



# Tight Lines

October 2017 Newsletter of the  
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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“Beginners may ask why one fishes if he is to release his catch. They fail to see that the live trout, sucking in the fly and fighting the rod is the entire point of our sport. Dead trout are just so much lifeless meat.”

Ernest G. Schwiebert, Jr

**Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited**  
**Join us for our regular monthly meetings every**  
**third Tuesday of the month.**  
**This month the date is Tuesday October 17.**

**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.**



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# Letter from the President



On behalf of the chapter, I would like to officially welcome aboard the new BOD members who took office on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Justin English and Colby Nichols are now members of the Board of Directors. Doug Adams will now serve as Director Emeritus and Ray King as the BOD member in charge of the Rabun Rendezvous.

Charlie Breithaupt has assumed the duties of chapter Treasurer. I am extremely appreciative of each of these members for their willingness to step up and serve in these leadership roles. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to Terry Rivers and Charlie Breithaupt who just rotated off the Board of Directors along with Joel Wise who has done an exceptional job as Treasurer for the last three plus years. Another Outdoor Adventures Days is now complete. Kudos to Jeff Durniak, participating staff from DNR and the many volunteers who make this hugely popular event possible each year.

Just a reminder that the fall chapter campout will take place from Wednesday, November 1 through Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Oconee State Park in Mountain Rest, South Carolina. Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt will be serving as camp hosts for this campout. More details will be forthcoming, but they are seeking volunteers to be responsible for planning and preparing one or more breakfasts and/or dinners during the campout.

I know it is hard to believe, but it is time once again to begin the sale of Dream Trip tickets. I currently have 100 tickets on hand for dissemination to chapter members who can assist with this effort. They will be available at the upcoming chapter meeting. All assistance is sincerely appreciated as this is a team effort.

Please remember to mark your calendars for the October chapter meeting which will be Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Hope to see you there.

Kent Wilson



# Forward Casting Calendar of Events

**Oct 17 (Tues):** Regular monthly meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church starting at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7 with a guest speaker followed by brief meeting then our monthly raffle. This month our meeting presenter is by Unicoi Outfitters Manager Jake Darling. Jake's take will be on "Darling's Streamer Strategies for the Big Boys." If you are on Facebook and watch Unicoi Outfitters page then you know he can land all the big un's! So don't miss out on another great Rabun TU Meeting!! See you there!



**"Oct 24 (Tues):** Regular monthly board meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Meeting starts at 6:30. Everyone is welcome.

**Nov. 4 (Sat):** The annual NGTO Fall Fling. For more information click [here](#).

**Nov. 10 and 11 (Fri & Sat):** Veterans Events at Unicoi Outfitters. More information on page 12.

**Nov. 21 (Tues):** Regular monthly meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church starting at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7 with a guest speaker followed by brief meeting then our monthly raffle. In November we will welcome Beverly Booth with the Georgia Casting for Recovery Program. She will enlighten us all on all the great things that program is doing for the ladies!!

**SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY JANUARY 20TH ! RABUN RENDEZVOUS!**

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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.

## October fly of the month

By Terry Rivers

### OCTOBER CADDIS DRY FLY ORANGE STIMULATOR

HOOK: 2x LONG NYMPH HOOK

TAIL: DEER HAIR

BODY: ORANGE DUBBING

BODY HACKLE: BROWN

WING: DEER HAIR

HEAD: YELLOW DUBBING WITH PALMERED GRIZZLY HACKLE



October Caddis Fly  
Orange Stimulator

GREAT FLY FOR UPCOMING DH TIME. DROP A OCTOBER CADDIS NYMPH BEHIND THIS FLY AND DRAG THE BOTTOM.

**“SEE YA’LL ON THE RIVER”**

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](#)





# October Hatches

THE BUGS	TIME OF MONTH	TIME OF DAY	SUGGESTED FLIES
Small Dun Caddis	Early	Mid AM to Late PM	18 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Speckled Grey-Brown Caddis	ALL MONTH	Late PM	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/Yellow-Brown 14-16 Dun & Yellow Caddis Pupa
Large October Caddis (Important)	All Month	Early AM to Late PM	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair; 12-14 Ginger Stimulator 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
TERRESTRIALS - Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc	VARIOUS TIMES AND SIZES	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill (important)	ALL MONTH	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail
MIDGES	ALL MONTH	ALL DAY	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
NOTHING AT ALL	ALL MONTH	ALL DAY	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT #14 Parachute Adams is always a good searching pattern



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



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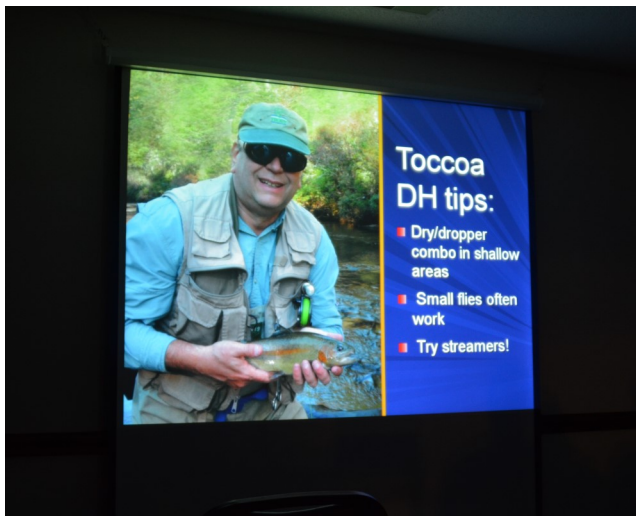
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# Back Casting

If you missed the September go ahead and kick yourself because you missed an excellent meeting. Steve Hudson presented a excellent program about how to achieve successful catching on the upcoming delayed harvests dates for the Chattooga River, the Toccoa River and Smith Creek. Unlike some in our bunch Steve was generous to share secret advice and tips!! We had a good size crowd that enjoyed the presentation and glad that Steve brought along some of his books to sell too! For more info on the books go to Steve's website at <http://www.chattahoocheemedia.com/flyfishing-books> THANKS STEVE FOR A GREAT EVENING! We also held our monthly raffle and raised a few dollars for Rabun TU!



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# Back Casting

**Several presentations were made recently to other Georgia TU Chapters from the Rabun Chapter to assist them in their fund raising efforts.**



Broderick Crawford presents a framed set of trout prints to Savannah River President Ervin Smith for their August fundraising event.



Kent Wilson presents a framed Broderick Crawford print to Chattahoochee/Nantahala President Harold Hogan for their upcoming fundraising



President Ken Mock of the UCCTU Chapter receives a framed print from Rabun TU President Kent Wilson to help with their future fundraising event.



Cohutta Chapter President Steve Westmoreland receives from Kent Wilson a framed Broderick Crawford print to help raises chapter funds at a future event.



Our neighboring Foothills Chapter President Bruce Johnson receives a framed print from Kent Wilson to use in their fundraising efforts.

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# Back Casting

Parking and access to the trails going up both sides of the River got a little better this summer thanks to the USFS folks and four of the local TU chapters in Ga and SC. The parking areas on both sides of the Chattooga Delayed Harvest (DH) section at the HY 28 bridge received much needed surface grading followed by installation of a top-surface finish of "crusher run" gravel.

The project was completed on June 21 by USFS labor/equipment and with funds for the gravel provided by the four local TU chapters: Rabun and Foothills chapters in Georgia and the Chattooga and Mountain Ridge chapters in South Carolina. The SC highway #28 access portion was also improved by SC DOT for better/safer access into the parking lot. Surface grading by USFS folks in advance of the gravel placement has significantly improved the surface drainage for both sites and should give fishermen and other trail enthusiasts a better parking site from which to access the DH section of the River.



THANKS TO ALL  
FOR A JOB  
WELL DONE!!



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# Fishing Reports

## From Rabunite Peter Croes:

Historically Rabunite learned genetic behavior include annual pilgrimages West of Hiwassee (regardless of direction) for all serious anglers. This past summer I made a couple of trips with Wayne Prosser to Tallulah River and Thrifts Ferry and even fished the Soque where all but a couple of trout were uncooperative with almost any presentations made.

What drove me, in August to begin thinking about a trip was the horrendous heat we were having in NE Georgia where, at times, it was cooler back in Lakeland. Guess that upcoming Eclipse celebration had an effect on the fish and we headed back to FL!

Once back, my phone rang and my buddy Andy was on the other end and wanted to know if I wanted to get a couple days of fishing in down in the Everglades and it took me about five minutes to say yes and be ready to leave.

We drove down to Everglades City, caught a couple of new Deep Cycle batteries on the way, stored our gear, took a nap waiting for the tide to change and then off to launch the boat at Chokoloskee. Hurricane Harvey was tracking way south and west of us and we gave it little thought. Little did I know that this fishing paradise town and its ecosystem would change, drastically, in a couple of weeks!

On the way out the water, surface temperature gauge indicated 91.7F although we did hit a couple of pockets where the temperature dropped within the 87 or 88F range. Common to all of our cruising views were the occasional alligators, tarpon, and scattered interruptions of the water's surface.

Catching started with under slot Snook and Ladyfish (good for bottom bait although heads and huge mid sections of Mullet is better) along the mangroves although we only fish lures! Redfish were also abundant and fair game. There were occasional sharks eager to snack on a released fish should they linger too long re-acquiring their bearings. *Tarpon were also rolling behind us although we were not fishing for them nor were they our intended target although they could be caught on the tackle we were using ... don't believe I said!*

Andy and I traded off catching fish although he did catch the first and most fish that day, the last day before snook season opened on September 1<sup>st</sup>. I however landed the biggest snook that day although it was just barely over the 28" to 33" slot size (with the tail squeezed)! Late that afternoon we rescued/ ferried three anglers who ran their boat aground, about a 46" monster they caught/released near where we were fishing earlier.

That evening, we drove north and then west to Naples in a thundering rainstorm attempting to find additional 6" plus lures and had to settle for less than we sought at a Wal-Mart. We would have liked a good dinner but had to settle for a three-course meal at Burger King as we made the hour drive back to the lodge. To make matters worse, we left those new plugs in the car the next day due in part to it being pre-dawn and stacked up traffic at the launch ramp.

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The next day we launched at 06:10 at Chokoloskee and rode for about forty-five minutes avoiding bad weather, and making sure, others were not following us, before beginning our days fishing. It was another good day, the large fish that day was Andy's, and it was a healthy Redfish. Lunch was a double meat bologna sandwich with a cold 20oz Gatorade.



Well, we all knew the havoc and destruction hurricane Harvey unleashed in Texas. That tropical storm "I," following Harvey, reached its wind threshold and was now officially Hurricane Irma. When we got back to the barn (near home), we put the boat inside and the bottom fell out of the sky dumping a couple of inches within a half hour.

Do not know about the hurricane weather coverage up there in NE Georgia but down here, the Tampa television weather experts displayed more "spaghetti" storm path models than pixels in our TV. Early on, all except the European Model projected a storm path up the east coast. NOAA and local weather prognosticators stuck to an east coast storm until the last day or so . . . guess they were also the pollsters for the DNC and Hillary!



Sunday saw Irma leave its mark on the FL Keys, make landfall in Naples and up through the center of the State of Florida. Just before midnight, at home, I was awakened by the wind and rain and sat in my leather recliner with legs outstretched, watching the storms progress toward Lakeland.

At one time, Irma actually covered the entire State of Florida and was 500 miles wide. Around midnight, the wind and rains intensified and the rain blowing through the lanai screen sounded like we were being bead blasted; and the winds were screaming and howling through the doors weather stripping. I said my prayers and received no busy signal . . . I/we actually, according to NOAA radar images (after the fact), were in the eye of the storm having the worst part (that pink spot on radar) actually go over our house. We were fortunate as we lost for, several days was cable TV, and others in Lakeland were without power for over ten days!

Back to Everglades City, whose sea level is 0m/0 feet just barely above a super high tide, was completely submerged in the storm and the bridge (being rebuilt) down to Chokoloskee was rendered impassible and now (9/13/2017) was only a footbridge making the few remaining residents completely isolated and cut off from any outside aid.

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The storm surge swamped the islands flooding homes and businesses drenching everything while taking away all power and cell phone towers. As for the everglades habitat, Andy and I could not find out the damage to that fragile ecosystem which was just starting to see recovery from the last major hurricane Andrew. These pictures were taken a couple of days following the storm . . . Irma was working her way up the mid-Atlantic at that time.



The hearty residents began putting their lives together the following day cleaning out their household possessions salvaging what they could; and, of great help to those families was a large contingent of youth volunteers from the Mormon Church spending several days in Everglades City helping residents requested help with relocate items to the street.



The attitudes of the affected peoples were overall positive, just like most of the Texans who suffered losses from Harvey; and their faith was as evident as their willingness to take a break from their problems to help a neighbor.

The church we visited had stripped out their soggy carpets, cleaned up its inside/outside and services resumed with open windows facilitating airflow which also brought and high temperatures and humidity. At the entrance, a volunteer passed out paper plates for fans and paper towels for wiping away sweat. Patriotism was visible as the American Flags, in various conditions were proudly displayed. This one picture stands out in my memory.

I re-learned an important life lesson from these people who lost everything, or almost everything, except their faith in God.

***Each Day Is A Gift!***



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## News and Information

**DO YOU KNOW A VETERAN? PLEASE SHARE THE INFORMATION FOR THIS GREAT UPCOMING EVENT!!!**



PROJECT HEALING WATERS WILL BE HOSTING A VETERAN'S FLY FISHING EVENT ON NOV. 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 FROM 10:30 AM TO 5:00 PM FOLLOWED BY A FLY TYING EVENT ON NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> (VETERAN'S DAY) FROM 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

FREE BBQ FOR LUNCH AND THEN FISHING THE TROPHY WATERS AT NACOOCHEE BEND ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> AND TYING FLIES AT UNICOI OUTFITTERS FLY SHOP ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup>. HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US.

SPECIAL THANKS TO UNICOI OUTFITTERS AND TROUT UNLIMITED FOR SPONSORING THESE EVENTS.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT [rbtgofish@gmail.com](mailto:rbtgofish@gmail.com) or call 678-316-1288

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# Letters to the Rabunites



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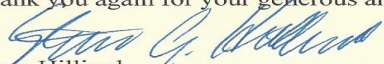
July 26, 2017

Kent Wilson  
PO Box 371  
Clayton, GA 30525

Dear Kent,

Thank you and the Rabun Chapter of TU for your donation of the framed Broderick Crawford three trout print with flies, which we featured in the fund raising auction of the Oconee River Chapter of Trout Unlimited Annual Banquet on April 8 of this year. Donations such as these are always popular items with our members, encouraging competitive bidding that brings in valuable revenue to support our environmental, educational and service programs. As you know, Oconee River Chapter of Trout Unlimited is a non-profit organization, and donations to ORCTU may be tax deductible depending on your specific tax situation. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift.

Thank you again for your generous and consistent support of ORCTU.

  
Steve Hilliard,  
President, ORCTU  
ORCTU Tax ID #58-2127555



*I loved it! Swannee area  
A great time with great  
people. Deborah J*

*Wow! Thank You! Cindy  
Your generosity means  
so much! Jerry*

*No words to express my gratitude! Dianne*

*Thank you  
Alicia*

*Thank  
you  
Hison*

*God Bless  
Jandy*

*I feel like "Queen for a Day"  
(weekend). Thank you! Rhett & Elizabeth*

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# Membership News & Updates

**Current membership:** 168 members, 28 life members, and 6 stream explorers.

**Thanks for re-upping your membership:** Emil Leum, John Slater, Patrick Taylor, Dwayne Thompson, Ron Wilson and Hugh Thompson.

**Time to renew your membership:** Blake Allen, Marie Dunkle, Byron Johnson, Larry Walker, Charlie Woerner, Tom Shirley and O. Nolte.



**Please keep the family of Travis Stanley Barnes in your thoughts and prayers. Long time Rabunite and contributor to Rabun Rendezvous Travis passed away on October 6, 2017. A memorial will be scheduled soon and we will let you know. He will be missed!!**



## INVASIVE SPECIES NO EASY FIX FOR FELT

Felt is a superior wading sole, but it's also a transmitter of aquatic invasives. Sadly, there's no easy fix. It's on anglers to clean their gear thoroughly. A very important read from TU National.

<https://www.tu.org/blog-posts/voices-from-the-river-no-easy-fix-for-felt>



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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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