



TIGHT LINES September 2010 Newsletter of the

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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Visit the Rabun TU website: <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

"Man does not cease to fish because he gets old, Man gets old because he ceases to fish!"
unknown

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

New RE/MAX Office, Clayton, GA
US 441S, just south of MAMA G's restaurant

3rd Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm – Social & Yarn Spinning 7:00 pm – Program & Meeting
(You don't have to believe the yarns - - if you don't want to)

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

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

NEWS FLASH – NEWS FLASH – NEWS FLASH

The new Rabun TU Website has been recognized by National TU with the 2010 "Best Website Award." Rabunites Pat Hopton (Webmaster) and Allison Adams (Website Designer) will receive the award at the National TU Luncheon in Waterville Valley, NH on Friday, September 17th.

Georgia TU Council will receive the National TU 2010 "State Council Award for Excellence." Rabunite and Council Chairman Charlie Breithaupt will receive the award on behalf of the Georgia TU Council members.

Dave Van Lear of the Chattooga River TU Chapter will receive a 2010 "Distinguished Service Award."

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there!

Sept 11 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting in Blue Ridge

Sept 15 – 18 (Wed-Sat) Trout Unlimited National Meeting in Waterville Valley, NH

Sept 18 (Sat) Family Fun Day –Gold Rush Chapter, Dahlenega (see page 6)

Sept 21 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program: Pat Hopton –
Rabunite 101 on Fly Fishing Equipment

PASSING IT ON

Sept 25 (Sat) Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi S.P./Smith Creek. Have you ever wanted to learn how to catch a trout, shoot a shotgun, set up a tent, or paddle a canoe? Well, here is your chance. The event is **FREE** and will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine, in the large field downstream from Unicoi Lake Dam. Volunteers needed. TU volunteers please contact Ronald Cheslock, UCC rcheslock@hotmail.com (page 3)

Sept 28 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office

Oct 2 (Sat) Foxfire Mountaineer Festival 10 AM – 4 PM; in Clayton. Volunteers needed to man the Rabun TU booth. Please contact Terry Rivers, Ph 706 782 7419 or E-mail tlr1121@windstream.net

Oct 6 – 10 (Wed-Sun) Camping & Fishing; The USFS Appletree Group Campground, Site D (NC) <http://www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/recreation/appletree.pdf> & Fishing in Nantahala River D.H.; Max 25 people, reserve you place now with Terry Rivers, Ph 706 782 7419 or E-mail tlr1121@windstream.net (see page 5 for details)

Oct 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program: TBD

Oct 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office

2011 Rabun Rendezvous - Saturday, Jan 22, 2011

Program Presenter – Rabunite Kyle Burrell, Trout Fishing Guide in GA & WY

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



HALF BACK OCTOBER CADDIS

DURING THE FALL MONTHS HAVE SOME OF THESE IN YOUR BOX. IF YOU'RE NOT SEEING ANY HATCHES, LOOK ALONG THE STREAM BANK ON THE ROCKS. OCTOBER CADDIS SOMETIMES HAVE THE TENDACY TO WORK THEIR WAY TO THE EDGES OF THE STREAM AND CRAWL ON ROCKS TO HATCH. LOOK FOR EMPTY SHUCKS ON THE ROCKS, DETERMINE THE SIZE, AND MAYBE THIS FLIE WILL WORK FOR YOU. SEE YOU ALL ON THE RIVER

HOOK: 12 TO 16 DRY FLY HOOK

TAIL: DEER HAIR

BODY: BURNT ORANGE

WING CASE: DEER HAIR

HACKLE: DARK: DARK BROWN

"...not everything about fishing is noble and reasonable and sane...fishing is not an escape from life, but often a deeper immersion into it, all of it. The good and the awful, the joyous and the miserable, the comic, the embarrassing, the tragic and the sorrowful." Harry Middleton

September Hatches

The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies
None at all	Can happen any time on any day		Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT #14 Parachute Adams is always a good searching pattern
Small Dun Caddis	All Month	Mid AM to Late PM	8 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Speckled Grey-Brown Caddis	Late	Late PM	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/Yellow-Brown 14-16 Dun & Yellow Caddis Pupa
Large October Caddis	Late	Early AM and Late PM	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
Trico Mayfly	Early	AM	20 Parachute Trico
Trico Spinner Fall		PM	20-22 Poly Wing Black Spinner
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Hoppers, Yellow Jackets, Etc			Various Times & Sizes To view a Hatch Chart for other months, click Hatch Chart

The Rabun Chapter TU has a new Award Winning website <http://rabuntu.org/site/> !

'Website Page-of-the-Month': <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/for-beginners-a-rabunite-101-primer/scoring-falls-the-rabunite-method/> **Scoring Falls: The Rabunite Method**

"The fly angler who says they have never, ever fallen while wading, is either a pathological liar, or has never been fly fishing."
Jimmy D Moore

Please send comments & suggestions to Pat Hopton, Website Project Manager, scotts_creek58@yahoo.com

Site by [Allison O. Adams, Editorial and Multimedia Services](#)

Know Your Forest: 15th in a series:

Southern Nantahala Wilderness

Click [HERE](#), [HERE](#) & [HERE](#)

Introduction: The United States Congress designated the Southern Nantahala Wilderness in 1984 and it has a total of 23,473 acres. GA contains approximately 11,770 acres and NC contains approximately 11,703 acres. The Wilderness is managed by the USDA Forest Service.

Map: [HERE](#)

Description: The Cherokee named the shady forests and deep, dark gorges Nantahala, or Land of the Noonday Sun. After the Cherokee were removed from their "Great Blue Hills of God" (the Blue Ridge Mountains), loggers removed the trees from the land and shipped them out via the railways. The main lines of the railways ran along the rivers, and evidence of them still exists in this Wilderness shared by Georgia and North Carolina.

Steep, rugged, reforested country with numerous streams characterize the southern end of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The streams feed the Nantahala, Hiwassee, Little Tennessee and Tallulah Rivers. The wide non-Wilderness right-of-way along the Tallulah neatly divides the Georgia share of the Wilderness.

The eastern section contains the northern portion of Georgia's Coleman River watershed. The crowns of the east side of the Wilderness are Ridgepole Mountain (5049 feet) and Standing Indian Mountain (5499 feet).

The western section features several "bald" mountains, including Hightower Bald (4568 feet), and the unique White Oak Stamp. The Wilderness has a few unique mountain bogs supporting endangered species such as the bog turtle and rare combinations of other species found nowhere else in the world.

Almost all of the developed trails are steep and strenuous. Few places in the southern United States offer such outstanding backpacking opportunities. Many people wander into the area from the popular adjacent Standing Indian Basin. Thirty-two miles of the Appalachian Trail (AT) pass through the Southern Nantahala, following the ridge crest of the Nantahala Range. In addition to the AT, the most used trails are the Lower Ridge Trail (4.1 miles), Big Indian Loop (8 miles), and Beech Gap (2.8 miles).

An excellent detailed description of this Wilderness is contained in the book "The Georgia Conservancy's Guide to the North Georgia Mountains" [HERE](#)

Editor's notes: I can't think of the Southern Nantahala Wilderness without thinking of our long time friend and Rabun TU member, the late **Dr. CHARLES WHARTON (1923 – 2003)**. Charlie was a resident of Tate City at the head of the Tallulah River. He was adjunct research associate at the University of Georgia's Institute of Ecology. Charlie was highly regarded by his peers. His best-known work is [The Natural Environments of Georgia](#). His passionate advocacy of preservation helped save some of the southeast region's unspoiled locations, including the [Southern Nantahala Wilderness](#), the [Cooper Creek Scenic Area](#), the [Chattooga National Wild and Scenic River](#), and the [Shining Rock Wilderness](#).

To read more about Charlie and his legacy, visit <http://www.gwf.org/locations/wharton/wcc.html>

Call For Volunteers at Unicoi State Park's Outdoor Adventure Day (9/25/2010) PASSING IT ON

Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010

It's that time of the year again!

Please consider volunteering to help us at Unicoi State Park's Outdoor Adventure Day to celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day on 9/25/10. You don't have to be an expert outdoorsman or woman to play a vital role in the day's success. Can you help at registration or direct parking? There's a niche for everyone. More info [HERE](#) TU volunteers please contact Ronald Cheslock, UCC rcheslock@hotmail.com

Unicoi State Park Manager Scott Hudgins hosts us, Game Management Supervisor Ken handles the budget, and I handle event staffing. Many of you are veterans of this event, but the following info may help prospective volunteers to understand the roles they could play and to make the decision to join our ranks. To fill out my roster and to ensure good communications with volunteers, I would like the following info from each volunteer:

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM

- 1) Your name : _____
- 2) Your affiliation (if you'd like me to credit your group or club) : _____
- 3) email address: _____
- 4) phone number : _____
- 5) first choice of venue : _____
- 6) second choice of venue: _____
- 7) are you willing to work anywhere I need somebody (y/n)? _____

First come, first served. Below is the narrative from previous years' volunteer instructions to help you understand the duties. Thanks for your consideration. We can't pull off this event without an army of vols!

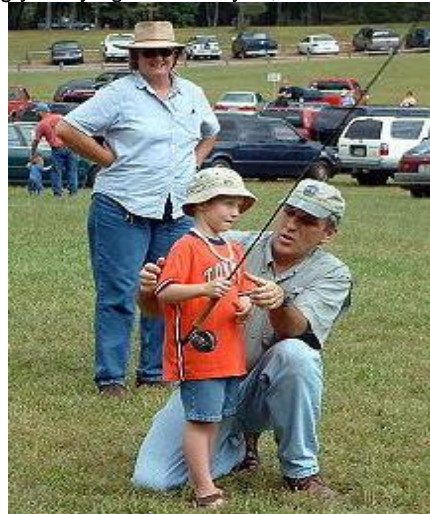
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Venue Info:

1. Registration & Raffle tents. These workers will greet visitors and get signed liability release forms and retrieve pens from them in exchange for raffle tickets. Detailed instructions will be provided to you on Saturday (9/26), as Kim trains you. Visitors will put one copy of the raffle ticket into the raffle bucket of their choice and keep the other copy. They will use that copy as proof of signing the release form (so they can shoot or canoe) and as proof of a winning raffle ticket number. The raffle will start at 1 PM for free prizes. I have a small, separate work force assigned to the raffle. Volunteers on my roster are eligible for prizes, also!
2. Parking. State Parks staff will guide visitor vehicles to orderly parking in the big field. Parks staff also have a plan for overflow parking, if needed. They may need a few helpers.
3. Archery. Hands-on. One-on-one instruction by WRD and Bowhunters Association. Note that this venue is on far side of Smith Creek, next to the laundry building. It can be reached by the road crossing up near the dam or by the footbridge over the creek to the group camp. Some of you may be asked to provide security. Just stand at edge of venue and prevent visitors from straying into the line of fire.
4. Air gun. Hands on by WRD, 4-H Club, and other volunteers. Same as #4, and located next to it. Again, a few of you may secure the perimeter.
5. Canoe. This venue will be up on lake, in the west corner of the dam along the highway. Paved 16-car parking lot and restrooms. We are still looking at our staffing capabilities (limitations) before deciding whether we can offer canoeing in 2009. An outpouring of vols can affect our decision.
6. Skeet. Handled mainly by well trained DNR and USFS Rangers and Game Management Technicians. 500 yards downstream from main event (safety, safety). A few of you may simply help at the sign-in tent and keep waiting guests away from the shooting area (no experience needed).

7. Fishing tent. This is where visitors can exchange a driver's license for a loaner fishing pole and bait. Biologists, fishing guides, TU'ers, and other fibbers can answer questions and give fishing tips. Fisheries staff will need at least 5 helpers to stay at the tent to handle loaner rod untangling, knot-tying, bait distribution, and rod checkout. This is a busy tent.

8. Fly casting. Part of the field will be set aside for casting instruction. I suggest that volunteers bring a rod that they don't mind visitors tinkering with (DON'T BRING YOUR GOOD SAGE OR WINSTON!!!). I am venue leader for casting and tying. If you tie, bring your tying stuff with you, too.



9. Fly tying. Bring your supplies and an extra vise if you have one. Let visitors sit down at the table and tie his/her own fly to take home. Variations of the woolly worm (W. bugger, anytime/anywhere, etc.) or San Juan worm have worked well for me in the past. Kids love a gold bead and a big, gaudy fly. Beads from craft store, yarn from Wal Mart. Cheap, easy, and fun for visitor. Many visitors are shy, so you may have to speak up and encourage youngsters to come over and tie their own fly. We will try to have power to the tent (if generator is not too loud), so consider bringing a small lamp.

10. Fishing - stream helpers. Grab a pocket fishing kit (hooks and shot) and some bait (corn) that WRD will supply and go help people fishing on stream. Search them out - look at stringers, tackle used, and forlorn faces. Find a kid and work with him/her for an hour or so on reading water, casting, setting hook, etc. Mentoring! Fishing is NOT restricted to kids only (parent has the driver's license, so they must be hooked, too). Feel free to bring some of your favorite baits to help your reputation as an awesome fishing guide. We will have about 100 loaner poles available, but feel free to bring an extra Zebco outfit if you have one to loan to your "student," since we made 400 loans at our last event. (See item #9). Some of you can help WRD staff stock creek around 10-11 AM. Get some kids to help too - we're bringing buckets to get them involved.

11. Wildlife and Camping venues. The experts pretty much run their own shows. Volunteers here will mainly help Smithgall Woods Education Specialists Sheila Humphrey (Wildlife) with logistics needed by the demonstrators (tables, chairs, PR, food and water, etc).

For TU volunteers, please contact Ron Cheslock at E-mail rcheslock@hotmail.com Thanks for considering the donation of your Saturday to preserve the future of your sport!

PASSING IT ON

From: Jeff Durniak - Regional Fisheries Supervisor, Georgia Wildlife Resources Division Jeff_Durniak@dnr.state.ga.us

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Recreation Management Plan

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/sumter/resources/Chattooga.php>

(June 8, 2010) When we (the USDA Forest Service) are prepared to release new, sound, reasoned decisions based on the very best information and analysis, we will let stakeholders, the public and media know. Once the final decisions are made, we will ensure that the decision is implemented in a timely and efficient manner.

"Catchin' Corner" - Troutng Tips

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

Big Fish Eat Little Fish

Streamer flies are great fish-catchers throughout the trout season, but for some reason they're often associated with fall.

Actually, there might be a couple of reasons. Trout may be especially willing to strike flies that look (or act) like smaller fish in defense - of their unborn young. Brown and brook trout spawn in the fall, and their instincts may tell them to kill intruding minnows before they get a chance to raids the eggs newly laid in the redds.

Or it may be that trout are just plain hungry in the fall - aware that winter is coming and the food supply, in the form of insects, is dwindling. Not a good time to be a sculpin, a smelt or a dace.

Whatever the reason, many anglers catch the best trout of their seasons as the last of the leaves are blowing off the trees in November.

Fishing streamers is basically simple: find some deep water that looks fishy and swim your fly through it. But getting your streamer down deep may take some planning. The most effective way is with a sinking or sink-tip line. Sink tips meant to be loop-to-looped onto a floating line are also effective, and can be removed for an easy conversion back to a floating rig if you come upon rising fish and crave some late-season dry-fly fishing. Finally, a plain old floating line with a weighted streamer, and maybe a split shot or three, will get the job done, especially if you take the trouble to cast upstream of your target water so your fly has time sink.

When using any kind of sink tip, remember to keep your leader short - four feet or less - so the fly stays down where the line is.

There are a few broad categories of streamers, each with its own advantages and charms.

Traditional Streamers. Flies made of long, slender hackle feathers. In many cases, their tying instructions call the long feathers "wings" because they're tied in at the head of the fly, like wings on a wet fly, but make no mistake - the feather is an imitation of a bait fish's body, and it's a good one. When pulled through the water, the feathers pulse, sway and wiggle in a most lifelike fashion, and they're light and easy to cast, too. Disadvantages: they sometimes "foul" (feather gets wrapped around bend of hook), and they're not the most durable patterns. Classic examples are the Black and Gray Ghosts and the Dark Spruce.

Bucktails. The name says it all. They're made of the hair of a deer's tail. They're fairly durable, light and have nice movement in the water - not as wiggly as true streamers, but sort of trembly and shimmery. They lend themselves well to using dark colors on top and light on the bottom (classic fish coloration), and it's easy to add some flash along the sides or inside of the bucktail. The classic patterns include Black-Nose Dace and Mickey Finn. The Little Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout are great bucktail streamers that imitate the fry of these fish. Since trout will eat their own kind, they are effective in nearly all trout waters.

Bunnies. Strips of rabbit hide have been used in recent decades to make flies with extraordinary movement. The Bunny Leech, the Zonker and other flies in this category wiggle and squirm in a way that trout can seldom resist. They also come in big sizes, and it's often true that bigger flies means bigger fish. Patterns with weight at the nose, such as beads or cones, will hop like jigs and drive trout mad with desire. Disadvantage: the weight makes them cast like a wet sock.

The Bugger family. Woolly Buggers have been said to look like stoneflies, hellgrammites, crayfish, caterpillars and leeches. Actually, in the right colors they do look a little like all of them, and yet they swim and dart through the water like small fish. Whatever trout think they look like, the response is the same: Catch! Bite! Eat! Woolly Buggers and cousins, like the Egg-Sucking Leech (a Bugger with a Glo-Bug egg pattern on its nose) have tails of wavy marabou and soft, undulating hackle wound up the length of the body palmer-style. They are easily weighted, with lead on the hook, a bead on the nose or both, so you can get them down in the depths where the big hogs lie. You can swim them, crawl them, drift them or even zip them along just under the surface and have lots of fun with trout on a November afternoon.

You could fish nothing but streamers from ice out 'till the snow flies (and beyond) and catch lots of trout, including big ones. Most of us, however, like to fish dry flies when the trout are looking up, and enjoy high-stick nymphing to find out whether a fish is lying alongside a given rock or below a particular current seam. But if you're ever going to set aside some time to sling streamers, fall is the season.

Chapter Lending Library:

The Rabun Chapter now has a book and video lending library for your use!

(All items in the library were donated by Rabunites)

The library includes many books and videos of fly fishing, fly tying, and other topics of interest.

To see the lists of items in the Library, click on: <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/chapter-lending-library/>

The library is available for Rabun Chapter members and guests. To check out a book or video from the library, first contact Charlie Breithaupt at knc615@windstream.net. Tell him what book or video you wish to check out. At the next monthly Chapter meeting Charlie will bring that book or video to you.

You must come to the Chapter meeting to get the book or video!

For more information, contact Charlie, the Chapter Librarian. Ph 706 782 6954 E-mail knc615@windstream.net

We are hoping to grow the library with additional books and videos on fishing, camping, outdoor skills, conservation, etc.

Watch TIGHT LINES for "Lending Library News" when additional items are added.

Do you have a book, book on tape or CD, video tape, or DVD that you would donate to the Chapter Library?

All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501c3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

Rabun TU Campout at the USFS Appletree Campground (NC) – October 6-10, 2010

The Rabun Chapter will have a Chapter campout at Appletree Campground in North Carolina. It's approximately a 45 minute drive from Clayton. See website <http://www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/recreation/appletree.pdf>

We have reserved this USFS campground (Section D), with restrooms and showers, and have room for **25 individuals...first come, first served**. There is space for tent camping and for RVs (cab-overs, pop-ups, etc). The first meal will be supper on Wednesday, October 6, and the last meal will be breakfast on Sunday, October 10.

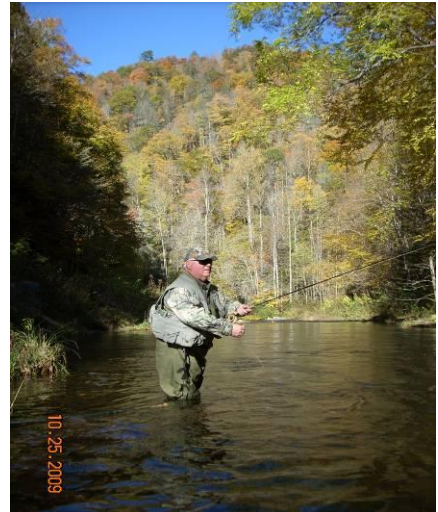
Campers are expected to pay \$5 per meal and everyone is expected to contribute \$10 toward the campground fee.

****You must sign-up with Terry Rivers to reserve your place (706) 782-7419 or tlr1121@windstream.net .**

Nearby streams include the Nantahala River (Delayed Harvest section opens Oct 1st) and small streams in the Standing Indian area. A North Carolina fishing license is required.

Questions? Contact: Charlie Breithaupt (706) 782-6954 or knc615@windstream.net or Terry Rivers (706) 782-7419 or tlr1121@windstream.net

Directions: **FROM FRANKLIN, NC:** From Franklin/Clayton/Atlanta exit, take U.S. 64 west for about 3 miles. Turn right at LBJ/Wayah signs and take first left beside Loafer's Glory Store onto Wayah Road (SR 1310), which goes over Wayah Gap and past Nantahala Lake. After passing Lake's End Store, take first left onto Junaluska Road (SR 1401), toward Andrews for about 2.5 miles to Appletree Group Campground.



Rabunite Ray Gentry on Nantahala DH

Rabun TU Lending Library News

The following items were donated to the lending library at the August Chapter Meeting:

Donated by Doug Adams:

Book – Why Fish Bite by James Westman (1961) 211 pages

Book – Fishing Made Easy by Arthur L. Cone, Jr. (1968) 319 pages

Book – Fishing Secrets of the Experts by 18 Top Experts including J. Brooks, R. Ovington, L. Wulff, etc (1962) 288 Pages

Book – America's Favorite Fishing "A Complete Guide to Angling for Panfish" by F. Philip Rice (1964) 285 pages

DVD – Rabun TU Goes West of Hiwassee (1990) A collection of memories from a 16-member road trip; videos by Doug Adams & Jim Nixon

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Letters to the Rabunites

Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES August 2010 Newsletter

Good to see USFS received funding for a number of outdoor recreation improvement projects.

The more I read of your newsletters the more I think about maybe I should try fly fishing. If this continues I may be asking you for some advice on getting started. It seems like a good way to get back to the great outdoors without carrying the old backpack with lots of gear.

From: Edwin Dale – USFS Retired, Athens, GA

Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES August 2010 Newsletter

Thanks for the great newsletters.

From: Bob Ruby – UCTUC, Roswell. GA

Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010

Subject: FW: TIGHT LINES August 2010 Newsletter

Just a quick, but very hearty, kudos on this newsletter. It is very well done. I, and other TU staff, are always motivated by the volunteer work of our members, but the effort on Stekoa Creek is especially inspirational. Thanks to the Rabun Chapter for reminding us what TU is all about.

From: Chris Wood - President and CEO, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, VA

More Comments Received About the New Website

"Nice, Great work." Ralph

"Very nice folks!" Patrick

"Nice web site! Who designed it for you?" Lucy

"The new website by Allison O. Adams is mighty slick; very artistic". Don

Site by Allison O. Adams, Editorial and Multimedia Services

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

What's New Elsewhere?

Broderick Crawford wins Another Prestigious Award (The following are excerpts from The Clayton Tribune - 8/12/2010): Rabun TU member and renowned wildlife artist, Broderick Crawford, won the 2010-11 Georgia Ducks Unlimited (DU) Artist of the Year award with his painting of widgeon ducks. Broderick was also named 2010-11 Idaho DU Artist of the Year. Funds generated by the sale of the GA prints goes to help DU

conservation efforts in GA and funds from duck stamps sales go toward the purchase or lease of wetlands habitat in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Broderick said wildlife conservation was more important than ever this year because of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

To view the prints, click <http://www.broderickcrawfordart.com/>

Fishing Report

Subject: Lakes visit, Parrish's 12 lb trout 016

Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2010

In addition to enjoying our new grandson who weighed in at 8 lb and 3 oz., our oldest grandson, Parrish Lake, age 7, caught a 12 lb trout in the river in front of our house today!

From: Margaret Patrick – A Rabunite

Editor's notes: *Larry Walker and Rabun TU are awarding Parrish Lake a Stream Explorer membership to Trout Unlimited.*

Click <http://rabuntu.org/site/youth/stream-explorer/>

What river was that? I.D.B.I.S.



The Upper Chattahoochee Chapter of Trout Unlimited Invites You to **Autumn on the River** Annual Banquet and Auction

UCCTU's annual banquet and auction will be held on **Saturday, November 6th**,
5:00 pm Social Hour (BYOB), 6:30 pm Dinner Served, St. Andrew Catholic Church; 675 Riverside Road; Roswell, Georgia

You won't want to miss the special menu provided by our own fishermen and hunters!

Turkey, ham, smoked salmon, venison and roasted pig – plus your favorite southern side dishes and desserts.

The evening's events will include silent and live auctions and drawing of the winner of a

Sage ZXL 9', 4 piece 5 weight rod and a Loop Evotec reel – a \$1155 value.

RSVP to Donna Malloy at dmmalloy@bellsouth.net by October 29, 2010.

Questions? Donna can be reached on 770-998-5927. \$30 per person. \$10 for children – 15 and under.

For more information about the Upper Chattahoochee Chapter visit us at <http://ucctu.org> and on Facebook at:
<http://www.companies.to/ucctu/>

Letter sent by the Rabunites about H.R.3534 - Fully Funding the LWCF

Sent: July 27, 2010

Sent Separately To: Senator Johnny Isakson, Senator Saxby Chambliss & Congressman Paul Broun

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited has learned that the House Natural Resources Committee has approved H.R. 3534 and it is now moving toward consideration by the full House of Representatives and the Senate. The Consolidated Land and Aquatic Resources Act (CLEAR Act) is one of the most important pieces of conservation legislation to be voted on in years.

The Rabun Chapter has supported the appropriation of Land and Water Conservation funds for years. The result, when it has been appropriated to the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, has been the purchase and protection of miles of cold, clear water and trout habitat in North Georgia and Rabun County. The problem in the past has simply been a lack of funding and the difficulty in getting a fair share of the funding appropriated to our State. A lack of consistent funding makes an orderly and planned process of consolidating the National Forest and protecting sensitive watersheds very difficult, if not impossible.

The CLEAR Act will fully fund the LWCF and end the politics associated with the appropriation of the funds. These funds are not earmarks, nor should the appropriation of these funds be a political issue. These are mitigation funds that will purchase National Forests, Parks, Wildlife Refuges and historic sites and battlefields for protection of our environment and the use by our citizens. Here at home, the funds will enable the Chattahoochee-Oconee NF to plan ahead and move quickly to protect sensitive watersheds and trout habitat that are at extreme risk from future development.

The funding for the CLEAR Act, comes in large part from the leasing of Outer Continental Shelf land for oil exploration. There has been no time in our history that it is more appropriate to use these funds for mitigation and protection of sensitive national resources. The recent situation in the Gulf Coast clearly supports and demonstrates the wisdom of using the lease fees to fund the LWCF program.

The 159 members of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited urge you to support the CLEAR Act. The citizens of Georgia will clearly benefit from the passage of this legislation. Similar bills have been considered in the past and failed. The time has come to move forward and pass the CLEAR Act and fully fund one of the most important conservation programs in our country's history.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

From: Larry Walker – President, Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

The Gold Rush Chapter of Trout Unlimited; Dahlonega, GA; <http://www.goldrushtu.org>

Family Cookout and Fun Day! Saturday, 18 September 2010; 1- 9 PM; Dinner at 5 PM;

FUNDRAISER - Raffles and Auctions!/
Sixth Annual Family Cookout At NGCSU's Pine Valley Site

Games and Fun for adults and kids! Bring the whole family and invite some friends to enjoy a traditional family cookout and fun day! We will have bucket raffles and silent auction items, plenty of food (bring a dish if you like), games and fun for adults and kids. Plan to have a great time and help raise money too!

Dinner Donations: \$10.00 / person or \$15.00 / couple. Children Under 12 FREE

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED

For more details contact Deborah (770)-503-9373 or e-mail littlebee7@yahoo.com

"BACKCASTING"

Aug 17 (Tues) Chapter Meeting – 27 Rabunites attended. **Jimmy Harris** presented a beautiful slide program about a trout fishing trip he took in January to Patagonia Argentina. He left Atlanta on Friday, fished Sunday through Friday (6 days) and returned to Atlanta on Sunday. His trip was arranged by a Kevin Howell of Davidson River Outfitters. The trip included 2 overnight floats and wade fishing. It was all fly-fishing with lots of BIG rainbow and brown trout landed. Most were caught on dry flies. The scenery was beautiful and the rivers were spectacular. The fish were awesome. The accommodations were first class. It was a trout fishing trip of a lifetime on un-crowded waters. To see some of the photos and YouTube videos from the trip, click <http://www.unicoioutfitters.com/destination-fishing.shtml> Jimmy is planning to return next January and has made arrangement to book additional guests through Unicoi Outfitters <http://www.unicoioutfitters.com/index.shtml> . Feel free to contact Jimmy directly for more information flyfish@unicoioutfitters.com .

The Meeting Raffle had 8 buckets with 2 fly assortments, a rod rack, a LED flashlight, propane fuel, and much more. The raffle raised \$109 to be used toward the cost of mailing newsletters to members without E-mail and for the meeting hospitality expenses. Thanks to Charlie Breithaupt for handling the meeting raffle. A BIG "Thank You" goes to all the Rabunites who donated the items and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets.

August BOD Meeting – CANCELLED (too many members are West of Hiawasse).

THANK YOU

Reeves Hardware for donation of merchandise for the meeting raffle.

Doug Adams for donation of 5 items for the Rabun TU Lending Library.

Mack Martin & the Atlanta Fly Fishing School for another donation of flies and other items for the meeting raffles.

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to **Pat Hopton** (Webmaster) and **Allison Adams** (Website Designer) for earning the National Trout Unlimited 2010 "Best Website Award."

Congratulations to the Georgia TU Council for earning the National Trout Unlimited 2010 "State Council Award for Excellence," Rabunites on the GA Council are **Charlie Breithaupt** – Chairman, **Kathy Breithaupt** – Secretary, **Ray Gentry** – Treasurer, **Larry Walker** – Rabun Chapter President and **Doug Adams** – Chattooga Issues Representative.

Bill Kelly has moved to Cannon Wood Village assisted living in Tiger, GA.

Congratulations to **Margaret and John Patrick** on the birth of a new grandson.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to a **new member** this month: **JIMMY WILLIAMS**, 24 GOLDEN POND, CLAYTON GA 30525

Thanks for re-upping: **Thomas West, Arthur Guthas, Ralph Morgan, & David Jordan.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Brent Escoe, Bill Kelly, Jimmy Whiten, Donna Claridad, Bill Coon, Thomas Johnson, Allan Ramsay, Kyle Burrell, David Cannon, John Hill, Cecil Beehler, Sam Bennett, Cecil Greene, Matthew Calvin, Will Pendrey, Tom Shirley, John Eaves, John Rumsey, & Bill Thompson.**

Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2010

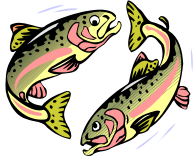
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The Board of Directors offers the following nominations for Rabun TU Chapter's F/Y2011 Officers and Directors:

President – Larry Walker; Vice President – Pat Hopton; Treasurer – Doug Adams; Secretary – Ray Gentry; Directors thru F/Y 2014: Chris Whitley & Frank Tolbert (replacing retiring Directors Bill Kelly & Ray Kearns);

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the September Chapter meetings.

Election will be at the September Chapter meeting. F/Y 2011 begins October 1, 2010 .



Letter From The Chapter President

Fellow Rabunites,

Great News! We've learned that our new website has been honored by Trout Unlimited National as the best in the country! Congratulations to Pat Hopton and Allison Adams and all the others who contributed. I hope each of you will go to it if you haven't already (www.rabuntu.org).

Last month's program by Jimmy Harris of Unicoi Outfitters was very interesting. It made all who were in attendance ready to take off to Argentina to fish.

Several of us have been blessed with the opportunity to fish West of Hiwassee (Wyoming, etc.) in recent weeks. It was good to escape the heat, but now it's beginning to feel more like trout fishing weather is here in our own area.

There are still lots of fun activities and outreach projects coming up this fall. I hope you'll browse back through this issue of "Tight Lines" and mark your calendar to participate in some of them.

Best regards, *Larry*

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

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

We would love getting your "Letters to the Editor", suggestions, stories, articles, and questions for our panel of experts, or your comments about our Website and Newsletter.

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