

Tight Lines

January 2016 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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"A trout is a moment of beauty known only to those who seek it." Arnold Gingrich

It's time for the 29th annual RABUN RENDEZVOUS!!

Join fellow TU'ers from near and far, old friends & new,

young and old for a great evening of fun, fellowship and

celebration of TROUT, RIVERS & CONSERVATION!

JANUARY 23,2016



Conserve Protect Restore Pass it On

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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 29th Annual Rabun Rendezvous

When: Saturday, January 23, 2016

Where: The "NEW" Dillard House Conference Center, 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. (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:: \$33 for adults. \$25 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 \$69(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.Check out the Dillard House web site <u>here</u>. Also Mountain Aire Cottages 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: : Ian and Charity Rutter, R&R Fly Fishing. Ian and Charity are based in Townsend, TN. They offer premier guide services specializing in the Great Smoky Mountains and East Tennessee and have published 5 books on "Fishing the Smokies". They are great presenters and highlight their programs with beautiful photography and video. Come spend the evening with Ian and Charity. Please click on the link here to find out more about R&R Fly Fishing.



Notes from the President



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our Chapter is so fortunate to have such an amazing group of volunteers, and as we begin the calendar year, 2016, I hope we can resolve to celebrate our accomplishments and to improve on our ef-

forts to Conserve, Protect, and Restore. This year immediately presents us with some big challenges. We have yet to find a permanent home with adequate parking and storage. And, the rest of our year's activities are dependent on the outcome of Rendezvous. Chairman Ray King has a huge task, and it is the task of our members to make him look good! So, get out there and bring in some donated items that will bring some big bucks in the silent auction and bucket raffles. Please remember- EVERY DOLLAR RAISED is so important to our Strategic Plan.

The Boards' goals for this year are to revise our Strategic Plan to a one or two page document that will guide our activities to accomplish the Chapter goals on a local level, and to limit our spending specifically toward the accomplishment of those goals only. Also, our calendar for the year is almost complete, and I hope to have it to everyone before our meeting this month.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATES FOR JANUARY:

Chapter Board of Directors Meeting-TUESDAY, January 12th

Chapter Meeting-TUESDAY, January 19th

*Both meetings at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church

RABUN RENDEZVOUS- Saturday, January 23rd at the Dillard House. Your Chapter's MANDATORY EVENT, so be there to support our efforts for the year.

Once again, I thank everyone for their support, and wish you all a very HAPPY, HEALTHY, and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Steve

Forward Casting Calendar

Jan. 19 (Tues): ***Note Change of date***REGULAR MEETINGS ARE GOING BACK TO THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH INSTEAD OF THE THIRD THURSDAY!!

Rabun TU Regular monthly meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Social at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00. Our January guest is Rabunite Landon Williams. Landon's Topic will be "Innovative Nymphing Techniques for Wintertime Dredging". Landon is known for his year round fishing talents



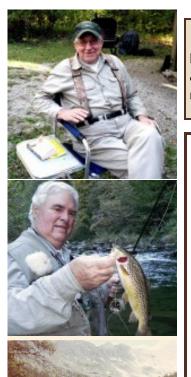
so this should be a very informative meeting. See you there!

Jan. 23 (Sat): RABUN RENDEZVOUS !!!This is our 29th 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. 6 (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. 16 (Tues) Rabun TU regular monthly meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Social starts at 6:30 and meeting at 7 pm.

For a full calendar of events for the year 2016 please see pages 13-14.



Matching the Hatch: brought to you from many ole Rabunites who have spent countless hours fishing and trudging along river banks, tying flies, casting, overcoming weather, bugs, and no telling what else to bring you this recorded, tried and true valued information.

January fly of the month:
By: Terry Rivers

HOOK: 2x LONG NYMPH BODY: BLACK&COFFEE CHENILLE LEGS: LIFE FLEX / BROWN



PATS RUBBER LEGS
STONE FLY NYMPH

TIE THESE IN VARIOUS COLORS AND ADD WEIGHT FISH DEEP. GREAT FLY THIS TIME OF YEAR ON DH.

" SEE YA ON THE RIVER". HAPPY NEW YEAR.



More tips and helpful information from Dredger and other Georgia DNR fisheries staff. Click here for the latest reports.



How's the river? Click on the name of the river to check water levels.

<u>Chattooga Level</u>

Tallulah River Level

Nantahala

Little Tennessee



THE BUGS	January 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)	Late	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail

Tips, Trips, and More:

Winter time is from trip planning. Check out this cool video from Alaska and see how long it takes you to book a trip after watching.

Click here for the video

December brought record amounts of rain to our region. Check out the Dec. 29,2015 report from Georgia DNR. Scroll down to the North Georgia section written by our own Dredger regarding local streams. Read and learn because some meteorologists are saying the south could get a year worth of rain in the first four months of 2016.

Click here for the article

CHATTOOGA RIVER ANGLER'S DIARY

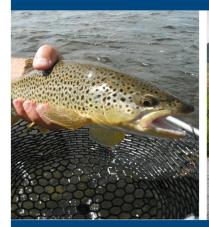
After a day on the Chattooga please fill out this brief survey so agencies can compile information and continue to improve angling experiences. THANKS!

CLICK HERE FOR DIARY.

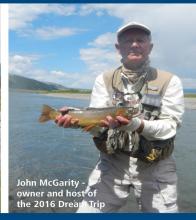
Our guest speakers at the 2016 Rabun Rendezvous are lan and Charity Rutter from R & R Fly Fishing. They are based out of the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. Check out their latest newsletter for some great winter fishing tips.

Click here for the newsletter.

DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!







"The 2016 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."

Owner, Unicol Outfliets

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- 5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 24- 30, 2016
- \$500 total in travel expenses travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winners.

 *Fishing licenses, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the winners during their stay.
- Each winner receives: Choice of Winston BIII-x or Sage ONE 4, 5 or 6 wt rod
 A fly reel with Scientific Angler line

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



Tickets \$10 Proceeds Benefit TU Cold Water Conservation and Trout Camp

RUNNER UP PRIZES:

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- TFO BVK 4 wt. or 5 wt. 9' fly rod. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- TFO BVK reel. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- Fly box with 6 dozen + trout flies. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- AFFS gift certificate for a fly fishing or fly casting class during 2016. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- A private fly casting lesson including digital casting analysis and video analysis (this donation would
 apply to those mastering basic casting skills already). Donated by The 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. Winner or partner must pay for second person (\$3995/5 day trip & \$5395/9 day trip individual rate). http://www.kasba.com. Donated by the Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada. Best dates for fly fishing are June 28 to July 6, 2016. Contact Mack Martin for arrangements.
- Two nights at the Fire Fly Lodge and a full day of unguided trout fishing on either Hothouse Creek trophy trout stream or the Toccoa River from Firefly's private frontage. http://www.fireflyfishinglodge.com
- Custom made 5 or 8 weight, 9 foot fly rod made by Matt Walters. Walters Fly Rod 9', 8WT, 4PC Cinder Creek or 9', 5WT, 4PC Chattahoochee Fly Rod (Winner's Choice - Rod descriptions can be found at http://www.waltersflyrods.com)
- Half day guided float trip for two on Chattahoochee River. Donated by Chris Scalley River Through Atlanta
- Half day guided fishing trip for two with Henry Cowan....Donated by Henry Cowan
- Unquided half day fishing at Nacoochee Bend for two fishermen... Donated by Unicoi Outfitters
- Two fly boxes of 6 dozen trout flies donated by 12 TU chapters in Georgia.





Recent winner – Monty English – Rabun Chapter memb



For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

Back Casting



Rabun TU held their annual Christmas Dinner on Tuesday December 8, 2015. Everyone enjoyed a great dinner by Rabun Manor chef Charles Maddrey. Our servings included trout and pork along with many veges and fabulous desserts.

Letters to the Rabunites

Thank you for the BC print! Steve,

On behalf of the Cohutta Chapter of Trout Unlimited, I would like the thank the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited for their generous donation of a Broderick Crawford print of a wild brook trout for our annual fundraiser! The money this print raised for our chapter will go a long way in supporting Cohutta's youth education and cold water conservation projects! Thanks so much for your support of our chapter!

Rodney Tumlin President



Rodney Tumlin (left) receives a framed Broderick Crawford print from Rabun TU President Steve Perry for the Cohutta TU Chapter future fundraising event.

Know a young boy or girl between the ages of 12 and 15 who loves fishing and the great outdoors? Check out Georgia Trout Camp. A great opportunity to turn that interest into a lifelong passion. For more info click here. For Camp application click here.

Help Build A Better Habitat for Trout



- · 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



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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 c615@windstream.ne

Georgia Trout Unlimited Trout Camp 2016



Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School June 5-10, 2016

"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





fun, camaraderie, and individual growth.

"What to Expect at Trout Camp"

Learning Hands-On Skills ~Trout Fishing Fundamentals~



Attaching Lines for Specific Fishing Needs

Tackle: Handling & Fly Casting:The



Entomology...BUGS Study the life cycle, physiology, behavior, environment and insect classification.









Fishing on the Stream

Applying Newly Learned Skills: At least(2) Hours Daily Dedicated to Fishing! 2 Campers Accompanied by a Mento

Stream Etiquette:

How We Consider Others and the Environment.

Natural Resources & Conservation

- Visit to Burton Trout Hatchery & Nearby Creeks
- The Trout's Life Cycle
- Aguatic Invertebrates...more bugs...
- Protection of Trout Habitat
- Stream Dynamics / Fish Shocking Work Project to Restore Habitat Structu







Fun Fishing at Camp



Catching Trout Makes You Smile!

Learn Strategy from the Experts...



Lake Fishing Means 'Bream' and





Fishing Fast Water... Have Your Mentor Close By

Outdoor Skills

Safety with Equipment Safety on Streams First Aid

Fishing tales

Prior to the 14 + inches of rain in late December, Dredger and friend took on the DH on the Chattooga River. He also offered the following tips. So when water levels are normal you might want to try for yourself. 1. Fish the afternoon. Don't get in the water till 11 or maybe even 12. The early birds walking out past me, as I entered and measured a water temp of 45F at noon, had been skunked. 2. Bring a buddy, a wading staff, and a dry change of clothes. 3. Fish calmer water, especially in "flood refuges" where fish have been blown to by all of the November floods. Fish below ledges and on both sides of pools with heavy current thru the middle. 4. Lengthen leaders by using a long stretch of light tippet (4 or 5x) to cut thru the water column. 5. En-



sure you bounce the bottom via heavy tungsten bead heads and/or the dreaded split shot. 6. Olive leeches, eggs, and rubberlegs worked for us. Fish hit hard. The fish may still be generalists, but don't



leave home without some small pheasant tails, too.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership: 173 members, 25 life members,

10stream explorers.

Welcome New Members: Mark Durham and Gary Sowell

(Welcome.. Hope to see you on the river soon!!)

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Fritz Bertz, Monty English, Frank & Carol Jackson, James Kidd, Jerry McFalls, David Ruth, Perry Thompson, Fritz Vinson and Larry Walker Time to renew your membership: David Bentley, Julian Heeth, Lewis Reeves and Terry Seehorn



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 here to check out the calendar of events.



Voting Board of Directors:			
President Steve Perry	Nominating Committee Chair , Project Healing Waters, BOD Agenda, Budget	(828)-371-1633	flygide@gmail.com
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Director - 2019 Ray Gentry			

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Rabun Chapter TU Calendar For Planning Year 2015 January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Purpose	Description	When	Where	Contact
Education	Sportsman's Day at the	Jan. 14, 2016	State Capitol	Charlie Breithaupt
	Capitol		Atlanta, Georgia	*
Fellowship	Monthly Chapter Meeting	Jan. 19, 2016	Rabun Gap Presbyterian	Steve Perry, Chapter President
		Feb. 16, 2016	Church, 8397 North	
		March 15, 2016	Wolffork Road, Rabun	
		April 19, 2016	Gap, Georgia 30568	
		June 21, 2016	dup, deorgia sosco	·
		Aug. 16, 2016	-	1
		Sept. 20, 2016		
		Oct. 18, 2016		
		Nov. 15, 2016		1
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Fund Raising	Monthly Raffle	Jan. 19, 2016	Rabun Gap Presbyterian	Charlie Breithaupt
		Feb. 16, 2016	Church, 8397 North	
		Mar. 15, 2016	Wolffork Road, Rabun	
		April 19, 2016	Gap, Georgia 30568	
	~	June 21, 2016		
		Aug. 16, 2016		
		Sept. 20, 2016		
		Oct. 18, 2016		
		Nov. 15, 2016		
Business	Monthly BOD Meeting	Jan. 12, 2016	Rabun Gap Presbyterian	Steve Perry, Chapter President
		Feb. 23, 2016	Church, 8397 North	
		March 22, 2016	Wolffork Road, Rabun	
		April 26, 2016	Gap, GA. 30568	
		May 24, 2016		
		June 28, 2016		
		July 26, 2016		
		Aug. 23, 2016	-	
		Sept. 27, 2016		
		Oct. 25, 2016		7
		Nov. 8, 2016*		
		6:30 pm		
Fund Raising	28 th Annual Rabun	January 23, 2016	Dillard House	Ray King
	Rendezvous		Conference Center	
Conservation	Annual Chattooga	TBD	Andrew Pickens Ranger	Steve Perry, Chapter President
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Business	Annual Planning Meeting	February 6, 2016	Dillard House	Steve Perry, Chapter President
Fund Raising	Dream Trip	Tickets sold Jan thru	Drawing to be held at the	Kathy Breithaupt
		February, 2016	Hoot on the Hooch,	
			March 19, 2016	
Fund Raising	Mack Martin Rod Raffle	Tickets sold March	Drawing to be held at the	Kent Wilson
		thru July, 2016.	Annual Summer Family	
			Picnic on July 14, 2016	
Conservation	Stream Improvement	July 30, 2016	Martin's Branch	Upper Chattahoochee Chapter (Lead)
	Work Day			
Education	Beginner Fly Fishing	March 19, 2016	Rabun County	Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt
	School (aka Rabunite 101)	9:00 – 1:00 P.M.	Recreation Department	
Business	TU Southeastern Rally	May 20-21, 2016??	Roanoke, Virginia	Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt
Fellowship	Opening Day of Trout	-	Statewide	Steve Perry, Chapter President
Followsh's	Season Spring Chapter Campout	April 6.10, 2016	TBD	
Fellowship	Spring Chapter Campout	April 6-10, 2016	IDU	
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Conservation	Stream Improvement Work Day	November 5, 2016	TBD	Jerry McFalls
Mentoring	Annual Spring Family Cookout, to include local Scout Troops	May 17, 2016 3:30-8:00 pm	Indian Lake, on the campus of Rabun Gap- Nacoochee School	Ray Gentry?
Conservation	Stream Improvement Work Day	May 28, 2016 9:00 AM -12:00 PM	Betty's Creek, on the campus of RGNS	Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt
Mentoring	USFS Kid's Fishing Event	June 4, 2016 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Tallulah River @ Tallulah River Campground	Frank Patton
Education	13 th Annual Georgia Trout Camp	June 5-11, 2016	Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School	Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt
Conservation	Annual Electro-Shocking of the Chattooga River			Steve Perry
Fellowship	Annual Summer Family Picnic	July 14, 2016	Kelly's Waterfall Park, Dillard, GA	Steve Perry
Business	Elections of 2016 Chapter Leadership, Officers and Vacant Board of Directors	Annual Meeting, to be held September 20, 2016	Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church, 8397 North Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, Georgia 30568	Steve Perry
Mentoring	Outdoor Adventure Day	Sept 24, 2016	Unicoi State Park	Jeff Durniak
Fellowship	Fall Chapter Campout	Nov. 2-6, 2016	TBD	
Fellowship	Annual Family Christmas Dinner	Dec. 6, 2016	TBD	Terri Allred
Business	TU National Meeting	Sept. 28 - October 1, 2016	Bozeman, Montana	Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt
Business	Georgia Council Meeting	March 5, 2016 May 14, 2016 Sept. 17, 2016 Dec. 3, 2016	Blue Ridge Chapter (Host) Gold Rush Chapter (Host) TBD USFS Gainesville, Ga.	Steve Perry

Mentoring	13 th Annual Georgia Trout Camp	June 5 th – 11 th , 2016	RGNS	Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt
Other	GWFF Mardi Gras	March 12, 2016	Sweetwater Brewing	
		7:00 PM - 10:00PM	Company, Atlanta, Ga.	
Other	Hoot On The Hooch	March 19, 2016	Helen, Ga.	
Other	Gold Rush Fly Fishing	April 16, 2016	Frog Hollow	
	Festival	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM		
Other	Blue Ridge Trout Festival	April 29-30, 2016	Blue Ridge, Ga.	
Other	Savannah River Fund Raiser	August 13, 2016	TBD	
Other	Chattahoochee-	October 12, 2016	TBD	
	Nantahala Annual Fund Raiser	9:00AM - 5:00PM		