



Tight Lines

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

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



**"If people concentrated on the really important things in life,
there'd be a shortage of fishing poles."**

Doug Larson

**Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Join us for our regular monthly meetings
every third Tuesday of the month.
This month the date is October 18th!!**

**Our Meeting Place is at Rabun
Gap Presbyterian church Fellowship Hall
Social & Story telling (Truth or Lies) starts
At 6:30 pm, then at 7:00 – Program & Meeting.
The church is located just past
Rabun Gap Nachoochee School
at 8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA 30568.**

**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 email and to raise money to
pay for our storage building. Bring an item to donate
and a dollar or two for raffle tickets.
You Might WIN something !**



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WITH FELLOW RABUNITES**

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Notes from the President



I am truly honored to be afforded the opportunity to serve as President of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited. We are very fortunate to have an outstanding leadership team of not only current board members, but also past board members who have agreed to continue serving in critical positions. Together we will strive to continue the proud tradition of the "Rabunites" who have preceded us. It is very reassuring to know that we have many of the chapter's Past Presidents who stand ready to share their wealth of knowledge with us.

Our chapter is fortunate to have some young "Rabunites" who have demonstrated a willingness to step up and help carry on the mission of the chapter. Many thanks go to Past President Steve Perry for his visionary leadership in helping to make this "leadership development" a reality.

During the upcoming year, one of my goals is to increase both attendance and participation at chapter functions of inactive members while simultaneously seeking to grow the chapter membership.

In conclusion, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Past President Steve Perry on behalf of the chapter and myself for both his exemplary leadership and dedicated efforts in representing the chapter.

Fishing season is now upon us so get out there and "Rip some lips!"

Kent Wilson

Last message from outgoing President Steve Perry:

As Past President, I just want to say THANK YOU!! It has been an unexpected challenge over the last two years- snowed out Rendezvous, kicked out of meeting place, new meeting place, new storage space, and the list goes on. Thank you to an amazing Board of Directors who kept me on track and made me look good once in a while. Thank you Past President Pat Hopton for your counsel. Thank you to ALL the Chapter members for your encouragement and support. And most of all, THANK YOU for the opportunity to be the President of our Chapter - the BEST TU Chapter in the Southeast. Now- Let's go fishing!

Steve

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Update on Rabun Episode



The boys from Anglers and Appetites were here in Rabun County back in June doing some trout fishing and some seriously good eating. Anglers and Appetites is a fishing and eating show hosted by Dave, the fisherman and Phil, the chef. By day Dave fished local

streams with some of our best Rabunites and in the evenings Phil was hanging out with some of our top local chefs and restaurants cooking up some awesome entrees. The Angler and Appetites show is shown on Fox Sports South.

The schedule is as follows for the Rabun County shows to air:

2 Episodes in Rabun County on Fox Sports South

Episode #1 - The Trout & Tastes of Rabun County

Sat 10/15/2016 10:30 AM

Tue 10/18/2016 5:30 PM

Wed 10/19/2016 12:00 AM

Episode #2 - Gorging in the Gorges of Rabun County

Sat 10/22/2016 10:30 AM

Tue 10/25/2016 5:30 PM

Wed 10/26/2016 12:00 AM

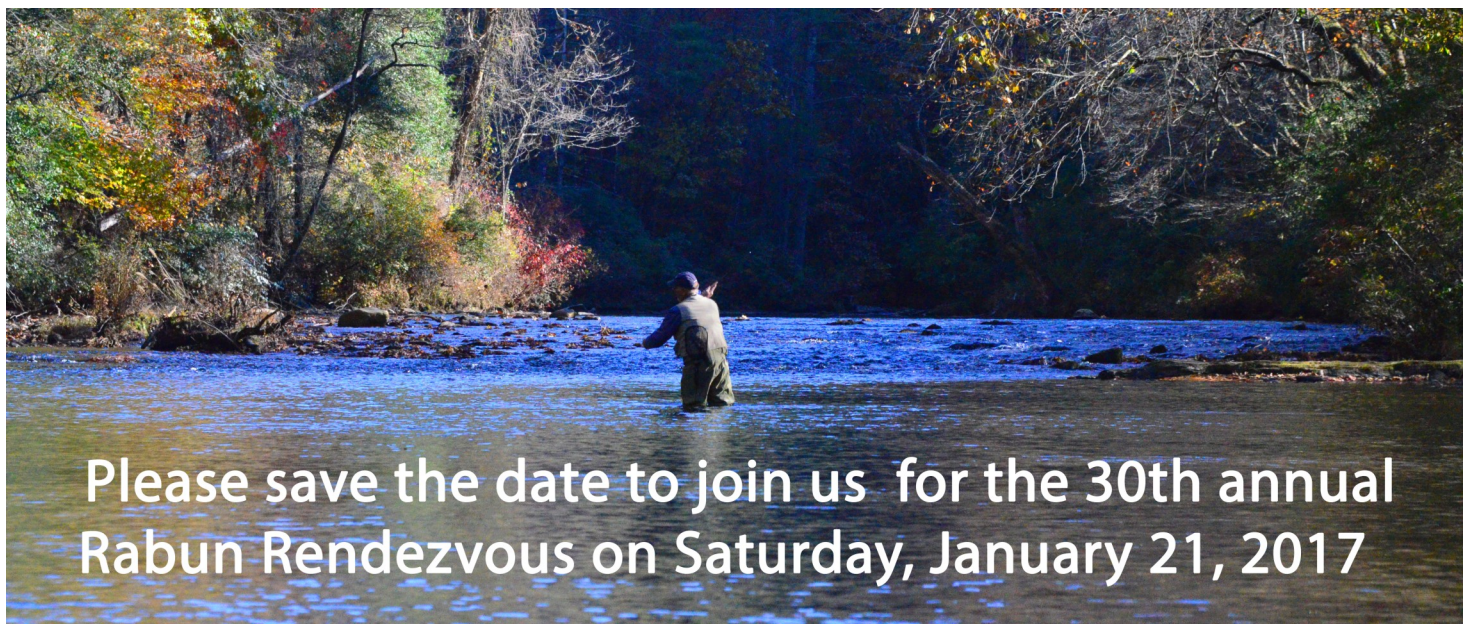
Be sure to tune in and let all your friends know !!

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Please save the date to join us for the 30th annual Rabun Rendezvous on Saturday, January 21, 2017

We are gearing up for a great big celebration!! We hope you will be able to join us for our 30th annual Rabun Rendezvous. It will be a great time! Our guest speaker will be Beverly Smith, Vice President for Volunteer Operations, TU National. Beverly is responsible for the Volunteer Operations Department which supports 36 state councils and 380 local chapters across the country by delivering a suite of applications, trainings and resources aimed at helping volunteers more easily and effectively accomplish TU's mission in their local communities. Her responsibilities also include managing TU's youth education programs, veterans' services partnership, and women/ diversity initiative. Beverly joined TU as the Volunteer Operations Coordinator in 2007, was promoted to Director in 2009, and Vice President in 2014. Prior to joining TU, Beverly worked for the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance and the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League. Beverly grew up in Charleston, S.C. and received a B.A. from the University of Virginia. She lives in Jackson, Wyo. with her husband, daughter and springer spaniel where she enjoys volunteering locally, fly fishing and bird hunting.

We'll be at our usual location at the Dillard House. Social will start at 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 also begin at 5 pm. Then about 6:30 we will dine on fish, chicken and pork with all the side dishes and desserts that have made the Dillard House so famous. It is a serve yourself buffet, so you will not leave hungry. The cost will be \$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.

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. Also Mountain Aire Cottages on North Main Street in Clayton is a good source for lodging. Call them at 706-782-9568.



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Forward Casting Calendar of Events

Oct 18 (Tues): Regular monthly meeting of the Rabun TU Chapter. Our guest speaker will be Karl Ekberg from the Chattooga River fly shop. Karl will do a great presentation called "Chattooga Fall Fishing Tips". The second season is upon us so this will be a great meeting. We will be having our meeting raffle also so don't forget to bring a dollar or two. (Photo from Chattooga River Fly Shop web site.)



Oct. 18 (Tues): USFS meeting at the Rabun County Civic Center from 6 to 9 pm regrading the info from page 12 if this newsletter. **PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED!**

Oct. 25 (Tues): Monthly BOD meeting. Meeting starts at 6:30; all are welcome!!

Nov. 2 - 6 (Wed—Sun): Fall Campout at Oconee State Park. Our base camp site is #93. We will once again be doing our guest Chef meal cooking plans. So if you plan on joining us and/or if you can host a meal (Breakfast or supper; lunch is on your own) please contact Steve Perry with that information. Steve will need a head count for each meal so he can be sure that the volunteer cook at each meal knows how many to prepare for eating. He can be reached at flygide@gmail.com or by phone at 828-371-1633. Click [here](#) for a link to the Oconee State Park web site so you can reserve a camping spot. And if you can't stay just reserve a supper night with Steve and come over and hang out a little while. Meals are all \$5.00 each. And if you're camping don't forget your firewood. Always Great FUN!!



Nov. 8 (Tues) Monthly BOD meeting. Meeting starts at 6:30; all are welcome!! Meeting moved up from 4th Tuesday of the month because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Nov. 15 (Tues): Regular monthly meeting of the Rabun TU Chapter.

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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.

October fly of the month: By: Terry Rivers

HOOK: SIZE 16/18 DRY FLY HOOK
THREAD: OLIVE
TAIL: DUN OR GREY HACKLE FIBERS
BODY: OLIVE DUBBING
WINGS: DUN OR GREY HACKLE TIPS
THORAX: DUN OR GREY HACKLE



WHEN THINGS SLOW DOWN DURING WINTER MONTHS TRY THESE IN SIZE 16/18. YOU MAY BE SURPRISED.

SEE YA ON THE RIVER!!

Blue Wing Olive

To view a Hatch Chart for all month click [Hatch Chart](#)

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.

[Chattooga Level](#)

[Tallulah River Level](#)

[Nantahala](#)

[Little Tennessee](#)



October 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 |
| Small Dun Caddis | All month | Small Dun Caddis | 8 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa |
| Large October Caddis | Late | Early AM and Late PM | 8-10 Ginger Elk Hair 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa |
| Trico Mayfly Trico Spinner Fall | Mid to Late | Mid AM to Late PM | 20 Parachute Trico, Trico emerger 20–22 Poly Wing Black Spinner |
| Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill (important) | Late | Late AM to Mid PM | 16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Ad- ams Parachute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail |



Not quiet ready to be a fly fisherman? Try these alternatives for catching trout.



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Back Casting

Once again, a full house of mature Rabunites and young boy scouts packed our meeting room for the September meeting on Tuesday September 20th. The program was by USFS biologist David Vinson. A proud grad of Rabun County High and the Warnell Forestry School at UGA, David's first fishing memories were made while hauling in rainbows at Andy's Trout Farm! He truly has Rabunite blood flowing thru his veins.



A sixteen year agency veteran who worked his way up the ranks, thru the recreation and fire programs, David landed his dream job when he replaced the legendary wildlife technician, Doug Watson, upon his retirement. Two years ago David was promoted to biologist.

With recent reorganization, senior biologist Jim Wentworth, David, and a new wildlife technician will now cover both the central (Blairsville) and east (Clayton) ranger districts. They are stretched thinner, but remain highly committed to fish and wildlife habitat management.

David then listed past, present, and possible future fisheries accomplishments. He reminded us of Chattooga sampling and copter stocking, trout stream habitat improvements, GATU Trout Camp support, and our cooperative smile production via the annual Tallulah River kids fishing rodeo. He showed us photos of the tallulah's wheelchair-accessible fishing pier, now under construction, and needing some Rabunite TLC in the near future.

David was excited about continuing habitat improvements in the Warwoman watershed project's streams. He also strongly encouraged TU participation in the new Foothills Landscape project. For more info click [here](#) and be sure to attend the Clayton meeting on Oct. 18, 2016 at the Civic Center.

His agency has just begun taking public comments on USFS management priorities in this 160,000 acre area, so Rabunites oughta discuss and speak up soon on the Foothills Project.

It was a great meeting with a local boy who has "dun good" professionally and is ready, willing, and able to work in partnership with DNR and the Rabunites. Let's take advantage of this golden opportunity to help David optimize trout habitat for all of us. Shoot, with David here, the fishing might soon be better than a day at Andy's Trout Farm!

Thanks for coming, David. We're glad to have ya!

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Unicoi Outdoor Adventure Day!!

By Brian Weeks

This year's Outdoor Adventure Day was a resounding success - despite the hot weather! The day (well, actually, the entire summer) was sunny and there wasn't a drop of rain in sight. Which, as you all are well aware from



your other favorite streams, presented the day with a meaningful challenge. The part of the stream where the fish are normally stocked was running very warm - around 74F. But, above the dam was about 10 degrees cooler. Adapting to this, the DNR decided to stock the majority of the fish up above the dam. And, boy was that some goooood fishing!

There were smiles and full stringers as far as the eye could see. And, watching the little ones catch their very first fish was truly priceless. Although, a number of the adults had a similar level of excitement with their catches too!

Plenty of other activities were on offer that day as well: fly casting, fly tying, archery, and skeet shooting, to name a few, all enjoyed similar enthusiasm. This year, over 1,250 in total turned out - a good year indeed. All in all, OAD 2016 was a winner.

Thank you DNR for your commitment to our fishing pleasure, and THANK YOU to all who volunteered.

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Rabun TU presented donations recently to other Georgia TU Chapters to help them with their fund raising efforts.



Charlie Breithaupt presents a framed Broderick Crawford print to Chattahoochee Nantahala Chapter outgoing President Pat



Mark Romzick, Secretary for the UCCTU chapter receives a framed print from Rabunite Charlie Breithaupt.



The new President of the Blueridge Chapter, David Skillman, receives Rabun TU's donation of a framed Broderick Crawford print from Charlie Breithaupt.



Charlie Breithaupt presents on behalf of Rabun TU a framed print to the Middle Georgia TU Chapter President Bob Jaworski.

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Chapter News

Tallulah River Handicap Fishing Pier is now finished!!

WHAaaaaaaa WHOooooooooooooo!!!!!!!

Several Rabunites joined USFS personnel late September and early October to complete the pier. There will be an official dedication coming either in November or early spring. Mean while if you know someone who is handicapped and wants to fish.....then go get them and take them fishing!!



Frank Tolbert did a test drive to make sure it worked.....and it did....worked very well!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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News & Noteworthy

VERY IMPORTANT !!

From the U.S. Forest Service: Foothills Collaboration

We Need YOU: We need your knowledge and insights right from the start in order to plan the right work in the right places for the right reasons. Share what you know about the Foothills Landscape with us and others through this collaboration. Use this forum to tell your community what you care about and why. Describe what you want and need from this landscape...and also what you can and do give. Learn from the knowledge that others share. And consider the many other perspectives revealed to all of us through this collaboration. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/conf/home/?cid=fseprd514937>

Join the Conversation!

Please join us for any of these Community Conversations where we'll be collaborating on the Foothills Landscape:

Dahlonega: Thursday, October 13, 6:00–9:00pm
Lumpkin County Community Center
365 Riley Road, Dahlonega GA 30533

Gainesville: Saturday, October 15, 9:30am–12:30pm
North Hall Community Center
4175 Nopone Rd, Gainesville GA 30506

Clayton: Tuesday, October 18, 6:00–9:00pm
Rabun County Civic Center
201 W Savannah St, Clayton GA 30525

North Atlanta: Saturday, October 29, 9:30am–12:30pm
Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center
2020 Clean Water Dr, Buford GA 30519

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2017 Dream Fly Fishing Trip, Island Park, ID

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Fishing Reports

The Perry's(Steve & Elizabeth) just returned from a two week vacation in Montana and Wyoming, in celebration of my birthday(not telling which one). This is the first time we have ever said, when time to come home, we don't want to leave. After arriving in Bozeman, we headed for Columbia Falls, MT, near the west entrance to Glacier National Park. If you haven't been to GNP, go! Every view is spectacular. First day was west to east on The Road to the Sun, and next day was east to west. It was amazing how so many things were different going in each direction.

After leaving the Glacier area, we headed south through Idaho into Wyoming, and Jackson

Hole. Haven't been there since I was with son, Ryan, who was guiding for Jack Dennis Outfitters, during 9/11. Following a brief stay in Jackson, we saw the Tetons on the way to Cody, WY. If you have never been to the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody, it is a must. I could have remained in that building for days. Each wing is different: A celebration of Buffalo Bill's life; art work, including a replica of Remington's work shop and statuary; the Natural History section; and finally, the history of guns. I have never seen so many weapons in one place in my life, not even in VietNam.

From Cody, we headed to Paradise Valley, fifteen miles south of Livingston, MT, where we were joined by the children and grandkids who were able to be there. And the fishing began!!! They were slowly opening the Yellowstone after the whitefish kill, so we were able to fish that a couple times. Beautiful cutthroat and rainbows. We also fished Mill Creek for cutthroat, and had the privilege of fishing the private water on the DuPuy. The DuPuy is the hardest fishing I have ever done, but the few fish caught were very high quality.

While in Paradise Valley, we ventured into Yellowstone National Park, and, as Mother Nature would have it,

IT SNOWED!! Day one was almost blizzard conditions. Day two was limited because roads were closed because of snow. Oh well, back to fishing! Finally, we travelled up into a basin for about nine miles where there is a huge field of caraway to watch the grizzly bears gorging for winter. OMG!

All in all, it was a great trip-good time together, a great time with the kids, and lots of critters seen. Didn't want to come home, but it is always good to get back. We WILL do this again.



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Fishing Reports

Taking the Treatment, 2016
By Doug Adams and Pat Hopton

Back in 1957, Doug made his first western fishing trip. On that trip he became afflicted with a condition known as “Rocky Mountain Fever”. Then in 1986 he invited Pat on his first western fishing trip, where he too became afflicted with the Fever. Now, every year the two must return to the high mountains to seek relief with some cold water therapy.

This year, Pat and Doug made a 10 day trip (4 days driving and 6 days fishing) to a spot well known to many Rabunites... an abandoned FS campground on the banks of a mid-size river, a spot where you can fish just outside your camp or where you can hike into the backcountry upstream from camp.

There, we were greeted with daily morning hatches of Trico mayflies. What fun! Sight casting to rising large trout in low, clear waters using #20 spent wing dry flies. By 11:00 am the Trico spinner fall was over and we spent the rest of the day exploring the pocket water with Elk Hair Caddis and Copper Johns. Many beautiful, wild rainbow and brown trout were caught in the 14-18” range.

We completed our treatment by enjoying the sounds of coyote howling at night, smelling the sage, watching eagles and ospreys over the river, tasting fresh caught fish cooked on the grill, and sitting around the campfire sharing memories, stories, and laughs.

The treatment was complete though admittedly it will be temporary. We know there is no permanent cure for Rocky Mountain Fever. But the memories will hold us until the next treatment.



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Membership News & Updates

Current membership: 177 members, 26 life members, and 8 stream explorers.

Welcome new members: Ron Michaels & Bob Pickens. Hope to see you on the river soon!

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Carl & Kathy Kleinsteber, Tom Shirley, Ron Wilson

Time to renew your membership: Charles Cawton, Doug Mansfield, Derek Porter, Dan Cox Amy & Ray Golden, Broderick & Michele Crawford, Mike Hamilton, Troy Lee, O. Nolte and Dave Schmitt.



The Tallulah Falls Handicap Pier that has just been finished is a great example of a dream becoming a reality. While many played a role in a vision coming to life none of it would have been possible without you!! Buying tickets, making donations and supporting our annual Rabun Rendezvous helps make the funds available for things like the pier. Never think that any contribution is too small. It all adds up! Please help us continue to

achieve more great things in the future by marking your calendar to attend our 30th annual Rendezvous on Saturday, January 21, 2017. More info on page 4.



Visit us on
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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 [here](#) to check out the calendar of events.

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