

# Tight Lines

November 2015 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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"The finest gift you can give to any fisherman is to put a good fish back, and who knows if the fish that you caught isn't someone else's gift to you."

Lee Wulff

VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCMENT !!!
MEETING LOCATION CHANGE!!

"uninhabitable" we are left without a permanent home for our meetings. But for now we will be meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. The church is located just past Rabun Gap Nachoochee School. If you're not familiar their address is 8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA 30568.

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited proudly presents

A Celebration of Rivers, Streams, Trout, and Trout Fishing

Please Join Us for the 29th Annual Rabun Rendezvous

When: Saturday, January 23, 2015

*Where:* The "NEW" Dillard House Conference Center, located behind the Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia.

Who: The more the better. Everyone interested in protecting our cold-water resources, including their families, friends, and all who love clean cold streams, trout, and trout fishing.

Social: About 5 o'clock PM folks will start gathering to "pick the pig" and enjoy the rocking chairs on the porch of the Conference Center. There will be snack trays of cheeses, crackers, veggies with dips, and fruits. Soft drinks and ice will be available. If you want something stronger, better bring it yourself. (BYOB) There will also be a fire inside to warm your buns. The Foxfire Boys with their famous Blue Grass Music will begin at 5 pm.

Dinner: Fish, chicken, and pork with all the side dishes and desserts that have made the Dillard House so famous, will be served about 6:30. It is a serve yourself buffet, so you will not leave hungry.

Cost:: \$33 for adults. \$25 for those under the age of 15. Cash, checks, VISA or MasterCard. We don't do advanced tickets, just pay at the door.

Lodging: The Dillard House has set special rates for rooms starting at \$69(plus tax) for those that call and tell them you're attending the Trout Unlimited Rabun Rendezvous. Call: 706-746-5348 or Toll Free 1-800-541-

0671.Check out the Dillard House web site <u>here</u>. Also Mountain Aire Cottages on North Main Street in Clayton is giving special rates for TU folks. Call them at 706-782-9568. You can view their web site <u>here</u>

Program Presenter: : Ian and Charity Rutter, R&R Fly Fishing. Ian and Charity are based in Townsend, TN. They offer premier guide services specializing in the Great Smoky Mountains and East Tennessee and have published 5 books on "Fishing the Smokies". They are great presenters and highlight their programs with beautiful photography and video. Come spend the evening with Ian and Charity. Please click on the link here to find out more about R&R Fly Fishing.



### Notes from the President



Holy mackerel! Where has this year gone? It's November; We are on Eastern Standard Time; The Fall Campout begins (i.e.-Delayed Harvest is in effect); and, the holidays are soon upon us. All of which brings me to a couple very important points: 1. This time last year, we were praying for the recovery of some of our members- Ray, Charlie, & Doug. Prayers worked! 2. Patsy Gentry just had emergency carotid surgery at Emory, and is already recovering,

thanks to Ray's TLC. 3. Life goes on as Gordon & Suzanne Vanderpool are expecting, as they posted, "a human" next spring!

What an amazing group of people that make up our chapter. Now, amazing people, we need some resolution on some things. First, we need a permanent home for our Chapter. The committee continues to explore ideas, but with no ideas from the membership. It's your chapter, so where do you want to meet? Next, the Annual TU Christmas dinner is going to be held at Rabun Manor again this year on Tuesday, December 8th, at 6:00 PM. Same price as last year. Hope to see EVERYONE there. Finally, and very importantly, Rabun Rendezvous is January 23rd, 2016- 11 weeks from now. To be blunt- because of a lack of participation seeking donations-our chapter went in the hole this year. We really do NEED YOUR HELP! A successful Rendezvous will make up for the loss, and give us a good year for 2016. And remember, we will need additional funds when we find a new home to make our renovations and build our supply room. Ray King, Rendezvous chairman, and the Board can't do it all. Again, it's YOUR Chapter! Please help make it happen.

Happy Fall; Happy Fishing; Happy Thanksgiving! Steve



The Atlanta Fly Fishing School instructors wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous New Year! We look forward to seeing you next year to help make your fly fishing experience more enjoyable and perhaps more productive. When you are looking for a present for someone special or for the person who has

everything, consider a gift certificate for a class or private lesson with the Atlanta Fly Fishing School - the only Trout Unlimited Gold endorsed fly fishing

school in the US! www.atlantaflyfishingschool.com (404) 550-6890

### **Forward Casting Calendar**

Nov. 19 (Thurs) Regular monthly meeting, still at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Social starts at 6:30 and Meeting at 7 pm. This month we have a presentation from a Rabunite favorite Steve Hudson. Steve has an awesome new program he will be sharing with us called "The Line on Leaders." Every flyfisher uses leaders, and there are many different types to choose from. But which leader is the best one to use? What length? What size? What type? And how to do set up that leader once you've made your choice? This program will answer those ques-



tions. We'll explore the pluses and minuses of various leader types, and we'll see how to set up leaders for a variety of fishing situations. We'll even look at how you can make several different types of leaders yourself! Don't miss out on this very informative meeting. Bring and item and a dollar or two for our monthly raffle.

Dec. 5 (Sat) Quarterly Georgia TU meeting. This meeting will be hosted by the US Forest Service from 9 am to 12 pm at the US Forest Service office in Gainesville, GA.

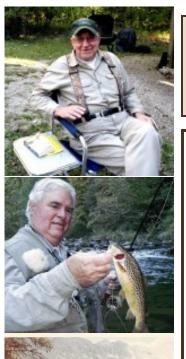
Dec. 8 (Tues) Christmas Dinner. Rabun Manor starting at 6pm. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM. The cost is the same as last year, \$25.00 per person plus tax & gratuity. We will have a open Bar. Our dinner will consist of two appetizer choices, three entrée choices, and two dessert choices. Please make your reservation with our Prez, Steve Perry by phone at cell-828-371-1633 or by email at <a href="mailto:flygide@gmail.com">flygide@gmail.com</a>! Don't miss out on this great meal and fellowship time with other Rabunites.







JANUARY 23, 2016 RABUN RENDEZVOUS!! SAVE THE DATE!! See page 2 for all the information!



Matching the Hatch: brought to you from many ole Rabunites who have spent countless hours fishing and trudging along river banks, tying flies, casting, overcoming weather, bugs, and no telling what else to bring you this recorded, tried and true valued information.

### November fly of the month:

By: Terry Rivers

Hook: #10 STREAMER HOOK

Tail: MARABOU

Body: MOHAIR LEECH STRANDS (tie in various colors).



This has been a very effective fly during the DH season. Tie these in various colors. Add weight to get it down. Hold on!!

See ya on the river!

MOHAIR LEECH

To view a Hatch Chart for all month click Hatch Chart

More tips and helpful information from Dredger and other Georgia DNR fisheries staff. Click here for the latest reports.



How's the river? Click on the name of the river to check water levels.

<u>Chattooga Level</u>

<u>Tallulah River Level</u>

**Nantahala** 

<u>Little Tennessee</u>

NOAA: Georgia



November Hatches					
THE BUGS	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested flies		
None at all	All year	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT #14 Parachute Adams is always a good searching pattern		
Midges	All year	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa		
Small Dun Caddis	All Month	Mid AM to Late PM	8 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa		
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes		
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill (important)	Late	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail		

### Tips, Trips, and More:

It's time to start preparing that fly box for the winter months.
Check out this article from Field and Stream Magazine for some great advice on successful winter fishing.

Winter tips from Field & Stream

Our November meeting program is by the very informative Steve Hudson. Steve could present at all our meetings for five years and never be able to cover all he knows. So check out his great web site <a href="here">here</a>. He has several great books and then be sure not to miss our regular monthly meeting on the 19th!

#### CHATTOOGA RIVER ANGLER'S DIARY

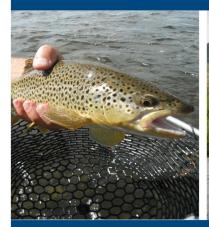
After a day on the Chattooga please fill out this brief survey so agencies can compile information and continue to improve angling experiences. THANKS!

CLICK HERE FOR DIARY.

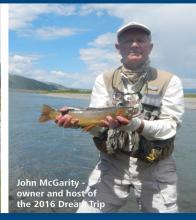
As winter creeps in on us here check out this free magazine from Montana to daydream and maybe plan you a trip out west next year.

montanaflyfishingmagazine.com

## DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!







"The 2016 Dream Trip reaches new heights. The opportunity to fish with John McGarity, stay in his fabulous log cabin conveniently located between the Madison River, Yellowstone National Park and the Henry's Fork puts you smack dab in the middle of some of the most famous trout waters in North America. John is the consummate trout angler, fishing almost every day during the 5 or 6 months each year he resides in Idaho. Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone checks with John for fishing reports. Having been a restauranteur, John is also an excellent cook... you will not go hungry on this trip! TU couldn't ask for a better host and guide for this year's Dream Trip."

Owner, Unicol Outfliets

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- 5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 24- 30, 2016
- \$500 total in travel expenses travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winners.

  \*Fishing licenses, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the winners during their stay.
- Each winner receives: Choice of Winston BIII-x or Sage ONE 4, 5 or 6 wt rod
   A fly reel with Scientific Angler line

A fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen per box)



### Tickets \$10 Proceeds Benefit TU Cold Water Conservation and Trout Camp

#### **RUNNER UP PRIZES:**

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- TFO BVK 4 wt. or 5 wt. 9' fly rod. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
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- Fly box with 6 dozen + trout flies. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- AFFS gift certificate for a fly fishing or fly casting class during 2016. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- A private fly casting lesson including digital casting analysis and video analysis (this donation would
  apply to those mastering basic casting skills already). Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- Five or nine day trip to Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada for one person. Trip is set up for two people for 5 or 9 days. Winner or partner must pay for second person (\$3995/5 day trip & \$5395/9 day trip individual rate). http://www.kasba.com. Donated by the Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada. Best dates for fly fishing are June 28 to July 6, 2016. Contact Mack Martin for arrangements.
- Two nights at the Fire Fly Lodge and a full day of unguided trout fishing on either Hothouse Creek trophy trout stream or the Toccoa River from Firefly's private frontage. http://www.fireflyfishinglodge.com
- Custom made 5 or 8 weight, 9 foot fly rod made by Matt Walters. Walters Fly Rod 9', 8WT, 4PC Cinder Creek or 9', 5WT, 4PC Chattahoochee Fly Rod (Winner's Choice - Rod descriptions can be found at http://www.waltersflyrods.com)
- Half day guided float trip for two on Chattahoochee River. Donated by Chris Scalley River Through Atlanta
- Half day guided fishing trip for two with Henry Cowan....Donated by Henry Cowan
- Unquided half day fishing at Nacoochee Bend for two fishermen... Donated by Unicoi Outfitters
- Two fly boxes of 6 dozen trout flies donated by 12 TU chapters in Georgia.





Recent winner – Monty English – Rabun Chapter memb



For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

## Back Casting

The Rabun TU monthly meeting was held on Thursday October 15, 2015 at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. We had a great program presented by Damon Hearne. Damon is based out of Asheville, NC, and he is TU's Southeast Conservation Coordinator covering the Southern Appalachian Mountains. He works on aquatic passage, land protection, restoration and advocacy in partnership with chapters and councils, as well as land trusts and state agencies. Damon gave a great video presentation about brook trout steam restoration and the success of the projects. The



speck footage was awesome and the results of the culvert replacement projects were impressive. We also held our monthly raffle and we raised \$94.00. Many THANKS for our donors Charlie & Kathy Breithaupt, Frank Patton, Peter Croes, Terry Rivers, and of course Justin with his GRAND PRIZE 18 freshly laid eggs. Don't miss out on our November meeting for another great program and your chance at the Grand Prize.

Rabun TU held their monthly board meeting on October 20, 2015. Several were in attendance for discussion of the upcoming very important Rabun Rendezvous, and update on the Tallulah River fishing pier. The group also discussed Dream Trip ticket sales, Fall Campout and our new strategic plan coming up the first of the year after the Rendezvous.

### Climate Change Survey Results Announced (From: Mack Martin)

Your climate change survey results are in and the survey closed on September 28, 2015. We received 572 responses which resulted in a total response of approximately 17%. Carl and I have reviewed the results including most of the comments and have learned a great deal about the opinions that Georgia TU members have on climate change. I don't want to take a lot of time or discussion with our findings, as you can look at the results and draw your own conclusions. However, there are a few concerns that surfaced from the responses. First, 31 members did not agree that Georgia TU should pursue and practice the ten steps presented in 2007 for protecting our trout waters (Healing Troubled Waters). We have been and should be practicing these steps or activities whether we believe in climate change or not. Considering the other comments that came with their "no" vote, it appears that there was a misunderstanding of what the question was asking. I any case I encourage those members to share their thoughts with me on this opinion. Approximately 60% of the respondents did not believe there has been any degradation of trout habitat due to climate change and 70% of those members based their opinion on their fishing experience in the field. There are very strong opinions expressed by Georgia TU members on both sides of the climate change issue and your review of this information will lead you to your own conclusions. The survey

data has been tabulated by council total responses and individually by each chapter's responses. All of the data is available to download at dropbox. The ten steps for the protection of trout water are also included in this link for your information. The chapter getting the highest percentage of responses to the survey was Chattahoochee/Nantahala and the runner up was Blue Ridge Mountain. Congratulations to them both as they will be fund raising with Winston BIII-x and TFO-BVK fly rods respectively. Thank you to all that took your time to respond to the survey. We now have a very good assessment of where the TU members in Georgia stand on this issue. To view your chapter's results click on the dropbox link <a href="here">here</a>. Thanks again to those who took the time to take the survey. Sincerely,

M. A. (Mack) Martin National Leadership Council Rep Georgia Council Trout Unlimited

## Back Casting

#### Rabun TU Fall Campout 2015

The Rabunites tried a new location this fall...Oconee State Park in South Carolina, just down the road from our old stomping ground, Cherry Hill, which was closed for the season. We had full hook-ups and clean restrooms with hot showers. So much for roughing it!! The weather was less than perfect and even the helicopter stocking of the Chattooga was delayed but we managed to have an evening fire every night. Early response for the trip had been very slow but, in the end, about 25 Rabunites and friends made their way to the gathering. Some came for the whole time, some for just a day or two, others just for a cameo appearance and a few showed up for a meal. We told the same old stories and some even had "revised" versions which most did not notice. As always the food was plentiful and delicious. For me a highlight was seeing new member Patrick Crawford (Lawrenceville) catch his first trout on a fly. The night before Patrick had prepared our supper of

"Walking Tacos", a meal that will probably become a Rabunite mainstay. Equally exciting was watching Justin English catch his first Chattooga River trout on a fly. Justin enjoyed it so much that he kept at it and landed another six (yeah...6!!) before he headed back to camp.

For limited stocking and high water the fishing was pretty good. Brown or green wooly buggers and Y2Ks worked best. The fish were scattered but the persistent Rabunites found enough to keep it interesting.

These campouts are part of the Rabun Chapter tradition and a great way to get to know other members as well as fish together. A big thanks to the "Rivers Family" (Emmilyn, Terry, and Rex) for sharing

their campsite as our Base Camp! Getting everything planned and organized is a lot of work. Credit has to go to my dear wife Kathy who kept in

credit has to go to my dear whe kathy who kept in contact with everyone and got all meals covered. In addition she led the charge in the cook tent. She can "git 'er done" and nobody knows that better than me!

Plan to join us next spring (dates to be determined) for good food, friends, fun and fishing.

Charlie



## Fishing tales

#### Tallulah River Ballet and Moses Creek: by Peter Croes

Sunday morning the call came asking me if I still wanted to go fishing; I wondered what sort of question this was coming from a former timber cruising Bulldog athlete whose team lost to the Big Orange the day before . . . hell yes, a W is a W and still a W, this *Volunteer* wanted to go even if it was not in a DH restricted section! Wayne Prosser and I agreed to meet mid-afternoon in Clayton at the usual spot!

As we drove up the road paralleling the river there was beauty outside the Tacoma's passenger window allowing me to, again, admire the beautiful sights and large -humongous- rocks, running water and occasional pools while spotting the occasional P signs. Coming and going were pick-up trucks and Jeeps, some with bait fishing rigs visible and others with camping equipment, and driver side rumbles of *damn bear hunters;* apparently we were very close to the NC state border -where on one side dogs were legal-and GA where they were not and baiting was illegal (although with stomach's contents field extracted) and animals were taken.

Oh yea, this is about trout fishing; well we found what looked like an in-accessible area to an unmotivated bait/spin cast angler. I was going minimalist so after we both initially got our individual rods rigged (a Big Orange stimulator and a pale red squirmy wormy) I placed my fly box in my rear pocket and descended the steep banks to the first stretch of river pools. As luck would have it we might have been fishing in an Otter's back yard . . . all I caught was a couple of broken off sections of monofilament line and Wayne nothing . . . and so we climbed out driving to another P section below the state/county line(s).

I went upstream and down the embankment carefully selecting my footing placement to prevent an arse-over-tea kettle rapid descent . . . I was wearing a new pair of rubber soled riprap shoes (not felt or w/studs). I worked my way, very cautious along the river's edge as I did not have the soundest of footing and only wished I had paid more attention to balancing basics. None-the-less, I continued upstream with a couple of takes all devoid of successful hooksets. Then I observed a surface swirl a couple of ponds up, became excited and began working my way upstream in the shallows when all hell broke loose . . . my footing met the slippery side of a rock and I did my best imitation of sitting in a chair albeit on the ground. My right cheek was the first to meet the rearward rock and then my momentum carried me to an additional unintended reclined position and my right arm suddenly found its way against another rock submerged in the water suddenly halting my downward momentum . . . I recovered with a wet chamois sleeve and continued to fish upstream toward my intended swirl spot!

We continued fishing and Wayne brought one to hand and the closest I got was another long line release at close distance! I reached into my back pocket to remove my new MFC fly box and was surprised that it had taken the brunt of my weight immediately recognizing its engineered sacrificial materials design, which enabled it to be a crash air bag of sorts. We called it an afternoon and retired to consume our mountain Cuban sandwiches and the short ride back to Clayton.

Mid-week I ventured over into North Carolina and went to Moses Creek near Judacaulla Rock without any fear of Cherokee Reprisals . . . the only distant issues/problems were the hounds barking echoes of the *bear hunters!* I was in a Brookie small shallow stream quest in a completely new territory (Federally owned Forest Land) and wet wading to boot, leaves turning . . . for several hours I enjoyed nature's beauty and the gifts of Brook Trout fishing above the falls.

And the results, yes, brought several of the native species to hand, relocated one from one pool to another downstream location with a slightly stronger than necessary hookset; and yes I may have upended Ray Gentry's Guinness Record for the smallest trout . . . jokingly it still had its yoke sack attached!



# Fishing tales

Our friends over at NGTO had to cancel their Fall Fling in early November due to inclement weather. But that didn't stop Rabunite Landon Williams. He refused to let rain fall on his Saturday parade. He redirected his annual drag free drift session from the hooch to smith creek. He and fellow rabunite Brian Weeks provided in stream lessons to four fly flinging newbies. Talk about dedicated to passing it on....way to go Gentlemen!!!!

WHAaaaaaaaaaaa WHOooooooooooo!!!!















### MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

**Current membership:** 185 members, 28 life members, 12 stream explorers **Welcome New Members:** Patrick Crawford, Troy Lee and Ray & Amy Golden! Welcome, hope to see you on the river soon!!

**Thanks for re-upping your membership:** Derek Barlow, Robert Berry, Robert Blalock, Doug Bryant, Shane English, Steven Gilliam, Eugene Roberts, Dave Schmidt, and Hugh Thompson O'Conner

**Time to renew your membership:** William Chase, Kathy Lee, Bob Sharpe, and Larry Walker

Our condolences go out to the Savannah River Chapter on the death of their founding member Terrell Fleming. A few words about Terrell from Charlie Breithaupt... "Recently Trout Unlimited lost a hard worker and good friend with the passing of Terrell Fleming. Several years ago when I was the Georgia Council Chairman I received a phone call from Terrell whom I did not know. He expressed an interest in starting a chapter of TU in Hartwell, GA. We discussed the idea and I told him all the procedures that needed to be done through TU National and he informed me that he had already done most of the requirements. The Savannah River Chapter of TU came together and, under Terrell's leadership, quickly developed into an energetic and industrious chapter carrying out the mission of TU. Terrell will be missed by all but he has left a legacy with the Savannah River Chapter. Thanks Terrell; I'll see you around the bend."

Charlie Breithaupt

Also, please keep Rabunite and great care giver Patsy Gentry in your thoughts and prayers for a complete and quick recovery from here recent emergency carotid artery surgery at Emory. Ray is of course by her side during her illness. Get well soon Patsy!!

Don't forget to keep up with the Foxfire Boys and all their happenings at the Nichols Center by visiting their face book page. Click <a href="here">here</a> to check out the calendar of events.



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