

**Interesting Survey submitted by Doug Adams
Chattooga Trout Anglers**

During the fall of 2001, Clemson University surveyed the members of Rabun & Chattooga River Chapters of TU. The following are the statistics of that survey:

Questionnaires returned: 202

Response rate: 71%

Median age of respondents: 56 yrs.

Mean number of years of education: 16 yrs.

Male respondents: 97.5%

Retired respondents: 33%

Mean years trout fishing (T/F): 31.5 yrs.

Fish alone: 38%

Fly fish: 90%

Spin fish: 18%

Bait fish: 13%

Also fish warm water: 71%

T/F is one of their most satisfying activities: 90%

Their life is centered around T/F: 34%

Chattooga is best place for their T/F: 23%

Mean years T/F on the Chattooga: 15 yrs

Most important reason on Chattooga - "it's a good place to T/F": 29%

Agree that they had an attachment to the Chattooga: 59%

Would go to a different river if they couldn't T/F the Chattooga: 92%

Indicate they had no substitute for Chattooga: 13%

Most important river attribute in choosing substitute: Water quality

The 4 most frequently listed acceptable substitutes: Davidson, Nantahala, Tuckaseegee, & Chuaga Rivers.

In summary, the respondents to the questionnaire are members of two TU chapters. They are well educated and involved in a specialized recreation activity that encompasses both fishing and experiencing the natural environment. While most do not fish the Chattooga River exclusively they are somewhat dependent on it and view only a few other rivers as good or better than the Chattooga River. This group of users of the Chattooga River are likely to be most satisfied when the river is managed for existing environmental, social, and biophysical conditions since there are few substitutes available that are the same quality or better.



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TIGHT LINES...
**Rabun Chapter of
Trout Unlimited
December 2002**



Christmas Party

The Dillard House

Tuesday, December 17th

Social 6:00 pm ~ Dinner 7:00 pm

Contact Doug Adams to reserve
your place at the table.

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Rabun County, Georgia

News from the President.....

Charlie Breithaupt



For those of you who didn't attend the last meeting you need to know that the nominating and election train roared through Rabun County and your chapter has the same officers as last year. No one asked for a recount. Even a Florida Democrat couldn't mess up our simple railroading process!!!

On another topic, there was some interesting discussion concerning TU National's position on certain policies and plans. I invite anyone who wants to express their views in this newsletter to do so. All I ask is that you send me your article and sign your name. We'll try to include it and, as you know, a copy will go to the National office. Please think about the length of your article. If you really want to write a lot...well, you might like to be the editor next year.

Finally, I hope everyone will be able to make the Christmas party on December 17 at the Dillard House. Remember to bring something good to drink.

Member News

Rabun Rendezvous 2003

The Dillard House

Saturday, January 25, 2003

Pig Pickin' 5:00 pm

Supper and program 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker "Fly Fisherperson" extraordinaire ~Wanda Taylor
\$25.00 per person

This is our big show and, while it's a lot of fun, it's also a lot of work. You can help by:

#1 Attending

#2 Being there Saturday afternoon to help set up.

#3 Helping that evening by selling tickets, delivering prizes and collecting money.

#4 Donating something for the Silent Auction or Bucket Raffle.

(If you know a local merchant that may donate, please contact Bill Kelly or Maria Frady so we can keep this part organized.)

#5 Spending money and encouraging others to spend.



*Bill Kelly's truck packed for an outing.....
We always figured ole Bill was full of it—
now we know!*