directors:

President – [Pat Hopton](#); Vice President – [Steve Perry](#); Treasurer – [Tony Allred](#); Secretary – [Ray Gentry](#); Directors thru F/Y 2015: [Kent Wilson](#) & [Frank Patton](#) (replacing retiring Directors Charlie & Kathy Breithaupt); Director thru 2013: [Glenn English](#) (for the unexpired term of Steve Perry). Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Aug. & Sept. Chapter meetings.

Election will be at the Sept. Chapter meeting. F/Y 2012 begins October 1, 2011 .

## Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2011

**President – Larry Walker** (w/Mtg Refreshments, Media, Awards & Budget)

**Vice President - Pat Hopton** (w/Website, Social Media, NGTO & Rod raffle)

**Treasurer - Tony Allred** (w/Reports & Budgets, Entrance table at R/R)

**Secretary - Ray Gentry** (w/Correspondence, BOD Mtg Minutes & Scouts fishing event)

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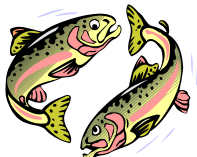
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### Letter From The Chapter President

Fellow Rabunites,

Well, we did it! We held several conservation and youth outreach events very successfully right through the peak of Spring fishing season. It was a busy, but very rewarding, time. I hope you were able to participate in one or many of the events.

As has become the norm, Trout Camp was awesome. We are truly blessed to have Kathy and Charlie amongst us. Their leadership, and the countless volunteers, led to an event that is unmatched across TU.

We also completed the dirtiest job of the year under Frank Tolbert's leadership. Thanks to Frank, Rabun County's Boy Scout Troup 6 and the Chattooga Conservancy, Stekoa Creek is cleaner. Perhaps more important, more of the public is aware of that creek's need for continued help.

July will bring a couple fun events. The Chattooga stream shocking is work, but much more fun type work than the Stekoa Creek cleanup. Also, our annual cookout at Kelly's park is an annual highlight. Hope you can make both.

Happy Trails, *Larry*

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