



TIGHT LINES

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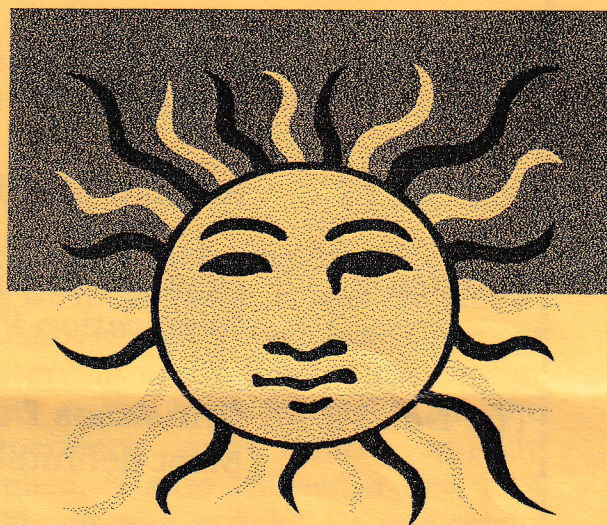
Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

"DOC" BURKEN TO PRESENT ANNUAL FIRST AID FOR THE OUTDOORSMEN PROGRAM

The Rabun Chapter will meet on Tuesday evening, August 15th at the Rock House in Clayton, Georgia. Socializing begins about 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00 PM.

There has been a lot of press and TV stuff of late regarding skin damage caused by overexposure to the sun. If you are the macho type and look with disdain on the use of sunscreens out there on the stream, this month's meeting is really for you. Russ Burken, our very own resident MD is going to educate you on the dangers of skin cancer. It is not a minor blemish on the skin!

Presidnet Terry Seehorn will bring us up to date on all the chapter's business. Try to make it.



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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Two items that members of the chapter will find important when planning an outing into the Chattahoochee National Forest:

The Forest Service is renovating the campsite at the confluence of Ridley and Hedden Creeks. If you have camped there, and who hasn't, you will agree that it really has taken a beating over the years from all who use it. There is virtually no vegetation on the banks where the two creeks meet and a depression channels runoff directly in the stream bed.

The Forest Service is positioning huge boulders in the camp to prevent setting up too close to the streams. They will be doing other work there that will hopefully result in a better campsite.

They are also putting in more access points on the Chattooga in the area known as Nicholson Fields in order for the hatchery trucks to stock more trout. While they could make no commitment at this time, this step could greatly enhance the chances of this section of the river becoming Delayed Harvest.

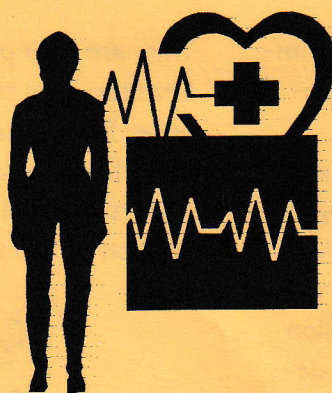


Rabun Chapter Schedule of Coming Events

Tue Aug 15	Regular Meeting - Outdoor Health, by Russ Burken, MD and regular guy. Summer Interns
Tue Sep 19	Regular Meeting - "The Flies of Autumn" and the leader set up for using them
Sep 22-24	Work Project & Campout, Chattooga River Watershed. Details later
Tue Oct 17	Regular Meeting. "Guides Night Out"
Tue Nov 21	Regular Meeting. Chattooga River Watershed Restoration Project Update - USFS
Tue Dec 19	Christmas Dinner at the Dillard Rock House. Most definitely Family Night
Sat Jan 06	Rabun Rendezvous at the Dillard House

Walt Landreth On The Mend

I am pleased to report tack in the early morning brother appears to be repital in Atlanta. Cathar-tion of the blockage and correct the situation. As I returned home today, Aume in wishing Walt a full vince him that periodic rod will go a long way in this type of trauma!



that after suffering a heart at-hours of Sunday, the 6th, my covering at St. Joseph's Hos-terization determined the loca-angioplasty was performed to write this, he will probably be gust 8th. I know you all join recovery and will help me con-cold water therapy with a fly-preventing a reoccurrence of

Chapter Picnic Huge Success

There was no official head count but the chapter had a really good turnout for the picnic at Kelly's last month. The food was great and the kids, including this one, enjoyed the bug study conducted by Terry Seehorn. (He E-mailed me a perfect picture but until I consult with someone, I don't know how to get it from there into this news letter....Ken! Help!) While the creek didn't seem to have a lot of bugs there were some and a lot of spring lizards. Wooly Boogers?

We had a lot of visitors, some members who haven't been around much, like Fritz and William "Clem" DeFino, the Italian Stallion! Good to see all of you there.

It was a perfect day and the generosity of the Kelly Family is greatly appreciated. Let's just go ahead and book this event into next year's calendar.

Shocked on the Chattooga

On Tuesday, August 25th, staff from the Forest Service, the NC, SC and Georgia fisheries departments, TU'ers and a few bystanders, set up to electroshock a section of the Chattooga River.

As usual, lots of stone rollers, sculpin and assorted other minnows were scooped up, weighed, measured and released. And, yes, a lot of trout! Some really nice Brown Trout were evident, along with YOY and yearling size.

There was no shortage of government folk there and enough TU volunteers to lend a helping hand with buckets and nets.

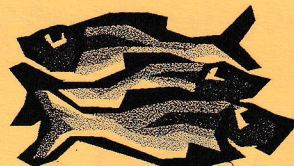
Michael Lambert, Rabun Chapter, must have put in a mile or so the way he scrambled back and forth between the shockers and the fish counters. My youngest grandson, Logan, from Louisiana, was totally absorbed with the entire operation

and was a willing bucket carrier.

As we drove home, it was the oldest, Justin, who may have been the most observant of all. I asked them what they might have learned from the experience and Justin quickly replied, "I sure learned a new and different way to fish!" He just might be a candidate for "Game Hawg of the Month" in the Rabun Chapter.

At some time we will have the figures after they are worked up and will fill you in on just what was uncovered on the River.

I know that most of you have to work at regular jobs during the week, but if you can ever schedule one of these events, you will really learn a lot about the river.



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