



25TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

TIGHT LINES

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

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

*"Fisherman's luck means that the time, the place, the fish and you are all together.
It does not happen very often."* Zane Grey

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.

"The angler forgets most of the fish he catches, but he does not forget the streams and lakes in which they were caught."
Charles K. Fox

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there!

Sept 30 (Fri) Fly Tying & Casting Demo, 10 AM – 2 PM, River Vista RV Resort, Dillard

Oct 1 (Sat) Foxfire Mountaineer Festival, 10 AM – 5 PM, details [HERE](#)

Oct 5 – 9 (Wed – Sun) Fishing & Camping **CANCELLED** and rolled in with the November campout

Oct 8 (Sat)  **A celebration of our progress in Stopping I-3**, noon until 4 PM at the Clayton Municipal Complex (Outside of the new City Hall), details [HERE](#)

Oct 8 (Sat) Coosa Valley TU Chapter Chili Cook-off in Rome [HERE](#)

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." Steve is a fishing fanatic, a great mentor, and a longtime volunteer at events and gatherings that promote the sport of flyfishing.

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

Nov 2 – 6 (Wed–Sun) Fall Camping & Fishing Outing, at Long Bottom and with fishing in the Chattooga DH, backcountry, and front-country. Contact person is Steve Perry - Ph 706 746 3558, E-mail flygide@gmail.com. Steve and Ray Gentry are planning the menu and they will buy the groceries so they need to know how many folks will be there and when.

Nov 5 (Sat) UCTUC Autumn on the River Fundraiser, details [HERE](#)

Nov 15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office **Program:** Carl Riggs and Ralph Artigliere "West Slope Happenings" Conservation and education initiatives by the Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

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

Dec 13 (Tues) Annual Family Christmas Dinner

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



PARACHUTE HARES EAR

THIS WAS "THE PATTERN" WEST OF HIAWASSEE THIS YEAR. TWO RABUNITES WERE GIVEN THE CHORE TO TIE A BUNCH OF THEM, AND THEN SUPPER WAS BROUGHT ON A PAPER PLATE TO THE BOTH OF US.

HOOK: 12 / 16 DRY FLY HOOK
TAIL: DEER HAIR OR WOOD DUCK FLANKS

BODY: HARES EAR DUBBING
POST: ANTRON OR CALF TAIL
HACKLE: BROWN & GRIZZLY

"As the fish strikes, the line has to be given a little jerk ... the timing and the pressure have to be perfect ... too soon or too late or too little or too much and the fish may have a sore mouth for a few days but will probably live longer for his experience."

Norman MacLean

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October Hatches

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
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	Early	Mid AM to Late PM	18 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Speckled Grey-Brown Caddis	All Month	Late PM	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/Yellow-Brown 14-16 Dun & Yellow Caddis Pupa
Large October Caddis (important)	All Month	Early AM and Late PM	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair; 12-14 Ginger Stimulator 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill (important)	All Month	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

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

Webpage-of-the Month: <http://rabuntu.org/site/chattooga-river-anglers-diary/>

Georgia's 2nd trout season (the fall season) has started! WAAahWHOoooo!

Please help the agency professionals manage the fishery. Remember to report your Chattooga fishing trips.

All Chattooga anglers are requested to make reports (not just the Rabun Chapter members).

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](#)

Now is the time to begin the application process for Georgia Trout Camp 2012.

Think - your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, neighbor's kids, or any kid that is excited about the outdoors and fishing.



(Click logo for more info)

Rabun Chapter will sponsor 2 campers. Here are a few facts and instructions:

Deadline to apply: January 9, 2012 **Camp Dates:** June 10 (Sunday) - June 15 (Friday);

Cost: \$450 per camper (financial aid is available) Includes room, board, and all activities for the five-day camp.

Instructions: Applications must be completed and turned in to Rabun Chapter by 1/9/2012.

(Campers must be within the ages of 12 – 15 at time of camp)

Information and application forms are available on the Council website <http://georgiatu.org/>

Mail applications to: Rabun TU, PO Box 371, Clayton, GA 30525

Rabun Chapter will select 2 campers from the applicants to sponsor.

Each of the 13 chapters in Georgia has spots to fill and each chapter decides how they want to select their campers. Once a chapter chooses a camper, the application, along with their tuition check, is forwarded to the Trout Camp Coordinator (Charlie Breithaupt). Campers will be notified of their acceptance as soon as possible. Later, around early May, more detailed information will be sent to each camper.

Questions and/or concerns should be directed to the Camp Coordinator, Charlie Breithaupt,
194 Kitchens Lane; Clayton, GA 30525 knc615@windstream.net (706) 782-6954

15th ANNUAL Chili Cookoff - October 8, 2011



The Coosa Valley TU Chapter needs your help with this event.

If you can volunteer, please contact Paul Diprima, E-mail CO1381@bellsouth.net Click on: [HERE](#)

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

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

[Environmental Assessment on Recreation Uses on the Upper Segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River](#) (4.6 MB)

The preferred alternative will establish backcountry capacities that do not cause encounters to exceed levels that currently occur during the high-use season. It will reduce campsite density to increase opportunities for solitude and limit camping to designated sites. All trails will be designated and designed to mitigate resource impacts first, as well as enhancing opportunities for solitude. It recognizes the value of in-stream large woody debris and prohibits its removal, particularly in the North Fork tributaries. The preferred alternative also provides boaters with an expanded opportunity for challenging Chattooga

headwaters boating (during December, January and February only) in a solitude setting and with flexibility for boaters to float the river at flow levels most appropriate for their skill level and experience.

The 45-day public comment period on this new Environmental Assessment and the Preferred Alternative closed on 8/30/2011 with 192 additional public comments. To read the comments, click [HERE](#) (The Rabun TU comment letter is reprinted in the "Letters" section of this newsletter). The Forest Service expects to issue a final decision by the end of the year.

Editor's notes: The current zoning allocation that the Forest Service planners so wisely put in place over 35 years ago is supported by an ever-increasing numbers of individuals and over 2 dozen diverse conservation organizations with tens of thousands of members, united by their desire to do what is best for the Chattooga. All recognize the need to protect and preserve wilderness and backcountry values of solitude and remoteness for present and future generations.

Organizations Advocating Boating Limitations for the Upper Chattooga: (Rev 9/13/2011)

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| 1. Wilderness Watch (of Missoula, MT) HERE | 21. South Carolina Department of Natural Resources HERE |
| 2. National Trout Unlimited HERE | 22. South Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club HERE |
| 3. American Land Rights Association HERE | 23. South Carolina Council of Trout Unlimited |
| 4. US Congressman Paul Broun - GA HERE | 24. South Carolina Wildlife Federation HERE |
| 5. Georgia Department of Natural Resources HERE | 25. Oconee Preservation Unlimited Stewardship Trust (SC) |
| 6. Georgia ForestWatch HERE | 26. US Congressman Robin Hayes – NC HERE |
| 7. Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club HERE | 27. North Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club HERE |
| 8. Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited HERE | 28. North Carolina Council of Trout Unlimited HERE |
| 9. Georgia Wildlife Federation HERE | 29. North Carolina Wildlife Federation HERE |
| 10. Georgia Environmental Action Network HERE | 30. The Wilderness Society, Western North Carolina office HERE |
| 11. The Georgia Outdoor Network HERE | 31. Western North Carolina Alliance HERE |
| 12. Chattooga Conservancy HERE | 32. Highlands Plateau Audubon Society (NC) HERE |
| 13. Atlanta Fly Fishing Club HERE | 33. Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance (NC) HERE |
| 14. North Georgia Trout Online HERE | 34. The Highland Biological Station (NC) HERE |
| 15. Friends of Georgia | 35. Glenville – Cashiers Rescue Squad (NC) |
| 16. The Rabun County Coalition (GA) | 36. Friends of Bull Pen (NC) |
| 17. Satolah Volunteer Fire Department (GA) | 37. The Over The Hill Hiking Club (NC) |
| 18. Satilla RiverKeeper (GA) HERE | 38. Whiteside Cove Association (NC) |
| 19. State of SC, Office of the Governor Mark Sanford | 39. Save Our Solitude Coalition (NC) |
| 20. US Congressman Gresham Barrett – SC HERE | |

As we near the end of this planning process, the boating community and their lawyers stand alone, as they have from the beginning, opposing the zoning allocation. **Organizations Supporting Unrestricted Boating Access for the Upper Chattooga:**

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| 1. American Whitewater HERE | 10. Penobscot Paddle and Chowder Society (ME) HERE |
| 2. American Canoe Association HERE | 11. The Philadelphia Canoe Club (PA) HERE |
| 3. Georgia Canoeing Association HERE | 12. Southern Illinois University Canoe & Kayak Club (IL) HERE |
| 4. Atlanta Whitewater Club HERE | 13. Lower Columbia Canoe Club (OR) HERE |
| 5. University of Georgia Whitewater Club | 14. Willamette Kayak & Canoe Club (OR) HERE |
| 6. Western Carolina Paddlers (NC) HERE | 15. Rocky Mountain Canoe Club (CO) HERE |
| 7. Carolina Canoe Club, Inc (NC) HERE | 16. Keel Haulers Canoe Club (OH) HERE |
| 8. Foothills Paddling Club (SC) | 17. University of Michigan Kayak Club (MI) |
| 9. Bluegrass Wildwater Association (KY) HERE | |

The boaters' second lawsuit in federal court (Greenville, SC) is proceeding to a court trial.

The lawsuit calls for immediate and unregulated boating access (anytime, any number of boats, and at any water level).

Editor's comments (continued): I would rather the preferred alternative had been Alternative #3 (continue current zoning of the river to provide high-quality whitewater opportunities on the lower segment and the West Fork/Overflow Creek of the Chattooga WSR and to provide cold water angling and other recreational opportunities on the North Fork without the impacts of boating use), but I can accept Alternative #12.

Alternative #12 upholds and preserves the ability to zone public recreational water corridors for all federal agencies (USFS, NPS, BLM and USF&WS) by section of stream, by time of year, by type of craft, and by maximum group sizes (for hiking, camping, angling & boating). To maintain the quality of experience for all visitors and/or protect riparian resources, zoning of public

recreational water corridors is absolutely necessary now and in the future.

I believe that the FS's preferred alternative is a compromise that is fair to all stakeholders. It is obvious that not all recreation activities are compatible. Stewardship encompasses far more than picking up litter; it includes the protection of the aesthetic values of natural resources such as remoteness and wildness, the proper regard for the rights of others to solitude, and the responsibility of preserving these values intact for future generations. I believe the zoning stipulations in Alternative #12, **if properly enforced**, will provide good protection for the Chattooga North Fork backcountry's Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORV) of solitude and remoteness for present and future generations.



2012 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) • \$500 in travel expenses (this is total, not per person)

Runner up prizes will include custom made fly rods, fishing trips, and boxes of flies. Winner will be drawn at the Georgia Foothills Chapter's annual banquet, the "Hoot on the Hooch" in Helen, GA in March 2012. 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

LETTERS TO AND FROM THE RABUNITES

Sent: Aug. 19, 2011

To: USDA Forest Service (SC) Supervisor's Office

Subject: Comments on the Upper Chattooga EA

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited offers the following input to the US Forest Service regarding the Environmental Assessment - Managing Recreation Uses in the Upper Segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River Corridor

We continue to believe that the usage zoning that has been in place since 1976 is the best environmental and social management approach for the Chattooga River.

However, if the FS decides to move ahead with Alternative 12 as outlined in the EA dated July 15, 2011, we express the following concerns that should be addressed:

1. We do not believe the FS can effectively enforce the plan as outlined. The meager \$50 fine for violation is grossly insufficient and will not be effective in deterring violators. Penalties should include much greater fines and equipment confiscation.
2. The two access scenarios should be reversed. We believe there would be fewer in-stream angler-boater encounters if the sessions are flipped because backcountry angling activity below Burrell's Ford begins to increase in February.
3. Parking for boater access is very insufficient at the Thrift Lake and Green Creek put-in's, and will lead to vehicles parking off designated areas. This will lead to erosion and to conflict issues with surrounding private owners and others.
4. There are 2 Lick Log Creeks. The EA needs to be clear that this Lick Log Creek comes in from SC above Highway 28. The other comes in from GA below Highway 28.
5. Winter road access for boaters will likely bring unprecedented stress to the roads and must be accounted for in considering possible additional erosion in the Chattooga corridor.
6. At least one boater access trail does not currently exist. If constructed, it must adhere to BMPs for trails along with all other affected access trails.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide our considered input, and trust that you will make wise decisions that protect the unique and tranquil environment that was envisioned upon the creation of the Wild and Scenic River designation for the Chattooga.

From: Sincerely, Larry Walker – President, Rabun TU

Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011

Subject: October 8th Celebration

Please announce to your membership that Waysouth is hosting a major celebration of our progress in stopping I-3. **Because you folks have been such an important part of this effort, we hope you will join us for a while during the time that the trout aren't biting.**

The Celebration will be held on October 8th from 12 noon until 4 PM at the Clayton Municipal Complex (Outside of the new City Hall) and will feature an opportunity to put a nail in the coffin of I-3, several great bands, and three

kinds of Chili with Cornbread and Slaw with Pound Cake for dessert. Jim Grode who represented Waysouth on the Expert Working Group for the study of I-3 will report on the recommendations of that group and the report of the study contractor.

Although we feel that major progress in stopping I-3 is to be celebrated, we still have a few loose ends to tie. Two major loose ends are that the report has not yet gone from the Federal Highway Administration to Congress and the new Transportation Act has not been completed and passed. The Federal Highway Administration is reviewing the study report and will advise us when they send it to Congress. Forty-five days after it goes to Congress, the public will be able to read the report. We know that the contractor found "fatal flaws" in any route passing through the Southern Appalachians and recommended a route from Augusta north that would go near Athens, across north Hall County, to Dahlonega, to Ellijay, and then parallel I-75 until it joined I-75 well north of Chattanooga, TN. The cost for an interstate along this route would be over \$6 Billion. In this economy, the likelihood of that kind of money being spent on what amounts to a new Northern Arc is beyond imagination, but then much of what Congress does defies the imagination. Augusta to Savannah is another section of the report and the Savannah River Parkway provides a new 4-lane, divided highway for that section of the corridor.


Waysouth is working with Transportation for America to monitor the new transportation act. We feel that the emphasis should be on repairing currents highways and bridges, on improved rail - particularly freight rail, and should keep funding for bicycle and walking paths.

Again, thank you to the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited for your continuing support of our efforts to bring responsible transportation to Southern Appalachia.

From: Lucy Bartlett - Director, Waysouth [HERE](#)

Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES September 2011 Newsletter

I see the Rabun Rendezvous is 01/21/12. That's my birthday can I come for free? 

Okay, hell, I would not let me eat for free either. It was on my birthday one year and Jimmy Harris let that cat out of the bag. Don't know if I will be there in 2012, but it's always a dandy time!

From: John C. Kies

Sent: Friday, September 09, 2011

Subject: Re: TIGHT LINES September 2011 Newsletter

Man I have really stepped up in the Trout World, got my picture in the Rabunite Newsletter.

I got home today after a week in the hospital. I am doing well but had a big-time scare. They had to repair 11 ruptures in the blood vessels of my esophagus caused by complications of my liver disease. I am being evaluated for the transplant list at Piedmont Hospital. I ain't done yet I plan on being around a lot longer to fish and camp with the Rabunites. Thank everyone up there in God's country for their thoughts and prayers.

From: Griz (Garland Stewart)

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



PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING, INC. (PHWFF) is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings.



NEVER HAVE I FELT LESS IN CONTROL

of my life as I did when I arrived at Walter Reed Army Medical Center with wounds and injuries sustained in Afghanistan.

It is through events such as a day on the river that fly fishing has allowed me to regain some control over my life and limbs. Any day on the river is a good day. The pain goes away, and for a while I am allowed to be one with nature.

— SFC Diane Cochran,
U.S. Army (Ret.)



PHWFF provides fly fishing, fly casting, and fly tying instruction for wounded personnel, ranging from beginners to those with prior fly fishing experience, who are adapting their skills to their new abilities. While initially focused on military personnel in the Washington, DC area, PHWFF has expanded and offers its services to active military personnel and veterans in military and Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals across the nation. Currently, over 100 programs have been established in the United States and Canada.

Since its inception, PHWFF has been helping disabled active duty personnel and veterans overcome the obstacles associated with their disabilities. The relearning of the fine motor skills required in fly fishing and fly tying may be particularly effective in the overall rehabilitation of the disabled.

While PHWFF emphasizes the skills of fly fishing and fly tying to help the participants regain the use of their recovering bodies, perhaps the greatest benefit is realizing that a more normal life is possible. Fly fishing can be a lifelong pursuit, both physically and emotionally.

PHWFF partners directly with fly fishing oriented organizations such as the FFF and TU. Within local clubs and chapters, volunteers, working with hospital staff, donate their time to teach the various skills involved in the sport of fly fishing to project participants. PHWFF, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity incorporated in the State of Maryland, depends on tax-deductible financial donations and the help of numerous volunteers like you to meet the educational, training, equipment, transportation, and related outing needs of the participants. PHWFF strives to effectively serve its deserving participants who have made great sacrifices in the service of our Nation.



Support our wounded servicemen and women. Visit www.projecthealingwaters.org

August 24, 2011

Dear President Walker and TU Members,

On behalf of the wounded and injured military service members and disabled veterans who are involved in Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) activities I **thank you for your generous \$1,000.00 contribution for the PHWFF Program in Atlanta.** Our Program Lead, Ken Griffin, informed us about your gift, which is an inspiration to us all and will help us give back to individuals who have given so much.

As you may know, we desire to share the positive recreational and rehabilitative experiences of fly fishing with those who struggle with post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, loss of limb, or have a plethora of medical and psychological issues. Fly fishing helps individuals cope and participation is *free*; therefore, gifts of money and in-kind donations are highly valued assets and provide us with the vital resources needed to sustain our programs. Your gift will help us purchase the fly fishing equipment and supplies we require to support fly tying instruction, fly casting workshops, rod building classes and fund other activities, such as fishing trips. Please know that you are helping us make a difference and we will put your donation to good use.

I invite you to learn more about PHWFF on our web site, www.projecthealingwaters.org and read about the extraordinary participants, volunteers, trips and activities recorded in our "Current Events" under "Events & Activities."

Again, thank you for your charitable gift. Your support and encouragement is deeply appreciated, and needed as we carry out our mission to improve the health and well being of our program participants

Respectfully,

Ed Nicholson
President and CEO



OCTOBER, 1986

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

EDITOR: TOM LANDRETH - 754-9202

OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE

THE OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE FISH HAWK FLY FISHING SCHOOL, FORD MOUNTAIN LAKES IN RABUN COUNTY, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M. WE'LL BEGIN RIGHT AT 5:00 WITH FLY CASTING AND FLY TYING INSTRUCTIONS, FOLLOWED BY FISHING UNTIL 7:00 P.M. AFTER A FISH FRY FROM 7-8:00, OUR REGULAR TU MEETING WILL BEGIN. COST FOR THE FISH FRY WILL BE \$5.00 PER PERSON. PLEASE CALL DOUG ADAMS (WORK 746-5311; HOME 746-2158) IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE FISH FRY.

MEETING PROGRAM

- 1) REPORT ON WV BOX PLANTING IN THE CHATTOOGA - H. WILLIAMSON
- 2) PRELIMINARY REPORTS ON SEPTEMBER 19 & 20 WORK PROJECTS - BEN SANDERS & JEFF DURNIAK
- 3) REPORT ON "FALL RUN" FESTIVAL - EARL WORSHAM
- 4) REPORT ON BURRELL'S FORD ROAD & BILLINGSLEY ROAD EROSION CONTROL WORK - JIM KIDD
- 5) PROPOSED WORK PROJECTS - TROUT UNLIMITED/U.S. FOREST SERVICE - BEN SANDERS

RAFFLE - RAFFLE - RAFFLE

OUR RAFFLE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO SUCCESSFULLY PUT \$\$\$ IN THE COFFER. THE SEPTEMBER MEETING RAFFLE RESULTED IN \$62.00 FOR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES. ITEMS ALREADY DONATED FOR THE OCTOBER RAFFLE ARE HENRY WILLIAMSON FLIES, A KNIFE FROM TOM SHIRLEY AND A COLORADO PHOTO POSTER FROM DOUG ADAMS.

THE MORE ITEMS - THE MORE WINNERS. IF YOU CAN BRING AN ITEM TO THE OCTOBER RAFFLE, PLEASE DO.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

TWENTY-EIGHT MEMBERS ATTENDED THE SEPTEMBER 19TH MEETING AND CAMPOUT AT RIDLEY/REED CREEK. ABOUT FORTY WERE ON HAND FOR THE FISH FRY, INCLUDING GUESTS FROM ATLANTA AND SOUTH CAROLINA. HIGHLIGHT OF THE MEETING WAS THE OPEN DISCUSSION WITH BIOLOGISTS FROM THE U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE AND GEORGIA GAME AND FISH. A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS WERE AIRE, BUT PRIMARILY CONCERNED THE SHOCK & RETURN VS SHOCK & KILL DURING THE SEPTEMBER 20TH WORK PROJECT; CHEMICAL USE IN FISH SAMPLE COLLECTION; AND, RAINBOW VS BROWN TROUT IN THE CHATTOOGA. THE EVENING WAS CAPPED OFF WITH SOME GOOD BLUEGRASS!

TROUT UNLIMITED NATIONAL

WE ARE OFFICIALLY A CHAPTER! NATIONAL TU GAVE THE RABUN CHAPTER A CHARTER ON AUGUST 7, 1986.

NATIONAL WILL INCREASE THE DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS NEXT YEAR. THIS IS THE FIRST INCREASE IN MANY YEARS AND WAS TO BE EXPECTED.

"FALL RUN FESTIVAL"

ATTACHED TO YOUR NEWSLETTER IS THE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHATTAHOOCHEE CHAPTER REGARDING THE "FALL RUN" FESTIVAL. AT THE DATE OF THIS WRITING, DOUG ADAMS, HENRY WILLIAMSON AND MYSELF PLAN TO ATTEND. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF RABUN CHAPTER COULD GET ABOUT SIX MORE TO SIGN UP. WE WOULD THEN SHARE IN THE PROFITS, BUT MOST OF ALL, MAKE A GOOD SHOWING FROM THE MOST ACTIVE CHAPTER IN THE GEORGIA COUNCIL. PLUS, YOU GET TO MEET MR. ERNEST SCHWIEBERT HIMSELF!

LIABILITY INSURANCE

BEN SANDERS HAS ARRANGED TO HAVE ALL TU MEMBERS COVERED BY U.S.F.S. LIABILITY INSURANCE WHILE WORKING ON U.S.F.S. SPONSORED PROJECTS.

WORK PROJECTS

OUR CHAPTER IS GETTING SO INVOLVED AND THERE IS SO MUCH TO PUT IN TIGHT LINES, I HOPE ALL OF YOU WHO TURN OUT FOR THE WORK PROJECTS KNOW HOW MUCH IT IS APPRECIATED AND WILL EXCUSE ME IF I DON'T LIST EACH PERSON.

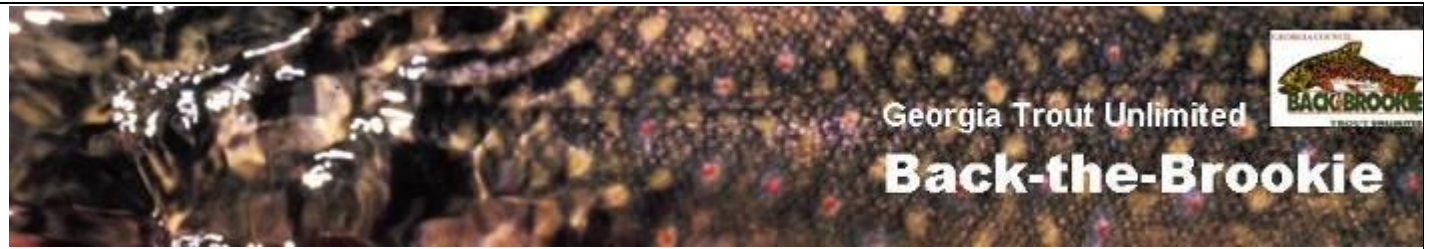
- SEPTEMBER 7 - RECOVERED W/V BOXES FROM THE CHATTOOGA - 5 MEMBERS
- SEPTEMBER 19 - MACRO INVERTEBRATE SAMPLING - 5 MEMBERS
- SEPTEMBER 20 - ELECTRO SHOCKING ON THE CHATTOOGA - 12 MEMBERS

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

- CONGRATULATIONS -
AND BEST WISHES TO JIMMY & CANDICE NIXON,
MARRIED ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1986.

DONATION

OUR CHAPTER HAS MADE A \$100 DONATION TO THE GEORGIA TU STATE COUNCIL FOR THE CHATTOOGA PROJECT.



September 2011

Back-the-Brookie Interns

A team of six Georgia TU Back-the-Brookie interns worked with GA DNR and USFS in the Chattahoochee National Forest this summer.

Alex Kiser - Gainesville State (Returning from 2010)
 Aaron Ducker - Haywood Community College
 Micah Dukes - University of Tennessee
 Ethan Franklin - Abraham Baldwin College
 Billy Hensley - Tennessee Tech
 Seth Sullivan - Gainesville State College



2011 EBTJV Interns

L to R: Seth Sullivan, Ethan Franklin, Billy Hensley, Micah Dukes, Alex Kiser, Aaron Ducker

2011 Volunteer Hours

Trout Unlimited volunteers put in 1,330 man hours of stream enhancement work on four stream projects in 2011.

- North Moccasin Creek
- Bryant Creek
- Ammons Creek (Trout Camp)
- Martin Branch

Along with planning hours by the GA TU Back-the-Brookie Committee, your efforts equate to a \$42,000 contribution this year!

Since Back-the-Brookie began in 2006, volunteer hours are valued at over \$250,000.

2011 At – A – Glance

Twenty one brook trout streams were monitored and evaluated this summer as part of our study to gauge the effectiveness of our stream enhancements and restoration work.

Seventy two structures were built enhancing seven brook trout streams.

Rainbow and brown trout were removed from three brook trout streams covering three miles of restoration.

Five previously unstudied streams were sampled. Two of the streams were found to support brook trout. Genetic studies are pending.

All thirteen GA TU Chapters plus Atlanta Fly Fishing Club, Georgia Women Flyfishers and NGTO financially supported Back-the-Brookie with generous contributions.



Enhancements

Chattooga Watershed: Ammons Branch

Chattahoochee River Watershed: Martin Branch

Hiawassee River Watershed: Big Net Creek

Tallulah River Watershed: Flat Branch, North Moccasin Creek, South Moccasin Creeks

Toccoa River Watershed: Bryant Creek

Restorations

Chattooga Watershed: Walnut Fork

Tallulah River Watershed: Tate Branch

Toccoa River Watershed: Stover Creek

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Oconee River TU Chapter and Newsletter Editor Cody Ensanian
The Chapters FLY PAPER newsletter has received the TU National 2011 Bollinger Newsletter Award

To enjoy the award winning newsletter, click <http://orctu.org/Newsletter.html>

Check the great Fishing reports and Fishing Tales!

They are wonderful stories of recent and past fishing trips, written by officers, committee chairs and members.

RABUNITE FISHING REPORTS & “OUT YONDER” MEMORIES in pictures

West of Hiawassee (CO) Making memories with Joseph G, Charlie B & Jim K



West of Hiawassee (WY) w/Terry R, Glenn E, Tim M, Jimmy W, Monty E & Kyle E



Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's Off To Work We Go!



Glenn scores



Terry invites 2 for dinner



Time-Out to replace necessary supplies



A Rabunite Breakfast



The Perfect Rabunite Lunch



And a Rabunite Supper

West of Hiawassee (ND,MT,WY,ID,UT) w/Eedee & Doug A West of Hiawassee (WY) w/Kathy & Charlie B (and Mack M rods)



On the trail of the fur traders & mountain men



On the mountain men rendezvous & Yellowstone trail

West of Hiawassee (Yellowstone) w/Jeff "Dredger" D.



Durniak connects

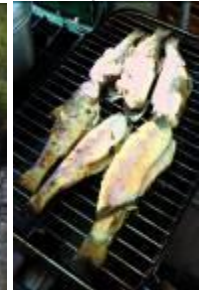


A beautiful cutbow

West of Hiawassee (MT) w/Doug A & Pat H



First day breakfast before going to gather fodder (a MT limit of 20 brookies for 5 meals & putting the creels away), early supper of crispy critters.



Too late for salmon flies. Pat with a nice brown. Doug and Pat C&R the west slope cutthroats. Grilling some brookies

South of Tallulah Falls (FL) w/Ray G & Savannah



Ray with his Snook catch & Savannah with her Tilapia

Thought you might like to see the perfect vacation from a Rabunite Silent Auction. The Gentry's clan caught lots of fish right in front of their condo. Savannah, Elizabeth and Ray caught fish every night from 8 PM - midnight while on vacation at Siesta Key, Florida. Savannah and Elizabeth caught catfish, whiting and huge Tilapias. Of course, Ray and Savannah, my 10-year old granddaughter, were neck and neck catching fish. Ray couldn't let Savannah outdo him with the big tilapia, so he catches a hammerhead shark. Would you believe this shark was caught in the same area where we were swimming during the day? Savannah is the same little girl who came to Indian Lakes with me and caught her first big fish years ago. This child would rather fish than eat. She has stayed all day on the river catching trout. Now, she surf fishes with him and usually catches some really big fish. The good news is that these were fish caught on our vacation trip purchased at Rabun TU's 24th Annual Rendezvous in the Silent Auction. What a wonderful trip! Savannah and Ray fished every day. We all had the best time. Report filed by Patsy Gentry.

Georgia's 2nd trout season (the fall season) has started!



Doug Adams caught and released this brown trout in the backcountry of THE RIVER on September 15th.

Nov 2 – 6 (Wed–Sun) Fall Camping & Fishing Outing, at Long Bottom and with fishing in the Chattooga DH, backcountry, and front-country. Contact person is Steve Perry - Ph 706 746 3558 E-mail flygide@gmail.com . Steve and Ray Gentry are planning the menu and they will buy the groceries so they need to know how many folks will be there and when.

"Catchin' Corner" - Troutng Tips

Dredger says, *"Catching is but one small part of a fishing trip's excitement, right?"* Just get out there and enjoy your favorite waters during this beautiful time of year while other folks are at football games and preparing for hunting season.

Our Bill Kelly



Kelly as the bride in a womanless wedding and **Kelly** celebrated his 75th Birthday with Kelly dress-a-likes, Kathy & Charlie B.

"BACKCASTING"

Sept 10 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting - 5 Rabun TU members participated. A special "THANK YOU" to the Tallulah Falls School for hosting the meeting in the Middle School and providing breakfast for everyone. The council meeting agenda included: Introductions, roll call, special guests & opening remarks; Approval (changes to) of May 2011 Council minutes; Treasurer's report; Dream trip raffle tax liability issue; Chattooga River- Alternative; Zip code assignments from TU National; Chattahoochee Forest Hatchery & Casting for Recovery; 2012 TU National meeting in Ashville (Council support); 2011 TU National Meeting expenses & raffle support; 2012 Dream Trip tickets; NLC update (By-laws, CEI, Annual reports); Veterans Service Program; Strategic Plan update; Council brochure (new edition); Trout Camp Update; . FF for Veterans Day (April 14, 2012) ; Back the Brookie Report; UGA Endowments; Earth share report & New business items.

Sept 12 (Mon) Rhapsody in Rabun to benefit the continuing efforts to clean up Stekoa Creek. 6 Rabunites participated. It was a big financial success!

Sept 13 (Tues) Free Fly Tying Session, at Kountry Vittles; 2 Rabun TU members participated

Sept 20 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 23 were present. Officers & Directors for F/Y2012 and revised Chapter by-laws were approved by voice votes.

Program: Damon Hearn (a TU National staffer - Asheville office mate of Franklin Tate) gave a PowerPoint presentation titled *Southeastern trout stream watershed protection initiatives*. Damon is the project coordinator for the Southeast Land Protection Program. Working with land trusts and TU chapters, Damon helps protect and restore watersheds and streams within the eastern brook trout range in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Damon came to TU with both a passion for the Appalachians and their wildlife and experience in land preservation and land trust issues. TU is NOT a land trust and does not hold easements. Damon develops partnerships with TU Chapters and Land Trusts. His tools include: Conservation Easements, Funding for Embrace-A-Stream grants, Funding for Land Protection, Land Trust Partners, Angling Access Scenarios, TU Chapters, Cold Water Science and Technical Tools.



In appreciation for the program, Larry Walker (R) presents Damon (L) with a limited edition brook trout print by Rabunite Broderick Crawford

Sept 20 (Tues) Meeting Raffle had 9 buckets. It included a fly tying vise, a fly assortment, a creel, a handmade walking stick many more nice items. The raffle raised \$116 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.

Sept 24 (Sat) Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi S.P./Smith Creek; 6 Rabun TU members volunteered their help and about 1,200 folks participated.

Sept 27 (Tues) BOD Meeting - 11 members participated. Agenda items include: (The August BOD meeting was cancelled because the majority of the members were out fishing West of Hiawassee) Recaps - 7/20 Presentation to Sky Valley Property Owners, 8/4 request for internship; 8/10 USFS Warwoman watershed planning meeting; 9/10 GA TU Council Meeting; 9/12 Rhapsody in Rabun; 9/13 Fly Tying Session; 9/24 Outdoor Adventure Day; Election of Charlie B to National Board of Trustees Status Updates - Stream Explorer memberships for Boy Scouts; Donation for Stekoa Creek Park's Conservation/Watershed Protection Kiosk; Outreach to Scouts; Membership Recruit & Retention Plan(s); Chapter Logo Upcoming - 9/30 Fly Tying & Casting Demo at Vista RV Resort; 10/ 5 - 9 Fishing & Camping w/Camping at the Blackwell Place; 10/8 A celebration of our progress in Stopping I-3; 10/8 Coosa Valley TU Chapter Chili Cook-off in Rome; 10/11 Free Fly Tying Session; 10/18 Chapter Meeting Program; 11/2 - 6 Fall Camping & Fishing Outing, with camping at Long Bottom New Business - Send Bylaws to National TU; Revise Officers & Directors on National & GA Council websites; Post New Officers & Directors and the Chapter Bylaws on Rabun TU website; Reassignment of BOD & Member duties for F/Y2012; Rework the Home page of the website; 12/13 Christmas Dinner contract @ \$30/person; 2012 Dream Trip Raffle; 2012 Trout Camp will be 6/10-6/15 & Rabun Chapter has 2 slots to fill; 2012 Rabun Rendezvous Donations; F/Y2011 CEI & Financial Reports; Develop a Chapter Strategic Plan, Chapter Lending Library Reports - Publicity; Membership Retention; Treasury Report

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to **Tony Allred** for being selected the President of the Rabun County Chamber of Commerce.
 Congratulations to **Charlie Breithaupt** for being elected to Trout Unlimited's Board of Trustees as a Grassroots Representative.
 Condolences to **Eedee and Doug Adams** on the recent death of her sister, Emily Perry of Clayton.

The Rabun Chapter Lending Library has been discontinued due to lack of member interest and participation.

There is lots of fishing info readily available on the internet and it is better than our library books and videos (some of the YouTube videos are very good).

The library will be liquidated by raffling a 5-item package in each meeting bucket raffle until all book & videos are gone.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

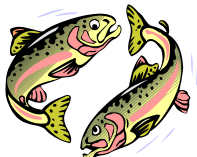
Thanks for re-upping: **Doug & Eedee Adams, Jim Nixon, Doug Mansfield & Max Gates**

It is time to renew your membership: **Michael Breithaupt (SE), Tyler Shaver (SE), Treymond Shaver (SE), Christopher Jenkins, Frank Riley, Jimmy Williams, 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.**

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



Letter From The Chapter President

Fellow Rabunites,

My, how time does fly. My two years as your President is up, and it surely went by fast.

I'm grateful to you for allowing me to serve in this role. I think it helped me address some of my personal priorities around natural resource conservation, and it was fun.

I believe our chapter is healthy. Our resolve to reach out in various ways to youth is sound, and I am thankful to all of you who have been and are involved in the various youth outreach activities.

I wish Pat and his team the very best and look forward to supporting the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited in the future.

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/>

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