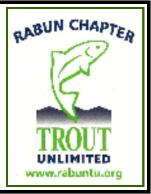
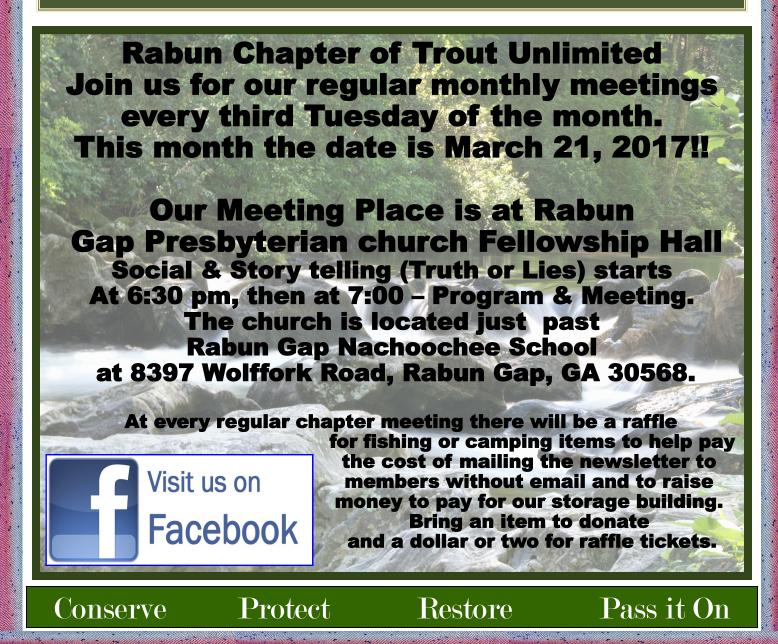


# Tight Lines

March 2017 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited Editor: Michele Crawford <u>mcrawfordtu@windstream.net</u> Rabun TU's Award Winning Web Site http://rabuntu.org/site/



"No life is so happy and so pleasant as the life of the well-govern'd angler." Izaak Walton



## Letter from the President



Fishing season is about to be upon us once again. I know that for you real trout bums it never really ends, but for the rest of us it is time to get ready to hit the water. Charlie Breithaupt reports that he and Wayne Prosser visited the Chattooga DH two weeks ago on-

ly to find the lowest and clearest water that he can ever remember seeing. The good news is that I believe that we may receive some much needed rain over the next couple of weeks.

For those of you that might be interested Rabunite Mike Fuller is working on a plan to organize future trips to western North Carolina to sample their Fly Fishing Trail. This is the only trout fishing trail in the country to my knowledge and it encompasses fifteen different streams/rivers throughout western section of the state. Check it out at <u>www.flyfishingtrail.com</u> and stayed tuned for more detailed information.

As I close, I also want to remind you that you still have time to sign up for the trip of a lifetime to the Naknek River Camp in beautiful Bristol Bay, Alaska where you will enjoy a week's guided fishing, lodging and meals all for an unbelievably low price. For Rabun TU members, the trip will only cost \$1,200. TU members from other chapters can get in on the trip for \$1,300 and non-TU members can enjoy the trip for \$1,500. You can choose between either of the last two weeks in June or the last two weeks of September. Having fished Alaska for the last sixteen plus years I can assure you that you will not find a better deal anywhere. .....continued on next page......

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### Notes from the President



If the thought of catching dolly varden, several species of salmon, grayling, northern pike and monster rainbow trout in the 30 + inch range appeal to you then visit their website at www.naknekrivercamp.com for a look at what could be in store for you. The only requirement is that you put down a 50% de-

posit by April 1, 2017 in order to lock in the trip. You can contact myself or Past President Steve Perry for more information or details on reserving your spot.

Don't forget our monthly chapter meeting are 6:30 P. M. on the third Tuesday of each month at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in Rabun Gap, Georgia. Hope to see you at a meeting soon. And just remember "*If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles*." (Doug Larson)

Kent Wilson



Naknek River sockeyes brought to you by Guide Chad Bryson, Larry Walker, Steve Perry and Kent Wilson



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# FISH ALASKA 2017

Ever dreamed of fishing in Alaska, but the COST prevented you from going?

#### NOW, THE COST IS NO LONGER PROHIBITIVE!!

Spend a week of guided fishing for MONSTER rainbow trout, salmon, grayling and bear watching in Katmai National Park (Brooks) for less than half the normal cost for Naknek River Camp, and at 25% the cost of any other Alaska Lodge!!!

Available weeks are:

- 1. June 17th–23rd, 2017
- 2. June 23rd–July 1, 2017
- 3. September 16th–September 23rd, 2017
- 4. September 23rd–September 30th, 2017
- Cost– Rabun Chapter TU members......\$1200.00 Any other TU members......\$1300.00 Non TU members .....\$1500.00

\*\*\*\*\*Above cost is ALL INCLUSIVE— food, lodging, guides\*\*\*\*\*

Contact person is Steve Perry / Rabun TU at email: flygide@gmail.com

Visit their web site at: <u>naknekrivercamp.com</u>



## Forward Casting Calendar of Events

March 18 (Sat): Rabunite 101. Our annual beginning fly fishing course for ages 18 and over will be held this year at the Clayton Methodist Church Activities Center. The activities center is located at the Creative Learning Center on old Hwy 441 behind the radio station on the hill. Contact Charlie Breithaupt at 706-782-6954 for more information.

March 18 (Sat): Fly Fishing activity for youth at Smithgall Woods State Park from 9:30 to noon. For more information click <u>here</u> or call 706-878-3087.

March 21 (Tues): Our regular monthly meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church starting at 6:30. This month's topic is so appropriate with heavy spring fishing season upon us. The topic is: "Rattlesnakes in Rabun: Biology, Myths, and Safety." Our speaker is Dr. Christopher Jenkins. Chris is CEO of the Orianne Society and faculty at University of Georgia. He is also the founding Chairman for the International Union for the

Conservation of Nature's Viper Specialist Group where he coordinates a network of viper conservation biologists from over 40 countries. Chris lives on Betty's Creek and is an avid sportsman who spends a portion of most days on the ridges and along the rivers of Rabun. Chris will present on rattlesnake biology with a focus on busting many of the myths that exist and he will finish with advice on snake bite prevention and safety for fisherman on local rivers. We'll also have a monthly raffle. This will be a great meeting for everyone!! Chris always presents a program to remember!! TELL EVERYONE!!





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## Forward Casting Calendar of Events

March 28 (Tues): Rabun TU monthly board meeting starting at 6:30. Everyone welcome!

April 1 (Sat): NGTO Spring Fling from 8 am to 2 pm at the Buford Trout Hatchery. Lots of great fishing clinics. For more info click <u>here</u>.

April 8 (Sat): The annual banquet for the Oconee River Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be Saturday, April 8, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Flinchums Phoenix. Advance tickets are \$40 (couple); \$25 (singles); and \$15 (students). Tickets purchased at the door will be \$5 higher. Contact <u>sghilliard@gmail.com</u> for more information.

April 18 (Tues): Regular monthly meeting for Rabun TU. Since the best fishing season will be fully upon us our own "Dredger" (Jeff Durniak) will be our guest speaker with a presentation on "Summer fly fishing Tips."

April 21–23 (Fri- Sun): Trout Unlimited SE Regional Meeting in Gatlinburg, TN. For more information click <u>here</u>. It's really close by this year so a great opportunity to hang out and learn so much for fellow anglers.

April 25 (Tues): Rabun TU monthly board meeting starting at 6:30. Everyone welcome!

May 17-21 (Wed—Sun): Rabun TU Annual Spring Campout at Oconee State Park. Go ahead and reserve your camp site by clicking <u>here</u>. Terry has reserved site #93 for our host site for meals. More info next month, but reserve your camping spot now.

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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.

March fly of the month By Terry Rivers "MARCH BROWN" TAIL: BROWN HACKLE FIBERS BODY: BROWN GOOSE BIOTS THORAX: BROWN RABBIT DUBBING PARACHUTE: ANTRON OR CALF TAIL HACKLE: BROWN



WELL IT SEEMS LIKE SPRING IS AP-PROACHING US FAST AND I WOULD HAVE SOME OF THESE TIED UP IN SIZE 12/16 AND LOOK FOR THESE MID DAY.

## "SEE YA ON THE RIVER"

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 <u>here</u> for the latest reports.



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

Chattooga Level

Tallulah River Level

<u>Nantahala</u>

Little Tennessee







## March Hatches

| None at all  | All year                 | All Day                  | Dredging Nymphs:<br>12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear,<br>Zugbug, PT<br>#14 Parachute Adams is al-<br>ways a good searching pat-<br>tern |
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| Midges   | All year                 | All Day                  | 18-22 Griffith's Gnat<br>18-22 Midge Pupa   |
| Terrestrials – Ants, Bee-<br>tles, Crickets, Inch-<br>Worms, Etc | Various Times<br>& Sizes | Various Times<br>& Sizes | Various Times<br>& Sizes  |
| Blue Winged Olive &<br>Blue Quill<br>(important)                 | Late                     | Late AM to Mid<br>PM     | 16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or<br>Adams Parachute 16-20<br>BWO nymph or Pheasant<br>Tail  |
| Quill Gordon   | Late                     | Late AM to Mid<br>PM     | 12-14 Quill Gordon 12<br>Quill Gordon Nymph   |
| Early Black Stone  | All month                | Late Am to Mid<br>PM     | 16-18 Black Elk-hair Cad-<br>dis or Griffith's Gnat<br>16-18 Black Stone Nymph  |
| Cream Caddis .<br>(Very Important)                               | Late                     | Mid AM to<br>Late PM     | 12 -14 Elk-hair Caddis<br>12 - 14 Dark Cream Cad-<br>dis Pupa   |



# Thanks to all who made the 2017 Rabun Rendezvous successful:

The Rabun TU Chapter celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabun Rendezvous this year! This is a tremendous milestone for our chapter. "Old Man Winter" smiled on us this year in that he held off the snow, but did provide us with some much needed rain. The clouds parted and we celebrated the kick-off with dry conditions. Thanks to the Dillard House, Foxfire Boys and our guest speaker, Beverly Smith, Vice-President for Volunteer Operations, TU National. Beverly talked about TU, some of its history, roles within the organization and interaction with chapters across our country. Her main focus was "Community". We are indeed a community and it was evident as we looked around the room and saw the participation from multiple TU chapters and attendees from several states. Beverly shared some great stories that contained a few familiar names, like Doug, Charlie and Kyle. She talked about her interaction with her family and the greater TU family. We felt the presence of missing, but not forgotten members of our TU family in "Around the Bend." We are indeed blessed to be part of a community who love the outdoors. Thanks to all who were able to attend the Rabun Rendezvous! Those of you who weren't there, we hope to see you next year. Come be part of our community!

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## Back Casting / Scenes from Rendezvous



#### Thanks to all our donors who made the 2017 Rabun Rendezvous successful: Please support them every chance you can!

Doug and Eedee Adams; Avril Adams; Johnny Amrine (Amrine Rentals, Clayton, GA); Bass Pro Shops - Lawrenceville, GA; Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt; Louisa Hanney; Unicoi State Park & Lodge; Michele and Broderick Crawford (Crawford Art Gallery); John Dillard, Jr. (Dillard House and Staff); Louise Dillard; Jeff Durniak; Smithgall Woods State Park; Foxfire Boys (Wayne Gipson, Mike Hamilton, Steve McCall, Tom Nixon, Dean English, Filmer Kilby); Jake Darling & Jimmy Harris (Unicoi Outfitters); Tammy and Pat Hopton; Vaughn Rogers - (Reeves Hardware – Dillard); Jim and Carolyn Kidd; Estate of Tom Landreth (June Landreth); LL Bean; Mack Martin (Atlanta Fly Fishing School); Susan and Frank Patton; Jeff Reeves (Reeves Building Supply - Clayton); Lewis Reeves III (Reeves Hardware -Clayton); Terry and Emmilyn Rivers; Mountain Nature & Wild Bird Supply; Gail and Frankl Tolbert; Fritz Vinson; Jim Enloe (Jim's Primitives); Sandy Morgan; Highlands Aerial Park; Smitty's Spirits, Clayton, GA; Ray King; Highland Hiker; Peter Croes; Elizabeth and Steve Perry; TU National - Embrace-A-Stream and Coldwater Conservancy; TU National – Franklin Tate; Maria Rodeghiero; Wayne Prosser; Sky Valley Golf Club; Steve Hudson; Landon Williams; Mike Fuller; Rabun TU – Young Volunteers; Apple Mountain Resort & Golf Club; Blue Ridge Music; Monte Seehorn; Academy Sports and Outdoors, Snellville, GA; Jim Harvey – Upper Chattahoochee TU; Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa; Coosa Valley TU; C & J Mountain Outfitters; Project Healing Waters - Atlanta; Estate of Brad Haves; Jeff Fields; Jim Nixon; Ken Bradshaw; Brian Weeks; Butler Galleries – Clayton, GA; Patsy Lewis Gentry and Ray Gentry; Glenn English; Bill Stevens; Hillside Orchards – Wiley, GA; Donn Harper; Kitty and Joel Wise; Tim Raney; Blue Ridge TU Chapter - GA; Larry Vigil; Tony Allred; Walmart - Clayton, GA (Bud O'Connell); River Through Atlanta (Chris Scalley); Blackrock Outdoor Company (Sylva, NC – Shannon Messer); R. M. Rose Distillers – Dillard, GA; Rodney Tumlin; Stephen "big T" Thomasovich – Big T Fly Fishing Guide Service; Mane Design (Cathy Williams); Rusty Bike Café (Clayton, GA); Wiley Tire Center – Wiley, GA

WAAHOO for our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabun Rendezvous! Hope to see you on the water. Ray King, Rabun Rendezvous Coordinator

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Everyone that turned out for a February meeting were delighted with the presentation by Ray Gentry. Ray filled everyone in on fishing way north of Hiawassee at Kasba Lodge. Ray was very informative plus showed off quite a

bit with his big fish photos!!

Kent presented Ray with a Rainbow trout print after the meeting.



Thanks to Frank Patton, Terry Riv-

ers, Justin English, Pat Hopton and Kent Wilson for their raffle donations. We raised \$98 to continue supporting cold, clean water, especially in Rabun County.

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#### **TIE-ONE-ON AT BASSPRO SHOP**

For the past several years BassPro in Lawrenceville, GA has hosted an annual Trout Unlimited event called Tie-One-On. TU members from all over the state gather to tie flies, promote TU and socialize with each other and the public shopping at BassPro. BassPro generously donates tying material and chapters donate money to the program which, in turn, goes to support youth education for cold water conservation in Georgia. Some spectators, both young and old, took advantage of the opportunity and tied a fly under the direction of a seasoned tier. Those who did went away with their own fly and, if and when they catch a trout on that fly, will feel a great sense of pride.

Representing the Rabun Chapter was Frank "Much Plunder" Tolbert, "Tying" Terry Rivers, Phil "Feathers and Thread" Upchurch, Charlie "San Juan Only" Breithaupt and Rabun Chapter Secretary and State Council Vice-Chair Kathy "Ain't Tying Nothing" Breithaupt who manned (or womaned) the display table and sold Dream Trip tickets and TU good-will.

A good time was had by all. Lunch at the local food court provided "people watching" that, while different in many ways, rivaled a late night visit to our lo-

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cal Wal-Mart for uniqueness and, in several cases, sheer size. WOW!!

Reported by Charlie Breithaupt...now working on the Y2K !!

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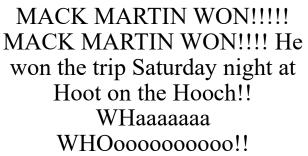
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## **DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!**







- 9', 5wt 4 piece rod and case, 5/6 reel and case 5/6 floating fly line. Donated by Renegade Fly Fishing
- 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 •
- Unguided half day fishing at Nacoochee Bend for two fishermen. Donated by Unicoi Outfitters •
- One day, guided Dillard House private water fishing for two, to include lunch. Donated by The Dillard House
- Original Artwork Donated by Jenna Mason www.jmasondesignsonline.com or facebook.com/jmasondesignsonline •
- Two fly boxes of 6 dozen trout flies. Donated by 12 TU chapters in Georgia.

#### For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org



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#### News and Information

#### **TROUT STOCKING WILL BEGIN EARLIER IN 2017**

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (Mar. 7, 2017) – Take advantage of beautiful spring weather and plan a trout fishing trip to the north Georgia Mountains! How about an early trout stocking to sweeten the deal?

The Georgia Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will cooperatively stock 40,000 trout in Georgia during the week of Mar. 6, giving anglers their first opportunity to harvest some freshly stocked trout in 2017. Regular weekly stockings for the 2017 stocking season begin on Mar. 20, when an additional 70,000 trout will hit the water.

Despite the low stream flows being experienced in north Georgia, the trout stocking program is still aiming to stock one million fish this year.

"With the current spring-like conditions and all trout waters open to fishing yearround, we have decided to stock approximately 40,0000 trout two weeks early," says WRD trout stocking coordinator John Lee Thomson. "Due to the mild winter, we have experienced excellent trout growth in our hatcheries and with the continuing low stream flows, these fish have outgrown the available hatchery space giving us the opportunity to stock a few weeks early this year."

Some popular stocked streams that will receive trout during this early stocking effort include Cooper Creek in Union County, Tallulah River in Rabun County, Dicks Creek in Lumpkin County, Holly Creek in Murray County, and Johns Creek in Floyd County. The daily limit is eight trout on general regulation trout waters. Anglers are reminded to respect private property rights along streams flowing through private lands and to obtain permission before fishing on private property.

Anglers must possess a current Georgia fishing license and a trout license to fish in designated trout waters and to fish for or possess trout. Anglers must also possess a wildlife management area license or Georgia Outdoor Recreation Pass (GORP) in order to fish on certain WMAs. Find a list of designated areas at <u>www.georgiawildlife.com/Georgia-Outdoor-Recreational-Pass</u>.

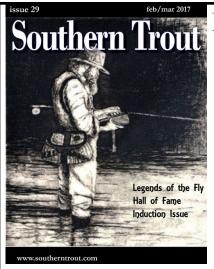
Anglers must possess a current Georgia fishing license to fish in public waters. Where can you get a license? Buy it online (<u>www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com</u>), at a retail license vendor (list at<u>www.georgiawildlife.com/licenses-permits-passes</u>) or buy it by phone at 1-800-366-2661.

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#### News and Information



Southern Trout Looking for a good read? Check out the article in the Feb/March issue of Southern Trout Magazine online on page 118. Rabunites will find the article very interesting.

#### Click here for the link to the online magazine.



#### FLY-FISHING SEMINAR

wanted to try your hand at fly-fishing for trout but never learned the in's and out's of it?

Ever wonder why some people seem to get so "hooked" on it?

Now's your chance! The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited is planning a half-day fly-fishing seminar for adults (male and female 16 years and older). The seminar will cover equipment, casting, knots and entomology (the bugs we imitate for fish to eat).

Instructors include Federation of Flyfishermen Certified Instructors and other experts for a hands-on learning experience that will be helpful and fun.

| WHAT:   | Fly-Fishing Seminar "Rabunite 101"   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| WHEN:   | Saturday, March 18, 2017<br>8:30 am until 1:00 pm  |  |  |  |
| WHERE:  | Clayton Methodist Creative Learning Center/ Gym<br>205 Ministry Mountain Drive, Clayton, GA 30525<br>(off old hwy 441 behind the radio station)<br>http://www.claytonmethodist.com/creative-learning-center/ |  |  |  |
| HOW MUCH? Cost is only \$25   |  |  |  |  |
| WANT TO SIGN UP??? FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!<br>The session is limited to 28 participants.   |  |  |  |  |
| Send the form below along with your check made payable to:<br>The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited<br>Charlie Breithaupt<br>194 Kitchins Lane<br>Clayton, GA 30525 <u>knc615@windstream.net</u> (706)782-6954 |  |  |  |  |
| You will receive notification when you have been registered.  |  |  |  |  |
| Please Print (NEA   | TLY!) Yes, I want to attend the fly-fishing seminar!   |  |  |  |
| Name  | A  |  |  |  |
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**Building Brookie** Habitat

> Enjoy this video of WRD Fisheries staff in action. Leon "Brook Trout" Brotherton is as fine a narrator as he is a sawyer.

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### Membership News & Updates

**Current membership:** 167 members, 26 life members, and 8 stream explorers.

**Thanks for re-upping your membership:** Tony Allred, Jim Blalock, Charlie Breithaupt, Arin Christensen, Peggy Crowe, Justin English, Ray Hannah, Glenn Ivie, Thomas Johnson, Frank Patton, Corey Smith, Perry Thompson, Jimmy Whiten and Michael Williams.

**Time to renew your membership:** Kaplan Mitchell, Phil Upchurch and John Wall.

FISHING SEASON IS UPON US SO PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS AND FISHING STORIES. LIE ALL YOUR WANT OR NEED TO....JUST PLEASE SHARE!!

> Visit us on Facebook

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 calendar of events.

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