



TIGHT LINES August 2007 Newsletter of the

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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"Angling may be said to be so like the mathematics that it can never be fully learnt" - Izaak Walton

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

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

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

3rd Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm – Social & Yarn Spinning 7:00 pm – Program & Meeting

(You don't have to believe the yarns - - if you don't want to)

At every regular chapter meeting there will be a raffle for fishing or camping items to help pay the cost of mailing the newsletter to members without E-mail.

Bring an item to donate and a dollar or two for raffle tickets - you might win something.

"The fly angler who says they have never, ever fallen while wading, is either a pathogenic liar, or has never been fly fishing." Jimmy D Moore

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates - See you there!

Aug 17 & 18 (Fri & Sat) Workday with Campout "Back the Brookie" in-stream workday on North Prong of Moccasin Creek with USFS and GA WRD leadership. For campout details and more info, contact Terry Rivers Ph 706 782 7419 E-mail ttr1121@alltel.net or Bill Kelly Ph 706 746 2104 E-mail bkjk1@alltel.net, they buy the groceries and need to know you are coming.

Aug 21 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust;
Program - Dr. Gary Grossman "A Different View of Trout"

Aug 28 (Tues) Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust

Sept 8 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting at Atlanta Fly Fishing School

Sept 18 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust;
Program – Russ Burken –*Why I go to Alaska each year*

Sept 22 (Sat) GA DNR Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi State Park. Lots of volunteers needed to help. For details on how you can volunteer, contact Jeff Durniak Jeff_Durniak@mail.dnr.state.ga.us

Sept 25 (Tues) Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust

21st Annual Rabun Rendezvous - Sat, Jan 26, 2008
Program by Sally (Our Gal Sal at Nat TU) Armstrong

FLY OF THE MONTH by Terry Rivers



MADAMN X

TIE UP A FEW OF THESE FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS FOR GRASSHOPPERS. IT IS AN EASY FLY TO TIE AND GREAT FOR THE RIVERS WEST OF HIAWASSEE

HOOK: 6 TO 10 2X LONG

TAIL: DEER HAIR

BODY: THREAD BODY OR FINE YELLOW DUBBING

WING: DEER HAIR

LEGS: MEDIUM RUBBER LEGS

"Another problem occurs that can often be better seen when a fishing a popping bug. The purpose of stripping and then pausing before making another pull on the line is to allow your fly or bug to stop briefly, hopefully exciting the quarry. But when the rod is held high, as most anglers do, or the tip is used to manipulate the fly, little or no pause ever occurs with your offering. Tie on a popping bug and cast it out on the water, and you'll be better able to see what I mean. Flip the rod tip up and down, activating the popping bug, but keep the rod tip above the level of your waist or belt. Watch the bug; it will keep moving for an extended period after the rod tip has stops moving. When the rod flips up, the line is pulled taut, dragging the bug nearer. As the rod stops but is held a few feet from the surface, a sag occurs in the line between the rod tip and the surface. This gradual sagging of the line continues to drag the line toward the angler. But if the rod tip is held at or slightly under the surface, each pause during the stripping routine guaranties that the fly or bug also stops moving."

From Advanced Fly Fishing Techniques by Lefty Kreh

August 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 #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

Editors Note: The hot weather and light hatches of July and August are two of the reasons why many Rabunites make annual treks to fish and camp "West of Hiawasse".

'Website-of-the-Month': <http://georgiawildlife.dnr.state.ga.us/content/displaynavigation.asp?TopCategory=3>
Check out: [Trout Fishing in Georgia](#)

Visitor Use Capacity Analysis, Upper Chattooga River

Wilderness Stewardship - Public Purposes of the Wilderness Act

The purpose of the Wilderness Act is singular: **to secure an enduring resource of Wilderness.** People commonly confuse this with the "public purposes" of wilderness referred to in Sec. 4 of the Act. The title of Sec. 4 is "Use of Wilderness Areas." Sec. 4(b) states that, *"Except as otherwise provided in this Act, wilderness areas shall be devoted to the public purposes of recreational, scenic, scientific, educational, conservation, and historical use."* These "public purposes" are not the purpose of the Act, they are the appropriate purposes for which the public may use Wilderness.

These "public purposes" are allowable uses of Wilderness. However, they are not mandatory uses. These "public purposes" or uses do not take precedence over **the singular purpose of the Act, which is to preserve an enduring resource of wilderness by preserving the Wilderness character of each area in the NWPS.**

Excerpt from Wilderness Watch, click [HERE](#)

(The following excerpts are from the [Integrated Report](#))

(Page 1) The Chattooga River provides important recreation resources for local, regional, and national visitors, offering high quality fishing, whitewater boating, hiking, swimming, camping, hunting, and related opportunities. The quality of these recreation opportunities has attracted substantial use, which in turn has led to concern about visitor impacts. A recent revision of the Sumter National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP or Forest Plan [HERE](#)) addressed several recreation issues in the corridor; among the management actions, the plan retained a 1976 decision allowing whitewater boating on the lower 36 miles of the Chattooga river and prohibiting boating upstream of Highway 28 (about 21 miles; Figure 2). This boating closure above Highway 28 was later appealed, and the Forest

Service agreed to reassess that decision as part of broader examination of visitor capacity issues on the Upper Chattooga. The Decision for Appeal ([HERE](#)) provides the need for this analysis.

(Page 102) For the Upper Chattooga, the difficult decisions focus on (1) the opportunities to be provided, and (2) what kinds of limits or restrictions should be used to protect the quality of those opportunities. Existing information summarized in this report ([HERE](#)) can be used to develop management alternatives that represent a reasonable range of opportunities, impacts, standards, and actions. This allows NEPA planning to move forward with detailed adjustments based on monitoring and adaptive management.

Wilderness Stewardship - Wilderness Character

"Historical records clearly demonstrate that Wilderness Act visionaries believed that wilderness character consists of both tangible, physical components as well as intangible, psychological and spiritual components."

Quote from Wilderness Watch, click [HERE](#)

What's next? The Forest Service will use the info from the 7/14 workshop to help develop the range of management alternatives. **August 2007: The "Project Announcement Letter" will be released.** This USFS scoping letter will include several alternatives for the future use management of the North Fork that will be evaluated. The letter will not express a preferred alternative. This is the beginning of the NEPA process. The public will be given 30 days to comment on this scoping notice.

What should the Forest Service planners keep in mind as they develop management alternatives?

- Keep in mind that Forest Service streams are managed in a manner that emphasizes and recruits large woody material (LWM). A variety of aquatic species depend on natural accumulations of trees, branches, and root wads known as LWM. The desired condition is approximately 200 pieces of LWM per stream mile. (Sumter Forest Plan, page 3-41) (Pg 56 of the Integrated Report)
- Keep in mind that in 1995, hurricane Opal placed an astonishingly large quantity of LWM in Overflow Creek, Holcomb Creek, and Reed Creek. The boaters soon took it upon themselves to take in chainsaws and “clear the water trails” on the West Fork tributaries of Overflow and Holcomb Creeks. Meanwhile Reed Creek, a North Fork tributary above the Highway 28 Bridge, has not been disturbed and continues to benefit from the LWM left by Opal.
- Keep in mind this excerpt from page 56 of the Integrated Report, *“In many cases, user groups may remove hazardous LWM (Blevins, 2007). There appears to be tacit agency support for some of these efforts, but sometimes there is no agency consultation and formal agreements are rare.”* (For Blevins 2007, click http://www.denverpost.com/search/ci_5841457)
- Keep in mind the management prescription for the “wild” segments of the Chattooga River: *“These segments of the Chattooga River (wild) are the most primitive and remote. Management of these segments is focused on protecting the outstandingly remarkable values of the river and preserving the natural environment and natural processes from human influences.”* (Quote from CONF Forest Plan, pg 3-26) (underline added)
- Keep in mind the management emphasis for Ellicott Rock Wilderness states *“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) (underline added)
- Keep in mind that the chart on page 80 of the Integrated Report says technical boating could occur on the North Fork down to 1.8 feet and for a recent 3-year period (2003 – 2005) the gauge reading was over 1.8 feet for 79% of the time (862 days). For 386 consecutive days (from 9/7/2004 until 9/28/2005) there were only 4 days under 1.8 feet..
- Keep in mind that half the Chattooga headwaters are already zoned to accommodate headwater boating (creeking) in the West Fork watershed. (Pgs 35 & 36 of the Integrated Report)
- Keep in mind the present management plan of the Chattooga headwaters almost equally divides the backcountry. The West Fork / Overflow Creek is zoned to allow boating and does not have a backcountry foot trail paralleling the stream and the North Fork is zoned for foot travel only with a backcountry trail paralleling the stream.
- Keep in mind that boating on the lower Chattooga (both unrestricted private and commercial) has displaced other visitors wishing to avoid conflicts and/or interference while seeking solitude and quietness. (Pgs 15 & 69 of the Integrated Report)
- Keep in mind that page 96 of the Integrated Report states *“Separating uses by space (zoning) is among the most common ways of addressing use conflicts in land-based settings.” “In river settings, segment zoning is also common, particularly for separating motorized and non-motorized uses (dozens of WSRs or segments have been designated non-motorized).”*
- Keep in mind that Sumter NF has received 423 personal comments (not including those from organizations) and 60% were NOT in favor of unrestricted boating.
- Keep in mind that “creeking” is a relatively new whitewater sport and still growing in popularity. It is made possible by the application of new hi-tech materials to create new boat designs. It is part of the explosion in popularity of “extreme” sports. (Pg 22 of the Integrated Report)
- Keep in mind that *“recreation use trend information suggests that Chattooga use is likely to increase at the rate of population increases for the region, which may exceed 20% over the next decade. Within that general increase, however, some activities may increase at slightly higher rates (e.g., frontcountry recreation, day hiking, whitewater boating, and fly fishing), while others may grow more slowly (e.g., frontcountry fishing, backpacking).”* (Excerpt from pg 40 of the Integrated Report)
- Keep in mind that zoning of conflicting activities 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.
- **Keep in mind there is absolutely nothing in the Wilderness Act and/or the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act that says all compliant activities must be permitted in all segments of the river.**
- **Keep in mind that once an activity is established it is very hard to change it.**

Wilderness Stewardship – Non-degradation

“Non-degradation of wilderness fundamentally should guide stewardship activities.” — Pinchot Panel for Conservation: Ensuring the Stewardship of the National Wilderness Preservation System, 2001 The non-degradation principle applies to more than biophysical conditions in Wilderness; it is the essential key to protecting endangered experiences, experiences of a special quality and nature that are at risk of disappearing from our modern world. Excerpt from Wilderness Watch, click [HERE](#)

Wilderness Stewardship - Solitude

Section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act defines Wilderness, in part, as an area with ***“outstanding opportunities for solitude.”*** The Act clearly recognized the human need and benefits of seeking solitude from modern civilization, its pressures and technologies.

Opportunities for solitude from civilization forms an intrinsic component of an area's wilderness character.

Good Wilderness stewardship requires protecting this important quality, and not allowing it to diminish over time.

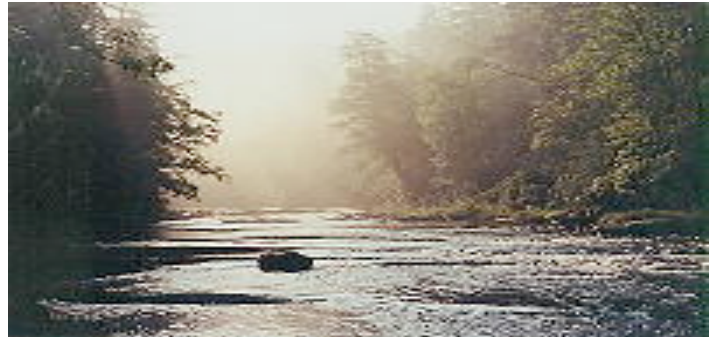
Wilderness solitude is diminished by actions and activities that are reminders of civilization, its conventions, and technologies.

Excerpt from Wilderness Watch, click [HERE](#)

a world apart

CHATTOOGA'S NORTH FORK

***the last refuge for remoteness and solitude
and FREE OF USER CONFLICTS***



American Whitewater (AW) prepared 30-pages of comments on the [Integrated Report](#) (IR) and submitted it to the Forest Service on 7/3/2007. AW comments [HERE](#). The following is a quote from the Executive Summary:

“The IR shows clearly that the result of allowing paddling on the Chattooga amounts only to a couple of highly sensitive anglers seeing a couple groups of paddlers on a small percentage of days when angling is suboptimal.”

Editor's Notes: *By golly, you don't have to believe it - if you don't want to!*

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?

Do we need more stream sections zoned like the North Fork of the Upper Chattooga, for “foot travel only”?

Support the Forest Service in protecting the outstandingly remarkable values of the North Fork backcountry (including remoteness and solitude) and protecting for present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness. 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, Click: [HERE](#)

Q & A (2nd of a series)

Q - Where can I learn more about the flora, fauna, geology, and natural history of the Chattooga River headwaters?

A – A superb book titled The Georgia's Conservancy's Guide to North Georgia Mountains edited by Fred Brown and former Rabun TU member Nell Jones with former Rabun TU member Dr. Charlie Wharton (1923-2003) as Science Advisor (1990) Longstreet Press, Inc. 251 p. There are chapters titled “The Chattooga River”; “Section 0 - The Headwaters”; “Section 1 - The West Fork”; and “The Ellicott Rock Wilderness” on pages 190 - 223.

To read a review of this book on Amazon.com, click [HERE](#)

“BACKCASTING”

June 25 (Mon) American Whitewater (AW) representative E-mailed Doug Adams, Rabun TU newsletter editor, and ask for a talk about “a compromise” on the Chattooga North Fork zoning issue. Adams replied, “My first priority is to get a good set of Limits of Acceptable Change (LAC) in place.” “I have enjoyed 52 wonderful years of making memories on the North Fork and I will continue to work to protect the backcountry ORVs for future generations.” “I believe the time to collaborate will be after the LAC have been established, after AW withdraws their demand for “unrestricted access”, and with all stakeholders represented (including the Forest Service).” The response by the AW representative indicated he believes “this is about boater-angler social conflict and nothing else.” Adams does not agree. The public hearing on 7/10 and the workshop on 7/14 proved that there are many individual stakeholders and organizations that want to protect the river's values of wildness, remoteness, and SOLITUDE (see reports below).

July 2 (Mon) Charles Gauvin, CEO of National TU, replies to AW representative: The TU policy concerning access issues was recently written about in TROUT magazine. American Whitewater (AW) wrote to Charles Gauvin saying that the North Fork boating question is an “access issue” and TU should not be involved. Gauvin replied explaining the TU access policy deals “with the property rights of owners of private, as opposed to public, lands.” Gauvin went on to explain this issue is about “conflicting views as to whether the Chattooga access dispute has conservation implications, disposition of those claims is best left to the Forest Service, which has both the legal authority and the fact-finding means to resolve them. TU, at the local and national staff levels, has worked with the Forest Service extensively on Chattooga and Sumter National Forest issues, including the boating issue which is the subject of your letter. We have found the Forest Service to be responsive to most of our concerns. I would urge American Whitewater to try and work with the agency in a cooperative manner to achieve a desirable outcome. Steve Moyer, TU's

Vice President of Volunteer Operations, has been overseeing the boating ban/National Forest management plan issue. Feel free to contact him directly to discuss it if you care to." "He has been in contact with Doug Adams from the Rabun Chapter, as well as with other TU leaders in the area, various Forest Service personnel, and occasionally American Whitewater staff." "I am well aware of the work TU has done with whitewater boating interests in FERC licensing cases and elsewhere to ensure that there are wild, free-flowing rivers that can support multiple public uses. I would like to see it continue. I am also very much aware that, from time to time, we have our differences, and sometimes they are difficult to resolve. This appears to be one of those instances. I urge you and others in American Whitewater to continue to try and work with our local TU leaders and the Forest Service to achieve a good result." (These excerpts from Gauvin's letter are reprinted here with permission).

Editor's notes: *The GA, SC, and NC Councils of TU continue to support the Forest Service in protecting the outstandingly remarkable values of the river and in protecting for present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness.*

July 10 (Tues Noon) USFS Public Hearing – Chattooga North Fork User Capacity Analysis: 5 Members of Rabun TU spoke. More than 90 people attended the meeting, and about 55 stood up and spoke. There were about 20 or so boaters who spoke, most requested unrestricted access to the North Fork (any water level, any number of boats and rafts, any time). One AW paid staff person came all the way from Missoula, MT to speak his 3 minutes about the 1.7 miles of stream through private property.

About 34 folks spoke for keeping the present zoning and protecting the ORVs of the North Fork backcountry. Some of these stakeholders were representing a wide variety of organizations, and others were simply concerned citizens. It was amazing to see the diversity in the people that want to protect the river's values of wildness, remoteness, and SOLITUDE. Several local residents with deep family roots and strong bonding with the North Fork backcountry presented some really good comments. A couple of boaters also spoke-up for maintaining the present zoning, unchanged. One person with 42 years of boating experience on the Chattooga said about the North Fork, "We don't belong there."

There was nothing really new from the other boaters, most of whom were members or officers of AW. AW still contends this disagreement is just between a few "highly sensitive" anglers and "environmentally friendly" boaters.

Hank Belew, Chairman of the Board of the Chattooga Conservancy, presented the only compromise offered. He said, "*the Chattooga Conservancy's position is that there should be no boating allowed above the Highway 28 bridge. An alternative possibility could be that boaters may be allowed at high water levels from the Iron Bridge at Bull Pen Rd. down to Highway 28 so long as the number of groups and boats in each group were limited to 4 and 6, respectively. We also feel that no woody debris, such as downed trees, should be removed from the river in order to facilitate boating, thereby not altering the wilderness.*" This alternative has been out there now for 10 months and AW has ignored it. For details, click [HERE](#) AW still appears to be demanding "unrestricted boating" and with no compromises.

You can read everything the boaters said, and more, in the 30 pages of AW comments [HERE](#).

A court reporter was at the public hearing and all the presentations will be posted on the Sumter NF website. For the *Highlander* newspaper article, click [HERE](#)

July 11 (Wed) Annual Electro-Shock Sampling of Chattooga North Fork upstream of Burrell's Ford (USFS, SC DNR & GA DNR): TU volunteers from GA and SC joined the professional and summer interns (some interns are sponsored by Rabun TU) for a total crew of about 45, 10 were Rabun TU members. In the much needed rain showers, a 3-pass depletion sampling was made below the Spoonauger confluence. All fish captured were sorted by species and counted. The trout were individually measured and weighted. In the 150 – meter long section there were 14 different species of fish. Of the 3091 fish captured, 81 of them were trout (2.6%). Of the trout, 69 were brown trout (15 browns were young-of-the-year) and 12 were rainbow trout (all rainbows appeared to be stock trout that swam up from the bridge or below). All the fish were released unharmed back into the same stretch of river.

July 14 (Sat) USFS LAC Workshop: Identifying Standards & Management Actions – from 10 AM until 4:15 PM: only 2 Rabun TU member attended. Unfortunately, the Rabunites were committed to conducting the Fly Fishing Seminar scheduled for this date back in February. Also the GA Foothills Chapter (Clarksville) and the Oconee River Chapter (Athens) were volunteering on a stream habitat work project with the GA Forest Service that was scheduled for this date back last December.

About 80 stakeholders attended the workshop. It appeared about 1/3 of the stakeholders were for allowing North Fork boating with 2/3 supporting the present zoning. The stakeholders were randomly assigned to 8 stations (10 per station). Each station had a facilitator. The workshop's morning session was about biophysical issues and the afternoon session was about social issues. The purpose of the workshop was to encourage a dialogue among various users and generate suggested building blocks that can be used by the Forest Service to develop alternatives for future recreational use management on the North Fork.

July 14 (Sat) Rabun TU's Fly Fishing Seminar for Adults: The first ever class of **Rabunite 101**...a four hour seminar of casting, knot tying, entomology and equipment...prepared 26 eager folks to begin to enjoy the sport of fly fishing for trout. Members of the Rabun Chapter (15 TU'ers) gathered at the Rabun County Recreation Center on July 14 to meet, register, instruct, encourage and feed the 16 men and 10 women who signed up for this opportunity for a crash course in our favorite past time.

The seminar was organized by Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt, who handled all the logistics and registration. Participants arrived to enjoy coffee and snacks as they registered. After a brief welcome, groups of 7 set out for an hour at each station. Terry Rivers and Jimmy Whiten showed them the secrets of knot tying while Shelia Humphrey (Foothills Chapter) and Jeff Durniak explained stream entomology...bugs and which flies look like which bugs. Dave Humphrey (Foothills Chapter and FFF certified instructor) gave them all a chance to wave a fly rod and, hopefully, do it correctly. Charlie Breithaupt discussed equipment...what you need and what you probably don't really need. He also showed a brief PowerPoint presentation on Trout Unlimited and the activities of the Rabun Chapter.

Each participant received a packet of information including a copy of *TROUT* magazine, a map of trout streams of Georgia, information about local TU chapters, a TU application, various sheet of worthwhile information and a copy of *Curtis Creek Manifesto* book, an excellent guide to fly fishing.

A special thanks to Bill Kelly, Jim Nixon, and Fritz Vinson who prepared lunch for everyone. Fresh trout and hushpuppies were enjoyed by all, and those who really want to practice catch and release got a cheeseburger. Jim even entertained with music and, fortunately, Kelly did not sing along. Rabunites Lea Richmond, Gene Roberts and Ray Kearns (new knee and all) were there to

help. Doris Whiten, who was there as a participant, stepped up and helped with registration and sold a bunch of rod raffle tickets. Larry Walker handled all the publicity for the seminar and helped with setting up, tearing down and everything in between.

This seminar will probably become an annual event, perhaps even more often. This is a good way to help folks get started and to generate interest in Trout Unlimited. To read The Clayton Tribune article, click [HERE](#)

July 17 (Tues) Annual Chapter Family Picnic: A wonderful evening of fellowship and good food (about 50 to 55 attended). The covered dishes were outstanding, especially the fried trout and hushpuppies (thanks Nugget), and topped off with fresh blackberry cobbler cakes, &/or cookies, yum, yum! Our thanks to Bill and Jean Kelly for providing a beautiful place for us to gather.

July 19 (Thur) Called GA Council Meeting (Cumming, GA) to revise 5-year Strategic Plan. 3 Rabun TU members attended.

July 24 (Tues) Board of Directors Meeting – 10 members present. Items discussed included: Half-Day Fly-fishing Seminar, Stekoa Creek EAS Project, Chattooga North Fork Zoning, Sampling water in 14 Rabun County brook trout streams, Oct and Nov Chapter Meeting Program, 12/11 Christmas Dinner, Election of officers for F/Y 2008, Treasury Report, Aug 17 & 18 Workday with Campout, Aug Chapter Meeting, Sept GA TU Council Meeting, Sept 22 GA DNR Outdoor Adventure Day, and Outreach plan.

A BIG Thank You to the 29 Donors and Sponsors of the 2007 Georgia Trout Camp

Unicoi Outfitters, Temple Fork Outfitters, Fly Box Outfitters, Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, R. L. Winston Rod Co., Atlanta Fly Fishing School, Scientific Anglers, Loon Outdoors, The Fish Hawk, Costa Del Mar, Fishpond, Atlanta Fly Fishing Club, North Georgia Trout On-line, Georgia Women Flyfishers, GA DNR Wildlife Resources Division, USDA Forest Service, Mountain Heritage Bank, Regions Bank, Splendor Mountain, William Stephens Memorial Fund, Karen & Kevin McGrath, Sandy & Ralph Morgan, Margaret & Russ Burken, Betsy Fowler, Russ Tyre, Stephen Arbitter, and A Friend

Stekoa Creek Update

Stekoa Creek Monitoring - A National Trout Unlimited "Embrace-A-Stream" Project [HERE](#)

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 and preventive actions to address excessive fecal coliform and sediment levels has been responsible for the continued deterioration of the stream for over 30 years.

DRIVING FOR TROUT

Seventeen (17) members of Rabun TU have volunteered their time and vehicle expenses to drive the weekly Stekoa Creek Monitoring water samples to the certified lab in Jefferson, GA (132 mile round trip) on Tuesday mornings. The volunteer schedule through the summer is as follows: Lea Richmond (7/31), Russell Johnson (8/7), Ray Gentry (8/14), Ray Kearns (8/21), Gary Deal (8/28), Doug Adams (9/4), Bill Kelly (9/11), Jimmy Whiten (9/18), Terry Rivers (9/25), and Fritz Vinson (10/2).

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

To see a spreadsheet with the weekly fecal coliform counts for all sample sites, click on <http://www.rabuntu.com/>
As you can see from the updated spreadsheet, the bacteria data from Stekoa Creek is alarming.
Rabun TU believes signs should be posted along the creek as a public health hazard warnings.

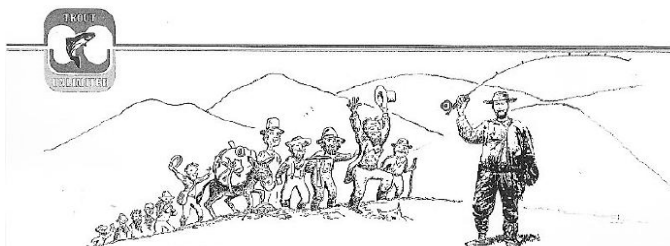
Q & A

Q – Has monitoring Stekoa Creek and tributaries with weekly water sampling really helping to locate problems?

A – Yes, the high readings at City Housing sent the city marshal and Chattooga Conservancy searching on 7/13. They found a sewage leak between the Marsengill Street site and City Housing on the west prong (Scotts Creek), exactly where the water samples indicated there was a leak. The city is making necessary repairs.

Our Thanks to **Georgia Sportsman** magazine for the Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project coverage in the August 2007 issue [HERE](#)
So far this year, the Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project has received cash donations from anglers totaling over \$5,600. **These funds are used to pay the fees of the certified testing laboratory.** The donations came from the **National TU Embrace-A-Stream Grant** [HERE](#), **GA Council of TU** [HERE](#), **Rabun TU Chapter** [HERE](#), **Upper Chattahoochee TU Chapter** [HERE](#) (Roswell, GA), **Oconee River TU Chapter** [HERE](#) (Athens, GA), and the **Atlanta Fly Fishing School** [HERE](#) (Cumming, GA).

There have been additional personal donations from individual TU members. For info on where you can send a personal donation, click [HERE](#) To see the complete list of organizations and individuals that have donated, click [HERE](#)



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

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

Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

SAGE Custom Fly Rod Raffle

Z-axis, 9 ft, 5 wt, 4 pc,

Over \$600 Retail Value!!

Drawing October 16, 2007 at the Chapter Meeting

Tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10

Contact Terry Rivers for Tickets

Ph 706 782 7419 E-mail tlr1121@alltel.net

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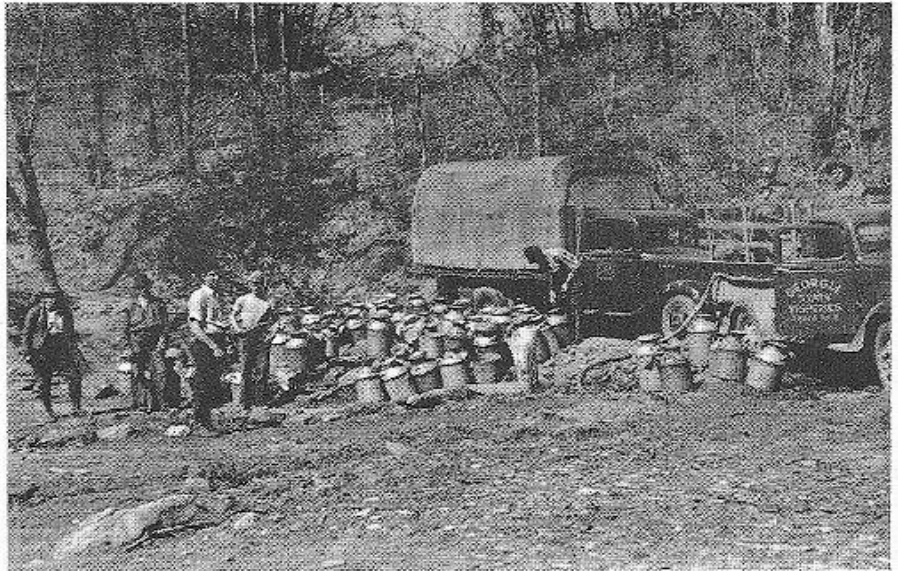
This Sept. 1941 article in OUTDOOR GEORGIA tells about the 1936 co-operative agreement that created the Wildlife Management Areas and began the restocking of game and trout streams. Many of us caught our first trout on a WMA. Our “**Thanks**” to Rabunite **TOM LANDRETH** for re-discovering this article and sharing with **TIGHT LINES** readers.

Georgia Wildlife Thrives As Result of Agreement Between State and U. S.

By **CHARLES X. GRANO**
Assistant Forester
U. S. Forest Service

MANY Georgia hunters and fishermen who have availed themselves of the fine hunting and fishing on the Georgia Fish and Game Management Areas of the Chattahoochee National Forest, know of their existence, but have very confused ideas regarding the function and organization of the areas. This is strongly evidenced by the questions they put to the men in charge of the areas. In the interest of clarifying the public's conception of these areas and to bring them to the attention of those who are puzzled, a few words of explanation are in order.

When the first white settlers made their slow and tortuous way into the beautifully rugged mountain areas of North Georgia, fish and wild animal life abounded in fabulous numbers. After many years of intensive hunting, lack of predator control, unrestricted woods burning and other factors, game dwindled



Fish planting is an important activity on the Georgia Fish and Game Management Areas (Note the Georgia State Fisheries and U. S. Forest Service trucks)

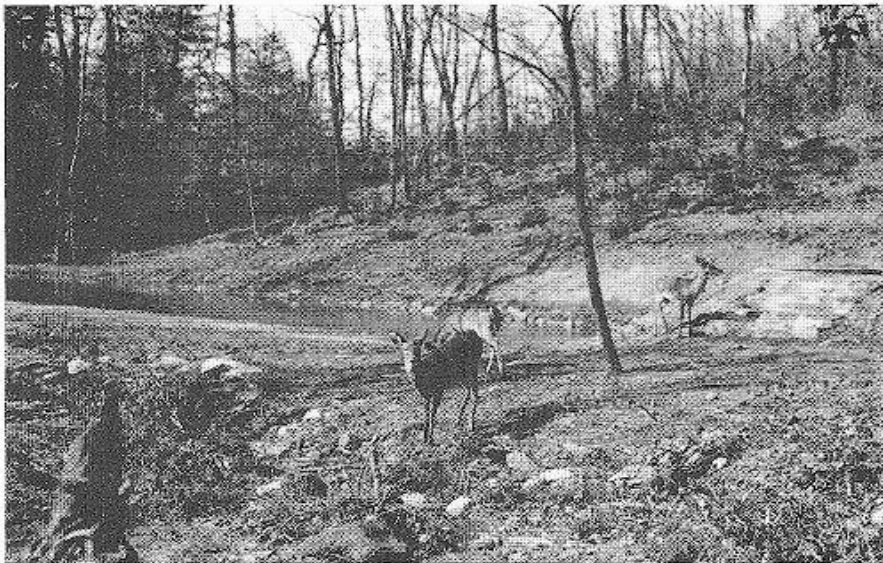
almost to the point of extinction and streams which once bore thousands of fish became practically barren.

In hopes of reversing this destructive trend the State of Georgia Wildlife Division at the time under the direction of Zack D. Cravey and who now is present Commissioner of Natural Resources, entered into a cooperative agreement with the U. S. Forest Service for the management of wildlife on National Forest lands within this state.

This agreement was completed March, 1936, and Georgia became the first State to enter an agreement of this type with the Government. Other states followed suit later. This united action between Georgia and the U. S., plus the cooperative efforts of the two factions, began to show almost immediate results and has continued to thrive and flourish.

After careful consideration and study, four areas were selected for fish and game management purposes. The largest of the fish and game management areas is the Chattahoochee-Chestatee Area. This area embraces

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Deer in Blue Ridge Wildlife Management Area — Chattahoochee National Forest

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the headwaters of the Chatahoochee and Chestatee Rivers and contains approximately 56,000 acres. It is located in Lumpkin, White, Towns and Union Counties. The Cohutta Area covers about 41,000 acres on the headwaters of Jacks and Conasauga Rivers in Murray and Fannin Counties. The Blue Ridge Area is over 41,000 acres in size and is located in Lumpkin and Fannin Counties. The smallest of the four units, the Lake Burton Area, is 15,000 acres in size and is all within Rabun County.

All the Fish and Game Management Areas are on National Forest land and come under the jurisdiction of the United States Forest Service. Matters pertaining to policy, plans for game and fish management and restocking, public hunts, etc., are considered and passed on jointly by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, and the United States Forest Service. State game protectors, employed by the State of Georgia, are stationed on each area and administer and protect them in conjunction with the District Forest Ranger within whose district the area is located. In order to strengthen game protection on these areas, State Game Protectors are made Federal Wardens and U. S.

Forest Service officers are commissioned as State Game Protectors.

Streams were restocked with thousands of fish and later opened to regulated fishing. A system of rotation is practiced so that a stream which was open last season is allowed a one-year rest period.

Game restocking has been instituted on all the areas and efforts have met with considerable success. Deer have shown such an excellent increase in numbers that a regulated public deer hunt was held on the Blue Ridge Game Management Area last year. The hunt proved so successful that another public hunt is contemplated for this fall.

What's New Elsewhere?

GA – New 10th Dist Congressman, Dr Paul Broun, is a Life member of TU and enjoys the Chattooga backcountry solitude. (7/18/2007) Dr. Paul Broun Jr. won a narrow upset over Jim Whitehead, 50.4 percent to 49.6 percent. Broun will replace the late Charlie Norwood as 10th District congressman. For a newspaper story, click [HERE](#). Before the election, Broun was asked his position on 2 important Rabun County issues.

Subject: I-3: Paul Broun replied Friday, June 29, 2007
"I am totally against I-3. I would like to de-fund the study. I will work to get GA 17 completed from US 441 to Hartwell and made into a federal highway. I discussed this issue with Dr. Lucy Bartlett of Tiger Ga. yesterday. She can fill you in with greater detail. Please vote for me. Thank you. Paul Broun"

Subject: Management of the National Wild and Scenic (WSR) Chattooga River.

If elected to represent the 10th District, what is your position?

a. I believe it is public land and should be available to all recreation activities as long as it does not damage the physical environment.

b. I believe that conflicting recreation activities should be zoned so that visitors seeking to avoid conflicts and/or interference while seeking solitude and quietness will have a place to go.

c. I believe that the Forest Service process will arrive at the proper management plan and I will not interfere in the ongoing process.

Paul Broun replied Tuesday, July 03, 2007 *"I am a trout fisherman. One of my favorite places to fly fish is to hike into the remote areas of the Chattooga River. I like wild fish and solitude. I fish in any stream where I can find such. I have had the experience in other places of dodging boats and rafts. I have even had some to just about run over me. There is plenty of water so that activities can be separated. I have been a life member of Trout Unlimited since the late 60's or early 70's. I'm in multiple other conservation organizations, a life member in most. I hope this answers your questions. Paul Broun"*

GA DNR – Campfire Ban Lifted (7/2/2007) The GA DNR, Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) today announced a lift on the campfire ban previously issued on May 26, 2007. All affected northeast Georgia Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) have been cleared for campfire usage but WRD officials are reminding campers to heed the following safety tips when monitoring campfires in designated camping areas. [HERE](#)

GA USFS (7/10/2007) Low Gap Campground has been re-opened following an emergency closure for public safety. The aggressive bear that had been a threat to campers has been removed from the area to a remote location in the district. To learn more about human interactions with wildlife, Click [HERE](#)

SC USFS - Forest Service Anticipates Hefty Prison Sentences Will Deter Future Artifact Theft (6/27/2007) U.S.

Forest Service officials announced today that the recent sentencing of two South Carolina residents will serve as a warning to other individuals who may be tempted to disturb or steal artifacts from federal property. Kristi L. Hendricks and Brian K. Gary of Calhoun Falls, SC, were sentenced in U.S. District Court for their role in looting a prehistoric Indian archaeological site located in McCormick County on the Sumter NF. Hendricks was sentenced to 12 mos. and one day in prison; Gary was sentenced to 24 mos. Each was ordered to surrender the stolen artifacts and to pay more than \$800 in restitution for damages. To read the complete news release, click [HERE](#)

GA USFS – "Managing Wilderness and Roadless Areas" by former CONF Supervisor, Kathleen Atkinson (2/20/2004)

The following is an excerpt: "These areas will be managed, and I'm quoting language from the act here..., *"as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."* Wilderness is unique, it's beautiful, and it preserves certain areas for future generations to see what happens when nature takes its course without much interference from humans." (underline added) For the complete video presentation, click [HERE](#)

NC NPS: Great Smokies Park ends ban on native brook trout fishing (7/18/2007) The following is an excerpt from the Smoky Mountain News [HERE](#):

A 30-year ban on fishing for native brook trout in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park has been officially lifted. As an experiment, the park lifted the ban on a handful of streams to see what would happen. Biologists concluded there was no noticeable impact to the trout population in those streams. That has led to the permanent repeal of the ban across the Great Smokies Park, except in places where active brook trout restoration is occurring.

For the complete article, click [HERE](#)

NC FERC approves removal of Dillsboro dam (7/19/2007) across the Tuckasegee River. Duke Energy anticipates eliminating the hydroelectric dam, built in 1913, within three years. NC WRC, USFS, NC WF, NC TU, and AW all support the action. For more info, click [HERE](#)

GA: Invasive Species Task Force: Cogongrass: An Increasing Threat to Georgia Agriculture, Forestry, and Wildlife Habitat (7/19/2007) Considered one of the "World's Worst Weeds" and listed as a Federal Noxious Weed by the Department of Agriculture, cogongrass is extremely invasive and seriously detrimental to native plants and wildlife habitat. Cogongrass displaces native vegetation, restricts tree-seeding establishment and increases fire risks. For more, click [HERE](#)

"Stream nymphs in our streams mostly remain on the stones, or under them, during the day, and are very likely to swim about towards evening or in the dark. This is one of the reasons why trout feed toward evening, when their natural food becomes easily available." From Nymph Fly Fishing by Edward R Hewitt

Letters - To and From the Rabunites

Sent: Friday, June 29, 2007

Subject: RE: TIGHT LINES July 2007 Newsletter

The debates over public land will never end, I reckon. We've fought 'em before, and will continue. Everybody thinks that they have some God-given right to use (never abuse, or impede others' use of) public lands. After all, those lands are THEIR lands - - they paid taxes on them! So the argument goes.

One of my favorites was with 4-wheelers (back when that was just jeeps). The USFS suggested that they couldn't restrict use of 4-wheelers ("they are part of our constituency too"), even though they were crossing and degrading trout streams. USFS suggested we (TU) might want to undertake some maintenance/restoration projects to improve/protect the trout waters.

Uh, that was maintenance/restoration of the 4-wheeler trails.

USFS admitted degradation was there, 4-wheelers were causing it, but that they couldn't restrict usage.

Gotta love it. Keep up the good fight!

From: Buzz Bryson – Raleigh, NC

Editor's notes: *We will, Buzz. Zoning is among the most common ways of addressing use conflicts in land-based settings and we know that in river settings, segment zoning is also common. Buzz is a fisheries biologist and a contributing editor of "Fly Rod & Reel" magazine.*

Sent: Friday, June 29, 2007

Subject: Rabunite Newsletter

Just read most of it...as always, great job. I want to comment on Tom Landreth's finding a 1941 article...he and Lea Richmond are the only two Rabunites who were old enough to read in 1941!!

From: Charlie Breithaupt – Clayton, GA

Editor's notes: *Sounds right to me, too.*

Sent: Friday, June 29, 2007

Subject: RE: TIGHT LINES July 2007 Newsletter

this is just great

From: Tommy Johnson – Atlanta, GA

Editor's notes: *Thanks.*

Sent: Saturday, June 30, 2007

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES July 2007 Newsletter

As I sit here this steamy Saturday morning trying to get some things ready for our upcoming August issue of the Laurel Magazine. I received your e-mail including your Tight Lines Newsletter. I usually skim over it quickly looking for content to include in our magazine to "help your cause". I love what Trout Unlimited stands for and the work that you do, but have never had the time to read the entire newsletter. In doing so this morning I feel led to contribute to your efforts and would like to send a check from Rabun Laurel Inc. to help. I will be sending a check in the amount of \$200.00 (wish it could be more). I wonder what is the best address to send this to. Thank you for sending your newsletter to us and we will continue to help where we can.

From: Tracy McCoy – Publisher, Rabun's Laurel Inc., Clayton

Editor's notes: *Tracy, thank you for your kind words and for your generous donation. Your contribution will be used to help pay the lab fees for the Stekoa Creek Water Monitoring project. Please make your check to : Rabun TU and Mail to: Rabun TU, c/o Doug Adams, PO Box 65, Rabun Gap, GA 30568. Thanks and Happy Trails*

Sent: Saturday, June 30, 2007

Subject: Wyoming this summer

Just wanted to let you fellows know that I'll be out at the Green River from July 8 to around Labor Day. Two months of low humidity, cool temps, and big trout. Of course I'll be staying with Butch and we have a lot of guide trips booked for the summer. But I want everyone to know that if any of you guys are going to be in the area you can come fish with me when I have a day off. Or just come by and have a cold beer if you are just passing through. I know that you two have all the e-mail contacts, so forward this message on to all the Rabunites. If someone wants to make the great float trip down the Green with me, I ask that you help row the boat (so I can fish some too). I haven't heard of anyone coming to see us this summer, and I'll have the cabin to myself as Butch is going to Alaska the last two weeks of August and first part of September. Ya'll come see me if you can :-)

Keep your boots wet, Burrelly

From: [Kyle Burrell](#) – Atlanta, GA and Cora, WY

Editor's notes: *Kyle, there are a bunch of Rabunites headed your way late July and August.*

Sent: Saturday, July 07, 2007

Subject: Re: Stekoa Creek Update

Thank you for the update. It seems the Stekoa Creek is never totally free from pollution. I have talked to the EPD and they are committed to helping Rabun to get it cleaned up once and for all. Keep fighting the good fight. All the best,

From: Nancy Schaefer, GA State Senator, 50th Dist – Turnerville, GA

Editor's notes: *We will, Nancy, we will.*

Sent: Saturday, July 07, 2007

howdy thought iwould play with this thing , Bill

From: Bill Kelly

Editor's notes: *WOW! Here it is folks. The very first E-mail ever from Kelly. Welcome to the information age, old buddy. By golly - - you don't have to believe it - - if you don't want to.*

Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2007 9:11 PM

Subject: Annual Family Picnic

Read in one of your supplements that the Annual Family Picnic is July 17. I can't make it because I am too busy fishing King Mackerel tournaments. But, Sandy and three grand children (ages 10 and 12) will be arriving in Rabun County on the 17th for a visit. They would like to attend but would need to bring their Lake Burton hosts Charlie and Barbara Brundage and their granddaughter (age 10). They will bring a big container of bavarian cole slaw plus a big pile of brownies and will be happy to pay for the extra fried chicken that might need to be purchased. Let me know if it is ok for them to attend. It is absolutely no problem if it isn't possible. Wish I could be there, but...as they say in salt water..."the bite is on!" Just got back from fishing a tournament in Saint Augustine for three days. My largest King was 15.7 pounds. The winning fish was 53 pounds. So, you can see that I am still in a steep learning curve. If it is ok for Sandy and crowd to attend please let me know and I will get the money for the chicken in the mail to you right away. Thanks.

From: Ralph Morgan – St Marys, GA.

Editor's notes: *Ralph, we look forward to having Sandy, grand children, and hosts join us. You have more than paid their way, many times over. Just sorry you are too busy to come! I know, I know, it's tough duty but someone has got to do it. Tight Lines!*

Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2007

Subject: July 10 and 11

Hello, this is my first time trying to get involved with the Chattooga controversy but I feel as an avid user of the river it is time my name gets thrown in the hat.

I believe I will be at the meeting in Walhalla and would ask you for information that I can use to defend keeping the upper portion of the river closed to boating. My personal view is that the boaters have 20+ miles they already use so why should they have the right to encroach upon my right to enjoy the river by demanding access to the upper portion of the river. As some one who has fished from 28 bridge to Ellicott Rock I do not see how boating can be done safely as proven by the 2 busted up kayaks I have found on the upper portion of the river

I live about 2 miles from the lower portion of the river and enjoy hiking down to the river and fishing, swimming with my family down below Wolf Creek Church. I have quit doing this because of past incidents with the boaters. I do not want this on the upper portion which I use as a place to get away and enjoy life not to argue and get run over by a kayaker with no brains or respect for others.

I would also like to help with the survey around Spoonauger on the 11th. Thanks in advance and look forward to hearing from you.

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



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From: Jason McVey – Lakemont, GA

Editor's notes: We E-mailed Jason the information he requested and he did express his views at the 7/10 Public Meeting where we met for the first time. Jason also joined the volunteer crew at the Chattooga Sampling on the 11th.

To: Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Sent: July 10, 2007 by US Postal

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Stop I-3 Coalition. I have just learned of your gift and am most appreciative. Supporting organizations like yours extend the influence of the coalition and make a difference.

The efforts of all of us have the Washington establishment sitting up and taking notice. The candidates for District 10 Representative Seat all know of our opposition to an interstate through the mountains. Hopefully, the idea will soon be dead. Sincerely,

From: Lucy Barlett, Chair, Stop I-3 Board of Directors – Tiger, GA

Editor's notes: Rabun TU donated \$250.. For more info on the Stop I-3 Coalition, click <http://www.stopi-3.org/>

Fishing Reports - Kinda

Sent: Friday, June 29, 2007

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES July 2007 Newsletter

I sure do miss all the Rabunites. Too much work and not enough fishing in NC. I did manage to float the New River for Smallmouth last weekend. We did real well. I caught a few dozen, and lost a citation fish.

I fished the S. Holston several times this spring, and caught a bunch of fish during the sulfur hatches.

On Sunday, I went to a local lake and caught my first carp on a fly. It was a hoot. I have been out four or five times chasing them, and finally hooked up. I am sight fishing for them just like redfish or bonefish. I also lost a catfish when my tippet knot broke. I sight fished to him, too.

I am going to St. Simons this week and taking my flats boat. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and I can boat a few reds, speckled salt-water trout and maybe a Spanish or two.

Take care, and keep up the good work supporting the Chattooga.

From: David Edens – somewhere in the NC flatlands

Editor's notes: Well David, why don't you come for a campout?

Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2007

Subject: fishing

Hi: I thought it might be interesting to some of you to become aware of the differences between Rabun County trout fishing and blue water fishing on the coast of Georgia. I fished trout in Rabun for over 40 years. Granted, I am a spin fisherman...not fly. So, I am confident that you fly fishermen and women are investing sizable amounts of money in rods, reels, assorted support items and travel West of Rabun County.

However, I would estimate that I had a total investment of \$200 in equipment when I fished Rabun and the gas bill was pocket change. I recently fished a King Mackerel tournament in St. Augustine, Florida. I had a 26 ft. boat with twin 225 hp engines. The boat package was worth about \$50,000 minimum. Six rods and reels worth about \$250 each. Bait and chum for the three day tourney totaled \$400. Paid \$300 up front to enter the tournament. \$300 for a motel. \$150 to park the boat in a marina rather than hauling it out every night. Gasoline ran about \$340 per day. Meals, entertainment, etc probably totaled \$475. Fuel costs to trailer the boat from St. Marys, GA to St. Augustine and back about \$150. Every day you get up at 4 am, buy ice (\$75 for three days) and head out to sea at 6 am. Seas are running 3-4 feet and you do 33mph + for two hours of gut-pounding endurance to get to the first fishing area. The first day it was a total of 123 miles. Second day was 176 miles. Third day was 87 miles. Toss in to the equation running through thunder storms to get back to the dock every afternoon. Not counting the cost of the boat we are talking about almost \$4,000 for fishing three days. Granted...that is probably only half the cost of one of your fly rods...but I assume that those babies last a few years. With the exception of the bone-shattering rides to the fishing grounds, I love every minute of it. When you hook a big King Mackerel it is like hooking your line onto the rear bumper of a Greyhound Bus. It is interesting that the smaller fish...say 10 to 30 pounds give the best fight. The really big fish seem to give out after a few runs. I do miss the laid-back life of a trout fisherman...but, I am enjoying the physical and mental challenges of blue-water fishing. Trouble is this is strictly a beer-drinking group of fishermen. Since I don't drink beer I have to bring my own cooler

on board. Our boat has one cooler with chum, one ice chest with bait, two BIG ice chests with beer, and one small ice chest for food. We have big insulated bags to put the fish in...since they typically won't fit in an ice chest. Come go fishing with us. We will cover the costs...but, you might need to buy a Florida non-resident salt water fishing license.

From: Ralph Morgan – St. Marys, GA.

Sent: Monday, July 09, 2007

Subject: riverbass and trout fishing reports

So did you make holiday lemonade? Some of us did:

1) Chattooga redeye bass below highway 76. Slow while dredging during hot afternoon (4 fish). Great the last hour before dark (caught ten more, missed twice that many) on a size 8 yellow popper. They were looking for those two inch yellow

burrowing mayflies that were hatching last week. Biggest was 11 inches, but all pulled hard on a 5-weight outfit! Big water-despite drought, be careful wading. Scenic, with the hike as some good cardio prep for my August excursion out West.

2) Toccoa tailwater trout. Our trio caught maybe three dozen fish on dries and droppers from about 10 til 3, when the water came on, both in the stream and from the clouds. Best were 14 in brown and 15 in rainbow. Lots of wading fun, casting to risers that were eating dries and emergers.

Still think it's too hot to fish? If so, thanks for all that water for the few of us dedicated, sunscreened, and wide brim hat-adorned die-hards to enjoy!

From: Jeff Durniak – Gainesville, GA www.gofishgeorgia.com

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From The Two Brothers by Lewis Carroll (1832-1895)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **2 new members** this month: **Allen Koleff**, 549 Lancelot Loop, Clayton, GA 30525; **Charles Mobley**, PO Box 617, Clayton, GA 30525

Thanks for re-upping: **Mitch Logan, Pom Sinnock, Jim Kidd, Doug Mansfield, Eugene Pipkin, David Smith, Logan Justice, Randall Corbin, Mike Fuller, and Hugh Thompson,**

It is time to renew your membership: **Chuck Breithaupt, Frank Holden, George Custer, Donald Thomas, Gary Breece, Edwin Wayne Clark, Terrell Dodgins, Brooks & Amanda Adams, David Bentley, Dylan Bradley, David Cannon, Reid Cannon, Rachael Davis, James Friedman, Dwayne Hunnicutt, Greg Roane, Adam Wilkerson, and Virlyn Florence**

We are happy to report **Ray Kearns** is recovering nicely from his knee replacement.

Tom Landreth reports feeling better than he has in a good while

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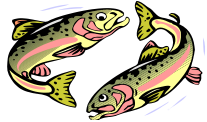
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News from the President..... **Terry Rivers**

Hi All,

I hope this finds you and your family doing well.

Well the chapter has been very busy the last month or so with all the meetings, the samplings, survey of the river, fly fishing school, and P.R. with different organizations and people. I want to thank everybody that has participated and have given of his or her time. It will surely have an impact; we hope.

The fly-fishing seminar we had went very well. From the comments I heard while there and afterward, they were all great. I want to personally thank Charlie and Kathy. They both put a lot of effort and time into the seminar; and, made everything go smoothly. Two great professionals at work. All enjoyed the food cooked by Kelly and Nixon.

Well, I have not had much time lately to talk about fishing, because I have not been. But, when you received this newsletter, I should have some news from West of here; a much needed vacation.

The family picnic we had at Kelly's Waterfall was a wonderful event as usual. Thanks Bill and Jean for letting our chapter have the use of your beautiful place.

I guess I will end this letter for now; and say, please join us at the meetings and different events we have during the year. There is a lot you miss if you don't participate.

Terry

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

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