

Tight Lines

January2015 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited Editor: Michele Crawford <u>crawfordart@windstream.net</u> Rabun TU's Award Winning Web Site <u>http://rabuntu.org/site/</u>

"Boundaries don't protect rivers, people do."

(Brad Arrowsmith, Landowner along the Niobrara National Scenic River, Nebraska)



ARE YOU READY TO RABUN RENDEZVOUS 2015 !!!! Saturday January 24th Dillard House Pig Pickin & Foxfire Boys Start at 5 pm

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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 28th Annual

Rabun Rendezvous

When: Saturday, January 24, 2015

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

Who: The more the better. Everyone interested in protecting cold-water resources, and 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. (BYOB) There will also be a fire inside to warm your buns. *The Foxfire Boys with their famous Blue Grass Music will begin at 5 pm*.

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.

Cost: \$32 for adults. \$25.00 for those under the age of 15. Cash, checks, VISA or MasterCard. We don't do advanced tickets just pay at the door.

Lodging: The Dillard House has set special rates for rooms starting at \$55 (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. Also Mountain Aire Cottage on North Main Street in Clayton is giving special rates for TU folks. Call them at 706-782-9568. You can view their web site <u>here</u>.

Program Presenter: Don Kirk. Don is an avid outdoorsman and publisher of Southern Trout Online Magazine. He always enlightens the crowd with great information and laughs. Here is a link to the current issue of his wonderful magazine.

http://www.southerntrout.com/mag/#1



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WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???







STONE FLY

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HOOK: 12/18 3X LONG

BODY: BLACK STRETCH TUBING

TAIL: BROWN GOOSE BIOTS

THORAX: BLUCK DUBBING

WING CASE: PEACOCK HERL

GREAT TIME OF THE YEAR TO HAVE THESE IN YOUR BOX. GET THEM DOWN DEEP AND GOOD LUCK.

"SEE YA'LL ON THE RIVER"

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January Hatches				
THE BUGS	TIME OF MONTH	TIME OF DAY	SUGGESTED FLIES	
None at all	All year	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT #14 Parachute Adams is always a good searching pattern	
Midges	All year	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa	
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes	
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill (important)	All Month	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Para- chute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail	

To view a Hatch Chart for all month, click Hatch

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Forward Casting : Calendar of Important dates to Take Action & Have Fun

Jan. 15 (Thurs): Rabun TU Regular monthly meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. Fly Tying starts at 5pm. Social at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00. Our January guest is Kelly Taylor. Kelly is the Deputy Hatchery Manager with the Chattahoochee Forest NFH. His program is titled: "Chattahoochee Forest National Hatchery- Working for You!" Should be a very informative meeting.

Jan. 24 (Sat): RABUN RENDEZVOUS !!!This is our 28th annual fundraising event. Don't miss it! More information on page 2. This is our biggest fundraiser every year. To keep working for the trout and preserving cold clean fishable waters we need your support. If you can't come you can always make a donation by check to Rabun TU, P.O. Box 371, Clayton, GA 30525. Or if you have something you would like to donate to our silent auction please contact Ray King at 828-349-2786.

Feb. 7 (Sat): Annual Planning Meeting at the Dillard House. Everyone welcome. We will be planning out our activities over the next year after feasting on a delicious breakfast!! Great time to fellowship and work together and Breakfast is on US! Starts at 8 AM.

Feb. 19 (Thurs): Rabun TU regular monthly meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. Fly tying starts at 5 pm. Social starts at 6:30 and meeting at 7 pm. Our guest speaker is Jenny Sanders. Jenny is a watershed management professional and an outdoor enthusiast. Jenny is affiliated with the Little Tennessee Watershed Association and the Chattooga Conservancy. She just recently got back from out west rafting and fishing the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. She will have lots of great info to share with our group!!



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Feb. 26 (Thurs): Board of Directors meeting 6:30 at the TU/Scout Hut. Agenda will include Rendezvous recap and upcoming events. If it's freezing cold location might be moved. Stay tuned.

Mar. 7 (Sat): Georgia Womens Flyfishing (GWFF) will hold their annual fundraising event. The Mardi Gras party is held at the Sweetwater Brewing Company in Sandy Springs. Flyfishing Auctions & Raffles plus Beer Tastings, Wine & Food. For more information click <u>here</u>. Or visit their web site by clicking on this link, <u>GWFF</u>.

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BACK CASTING

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM WE GOT BABY TROUT!!



The eggs arrived overnight from Utah on December11, 2014. They were taken that afternoon and put into our tank that was ready to receive the precious cargo. With the tank being perfect on temp and chemical levels the little eggs started hatching in just a few days. Each day a few more hatched. Then on January 5th when the kids returned from the holiday vacation they were delighted to find a tank full of little baby

trout. Trout that they are going to be responsible for raising until they are released in the spring. In a couple of weeks the kids will begin feeding the fish and after that we will have to take the number of trout in the

tank down about half. Because once they start eating and eliminating their waste, the alkaline levels in the water will raise fast. Too many would cause



a major die off of all the trout. Each month we will keep you posted on our growing family.



BACK CASTING



Rabun Chapter President Steve Perry presents to the Cohutta Chapter President, Rodney Tumlin a framed limited edition giclee print by Broderick Crawford. The Cohutta Chapter will raffle off the prints in their upcoming fundraising efforts.

Help Build A Better Habitat for Trout



CAMPER'S REWARDS

- Each Camper Departs with their own Fishing Equipment
- Closing Ceremony where Campers Receive a Certificate of Completion
- Fun Fly Casting Competition with Awards Presented at Closing Ceremony
- Many Memories and New Friendships



Camp Location: Northeast Georgia in the town of Dillard. The Heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains



Georgia Trout Camp

Open to boys and girls, 12-15 years old \$500 per camper

FOR REGISTRATION FORMS Go to Georgia Council Website: www.georgiatu.org

Contact: Charlie Breithaupt 194 Kitchins Lane • Clayton, GA 30525 (706) 782-6954 knc615@windstream.net

Georgia Trout Unlimited Trout Camp 2015



Rabun Gap–Nacoochee School June 7–12, 2015

"Call to Camp!"



Participants... (Entry Limit - 1 Year)

- Boys & Girls, 12-15
 Years Old
- Learn and Practice the
- Sport of Fly Fishing
- Study Sound Conservation Practices
- Enjoy a Fun and Rewarding Experience

2014 Georgia Trout Camp



Picture of success with learning the sport, having loads of fun, camaraderie, and individual growth.

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DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!



'The 2015 Dream Trip reaches new heights. The opportunity to fish with John McGarity, stay in his fabulous log cabin conveniently located between the Madison River, Yellowstone National Park and the Henry's Fork puts you smack dab in the middle of some of the most famous trout waters in North America. John is the consummate trout angler, fishing almost every day during the 5 or 6 months each year he resides in Idaho. Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone checks with John for fishing reports. Having been a restauranteur, John is also an excellent cook... you will not go hungry on this trip! TU couldn't ask for a better host and guide for this year's Dream Trip."

• 5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 26- August 1, 2015

- \$500 total in travel expenses travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winners. beverages will be the responsibility of the winners during their stay
- Choice of Winston BIII-x or Sage ONE 4, 5 or 6 wt rod Each winner receives:

A fly reel with Scientific Angler line

A fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen per box)



RUNNER UP PRIZES:

- Temple Fork BVK 6 wt., 9' four piece fly rod. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Temple Fork BVK 5-6 reel. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Six dozen flies in nice fly box. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Certificate to Fly Fishing Class or Fly Casting Class at the Atlanta Fly Fishing School. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Five or nine day trip to Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada for one person. Trip is set up for two people for 5 or 9 days. (\$3995/5 day trip & \$5195/9 day trip individual rate). Donated by the Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada. www.kasba.com (Best dates for fly fishing are June 28 to July 6, 2015)
- Two nights at the Fire Fly Lodge and a half-day guided trout fishing on Hothouse Creek trophy trout stream, www.fireflyfishinglodge.com
- Custom TFO fly rod by Garland Stewart (his choice)
- Half day guided float trip for two on Chattahoochee River-Chris Scalley --River Through Atlanta
- Half day guided fishing trip for two with Henry Cowan
- Unguided half day fishing at Nacoochee Bend for two fishermen.
- Two fly boxes of 6 dozen trout flies donated by 12 TU chapters in Georgia.

For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

GET YOUR TICKETS AT THE RENDEZVOUS OR FROM ANY RABUN TU BOARD MEMEBER

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership: is 177members with 25 Life Members and 8 Stream Explorers.

Thanks for re-upping your membership: William Archer, Donald Atkinson, Sid Berkstresser, George & Martha Christian, Carl & Kathy Kleinsteuber; Doug Hickman, Glenn Ivie, Emil Leum, Tom Matthews, David Nichols, Larry Peevy, Lea Richmond and Don Stenhouse.

Time to renew your membership: Kelley Coty, David Cross, Dominic Cross, Tim McClure, Ron Robeson, Jimmy Whiten, Lewis Reeves III, and Rick Story.

Continued get well wishes go out to Ray Gentry, Liz Perry and Doug Adams. All three Rabunites are doing much better thanks to all the continued thoughts and prayers. We all look forward to see them on the river and at upcoming events in the future!! Ray is venturing out some and got to drive a few times. Liz is home and getting stronger day by day. Doug Adams was at his favorite spot with his daughter Allison Christmas Day, enjoying the great outdoors!



The cost of buying or renewing a wildlife plate is only \$25 more than a standard license plate. Also, \$19 of each purchase and \$20 of each renewal goes directly to the Wildlife Resources Division programs that depend on the plates.

Each purchase or renewal of a Trout Unlimited license plate supports Georgia's trout conservation and management programs. These efforts affect trout production, stocking and stream restoration throughout North Georgia.

Support Rabun County and our local waters !

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Don't forget to keep up with the Foxfire Boys and all their happenings at the Nichols Center by visiting their face book page. Click <u>here</u> to check out the latest happenings and information.



We have had some information come in to have a "Classifieds" section in our newsletter. We will begin the section in the February edition of Tight Lines. So get your list of any used fishing related item for sale. Just forward me the item, asking price, and your contact info. I'll publish the list next month. Just in time to be getting ready for spring fishing trips.

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Notes from the President



(From the editor:) As everyone knows from the special Tight Lines supplements, our Chapter President Steve has had a couple of tiring weeks worrying and taking care of his wife Liz. Liz came down with the nasty flu that has stricken so many this winter. However, for Liz her battle was much harder due to previous health problems. After some long hard days in ICU in Asheville, Liz was moved to a regular room after

Christmas and then got to come home right before the New Year. However, her recovery is a long slow one. So like any great husband Steve is focused on Liz right now and her recovery. They both said to please let everyone know that the prayers, visits, cards and phone calls are all much appreciated. They feel all the love and blessings that everyone has been sending their way.

As the new Chapter President, Steve is looking forward to the 28th annual Rabun Rendezvous coming up on the 24th of this month. The Chapter has been blessed with so many friends and lovers of cold water conservation and trout fishing through the years that help make the Rendezvous so successful every year. We are asking for your help again this year in supporting our Chapter and our endeavors in Conservation. Each year we diversify our funds from our fundraising event to support TU's mission to conserve, protect, restore and pass it on. Some of the programs we support are the Kid's Fishing Event at Tallulah River with the (US Forest Service); the UGA Coldwater Research Endowment Fund; Casting For Recovery & Project Healing Waters Programs; National TU's First Cast, Embrace-A-Stream, Georgia Trout Camp and two or more campers for the camp just to name a few. So join us if you can at the Rendezvous this year for a fabulous time as always and to keep supporting so many great conservation opportunities.

If you have a little time be sure to enjoy the eight minute movie from last year's Rabun Rendezvous that is on our Facebook page. It is mixed with a little music from the Foxfire boys and a couple of other favorite Bluegrass songs that you will hear from the Foxfire Boys on the Rendezvous evening.

Hope to see you all in a couple of weeks at the Dillard House!

Thanks!!

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Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2015

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