

# TIGHT LINES

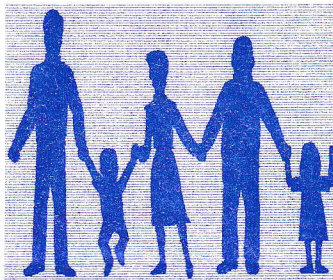


NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

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## HERE WE GO AGAIN...FAMILY TIME AT THE KELLY PICNIC GROUNDS

Those members attending the May meeting at Indian Lake on the campus of RGNS had such a good time, it was decided that we should do it again... Tuesday, June 15th, 6:30, this time at the Kelly family picnic ground off the Dillard-Highlands highway. A slightly different format this time. All who attend are asked to bring a covered dish and the chapter will furnish the drinks, ice, eating utensils. Business will be short. Never been to Kelly's picnic ground? Well, it's easy—



north of Dillard, turn east on GA 246 (Highlands Road), drive 1.7 miles, turn right on Wayfarer Ln (there is a sign that says "Unity") continue on this gravel road pass the Wayfarer Chapel on your right; you will end up right where you are supposed to be. Once again, we will have a sheltered area (those Kellys go first class) in case of rain.

So, please come, and, **don't forget to bring a covered dish - with something in it!**

## CHARLIE CREEK WORK PROJECT COMPLETED

Terry Seehorn reported at the Indian Lake meeting that about ten chapter members showed up on the headwaters of Charlie and helped the USFS team of Doug Watson and Dave Deavours to install and maintain structures.

The weather looked a little threatening so no one camped out. Thanks to everyone who turned out. If you didn't make it, there is always another one scheduled.

## LEROY POWELL, FRIEND, FLYFISHERMAN, FLY TYER, HUMORIST AND REALLY GOOD GUY

LeRoy Powell, self proclaimed "liesure connoisseur" died recently of complications following chemotherapy and radiation treatments for a cancer affecting the bloodstream and bones. Powell, of Conyers, GA, was 55 years old.

LeRoy started in TV as a cameraman and became a most popular on-air personality. Besides commentaries, Powell starred in several TV specials and

most recently as co-host of "Georgia Outdoors" on Georgia Public Television. He was guest speaker at two of our Rendezvous's and was certainly our most popular.

The Chapter has voted to make a contribution to a journalism scholarship fund bearing his name. LeRoy, we will miss you, but will catch up with you just around that bend.



## **"The only reason for learning the Latin names of insects is to be able to talk to other fishermen at lunch."- Lee Wulff**

The current issue of Outdoor Life has several articles relating to trout and trout fishing. In one article, **"The Trout Haven't Changed"**, first published in 1981, **Lee Wulff** makes an eloquent case for a return to the basics of flyfishing. He contends that exactly identifying the hatch and then tying on one of the new super realistic matches for that hatch is totally unnecessary. Interesting article

from one of the gurus of flyfishing.

Other pages devoted to trout: "It Pays to Play Fish Hard"; "Playing God with Cherry Creek"; "Gamefile: Cutthroat Trout"; "The Most Crucial Angling Issue in a Generation" or why you should want Congress to pass the Fishable Waters Act. It's all interesting reading - you might want to pick up a copy of the May/June issue at the newstand.

## **MIKE DOMBECK NAMED MAN OF THE YEAR BY THE AMERICAN SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION**

Michael P. Dombeck, ASA's Man of the Year, learned the value of healthy natural resources long before he became the 14th chief of the U. S. Forest Service in January 1997. He spent 11 summers working as a fishing guide in the lake country around his native Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Dombeck earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in biological sciences and education from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point and University of Minnesota, then obtained his doctorate in fisheries biology from Iowa State University. Renowned for his research contributions on muskies and lake habitat management, Dombeck has published many scholarly pieces and made national and international presentations. He taught science classes in public schools and universities before going to work for the forest service as a fisheries biologist in 1985. His first 11 years with the agency included two years in Washington, DC, as manager of the National Fisheries Program. There, he was recognized for outstanding leadership in developing and implementing fisheries programs and forging partnerships.

Dombeck worked for the Bureau of Land Management and then the Department of the Interior from 1989 to February 1994, when he was named acting director of the BLM. There, he worked to create a long-term vision for improving the health of the land and to streamline the agency.

As leader of the Forest Service, Dombeck's priorities have included promotion of partnerships, collaborative stewardship, accountability and the agency's financial health. His Forest Service Natural Resource Agenda, introduced in 1998, *lists watershed health and restoration, development of a long-term forest road policy, sustainable forest management and recreation as its goals.*

Dombeck is affiliated with the American Fisheries Society (Certified Fisheries Scientist), American Institute of Fisheries Research Biologist, the Scientific Research Society Board of Governors, and the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame.

Dombeck was an original member of the National Fishing Week Steering Committee 1988-90.

(Copied from the American Sportfishing Association's publication, American Sportfishing, May 1999)

**Lord, suffer me to catch a fish so large that even I, in talking of it afterward, shall have no need to lie.**



# RABUN CHAPTER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

JUN 05	KIDS FISHING DAY - UNICOI STATE PARK
JUN 12	<b>KIDS FISHING DAY - TALLULAH RIVER</b>
JUN 15	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING WITH FAMILY - KELLYS PICNIC GRND</b>
JUL 17	WORK PROJECT ON CHASTAIN BRANCH
JUL 20	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING</b>
AUG 16	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING</b>
SEP 11	<b>WORK PROJECT ON SMITH CREEK - UNICOI SP</b>
SEP 20	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING</b>
SEP 25	<b>WORK PROJECT ON POPCORN CREEK</b>
OCT 19	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING</b>
NOV 15	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING</b>
DEC 21	<b>ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING - DILLARD HOUSE</b>

A special thanks to Terry, Terry and Charlie...

for hosting our May meeting at the shelter on Indian Lake at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School. Terry didn't burn the hamburgers, at least not many; the young people had a great time in the lake, as did most of the dogs in attendance and the shelter was certainly handy...

Thanks again!

Notes:

Thanks, the Editor

# SMITH CREEK GETS AN UPLIFT

May 24 Unicoi State Park..TU volunteers, park staff and Jeff Durniak and Lee Keefer of the DNR installed a large retaining type structure on a bend in Smith Creek, DH area.

The bank between the creek and the filtering pond was eroding badly, dumping sediment into the stream and getting dangerously close to the pond.

Lee and Monte Seehorn were there the previous day, along with park staff, placing and pinning huge logs, forming several bins for stability.

Joining them on Saturday, we started filling these bins with rock and dirt; covering that with "cocoa mat" and then

placing rock overall.

I had to abandon the project shortly after noon but there were several chapters represented, some from as far away as Rome, continuing on with the project. Next time you are at Smiths, check it out. Rabun Chapter was represented by Frank Tolbert, Jeff Durniak, Tom Landreth, and, of course Monte the day before.

**THE NEXT WORKSHOP AT  
SMITH'S CREEK IS IN  
SEPTEMBER**



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