



RABUN CHAPTER #522

TIGHT LINES

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Join us for our regular monthly meetings every third Tuesday of the month. This month the date is **Tuesday February 20.**

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. Our meetings are

always fun and very informative.

Great times with your fellow Rabunites.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**“I go fishing not to find myself
but to lose myself”**

Joseph Monniger

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

Winding up the month of Feb. and going in to March trout fishing the Chattooga River Chapter has some great information in their January newsletter about what flies will be best and several tying videos for those flies. Click [here](#) to go to their newsletter. Information is on page 3.

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FROM THE RABUN TU PRESIDENT KENT WILSON:

As January has now turned into February, the 2018 Rabun Rendezvous has once again been successfully concluded. We had a much smaller than usual turnout this year. Perhaps the weather was "too good" and those suffering from cabin fever found the lure of the outdoors too tempting. Maybe we can arrange to have the snow and ice return next year. I would like to thank all of you who did turn out to support this year's event. Special thanks to Rabunite Ray King for another job well done on the 2018 Rendezvous!

The continuing success of the Rabun Rendezvous would not be possible without the strong support of our many business partners and generous donors. Their continuing support is deeply appreciated! I strongly encourage each of you to take every opportunity to support the businesses that so generously support us.

Mike Fuller has once again undertaken the task of organizing the "Fellowship and Fly-fishing" outings for the upcoming year which will include forays to various prime fishing spots in both northeast Georgia and western North Carolina. Mike has something special in store this spring as the group will travel to Shenandoah National Park on April 8th for an extended fishing trip. Rabunite Doug Hickman, who has fished the park on a number of occasions, will be making the trip and will be able to offer some valuable insight into the local area. Additional details will be forthcoming, but you can also contact Mike Fuller directly if you have questions or need additional information.

I would encourage you to join us at our upcoming chapter meeting which will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 beginning at 6:30 P. M. at the Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church located in Rabun Gap, Georgia.

Tight Lines,
Kent Wilson

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR TROUT UNLIMITED ACROSS NORTH GEORGIA



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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK [HERE](#)! TALK ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF JUST A FEW \$\$\$.

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STAY INFORMED & GET INVOLVED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB. 20 (Tues): Regular monthly meeting starting at 6:30. Our speaker for the evening will be our own Brian Weeks. Like many in our group Brian is part trout so for those wanting to learn and improve any and all fishing skills.... He's the man! Brian's topic will be Winter Trouting Tips. In other words if you've ever wished that wintertime wasn't offseason for trout fishing and find it too cold - for either you or the fish; Brian will share tips so you can learn how to stay warm on the water, where to go, and what to fish for success. Always a great time with fellow Rabunites!!



FEB. 22 (Thurs): The Andrew Pickens district of the USFS in Mountain Rest is holding an informational meeting on February 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the district office on SC 28 north of Walhalla. The status of the hemlock and a proposal to expand the current treatment program, both chemical and biological, to new areas will be presented. The public is invited to attend. This is an important issue for TU's trout conservation efforts.

FEB. 27 (Tues): Regular monthly Board meeting starting at 6:30. Everyone is welcome!

March 17 (Sat): Quarterly meeting for the Georgia TU Council. UC Chapter is hosting the event at the Chattahoochee Nature Center from 9 am till noon.

March 20 (Tues): Regular monthly meeting for Rabun TU starting at 6:30.

MARCH 24 (Sat): HOOT ON THE HOOCH! Event starts at 5:00 pm at the Helendorf River Inn Suites and Conference Center. Tickets are at the door for \$30.00 each. Great BBQ, auction and raffle items. Plus the DREAM TRIP TICKET WINNER WILL BE DRAWN!! GET YOUR DREAM TRIP TICKETS ASAP! For more info click [here](#)!

March 27 (Tues): Regular monthly Board meeting starting at 6:30.

April 7 (Sat): Rabunite 101. Beginning Fly-Fishing Seminar 8:30 am until 1:00 pm. Clayton Methodist Creative Learning Center/ Gym . Cost is only \$25.00. Event limited to 28 participants. See the full sign up sheet on page 4.



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ADDITIONAL EVENTS

On Saturday Feb 24, 2018 the Tuckaseegee TU Chapter and Tuckaseegee Fly Shop will be hosting the IF4 Fly Fishing Film Tour at the Quinn Theater in Sylva NC. Tickets are \$15.00 each and only 200 tickets will be sold. They will have raffles and giveaways also to help raise money for their Trout In the Classroom projects. Mike Fuller is going and will be glad to do some car pooling if anyone else wants to join him that evening for the great event. For more information and to see a cool short video about the Film Tour click [here](#). Go to the Tuckaseegee Facebook page [here](#) for the link to buy tickets. Contact Mike Fuller [here](#).

**RABUNITE SPRING CAM-
POUT AND FISHING** Our
annual Spring campout will
be May 2 (Wednesday)
through May 6

(Sunday) at Oconee State
Park in South Caroli-
na. Campout hosts will be
Kathy and Charlie
Breithaupt. They have re-
served site #93 which will
serve as the gathering



place for meals and sittin' around the fire. We will cook/eat breakfast and supper together every day and you are on your own for your noon meal. Click on the following link to make your reservations. <http://southcarolinaparks.com/oconee/camping.aspx> Come out and have a good time with your fellow Rabunites! Camping sites book up quick so get your reservations soon!! More details to follow!



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FLY-FISHING SEMINAR

www.rabuntu.org

- Ever 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 Fly Fishing Certified Instructors and other experts for a hands-on learning experience that will be helpful and fun.

WHAT: Beginning Fly-Fishing Seminar "Rabunite 101"

WHEN: Saturday - April 7, 2018 8:30 am until 1:00 pm

WHERE: Clayton Methodist Creative Learning Center/ Gym
205 Ministry Mountain Drive, Clayton, GA 30525
(off old hwy 441 behind the radio station)
<http://www.claytonmethodist.com/creative-learning-center/>

HOW MUCH? Cost is only \$25

WANT TO SIGN UP??? FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!

The session is limited to 28 participants.

Send the form below along with your check made payable to:

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Charlie Breithaupt

194 Kitchens Lane

Clayton, GA 30525 knc615@windstream.net (706)782-6954

You will receive notification when you have been registered.

Please Print (NEATLY!) Yes, I want to attend the fly-fishing seminar!



Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



IF YOU'RE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER JOIN NOW AND BECOME A CARD CARRING RABUNITE! NO WHERE ELSE IN THESE PARTS CAN YOU BE A MEMBER OF A GREAT CONSERVATION GROUP THAT LOVES TO GO FISHING ! **SIGN UP HERE!**

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP : 154members; 26 Life members;

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Robert Clifford from Clayton and Jason Whitfield from Toccoa. Hope to see you on the River soon!!

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP: Jim Blalock , Brooks and Amanda Adams, Arin Christensen, Thomas Guest, and Gary Smith.

THANKS FOR RE UPPING YOUR RABUN TU MEMBERSHIP: Mike Brod, Larry Ekman, Glenn Ivie, Jerry McFalls, Colby Nichols, Ted Poulin, Wayne Prosser, Gary Sowell, Perry Thompson, John Wall, Brian Weeks, Thomas West, and Jimmy Whiten.

YOUR BOARD OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR FY 2018

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DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!



John McGarity -
owner and host of
the 2018 Dream Trip

"The 2018 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 restaurateur, 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."

-Jimmy Harris,
owner, Unicoi Outfitters

• 5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 22 – 27, 2018

• \$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: A float trip on the Madison River, plus Choice of Winston Bill-x or Alr 4, 5, or 7 weight rod, a fly reel with Scientific Angler line, and 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:

The winner(s) of this raffle are responsible for any tax due on the value of the winnings.

- Redington Trout rod - 5 wt. 9', 6 piece travel fly rod. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- TFO BVK 4-5 reel: Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- Fly box with 8+ dozen trout flies: The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- AFFS gift certificate for a fly fishing or fly casting class during 2017. 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 having mastered basic casting skills already). The Atlanta Fly Fishing School for 2017 year.
- 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. WWW.fireflyfishinglodge.com
- Choice of TFO BVK (3 wt.-10 wt.) or Clouser (5 wt.-10 wt.) fly rod, donated by the Cohutta TU Chapter.
- Half day guided float trip for 2 on Chattahoochee River. Donated by Chris Scalley - River Through Atlanta
- Half day guided fishing trip for two with Henry Cowan. Donated by Henry Cowan
- Two fly boxes of 6 dozen trout flies – TU Chapters
- Original Artwork donated by - Jenna Mason - www.jmasondesignsonline.com
- Multitude of other prizes



Jimmy Harris owner of Unicoi Outfitters



Recent winner - Monty English - Rabun Chapter member



For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

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BACKCASTING

Rabun Rendezvous Recap

To all those who came to our event, donated an item or two, volunteered any time or labor

THANK YOU!!

We will have a full recap next month on our great event.



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FISHING REPORTS

FELLOWSHIP AND FLY FISHING

Hello Members and all;

In thinking and dreaming of our streams that I think would be enjoyed by our chapter, I have come up with a schedule of our up-coming F&F trips.

MARCH - 14th : Nantahala River delayed harvest.

MARCH - 21st : Tuckasegee River delayed harvest

APRIL – 3rd : Smith Creek DH

APRIL – 8th thru 13th : Shenandoah Nat. Park VA. This is a away trip and we will fish the Shenandoah. Some will camp @ Shenandoah Hills Campgrounds and others will stay at Graves Mountain Lodge. For details call me. 706.201.0138

APRIL – 24th : Ravens Fork Cherokee Reservation.

MAY – 2nd thru 6th : This is our chapters Spring campout. We will be camping @ Oconee State Park, SC. As you know, most will target the Chattooga DH and that is all good but there are some other streams might be interesting to fish. One that comes to mind is the Chauga DH. This campout is always fun put it on your calendars.

MAY – 16th: Tallulah – Coleman Rivers

JUNE 6th: Noland Creek GSMNP

JUNE – 22nd: Moccasin Creek headwaters

I hope that there are a few of the streams that interest you. The list will be added to as the year counts down. 2018 should be a fun fishing year with a lot of good fellowship and loads of fishing . Contact me ([Mike Fuller](#)) for more information!! Click on my name for an immediate email pop up.

WHAAAAAAA WHOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!

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FISHING INFORMATION

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

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](#)



February Fly of the Month

Get the instructions for tying [here](#).

Pounding the bottom with this pattern can provide constant action from mid-morning into the early stages of the hatch. However, nymphal color tends to adapt to the color of the streambed. During February, March, and early April have some of these tied up from a light brown to almost black.

Gold Rib Hares Ear

SEE YA ON THE RIVER !

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