

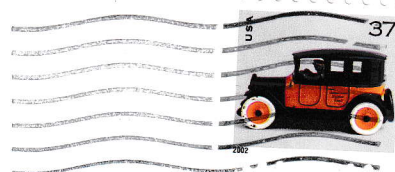
## TESTAMENT OF A FISHERMAN

I FISH BECAUSE I LOVE TO; BECAUSE I LOVE THE ENVIRONS WHERE TROUT ARE FOUND, WHICH ARE INVARIABLY BEAUTIFUL, AND HATE THE ENVIRONS WHERE CROWDS OF PEOPLE ARE FOUND, WHICH ARE INVARIABLY UGLY; BECAUSE OF ALL THE TELEVISION COMMERCIALS, COCKTAIL PARTIES, AND ASSORTED SOCIAL POSTURING I THUS ESCAPE; BECAUSE, IN A WORLD WHERE MOST PEOPLE SEEM TO SPEND THEIR LIVES DOING THINGS THEY HATE, MY FISHING IS AT ONCE AN ENDLESS SOURCE OF DELIGHT AND AN ACT OF SMALL REBELLION; BECAUSE TROUT DO NOT LIE OR CHEAT AND CANNOT BE BOUGHT OR BRIBED OR IMPRESSED BY POWER, BUT RESPOND ONLY TO QUIETUDE AND HUMILITY AND ENDLESS PATIENCE; BECAUSE I SUSPECT THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING ALONG THIS WAY FOR THE LAST TIME, AND I FOR ONE DON'T WANT TO WASTE THE TRIP; BECAUSE MERCIFULLY THERE ARE NO TELEPHONES ON TROUT WATERS; BECAUSE ONLY IN THE WOODS CAN I FIND SOLITUDE WITHOUT LONELINESS; BECAUSE BOURBON OUT OF AN OLD TIN CUP ALWAYS TASTES BETTER OUT THERE; BECAUSE MAYBE ONE DAY I WILL CATCH A MERMAID; AND, FINALLY, NOT BECAUSE I REGARD FISHING AS BEING SO TERRIBLY IMPORTANT BUT BECAUSE I SUSPECT THAT SO MANY OF THE OTHER CONCERNS OF PEOPLE ARE EQUALLY UNIMPORTANT -- AND NOT NEARLY SO MUCH FUN.

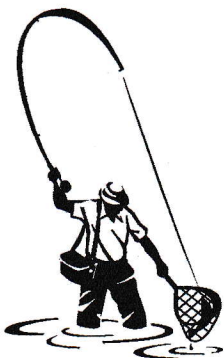
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**TIGHT LINES...**  
**Rabun Chapter of**  
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### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As you may know, our chapter receives a rebate of \$5 from national for each membership that is renewed through our chapter. Please send your Membership Renewal Statement and a check for the correct amount to our chapter treasurer.

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# News from the President.....

Charlie Breithaupt



## Rabun Rendezvous 2003

The Dillard House

Saturday, January 25

Pig Pickin' 5:00 pm

Supper and program 7:00 pm

\$25.00 per person

## NEW MEETING PLACE!

Thanks to Gene Roberts

Clayton Presbyterian Church

Clayton, GA.

From the Rock House

Travel 2 blocks north on Main Street

Turn left on Hamby Street

Go 1 block

The church is on the left

It is white with stained glass windows

Tuesday, January 21, 2003

6:30 pm - fellowship

7:00 pm - meeting

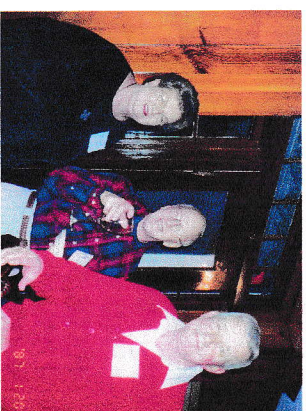


# Member News

Highlights from the 2002 Christmas Party at the Dillard House!



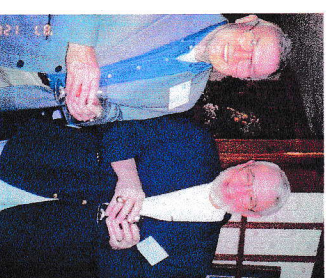
"Is that Tom or Santa and his elf?"



"You don't have to believe this if you don't want to."



"Why do young couples sit so close together?"



"Where you going for the holidays Doug?"  
"I don't believe I said."



"That's a rainbow with a melanoma."



A little something good to drink before a Dillard House Dinner!