



TIGHT LINES February 2012 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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"Next to prayer, fishing is the most personal relationship of man." Herbert Hoover

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

RE/MAX Office, Clayton, GA

US 441S, just south of MAMA G's restaurant

3rd Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm – Social & Yarn Spinning 7:00 pm – Program & Meeting

(You don't have to believe the yarns - - if you don't want to)

At every regular chapter meeting there will be a raffle for fishing or camping items to help pay the cost of mailing the newsletter to members without E-mail.

Bring an item to donate and a dollar or two for raffle tickets - you might win something.

"For the supreme test of a fisherman is not how many fish he has caught, not even how he has caught them, but what he has caught when he has caught no fish." John H. Bradley

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates See you there!

Feb 4 (Sat) Annual Planning Meeting 8 AM Breakfast at Dillard House. All members are invited. The Chapter pays the tab for the family style breakfast. Come enjoy the fellowship and help to set the Chapter budget and plan our activities for the coming year.

Feb 7 (Tues) Annual Chattooga Coalition Meeting, 9 AM, USFS Office, Franklin, NC

Feb 21(Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office **Program:** "Early Spring Chattooga Tips" by Jason Galloway, a thirty-year river veteran and co-owner of the Chattooga River fly shop on the "other bank" of THE RIVER.

<http://www.crflyshop.com/> ,

Feb 28 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM,

Mar 3 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting, 9 AM – Noon, at Atlanta Fly Fishing School

Mar 10 (Sat) Hoot on the Hooch, 5 PM – 10 PM, Hellendorf Inn, Helen, GA

Mar 20 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office **Program:** "Saving Smokies Specks" by Steve Moore, supervising fisheries biologist for the Great Smoky Mtns National Park and winner of TU National's 2010 Conservation Professional Award.

<http://www.smokymountainnews.com/news/item/2921-smokies-fish-expert-steve-moore-earns-national-recognition>

Mar 27 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM,

Mar 31 (Sat Morning) Rabunite 101, 1/2-day fly-fishing workshop at Rabun County Recreation Center

Mar 31 (Sat) Opening Day for Seasonal Trout Streams in GA

Mar 31 (Sat Evening) Satolah Fire Department Bluegrass & Bar-B-Q

2012 GA Trout Camp; June 10th – 15th

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



BLACK ELK- HAIR CADDIS

THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE ALL THEIR FLY BOXES FULL. IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THIS ONE, TIE A FEW ALONG WITH SOME BLACK STONE FLY NYMPHS. DROP THE NYMPH BEHIND THIS CADDIS. JUST MAYBE YOU WILL KEEP WARM WITH A FEW HOOK-UPS. SEE Y'ALL ON THE RIVER.

HOOK: 12/18

BODY: BLACK HAIR EAR DUBBING PALMERED WITH BLACK HACKLE AND WIRE.

WING: DYED ELK HAIR

"The supply of hope seems inexhaustible, and one bestows it lavishly on each cast. If the best part of the first pool is reached and passed without a rise, the angler begins to husband his hope a little, but remains still content, reaching forward in thoughts to the next pool, where he presently begins with fresh eagerness and confidence"

Lord Grey of Fallodon in [Fly Fishing](#)

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February Hatches

The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies
None at all	All Month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Winter Black Stone	All Month	L am to M pm	18-20 Black Elk-hair Caddis or Griffith's Gnat 16-18 Black Stone Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Small Dun Caddis	Late	L am to M pm	18 Brown Elk-hair or Deer-hair Caddis 18 Hair's Ear Nymph
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill	Late	L am to M pm	16-18 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-18 BWO Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Quill Gordon	Late	L am to M pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12 Quill Gordon Nymph
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

To view a Hatch Chart for other months, click [Hatch Chart](#)

Webpage-of-the Month: <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/jeffs-tips/more-winter-trouting-tips/>
More Winter Troutng Tips

Rabun TU's Award Winning website <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

Please send comments & suggestions to Pat Hopton, Website Project Manager, scotts_creek58@yahoo.com
 Rabun TU Site Designed by [Allison O. Adams, Editorial and Multimedia Services](#)



Rabun Chapter has selected 2 campers for the 2012 Georgia Trout Camp, June 10th – 15th
<http://rabuntu.org/site/youth/trout-camp/>

They are **Seth Hill**, Stream Explorer Member, from Lakemont & **Kayla Conner** from Rabun Gap.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Annual Planning Breakfast, Saturday Morning, Feb 4th

At 8 AM in the main dining room at the Dillard House, the Chapter picks up the tab. All members are invited to attend and participate in the development of the annual plan for the Chapter. Items on the agenda include:

Rabun Rendezvous de-briefing - What we can do to make the next Rendezvous even better.

2012 Budgeted Expenditures – Chapter funds raised at the Rendezvous are available and need to be properly allocated for expenditure to support our TU mission.

2012 Calendar – Dates need to be set for the upcoming Chapter activities during the next 12 months.



2012 Dream Trip Raffle for a Fly Fishing Vacation for 2 People!



The winner and their partner will each receive: • 5 days fishing and 6 nights lodging and meals at a private cabin in Island Park Idaho • Custom made fly rod with reel & line • A float trip on the Madison River • A fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen per box) • \$500 in travel expenses (this is total, not per person)

One winner will be drawn and the winner will choose a partner to accompany them on the trip.

Runner up prizes will include custom made fly rods, fishing trips, and boxes of flies.

Winners will be drawn at the Georgia Foothills Chapter's annual banquet, the "Hoot on the Hooch" in Helen, GA, March 10, 2012. Ticket price is \$10 and proceeds will go to the Georgia TU Council to fund Council projects such as the GA Trout Camp for youth and the Back the Brookie campaign.

For complete details and rules <http://www.georgiatu.org/index.php?mid=news&iid=dream2012&sid=>
 Contact Jimmy Whiten for your raffle tickets: E-mail jimmywhiten@yahoo.com

“Catchin' Corner” - Troutng Tips

The following brief article is reprinted with permission from the Fly Shack Newsletter <http://www.flyshack.com/>

February: The Copper J

In winter, streambeds are loaded with nymphs - all the ones that began their lives in the spinner falls of the previous summer. The Copper J doesn't imitate anything in particular but it looks a lot like most nymphs and, most importantly when fish are holding near the bottom, it sinks quickly. The Copper J (compare to a Copper John) is a combination of three very effective nymph patterns, the prince nymph, the brassie, and the pheasant tail. http://www.flyshack.com/Static/Item_Bead_Head_Copper_J.htm



GA WRD conducted stomach contents sampling on trout in the Chattahoochee River, January 13, 2012.

Tips for the “Drag-Free” Drift by Jeff Durniak, Georgia Wildlife Resources Division

<http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/jeffs-tips/tips-for-the-%E2%80%9Cdrag-free%E2%80%9D-drift/>

1. Dress right – drab clothing & polarized glasses. Leave the white cap at home!
2. From the bank, read the water: predict the trout lies and find your casting locations. (Hint: in your mind, break up a large river into a bunch of small streams.)
3. “Hunt” – move slow; stalk like a heron.
4. Get Close: 10-20 feet (which means you'll have 0 to 10 feet of fly line on the water).
5. Split shot! Use enough to “tick” the bottom. Change the number/size of shot with each spot fished. Most marginal anglers fish OVER the trout.
6. Strike indicator – cork, yarn, or buoyant dry fly. Put it at twice the water depth. Slide indicator up/down with each spot.
7. What fly? “How” is more important than “what”, but standards are #8 black bugger, #12 peach egg, #14-16 prince, #16-20 pheasant tail. Hatch chart: www.rabuntu.org .
8. Stop false casting! Use roll cast, water load, or Belgian cast (midcurrent.com)
9. Cast upstream (opposite shoulder) and leave rod tip down 1-2 seconds after line hits water.
10. “Hi-Stick: – raise and lower rod at same speed as the current
11. “Drag-Free” strike indicator at same speed and line of travel as leaf or bubble. Most of your good drift is over when the indicator is directly across from you.
12. At end of drift, hold tight and let fly swing (for hits on the uplifting emerger).
13. “Paint the pool” with your casts. Three casts to good lie, then hit another. In other words, fish for all the eager fish rather than pound away at the one spooked or selective trout (exception: Smithgall). If possible, move your body instead of casting farther.
14. Set the hook with a sidearm, downstream wrist snap. Strike everything, since every 20th “rock” will have an adipose fin. Waaah-HOOO! (Rabunite term for “fish on”)
15. Drag-Free is like learning to ride a bicycle. Practice these techniques for 30-60 minutes and they will become second nature.
16. Grip and grin. Push fish out toward camera!
17. Find a mentor. Learn from a better angler, then . . . *Be a mentor. Pass it on!*

Good Luck! www.gofishgeorgia.com

Rabunite 101 - An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Trout

<http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/>



On **Saturday, March 31st**, the Rabun Chapter will offer a 4-hour Introduction seminar for adults (male and female - age 16 years and older). The seminar includes casting, entomology, knots and equipment for folks who want to get started in the pleasure of fly-fishing for trout. The location will be at the Rabun County Recreation Center just south of Rabun County High School.



We will be able to accommodate 28 students and the cost of \$30 per person will include lunch.

Do you know someone that might be interested?

Tell them to contact Kathy or Charlie Breithaupt to make reservations. knc615@windstream.net or (706) 782-6954

Members of the Rabun Chapter are needed to instruct and help in other ways.

Please save that date and let Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt know if you can help.

Fishing Report

From: "Jeff Durniak"
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2012
Subject: Winter Fun and Safety

As we geared up in the parking lot on the Monday holiday, my buddy remarked that he had forgotten his wading belt. We found an extra, suited him up, and then started down the path to the river. We had a great day and returned safely to our car.

That belt experience was a good reminder that streams are high and cold and lake temperatures are plummeting at this time of the year, so anglers have much less room for missteps than they did in the warmer months. So, take a little time to remember and practice safe boating and wading tips. Several popular magazines like the winter issues of Fly Fisherman and American Angler have some excellent articles on a) winter "catching" tips and b) wading safety advice. Do a little reading and invest in the survival and happiness of your fishing buddies and yourself. You'll catch a lot more fish over the years if you return home safely each evening!



* Wading Safety Tips- note the double belts <http://speypages.com/speyclave/showthread.php?t=47005>
* Life Jackets http://www.uscgboating.org/safety/life_jacket_wear_wearing_your_life_jacket.aspx

What's New Elsewhere?

The following are excerpts from an article in the Gainesville Times (1/7/ 2012) <http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/>

A river, a past and a people - 40 years later, the battle over 'Deliverance' rages on by Brandee A. Thomas

The Chattooga River was the backdrop for the 1972 movie "Deliverance." A festival is being planned to celebrate the river as a protected resource. Event planners think tying in the movie's anniversary in with the festival will attract needed tourists to the region, while many local people feel the movie was degrading to the region's mountain culture.

The film was based on a book by the same title, written by James Dickey and set along the fictional Cahulawassee River. "Knowing that he was a South Carolinian, everyone knew the river he was talking about was really the Chattooga," said Sarah Gillespie, a Rabun County resident. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the movie's filming.

Some people would like to link the movie's anniversary with the inaugural Chattooga River Festival, set for June 22-24. The goal of the festival is to educate the public about the importance of protecting the river as a natural resource. In addition to a screening of the movie, the festival would include guided hikes along the river's banks, rafting opportunities and an adventure race. As intriguing as that may sound to some, others would like to let sleeping dogs lie and not reconnect the dots between Rabun County, "Deliverance" and its depiction of mountain folk as violent and primitive.

"While I admired the beautiful scenery on our mighty Chattooga River in the movie, my admiration stops there," said Barbara Taylor Woodall, a Rabun County native and author. "Hollywood traveled thousands of miles, smiling with money in their pockets in search of demented hillbillies. They pointed their cameras and sucked the souls out of good people. "Some people who played small demeaning roles did not even know what the movie was about." In her book, "It's Not My Mountain Anymore," Woodall describes how one local woman and her paralyzed granddaughter were portrayed "in images that suggested they were mountain freaks."

Gillespie, who is a Rabun County Convention and Visitors Bureau board member, doesn't share the negative views about the movie. "I know there has been some backlash in the community about the way 'Deliverance' presented mountain people. I am a mountain person, but I look at it as just a movie," said Gillespie, whose family members were in the movie. "My great-uncle was a location scout for the movie. He and his family played extras in the movie and were portrayed as some of the

less-than-desirable mountain people. "I think there are different kinds of people everywhere, that movie just portrayed a certain side of what people can be. I am a Rabun County (native) and I don't see us that way."

After film crews left, while some residents were left with a bad taste in their mouths, others appreciated the dollars poured into the community. The Rabun County website states that Hollywood "stimulated the local economy when 'Deliverance' catalyzed the whitewater rafting industry, which now attracts more than 20,000 tourists and contributes \$3 million to the local economy annually." Gillespie, who is on the festival planning committee, sees the festival-movie tie-in as a way to bring more money into the community and educate visitors.

"I have concerns about if the festival is really to celebrate the river being wild and scenic, or if it's just about dollar signs." Woodall sees no reason to celebrate.

Editor's notes: *Unfortunately, the organizers are still planning a public showing of the movie in Rabun County in June. To read the complete article, click [HERE](#)*

The following are excerpts from Mountain Express (on line), Asheville, NC

Blue Ridge Forever receives \$500,000 grant to protect 12,000 acres in WNC and eastern Tennessee by Margaret Williams on 01/18/2012. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), through Walmart's 2012 Acres for America program, has awarded a \$500,000 grant to the Blue Ridge Forever coalition for the protection of more than 12,000 acres in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee. The grant will help conserve a network of six tracts with native brook trout and golden wing warbler habitat, provide public access for people to enjoy the outdoors and protect the natural resources that local communities depend on for clean drinking water and economic vitality.

These tracts add to the conservation value of thousands of acres of adjoining public lands and protect headwater streams providing prime habitat for native brook trout. The five tracts will be protected by Blue Ridge Forever coalition members – Blue Ridge Conservancy, Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, Conservation Trust for North Carolina, Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina and Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy.

For complete article, click [HERE](#)

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

The Forest Service has a new Preferred Alternative - Alternative #12 (7/15/11)

[Environmental Assessment on Recreation Uses on the Upper Segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River](#) (4.6 MB)

The 45-day public comment period on this new Environmental Assessment and the Preferred Alternative closed on 8/30/2011 with 192 additional public comments. To read the comments, click [HERE](#)

The Forest Service plans to issue a final decision at any time now.

“BACKCASTING”

Jan 10 (Tues) BOD Meeting – 13 members participated The agenda included: Recaps – Rework the Home page of the website; Approval and posting on website of Chapter Strategic Plan; GA TU Council Annual Planning Meeting; Annual Chapter Christmas Dinner. Status Updates – Selection of the 2 Trout Campers for 2012 to be sponsored by Rabun TU; 2012 Rabun Rendezvous Planning; 2012 Dream Trip Raffle; F/Y2011 CEI & Financial Reports; Chattooga Boating Zoning; Chattooga Angler's E-diary – 104 reports in 2011; Spinning rods for RCMS mentoring; Outreach to Scouts for Merit Badges; Membership; Recruit & Retention Plan(s); Chapter Logo. Upcoming – 1/17 Chapter Meeting Program; 1/21 25th Annual Rabun Rendezvous; 2/4 Annual Planning Meeting 8 AM Breakfast at Dillard House; 2/7 Annual Chattooga Coalition Meeting; 2/21 Chapter Meeting Program. New Business – New BOD Meeting room. Reports – Publicity; Membership Retention; Treasury Report.

Jan 17 (Tues) Chapter Meeting – 23 attended on a dark rainy night. **Program:** Wes Carlton was ill and unable to attend. Jeff Durniak jumped in and presented the program titled “North Georgia Fisheries Management Update.” Due to state budget constraints in recent years, the NE GA and the NW GA WRD fisheries regions have been combined and Jeff is the manager. The number of fisheries biologists have been reduced from 9 to 4. In spite of these challenges, everyone present agreed there has been no noticeable decline in the quality of fisheries and the angler's experience.



The Chapter Meeting Raffle had 10 buckets. It included 3 fly selections, a fly tying vise, a night seeker hat, a pound of sourwood honey, and a lot of other nice items. The raffle raised \$112 to be used toward the cost of mailing newsletters to members without E-mail and for the meeting hospitality expenses. Thanks to **Tim McClure** for handling the meeting raffle. A BIG “Thank You” goes to all the Rabunites who donated the items and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets

Jan 21 (Sat) 25th Annual Rabun Rendezvous, The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited proudly presented a celebration of rivers, streams, trout, and trout fishing. **The event was the 25th Annual Rabun Rendezvous.** It took place in the Dillard House Conference Center and was attended by 307 folks from near and far (our largest Rendezvous ever). The festivities began in the afternoon with a bar-b-que'd pig pickin', bluegrass music by The Foxfire Boys (all are members of Trout Unlimited). There were snack trays of cheeses, crackers, veggies with dips, and fruits. Soft drinks and ice were also available. Rabun trout fishing videos were shown on a large screen TV. Just inside the building there were 135 items in the silent auction and 90 items in the bucket raffles. Local businesses, artists and craftspeople donated most of the auction and raffle items.



The Foxfire Boys provided live bluegrass. Mountain Man Charlie and his Squaw, Kathy, greeted everyone; and friends mingled.



The Fabulous Dillard House buffet was enjoyed by all

And the Eveready Bunny made a cameo appearance



Don Thomson (L) won the Door Prize of a Tom Landreth Print presented by Charlie Breithaupt (R)

Chris Wood (L), TU CEO, provided a brief Program and in Appreciation was presented a Broderick Crawford Print by Chapter Pres Pat Hopton (R)



Larry Walker (L), Immediate Past Chapter President was presented a Broderick Crawford Print by Current Pres. Pat Hopton

Larry Vigil (L) from the GA TU Council, presented Gavin Carson (R) the Annual Young of the Year Award

The 25th Annual Rabun Rendezvous Financial Summary

\$8,840 received for meal tickets

\$3,988 received for raffle ticket sales on 66 buckets & 90 items

\$11,299 received for silent auction sales for 135 items

\$110 for Dream Trip raffle tickets sales for GA Council of TU <http://georgiatu.org/>

\$24,237 total gross revenue

Approximately \$15,600 net cleared after expenses, plus \$600 additional in cash donations

WAAAHWHOOOO!

A BIG "Thank You" to the 113 Donors for the 2012 Rabun Rendezvous

Businesses & Organizations: The Foxfire Boys, Dillard House, Amrine's Equipment & Rentals, Mack Martin; Atlanta Fly Fishing School, Jimmy Harris, Luthi's Fly Fishing, The Fish Hawk, Patagonia – Atlanta, Caylor Custom Flies, TTI/Blakemore, Dr Slick, Fly Rod & Reel magazine, Stackpole Books, Anglers Sport Group, Chattooga River Fly Shop, Nantahala Outdoor Center, Kingwood Country Club, Apple Mountain Golf Club, Rabun County Country Club, Unicoi Lodge, Michele & Broderick Crawford - Artist, Crawford Art Gallery, Carolyn J. Wilder - Artist, Dick Albertelli – Artist, Peter McIntosh – Artist, Mary George Poss – Artist, The Hollow Log, Rennie Davant – Artist, Charlene Fisch – Artist, Kathy Ford – Artist, Lee Johnson – Artist, Randy Sells – Artist, Big Green Egg, United Community Bank, Rabun County Bank, Reeve's Hardware – Dillard, Reeves Hardware – Clayton, Blue Ridge Music, Gap Graphics & Printing, Clayton Paint & Flooring Center, Mountain Physical Therapy, Clayton Reflexology Center, Fresh Start, Mountain Nature & Wild Bird Supply, Prater's Books & Coffee Nook, Butler Galleries, Timpson Creek Gallery, Home Depot – Clayton, Rabun County Music Festival Association, Rabun Animal Hospital, Mane Design, Valley Drapery, Kountry Vittles, Cupboard Café, Valley Café, LaCabana Restaurant, Zeppelins Restaurant, Rumor Hazit Grille, McDonalds - Clayton, Chick fil a – Clayton, Andy's Super Market, Country Cutaway, Jim's Service Center, North Georgia Gun & Pawn, Fabric Station, Kudzu Factory, Foothills TU - Brian Sandven, Coosa Valley TU - Paul DiPrima, Blue Ridge Mountain TU - Carl Riggs & Rabun TU - The Rabunites.

Individuals: Chris Wood; Russ Tyre; Tom Matthews; Barbara Goodier; Mike Sobaski; Harlin Smith; Ray Gentry-crafter; Wayne Clark-crafter; Leon Brotherton-crafter; Mike Brod; Shawn Whitney-crafter; Garland Stewart-tier; Brad Hays, Gordon Fowler-tier; Sid Elliott; Patrick Mawhinney-crafter; Louisa Hanney Buckner; Bob Foster; June Landreth; Jeff Durniak-tier; Pat Hopton-beekeeper; Steve Perry; Kathy & Charlie Breithaupt; Monte Seehorn-wine master; Amanda, Brooks, Avril & Calder Adams; Allison Adams; Eedee & Doug Adams; Emmilyn & Terry Rivers-tier; Sandy & Ralph Morgan; Carolyn & Jim Kidd; Fritz Vinson-crafter; Terri & Tony Allred; Bill Kelly; Terry Seehorn; Phil Upchurch; Doug Hickman-tier; Ron Robeson; Susan & Frank Patton; Doris & Jimmy Whiten; Becky & Wayne Prosser; Kent Wilson, Tim McClure & A Friend.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We wish **Ray Gentry** a speedy recovery from his illness.

We wish **Louise Nixon** a speedy and complete recovery after her recent orthopedic surgery.

We extend our condolences to **Michele and Broderick Crawford** on the recent death of his sister.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thanks for re-upping: **Pam & John Harrison, Wayne Prosser, Lea Richmond, Marie Dunkle, Ron Sharpe, John Starinchuck, Tom Guest, Tom Matthews, Frank Riley, Ron Robeson, Jimmy Whiten, Jeff Durniak, David Lash, Dean Powell, Maria Rodeghiero, Terry Seehorn, Tony Allred, Doug Hickman & Tom Shirley.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Lewis Reeves IV (SE), Parrish Lake (SE), Michael Jones, Neil Anderson, Bob Blalock, Larry Jarrett, Samuel D'Angelo, Rachael Davis, Carl Fackler, Joe Kitchens, Cliff Jordan, Isaac McCrackin, Charles Pennington, Allan Ramsay, Jimmy Williams & Rick Hires.**

Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2012

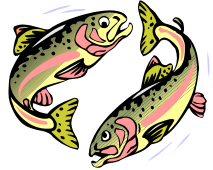
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Any member of Rabun TU may attend the Board of Directors meetings



Notes from the Prez

The Best Rabun Rendezvous Yet!

If you were there, then you know what I mean. This year's Rabun Rendezvous, the 25th Anniversary Rendezvous, was, without a shadow of a doubt, the best one yet! The rain stopped, the clouds parted, and the sun broke through just as people started arriving. The tables full of donations and The Foxfire Boys played bluegrass music to an enthusiastic crowd. The barbequed pig was picked clean while old friends met again and new friends were made. The Dillard House once again demonstrated why it is tops for food and hospitality. Everyone there got a complimentary prize, and one lucky winner won an especially nice door prize! We recognized our special guests, made some very special awards – including one very special award to the driving force behind the Rabun Chapter and Rendezvous, Doug Adams – and then were presented with a very special program by the Chairman and CEO of Trout Unlimited, Chris Wood. The evening was capped off by announcing the lucky winners of the bucket raffles and the successful bidders on the silent auction items.

A big Thank You goes out to all the Rabunites and friends who worked so hard to make it all happen. The Rabun Chapter is fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated group of men and women that are willing to work for the conservation of cold-water resources. I count it as an honor to be associated with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Hopton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Pat Hopton

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