



Tight Lines

November 2016 Newsletter of the
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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



“Opportunities are everywhere and so you must always let your hook be hanging. When you least expect it, a great fish will swim by.” Og Mandino

**Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Join us for our regular monthly meetings
every third Tuesday of the month.
This month the date is November 15th!!**

**Our Meeting Place is at Rabun
Gap Presbyterian church Fellowship Hall
Social & Story telling (Truth or Lies) starts
At 6:30 pm, then at 7:00 – Program & Meeting.
The church is located just past
Rabun Gap Nachoochee School
at 8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA 30568.**

**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 email and to raise money to
pay for our storage building. Bring an item to donate
and a dollar or two for raffle tickets.
You Might WIN something !**



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WITH FELLOW RABUNITES**

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Notes from the President



Greeting from the unseasonably warm and exceptional dry mountains of northeast Georgia. The chapter's fall campout was held Wednesday November 2nd through Sunday November 6th at Oconee State Park Campground. The helicopter stocking did not take place as scheduled on November 1st due to a wildfire in North Carolina. However, I do understand that limited truck stocking on the Georgia side of the Delayed Har-

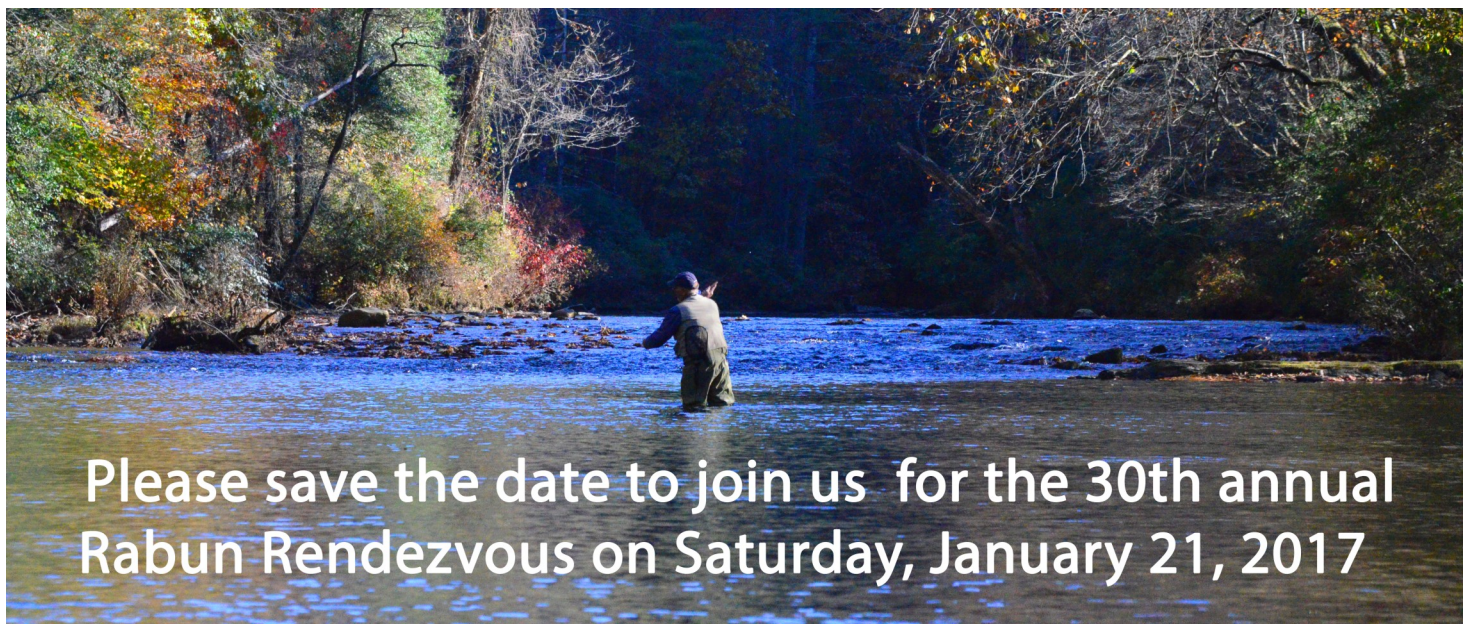
vest section did occur. It is unknown at this point if the helicopter stocking will still take place or not so stayed tuned for further developments. Karl Ekberg of the Chattooga River Fly Shop is monitoring the stocking situation and will be glad to share updated information. He or Karen Maddox can be reached at (864)638-2806.

With the holidays quickly approaching, please make note that the chapter's Annual Christmas Dinner will be held at Amore Dining Room & Event Facility located next to the Moon Pie Pizzeria at 7110 Highway 441N, Suite C in Dillard, Georgia on Tuesday, December 6th beginning at 6:00 P. M. We hope to see you there as we gather to celebrate.

Moving on to a critically important topic, this is a reminder that the Rabun Rendezvous is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2017. This is our most important fund raiser of the year. The success of the Rendezvous directly hinges on the effort put into the solicitation of donations for the bucket raffle and silent auction. The importance of a profitable event cannot be overstated. Without adequate revenues from this event, our chapter cannot properly fund the many programs which are a vital part of our mission. For questions or to obtain additional information please contact Rendezvous Chairman Ray King.

In closing, I hope that you are all able to get in some quality time on your favorite trout stream this fall. Please keep up the much needed rain dances as our streams and rivers are in dire need of some liquid sunshine and the additional water will certainly increase your chances of success.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Kent



Please save the date to join us for the 30th annual Rabun Rendezvous on Saturday, January 21, 2017

We are gearing up for a great big celebration!! We hope you will be able to join us for our 30th annual Rabun Rendezvous. It will be a great time! Our guest speaker will be Beverly Smith, Vice President for Volunteer Operations, TU National. Beverly is responsible for the Volunteer Operations Department which supports 36 state councils and 380 local chapters across the country by delivering a suite of applications, trainings and resources aimed at helping volunteers more easily and effectively accomplish TU's mission in their local communities. Her responsibilities also include managing TU's youth education programs, veterans' services partnership, and women/ diversity initiative. Beverly joined TU as the Volunteer Operations Coordinator in 2007, was promoted to Director in 2009, and Vice President in 2014. Prior to joining TU, Beverly worked for the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance and the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League. Beverly grew up in Charleston, S.C. and received a B.A. from the University of Virginia. She lives in Jackson, Wyo. with her husband, daughter and springer spaniel where she enjoys volunteering locally, fly fishing and bird hunting.

We'll be at our usual location at the Dillard House. Social will start at 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 also begin at 5 pm. Then about 6:30 we will dine on fish, chicken and pork with all the side dishes and desserts that have made the Dillard House so famous. It is a serve yourself buffet, so you will not leave hungry. The cost will be \$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.

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. Also Mountain Aire Cottages on North Main Street in Clayton is a good source for lodging. Call them at 706-782-9568.



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Forward Casting Calendar of Events

Nov. 15 (Tues): Regular monthly meeting of the Rabun TU Chapter. Program speaker will be Shannon Messer with Blackrock Outdoors. Shannon will be giving us some great instruction on blue lining



for trout in these harsh conditions. He recently had a great day himself on some small streams. Meeting starts at 6:30 with social and then speaker at 7:00. Don't forget about our raffle!! Bring a dollar or two with you. See you then!

Dec. 6 (Tues): Our annual Christmas Dinner. Our dinner this year will be held at Amore Dining Room & Even Facility located next to the Moon Pie Pizzeria at 7110 Highway 441N, Suite C in Dillard, Georgia on Tuesday, December 6th beginning at 6:00 P. M. Meal cost is \$30.00 per person. They do have a bar on the premises for those wanting wine or other drinks with dinner. Please RSVP to Tony Allred no later December 1, 2016. Click [here](#) to RSVP. Or call him at 706-490-4755. Please note in email name and number in attendance.



Jan 17 (Tues): Regular monthly meeting of Rabun TU.

Jan 21 (Sat): 30TH ANNUAL RABUN RENDEZVOUS!! SAVE THE DATE!!! MORE INFORMATION ON PAGE 3.

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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.

[Chattooga Level](#)

[Tallulah River Level](#)

[Nantahala](#)

[Little Tennessee](#)



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
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes
Small Dun Caddis	All month	Small Dun Caddis	8 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Large October Caddis	Late	Early AM and Late PM	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
Trico Mayfly Trico Spinner Fall	Mid to Late	Mid AM to Late PM	20 Parachute Trico, Trico emerger 20–22 Poly Wing Black Spinner
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill (important)	Late	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Ad- ams Parachute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail



Not quiet ready to be a fly fisherman? Try these alternatives for catching trout.



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Back Casting



The boys from Anglers and Appetites were here in Rabun County back in June doing some trout fishing and some seriously good eating. Anglers and Appetites is a fishing and eating show hosted by Dave, the fisherman and Phil, the chef. By day Dave fished local streams with some of our best

Rabunites and in the evenings Phil was hanging out with some of our top local chefs and restaurants cooking up some awesome entrees. The Angler and Appetites show is shown on Fox Sports South. Both episodes have now aired and are now available on tube at the following links. [EPISODE 1](#) [EPISODE 2](#)

The State of TU — 2016

CEO Chris Woods talks about the State of TU at the recent annual meeting in Bozeman Montana.

Click [here](#) for report



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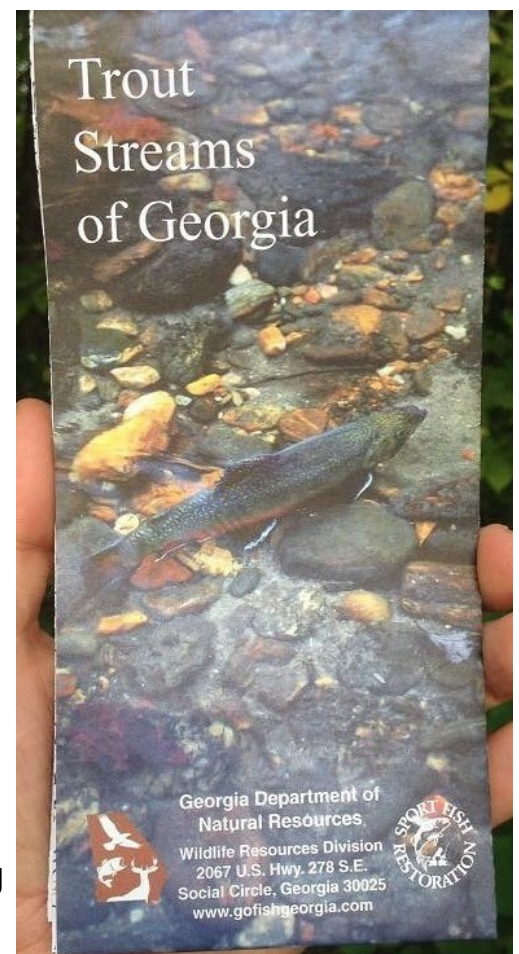
Georgians support of the TU brook trout license plate revenues have had a positive effects on the GA Wildlife Resources Division trout program. Last fiscal year, TU tag revenues helped GAWRD fund reprinting of the Georgia trout stream maps, hire seasonal employees to assist our hatchery and trout stream sampling staffs, purchase a new 4-



wheel drive pickup truck and sampling supplies for fisheries Technician Leon Brotherton (who leads our field sampling and habitat crew), purchase supplies and repairs for our trout hatcheries, and fund a Georgia Trout Angler Survey by the University of Georgia, which should be implemented later this fall.

This fiscal year we plan to purchase a new trout stocking truck, replace the electrofishing jet-boat for the Lanier Tailwater, rehire the seasonal hatchery and field workers, replace the Burton Hatchery utility vehicle, and resupply our hatchery and wild trout management programs, among other things.

Please continue your support by purchasing and renewing your TU



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Important News

As of Wednesday November 12, 2016 multiple forest fires are burning in Rabun County. Initially there was 5 fires in the Tallulah River area. Local Fire Depts. and the USFS were able to get that down to 2 fires, but they have now combined and are known as the Rock Mountain Fire. As of this publication over 4000 acres has burned. While human life is always the most important part, the new handicap fishing pier also stands to be lost. So please in the days and weeks ahead please keep all of our community in your



thoughts and prayers. Please also keep all the volunteer Firemen and USFS personnel who are working hard to get all the fires under control in your thoughts and prayers. The steep terrain and continued dry weather are so challenging. If you want to keep updated on the situation click [here](#).



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DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!



GRAND PRIZE

John McGarity -
owner and host of
the 2017 Dream Trip

"The 2017 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 restaurateur, 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."

-Jimmy Harris,
owner, Unicoi Outfitters

• 5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 23- 29, 2017

- \$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 Bill-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:

The winner(s) of this raffle are responsible for any tax due on the value of the winnings.

- Redington Trout rod - 5 wt. 9', 6 piece travel fly rod. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- TFO BVK 4-5 reel. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- Fly box with 8+ dozen trout flies. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- AFFS gift certificate for a fly fishing or fly casting class during 2017. 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 having mastered basic casting skills already). Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School for 2017 year.
- 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. www.fireflyfishinglodge.com
- Custom made 5 or 8 weight, 9 foot fly rod made by Matt Walters. Walters Fly Rod - 9', 8 wt., 4 piece Cinder Creek or 9', 5wt., 4 piece Chattahoochee Fly Rod (Winner's Choice - Rod descriptions can be found at www.waltersflyrods.com)
- 9', 5wt 4 piece rod and case, 5/6 reel and case 5/6 floating fly line. Donated by Renegade Fly Fishing
- 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
- Unguided half day fishing at Nacoochee Bend for two fishermen. Donated by Unicoi Outfitters
- One day, guided Dillard House private water fishing for two, to include lunch. Donated by The Dillard House
- Original Artwork Donated by - Jenna Mason www.jmasondesignsonline.com or facebook.com/jmasondesignsonline
- Two fly boxes of 6 dozen trout flies. Donated by 12 TU chapters in Georgia.



Jimmy Harris owner of Unicoi Outfitters



Recent winner - Monty English - Rabun Chapter member



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Fishing Reports

Some excerpts from Georgia DNR weekly fishing reports:

***Delayed Harvest Trout Reports**

Newly stocked fish and low flows in our big waters equals good catch rates at most, if not all, DH streams:

<http://www.georgia-outdoors.com/forum/showthread.php?t=111723>

<http://www.georgia-outdoors.com/forum/showthread.php?t=111687>

<http://www.georgia-outdoors.com/forum/showthread.php?t=111725>

<http://www.georgia-outdoors.com/forum/showthread.php?t=111676>

www.georgia-outdoors.com/forum/showthread.php?t=111673

<http://www.georgia-outdoors.com/forum/showthread.php?t=111341&page=4>

<http://www.georgia-outdoors.com/forum/showthread.php?t=111657>

*Pay close attention and memorize this mathematical equation for future use. There will likely be a field test on this new math for many of you on Saturday morning, if not sooner. *This weeks' equation is:* **2c+ st + FSc – taw = ITS** Huh?

Well, here it is, in longhand:

Cold creeks + stocking trucks + Forest Service copter – time at work = Instant Troutng Success!

While it's still unseasonably warm, the cold nights are doing the trick. Delayed Harvest season has kicked off and reservoir predators are roaming the banks at low light and sometimes even in bright sunlight. Apparently there's a run on Y2K's at fly shops and redfins in tackle stores.

<https://www.facebook.com/484469974916728/photos/a.484663868230672.110772.484469974916728/1275336695830048/?type=3&theater>

Angling life is good again in north Georgia! Just remember- no open flames, so we can preserve our woods and the fish and wildlife habitat they provide.

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Fishing Reports

Let's dive right into the week's reports and the latest crop of tips for the neophytes among our ranks.

- Georgia DH Stockings – The Eagle has Flown!

Many thanks to all of our partners, paid and unpaid, for a great week of trout stocking to open Georgia's DH waters. Paid folks included our friends with:

1) Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery, which stocked the Toccoa;

<https://www.fws.gov/chattahoocheeforest/>,

2) SCDNR's Walhalla State Fish Hatchery, which stocks the Chattooga, along with a few of our GA fish,

<http://hatcheries.dnr.sc.gov/walhalla/>

3) And the U.S. Forest Service which, despite all of its firefighting responsibilities, still found an open window to the fly the copter on 11/2 and repopulate the Chattooga DH for you weekend warriors. The eagle has flown from her nest high atop Glassy Mountain!

Our great volunteers from Georgia Trout Unlimited chapters (<https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaTroutUnlimited/>) Included:

1) Rabun TU and its "Tom Landreth" copter fund (cash!)

<http://rabuntu.org/site/tom-landreth-memorial-fund/>

2) Blue Ridge Mtn Chapter's Toccoa bucket totters and canoe sprinklers,

<https://www.facebook.com/Blue-Ridge-Mountain-Trout-Unlimited-696-164172343473/>

3) Gold Rushers releasing on Amicalola,

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<http://goldrushtu.org/>

4) and the Foothills gang spreading Smith DH fish.

<https://www.facebook.com/gafoothills/>

Given the low water this year, spreading out this first DH stocking was very important to the quality of everyone's early season angling trips. We GAWRD folks really appreciate these longstanding partnerships and extra sets of hands that benefit all of our trout anglers.

- Troutng Tips for Newbies

These tips should help our new anglers to catch more trout this fall... and beyond!

<http://www.georgia-outdoors.com/forum/showthread.php?t=111657>

- Trout Harvesters

Remember, our DH stockers are pretty, but not smart enough to read our special regulation signs. Migrants who wander beyond the protective boundaries of our DH waters can be invited home to supper. Just ensure you are, indeed, fishing in the stream sections where bait fishing and harvest are legal. DH maps are on our website (gofishgeorgia.com, fishing, trout), with a link in last week's report, I believe. Grab a kid, some nightcrawlers, and a camera, and have some fun this fall.

**FOR MORE GREAT INFO CHECK OUT ALL
THE NORTH GEORGIA FISHING REPORTS
FROM JEFF DURNIAK AT THE LINK ON
PAGE 4**

Membership News & Updates

Current membership: 174 members, 26 life members, and 8 stream explorers.

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Sid Berkstresser, Robert Berry, Dan Cox, Dean English, Wayne Gipson, Thomas Johnson, James Kidd, Filmer Kilby, Steve McCall, David Nichols, Tom Nixon, Lewis Reeves, and Joel Wise.

Time to renew your membership: O. Nolte, Dave Schmidt, Broderick & Michele Crawford, Amy & Ray Golden, Mike Hamilton, Troy Lee, Jim Blalock, Gary Deal, Thomas Graham, and Larry Walker.



THANK YOU VETERANS!!



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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 [here](#) to check out the calendar of events.

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