



25TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

TIGHT LINES

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

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

"The only thing bad about winning the pennant is that you have to manage the All-Star Game the next year. I'd rather go fishing for three days." - Whitey Herzog

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE, 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.

"Fly fishing is a complex pastime, full of variety in its participants, in its accoutrements and the range of fish that are sought." Steven J Meyers "The Nature of Fly Fishing"

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there!

Sept 10 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting 9 AM, at the Tallulah Falls Middle School; Hosted by Rabun TU Chapter. All Rabunites are invited to attend. The Middle School is "down the road and across the street" from the main campus of Tallulah Falls School. It was a former hotel named "Tallulah Falls Lodge."

Sept 12 (Mon) Rhapsody in Rabun to benefit the continuing effort to clean up Stekoa Creek. For more info <http://rabuntu.org/site/2011/05/29/sept-12-rhapsody-in-rabun-to-benefit-stekoa-creek/>

Sept 13 (Tues) Free Fly Tying Session, 6 PM at Kountry Vittles

Sept 20 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office. Vote on Officers & Directors for F/Y2012 and revised Chapter by-laws. **Program:** Damon Hearn. TU National staffer - Asheville office mate of Franklin Tate. *Southeastern trout stream watershed protection initiatives.*

Sept 24 (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. Interested volunteers should reply to Jeff Durniak's secretary, Olivia McClure (Olivia.McClure@dnr.state.ga.us). She drafts the roster for Jeff to edit as appropriate.

Sept 27 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office

Oct 5 – 9 (Wed – Sun) Fishing & Camping West Fork, Holcomb & Overflow Creeks with Camping at the Blackwell Place. Go out Warwoman Rd, turn left on Hale Ridge Rd (FS7). Continue on Hale Ridge Rd for about a mile past the intersection with Overflow Rd (FS86). Cross the small bridge over the head of Holcomb Creek, about 1/10 mile past bridge turn right on FS696. Go 50 yds to campsite on the left side of road. For more details, contact Larry Walker.

Oct 11 (Tues) Free Fly Tying Session, 6 PM at Kountry Vittles

Oct 18 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office **Program:** Steve Hudson "Tying Flies for DH Trout Streams"

Oct 25 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office

25th Annual Rabun Rendezvous: Saturday, Jan 21, 2012

National TU President & CEO Chris Wood will present a brief program

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



CHERNOBYL HOPPER

I JUST RETURNED FROM A ONE MONTH TROUT FISHING TRIP OUT WEST (a.k.a. OUT YOUNDER or WEST OF HIAWASSEE) AND THIS WAS THE MOST PRODUCTIVE FLY PATTERN WE HAD. IT MADE THE BIG BOYS COME FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE DEEP RUNS AND IT IS ALSO VERY SIMPLE TO TIE. SEE YA ON THE RIVER

HOOK: # 10 4X LONG
BODY: BROWN & BLACK FOAM
LEGS: MEDIUM RUBBER LEGS
POST: ORANGE FOAM

"But fishermen, like other humans, have not established as one of their strong characteristics the ability to be rational. It's one of those things we talk a lot about but find hard to practice".

Dave McCracken, "I'm a Royal Coachman, Royal Coachman, Royal Coachman ..." in Spring 1985 The FlyFishers

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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 Trico Spinner Fall	Early	AM PM	20 Parachute Trico 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](#)

Website-of-the Month: <http://rabuntu.org/site/2011/05/29/sept-12-rhapsody-in-rabun-to-benefit-stekoa-creek/>
20th ANNUAL "RHAPSODY IN RABUN" [HERE](#)

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

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

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

FISHING REPORTS



On August 6th, Stream Explorer Avril Adams caught her first trout all by herself. She caught it on a volunteer Georgia nymph with a Zebco outfit. Where? I.D.B.I.S.



Garland (Griz) Stewart just got back from way North of Hiawassee. Picture is of a northern pike on a fly rod.

On September 3rd, Garland was admitted to the ICU unit at the Canton (GA) Hospital with tears in his esophagus. Please keep Garland in your thoughts and prayers.

Rabun TU - 25 years ago this month:



SEPTEMBER, 1986

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

EDITOR: TOM LANDRETH - 754-9202

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTICE

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE RABUN CHAPTER WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, DURING A CAMP OUT AT RIDLEY CREEK. FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CAMP SITE, CALL DOUG ADAMS, 746-2158. SEE ATTACHED PROJECT SCHEDULE.

AUGUST MEETING - BURRELL'S JUNCTION RESTAURANT

THE AUGUST MEETING WAS A BUSY ONE. AFTER A REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES TO DATE, SEVERAL UPCOMING PROJECTS AND EVENTS WERE DISCUSSED. A LIST OF THESE ACTIVITIES IS ATTACHED.

REED CREEK CLEAN-UP

MARY SUE HILLIARD, U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE, PRESENTED A REPORT WITH SLIDES OF THE WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON A SECTION OF REED CREEK. "BEFORE AND AFTER" SCENES OFFERED CLEAR CUT EVIDENCE OF THE POTENTIAL IN SUCH AN ENDEAVOR. ONE SECTION OF REED CREEK HAD BEEN CONVERTED FROM A DEBRIS AND SILT CHOKED STREAM TO A CLEAR FLOWING TRIBUTARY TO THE CHATTOOGA. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT AN ON-GOING PLAN BE DEVELOPED FOR THIS ONCE VERY PRODUCTIVE STREAM.

DR. JERRY WEST - WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

DR. WEST PRESENTED A MOST INFORMATIVE PROGRAM OUTLINING HIS RESEARCH ON HABITAT IN TWO STREAMS IN NORTH CAROLINA. HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS EFFORTS WERE SHOWN VIA SLIDES AND COMMENTARY. SILTATION BUILD-UP WAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED AS BEING A MAJOR CULPRIT IN THE DESTRUCTION OF PRIME TROUT WATER.

BROOK TROUT

THE U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE WANTS TO ESTABLISH A BROOK TROUT REHABILITATION PROJECT IN NORTHEAST GEORGIA. SEVERAL STREAMS WERE SUGGESTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE U.S.F.S.

CATCH AND RELEASE

THE U.S.F.S. HAS POSTED SIGNS ON APPROACHES TO THE UPPER CHATTOOGA ENCOURAGING THE RELEASE OF TROUT CAUGHT. THIS AREA IS NOT STOCKED!

OTHER ITEMS

THE CHAPTER VOTED TO CONTRIBUTE \$100.00 FROM RAFFLE PROCEEDS TO THE MACROINVERTEBRATE STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED ON THE CHATTOOGA.

JEFF DURNIK WAS CONFIRMED AS A DIRECTOR FOR THE CHAPTER.

ATTACHED IS A ROSTER OF CHAPTER MEMBERS. IF THERE IS A MISTAKE, PLEASE MAKE CORRECTIONS AND EITHER MAIL THEM TO DOUG ADAMS, P.O. BOX 65, RABUN GAP, GA 30568, OR BRING THEM TO THE NEXT MEETING.

THE MONTHLY RAFFLE RAISED OVER \$90.00 AT THE AUGUST MEETING. INCLUDED IN THE ITEMS RAFFLED WERE HAND TIED FLIES, A TROUT ENGRAVED POCKET KNIFE AND A LIMITED EDITION PRINT. BE ON HAND IN SEPTEMBER FOR MORE!

TRIP REPORTS

HENRY WILLIAMSON DISPLAYED A "NEVER MISS" FLY BROUGHT BACK FROM THE WILDS OF MONTANA. A STRANGE LOOKING CRITTER THAT ALSO CATCHES THE ATTENTION OF GEORGIA TROUT.

SIX OTHER MEMBERS, LED BY DOUG ADAMS, HAVE HEADED FOR COLORADO, BUT SHOULD BE BACK AT THIS WRITING.

TIP FOR OLDSTERS

NEXT TIME YOU VISIT YOUR DENTIST, PICK UP A PACK OF FLOSS THREADERS. WHILE STIFF ENOUGH TO POKE THROUGH THE EYE OF A SMALL FLY, THEY ARE PLIABLE ENOUGH TO FIT IN THE FLY BOX. GREAT FOR SNARING THE TIP OF FINE LEADER MATERIAL!

FROM THE EDITOR

DUE TO ART SHOWS SCHEDULED MONTHS AGO, I WILL NOT BE AT EITHER THE SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER MEETINGS. LET ME KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!

"Catchin' Corner" - Troutng Tips

Editor's notes: The following article is reprinted with permission from the Fly Shack Newsletter <http://www.flyshack.com/>.
Pictures of Rabunites fishing were added for TIGHT LINES.

Looking To Our Leaders

Having the right leader means striking a balance - too heavy, and you might not catch fish; too light, and you might not land them.

Fortunately, most trout fishing situations can be covered with just a few basic options.

If you're new to fly-fishing, you may have noticed (and if you're a veteran, you surely remember) that leader designations can be kind of confusing. There's the X-rating (down, boy - this is a family newsletter!), its relationship to breaking strength, the overall length, etc. But once you've spent a little time with these matters, the picture clears up.

Maybe the most mystifying aspect of leader choice is the X designation. It goes back to the pre-nylon days, when leaders were made of the strands that silkworms produced to make their cocoons. This "gut" was pulled through holes in metal plates to get the desired thickness: 1X was pulled through one hole; 2X through two, the second smaller than the first, and so on.

We no longer bother the silkworms, but the designations remain: the bigger the number, the finer the tip of the leader. A 5X leader tapers to a much finer tippet than a 2X. Most trout fishing is done using leaders with tippets between 4X and 7X; real fanatics may use 8X for ultra-tiny flies, and 3X or even 2X are sometimes used when fishing large streamers for large trout.

X does not equal breaking strength - except in the case of 5X, which purely by coincidence is usually 5-pound test. A 4X tippet has about 6.5 pounds of breaking strength, and a 7X is rated to break at 2.5 pounds. Keep in mind, however, that a 5-pound trout can snap a 5X leader pretty easily with a hard pull or a sudden lunge. If you hook what feels like a big one on 5X, play it with caution. If you hook a big one on 6X, baby it, and if you get a lunker on 7X, set your drag light, let the fish run and say a little prayer.

An old rule of thumb says to divide the hook size by four, then add one. For example: a size 16 hook divided by four equals four; add one, and you get 5X. In general, use fine tippets for small flies and heavier ones for larger flies. It's hard to properly cast a large fly with a too-fine tippet, and it can be impossible to

push a heavy tippet through the eye of a tiny hook.

Leaders can be as short as two or three feet, when fishing streamers with a sinking line, or as long as 15 feet, when casting to spooky trout sipping dry flies in slow-moving water. But again, most trout fishing is done within a narrow range: 7.5 to 9 feet. You can always lengthen your leader by adding a couple of feet of the appropriate size tippet - but don't overdo it. A 9-foot leader with a 6-foot tippet can be miserable to cast. If you need 15 feet of leader, you're better off using one designed to be that long, with a gradual taper that will cast nicely.

Fluorocarbon leaders and tippets give the angler an advantage because they're all but invisible to the fish. Fluoro is slipperier than regular monofilament, so you have to be careful to tie good, tight knots. It's also more expensive. Many anglers use monofilament leaders but add fluorocarbon tippets.

You can make a leader last longer by cutting back on cutting back. Leaders shrink when anglers cut off old sections of tippet to add new ones. If you tie a loop in the end of the leader, and another one in the leader end of the tippet, you can connect them loop-to-loop. When it's time for a new piece of tippet, there's no need to cut the leader - just undo the loop-to-loop connection and loop on a new piece of 5X or whatever you're using.

One more thing to consider: furred leaders. Instead of single, tapered strands of mono or fluoro, furred leaders are small, tapered ropes of nylon or thread. They cast beautifully and will last for years. You simply add a length of tippet to the end (loop-to-loop, of course.)

So much attention is paid to rods, reels, lines and flies that leaders often seem like an afterthought. But don't neglect that all-important last few feet between you and the fish. The right leader can make all the difference.

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

The Forest Service has a new Preferred Alternative - Alternative #12 (7/15/11)

[USDA Forest Service Asks Public to Review Assessment of Recreation Uses on the Upper Segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River](#)
[Cover Letter for Environmental Assessment on Recreation Uses on the Upper Segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River](#)
[Environmental Assessment on Recreation Uses on the Upper Segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River](#) (4.6 MB)

The 45-day public comment period on this new Environmental Assessment and the Preferred Alternative closed on 8/31/2011. The Forest Service expects to issue a final decision by the end of the year.

Preferred Alternative #12 Objectives:

- Zone the river by space (river reach) and time (season) to; maintain high-quality whitewater opportunities year round on the lower segment of the river and the West Fork/Overflow Creek; provide new boating opportunities on the North Fork segment of the river in the winter; and provide opportunities for boat-free, cold water angling and other recreational activities.
- Mitigate impacts to anglers and other Chattooga North Fork users (e.g., hikers, swimmers, etc.) by allowing boating in the winter in reaches where use is traditionally low.
- Provide predictable trip planning for boaters and for visitors who desire a boat-free experience.
- Provide flexibility for boaters to float the river at flow levels most appropriate for their skill level and experience.
- Maintain existing opportunities for solitude in the summer high-use season by establishing capacity limits that do not exceed current high-use season (summer) levels.
- Allow visitation in the low-use seasons (winter, fall and spring) to increase to the level established for the high-use season (summer). Opportunities for solitude may change accordingly in the low use seasons, although future recreation trends suggest this growth is likely to be small.

Call for Volunteers - Unicoi Outdoor Adventure Day 9/24/11 - PASSING IT ON

Please consider volunteering to help us at Unicoi State Park's Outdoor Adventure Day to celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day on 9/24/11. 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.

<http://www.gastateparks.org/info/unicoi/>

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:

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 volunteers!

Venue Info:

2. Registration & Raffle tents. These workers will greet visitors and get signed liability release forms and pens back from them in exchange for raffle tickets. Detailed instructions will be provided to you on Saturday (9/24), 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!
3. Parking. State Parks staff will guide visitor vehicles to orderly parking in the big field. Park's staff also has a plan for overflow parking, if needed. They may need a few helpers.
4. 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.
5. Airgun. 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.
6. 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 will likely conduct this on a reservation-only basis during the afternoon.
8. 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).
9. 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.

10. 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.



11. Fly tying. Bring your supplies and an extra vice 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.

12. 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.

13. 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).

Interested volunteers should reply to my secretary, Olivia McClure (Olivia.McClure@dnr.state.ga.us). She drafts the roster for me to edit as appropriate.

Thanks for considering the donation of your Saturday to preserve the future of your sport!

Jeff Durniak - Regional Fisheries Supervisor, Georgia Wildlife Resources Division, 2150 Dawsonville Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501, Phone: 770.535.5498, Fax: 770.535.5953 email: Jeff.Durniak@dnr.state.ga.us

LETTERS TO AND FROM THE RABUNITES

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011
Subject: TU PROGRAM

Good Afternoon Larry,
Thank you so much for the well presented, informative program this afternoon. Our members learned a lot about Trout Unlimited. I know firsthand the excellent work you do with young people and conservation issues. Keep up the good work. Please pass this note on to your board. Thank you,
From: Steve Brett – Chairman, Sky Valley Property Owners Association

Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011
Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES August 2011 Newsletter

Hey Doug, tell Jeff that pictures of big browns are common but what readers such as myself would really like to see is a picture of the "cow elf" he saw on the side of the river! Just how tall of an elf is a cow elf?

From: Alex Watson

Sent: Saturday, August 06, 2011
Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES August 2011 Newsletter

About half the height of a Warwoman sasquatch...

From: Jeff Durniak

Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011
Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES August 2011 Newsletter

I get the picture now. It's about the height of a Chattooga River black panther standing on its hind legs.

From: Alex Watson

Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011
Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES August 2011 Newsletter

Another excellent newsletter. I enjoyed the short note on the attitude of Canadians toward their environment. And they are all "tree huggers" .. 8-). Growing up in northern Ohio, we went on many fishing vacations into Canada, particularly Ontario and Manitoulin Island. My first view of the Mackinaw Bridge was the underside of the bridge, looking up from the deck of a ferry boat. The bridge was not completed yet. But back on point, Canada has always been a nation priding itself on its natural resources and taking care of them. The people are friendly and more than happy to help you out with directions. As with anyplace else, the further you get from the big metro areas, the warmer the people. For them, picking up trash, and not tossing it in the first place, is simply ingrained in their lives, much like we put the orange juice back in the refrigerator. We could all use a little more Canadian in our outlooks!

On grocery bags, one of the few good habits I have is taking my own grocery bag with me to the store. I got a good one, reasonably heavy duty, and keep it on the back seat of my car.

As we compile our household shopping list, the first we put on the list is "TAKE BAG". So, even if I get into the grocery without my bag, I have not yet committed and just run back out and get it. Go back to the car a few times when it's really hot or really cold and your memory improves! That way the hemp farmers are making some \$\$\$, no trees being harvested for paper bags and no money going back to Canada for oil.

"Back to Canada for oil?" Huh? I did some research on all that 'foreign oil' we import. We get about 60% of our imported oil from Canada and Mexico, and less than 3% from Saudi Arabia. That fact and 89 cents will get you the small coffee at Waffle House! Have a good one and tight line.

From: John C. Kies

From: Rabun town Crier
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011
Subject: RE: TIGHT LINES August 2011 Newsletter

I almost did not open your link as I had no idea what "Tight Lines" was. I am glad I followed the link but would suggest you better label what the link is to.

From: Burl E. Parks

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2011
Subject: TU newsletter via email

I wanted to let you have my email for the newsletter – (please, I ask that I not get junk mail to it!)

I enjoy the news from N GA as I have spent time in my past trout fishing there, but now have taken on a new vocation and at 67 it keeps me very busy! I don't get enough time yet to indulge myself in my preferred pastime of fly fishing for trout. I am the (only, so far) instructor for the newly created Nuclear Technology Associate Degree program at Augusta Technical College. We are training the new generation of Southern Nuclear Company employees who will be running those two new generating plants in Burke County. Lots of challenges, and pressure!

Glad to learn about the second generation winner of that nice fly rod! It made me think of another fundraising effort you might try?

If you have any members who are good at tying flies, how about raffling off some appropriate terrestrial & popular stimulants for the N. Georgia area?

I have had good luck with terrestrial patterns in late summer on Dick's Creek and generally in Chattahoochee WMA.

I also would recommend, for new members or as a door prize, a copy of Jimmy Jacobs' book on Trout Fishing in North Georgia. My signed copy and his advice has been very helpful when I first resumed trout fishing, in North GA.

Cold streams and tight lines,

From: Bill Candy

"BACKCASTING"

July 20 (Wed) Presentation about Rabun TU to Sky Valley Property Owners Assoc., PowerPoint prepared by Kathy Breithaupt and presented by Larry Walker.

July 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting – 7 attended

Aug 10 (Wed) USFS Warwoman watershed planning meeting, Larry Walker and Jim Kidd participated representing Rabun TU.

Aug 16 (Tues) Chapter Meeting – 20 attended. Flint River TU's Ken Griffin presented a slide show on *The Flyfishing for Vets Program*. He told about his military experience, the inspiration for FF for Vets, the founding of the program in 2007 and the activities with wounded warriors and their families. Read more here <http://www.flyfishingforvets.com/>. Fly Fishing for Vets has been serving the 1,256 wounded warriors in Georgia. It is now joining the national program, *Project Healing Waters* <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/>. The Georgia Chapter will continue to focus on the Georgia vets.

After the program, Larry Walker (right) presented Ken Griffin (left) a check for \$1000 as a donation from Rabun TU in support of his fly fishing for wounded warriors program. In appreciation for tonight's presentation, Larry also presented Ken with a limited edition print of a rainbow trout painted by Rabunite Broderick Crawford



Aug 16 (Tues) Meeting Raffle had 9 buckets. It included a basket of home grown tomatoes,, a Swiss army knife, line cleaner, container of local sourwood honey, and many more nice items. The raffle raised \$105 to be used toward the cost of mailing newsletters to members without E-mail and for the meeting hospitality expenses. Thanks to **Pat Hopton** 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.

Aug 23 (Tues) Board of Directors Meeting, Some agenda items include: Recaps – 7/20 Presentation to Sky Valley Property Owners, 8/4 Student request for internship, 8/10 USFS Warwoman watershed planning meeting Status Updates – Chattooga boating zoning EA/preferred alternative comments due by 8/30, Stream Explorer memberships for Boy Scouts that volunteered for Stekoa Clean-up Day, Budgeted a \$1000 Donation for Stekoa Creek Park's Conservation/Watershed Protection Kiosk, Outreach to Scouts for Merit Badges & Stream Explorer Members, Membership, Chapter Logo Upcoming – 9/10 GA TU Council Meeting at Tallulah Falls School; Hosted by Rabun TU Chapter, 9/13 Free Fly Tying Session, 6 PM at Kountry Vittles, 9/20 Annual Chapter Meeting Program, Vote on Officers & Directors for F/Y2012 and revised Chapter by-laws, 9/24 Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi S.P./Smith Creek; TU Volunteers needed, 10/5 – 9 Chapter Campout Reports – Publicity, Membership Retention, Treasury Report

THANK YOU

Sandy & Ralph Morgan of St. Marys GA for your cash donation.

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to **Charlie Breithaupt** who was nominated to serve as a Grassroots Trustee on the National TU Board of Trustees. Our condolences to **Elizabeth and Steve Perry** on the death of her brother.

Rabun TU Lending Library News



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.

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

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

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **3 new members** this month: **Elizabeth Barlow (SE), Jesse Barlow (SE) & Tyler Harris (SE).**

Thanks for re-upping: **Jake Toller(SE), Jim Kidd, Eugene Keener, Gary Deal, Erwin Ford, Ron Wilson & Thomas Johnson.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Michael Breithaupt (SE), Tyler Shaver (SE), Treymond Shaver (SE), Christopher Jenkins, Doug Mansfield, Frank Riley, Jimmy Williams, Max Gates, Rick Hires, Bill Kelly, Maria Rodeghiero, Jim Barrett, Ronald McKenney, John Patrick, Billy Cook, Donald Early, Patsy Gentry, Warren Stiles, Howell Freeman, David F. Nichols & Ronald Smith.**

The Board of Directors offers the following nominations for Rabun TU Chapter's F/Y2012 Officers and Directors:

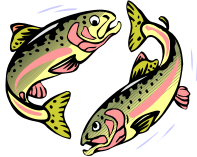
President – Pat Hopton; Vice President – Steve Perry; Treasurer – Tony Allred; Secretary – Ray Gentry; Directors thru F/Y 2015: Kent Wilson & Frank Patton (replacing retiring Directors Charlie & Kathy Breithaupt); Director thru 2013: Glenn English (for the unexpired term of Steve Perry). Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Aug. & Sept. Chapter meetings.

Election will be at the Sept. Chapter meeting. F/Y 2012 begins October 1, 2011 .

Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2011

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Any member of Rabun TU may attend the Board of Directors meetings



Letter From The Chapter President

Fellow Rabunites,

We tend to think of August-September as the hot, low-water months when trout fishing can be put on the back burner. Well, that's pretty true for our part of the world. So, what do resourceful Rabunites do? They go "West of Hiwassee" to places like Wyoming, Colorado and Montana. Here's hoping for safe travels to many of our members who are blessed with the opportunity to fish out west.

Our August chapter meeting featured a presentation by Ken Griffin and his topic was the Fly-fishing For Vets program. It was an excellent program. It made me think again that we are about so much more than fishing. We constantly remind ourselves about our mission to protect NE Ga. coldwater fisheries, but the activities that provide outreach to Vets, breast cancer survivors, various youth groups and others are inspiring.

Thanks to all of you who have supported these outreach efforts!

Happy Trails, *Larry*

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

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