



TIGHT LINES May 2007 Newsletter of the

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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"I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it." W. C. Fields

THE MAY MEETING is the ANNUAL FAMILY COOKOUT! with Mentoring of Girl & Boy Scouts Fishing the Lake

Place - Indian Lake Picnic Shelter on the Campus of RGNS – Rabun Gap, GA

Tuesday – May 15 5:00 pm – Fellowship & Lake Fishing 7:00 pm – Cook-out Meal
(Directions – go north on US 441, turn left at the Rabun Gap Post Office, go ¼ mile & turn left, go ¼ mile & turn right, go to end of road)

The Chapter will provide the hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, plates, etc.
Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, veggies, salad, chips, or a desert.
There will not be a raffle at the Family Cookout.

"These brook trout will strike any fly you present, provided you don't get close enough to present it." Dick Blaylock

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates - See you there!

May 2 – 6 (Wed - Sun) Camping & Fishing Chattooga Backcountry with Camping at Cherry Hill C.G. (with hot shower, flush toilets & tables) Nice place, great fishing & fellowship. Location: Off SC Hwy 107, 1.5 mile south of Burrell's Ford Rd intersection. You need to contact Terry Rivers Ph 706 782 7419 E-mail tlr1121@alltel.net He plans the menu and buys the grub! Y'all Come! Bring a friend! WAAAAAHWHOOOO!

May 5 (Sat) Tailwater Chapter of Trout Unlimited Fundraiser <http://tailwatertu.com>

May 15 (Tues) Annual Family Cookout with Mentoring of Girl & Boy Scouts 5 PM at Indian Lake on RGNS campus; Bring a side dish (see above box for directions)

May 18 (Fri) Community Awareness Day, Rabun County Civic Center; 8 am to 10 set-up; 10:30 am – 6 pm, Volunteers needed to help man the Rabun TU booth.

May 19 (Sat) Workday - Betty Creek 9 am, Driving north on US441, turn left into the first driveway past the Betty Creek Bridge as you enter Dillard. Bring loppers, saws, potato rakes, pole pruners, work gloves, waders, water bottle, etc. We will be in the creek clearing low limbs and preparing for the 2007 GA Trout Camp.

May 19 (Sat) Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited
<http://www.blueridgemountaintuonline.com/> High Country Boil

May 22 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, Beside a trout stream

May 29 (Tues) GA TU Council Meeting, 6:30 Bass Pro Shops

June 3 (Sun) Chattooga River Clean-up, Meet 8 AM at Highway 28 Bridge, Clean-up from bridge downstream to Earl's Ford. For details visit, <http://www.georgia-outdoors.com/forum/showthread.php?t=60890>

June 9 (Sat) USFS Kids Fishing Event – Tallulah River

June 10 - 15th (Sun – Fri) 2007 GEORGIA TROUT CAMP

June 18 & 19 (Mon & Tues) Workday – Campout on Monday and Reed Creek electro-fishing sampling with GA WRD on Tuesday.

June 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust

Program - Allison Hughes, GA DNR: *Adopt-A-Stream & Trout-in-the-Classroom*

June 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust

July 14 (Sat) 1-Day Fly Fishing School for Adults Rabun County Recreation Center

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



LIGHT CAHILL

To me, the light Cahill represents the ideal of the traditional dry fly. The Cahills are fine choices for imitating mayflies (from dark to light) and for imitating other insects. Dan Cahill created the Light Cahill on the east coast, but they used all over the world.

Hook: Standard Dry Fly – Sizes 10 – 20

Thread: Yellow 8/0 or 6/0

Wings: Wood Duck or Dyed Mallard

Tail: Ginger Hackle Fibers

Body: Cream Dubbing

Hackle: Ginger

"When you study the entomological fundamentals of fly fishing in the sport's many how-to books, the Bug Big Three - stonefly, mayfly and caddis - take on mythic qualities."

From I Don't Know Why I Swallowed The Fly by Jessica Maxwell



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.

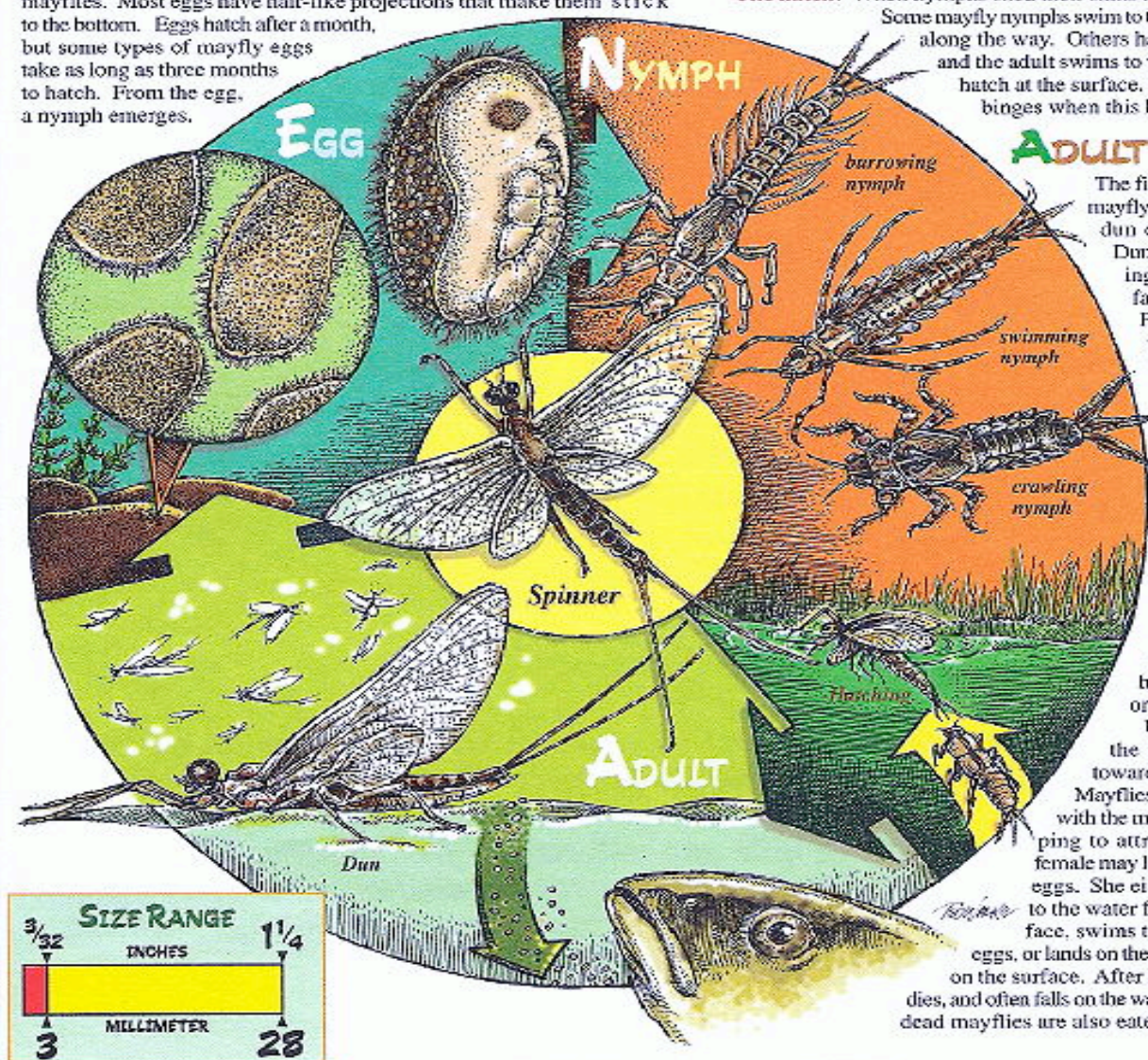
Bats, birds and other insects eat them as they fly away from the water. The duns fly to streamside trees and brush.

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.



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May Hatches

The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies
None at all	All Month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Cream Caddis	Early	M day to L pm	12-14 Elk Hair Caddis 12-14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
Small Dun Caddis	Early	L am to M pm	16-18 Gray Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 16-18 Gray Caddis Pupa
March Brown Mayfly (Important)	Early	L am to M pm 10-14 March Brown Nymph, Dark Hare's Ear, or Pheasant Tail	12-14 Adams or March Brown Parachutes
Speckled Gray Caddis	All Month	M to L pm	12-14 Dark Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 12-14 Dun & Yel/Brn Caddis Pupa
Yellow Stonefly	All Month	E to L am L pm to dark	14-16 Yellow Stimulator or Elk Hair Caddis (Yellow) 14-16 Yellow Stone Nymph
Giant Black Stonefly	All Month	E am	4-8 Black Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly (Very Important)	All Month	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Sulphur Mayfly (Important)	All Month	L pm to Dark	14-18 Sulphur Comparadun; Light Cahill; Cream Variant 14-16 Sulphur Nymph or Emerger, Pheasant Tail
Golden Stonefly	Late	E am	4-8 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Brown & Slate Drakes	Late	L am to L pm	8-14 Adams, Blue Dun, or March Brown Parachutes 8-14 March Brown Nymph, Dark Hare's Ear, or Pheasant Tail
Green Drake Mayfly (Important)	Late	L am to L pm	8-10 Green Drake 8-10 Green Drake Nymph
Coffin Fly (Green Drake Spinner) (Awesome)		L pm to an hour after dark	8-10 Spent Wing or Parachute Coffin Fly
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

“ WHY ALL THE FUSS ABOUT THE GREEN DRAKE MAYFLY?”

'Website-of-the-Month': http://www.flyfishingnc.com/articles/Greendrake_Hatches_NC2.php

2007 Georgia Trout Camp Application Process

Charlie Breithaupt, the Camp Director, is taking applications NOW from other GA TU Chapters for the **2007 Georgia Trout Camp**. Only twenty-four campers (boys and girls from ages 12 – 15) will be enrolled for the 2007 Georgia Trout Camp, June 10 – 15th. For details, visit: http://georgiatu.org/html/trout_camp.html
Or contact **Charlie Breithaupt, Camp Director** Ph 706 782 6954 E-mail knc615@windstream.net

Congratulations to the two campers sponsored by the Rabun Chapter of trout Unlimited, they are
Rabun TU Member **Jake Shelton** of Clayton GA and

Hodges Willis of Stone Mountain, GA (his sister, **Rebecca**, is coming through the Gold Rush Chapter in Dahlonega).

Visitor Use Capacity Analysis, Upper Chattooga River

USFS Status Update, March 30, 2007 <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/forest/projects/updatemarch.shtml>

We are close to completing Step 4 of the Limits of Acceptable Change (LAC) process.

Data Collection: The following list shows components of the data collection process. As each component is completed, the results will be posted and used to complete an integrated report. These results will also become the building blocks for completing [Steps 5, 6 and 7 of the LAC process](#).

Limited Use Monitoring Summary: Members of the public have submitted 875 count cards. These cards contain data about

vehicle use. These counts are ongoing and will be completed by the end of summer.

Expert Panels: The purpose of the expert panel assessment was to gain information about boating and angling opportunities on the upper Chattooga River with particular attention to boaters and anglers flow preferences for these activities. The assessment included two separate panels: a whitewater boater panel and an angler panel. [Expert Panel Blue Assessment Report](#)

Literature Review: Work continues.

Chattooga River History Project Literature Review and Interview Summary: The goal of this report is to describe the basis for the 1976 boating prohibition and other relevant capacity issues. [Report](#)

Biophysical Impacts: Data collection for the portion of the river from Grimshawes Bridge to Tugaloo Lake has been completed. A summary of the findings will be posted in the near future.

Flow Monitoring: Data analysis to correlate Burrell's Ford and Highway 76 gages is ongoing. A data logger has been installed at the Warwoman Bridge in the West Fork.

Integrated Report: All of the Information contained in the summaries and reports listed above will be compiled and analyzed as part of the integrated report. This report will summarize key findings of opportunities, indicators and standards, a review of potential management activities to allow them, and show advantages and disadvantages of additional data collection. This report will be the backbone for developing alternatives in [Step 8 of LAC](#).

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Management of the Ellicott Rock Wilderness section of the W&S North Fork of the Chattooga River

The Ellicott Rock Area provides an example of the importance of balancing competing uses. In 1975, Ellicott Rock Scenic Area was re-designated as the Ellicott Rock Wilderness (ERW). Like a magnet, the new Wilderness label soon made ERW the most visited Wilderness in the entire Forest Service system (measured as visitors / acre / year). The ERW Management Emphasis: *"The emphasis is to allow ecological and biological processes to progress naturally with little to no human influence or intervention, except the minimum impacts made by those who seek the wilderness as a special place that offers opportunities to experience solitude."* (Quote from page 3-1 of the Sumter Forest Plan) Obviously, LWD (large woody debris) in the river should not be manipulated, especially to facilitate visitor recreation. And trout have never been stocked in the ERW. The management must not in any way degrade the wilderness character of the ERW, including its biophysical or social / experiential values.

The ERW was designated *"in order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition"* 16 U.S.C. § 1131(a). The ERW congressional designation (Public Law 93-622) described the need to protect Eastern wilderness as "urgent" due to overuse. Congress also noted that areas of wilderness are *"increasingly threatened by pressures of growing and more mobile populations ... and uses inconsistent with the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of the areas wilderness character."* The intent of designation was clearly to protect wilderness areas from overuse, not for unlimited recreation.

The ERW management plan does not allow recreational gold panning, horses, or floating (all are Wilderness compliant uses). With the ERW already experiencing impaired wildness and solitude, the Limits of Acceptable Change (LAC) must be established before there is any consideration for adding another user group. For more on LAC, visit, [Sumter NF LAC](#)

To review the Wilderness Act, visit: [Wilderness.Net](#)

Editor's Notes: George Nickas, Executive Director of Wilderness Watch in Missoula MT (and a member of Friends of the Upper Chattooga), recently pointed out the following concerning management of the ERW:

Howard Zahniser, executive director of The Wilderness Society from 1945 through 1964 and primary author of the 1964 Wilderness Act, made it clear on many occasions that recreation is not the purpose of the Act, that it is an allowable use provided that the area's wilderness character is not impaired. But as he stated and we know today, some areas might be closed entirely to recreation in order to protect wildlife. Certainly if an area can be closed to all recreational use, it can be closed to a single type of recreation use. The following is a quote from Zahniser's testimony before Congress: *"Recreational needs for wilderness are indeed pressing. They are provided for in the policy and program that the Wilderness Act will establish. At the same time wilderness may fittingly be preserved on areas where recreation would be damaging to other interests--such as wildlife preservation. On these areas recreation, or other conflicting uses, would be excluded. The lands would be devoted to the peculiar use for which they have been established--but so administered for this purpose as to preserve its wilderness."* (Hearings before the Subcommittee on Public Lands of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, House of Representatives, 87th Congress, Second Session, 5/7-11/ 1962)

About Wilderness Watch (WW): Founded in 1989, it is the only national organization whose sole focus is the preservation and proper stewardship of lands and rivers already included in the National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS) and National Wild & Scenic Rivers System (NWSRS). This organization grew out of the concern that while much emphasis is being placed on adding new areas to these systems, the conditions of existing Wilderness and W&S rivers are largely being ignored. WW believes that the stewardship of these remarkable wild places must be assured through independent citizen oversight, education, and the continual monitoring of federal management activities. Visit, [WildernessWatch](#)

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Zoning of conflicting uses is good stewardship, not discrimination. Stewardship encompasses far more than picking up litter; it includes the protection of the aesthetic values of natural resources such as remoteness and wildness, the proper regard for the rights of others to solitude, and the responsibility of preserving these values intact for future generations.

Obviously, however this issue is resolved it will be precedent setting with far reaching consequences into the future and across all federal agencies that manage and zone recreational waters. You need to share your views NOW.

Have you experienced user conflict or interference from whitewater boating on a mountain trout stream? Is it worse now than it was 20 years ago? What's it going to be like in another 20 years? Do we need more stream sections zoned like the North Fork of the Upper Chattooga, for "foot travel only"? If you have an opinion, please take a few minutes and tell the Forest Service.

SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO: PROJECT COORDINATOR – JOHN CLEEVES, E-MAIL jcleeves@fs.fed.us

USDA FOREST SERVICE, 4931 BROAD RIVER ROAD, COLUMBIA, SC 29212

FOR MORE INFO ON THE VISITOR USE CAPACITY ANALYSIS, VISIT: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/forest/projects/chattbackground.shtml>

Stekoa Creek Update

Stekoa Creek is classified as primary trout water, and should be capable of supporting trout reproduction. Stekoa Creek is also infamous as a major, very polluted tributary to the National Wild & Scenic Chattooga River. The City of Clayton is entirely in the Stekoa Creek watershed. Persistent lack of corrective actions by state and local authorities to address excessive fecal coliform and sediment levels has been responsible for the continued deterioration of the stream for over 30 years.

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A BIG Rabunite "Thank You" to the members of the **Upper Chattahoochee Chapter of TU** (Roswell GA) for their donation of \$500 to the Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project. Last month the **GA Council of TU** donated \$600. For info on where you can send a personal donation, visit <http://www.chattoogariver.org/index.php?req=stekoa>

Fifteen members of Rabun TU have volunteered their time and vehicle expenses to drive the water samples to the certified laboratory in Jefferson, GA (132 mile round trip) on Tuesday mornings. The volunteer schedule through the summer is as follows: Charlie Breithaupt (5/1), Bill Kelly (5/8), Russell Johnson (5/15), Fritz Vinson (5/22), Ray Gentry (5/29), Jimmy Whiten (6/5), Travis Barnes (6/12), Tom Matthews (6/19), Doug Adams (6/26), Ray Kearns (7/3), Gary Deal (7/10), Terry Rivers (7/17), Tom Landreth (7/24), Lea Richmond (7/31), Russell Johnson (8/7), Ray Gentry (8/14), Larry Walker (8/21), Kathy Breithaupt (8/28), Charlie Breithaupt (9/4), and Jimmy Whiten (9/11).

If you can volunteer to be a driver of samples to the lab, contact Doug Adams, Ph 706 746 2158; E-mail edadams1@alltel.net

Reclaiming trout habitat one stream at a time, Smoky Mountain News (4/11/2007) Trout Unlimited has awarded a local chapter a \$3,000 grant to restore habitat for rainbow and brown trout in a tributary of the Chattooga River. The Rabun County Trout Unlimited Chapter based in North Georgia will target Stekoa Creek, one of the largest tributaries to the Chattooga River. Stekoa Creek is highly polluted, however, and is the single greatest threat to the Chattooga's water quality. While Stekoa Creek is designated as "primary trout waters," poor water quality currently prevents wild trout from naturally reproducing in the stream. The Embrace-A-Stream grant will enable the expansion of a water sampling and monitoring program in Stekoa Creek and will speed discovery of pollution sources and hopefully help clean up not only Stekoa Creek but the Chattooga River. "This Embrace-A-Stream grant will speed up our efforts to restore the water quality of Stekoa Creek to its designated uses as a primary

trout stream and a recreation resource," said Doug Adams, project manager for TU's Rabun Chapter. "This stream has some quality trout habitat, and once we improve the water quality, the recreational trout fishery will come back." The Chattooga Conservancy and Georgia Department of Natural Resources will participate in the project as well. "Grassroots habitat work is an important part of Trout Unlimited's annual conservation effort," said Charles Gauvin, TU President and Chief Executive Officer. "Embrace-A-Stream grants fund serious work that makes a difference in protecting and restoring our coldwater resources." Trout Unlimited has more than 160,000 members nationwide dedicated to the protection and restoration of trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. Visit, http://www.smokymountainnews.com:80/issues/04_07/04_11_07/out_reclaiming_trout.html (a similar article was in The Clayton Tribune on 4/19/2007)

Clayton sewer plant expansion debate set by Donald Fraser, excerpt from The Clayton Tribune (4/4/2007) Whether Clayton will be able to expand its sewage treatment plant may be open for debate. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division held a hearing Thursday evening (April 12) at the Rabun County Courthouse to take public comment on the proposed expansion.

EPD is first held a public meeting at 7 p.m. to allow Clayton officials to describe the treatment plant expansion plans. Public comments were taken at 8 p.m. after the public meeting. Clayton currently has a permit to treat 800,000 gallons daily. Plans call for Clayton to expand its treatment capacity to 1 million gallons and subsequently to 2 million gallons daily.

Doug Adams, Stekoa Creek Project Manager for Rabun TU, sent the following Rabun TU comments to GA EPD:

Stekoa Creek is classified as primary trout water, and should be capable of supporting trout reproduction. Stekoa Creek is also infamous as a major, very polluted tributary to the National Wild & Scenic Chattooga River. Georgia Wildlife Resources Division has no data that indicates that Stekoa Creek is supporting trout reproduction. Stekoa Creek receives trout stocking 4 times per year. It has a year-round fishing season. However, most people from the community would not fish or even wade the 14 miles of Stekoa Creek between Clayton and the confluence with the Chattooga River--they know better. The City of Clayton is entirely in the Stekoa Creek watershed.

Item 8 of the DRAFT permit: "Watershed Assessment and Watershed Protection Plan": We fully support this innovative provision of the DRAFT permit. However, we believe that allowing the proposed expansion of Clayton's Wastewater Treatment Plant is putting the cart before the horse.

The failed portion of the system is not the treatment plant; it is the sewage collection system. Consider the following:

> In 2005 the City of Clayton commissioned a study of the sewage collection system that documented 188 defects in the system, some of which were classified as emergency health hazards.

> The City of Clayton's sewage collection is a gravity-flow system that primarily follows Stekoa Creek and its tributaries.

> Raw sewage escaping from the broken/leaking sewage collection system is a major contributor to pollution problems in Stekoa Creek as well as with the National Wild and Scenic Chattooga River.

> Two years of water quality monitoring by the Chattooga Conservancy verify levels of fecal coliform in Stekoa Creek watershed that far exceed allowable levels for swimming and other human uses. Several major sewage spills from the sewage collection system have also been documented.

> Infiltration of storm water into the sewage collection system is a chronic problem affecting the operations of Clayton's wastewater treatment plant.

> Infiltration of storm water into the sewer system has been documented at the Clayton wastewater treatment plant as recently as March of this year, where 1.2 million gallons of mixed storm water and raw sewage overloaded the hydraulic capacity of the treatment plant and caused the release of partially treated effluent directly into Stekoa Creek.

Therefore, the aging and failing sewage collection system must receive the highest priority, not the expansion of a wastewater treatment plant that normally operates at half its hydraulic capacity and well within its NPDES permit limits.

The present facility serves 3 municipalities (Clayton, Mountain City, and Tiger). The long-term sewage treatment needs of Rabun County cannot be met by expanding the City of Clayton's

wastewater treatment plant located in close proximity to a flood plane in a congested and highly developed (hardened) watershed.

The sewage treatment needs are a Rabun County problem. The county should be addressing present and future sewage treatment needs of the entire US 441 North-South corridor (20 miles long) including the additional communities of North Tallulah Falls, Lakemont, Wiley, Rabun Gap, Dillard and Sky Valley.

There is a 3 to 4 MGD activated sludge wastewater treatment plant with a valid NPDES permit sitting idle in Rabun Gap. This facility is located on the site of the vacant Fruit of the Loom textile plant. It is quite obvious that the adjoining manufacturing facility will never host another textile dyeing operation. The wastewater treatment plant could readily serve the county's water pollution abatement needs for the long-term economic growth into the foreseeable future.

The Clayton wastewater treatment plant could be replaced with a lift station and a 6-mile long discharge pipe. Then the City of Clayton could focus all of its available resources on the watershed protection plan and replacing the failing sewage collection system.

The following article and the lead editorial is reprinted from

Excerpts from the front page article (4/19/2007):

Public voices sewer concerns By Blake Spurney, Editor
The Clayton Tribune (4/19/2007) While not exactly a scene out of Whoville, a group of residents banded together April 12 to call for an improvement of Clayton's sewer system infrastructure. Georgia Environmental Protection Division officials held a public hearing on the proposed expansion of the city's wastewater plant. Almost everyone who spoke at the hearing suggested that approval of the city's request be tied to fixing existing lines. Jeffrey Larson, EPD assistant branch chief, said the state would evaluate the comments before making a final analysis on whether to expand the plant's permitted capacity from 800,000 gallons of treated sewage per day to 1 million-2 million gpd. A decision is expected within 60-90 days. Larson said one good thing he heard from local residents during the question-and-answer session and subsequent hearing was a lot of people talking about solutions. "That is true ownership," he said. He added that fixing the city's leaking lines only could be accomplished from a grassroots movement. "I'm really heartened that there's this much conversation. About 60 people attended the meeting. Developer Morton Campbell said the city needed to stop thinking about the plant's performance and start fixing all of the infrastructure. "We've got one of the most polluted creeks in the Southeast, and it's going into the Chattooga," he said. During the hearing - statements from it went into the official record - Brian Jacobson said he was one of 80,000 people affected by Stekoa Creek. He was speaking on behalf of American Whitewater and said Clayton had the responsibility for protecting the creek. Jacobson, an environmental engineer, said the permit appeared well written, but he offered several suggestions that would strengthen the city's requirements and help protect the creek. Doug Adams of Rabun Gap said the sewer system was a county problem, and that the county's future needs should be addressed. The idle Fruit of the Loom plant has a valid wastewater permit, and he suggested using a facility that already was available. Nicole Hayler, with the Chattooga Conservancy, said the city's permit should be contingent upon a binding agreement between EPD and the city to redesign and replace the existing sewage collection system. The system was built in the 1950s as a gravity-flow system. Hayler said 73 percent of the 192 water samples taken in 2006 showed a level of fecal coliform above safe contact levels.

To get the permit, Clayton must develop a watershed assessment plan and watershed protection plan. The Georgia

In summary:

> We believe that the top priority is to redesign and replace the broken sewage collection system in Clayton and Mountain City before expanding Clayton's wastewater treatment plant.

> We fully support assigning the responsibility to the City of Clayton for the "Watershed Assessment and Watershed Protection Plan."

> For long-term economic development, for the health of the people, and for the protection of our natural resources, Rabun County should seize the opportunity to provide a sewage treatment system with adequate capacity to serve the north-south corridor for the foreseeable future.

We believe the City of Clayton, the Rabun County Commission, and the GA EPD should begin working as a team in a cooperative effort to restore the water quality of Stekoa Creek to its designated uses as a primary trout stream and recreational resource, and to restore the National Wild & Scenic Chattooga River downstream of the Stekoa Creek confluence to the water quality standards that have been set for swimming and associated water contact sports.

The Clayton Tribune <http://www.theclaytontribune.com/> Environmental Protection Division has asked for residents to report any Clayton sewer system leaks by calling Sam Buckles at 770-387-4910 or Stan Donehoo at 770-387-4914. To read the complete article, visit <http://www.theclaytontribune.com/articles/2007/04/20/news/news04.txt>

Lead Editorial (4/19/2007):

OUR OPINION: INVOLVED PUBLIC WANTS REPAIRS One might have a hard time finding a more passionate and intelligent group than the some 60 people who last week questioned the need on whether Clayton should expand its sewer system. Jeffrey Larson, a 25-year veteran with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, said he had seen the evolution of educated populations getting more involved in trying to solve community problems. Then he expressed his approbation of the ownership displayed during the hearing. We don't claim to have a definite answer on the need for expansion. The state claims its decision centers on water quality, not land use and zoning. Nearly everyone who spoke voiced concern about the water quality of Stekoa Creek. The tenor of the comments did not boil down to not-in-my-backyard rhetoric. Rather, it was people offering suggestions toward a solution. People from different backgrounds did a superb job of explaining the symbiotic relationship between environmental stewardship and development. For instance, if Rabun doesn't protect its resources, fewer people will see it as a destination; thus, it will be harder to sell homes. It seemed a consensus had been reached about the importance of fixing the leaky pipes so that Stekoa Creek is not a blight. EPD's Mark Beebe commended the city's continuing repair efforts, but a lot more work likely is needed before an educated assessment can be made about the necessity for expansion. We agree with the suggestions that any planned expansion be conditional on getting a handle on the existing problem. Some spoke about the availability of state or federal grants. Though that possibility should be exhausted, the city shouldn't count on it. Instead, we believe the best option is for people to continue working toward a solution. That could include raising taxes in the short term to help solve a problem long term. What's there to lose except our quality of life?

Click on,
[**We All Live Downstream**](#)

Back-the-Brookie Stream Water Sampling to be Preformed by Rabunite Volunteers

Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2007 2:11 PM

Subject: Sample Time

I believe Alex provided you with a list of streams that we would like to get sampled this spring for the on going BTB effort. Here is a listing of only those streams that we need the Rabun Chapter to sample. In many if not all cases we would like both a sample after a major rain event (1 inch) and one sample when no rain has occurred. Duncan Hughes (of North GA Tech laboratory) is preparing the sample bottles and labels for one of the two samples. As he receives samples from the chapters he will provide additional empty bottles for the second sample if one is called for. I will contact you when the bottles are ready. If you are unable to go to Clarksville to get the bottles I can bring them up to you.

From: Paul Mailman, BTB Coordinator – Blue Ridge, GA

Streams / Creeks

Ammons Branch
Bailey Branch
Emory Branch
Holcomb Creek
Metcalf Creek
Tottery Pole Creek
Tuckaluge Creek
Walnut Fork
Keener Creek
Ramey Creek
Thomas Creek
Flat Branch
Persimmon Cr No Fork

Quad

Rabun Bald
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Rabun Bald
Dillard
Rabun Bald
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Little Tenn. River
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"The tallest tale in fly-fishing is, as it should be, not about a fish but about a fly. Its name is the green drake. It is said to exist as an insect in nature, and so it does in the telling. The question, inescapable but never resolved, is whether the green drake is an imaginary being." John McDonald

What's New Elsewhere?

Rabun County - Commissioners Table UDC by Donald Fraser, *The Clayton Tribune* (3/29/2007) The Rabun County Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday to indefinitely table further consideration of its proposed Unified Development Code. The decision came after commissioners scuttled their attempt to readopt 2003-04 zoning ordinances. Commissioners retreated back to square one on readopting the 2003-04 ordinances because an incorrect zoning map was used, among other errors. Also on the agenda was a progress review of the commissioner-appointed UDC committee. The UDC was to have become a new county ordinance replacing a variety of current soil and erosion control, sign and subdivision ordinances.

To read the complete article, visit

<http://www.theclaytontribune.com/articles/2007/03/30/news/news03.txt>

GA DNR - Riverkeeper loses seat on DNR board by [STACY SHELTON](#), [SONJI JACOBS](#), *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* (4/20/07) The Georgia Senate booted the lone environmentalist from the state board charged with protecting natural resources. "It's one heck of an Earth Day present," said Sally Bethea, the executive director of the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper who — until now — was the strongest pro-environment voice on the state's 18-member Board of Natural Resources. The Senate's decision came as environmental and conservation groups statewide prepared to celebrate the 38th annual Earth Day on Sunday. Sen. Majority Leader Tommie Williams (R-Lyons), chairman of the Senate Committee on Assignments, said Bethea was dropped because she's a registered lobbyist for the Riverkeeper, an environmental advocacy group. Bethea has registered as a lobbyist since 1999, when she first joined the board.

To read the complete article, visit,

<http://www.ajc.com/search/content/metro/legis07/stories/2007/04/20/0420metlegbethea.html>

To read the AJC lead editorial on 4/25/2007 titled "**Something's fishy about this move**", visit

<http://www.ajc.com/opinion/content/opinion/stories/2007/04/25/0425eddnr.html>

USFS - Proposed national forest land sale is a bad

idea by US Rep. Bob Goodlatte (Goodlatte, a Republican, represents Roanoke VA in Congress and is Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee) (3/30/2007) The budget submitted by the President to Congress earlier this year included a proposal to sell 304,370 acres of national forests to pay for an extension of the Secure Rural Schools program. Contrary to recent reports, I think this is a bad idea and I would like to set the record straight. First and foremost, this is simply a proposal at this point in time. It is common for many proposals in the President's budget recommendation to be left out of the actual budget adopted by the Congress, and that will be the case with this massive land sale. Second, such land sales cannot take place without the explicit approval of Congress. No legislation has been introduced in the Congress to authorize such a sale. If it is, it will be referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. As the chairman of the committee, I know that it lacks support, and I can assure you this legislation would not be reported out of my committee. Nevertheless, the idea of selling capital assets to pay for short-term needs sets a bad precedent. To read the complete article, visit

<http://www.roanoke.com/editorials/commentary/wb/wb/xp-58871>

Stop I-3 Update - Coalition taps new executive director

The Stop I-3 Coalition is pleased to announce the hiring of Holly Demuth as its new executive director, effective immediately, and the election of Lucy Bartlett of Tiger, Georgia, as chair of the organization. — *Stop I-3 Board of Directors* Demuth, a graduate of Agnes Scott College, most recently served as development director of the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Before that, she worked as a development associate for the Community Foundation of Henderson County, and as a National Park Service ranger.

For more I-3 news, visit <http://www.stopi-3.org/newsletter.html>

USFS, GA - Recreation Concession Opportunity The U.S. Forest Service is offering a business opportunity to operate up to 16 campgrounds in the Chattooga River Ranger District (including 9 in Rabun County area). To read the proposal and the complete list, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/conf/rec-prospectus/>

Letters To and From the Rabunites

UDC is dead

Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Subject: UDC & erosion control

Now that the Rabun Co. UDC is dead, I suggest we communicate with the county commissioners that we expect them to focus on implementing laws & regs that are already on the books.

e.g. continued support for the enhanced efforts of the Marshals to enforce the e&s rules and efforts to get a real fix for the sewage treatment/Stekoa Ck. situation.

From: Rabunite Larry Walker - Lakemont, GA

Rabunites Ask Sen. and Rep. to Oppose GA HB863

E-mails sent to: Sen. Nancy Schaefer and Rep. Charles Jenkins

Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2007

Subject: HB463

On behalf of the membership of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Clayton, Georgia, I am urging you to vote against the passage of HB463 should it come to the floor for a vote.

This bill makes changes to the laws concerning soil erosion and sedimentation. A few years ago, a law was passed that required people involved in land disturbing activities to take training courses so they are informed on erosion and sedimentation issues. The training helps the developer and homebuilder determine what is and is not good BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP) installation and maintenance. The training courses teach the developer and builder what to look for in BMP installation so their workers do a better job in installing effective silt fences, etc which protects our state waters. This bill narrows the list of persons required to have the training courses, which could have a negative effect on water quality in Georgia. This could be a step backwards in protecting water quality in our state, which would impact fish populations and fishing.

Sincerely, Tom Landreth, Board of Directors (Rabun TU) - Rabun Gap, GA

Response to Dr. Costa's Op-Ed

Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Subject: Response to Mr. Costa's flawed Op-Ed piece

I would submit this response to Mr. Costa's Op-Ed piece that you just ran in the Rabun TU newsletter:

http://www.smokymountainnews.com/issues/03_07/03_28_07/op_boating_chattooga.html

I hope you choose to run this in the newsletter as well.

By the way Mr. Costa's article is longer than the 250 word limit you imposed on my letter to the editor....I suppose that rule only applies to views contrary to that of the editor.

From: Don Kinser - Marietta, GA

Editor's Notes: Don, as you know, Dr. Costa's piece in the April newsletter was a reprint of an Op-Ed that appeared in a NC newspaper, not a "letter to the editor" of TIGHT LINES. We now include the link to this response Op-Ed so our readers can study a boater's counterpoints, as we also did with your previous letter.

Don Kinser is Vice President of American Whitewater (AW) and he joined Rabun TU in March 2004 (the month before AW filed their 95-page appeal of the Chattooga's zoning). Don provided the link to an Op-Ed by Bruce Hare (one of the individual plaintiffs in the boater's lawsuit against the USFS and was founder [1979] and owner [until 2003] of Chattooga Whitewater Shop [provider of boat rentals & shuttles], Long Creek, SC).

Recollections of Days in the Field with Monte

Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Just finished reading Tight Lines. I always look forward to getting these. Recently renewed - my how time does fly!! Found the Monte S. note interesting. I'm sure I must have mentioned to you that Monte and I were in the R.O. (Atl.) together for about 6 years. Monte and I did a lot of grouse hunting and fishing together. Always enjoyable and a physically demanding experience. I always admired his intensity. Could you send me the "notes" on Monte? Thanks

From: Jim (C.C.) Barrett - Rockport, TX

Editor's Notes: Monte is like the every-ready bunny, he just keeps on going and going.

More Musing on Cougar Sighting

Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2007

I read with interest the article in Tight Lines about the cougar sightings....maybe he did see one after all...

From: Cecil Greene - Raleigh, NC

Editor's Notes: I'm gonna keep looking!

State Senator Schaefer Update on Stekoa Creek Efforts

Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2007

Subject: Stekoa Creek

Thank you for your email.

Thank you for the information from the monthly newsletter. I have talked with GEFA (Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority) and they are now looking into the situation with leadership in Clayton. I trust progress is being made. GEFA is the agency to get the job completed. Now is the time to push and get this done. There would be no excuse in complaining later about the pollution in Stekoa Creek if Clayton does not come together and get this work accomplished now.

Thank you. Best regards,

From: Nancy Schaefer - State Senator, 50th District

TU EAS Coordinator Offers Suggestion for Stekoa Creek

Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007

Subject: RE: TIGHT LINES April 2007 Supplement #1

Thanks for update, and particularly fact sheet on Stekoa Creek.

As a last resort, has anyone considered taking legal action against Clayton or state? Governments are just as liable as individuals for complying with the Clean Water Act. And poor-mouthing doesn't (well, shouldn't) be an excuse/reason - - - it certainly isn't for business and industry, no matter how small. Everyone, not just everyone else, is expected to comply.

And - - - I believe I'm correct in saying this - - - local governments aren't supposed to qualify for federal funding unless the project will comply with all applicable water quality standards. So (again, if I'm correct), the feds shouldn't be funding a project that doesn't include bringing the entire system into compliance.

It'd be a shame to have to resort to lawsuits and saber-rattling, but if the situation hasn't been addressed after all the studies, talking and effort so far, maybe it's time. Good luck, and thanks!

From: Buzz Bryson - Raleigh, NC

Editor's notes: Buzz is a fisheries biologist and a contributing editor of "Fly Rod & Reel" magazine. He is also TU's EAS Coordinator for the SE Region.

USFS - Chattooga River Ranger District's Annual Savings

Sent: Friday, March 30, 2007

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES April 2007 Newsletter

The annual savings for consolidation was projected to be \$137,372 per year for the first 10 years.

From: Dave Jensen - Chattooga River Dist Ranger, Clayton, GA

Nice Newsletter from the Columbia, SC TUers

Sent: Friday, March 30, 2007

Subject: SRTU Newsletter

Here is a link to the latest issue of SRTU NewsCasts. Please pass along to your membership.

www.saludatu.org/newsletter/index.htm

From: Thanks, Curtis H. Carter – SRTU Newsletter Editor, Columbia, SC

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

"In these sad and ominous days of mad fortune-chasing, every patriotic, thoughtful citizen, whether he fishes or not, should lament that we have not among our countrymen, more fishermen."

Grover Cleveland, 22nd & 24th President of the United States

Fishing Reports & Trout Tips

Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Warmer weather has brought on better fishing for "Reds." Down side is strong winds this time of year which affects water clarity and therefore use of artificials. Yesterday I went with a friend who was using shrimp and I was using artificials. I was having no luck with soft plastics and spoons. I switched to a top water and caught a nice 22 incher. He was in very shallow water - 1 1/2 ft. The water was cloudy and I'm sure he sensed the movement and vibration of the plug. My friend limited out using shrimp.

From: Jim (C.C.) Barrett – Rockport, TX

Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Subject: Trout: Last week's fishing reports

fyi. The attached story's true- I taped Trout Map Cover Boy's first fish of day and told him that he was done that day and to go sit in the car. A typical high school junior on spring break, he didn't listen! Thanks to SCDNR for some nice Chattooga DH fish.

During our duo's week on the water, we also hit:

- 1) Dukes (he had 7 fish to 16 inches and broke off the 22 incher when he did not run fast enough downstream after it).
- 2) Unnamed mtn hideaway with good friends, a 24 degree morning, big campfires, rising wild rainbows (#18 mahogany mayfly on sunny afternoon), and great camp food. He also dredged a 21 inch rainbow that was The fish of the week.
- 3) Oconaluftee: A dozen colorful, wild rainbows to ten inches on tan caddis with prince dropper on a cool, cloudy Friday. Icing on cake was herd of 7 elk that emerged from woods at dusk, in field along 441 about a mile north of NPS Cherokee visitors center. Time for C and C !

Try either a caddis and or cahill dry (size 14 to 18 to match hatching bugs), with a #16 hare's ear soft hackle or prince nymph 2-4 ft below the dry if nothing is hatching. Keep casts short for better drifts and more bites.

<http://www.gon.com/article.php?id=1133&cid=124>

The next four weeks are as good as it gets for north GA trout fishing, especially if winter doesn't return for a fourth time. Hint: if you can take a vacation day during the work week, you'll have a lot of water to yourself. Remember to take a newbie to a stocked trout stream

<http://www.gofishgeorgia.com/content/displaycontent.asp?txtDocument=34&txtPage=2> or a Delayed Harvest stream

http://www.gofishgeorgia.com/Assets/Documents/fisheries/DH_infosheet.pdf. Now's the time to hook our future conservationists. Good luck

www.gofishgeorgia.com

http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ga/nwis/uv/?site_no=02177000&PARAMeter_cd=00065.00060

From: "Jeff Durniak" <Jeff_Durniak@dnr.state.ga.us>

Sent: Monday, April 23, 2007

Subject: Fishin' Report and I Lost My Rod

Fishin' Report...Kathy and I went to the Chattooga last night about 7 PM. Crossed the river and walked up a little way. A few bugs coming off and a few rises; just enough to get us "real interested". Fished until almost dark and Kathy caught three...one trophy-size war paint minnow, one brown that churned a little butter and a nice rainbow. All took a pheasant tail dropped behind a caddis.

Me...I didn't catch nothin'. I did burn a couple with a pheasant tail and offered just about everything else a trout could want but no takers. The real tragedy in this story is my "lost rod". I let Kathy use my cherished 4 wt, 4 piece, 7 1/2' Brook Trout Special...built by the Griz himself. She didn't break it; she didn't drop it; she didn't lose it...she just kept it. Coming home she announced that she really liked that rod and caught a lot of fish with it and would just keep it.

What could I say? Perhaps I'll get to borrow it once in a while. I figure she's worth it.

From: Charlie Breithaupt – Clayton, GA

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite welcome to a **new member** this month: **Ray King**, PO Box 407, Mountain City, GA 30562

Thanks for re-upping: **Tom & June Landreth, Kevin Lash, Tyler Kearns, Stephen Weinelt, Ray Kearns, Erwin Ford, Perry Thompson, Bill Kelly, Russell Johnson, Hal Avery, Hal Howard, Jimmy Whiten and Fritz Vinson.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Dylan Bradley, Dwayne Hunnicutt, Adam Wilkerson, Reid Cannon, Greg Roane, James Friedman, David Cannon, David Bentley, Rachael Davis, Maria Rodeghiero, Brooks & Amanda Adams, Virlyn Florence, Duane Campbell, Jeremy Strauss, Kyle Burrell, Lindsey Gilbert, Allison Adams, Cari Westbrook, Chris Shackelford, William Hamlett, Bruce Mitchell, and Connie Keener.**

Best wishes to Rabunite **David Cannon** on his new job with [Gray's Sporting Journal](#), [American Angler](#), and [Fly Tyer](#). We wish speedy recoveries to three old fishin' and campin' buddies: Rabunites **Jim Nixon, Bill Kelly, and Tom Landreth.**

"These are the technicalities. The jetes and pirouettes.. but the music of the dance lies in the subtle signals between the steps: the fish's delivery of them, the fisherman's read of and response to them, which, if she's good, must be near telepathic. That's what takes a death-grip on your concentration. That's why your mind empties of all trivia, which, when playing a fish, includes just about everything else you could possible think of. That is what anglers live for."

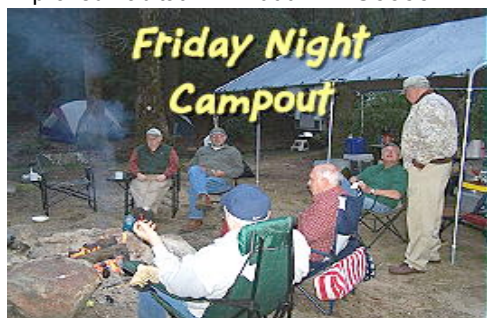
From I Don't Know Why I Swallowed The Fly by Jessica Maxwell

"BACKCASTING"

Apr 3 (Tues) Workday pre-planning: 2 Rabunites met on the stream with 6 professionals (3 from the GA WRD and 3 from USFS). The team of professional surveyed the stream, chose locations for 8 new stream structures, designed the structures, selected trees for use in constructing the structures, fell the trees, measured and cut the logs to proper length. The plans are to install 2 structures on each of 4 workdays.

Apr 12 (Thurs) Stekoa Creek – GA EPD & City of Clayton Water Pollutant Control Plant (WPCP) Expansion Public Meeting / Hearing: 5 members of Rabun Chapter of TU attended and 2 made statements for the record; 4 people from the Chattooga Conservancy made statements for the record; and one person representing American Whitewater made a statement for the record.

Apr 13 & 14 (Fri & Sat) Workday with Campout – About 14 folks camped out and 25 participated in the Back-the-Brookie Workday. Participants included 3 professionals from the USFS, 3 professionals from GA WRD, 3 college interns working in coldwater fisheries, and 16 volunteer TU'ers (including 4 who prepared the lunch provided by Rabun TU). Three new in-stream habitat enhancement structures were completed. The Official Georgia Cold Water Fish, our native brook trout, send their "thanks for the improved habitat." **WAAAahWHOOooo!**



Apr 14 (Sat) - The Oconee River Chapter Banquet - 6 Rabunites attended the well planned and organized fundraiser. Kathy Breithaupt held the most winning bucket raffle tickets, - - - EVER! **WAAAahWHOOooo!**



Apr 17 (Tues) Chapter Meeting - 21 attended. Jimmy Harris gave us an excellent PowerPoint slideshow on *The New Toccoa River DH Section*. He covered the entire section with a detailed map and photos of all the pools and runs. He warned us about water levels on (on the Dial gauge) and when the wading got difficult. He showed the location of parking spots and access trails. It was a great presentation and very informative. **The Meeting Raffle** had 10 buckets with some really neat items. Patsy Lewis-Gentry was the big winner with 4 buckets, including a Travis Barnes wood bowl. The BIG surprise is Doc Lea Richmond did NOT win any of the 3 selections of flies! The raffle raised \$119 to be used toward the cost of mailing newsletters to members without E-

mail and for the meeting hospitality expenses. A BIG "thank you" goes to all the Rabunites who donated the items and to those who purchased raffle tickets.

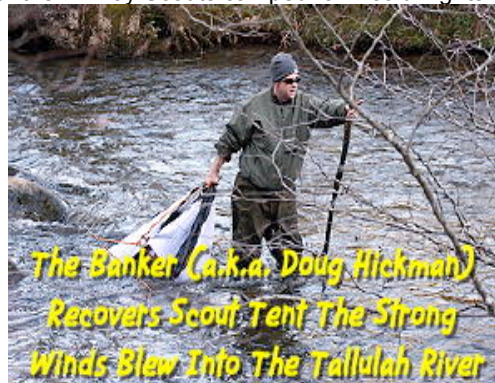
Apr 19 (Thurs) Mentoring – 3 Rabunites traveled to Smithgall Woods to assist the DNR Staff with an outing of 160 Westminster Schools 6th grade students. The Staff lead the 4 conservation and ecology sessions and Rabunites helped the students (4 sessions with 40 kids at a time) fishing in the two catfish ponds.

Apr 24 (Tues) Board of Directors Meeting – 7 BOD Members attended. The items discussed included: Black Rock Mountain State Park's Kids Fishing Event on 4/28 (Rabun TU is a financial sponsor), 5 days of campin' & fishin' (5/2-5/6), Tailwater TU Banquet, planning for Annual Family Cook-out with Boy & Girl Scouts, planning for Community Awareness Day, planning of Betty Creek Workday, Blue Ridge Mountain TU High Country Boil, May BOD Meeting location, planning for 1-Day Fly Fishing School for Adults, 2008 Rendezvous Program, Stekoa Creek EAS Project volunteer driver schedule and project publicity, GA TU Council meeting (5/29), USFS Kids Fishing Event on Tallulah River (Rabun TU is a financial and volunteer sponsor), 2007 Georgia Trout Camp, GA WRD Reed Creek Electro-sampling with campout, program for June Chapter meeting, and volunteers needed for collecting water samples from 14 Rabun County Brook Trout streams at normal flow & during a major rain event.

"The fact is that few fisherman has the patience to wade as quietly and as stealthily as desired."

From Tying & Fishing Terrestrials by Gerald Almy

Mar 17 (Sat) Mentoring Boy Scouts, 8 Rabunites helped with the 12 Boy Scouts camped for 2 cold nights beside Tallulah River.



" Fishing in rainy conditions may make fisherman seem crazy to the great mass of unimaginative people, but then few fishermen care what they think"

John Gierach

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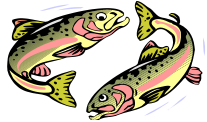
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News from the President..... **Terry Rivers**

Hi Folks,

I hope this finds everybody well and have been fishing a lot. Even thou we need a lot of rain the fishing has been awesome the past few weeks.

I want to thank Jimmy Harris for a great program on the Toccoa D.H. He pointed out some interesting things that fisherman would really be interested in knowing. If your chapter has not invited Jimmy for this program, I highly recommend you invite him to your meeting for this program.

I also want to thank Dave Jensen for his presentation at our March meeting.

Don't forget our next meeting will be at Indian Lake for our annual outing to mentor the Boy & Girl Scouts at fishing for pan fish. We will have all the gear, just bring your family and a covered dish, we will be cooking hotdogs and hamburgers.

We had a great campout and work project at Ramey Creek. Everything went great and smooth and my opinion it was the pre-planning that was done before the project. I want to thank the Forest Service and GA WRD for all their efforts to make things better for the resources in our area. Thanks to all the members from our chapter and members from other chapters that showed up to help.

Fishing is always good, just remember that catching is just a bonus (a quote from a Rabunite). So get out there and enjoy the great cold water fishery resources that we have.

Terry

Have a great day - Hope you catch a lot of fish.

For more pictures, info, and back issues of TIGHT LINES, visit the Rabun TU website: <http://www.rabuntu.com/>

Georgia TU Council website: <http://georgiatu.org/> & National TU Website: <http://www.tu.org/index.asp>

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