



25TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

TIGHT LINES December 2011 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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

"Fish come and go, but it is the memory of afternoons on the stream that endures." E. Donnell Thomas

THE DECEMBER MEETING is the ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER!

In the Rock House at the Dillard House – 2nd Tuesday, December 13th
6:00 PM Social (BYOB) with set-ups provided along with soft drinks. & 7:00 PM Dinner
With the usual fabulous hors d'oeuvres, family style meal and scrumptious desserts.

Cost: \$30 per person (pay to "Rabun TU" at the event) –
You must contact June Landreth to reserve your place! Reservations Required by Friday, 12/9
E-mail: landreth@windstream.net Phone: 706 746 2295

There will not be a raffle at the Annual Christmas Dinner.

"Something to think about: If you fish the wrong fly long and hard enough, it will sooner or later become the right fly."
John Gierach

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates See you there!

Dec 3 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting. The annual planning meeting with USFS and, GA WRD. 9 AM at the USFS office in Gainesville

Dec 13 (Tues) Annual Family Christmas Dinner Social starts 6 pm and Dinner served 7 pm in the Rock House at the Dillard House. Entire family invited, \$30/person, BYOB. Must make your reservations by Friday, 12/9, with June Landreth, Ph 706 746 2295, E-mail landreth@windstream.net

Jan 9 (Mon) Deadline for 2012 Trout Camper applications.

Jan 10 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office.

Jan 17 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office
Program: "Tangling Trophy Trout and Walleye in Northeast Georgia Lakes" by Georgia Power reservoir and Lake Lanier fishing guide Wes Carlton.

Jan 21 (Sat) 25th Annual Rabun Rendezvous, 5 PM 'til National TU President & CEO Chris Wood will present a brief program titled "Saving the world, One Trout at a Time"

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



BLUE WING OLIVE NYMPH

THIS FLY CAN BE TIED IN A VARIETY OF COLORS. THIS IS A GOOD FLY TO HAVE BECAUSE TROUT ARE MOVING UP IN THE WATER COLUMN PRIOR TO A HATCH. WE SAW THIS ON OUR LAST CAMPOUT. TIE THIS FLY AS YOU WOULD A GOLD RIB HARE'S EAR. JUST SUBSTITUTE THE DUBBING WITH OLIVE. DROP IT BEHIND A DRY FLY OR STRIKE INDICATOR AND DEAD DRIFT. THAT'S THE TICKET TO MORE HITS ON THIS FLY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. A MUST AFTER THE FISH ON THE D.H. GET SMARTER.

HOOK: 14 TO 24

THREAD: COLOR TO MATCH

TAIL: HACKLE TO MATCH COLORS

BODY: OLIVE, BROWN, DUBBING

WING CASE: TURKEY FEATHER OR PEACOCK PULLED OVER THORAX

"When the beginner can cast his fly into his hat, eight times out of ten, at forty feet, he is a fly fisher; and so far as casting is concerned, a good one." James A. Henshall

December Hatches

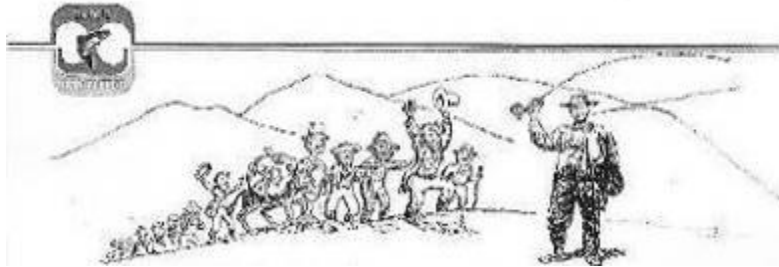
The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies
None at all	Can happen any time on any day		Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill	All Month	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

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

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**The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited proudly presents
A Celebration of Rivers, Streams, Trout, and Trout Fishing**

Please Join Us for the 25th Annual

Rabun Rendezvous

"The Rendezvous was unlike anything before or since, a gathering of uninhibited men down from the mountains. The event attracted perhaps a hundred mountain men, their indian wives, and assorted visiting tribesmen. Amusements included gambling, drinking, storytelling – continuing day and night." Quote from The Mountain Men by George Laycock

When: Saturday, January 21, 2012

Where: The "NEW" Dillard House Conference Center (doubled in size), located behind the Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia.

Who: The more the better. Everyone interested in protecting our cold-water resources, including their families, friends, and all who love clean cold streams, trout, and trout fishing.

Social: About 5 o'clock PM folks will start gathering to "pick the pig" and enjoy the rocking chairs on the porch of the Conference Center. There will be snack trays of cheeses, crackers, veggies with dips, and fruits. Soft drinks and ice will be available. If you want something stronger, better bring it yourself. There will be a fire inside to warm your buns.

The Foxfire Boys (as seen in the Chattooga River episode of TUTV's "On The Rise") will again generously provide their 'down home' style of bluegrass picking and singing for your musical entertainment.

Remember to ask about The Foxfire Boys CDs (now 4 of them), which will be available.

The large screen TV will be showing the Rabunites trout fishing some of their favorite 'secret spots'. This will be the ideal time to be looking over the raffle and silent auction items. **We welcome donations of raffle and auction items at the door, fellow TU'ers.**

Dinner: Fish, chicken, and pork with all the side dishes and desserts that have made the Dillard House so famous, will be served about 6:30. It is a serve yourself buffet, so you will not leave hungry.



Program presenter – Chris Wood, President and CEO of National Trout Unlimited; "Saving the world, One Trout at a Time"

Cost: \$30 for adults and \$25 for youth of 15 and under. Cash, personal checks, VISA or MasterCard credit cards. We don't do advanced tickets or reservation; just pay at the door.

Lodging: The Dillard House has set special rates for rooms starting at \$49 (plus tax) for those that call and **tell them you're attending the Trout Unlimited Rabun Rendezvous**. Call: 706-746-5348 or Toll Free 1-800-541-0671

You must tell them you are there with Trout Unlimited to get the special rate.

The 2011 Rabun Rendezvous provided funds for the following: GA Trout Camp for youth; Sponsorship of student interns working in NE GA fisheries with the GA WRD and the USFS; Sponsoring two youngsters attending the GA Trout Camp; Financial support of the GA DNR Smithgall Woods Conservation Education Program; Gift Stream Explorer memberships; GA "Back-the-Brookie" Program; Kid's Fishing Events at Black Rock Mountain State Park (GA DNR) & Tallulah River (USFS); GA WRD Outdoor Adventure Day; Stekoa Creek clean-up day, Stekoa Creek City Park; In-stream habitat improvement workday with USFS & GA WRD on a Rabun County brook trout stream, Fly Fishing for Vets Wounded Warriors Program; Casting for Recovery; Stop I-3 Coalition; UGA coldwater Research Endowment; National TU's "First Cast", "Embrace-A-Stream", & "SE Land Protection" Programs; Design of the Chattooga Angler's E-diary for use by Agency Resource Managers, Support of Rabun TU's award winning website; and Trout Magazine subscriptions to all school & public libraries and 3 state parks in Rabun County

Webpage-of-the Month: <http://rabuntu.org/site/events/the-rabun-rendezvous/>
The Rabun Rendezvous

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

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 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 Forest Service expects to issue a final decision by the end of the year.



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)

One winner will be drawn and the winner will choose a partner to accompany them on the trip.

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

Winners will be drawn at the Georgia Foothills Chapter's annual banquet, the "Hoot on the Hooch" in Helen, GA in March 2012. 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.

For complete details and rules <http://www.georgiatu.org/index.php?mid=news&iid=dream2012&sid=>
Contact Jimmy Whiten for your raffle tickets: E-mail jimmywhiten@yahoo.com



MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW SEASON



Rabun TU - 25 years ago this month:



DECEMBER, 1986

TIGHT LINES

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

EDITOR: TOM LANDRETH - 754-9202

DECEMBER MEETING NOTICE

THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE RABUN CHAPTER WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, IN THE RABUN COUNTY LIBRARY IN CLAYTON. SOCIAL TIME WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 AND THE MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

OUR AGENDA WILL INCLUDE:

1. REVIEW RESULTS OF RABUN STREAM SURVEY.
2. SELECTION OF 5 STREAMS FOR POTENTIAL WORK PROJECT NOMINATIONS.
3. REVIEW OF U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE LAND & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN.
4. SHOWING OF U.S.F.S. VIDEO ON THE CHATTOOGA PROJECT.
5. OUR MONTHLY RAFFLE. (IF YOU CAN DONATE AN ITEM FOR THE RAFFLE, PLEASE BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE MEETING).

NOTE: IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH ITEMS 1 & 2 IF YOU FAIL TO RETURN THE STREAM SURVEY FORMS. BRING THEM WITH YOU TO THE MEETING, OR MAIL THEM (ALREADY STAMPED & ADDRESSED) IN TIME FOR THE MEETING. YOUR INPUT IS VITAL!

NOVEMBER MEETING

THE NOVEMBER MEETING WAS HELD AT THE FISH HAWK FLY FISHING SCHOOL BUT WAS NOT WELL-ATTENDED. WE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THE STREAM SURVEY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION. THE RESULTING FORM IS IN YOUR POSSESSION NOW.

INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED IN LEARNING MORE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE U.S.F.S. LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

AS THERE WERE ONLY A FEW ON HAND WE DECIDED TO NOT HOLD THE RAFFLE AND CARRY OVER THE ITEMS DONATED TO THE DECEMBER MEETING.

SOME NOTEWORTHY NEWS:

THE U.S.F.S. AND S.C. GAME AND FISH STOCKED THE CHATTOOGA BETWEEN HIGHWAY 28 AND BURRELLS FORD WITH FIVE INCH RAINBOWS. ABOUT 1000 FISH WERE PLACED BY HELICOPTER AT 11 LOCATIONS. LETS WATCH FOR THESE LITTLE FELLOWS THIS WINTER AND HOPE A BUNCH MAKE IT TO SPRING.

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED GEORGIA FISH AND GAME WILL ASK FOR INCREASES IN LICENSE FEES FOR NEXT YEAR. IF GRANTED THESE MONIES WOULD EXPAND WMA HOLDINGS AND ALSO BRING FEES MORE IN LINE WITH OTHER SOUTHEASTERN STATES.

OUR WILDERNESS AREAS HAVE EXPANDED. IN LINE WITH THE LAND & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS, SEVERAL AREAS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS WILDERNESS AREAS.

"Catchin' Corner" - Troutng Tips

Winter Troutng Tips <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/jeffs-tips/winter-troutng-tips/>

What's New Elsewhere?

PARTNERSHIPS: SC DNR, GA WRD, USFS, TU & AFFC working together for backcountry trout fishery management. The USFS firefighting helicopter with ground support from GA and SC Forest Service personnel delivered trout to the lower backcountry of the Chattooga's North Fork again this fall. The trout that were stocked ranged in size from 5-inch sub-adults (for put and grow management) to adults. The trout were provided by SC DNR and GA WRD and paid for by fishing license and trout stamp fees.



The Chattooga North Fork has received annual helicopter trout stockings for over 40 years. Due to Forest Service budget constraints in GA during the past 20 + years, TU in GA has had a "challenge cost share agreement" with the USFS. Anglers and the USFS split the helicopter costs 50-50. Currently Rabun TU's Tom Landreth Memorial Fund [HERE](#), GA TU Council [HERE](#), and the Atlanta Fly Fishing Club (AFFC) [HERE](#) contribute to deliver GA WRD's trout to the lower backcountry of the Wild & Scenic Chattooga's North Fork and West Fork.

CHATTOOGA RIVER FESTIVAL 40 Years of "Deliverance"

Who: Rabun County GA, Oconee County SC

What: Chattooga River Festival: 40th anniversary celebration of the film Deliverance

Where: Chattooga River region, Clayton, GA and Long Creek SC

When: June 22 – 24, 2012

Come next June you will be hearing banjo music if you are anywhere near the [Wild & Scenic Chattooga River](#). The first Annual [Chattooga River Festival](#) will be held on June 22 – 24, 2012 and as it is being organized by a broad coalition of groups from both Georgia and South Carolina, it will include events and activities in both Clayton, GA and Long Creek, SC. The purpose of the festival is to encourage environmental stewardship in conjunction with the responsible recreational use of the Chattooga River watershed. Its mission is to increase awareness of the importance of protecting and preserving the unique ecological environment and scenic beauty of this valuable resource.

Each year the festival will be themed around an important aspect of the river's history. The inaugural Festival will celebrate the movie "Deliverance" as a tribute to the 40th anniversary of the film's release.

"*Deliverance*" was an important part of American popular culture. It created a huge surge in interest in the river and the whitewater industry as a whole. It is what ultimately led to the Wild and Scenic designation for the Chattooga River" said Jim Greiner, owner of Wildwater. "*Deliverance*" brought the Northeast Georgia mountain region into the national spotlight and created a lasting positive economic impact in the region.

The Festival will include a Celebrity Charity Dinner and film showing in Rabun County, GA on Friday night. On Saturday there will be an all day music festival including a "Banjo Duel" between the States featuring the best from each state as well as a performance by Ronnie Cox and other well known bands. The music festival will include a Festival Village which will be open to the public in Long Creek, SC on Saturday with local art, crafts, product and gear demos, activities that celebrate the culture of the region, both past and present and family fun activities. There will also be an adventure race and opportunities to hike, paddle or view the river. Some of the activities on offer will be weighted toward action – music, dancing, rafting, canoeing, archery, hiking and running as we want to make sure that our audience stays engaged.

This is a great chance to celebrate our unique river environment and mountain heritage at the same time.

For more information: Erin McKergow, Group Sales Coordinator/Chattooga Marketing Representative, Wildwater [\(440\) 476 1032](#) (cell), [\(864\) 482 0449](#) (office)



Click on photo for Chattooga information

Photo from Sumter National Forest website

Editor's notes: Well bless your heart, Erin; you're not from around here are you? Actually, the movie did NOT "lead to the Wild and Scenic designation." The Chattooga was listed for consideration in Section 5 of the 1968 National Wild & Scenic River Act, <http://www.rivers.gov/publications/act/90-542.pdf>. In 1971 the Forest Service issued their Study Report recommending the Chattooga for W&SR designation. The movie was released in 1972. What the filming of *Deliverance* in 1971 did lead to was the founding of the rafting company for whom you are employed in marketing and a "kick-start" of the rafting industry in general. Below is how some Rabun County folks feel about a proposed "celebration of the film *Deliverance*."

Barbara Woodall said, "I trust you can understand the deep pain many natives in Rabun County feel regarding a "celebration" of the granddaddy of "hillbilly" horror movies. Stereotyping convinces others that we have no worth, no value and are taken advantage of without guilt. Some might say, "It's just a movie." Its impact was/is painful to our heritage. What's a heritage worth? I see nothing to celebrate about *Deliverance*."

Skip Watts said, "I agree with Barbara Woodall 100%. Not only did it hurt our image here in the mountains of Georgia and South Carolina, it attracted whitewater rafting. A lot of you may think it's a good thing, but for locals to be able to fish our scenic river it is almost impossible because of the rafting. I know it's good for the community and for our tourism, but it appears to be a 7 day event. I used to love to go to the river and fish for trout, red-eye bass, etc like other locals but the last time I went, it was too congested with rafters to fish. They (the rafters) would stop right where I was fishing and start playing in the water. Although I pay taxes here, it seems I have to take a back seat to the rafters to enjoy my own community. The ridicule brought to our community by "*Deliverance*" took its toll on how we are perceived. How foolish would we look to actually celebrate a movie that made all of us look like we were ignorant and molesting hillbillies. I just can't and won't encourage a celebration that tears down our heritage. Thanks, Barbara for your comment."

Maria Rodeghiero said, "Dear Citizens of Rabun County, The more I read this press release, the more strongly I feel that this is just plain wrong! Question: The Celebrity Charity Dinner and Film? Surely you are not going to show the *Deliverance* movie! Where are our local ministers? What say you? Why does there even need to be a "theme"? Isn't the river enough? Or find another theme! A cleaner, more wholesome theme. How would parents explain this "theme" to their children? Maybe this festival is not meant to be family friendly? Your coalition is going against your own Mission Statement, unless you are saying that the immorality in the movie is deemed responsible recreational use of the watershed! Sincerely,"

LETTERS TO THE RABUNITES

Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011

Subject: Re: November TIGHT LINES newsletter

Doug, as always, thanks for the newsletter. It always provides great reading. Got some folks interested in coming up to the 28 Bridge or Burrell's Ford over the weekend. Got any thoughts on how the fishing would be? It a bit of a drive but for me no problem it is just beautiful and I'll probably come anyway. Maybe Glo- Bugs are the way to go... ..Thanks....

From: Fred Ruppel - Gold Rush Chapter of TU

Sent: Saturday, November 05, 2011

Subject: Re: November TIGHT LINES newsletter

Again thank you for keeping me on your list. I love your newsletter. I got to see the slide show from your camping trip. It was wonderful, the food looks great. I retire next spring and look forward to traveling all over the country in our camper and making one of your camping trips or Christmas party. You people really know how to enjoy life. This past year my dad's last friend, who lived in Pickens, passed away so I do not take my dad down to see him anymore so I do not get to fish down there till I retire but will make it there again after I retire. That wild and scenic area of the Chattooga River is beautiful and I am as well as I am sure thousands of others are glad you protect it.

From: John Springer - Hammonasset TU Chapter, Connecticut

Sent: By US Postal on 11/7/2011

To: Dear Friends at the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Thank you very much for your recent, generous \$1000 contribution to the Chattooga Conservancy, to be used for our Stekoa Creek Park Project. Your ongoing support of this effort to create a new city park on the banks of Stekoa Creek, to benefit our community, is truly appreciated. Your donation (along with the recent boost from our Rhapsody fundraiser) will be a big help for completing the on-the-ground work and amenities at the park site. Please feel free to visit the park soon, to check on the progress to date (The later hours of the afternoons are particularly nice there, due to the angle of the sun at that time.)

Thanks again for the Rabun TU's contribution to the Stekoa Creek Park, which will be for a bench and/or trees at the park.

Sincerely,

From: Nicole Hayler – Stekoa Project Manager, Chattooga Conservancy

Sent: By US Postal

To: Rabun Trout Unlimited

As usual, the November issue of "TIGHT LINES" received an enthusiastic welcome in our household. Well done!

We notice in the listing of officers that some of the most important names in the history of the Rabun Chapter have retired from the board. Certainly, after all of the years they have served they surely do deserve a rest. However, we also noticed that they are still responsible for some of the most important activities of the chapter.

Of course we are talking about Doug, Jimmy, Charlie & Kathy, and June.

While reading the reprint of Tom Landreth's newsletter, dated 1986, we noticed that even back then Doug was actively pursuing the protection of the Chattooga.

Certainly the chapter has these folks to thank for what it is today. Sincerely,

From: Sandy and Ralph Morgan – St. Marys, GA

Sent: By US Postal on 11/9/2011

To: Rabun Chapter – TU

On behalf of the Atlanta Fly Fishing Club, please accept this donation of \$390 in support of the annual helicopter stocking of the Chattooga River. Our members are proud to support your efforts in this endeavor. Keep up your great work for a betterment of the fishery and the fishing experience for all Georgia anglers. Sincerely,

From: Phil Schenuk – President, Atlanta Fly Fishing Club

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

"BACKCASTING"

Nov 2 – 6 (Wed–Sun) Fall Camping & Fishing Outing. The Annual "Long Bottom Campout" on the banks of the Chattooga River. Fun, Food, Fires, Fellowship and Fishing...what more could you ask for? About 25 Rabunites, and a few others, gathered on the South Carolina side of THE RIVER for five days of a good time. The weather varied from cold to rain to "pretty nice". The fishing was good, as always, and for some the catching was good also. South Carolina DNR had stocked the DH section of the river with some "good-uns" and had put fish in the backcountry all the way to Burrell's Ford. The Rabunites tried their luck all up and down the river.

For a couple of folks it was their first Rabunite campout and they vowed to return. A highlight of the trip was the presence of

Bill Kelly who escaped from Cannonwood for a few days of the way it used to be. A big thanks goes to **Ray Gentry** who planned the meals and bought the grub and to **Terry Rivers** who stores and hauls all the camping gear. For 95% of the folks, all they have to do is show up with their sleeping gear and fishing stuff. The rest is taken care of by guys like Ray and Terry.

We'll camp and fish again in May. Continue to read the newsletter and/or check the website for dates and details. This is a great way to get to know other Rabunites, learn more about fishing and to just have a good time.

Report filed by Rabunite Charlie Breithaupt.





Nov 15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting - 24 Attended, **Program:** Carl Riggs and Ralph Artigliere "West Slope Happenings" Conservation and education initiatives by the Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter of TU. The Chapter has 272 members and grew by 74 members last year. They meet on Saturday mornings because they have a lot of members that are "weekenders". They have strong programs in Trout-In-the-Classroom and partnering with the Boy Scouts. They also have some excellent trout streams, including the Toccoa River tailwaters. They stress safety at every meeting and even place safety/warning signs on the tailwaters. For more info <http://www.blueridgetu.com/> **The Chapter Meeting Raffle** had 9 buckets. It included a fly line, a compass, a LED flashlight, a bottle of blackberry wine, and a lot of other nice items. The raffle raised \$111 to be used toward the cost of mailing newsletters to members without E-mail and for the meeting hospitality expenses. Thanks to **Tim McClure** 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.

Nov 22 (Tues) BOD Meeting 9 members attended (but only 5 of 13 BOD members, so no official actions) Agenda items included: Recaps – 11/2–6 Fall Camping & Fishing Outing; 11/8 Free Fly Tying Session; RCMS Mentoring **Status Updates** – 2012 Rabun Rendezvous Planning; Rabuntu.org website was hacked but now clean; 5 year Chapter Strategic Plan; FY2011 CEI & Financial Reports; 2012 Work Day; 2012 Dream Trip Raffle; Spinning rods for RCMS mentoring; new slideshow pictures for website; Outreach to Scouts for Merit Badges; Membership; Recruit & Retention Plan(s); Design of Chapter Logo **Upcoming** – 12/3 GA TU Council Meeting; 12/13 Christmas Dinner; 1/9 Deadline for 2012 Trout Camper applications; 1/10 BOD Meeting; 1/17 Chapter Meeting Program **New Business** – Rabunite 101 in 2012; New BOD Meeting room; the E-newsletter; Chattooga River Festival 6/22 – 24, 2012, (the weekend of TU's stream clean-up day). **Reports** – Publicity; Membership Retention; Treasury Report



Jeff (L) presents LE Broderick Crawford trout prints to Ralph (C) & Carl (R).

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **3 new members** this month: **MR. MIKE ADDINGTON**, PO BOX 686, CLAYTON GA 30525-18; **KEITH SILVERS**, 223 KENAMER RD., GRANT AL 35747; **WILLIAM CHASE**, 258 GINGER CREEK LN #303, CLAYTON GA 30525

Thanks for re-upping: **Michael Breithaupt (SE), Seth Hill (SE), Shane English, Dan Cox, Jerry McFalls, Thomas (Tony) Allred, Kyle Burrell, Steve Theis, Rad Smith & Bill Kelly**

It is time to renew your membership: **Tyler Shaver (SE), Treymond Shaver (SE), Samuel D'Angelo, Rachael Davis, Carl Fackler, Julie Kilby, Joe Kitchens, Cliff Jordan, Isaac McCrackin, Charles Pennington, Allan Ramsay, Tom Shirley, Jimmy Whiten, Christopher Jenkins, Frank Riley, Jimmy Williams, Rick Hires, Maria Rodeghiero, Jim Barrett, John Patrick, Billy Cook, Donald Early & Patsy Gentry**

Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2012

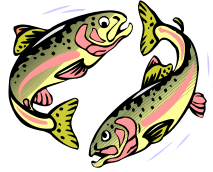
Voting Board of Directors Members:

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Director through FY 2014 - Frank Tolbert with Annual River Clean-Up	(770) 363-1967	fdtolbert@comcast.net
Director through FY 2015 - Kent Wilson with Rod Raffle	(706) 746-7488	kandcwilson@windstream.net
Director through FY 2015 - Frank Patton with Kids Fishing Events	(770) 339-7095	julianpatton@yahoo.com

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Jimmy Whiten with Dream Trip Raffle	(706) 886-6546	jimmywhiten@yahoo.com
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Notes from the Prez

Just who is Your New Chapter President?

Let me take a minute to introduce myself. My name is Pat Hopton, I am 53 years old, and I live just outside of Clayton, GA. I am originally from Roswell, GA but have lived in Rabun County since being transferred here with the Forest Service in 1986. I am a Charter member of the Rabun Chapter, but my membership lapsed during the 1990's due to raising a family. Now that the kids are (finally!) grown and away from home, I have re-joined Trout Unlimited as a Life Member and become active again in the Rabun Chapter. I have served on the Board of Directors as well as Chapter Vice President prior to becoming President. Along with the other Chapter leaders, I am looking forward to a safe, productive year of conserving, protecting, and restoring the cold-water fisheries of Northeast Georgia. Feel free to contact me any time with your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Hopton".

Pat Hopton

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