



TIGHT LINES March 2010 Newsletter of the

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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Visit the Rabun TU website: <http://www.rabuntu.com/>

"The fish are either in the shallows, or the deep water, or someplace in between." Anon

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S **NEW** MEETING PLACE New RE/MAX (old US Forest Service) 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.

"The trout fisherman is like a drug addict. He dwells in a tight little world all his own. And the men about him, whom he observes obliviously spending their days pursuing money and power, genuinely puzzle him as he doubtless does them."

From Trout Madness by Robert Traver

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there!

Feb 25, Mar 11, 18 & 25 (Thurs) Fly Tying Sessions at Terry River's Shop Ph 706 782 7419 E-mail tlr1121@windstream.net

Mar 6 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting; 9 AM, Dahlonega

Mar 13 (Sat) Hoot on the Hooch with drawing for the 2010 Dream Trip! For details, visit <http://georgiafoothills.org/>

Mar 16 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office
Program: Kevin McGrath "Back the Brookie Update"

Mar 23 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office

Mar 27 (Sat) AM Opening Day for Seasonal Trout Streams in GA; WaaahWHoo!
Mar 27 (Sat) Evening - Satolah Fire Department's Bluegrass & Bar-B-Q

Apr 3 (Sat) AM Rabunite 101 - Rabun TU's Fly Fishing School for Adults: Rabun County Recreation Center A half-day fly-fishing for trout seminar for adults (male and female age 16 years and older) @ \$30/person. The seminar will cover equipment, casting, knots and entomology; lunch is included. To attend or to volunteer to help, contact Charlie Breithaupt . Ph 706 782 6954 E-mail knc615@windstream.net

Apr 3 (Sat) PM Oconee River TU Chapter Fundraiser in Athens

Apr 10 (Sat) Fly Fishing For Vets Outing, For more info, click [HERE](#)

Apr 20 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office
Program: Kyle Burrell on "out west" stories or tips, or same for Hooch in Atlanta

Apr 23-24 (Fri-Sat) Rabun TU's Campout Fri Night with Workday Sat Morning for BtB with Jim Kidd & USFS leading work on North Fork Moccasin Creek and camping beside the Wildcat Creek Road. For more info, contact Jim Kidd - Ph 706 782 2474 E-mail Jkidd@windstream.net

Apr 27 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office

2010 GA Trout Camp; June 6th – 11th; Volunteer mentors needed, click [HERE](#)

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



WOVEN PUPA

I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO LEARN THIS METHOD OF TYING SO I GOT BUSY AND DID THE RESEARCH. SO WITH SINGLE DIGIT TEMPERATURES AND BEING RETIRED, I SET OUT TO LEARN THE METHOD. IT REALLY WAS NOT ALL THAT HARD TO DO WITH A FEW TRICKS I CREATED. LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD. I THINK THE FLIES WILL BE VERY DURABLE. SO IF YOUR SPOUSE HAS QUIT KNITTING, THEN YOU'RE READY TO TIE. SEE Y'ALL ON THE RIVER.

HOOK: SCUD HOOK #12
BODY: EMBROIDERY YARN, BROWN/YELLOW,
WIRE: (USE COLORS OF CHOICE). WEIGHTED
THREAD: BLACK
HEAD: THREAD AND EPOXY COATED

"Like an old grouse dog who finally begins slowing to a creep at the first whiff of bird scent instead of charging headlong toward it in full lather, I've started approaching trout waters with the gradually acquired knowledge that my first cast is going to be my best chance and the correct fly is, well, the correct fly"

From Flashes In The River by Ed Gray (1996)

March Hatches

Happy New Dry Fly Season – Waaaaah WHOooooo!

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
Early Black Stone	All Month	L am to M pm	16-18 Black Elk-hair Caddis or Griffith's Gnat 16-18 Black Stone Nymph
Small Dun Caddis (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm	16-18 Brown Elk-hair or Deer-hair Caddis 16-18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill	All Month	L am to M pm	16-18 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-18 BWO or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Quill Gordon (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12 Quill Gordon Nymph
Cream Caddis (Important)	Late	M day to L pm	12-14 Elk Hair Caddis 12-14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
Red Quill (Hendrickson)	Mid to Late	M day to L pm	14-16 Red Quill or Hendrickson 14-16 Pheasant Tail Nymph
March Brown (very Important)	Mid to Late	L am to M pm	12-14 March Brown or Adams Parachute 10-14 March Brown, Dark Hare's Ear, or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Midges	All Month	M am to L pm	18-20 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

"Catchin' Corner" - Troutng Tips

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

Time for Bigger Nymphs (The Real Ones Are Full-Grown)

Winter is often thought of as a time to fish very small nymphs. But winter is winding down. And while your local stream that's open to year-round fishing may look quiet, the fact is it has more nymphs in it right now than at any other time of the year - and they're getting big.

It makes sense when you think about it. Take the case of the Hendrickson, or Ephemerella subvaria, a hatch of major importance near Fly Shack headquarters in upstate New York. Last spring the pinkish-tan duns were everywhere during their emergence in May, but after the hatch was over, there were virtually no Hendrickson nymphs left in the streams - just the eggs dropped by mayfly "spinners" after their mating flights.

Within weeks, however, tiny Hendrickson nymphs had broken free of their eggs and begun their year of underwater life. Over the course of the coming months they would molt numerous times as they outgrew their exoskeletons. By late winter, they've grown about as large as they're going to get; in just a few weeks, it will be time to hatch.

Likewise, the other mayflies of spring are approaching full size at this time of year. In the east, that means the nymphs of Quill Gordons, March Browns, Green and Brown Drakes and Gray Foxes are maxing out. The nymphs of the summer mayflies, such as the sulphurs and Isonychia, are also well along in the nymphal stage of their lives.

That's not to say any of these nymphs will be very active in February or March. After all, most streams are still quite cold. But they are present, and there's little doubt that trout come across them on a regular basis, and eat them when they do.

So it's a perfectly reasonable strategy to fish nymphs in sizes 16 to 12 or even larger. Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ears, Pheasant Tails, Copper J's, Prince nymphs and the other standard patterns all do a good job of suggesting a mayfly nymph on the verge of adulthood.

Caddis pupae, too, have been growing all winter. On many streams, caddis are more important as a source of trout food

than mayflies, and a Green Rock Worm or another meaty caddis nymph is a great fly to fish under any circumstances, including the chill of late winter. Bright green, tan and brown-gray are the most common colors. Czech-style, curved-hook nymphs in sizes 10 or even 8 are not too big.

The largest flies that actually do emerge in February and March are stoneflies - not the big, Size 2 salmonflies cause feeding frenzies on the great rivers of the American west in the summer, but the so-called "snowflies" or slim, dark colored species in sizes 18 to 14. Any dark-colored general stonefly pattern will imitate these flies, as will Pheasant Tails or dark Hare's Ears.

Of course, late-winter rivers are also full of small mayfly nymphs that will soon hatch into small mayfly duns. Pheasant Tails in Size 18 and smaller are the go-to pattern for the nymphs of Blue-Winged Olives and Blue Quills. And the midges that have owned the river since December are still present in large numbers. So there are good reasons for staying with small patterns, and in fact many anglers believe a tiny nymph will out-fish a large one, especially on well-educated wild fish, at any time of year.

But if you like using your bigger patterns, you're biologically justified in doing so.

One more point about fishing in late winter: trout begin feeding more actively in February. It's not because of water temperature, since the streams are pretty much as cold as they've been for the past two months, but rather increased daylight that seems to restore the trout's appetite. One biologist who runs a hatchery reports having to feed his trout a lot more once the days start getting longer.

So go ahead and drop your larger nymphs into likely holes and glides. The real bugs are almost finished growing. Before you know it, they'll be sprouting wings and you'll be fishing to rising trout, and these wintry days of nymphing will fade quickly into memory.

'Websites-of-the-Month': <http://www.flyfishingyellowstonenationalpark.com/>

You could be the next Dream Trip winner, see below.

2010 Dream Trip Raffle - A Fly Fishing Vacation for 2 to Yellowstone N.P. Area!

August 1-6, 2010

One winner will be drawn and the winner will choose a partner for the trip • 5 days fishing and 6 nights lodging with meals at a private cabin in Island Park, ID near the west entrance of Yellowstone National Park.



Each person will receive • A Winston 9 foot, 5 weight, 4-piece Boron II-X custom-made fly rod

- A LOOP fly reel with Scientific Angler line • A fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen each box)
- A float trip on the Madison River is included.

- \$1,000 total for both people in travel expenses - travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winner.

Fishing licenses, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the winners during their stay.

The drawing will be at the GA Foothills TU Chapter's annual banquet the "Hoot on the Hooch" in Helen, GA on March 13th

Raffle Tickets are \$10 each. Ticket sales close at the "Hoot on the Hooch".

Proceeds will go to the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited to help fund Council projects including the Back the Brookie campaign for brook trout restoration and educational projects such as The GA Trout/Conservation Camp for youth.

Contact Jimmy Whiten for your raffle tickets: E-mail jimmywhiten@yahoo.com

For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

10 Runner-Up Prizes:

Custom-made Temple Fork fly rod of winner's choice donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School.

Custom-made Temple Fork fly rod TiCr model - 6 wt. donated by Garland Stewart

Full day guided float trip on the Chattahoochee River for 2 people courtesy of River Through Atlanta Guide Service

One half-day unguided fishing for 2 people at Nacoochee Bend donated by Jimmy Harris;

Six dozen flies in nice fly box donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School

Certificate to Fly fishing or casting class at the Atlanta Fly Fishing School donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School

Use of a cabin in Michigan near Pere Marquette and Baldwin Rivers donated by Billy Smith, arranged by Paul Diprima

5-day trip for 2 at half price to Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada donated by the Kasba Lodge.

Two drawings for fly boxes with six dozen flies donated by the 12 GA Chapters of Trout Unlimited.

The person selling the winning ticket will receive ½-day unguided fishing for 2 people at Nacoochee Bend donated by Jimmy Harris.

Rabunite 101 - An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Trout

On Saturday, April 3rd, the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited 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 24 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.

42 YEARS AGO:

The Atlanta Journal **FOOD** Features

Wednesday, May 8, 1968

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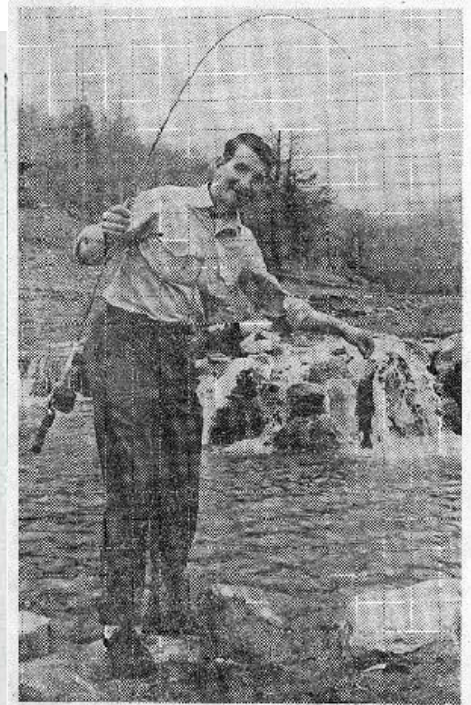
OUR BILL KELLY – THE YOUNG CREELER (1968)

DILLARD, Georgia — Rainbow trout are a delicacy and a treat — no matter where you catch them. But here in the cold waters of the North Georgia mountains they abundantly thrive.

At Betty's Creek Recreation Area, Andy Cope has a trout farm and people come from all over the country to catch fish, stay to cook over campfires and eat them in the club house and enjoy the genuine hospitality of Earl Dillard.

THE FOLKS who live around here are great boosters of the place, too. Mrs. Kelly of Rabun Gap says that her husband Bill goes fishing every chance he has and always comes home with fish. She admits she would like to fish, but is pretty busy with four children — a daughter and three sons between the ages of 8 and 1 years old.

The Kellys never tire of fried fish—their favorite way of cooking. Mrs. Kelly says even the youngest child keeps her busy boning fish. She fries fish by seasoning the cleaned fish with salt and pepper, rolls them in corn meal and fries to golden brown all over in hot fat at least ½ inch deep in pan. She serves them with hush puppies.



BILL KELLY ALWAYS LIKES FISHING
Catches Rainbow Trout From Lake



MR. AND MRS. GENE VINSON, MR. AND MRS. BILL KELLY, EAT FISH, HUSH PUPPIES
The Raised Hearth in the Clubhouse Is Perfect Setting for Cool Nights



And OUR BILL KELLY NOW - THE OLD CREELER!

Thanks Bill, for all the good memories and campfire stories. The Rabunites

Anna Ruby Falls Scenic Area

http://www.sherpaguides.com/georgia/mountains/blue_ridge/eastern/tray_mountain.html

Anna Ruby Falls, high on the slopes of Tray Mountain, is formed at the junction of Curtis and York creeks. water becomes Smith Creek and tumbles downhill to Unicoi Lake.



Both creeks originate atop Tray Mountain and are fed by underground springs, rain, and snow. Curtis Creek then drops 153 feet, and York Creek drops 50 feet, forming the double falls. At the base of the falls, where there is an observation deck, the

The U.S. Forest Service purchased the land surrounding the falls in 1925. The 1,600-acre scenic area adjacent to and surrounding part of Unicoi State Park was established in 1964. The falls were named for Anna Ruby Nichols, the only daughter of Colonel John H. Nichols, who purchased the surrounding land in 1869. His Victorian-style mansion, West End, still stands at the junction of GA 17 and 75. He also built Crescent Hill Baptist Church and the gazebo atop the Nacoochee Indian Mound, both of which are still standing along GA 17.

An easy to moderately difficult, paved, .4-mile trail leads from the parking lot to the foot of the falls.

Directions: Take GA 75 north from Helen 1 mile; turn right onto GA 356 and go 1.5 miles; turn left at the entrance to the falls; follow this road 3.6 miles to the parking area, which accommodates 140 cars and 2 tour buses.

Activities: Hiking, picnicking, fishing.

Facilities: Drinking water, restrooms, trails, gift shop, parking, group tours by arrangement, vending machines, information.

For more information: Anna Ruby Falls Scenic Area, U.S. Forest Service, **Chattooga River Ranger District**, 9975 HIGHWAY 441S, LAKEMONT, GA 30552, Phone: 706-754-6221

Editor's notes: *The following is reprinted from the Georgia Outdoor News (GON), March 2006. <http://www.gon.com/>*

Rabunite Ramble

Ahhhh March, the true start of a new trout season. Spring one day, winter the next, then spring again as the struggle continues back and forth all month. Some of our deepest snows come in March. So do our first flower blossoms, and so do our first caddis fly hatches as the NE GA trout stream temperatures bounces up and down between 40 and 50 degrees.

When the water temperature is in the low 40s and dropping, dredging with one of the nymph patterns or a streamer fly in the deep, dark water and in the seams should produce hook-ups.

When the water temperature is in the upper 40s and rising, nymphs and caddis pupa begin to emerge. Many members of the same species rise to the surface at once. The trout sense the 'hatch' as an opportunity to eat plenty of food and their predatory instincts kick-in. The trout reveal their presence by 'bulging' the water just beneath the surface. This is when the angler uses wet flies or emerger patterns fished just below the surface. The fly might be used as a trailer tied 2 or 3 feet behind a dry fly.

The trout will break the water when feeding on surface flies. Some times it will poke its mouth up and just sip in the fly, often times it will swirl creating rings on the water as it grabs the fly, and occasionally the fly will disappear in what can best be described as a commode flush! Now this is the time to fish with dry flies matching the size, shape, and color of the natural flies that are hatching. Allow the imitation to float in a dead drift to the spot where you saw the trout rise. **WAaahWHOooo!**

This will be happening on the Tallulah, the West Fork, and the Chattooga Rivers, which are all open year around. For me, I will

be on the Chattooga DH in the afternoons casting to feeding trout. In March those big brown trout in the Chattooga DH will finally start hitting dry flies.



A Chattooga DH 20 inch brown trout that took a size 16 deer hair caddis on March 15, 2005.

Happy New Season! *The Ole Rabunite*

Remember: Fishing is not a hobby. A hobby is something you do in your spare time.

Flyfishing Best Bets - Spring (March – May) by Jeff Durniak, GA Wildlife Resources Division (www.gofishgeorgia.com)

Hint- #14 Adams or Caddis dry and a Prince dropper,

Chattooga River - Rt 28 to NC line (Rabun Co), Smith DH (White Co), Chattahoochee in Atlanta, Dukes Creek (White Co.; reservations 706-878-3087), Waters Creek Comeback (Lumpkin Co; need WMA stamp)

Letters To & From The Rabunites

Sent: by US Postal on 1/28/2010

To: Ray Gentry – Treasurer, Georgia Council of TU

Subject: Rabun Chapter Donation from Live Auction for BTB

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$600. This is the amount raised in the special live auction at the 2010 Rabun Rendezvous of the custom framed Number 1 print on canvas of "TROUT" donated by Broderick Crawford, the artist.

Broderick and the rest of the Rabunites are proud to provide this financial support for the 2010 Georgia Back-the-Brookie program. Happy Trails,

From: Doug Adams – Rabun TU Treasurer

Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010

Subject: Rabun Rendezvous

Guys – I hope that the Rendezvous went well for the Rabunites. Folks that went relate that they had a very good time.

Sorry that I was not able to get there. As it turns out, it was good that I stayed home to help Karen and look after the kids. She was pretty puny from a bad case of bronchitis all weekend but is feeling better now.

Dick Albertelli emailed me that he was high bidder for the Trout print benefiting Back-the-Brookie. Did you get any pictures of the bidding or of Dick? I will post it on Facebook and note it in my Back-the-brookie update. Charlie Trettel said the print went for \$600. Is that correct?

Thanks for Rabun TU's consistent support.

From: Kevin McGrath – Chairman, GA Back-the-Brookie,

Sent: by US Postal on 1/28/2010

To: Jerry McCollum, President and CEO

Subject: Rabun Chapter Donation from Live Auction for the Camo Coalition

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$450. This is the amount raised in the special live auction at the 2010 Rabun Rendezvous of the Winston Fly Rod and Ross Reel (donated by Rabun TU) plus ½ Day for 2 anglers of trophy trout fishing at Nacoochee Bend (donated by Jimmy Harris). The winning bidder was Robert Soens of Decatur Georgia.

Jimmy and Rabunites are proud to provide this financial support for the Camo Coalition. Happy Trails,

From: Doug Adams – Rabun TU Treasurer

Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES February 2010 Newsletter

Doug I am doing a slide show for a TU chapter on Wednesday night. May I share your newsletter with them? You guys do so much down there and all seem to have a great time doing it as well as your dinner, I sure wish I lived closer.

From: John Springer - Hammonasset TU Chapter, Connecticut

Editor's notes: *Sure, that will be fine.*

Sent: by US Postal on February 1, 2010

To: Larry Walker - President, Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Thank you very much for Rabun Trout Unlimited's recent contribution of \$600 to Back-the-Brookie raised in the special live auction at the 2010 Rendezvous of a custom framed Number 1 print on canvas of "TROUT" donated by Broderick Crawford, the artist. This donation allows us to continue protecting, restoring and enhancing brook trout populations across North Georgia.

Rabun Trout Unlimited's and Broderick Crawford's generosity and support of Back-the-Brookie is greatly appreciated.

The Chapter's continuous leadership supporting coldwater conservation throughout Georgia and the Southeast is admired. Well done! Regards,

From: Kevin F. McGrath – Chairman, GA Back-the-Brookie,

To: Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Thank you for the generous donation from the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited to the Georgia Wildlife Federation in support of the Camo Coalition. I have logged the funds in and we will spend the money keeping the Camo Coalition running strong.

Like all other NGOs (nongovernmental organization), we are having some very tight times with our budget. I have now reduced our staff by nine positions and cut our program services in many ways. I was also forced after the nine position cuts to end our contract with David Waller. I regret that greatly but the cash flow was not adequate to continue at the rate we were going. GWF has been a pay-as-you-go organization and our board and I insist that we continue that policy having no debt. That is why a check from Rabun TU means so much.

I should also tell you that the Camo Coalition is up and running strong. It is not stopped or delayed in the work we do for the sportsmen of our great state. Look for Alerts and Information Notices as the General Assembly moves along. Thanks to all your members. You are a great partner organization and we appreciate it. Tight Line dear friends!

From: Sincerely, Jerry L McCollum - President & CEO, Georgia Wildlife Federation

Sent: by US Postal on 2/4/2010

To: Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Thank you for choosing the Dillard House for your group's recent Rendezvous. It was our pleasure to have your organization as our guests. We hope the event was a success and everyone enjoyed our famous Southern cooking, our comfortable accommodations and the beautiful mountain scenery. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

From: Cordially, Cindy Justus – Group Sales Manager

Editor's notes: *Our out-of-town guests occupied 55 rooms in the Dillard House motel.*

Sent: by US Postal on 2/5/2010

To: Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

The South Green Church of Christ acknowledges with appreciation your recent donation of \$50 in memory of Zada Mansfield. We appreciate your kindness and generosity. We have sent a letter to Doug and Sheila Mansfield to inform them of this gift. Again, thank you for your generosity.

From: Sincerely, Nancy S. Denham – Secretary, South Green Street Church of Christ, Glasgow, KY

Sent: by US Postal on 2/8/2010

To: Sheila Humphrey - Smithgall Woods Conservation Center;

Subject: Donation for the Outdoor Education Program

Enclosed please find the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited check #1349 dated February 8, 2010 in the amount of \$2,000.

This check is to be used in support of the ongoing "Environmental Education Program" and is to be counted as a match in the non-game funding grant program.

This donation is an expression of our appreciation and continued support of your excellent outdoor education program being conducted for the young people of Northeast Georgia.

From: Sincerely, Doug Adams – Treasurer, Rabun TU Chapter

Sent: by US Postal on 2/8/2010

To: Ken Griffin – Executive Director, Fly Fishing for Vets, Inc.,

Subject: Donation

The Rabunites appreciate this program for wounded warriors and their families. Enclosed please find our donation of \$500.

From: Sincerely, Doug Adams - Treasurer of Rabun Chapter

Sent: by US Postal on 2/4/2010

Sent: by US Postal on 2/8/2010
To: Chris Wood – President & CEO, National Trout Unlimited
Subject: Rabun Chapter Donation
Enclosed please find Rabun Chapter's check #1346 for \$2,000.
This is a donation to be used as follows:

\$1,000 for the "Embrace-A-Stream" program
Because we believe this program provides necessary seed money to address today's concerns in our coldwater resources.

\$500 for the Youth Education Initiative
Because we believe that today's youth are tomorrow's protectors of our coldwater resources.

\$500 for TU's Southeast Land Protection Coordinator
Because as so many wood product companies are currently divesting of their SE land holdings, we believe now is time to preserve these coldwater resources for future generations.

We are looking forward to another year of working in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and GA DNR to preserve, protect, and enhance the trout resources in Northeast Georgia.

From: Sincerely, Doug Adams – Treasurer, Rabun Chapter

Sent: by US Postal on 2/8/2010
To: Stop I-3 Coalition; C/o Waysouth
Subject: Donation

We agree with you, we also believe the proposed I-3 highway is unnecessary, fiscally irresponsible, and environmentally disastrous.

Enclosed please find our donation check for \$100. Regards,
From: Doug Adams – Rabun TU Treasurer

Sent: by US Postal on 2/8/2010
To: Stephanie Davison - Manager of Membership Services, TU
Subject: Gift Memberships
Enclosed please find the Rabun Chapter in the amount of \$105
This check is to pay for the renewal of the following 6 TROUT Magazine only memberships @ \$15 each:

Black Rock Mountain State Park;
Moccasin Creek State Park;
Tallulah Gorge State Park;
Rabun County Library;
Rabun County High School Library;
Rabun Gap – Nacoochee School Library;

And one new MO Membership @ \$15:
Tallulah Falls School Library
PO Box 249
Tallulah Falls, GA 30573

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Sincerely,
From: Doug Adams - Treasurer, Rabun Chapter

Sent: by US Postal on 2/8/2010
To: Ray Gentry – Treasurer, GA Council of Trout Unlimited
Subject: Rabun Chapter Donations

As you know, last year's donation of \$3000 was to be used to pay summer interns working on trout streams in NE Georgia that contain rainbow and brown trout. It was not used.

Therefore, in the fall of 2009, Rabun TU reallocated that \$3,000 to be used in 2010 as follows:

\$2,000 for interns working on brook trout streams.
\$1,000 for interns working on rainbow & brown trout streams.

Then on 1/28/2010 Rabun TU sent you a \$600 check for 2010 Back-the-Brookie projects.

Now enclosed please find a check for \$1,000 for interns working on brook trout streams.

Summary of 2010 funds: For summer intern's work, Rabun TU has allocated \$3,600 for brook trout work and \$1,000 for rainbow and brown trout work.

The Rabunites are proud to provide financial support for these 2 intern programs. Happy Trails,
From: Doug Adams – Rabun TU Treasurer

Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2010
Subject: Re: Donations from Rabun TU for 2010 Summer Interns

The dedication of the Rabunites is over the top. Thank you for the continued support.

From: Leon Brotherton – Fisheries Technician, GA WRD

Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2010
Subject: Re: Donations from Rabun TU for 2010 Summer Interns

I would like to thank the Rabun TU for their continuing support of stream habitat work on the Chattahoochee National Forest through the intern program.

I also wanted to let you know that last week I spoke with Sharon Moore our Partnership Program Coordinator for the Southern Region concerning the delays in getting the Chattooga River Helicopter Stocking agreement finalized. Unfortunately, Sharon's father passed away in December and since then her mother has been in and out of the hospital a number of times because of this she is behind in processing agreements. Take care,
From: Mike Joyce - Fisheries Biologist, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

Sent: by US Postal on 2/11/2010
To: Dear Chapter Members,

Thank you so much for your most generous donation of \$2000 to Smithgall Woods Outdoor Education Programs. I can assure you that the money will be spent wisely as we continue to expand and improve both our onsite and outreach programming, not only for surrounding counties but also for outside our usual range. Both teachers and students continue to enjoy our three most popular hands-on activities, which are Stream Exploration, Archery, and Orienteering Math. Unfortunately, school field trip numbers have decreased over the past year, most likely a result of budget cuts and time restraints for teachers; however, I am hitting the road more often with outreach (Snakes, Arachnids, Birds of Prey, Animal Adaptations and Toothpick Fish) and loving every Minute of it! Our numbers for 2009/2010 are already over 10,000, and we haven't even reached spring, which is our busiest season! Needless to say, your continued support and generosity are deeply appreciated. Please extend my gratitude with a huge smile and "thank you" to all your members!

From: Sheila Humphrey – Wildlife Interpretive Specialist, Smithgall Woods Conservation Center

Sent: February 14, 2010
Thank you for Rabun Trout Unlimited's recent contribution of \$1,000 to our intern program. This donation combined with proceeds from the trout print auction at the Rabun Rendezvous and your earlier commitment totals \$3,600 of support for brook trout enhancement and restoration this year. All of Georgia's Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV) Stakeholders – Georgia DNR, USFS Chattahoochee National Forest and Georgia Trout Unlimited Back-the-Brookie appreciate your generosity.

Support, like this, over the past several years has been a key factor in our success.

The combined support of Trout Unlimited Chapters, the Atlanta Fly Fishing Club, Georgia Women Flyfishers and North Georgia Trout Online will enable us to field a full intern team this summer. We plan to resume "drought proofing" brook trout streams with structures and continue two restoration projects on Walnut Fork and Tate Branch. Interns will support scheduled chapter workdays on North Fork Moccasin Creek, Bryant Creek and the

Chattahoochee River headwaters. They will also help with Brook Trout Day at Trout Camp during the fieldwork on Ramey Creek.

We look forward to another year protecting, enhancing and restoring brook trout throughout North Georgia and sharing our success with you. Regards,

From: Kevin F. McGrath – Chairman, GA Back-the-Brookie

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Subject: Thank you from Fly Fishing for Vets

Just a quick note to let you know I did not forget about the wonderful gift you and all the members of the Rabun chapter sent to Fly Fishing for Vets. Your gift could not have come at a better time. I am working on a program right now to put together 13 combat wounded veterans, both men and women, from Fort Benning's Wounded Transition Battalion to go fishing at

Callaway

The support that you have given to Fly Fishing for Vets not only monetarily from the Rabun TU chapter, but also in the form of volunteers has made the program what it is today. I am truly grateful for the opportunity that you have given me to give back to these troops in your names will always be one of my fondest memories.

As I said, this is only to let you know that I've not forgotten about you, and that you will be receiving an official "Thank You" from us shortly.

I look forward to seeing all of you on April 10, and again, Thank You,

From: Ken Griffin - www.flyfishingforvets.com

Gardens.

If you have a comment or an opinion to share in TIGHT LINES, please submit it in 250 words or less to edadams1@windstream.net

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Recreation Management Plan

[Forest Service Voluntarily withdraws Decisions on Recreation Uses on Upper Chattooga River](#)

(USFS Regional News Release December 21, 2009)

The decision, which emphasized year-round high-quality trout fishing while providing boating opportunities on the upper Chattooga North Fork, was withdrawn on 12/21/2009 to allow for additional analysis. As a result, the status quo is preserved on the river (meaning no boating is allowed above the Highway 28 bridge) until the forests issue three new decisions, probably in the spring. Concerning the boater's pending lawsuit, the Forest Service filed a [Motion to Dismiss \(filed December 30, 2009\)](#). The boaters issued a 31-page memorandum in opposition to dismissal on 2/5 to which the Forest Service responded on 2/16.

"There are lots of reasons you might want to fish on public land, as opposed to, say, a well known tailwater. First of all, there's privacy. Nothing beats a remote forest creek for solitude; you won't see any canoes or party floats here."

"Googling the Backcountry" by Zach Matthews, [American Angler](#) magazine, March/April, 2009

Volunteers needed for Chattooga Anglers Diary: If you are going to fish the Chattooga North Fork for 5 or more times by the end of November 2010 and want to provide information for GA & SC DNR professionals to use in future fisheries management, please volunteer to keep a diary of your fishing experiences. To request a diary, contact Doug Adams edadams1@windstream.net

23rd Annual Rabun Rendezvous Summary

For the past 22 years, funds raised by the annual Rendezvous have been used in local support of the Chapter's mission to educate youth in coldwater conservation and to protect, preserve and enhance water quality and trout fisheries in Northeast Georgia.

2010 Rabun Rendezvous Report

\$7,315 received for 253 meal tickets

\$3,161 received for raffle ticket sales on 57 buckets & 82 items

\$5,543 received for silent auction sales for 102 items

\$600 for a special auction of the Broderick Crawford #1 print titled "TROUT" for GA Back the Brookie [HERE](#)

\$450 for a special auction of a Winston rod, Ross reel & ½ day for 2 at Nacoochee Bend for the GA Camo Coalition [HERE](#)

\$380 for Dream Trip raffle tickets sales for GA Council of TU <http://georgiatu.org/>

\$17,475 total gross revenue

\$12,116 net cleared after all expenses

Plus \$1,463 in cash donations & advanced sales

A BIG "Thank You" to the 84 Donors for the 2010 Rabun Rendezvous

Businesses & Organizations: Greg's Tire & Service Center, David Cannon - Author, The Foxfire Boys, Dillard House, Unicoi Outfitters & Jimmy Harris; Atlanta Fly Fishing School & Mack Martin, Crawford Art Gallery - Michele & Broderick Crawford – Artist, Big Green Egg & Eggmania Central, Blue Ridge Music, Cabela's, Reeve's Hardware Dillard & Clayton, The Fish Hawk, Patagonia – Atlanta, Amrine's Equipment & Rentals, Caylor Custom Flies, L.L. Bean, Rabun County Bank, Prater's Books & Coffee Nook, Rabun County Concert Series, Gap Graphics & Printing, Mountain Nature & Wild Bird Supply, Cupboard Café, Feed Mill Restaurant, Kountry Vittles, Valley Café, Valley Drapery, Valley Pharmacy, Piggly Wiggly, Rabun Animal Hospital, Total Therapy, Mountain Physical Therapy, Clayton Reflexology Center, Mane Design, Butler Galleries, Dick Albertelli – Artist; Ray & Patsy Gentry – Artist, Tom Landreth Estate, Peaks Grocery, Southern Bank & Trust, Coosa Valley TU Chapter, & Blue Ridge Mountain TU Chapter

Individuals: Russ Tyre, Emily Perry, Meta Armstrong, Margaret Hart, Alex Watson, Doug & Sheila Mansfield, Jeff Durniak, Steve Raeber, Don & Donna Thomson, Garland Stewart, Duane Stalnaker, Cindy Vigil, Leon Brotherton, June Landreth, Maria Rodeghiero, Pat Hopton, Gail & Frank Tolbert, Kathy & Charlie Breithaupt, Monte Seehorn, Amanda, Brooks, Avril & Calder Adams, Allison Adams, Eedee & Doug Adams, Emmilyn & Terry Rivers, Sandy & Ralph Morgan, Jim & Carolyn Kidd, Fritz Vinson, Doug Hickman, Larry & Beth Walker, Travis Barnes, Ron Robeson, Celia Finger, Summer Walker-Escoe, Barbara Goodier, Jimmy Whiten, Pat McWhinney, Ken Lambert, Steve Perry, Chris Whitley, Jill Welch, Diane Elliott & Anonymous

A Heron's Fly Fishing Lesson A Rendezvous Story by David Cannon

<http://www.cannonoutdoors.com/index2.php>

One of the chapters that I knew was going to be in the book, *Fly Fishing Georgia* (BUY THE BOOK!!) [HERE](#), from the very signing of the contract with the publisher was Lake Seminole. I had traveled there once before with my friend Matt Bailey and his family (his father is Brad Bailey, long-time editor of Georgia Outdoor News) for a spring break fishing trip when I was a freshman in high school.

All through middle- and high school, the only things I ever thought of were basketball, girls and largemouth bass – though not necessarily in that order – and Lake Seminole, upon seeing it for the first time, appeared to me as would have Cameron Indoor Stadium. Simply put, I was awestruck by its “bassy” appearance, what with the multitude of stumps and lily pads, water seeming as black as tar with damselflies zipping just above its surface and the occasional attention-grabbing swirl causing one to nearly get whip-lash trying to see what caused the commotion before it disappeared back below. I was smitten. This was paradise.

The trip wasn't all that successful in terms of fishing, though. We each caught a few fish that week, mine going no bigger than about three- or maybe four pounds. Of course, the person that could brag of “high hook” and largest catch was, as usual, Mrs. Bailey. That woman out-fishes everyone no matter how much experience they have and no matter what real knowledge of fishing she may lack. But being that she's one of the sweetest people you'll ever come across, no one ever seems to mind too much that whatever lure she's tossing seems to always be the one that's working.

Anyhow, fast forward some ten years and I've just left my first post-college job working with Mr. Bailey at Georgia Outdoor News and have now embarked on work of which I feel completely under qualified – writing a book at age 25. I knew little of what I was getting into – it typically takes a lifetime to become an expert on any one location in regards to fishing, much less three-dozen – but I did remember that Lake Seminole was shallow with an average depth of about twelve feet, and held many quality bucketmouths, making it the perfect spot for dragging a Clouser Minnow or Cowen's Coyote, or, better yet, sliding a big popper between the lily pads in hopes that a monster would work her way through the veggies to find my bug.

We got a late jump on actually getting down to Seminole to work on that particular chapter. As it lies on the Florida border, it's a pretty nice little drive to get down there and we had been focusing our efforts (“we” being my photographer Chad McClure and me) on locations close enough to each other to knock out one weekend at a time. For example, one weekend we would complete the Chattooga River, the DH and the Tallulah River. The next, we would try to complete Noontootla Creek, Jones Creek and the Toccoa DH. Nothing is close to Lake Seminole, so it unfortunately got pushed back to the point that we ended up getting down there in the sweltering south Georgia month of June.

The fishing, as we had anticipated, was slow, but it was still a mesmerizing place to be exploring. Our guide for the weekend, Mike Sloan, is now owner of Jack Wingate's Lunker Lodge – the perfect place for a fisherman as it's right on the water and has simple clean, air-conditioned cabins with cold refrigerators and cable TV – and Mike knows the lake very well. After hopping in his boat before sunrise and trying to no avail to entice some hybrids from a spring upwelling, then some largemouths from some backwater, we decided to work the banks for bream and bass.

Luckily for us, the “willow bug” hatch was going on, and it was going strong. “Willow bugs”, as locals refer to them, are actually mayflies, and Seminole gets a huge summer hatch not unlike other southern reservoirs. From a distance, the trees appear to

be moving, even in the absence of even a light breeze. In reality, every square inch of trees lining the water is crawling with millions of mayflies. It's truly an amazing sight to see.



Mike and I were casting mayfly patterns with three- and four-weights tight up under the overhanging tree limbs to bream that were on the bed. While we were catching fish – our first strong action of the day – Chad was shooting photos with his 80-200mm telephoto lens of crows hopping around on the limbs eating bugs.

“Y'all aren't gonna believe what this little green heron is doing,” Chad said.

Chad told us what he was seeing and we replied that he was seeing things.

Mike fired up the trolling motor and scooted us in closer to the action. Sure enough, this green heron was hopping on some limbs that were only about six inches above the water, and what seemed like he was eating the mayflies was actually him delicately picking up a bug with his beak, leaning over and ever-so-gently placing the bug on the surface of the water. Then, he would stand as still as a statue, staring intensely at the bug he had placed on the water. Then, like a flash of lightning, a bream would rise to eat the fly and just as quickly would become the main course for the fleet heron.



I still can't believe that a bird can process that type of information and carry out that complex of a process. The bird... was fly fishing!

I'm hoping to get back to Lake Seminole this spring in an attempt to land an eight-plus-pounder on the fly rod. My hopes are increased with the knowledge that if a bird-brain can figure out how to fly fish Lake Seminole, surely we can, too!

Editor's notes: *If you were at the Rendezvous, you know this was one of the great stories David shared there. As usual, by golly, you don't have to believe it - - if you don't want to.*

"BACKCASTING"

Feb 6 (Sat) Annual Planning Breakfast: 18 members met to develop the annual plan. It was a delicious and bountiful Dillard House breakfast followed by a very productive work session. The items on the agenda included:

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

2010 Budgeted Expenditures – The Chapter had \$24,000 available and needed to properly allocate its expenditure to support our TU mission. See budget allocation below.

2010 Calendar – Dates were set for the upcoming Chapter activities during the next 12 months.

2010 Chapter Meeting Programs – The Chapter needs 9 meeting programs each year.

The results of the 2010 Budgeted Expenditure Planning are as follows:

CHAPTER OPERATIONS - \$4,900 (Includes: newsletter, design & implementation of a new website, annual planning breakfast, memorials, equipment, administrative supplies, meeting expenses, postage, accountant services)

YOUTH & EDUCATION - \$5,935 (Includes: funding for 2 kids to attend GA Trout Camp, supplemental funding for the 2010 GA Trout Camp, Smithgall Woods Youth Education Program, Fly Fishing for Vets, GA DNR Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi State Park, Casting for Recovery, kids fishing events at Black Rock Mountain State Park and US Forest Service Tallulah River, 7 gift TROUT magazine subscriptions to libraries and state parks

in Rabun County, gift TU memberships for Stream Explorers and others)

CONSERVATION PROJECTS - \$3,400 (Includes: Stekoa Creek watershed improvements, Stop I-3 Coalition, GA Back-the-Brookie project funding, in-stream volunteer workdays, NOTE – the backcountry helicopter stocking of the Chattooga North and West Forks will be funded by the Tom Landreth Memorial Fund)

NATIONAL PROGRAMS - \$2,000 (Includes: the youth education initiative, Southeastern Land Protection Coordinator, Embrace-A-Stream program)

TU OUTREACH & CONTIGENCY - \$3,500

TOTAL 2010 BUDGET - \$19,735

2010 Calendar – You Don't Want to Miss These

9 Regular Monthly Chapter Meetings with Programs & Raffles at RE/MAX on 3rd Tues evenings, 6:30 PM: 2/16, 3/16, 4/20, 6/15, 8/17, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 1/18/2011

Mentoring – Fly Tying Instructions (2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25) at Terry River's shop.

Recruit – Bass Pro Shops/TU Fly Fishing Days (2/20 & 2/21) in Lawrenceville

Outreach – GA Women Fly Fishers Fundraiser (2/20) in Atlanta

Outreach – Hoot-on-the-Hooch (3/13) on Sat evening where the 2010 Dream Trip Raffle winners will be drawn.

24th Annual Chattooga Coalition Meeting (3/23) at USFS Office in Tallulah Falls

Mentoring – The ½-Day Fly Fishing School (a.k.a. Rabunite 101) (4/3) Sat morning by the Rabunites at Rabun County Recreation Center

Outreach – Oconee River TU Chapter Fundraiser (4/3) in Athens on Sat Evening

Mentoring – Fly-Fishing for Vets (4/10) 9 AM at Paces Mill Park on the "Hooch"

Workday – for BtB with Camping (4/23 – 4/24) Fri camping & Sat morning workday with Jim Kidd & USFS leading work on North Fork Moccasin Creek and camping beside the Wildcat Creek Road, w/ORTUC & FHTUC. On the same date as Smith Creek workday (4/24) with T/WTUC & WRD leading work

Spring Camping & Fishing Outing (5/12 – 5/15) Wed – Sun, the Upper Chattooga backcountry with camping at USFS Cherry Hill (SC) Campground

SE Regional Rally (5/14 & 5/15) in Townsend, TN

Outreach – Blue Ridge Mountain TU Chapter Fundraiser (5/15) High Country Boil

Mentoring – Annual Spring Family Cookout (5/17) 4 PM Monday at Indian Lake, with Boy &/or Girl Scout Troops as our guests.

Workday – Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up (5/22) 9 AM in preparation for GA Trout Camp

SE Region FFF Conclave (6/4 & 6/5) at Unicoi S.P.

Mentoring – Annual Kids Fishing Event (6/5) 9 AM Saturday morning at Tallulah River with USFS

Mentoring – 7th Annual Georgia Trout Camp (6/6 – 6/11) from Sun – Fri; we need all the help we can get for this.

Workday – TU's Stream Clean-Up Day (6/26) Location TBD

Mentoring – The ½-Day Fly Fishing School (a.k.a. Rabunite 101) at Tallulah Falls S.P. on 7/10 or 7/17

Annual Summer Family Picnic (7/20) 6 PM at Kelly's Waterfall Park on Tues Evening

Workday – Waters Creek (8/28) with NGTO, TU, USFS & WRD

Recruit – Mountaineer Festival (Date TBD)

National TU Annual Meeting (9/15 – 9/18) in NH

Mentoring – Outdoor Adventure Day (9/25) w/ GA DNR; Unicoi S. P

Outreach – Gold Rush TU Chapter Fundraiser (10/2) in Dahlonega
Camping & Fishing Outing on Nantahala DH (10/6 – 10/10) Wed – Sun, with camping in USFS Appletree Group CG (NC) Limit 25 people max.

Outreach – Coosa Valley TU Chapter Chili Cook off (10/9) in Rome
Fall Camping & Fishing Outing (11/3 – 11/7) Wed – Sun, with camping at Long Bottom (SC) and fishing in Chattooga DH and backcountry

Annual Family Christmas Dinner (12/14) 6 PM at Dillard Rock House on Tues evening

24th Annual Rabun Rendezvous (1/22/2011) at Dillard House Conference Center

Annual Planning Meeting (2/5/2011) with 8 AM breakfast meeting at the Dillard House where we set our budget and planned expenditures for 2011.

4 GA TU Council Meetings (3/6) in Dahlonega, (6/5) in Helen, (9/11) in Blue Ridge, & (12/4) at USFS.

11 Monthly Rabun TU Board of Directors Meetings on 4th Tuesday, Community B&T, 6:30 PM each month except December: January BOD Meeting is 2nd Tuesday

Calendar Summary: 18 Mentoring Days (Passing It On), 4 In-Stream Volunteer Workdays, 9 Chapter Meetings with Programs, 3 Social Family Meetings, 1 Major Fundraiser – The Rabun Rendezvous, 6 Outreaches to other Chapter fundraisers AND 16 Camping Days (with fishing, campfire stories & bluegrass) **WAAaahWHOoooo!**

Feb 11, 18 & 25 (Thurs) Fly Tying Sessions/Instructions at Terry River's Shop – 6 participants are learning to tie some most used trout flies.

Feb 16 (Tues) Chapter Meeting – 29 folks attended. Sheila Humphrey, Wildlife Interpretive Specialist at Smithgall Woods Conservation Center, presented the program. Her subject was one dear to every trout angler: trout stream entomology. Sheila discussed and showed examples of the life cycles of aquatic insects found in North Georgia's coldwater streams. In addition to the big 3 (mayflies, caddis flies & stoneflies) she also discussed the life cycle of 5 other flies (dragon, damsel, crane, midge & Dobson), which are also important foods for trout. An angler with this knowledge is better prepared to match wits with wild trout.



Sheila Humphrey, Wildlife Interpretive Specialist, GA DNR

The Meeting raffle had 10 buckets with 2 fly assortments, 2 books, a fishing vest, a pair of neoprene waders, and much more. The raffle raised \$120 to be used toward the cost of mailing newsletters to members without E-mail and for the meeting hospitality expenses. Thanks to Terry Rivers for handling meeting raffles. A BIG "Thank You" goes to all the Rabunites who donated the items and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets.

Feb 20-21 (Sat & Sun) Fly Fishing/TU Weekend at Bass Pro Shops. About 15 Rabunites participated and 9 GA TU Chapters were represented. Bass Pro had record sales in the fly shop, they sold all of David Cannon's books, TU sold some raffle tickets, TU gave away about 1200 trout flies, kids tied a good number of custom flies and many got to cast a fly rod for the first time. It was a productive weekend. Thanks to Terry Rivers for being Rabun TU's contact person for this event.

Feb 20 (Sat Evening) GA Women Flyfishers Mardi Gras Party. 3 Rabunites attended the very successful fundraiser at Sweetwater Brewery in Atlanta.

Feb 23 (Tues) BOD Meeting – 9 participated. The agenda included: **Recaps:** Mentoring at Rabun County Middle School; Annual planning meeting; Fly fishing weekend at Bass Pro Shops; "Thank you" letters to donors of the 2010 Rendezvous; Dream trip raffle; Redesign website for membership recruitment; Sessions to learn to tie flies **Updates:** Rabunite 101 Fly Fishing seminar; Chattooga boating zoning; LWCF; Outreach to Scouts for merit badges & Stream Explorer Members; Membership retention plan; Chapter lending library news; 2010 Chattooga Fishing Diaries; Advocacy Article for Newsletter (GEAN); October Campout at Appletree (Nantahala) **Upcoming:** 3/6 GA TU Council Meeting; 3/13 Hoot on the Hooch; 3/16 & 4/20 Chapter meeting programs; 3/23 Annual Chattooga Coalition meeting; 3/23 BOD meeting place; 4/3 PM Oconee River TU Chapter fundraiser; 4/23-24 Rabun TU's campout Fri night with workday Sat morning for BtB **New Business:** Chapter comments on USFS Soil and Water Scoping Letter #1 Chattooga River RD (due by end of Feb); 2010 River Clean-up Day on 6/26; New CRTUC pre-meeting mentoring program; Call for Chapter members to "step-up and volunteer"; Josh Seehorn's research at UGA **Updates:** Publicity; Membership; Treasury Report

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We wish **David Cannon** and **Charlie Breithaupt** speedy recoveries from their recent surgeries.
Doris & Jimmy Whiten are making memories on a winter trip to Yellowstone National Park.

THANK YOU

Phil Upchurch of McDonough GA and **Steve Raeber** of Atlanta for your cash donations.
Michele & Broderick Crawford, of **Crawford Art Gallery** <http://www.broderickcrawfordart.com/>, Clayton GA, for donation of discount on prints and framing services.

Donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c)3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

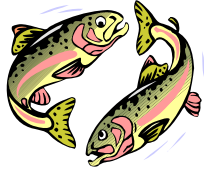
A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to 1 **new member** this month: **Phil Upchurch**, 2998 Hwy 81 E, McDonough, GA 30252

Thanks for re-upping: **Billy Cook, Robert Larsen, Monty English, David F Nichols & Arnold Deitz**

It is time to renew your membership: **Bob Biebel, Pat Gorman, Troy Meek, Warren Stiles, Chris Sawers, Brooks & Amanda Adams, Ron Grob, Jerry Webb, Peggy Crowe, Lonnie English, Walter Godfrey & Charles Jenkins**

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Letter From The Chapter President

Fellow Rabunites,

Gee it's cold! Well, it's supposed to be cold this time of year. Actually, we were blessed with the first real spring feeling weekend toward the end of February. Hopefully, March will bring more days that make us get "the itch".

It won't be long before all the winter's "honey do's" will be finished (or shelved), and fishing will start to get more and more attention. Sure the water will be high, but doesn't that beat what we've had the past few years?

Don't forget to save some time for our work projects and campouts, too.

Planning is already underway for the first camp out/work day in late April. If you haven't marked your calendar for our camp outs and other events, please look back at the calendar in this "Tight Lines", and make notes of the good times ahead.

See you on the river soon.

Regards, *Larry*

For more pictures, info, and back issues of TIGHT LINES, visit the Rabun TU website: <http://www.rabuntu.com/>

Georgia TU Council website: <http://georgiatu.org/> & National TU Website:

<http://www.tu.org/site/c.kkLRJ7MSKtH/b.3022897/k.BF82/Home.htm>

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