



TIGHT LINES

February 2011 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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

“One of the outstanding peculiarities of angling is its inexplicable capacity to inspire almost unanimous disagreement among its followers” John Alden Knight

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.

“We are haunted day and night by the knowledge that the amount of time we spend fishing is inconsequential in comparison with the amount of time we spend doing things we do not love.” Howell Raines

“FORWARD CASTING” Important Dates – See you there!

Feb 1 (Tues) Annual Chattooga Coalition Meeting, 9 AM, USFS Office, Andrew Pickens Office in SC

Feb 3 (Thurs) Fly Tying On Thursday Evenings, 6:30 at Kountry Vittles in February & March Contact Terry Rivers Ph 706 782 7419 E-mail tlr1121@windstream.net

Feb 5 (Sat) Annual Planning Meeting 8 AM Breakfast at Dillard House

Feb 15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office **Program:** Franklin Tate - “The TU Youth Education Initiative” [HERE](#)

Feb 19 & 20 (Sat & Sun) Fly Fishing Weekend at Bass Pro Shops, Volunteers needed. Terry Rivers is the Rabun TU lead-person for this event and he needs volunteers to help. It will be a big help if you can be there even part of a day. Terry needs to know on this matter no later than Feb 3rd – Contact Terry Ph 706 782 7419 E-mail tlr1121@windstream.net

Feb 22 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office

Feb 26 (Sat) GA Women Fly Fishers Mardi Gras Annual Fundraiser [HERE](#)

Mar 5 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting 9 AM in Dahlenega

Mar 12 (Sat) Hoot on the Hooch, Helen GA with drawing for the 2011 Dream Trip! For details, visit <http://georgiafoothills.org/>

Mar 15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office **Program:** GA Women Fly Fishers “Casting for Confidence” [HERE](#)

Mar 22 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office

Mar 26 (Sat) AM Opening Day for Seasonal Trout Streams in GA

Mar 26 (Sat) Evening - Satolah Fire Department Bluegrass & Bar-B-Q

2011 Rabunite 101 (1/2-day fly-fishing workshop) – Sat. AM, April 2nd

2011 GA Trout Camp; June 5th – 10th

Volunteer mentors needed for both

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



BLOOD DOT EGG PATTERN

THESE ARE GREAT PATTERNS ON THE DH STREAMS HERE IN NORTH GEORGIA, OR ANY STREAM. TIE THEM IN DIFFERENT COLORS AND CHANGE OFTEN IF THEY'RE NOT HITTING THAT COLOR. IF YOU HAVE NOT TIED THIS PATTERN GO TO “YOU TUBE”. THEY HAVE LOTS OF GOOD VIDEOS DEMONSTRATING TYING THEM.

HOOK: #12 SCUD HOOK

BODY: McFLY FOAM OR EGG YARN

“Show me a fly fisherman who's still out there flailing away — after all, a few faint-hearted ones occasionally do go back to golf — and I'll show you one of the biggest gamblers outside Las Vegas. And one just as heedless of the odds against him. For who but a real gone compulsive gambler could continue to stand for hours, often up to his whistle-string in ice water, pelting out a series of bent pins adorned with bits of fluff and tinsel, all in the wistful hope that some hungry fish might finally mistake one of them for something good to eat?”

Robert Traver, “Gambling at Frenchman's” in January 1981 Fly Fisherman

February Hatches

The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies
None at all	All Month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Winter Black Stone	All Month	L am to M pm	18-20 Black Elk-hair Caddis or Griffith's Gnat 16-18 Black Stone Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Small Dun Caddis	Late	L am to M pm	18 Brown Elk-hair or Deer-hair Caddis 18 Hair's Ear Nymph
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill	Late	L am to M pm	16-18 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-18 BWO Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Quill Gordon	Late	L am to M pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12 Quill Gordon Nymph
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

To view a Hatch Chart for other months, click [Hatch Chart](#)



Do you want to learn to tie flies?

If so, Terry Rivers is offering to give free instructions in tying flies during February and March on Thursday evenings.

The first fly tying session will be Thursday Feb 3rd at Kountry Vittles (Between Mtn City & Rabun Gap on East side of Hiway 441) beginning at 6:30 PM.

Contact Terry for more information:
Ph 706 782 7419 E-mail tr1121@windstream.net



Rabun TU's Award Winning website <http://rabuntu.org/site/> !

**'Website Page-of-the-Month': <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/>
2011 Rabunite 101 (1/2-day fly-fishing workshop) – Sat. AM, April 2nd**

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

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



Rabun Chapter has selected 2 campers for the 2011 Georgia Trout Camp, June 5th – 10th
<http://rabuntu.org/site/youth/trout-camp/>

They are: **Tyler Harris** from Dillard, GA & **Jake Toller** from Lakemont, GA
CONGRATULATIONS!

Annual Planning Breakfast, Saturday Morning, Feb 5th

At 8 AM in the main dining room at the Dillard House, the Chapter picks up the tab. All members are invited to attend and participate in the development of the annual plan for the Chapter. Items on the agenda include:

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

2011 Budgeted Expenditures – Chapter funds raised at the Rendezvous are available and need to be properly allocated for expenditure to support our TU mission.

2011 Calendar – Dates need to be set for the upcoming Chapter activities during the next 12 months.

Stekoa Creek Update

<http://rabuntu.org/site/about/work-projects/the-stekoa-creek-project/>

Stekoa Creel Water Quality Monitoring – A Trout Unlimited Partnership with the Chattooga Conservancy Trout Unlimited Funds Committed to the Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project - \$31,059 Total

The following update is reprinted from the fall 2010 Chattooga Quarterly <http://www.chattoogariver.org/pdf/Summer2010.pdf>

Sewer Line Repairs

The City of Clayton is moving forward with replacing 2 sewer lines, which should help improve water quality in Stekoa Creek, a major polluted tributary to the Chattooga River. The first repair involves replacing a leaky section of terra-cotta sewer line along Scotts Creek, a polluted tributary to Stekoa Creek. Approximately 2,000 feet of sewer pipe will be replaced, upstream from the old elementary school property in the City of Clayton. This work is called the "Westside" sewer line project, and it's being paid for by a \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant. But the money was nearly lost, due to problems in securing an easement for the work. However, the Chattooga Conservancy intervened with an 11th hour contact to the Department of Community Affairs. Fortunately this worked, and the project is moving forward.

Another sewer repair project in the development phase involves replacing a bottleneck section of the main sewer line trunk behind the Duval car dealership property on Highway 441, as recommended by the Chattooga Conservancy. Here, a larger diameter line feeds into a smaller pipe, likely causing sewage leaks into Stekoa Creek and the periodic high fecal coliform readings at water sampling sites in that area. Estimates are that approximately 1,060 feet of sewer line will be replaced. Funding for this work will come from Clayton's SPLOST money that is earmarked for sewer and water line repairs.

It is encouraging that the City of Clayton is moving forward with 2 sewer line replacement projects. However, still needed are: 1) an engineering functionality study that identifies sewer system design and operational flaws causing chronic infiltration and inflow events; 2) a prioritized schedule of actions for fixing the sewer system's problems, with a budget cost estimate for each step; and, 3) a dedicated funding mechanism for accomplishing this work over time. As recently acknowledged at Clayton City

Hall, this information and a dedicated fund would greatly help the city's chances for receiving grants from entities such as the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority.

In sum, there remains much need for encouraging city officials to place a high priority on establishing a dedicated fund for repairing Clayton's sewage collection infrastructure.



Editor's notes: Make plans to volunteer for Rabun TU's Stekoa Creek Clean-up Day on June 18th, Starts at 9 AM. For more information, contact Rabunite Frank Tolbert Ph 770-363-1967 E-mail gto1b1@jcpenny.com
To view photos of the 2010 Stekoa Creek clean-up, click <http://rabuntu.org/site/gallery/work-projects/>

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Rabunite 101 - An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Trout

<http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/>



On **Saturday, April 2nd**, the Rabun Chapter will offer a 4-hour Introduction seminar for adults (male and female - age 16 years and older). The seminar includes casting, entomology, knots and equipment for folks who want to get started in the pleasure of fly-fishing for trout. The location will be at the Rabun County Recreation Center just south of Rabun County High School.



We will be able to accommodate 28 students and the cost of \$30 per person will include lunch.

Do you know someone that might be interested?

Tell them to contact Kathy or Charlie Breithaupt to make reservations. knc615@windstream.net or (706) 782-6954

Members of the Rabun Chapter are needed to instruct and help in other ways. Please save that date and let Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt know if you can help.

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Recreation Management Plan

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

This issue has been over 11 years in the Forest Service planning process. It has been 28 months since the last public comment period closed and the Forest Service has not released a new decision, *instead* they have re-initiated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Meanwhile the status quo (no boating) continues on the North Fork as the boaters' second lawsuit is proceeding to a court trial.

Forest Service officials announced on December 9th that they have re-initiated the NEPA process on recreation uses on the upper Chattooga River (North Fork) by scoping a proposed action. The agency is asking for any new information, such as recently released articles or publications or new concerns, that should be incorporated into the analysis or be part of the decision-making process. See the NEPA scoping letter: [HERE](#)

Editor's Notes: *The following post is reprinted here from the NGTO message board. It tells about a boater/angler encounter at Cochran's Shoals on the wide Chattahoochee River tailwater (1/17/2011).*

"Disrespect at Cochrans - So I just wanted to vent really quick. My brother and I took my canoe out for a ride from Cochrans - Paces yesterday. There were about 9 or so kayakers who were out sharing the river as well. They looked to be some sort of an organized racing group or something like that. No big deal right? We should all share the river with everyone. Well while we were getting everything situated for our float, there was another fly fisherman wading out in the main river when I noticed the yakers literally circling around the fisherman paddling through his drift area and in his personal space. The fisherman seemed to be patient and just kept on fishing as if they weren't in his area. I laughed at one time because he almost hooked on the yakers as he passed by. Well my brother and I decided to paddle down to the 75 bridge and fish that section for a bit so we could respect their space as they obviously wanted the entire area around the put in. Next thing we knew, out of nowhere one of the yakers hauled butt over my brothers line snagging his leader and ripping his flies right off: pissed: The guy saw his line out and just kept on going down the river in some race. Later that day he came back by us laughing: pissed: I had just tied those two flies to (use) specifically for that trip. Luckily I had a back-ups, but come on! Show some respect to your fellow river goers! I stay away from swimmers, boaters, dogs and all that so they should too! Well, we did catch plenty of fish further down rivers o that was nice, but I just had to get that off my chest! I was very angry at the time: hammers:"

To read the complete thread, click <http://www.georgia-outdoors.com/forum/showthread.php?t=84214>

Editor's notes: *For years there have been conflicts on the rivers of Colorado between boaters and private landowners. The following is an excerpt from an article from "Steamboat Today" (5/5/2010) written by Michael J. Mitchell - Consultant Aquatic Biologist/Planner* "Colorado's rivers: It doesn't take a Las Vegas odds maker to wager the effects on fish and wildlife habitat if an unfettered right to float is established. It would be like guessing the condition of your flower bed once the entire neighborhood used it as a public sidewalk. We must consider sustainability and integrate all types of historic uses, like wildlife for instance, when considering how we share the river. If we don't, we risk sacrificing what we hold most dear." To read more, click <http://www.steamboattoday.com/news/2010/may/05/michael-j-mitchell-colorados-rivers/>

Volunteers needed for Chattooga Anglers Diary: If you are going to fish the Chattooga North Fork for 5 or more times by the end of November 2011 and want to provide information for GA & SC DNR professionals to use in future fisheries management, please volunteer to keep a diary of your fishing experiences. If you still have unused pages in last year's diary and you will volunteer to use it this year or to request a new diary, contact Doug Adams edadams1@windstream.net

Fishing Reports

3 Rabunites filed reports this month



Jeff "Dredger" Durniak - 1/8/11 –
Brown Trout, Smith Creek DH



Terry Rivers – 1/12/11 –
Whiskey Creek, Persimmon



Pat Gorman – 1/17/11
31" Steelhead, Where? I.D.B.I.S.

Editor's Notes: *Us old retired Rabunites used to fish when it was this cold, but we don't have to anymore. Right Kelly?*

Rabun TU Lending Library News



The library includes over 100 books, audios and videos about 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, audio 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.

2011 Dream Trip Raffle for a Fly Fishing Vacation for 2 People!



The winner and their partner will each receive: • 5 days fishing and 6 nights lodging and meals at a private cabin in Island Park Idaho • Custom made fly rod with reel & line • A float trip on the Madison River • A fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen per box) • \$1,000 in travel expenses (this is total, not per person)

Runner up prizes will include custom made fly rods, fishing trips, and boxes of flies.

For details, click <http://www.georgiatu.org/index.php?mid=news&iid=dream2011&sid=>

Winner and runner ups will be drawn at the Georgia Foothills Chapter's annual banquet, the "Hoot on the Hooch" in Helen, GA in March 2011. One winner will be drawn and the winner will choose a partner to accompany them on the trip.

Ticket price is \$10 and proceeds will go to the Georgia TU Council to fund Council projects such as the GA Trout Camp for youth and the Back the Brookie campaign. Contact Jimmy Whiten for your raffle tickets: E-mail jimmywhiten@yahoo.com

Know Your Forest: 20th in a series:

Coleman River Scenic Area

Editor's notes: *The following excerpts are from:*

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coleman_River_Scenic_Area & <http://www.brownsguides.com/blog/coleman-river-trail/>

The **Coleman River Scenic Area** is located in [Rabun County, Georgia](#) in the Chattooga River District of the [Chattahoochee National Forest](#). It is located at the point of [confluence](#) of [Coleman River](#) with the [Tallulah River](#). The scenic area consists of 330 acres (1.3 km²) encompassing lower [Coleman River](#) and was dedicated in 1960 to "[Ranger Nick](#)" [Nicholson](#) following his 40 years of public service. At the point of confluence of the two rivers, the [elevation](#) is approximately 2,200 feet (670 m).

The scenic area includes a 1.0-mile (1.6 km) trail called the **Coleman River Trail** that parallels Coleman River upstream through stands of large [old-growth timber](#). This enjoyable, highly scenic trail originates just before the bridge by the "Artificial Lures Only" sign and closely follows Coleman River upstream. By nature, mountain streams are beautiful - the Coleman, bordered by room-sized boulders and wide enough to let the sun in, is especially so. Near the end of the trail the river's quick, gin-clear water rushes from cascade to cascade, from trout pool to trout pool. After heavy rain the Coleman crashes and foams in surging runs.

The wide, well-trodden tread way passes through a predominantly second-growth forest of hardwoods, hemlock, and pines, both Virginia and white. Poking up through rhododendron, sweet birch thrives in the sheltered river valley. If they aren't dead yet, a pair of old-growth hemlocks tower beside the trail,

one to either side of the path, at 0.3 mile. Eastern white pines, impressively tall for their relatively young age, flank the river in arrow-straight stands.

Three-tenths of a mile farther upriver from the two hemlocks, look up and to the right of the path. Tucked away in moist pockets between and below trailside boulders are northern maidenhair fern, Indian cucumber-root, Vasey's trillium, and showy orchids. The trillium and orchids usually begin blooming during late April and early May.

Wide and easily walked, the official trail ends where the track narrows into rhododendron and roots.

Directions: From Clayton, travel slightly more than 8.0 miles west on US 76. Turn right onto signed persimmon Road at the Volunteer fire department and the sign for Tallulah River Campgrounds. Continue for about 4.2 miles on paved Persimmon Road, and then turn left onto signed Tallulah River Road (FS 70), further marked with National Forest signs for campgrounds and the Southern Nantahala Wilderness.

Follow scenic Tallulah River Road for approximately 1.6 miles (pavement ends after 1.5 miles) to the trail and "Artificial lures Only" signs. The parking area is to the right of the road just before the bridge over Coleman River, a creek-sized stream.

What's New Elsewhere?

GA-DNR Board Approves Mark Williams as Next DNR Commissioner Atlanta, Ga. (12/8/2010) The Board of Natural Resources today approved the recommendation of Governor Sonny Perdue and Governor-Elect Nathan Deal to name State Rep. Mark Williams of Jesup as the next Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR). As a member of the state House of Representatives, Williams has served on the Natural Resources and Environment and the Game, Fish and Parks committees. Effective immediately, he succeeds Chris Clark as DNR Commissioner. [Full Story >>](#)

GA-WRD ROADS CLOSED ON WMAs in North Georgia! SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. (1/11/2011) SPECIAL NOTICE: Due to inclement weather, road are closed across the Chattahoochee National Forest; and gated roads are closed on Northeast and

Northwest Georgia WMAs. The [Wilson Shoals Firing Range](#) has re-opened. Questions about specific areas? Give our [offices](#) a call. [Full Story >>](#)

GA-WRD Fees Going Down for License Purchase Transactions! SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. (12/10/2010) In news that is sure to be welcome in the current economy – some of the transaction fees for recreational licenses are being reduced, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division. The internet transaction fee is going from \$2.75 to \$2.50 and the in-store transaction fee will go from \$3.25 to \$3.00. The telephone transaction fee will increase, going from \$4.00 to \$5.00. These fee changes will go into effect on Jan. 3, 2011. [Full Story >>](#)

"BACKCASTING"

Jan 14 (Fri) BOD Meeting – 9 members attended. Some agenda items included: [Recaps](#) – 11/23 BOD Meeting, 12/3 Middle School mentoring, 12/4 GA TU Council Meeting, 12/14 Annual Family Christmas Dinner [Status Updates](#) – 2011 Rabun Rendezvous, Select 2 Trout Campers, 2010 E-card Federal Tax Return, Chattooga Boating Zoning, Website & Facebook, Chapter Lending Library news, Rabunite 101 [Upcoming](#) – 1/18 Chapter Meeting, 1/21 Dave Jensen Retirement Dinner, 1/22 24th Annual Rabun Rendezvous, 1/24 USFS deadline for submitting NEW information on Chattooga zoning, 2/1 26th Annual Chattooga Coalition Meeting, 2/5 Annual Planning Meeting, 2/15 Chapter Meeting Program, 2/19 & 20 Fly Fishing Weekend at Bass Pro Shops, 2/22 BOD Meeting, Fly Tying On Thursday Evenings in Feb & March [New Business](#) – Retirement Gift for Dave Jensen, 4/30 Celebrate Clayton, 9/10 Rabun TU hosting GA TU Council meeting, Appletree campout in 2011 [Reports](#) – Publicity, Membership – 168 with 7 new members in last 2 months.

Jan19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting – 34 Rabunites attended, including Stream Explorer member Trey McFalls (sitting with Dredger)



Steve Perry was elected to the Director position filling the unexpired term of Tony Allred. Tony was elected Treasurer at the October meeting. Those present decided to have the October campout at the Blackwell Place instead of at Appletree this year. We took up a collection of over \$400 for Steve McCall. The **Meeting Raffle** had 8 buckets. It included a set of waders, a fly selection, a multi tool and many more nice items. The raffle raised \$160 to be used toward the cost of mailing newsletters to members without E-mail and for the meeting hospitality expenses. Thanks to **Terry Rivers** for handling the meeting raffle. A BIG "Thank You" goes to all the Rabunites who donated the items and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets.



The excellent meeting program titled **WINTER TROUTING TIPS** was presenter by Jeff "Dredger" Durniak, Georgia Wildlife Resources Division. On the next page is the outline of Jeff's presentation.

WINTER TROUTING TIPS

by Jeff "Dredger" Durniak

1. "Net-Fish" Beforehand >>> The Internet !!!

A. Temperature

- Air temp predictions at weather.com (ten-day forecast)
- Water temp trends on a few USGS stream gauges:
Chattooga at Burrell's Ford, Hooch in Helen
(<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ga/nwis/rt>)
- Know that tailwaters (Smith, Hooch, Toccoa) are slightly warmer

B. Water Flow

- USGS gauges – see website, above
- Chattooga Wading Tips
 - Hwy 76 gauge < 2.0 = easy wading
 - 2.0 – 2.3 = increasing difficulty
 - 2.4 – 2.6 = can't ford; fish from bank
(DH Tip – walk in Nicholson Ford Road)
- Wading safely = belt, staff, and a buddy

C. Fishing Reports

- NGTO – website, enter via "message board" and "jump right in." (<http://www.georgia-outdoors.com/ngto/>)
- Call fly shops

2. Dress for Success = Layering

- Breathable poly underwear (Starter at Wal Mart)
- Nylon shirt and pants (Bass Pro, Academy)
- Fleece or wool jacket and pants
- Wicking sock and 1-2 pair of wool socks.
- Loose fitting waders and shoes (winter pair)
- 2-3 pair of gloves (fleece, wool)
- Chemical hand warmers ("Hot Hands")
- Butane lighter for emergency fire
- Dress indoors or warm your waders in the car
- Carry spare set of dry clothes in car
- Steelhead fishing websites have great tips!

3. Time your Trip

- Follow sun's effect on water temps
- Winter window = 11 AM to 4 PM. Don't go early!!!
- Switch turns off when sun falls behind ridge
- Planning tips:
 - Pre-rig your rod at home (warm hands)
 - Arrive at 11, eat in car, fish 12 – 4, supper in Clayton at 5:30

4. On-stream Tips

A. First take a water temp

The Rabunite Thermometer

- <40 and falling = watch the icebergs
- <40 and rising = bring hope
- 40-45 = bring a net
- 45-50 = bring net and a camera
- 50-55 = bring some dries, too
- 55-62 = bring a friend with a camera
- 62-68 = bring supper and a flashlight
- >68 = bring breakfast and an iceberg!

B. Follow the sun

- Limit deep wading or take breaks to thaw out
- High-grade the honey holes
- Fish SLOW water
- Fish deep and repeat – bump them in the nose
- Limit false casts to reduce tangles and iced guides
- Fish a short line with a strike indicator (Lightning Strike, Thingamabobber)

I. Expect subtle strikes ("Zen" fishing) and set the hook often!

J. Fish smaller flies

- First fly, on 3X or 4X = #14 peach egg, #10 black buggie, #10 brown stonefly, or #14 prince
- Dropper fly, on 4X or 5X = #16-20 pheasant tail, #16 prince, #18-20 zebra midge

5. Best Bets

- Smith Creek DH – pound the pools with eggs, pheasant tails, and pellet flies
- Dukes Creek – trophy hunt the pools and spawning riffles with stoneflies, mohair leeches, pheasant tails, and midges
- Chattooga DH – use 12 feet of thin mono (8lb test) as leader with enough lead. Fish the heads of biggest pools with eggs and pheasant tails. Watch for hatching blue wing olives (BWO's).
- Chattahoochee DH – envision as parallel series of small streams. Fish each small stream and move across river before moving upstream. Eggs, buggies, and pheasant tails on bottom. BWO's on top when noses show.
- Amicalola DH – try Hwy 53 ledges and use the Hooch DH "across" method.
- Tuckasegee River DH (NC) – see Hooch DH. GA streams usually better in winter because they're a few degrees warmer.
- Nantahala River DH (NC) – see Smith DH. Gorge limits sunlight hours. Carry some BWO's and 6X tippet for warm, overcast days.

6. Closing Remarks

- Beautiful time of year
- Dress right to enjoy it
- Scenery and solitude cure cabin fever
- Pleasant surprises on end of line are an added bonus



Good luck! Got a camera???

www.gofishgeorgia.com

Sat (1/22) THE RABUN RENDEZVOUS

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited proudly presented a celebration of rivers, streams, trout, and trout fishing.

The event was the 24th Annual Rabun Rendezvous.

It took place in the Dillard House Conference Center and was attended by 300 folks from near and far.



Kyle's Drift Boat & Frank's Teepee



Bob, Banker, Tim, Chris & Jim at Registration



GRIZZ

The festivities began in the afternoon with a bar-b-qued pig pickin', bluegrass music by The Foxfire Boys (all are members of Trout Unlimited). There were snack trays of cheeses, crackers, veggies with dips, and fruits. Soft drinks and ice were also available. Rabun trout fishing videos were shown on a large screen TV and outside was a trout fishing guide's drift boat and a full size Indian teepee for kids of all ages to enjoy.



The Foxfire Boys



Fruit Tray



Bucket Raffle

Just inside the building there were 145 items in the silent auction and over 100 items in the bucket raffles. Local businesses, artists and craftspeople donated most of the auction and raffle items.



Fiddlin' Ben Houston, Trout Camp Alumnus -



Ralph Morgan helps with name badges -



Dillard House Staff Gabe & Cindy with Doug

Fish, chicken, and pork with all the side dishes and desserts that have made the Dillard House so famous was available in a serve yourself buffet, so no one left hungry.



All 300 trout enthusiasts were seated in the spacious Dillard House Conference Center's dining room.



BUT WHERE'S FRANK?



After dinner, Chapter President Larry Walker recognized the team of Rabunites Allison Adams and Pat Hopton for designing and building the 2010 Best Website in all of Trout Unlimited <http://rabuntu.org/site/>.
Calder is so proud of his Auntie Allison and Uncle Pat Kyle receives "Morning Mist" Landreth print from Larry



Rabunite Kyle Burrell, professional trout fishing guide in GA and WY, presented an entertaining program of fishing stories with a PowerPoint slide show of pictures of beautiful places and some very memorable trout.
As a token of appreciation, Larry gave Kyle a framed limited edition print signed by the late Rabunite artist Tom Landreth.

Rabunites believe in *Passing it On* to the next generation of conservationists!



At the 2010 Georgia Trout Camp, Rabunite Terry Rivers was the lead fly tying instructor. In commemoration, Mack Martin presented Terry with the "Terry River's Signature Fly Tying Bib" autographed by the world renowned fly tier, Bob Clowser.



Then GA TU Council member Josh Barnett presented the 2010 "Young of the Year" award to the young TU member in GA that best supported the TU mission. This year the award went to Cameron Bright of the Oconee River TU Chapter.

There was a special live auction of a "Fish with Kyle" trip on the Chattahoochee River tailwater. All proceeds of the auction went to the GA Trout Camp in memory Of Julie Stalnaker. Julie, who passed away in 2010, was a wonderful volunteer for coldwater conservation.



GA TU Council members, Garland Stewart and Mack Martin, made and presented custom made fly rods to Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt for their years of Council leadership (Charlie was Chairman for 6 years and Kathy was Secretary for 8 years).

The 24th Annual Rabun Rendezvous was a fun-filled celebration of rivers, streams, trout, and trout fishing. In the process, the event raised over \$16,000 to assist the Rabun TU Chapter accomplish its mission to conserve, protect, and restore Northeast Georgia's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds; and also to cultivate future generations of conservation leaders.

The Silver Anniversary 25th Annual Rabun Rendezvous will be January 21, 2012. Chris Wood, CEO of Trout Unlimited, and others from the national office will come to help us celebrate. Do us and yourself a favor....make plans to join us. **WAaahWHOooo!**

"As always I am looking forward to the Rendezvous, it's like a big old family reunion." Garland Stewart

"But yes, this is "the event" and the funds the Rabunites raise go to their catalog of programs they support helping keep the water clean and the fish healthy". John Kies

2011 Rabun Rendezvous Financial Summary

\$8,440 received for meal tickets

\$3,564 received for raffle ticket sales on 70 buckets & 107 items

\$11,097 received for silent auction sales for 145 items

\$350 Special auction of fishing trip with Kyle Burrell, all proceeds going to GA Trout camp in memory of Julie Stalnaker

\$220 for Dream Trip raffle tickets sales for GA Council of TU <http://georgiatu.org/>

\$23,746 total gross revenue

\$15,729 net cleared after all expenses, plus \$1,100 additional in cash donations

WAaaahWHOoooo!

A BIG "Thank You" to the 110 Donors for the 2011 Rabun Rendezvous

Businesses & Organizations: Kyle Burrell – guide; The Foxfire Boys; Dillard House; Unicoi Outfitters; Atlanta Fly Fishing School; *River through Atlanta* Chattahoochee River guide service; Orvis Retail Store-Norcross; Cabela's; Luthi's Fly Fishing The Fish Hawk; Patagonia; Caylor Custom Flies; Dr Slick; Stackpole Books; Ducks Unlimited; Chattooga River Fly Shop; Nantahala Outdoor Center; Blackhawk Fly Fishing; Gene Roberts – guide; Amrine's Equipment & Rentals; Kingwood Country Club; Apple Mountain Golf Club; Rabun County Country Club; Unicoi Lodge; John Mann, for the Greg Moran Estate; Sid Elliott, for the Don Kengla Estate; Michele & Broderick Crawford – artist, Crawford Art Gallery; Dick Albertelli – artist; Joe Raguckas – artist; Janie Owens – artist; Lee Johnson Gallery; Patsy Lewis Gentry – artist; Randy Sells – crafter; Jim Enloe – crafter; Chris Wilbanks – crafter; United Community Bank; Rabun County Bank; Stephens Federal Bank; Reeve's Hardware – Dillard; Reeves Hardware – Clayton; Blue Ridge Music; Tiger Mountain Vineyards; Gap Graphics & Printing; Clayton Paint & Flooring Center; Prater's Books & Coffee Nook; Butler Galleries; Rabun County Concert Series; Rabun Animal Hospital; Mane Design; Mountain Nature & Wild Bird Supply; Valley Drapery; Valley Pharmacy; Kountry Vittles; Cupboard Café; Valley Café; Rumor Hazit Grille; The Stockton House; Greg's Tire Service; Jim's Service Center; Northeast Georgia Heating & Air; Kudzu Factory & Rabun TU:

Individuals: Mack Martin; Barbara Goodier; Mike Sobaski; Harlin Smith; David Cannon; Russ Tyre; Elizabeth Fowler; Sheila & Doug Mansfield; Tom Matthews; Sandy & Ralph Morgan; Bill Archer; Ray Gentry; Travis Barnes; Fritz Vinson; Leon Brotherton; Garland Stewart; Pat McWhinney; Doris & Carl Riggs; Louisa Hanney; Lane & John McGarity; Ken Calkin; Roger Davis; The Kelly Family; Duane Stalnaker; Cindy Vigil; June Landreth; Jeff Durniak; Pat Hopton; Elizabeth & Steve Perry; Gail & Frank Tolbert; Kathy & Charlie Breithaupt; Monte Seehorn; Amanda, Brooks, Avril & Calder Adams; Allison Adams; Eedee & Doug Adams; Carolyn & Jim Kidd; Doris & Jimmy Whiten; Emmilyn & Terry Rivers; Sandy & Ralph Morgan; Doug Hickman; Larry & Beth Walker; Becky & Wayne Prosser; Pam & John Harrison; Ron Robeson; Susan & Frank Patton; Ron & Bonnie Lynne Wilson; Dale Powell & A Friend

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our condolences to **Jim and Carolyn Kidd** on the recent deaths in the same week of his sister Caroline and his mother, Mary.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **2 new members** this month: **JON FORRESTER** (life member, transfer), 40 STONEHEDGE DR, BUFORD GA 30518-2545 & **JERRY D. MCFALLS**, PO BOX 423, TIGER GA 30576

Thanks for re-upping: **Robert Larsen, Wayne Prosser, Kent Wilson, Monty English, Travis Barnes, Shane English, Dwayne Thompson, Jeff Durniak, Dean Powell, Kevin Lash, Terry Seehorn, Russ Burken & Doug Hickman**

It is time to renew your membership: **Neil Anderson, Jack Bates, Dwight Millerman, Chuck Breithaupt, James Moore, Larry Peavy, Lewis Reeves III, Gilbert Turner, Claude McDill, David Smith, Ron Wilson, Brent Escoe & Tom Graham**

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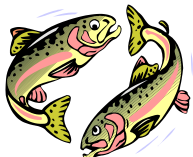
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Letter From The Chapter President

Fellow Rabunites,

Wow, what a month January was. Jeff Durniak made all of us itch to get in the river for some (safe & successful) winter fishin'. If you missed it, check out the link to his tips referenced previously in this issue of Tight Lines.

The Rabun Rendezvous was outstanding. Special thanks to Doug Adams, Kyle Burrell and everyone else who pitched in to make it a fun and very successful event. Now, we will set about using the funds raised to meet our mission of "conserving, protecting, and restoring Northeast Georgia's cold water fisheries and their watersheds".

Jeff has an interesting program lined up for February. Franklin Tate, who is the Youth Outreach leader for all of TU, will be here to help us get even better at reaching out to youngsters to help them gain an appreciation for the resources we value so much. Hope to see you there.

Best regards, *Larry*

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

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