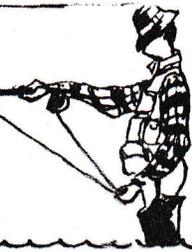


# TIGHT LINES



RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

JUNE 1991

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

ELECTRO FISHING OF THE TALLULAH RIVER AND THE BACKPACK  
WORK PROJECT ON LOWER REED CREEK ARE CANCELLED!!!!!!!!!!

JULY MEETING AT RABUN COUNTY LIBRARY - Tuesday, July 16th - Social - 6:30 - Meeting at 7:00 PM. John Baiegi, Georgia Game & Fish, will entertain us with a program on "Lake Lanier Tailwaters". In spite of the fact that Walt Landreth is goofing off at Lanier Hospital in Gainesville after getting his other knee replaced, we will have a raffle - conducted by Jeff Durniak. So bring along any items suitable and donate them to the effort.

CHRIS MARTIN SPEAKS TO CHAPTER AT JUNE MEETING - Chris Martin, Manager of the Aquatic Education program for the DNR offered a most interesting visual and oral presentation on the work he is doing in interesting youth to go fishing. The decline in angling across the land and in Georgia should be of concern to all of us. Most of us were introduced to fishing by an adult when we were young. With an expanding urban population and pressures of the work place, young people simply aren't being exposed to the pleasure of fishing. Martin's department is trying to turn this around with in-school education, fishing days for kids and the like. We thank Chris and pledge our support.

After covering several items were covered (reported on elsewhere in the NL) we had a healthy debate over the Chapter's stance on the wilderness areas in Georgia in Rep. Ed Jenkins proposed legislation. The Chapter voted to oppose the proposal by letter to Jenkins.

## THE ACORN

Sitting on the river bank late in the fall, the old man noticed a little squirrel scampering around a large oak tree on the opposite side of the river. Suddenly, the squirrel spied a large, fat acorn laying on a flat rock in the middle of the stream. With careful calculations the squirrel looked over the situation, ran up the tree trunk and out an overhanging limb. Approaching the end of the limb as it bent down and over the rock, the little squirrel leaped off, grabbing his prize. Relieved of the squirrel's weight, the branch returned to it's original position, leaving the rodent stranded. Unperplexed, he made a great jump for the limb, missed, and fell to the water. Quicker than the old man could blink a large streamlined form broke the surface and gobbled down the squirrel in a glup, disappearing beneath the now quiet water. Rubbing his chin as he thought about what he had just witnessed, the man saw the big Brown slowly surface, swim up to the rock and return the acorn.

REVIEW OF RECENT EVENTS AND OTHER WONDERFUL STUFF

On Thursday, June 5th, Eric, Jim Harris and daughter, and Kyle, helped the DNR stock trout by toting them by the bucketful to secluded spots on Panther Creek down here in Habersham County. Thanks to all of you, they were delicious!

And then, on Trout Day, June 8th, Kyle (coordinator), Kelly, Nugget, Jeff, Mort, Clem and David Gomez lent a hand with the Kids Fishing Event at Moccasin Creek State Park. Another successful effort - thanks to all of you.

And again on the road with the Rabun Chapter gang, Kyle Burrell led the way inside the Perimeter in the heart of Yuppyville (Atlanta) to the Jimmy Carter Center to demonstrate the proper way to do trout stuff. From the looks of the video, they all did well and didn't embarrass us. Bill and Jean Kelly, Doug and Eedee Adams, Jim and Carolyn Kidd, Henry W., Jeff D. and Mike B. were on hand. The guys wore shoes and the ladies lent class and good looks to the entourage. Great job!

Back in home territory, Kyle (there's that name again) Burrell, Charlie Wharton and Neal Wright helped with the fish shocking & sampling on the West Fork on June 13th. Just let me know where the "big'uns" are holed up. Thanks again.

Kids Fishing Day on the Tallulah River, June 15th found Jim Nixon, Clem, Jeff and Frankie (step on those pogonias and you're dead mead) Green directing the young folk to the trout. From all accounts they must have done a great job!

### DULL BUT VITAL DOINGS

The Chapter donated \$100 to the USFS for Kids Fishing Day on the Tallulah; \$50 to Kids Fishing Day at Black Rock Mountain State Park - The Klondike Corporation, Clayton, donated \$60 to the Chapter earmarking \$50 of it for the Kids Fishing Day at Black Rock Mountain SP. "We are still working on it" states Jim Kidd when quizzed about the Big Mac Project. Mike Hogelin will draw it up. Doug will present the proposal to the burger bosses. WE HAVE \$2759 IN THE BANK.

### MEMBERSHIP IN CHAPTER GROWS

We now have 85 memberships in the Rabun Chapter, several are family memberships. The latests to join forces with THE CHAPTER are Steve Littrell of Clayton and Jim Carroll of Gate City, Virginia. Welcome!

### THE CALENDAR

July 16th	Regular Meeting at Rabun County Library
Some Weekday Evening to be decided, about 5 PM	Structure Work on Sarah's Creek with Jim Kidd coordinating.
In August on a date to be decided	Carry salt into the Chattooga at Bad Creek for USFS Electro-Fishing. Monte Seehorn, coordinator
August 20th	Regular Meeting. Dave Jensen, District Ranger will present the program. (Mort has invited us to his place to catch trout and cook'em. We will decide at July meeting)

MEMBERS WHO HAVE REUPPED FOR A YEAR are Jerry Burrell, Dave Jensen, Bill & Jean Kelly, Warren Kiernan, Monty Szebo, Russ Tyne (who can tell you of some real juicy stuff about our President as a boy) and Teddy Vance. These members need to renew: Doug Burgess, Randy Dilliot, Lonnie English, Hiawasse Realty and George Wittbold.

### YOUR FRIENDLY CONGRESSMAN WANTS TO RAID THE WALLOP/BREAUX TRUST FUND

Whenever you buy motorboat fuel, fishing tackle or other recreational angling items, a tax, or user fee is levied on that product and goes into the Wallop/Breaux Trust Fund. Monies are then passed on to the states for the purpose of Boating Safety and Sport Fishing Restoration. (These funds support things like Chris Martin's program also). Your House of Representatives now wants to withhold \$18 million in direct payments from the fund. This is in violation of a long standing agreement between Congress and it's partners to maintain the integrity of the "user-pay, user-benefit" program. Please fax, telegraph or phone Senators Sam Nunn and Wyche Fowler and ask them to sign on to a "dear Colleague" letter, seeking full funding for the user-

funded Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund for fishing.

**THE SPORTS FISHING INSTITUTE ASKS A THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTION:** Are there too many people fishing? Well of course there is - I should be the only one allowed to fish the Chattooga, or a little Brook Trout stream in Colorado. But since both of these streams are PUBLIC resources, anyone who wishes to should be allowed to fish them. And, I can't maintain either of them by myself, so I'll need \$\$\$\$ from licenses, user fees and taxes and donations from groups like TU, and expertise from the USFS and DNR. And just in case my local, state or national government officials are oblivious to my wants and needs, some clout with numbers of like minded people would most likely get their attention. So, elitist snob that I may be, I guess I'll move over and make room for you and you and you and you. We need you and your children and your friends to help us all improve, enhance and protect our cold water fisheries. BESIDES, THERE ARE STILL PLACES TO FISH WHERE YOU DON'T RUN INTO A SOUL!

**TRAVELERS FORECASTS FOR U.S. CITIES**

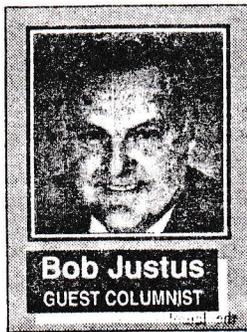
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# Kids' Fishing Rodeo certainly fun to watch

Betty Mathews, U.S. Forest Ranger with the Chatooga Ranger Station at Clarkesville, knows how to convince someone, speaking with her charm and zeal. She said, "Bob, you write about fishing as a kid on the farm in Rabun County. Come out to Nancytown Lake on May 18th and observe our second Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo. I know you will enjoy it and it is a way to help kids, a subject you often write about, too."

Well, guess what? By sunup on May 18th I was walking along the shores of Nancytown Lake, in its lovely setting between wooded slopes and surrounded by stately poplars and white oak trees. Canada geese swam slowly along, and in the placid waters I saw fish swimming around. But then a line of vehicles started coming up the road and I turned to see a host of people getting ready to fish.

Shortly the shoreline was covered with about 130 children up to age 15 with their supporting cast of parents and various organizations helping make the event a success. Amid shouts and laughter, lines were baited with worms, yellow corn, liver, crick-



**Bob Justus**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

ets, and in one case (Lynsie Arrendale, 3) a catfish was caught on Pink Powerbait!

I ran into Jeff Durniak, with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, located at the Fish Hatcheries on Lake Burton. This organization stocked the lake with 2,000 trout before the event and Jeff, with others, were helping U.S. Forest Service employees manage the fishing rodeo. Of the latter, I met Doug Watson, a wildlife technician; Jimmy Allen, recreation director; and Frankie

Green, biologist.

Along the shore I met Jim Harris, a member of Trout Unlimited. He and other members of this great organization were on hand to help untangle lines and provide extra hooks, bait and other tackle.

A Boy Scout troop from the Lake Sinclair Camp came up also, to help organize and assist in the event. Another supporting group included the Key Club of Habersham Central High School, led by Robert Barron. Wren's Fisheries of Hollywood also contributed.

What I really enjoyed was talking with various young people on the shore. There was Bill Hammock, 4, with his dad, Danks, fishing with yellow corn, and laughing as he hauled them in. Next I met Sloane Ferguson, 12, from Cornelia; he had 7 trout by 8:45 a.m.!

When I came to where Elizabeth Johnson, 8, was fishing, she had caught nothing at that point, and I said, "Catch a fish and I'll interview you." On the way back by, she held up a trout and I talked to her and her dad, Gaylen, who is also a U.S. Forest Ranger.

I came upon the Hood clan, all

avid outdoors lovers: Larry, with his 4-year-old son, Bill; and Larry's brother John, with his son, Zack, 6. This group had a big stringer of both catfish and trout.

Harold Smith was there, with his children: Lashae, 12; Harold Jr., 8; and Mathew, 3. A friend, Reginald, 5, fished with them, assisted by his mother, Carolyn Scott. These children, living in Eastanolée, were so eager to go fishing they awoke their parents at 5 a.m.

Not having space, I cannot relate all the interesting interviews I had with excited kids or tell of their catches and prizes. After all the fun and excitement, everyone gathered to see who won what prizes, and there were many winning tackle boxes, rods and reels, and assorted lures. I went away feeling that it was all worth while and I think all those who cooperated in making this fishing rodeo possible are wonderful people. Yes, Betty Mathews, I appreciate your asking me to attend.

Bob Justus, a naive of Rabun County, writes regularly for The Tribune.



Small fry catches big fry  
Six-year-old Stephanie struggles with her stringer full of trout Saturday at the Kids Fish

*From Nancytown to Black Rock Mountain State Park, they came. From Tallulah Gorge to Moccasin Park, they came. They may have fished - they may have caught fish - they may have had fun - they may have had fun - they may know, he is one steel*

**Fishing rodeo draws 109 kids**

By Tom Tentbroeck  
The second annual Kids Fishing Rodeo had another successful turnout this year - 109 kids, 14 years old and under showed up for this year's event.

With the event beginning Saturday morning, 1,500 trout were stocked into the Tallulah River Friday evening by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The fishing rodeo was sponsored by the Clayton Rotary Club, the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Awards, donated by merchants, presented to kids in five different categories.

limit of 8: Philip Marsengill; Heaviest: R.C. Brown (2,038 lbs.).  
Five to eight-year-olds - 1st to catch limit: Adam Burrel; Heaviest: Chad Mincemeyer (1,662 lbs.).  
Nine and 10-year-olds - 1st to catch limit: John Burrel; Heaviest: John Burrel (2,76 lbs., also heaviest of the day).  
Eleven and 12-year-olds - 1st to catch limit: Anthony Hooper; Heaviest: Larry Weidman (1,518 lbs.).  
Thirteen to 16-year-olds - 1st to catch limit: Michael Tolbert; Heaviest: Brannon Reeves (1,854 lbs.).  
Of the 109 kids registered to  
• Rodeo, turn to page B-6

To the editor:  
On Saturday, June 8, Black Rock Mountain State Park and the Lake Burton Fish Hatchery hosted a Junior Fishing Rodeo for young people age 15 and younger. We appreciate the publicity both before and after the event that the Tribune provided and we appreciate the assistance given by radio stations WGHC and WALH.

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organizations who donated prizes and refreshments. In these days of belt-tightening and budget cuts, money is simply not available to government agencies to pay for these kinds of items, and without local support this fishing rodeo would not have been possible. This year's co-sponsors were: Andy's Market, Bobby Ramey's Chevron, the Gainesville Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Crestview Store, Dick-

Jimmy Donald's, Piggly Wiggly Hardware, Trout Unlimited - Rabun Chapter, Twenty-Penny, and Frank Watts.  
We thank all these folks for their generosity. They really helped make a lot of kids happy.  
Sincerely,  
Anthony Lampros, Superintendent  
Black Rock Mountain State Park



Fishing partners

Adam (L) and John Burrell took care of supper for several nights as they brought home a load of fish from the recent Kids' Fishing Rodeo. Adam was the first to catch his limit in the 5-8 year-old division. John caught the heaviest fish of the day — weighing in at 2.76 pounds.

*To enjoy the experience one day  
The Chapter thanks all the members who  
helped; the DNR and the U.S.F.S. for  
getting TV involved.*

*Wah-hoo!*