



# TIGHT LINES

## May 2018 Newsletter

### Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

The mission of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to conserve, protect, and restore Northeast Georgia's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

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#### NEXT RABUN CHAPTER MONTHLY EVENT

### ANNUAL SCOUTS APPRECIATION PICNIC

Tuesday, May 15 at Indian Lake,  
Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School

All Rabun County Boy and Girl Scout troops, Cubs and Brownies packs, parents and leaders are invited!

Beginning at 4:00 pm – Fishing in Indian Lake for bream and bass. Rods, reels, and bait provided by the Chapter. No boats or swimming. Dogs must be on a leash.

At 6:00 pm we will have a hamburger and hot dog supper with all the fixin's.

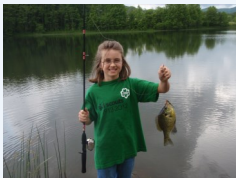
The Rabun Chapter provides the hamburgers, hotdogs, plates, silverware, drinks, ice.

Chapter members please bring side dishes and desserts.

Directions: On Hwy 441, just south of the Rabun Gap Post Office, turn onto School Farm Road. Go one half mile, turn left onto Indian Lake Road. Follow the signs to the cookout.

*Thank you, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School, for the use of your facilities!*

For more information, contact [Kent Wilson](#).



## Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months

**May 2-6 (Wed-Sun) Rabun Chapter Spring Campout** at Oconee State Park. Contact [Charlie or Kathy Breithaupt](#).

**May 4 (Fri) Veterans Appreciation Fishing Event** at Rock Creek National Fish Hatchery Sponsored by the [Chattahoochee Nantahala Chapter](#).

**May 5 (Sat) Kids Fishing Event on Rock Creek.** 8:00 am—12:00 pm. Sponsored by [Coosa Valley Chapter](#).

**May 14 (Mon) GA Delayed Harvest Season Ends.**

**May 15 (Tues) Annual Scouts Cookout.** 4:00 pm at Indian Lake on the campus of Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

**May 16 (Wed) Fishing and Fellowship Trip to Tallulah River and Coleman River.** Contact [Mike Fuller](#).

**May 18-20 (Fri-Sun) Southeastern Trout Unlimited Regional Meeting** at Davis, WV. [CLICK HERE](#).

**May 19 (Sat) Kids Fishing Event** at private pond. Sponsored by the [Savannah River Chapter](#).

**May 22 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Monthly Board of Directors Meeting.** 6:30 pm at an undisclosed location. Contact [Kent Wilson](#). Anyone is welcome to attend.

**May 26 (Sat) Bettys Creek Stream Trimming Project.** 8:00 am—12:00 pm. Meet at Bettys Creek and US Hwy 441. Contact [Charlie or Kathy Breithaupt](#). *This work project will be conducted in memory of Doug Mansfield, Rabun Chapter.*

**June 1 (Fri) Senior Fishing Rodeo** 9:00 am—12:00 pm. Rock Creek Fish Hatchery. Sponsored by the [Chattahoochee Nantahala Chapter](#).

**June 2 (Sat) GA DNR Free Fishing Day** [CLICK HERE](#).

**June 2 (Sat) Kids Fishing Event** at Tallulah River. 8:00 am—12:00 pm. Sponsored by the [Rabun Chapter](#).

**June 2 (Sat) Kids Fishing Event** at Lake Winfield Scott. 8:00 am—12:00 pm. Sponsored by the [Gold Rush Chapter](#).

**June 2 (Sat) Kids Fishing Event** at Rock Creek Fish Hatchery. 9:00 am—12:00 pm. Sponsored by the [Chattahoochee Nantahala Chapter](#).

**June 2 (Sat) Fishing Dayz** at Jones Bridge. 9:00 am—12:00 pm. Sponsored by the [Upper Chattahoochee Chapter](#).

**June 3-8 (Sun-Fri) Trout Camp** at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School. Sponsored by the [Georgia Council](#).

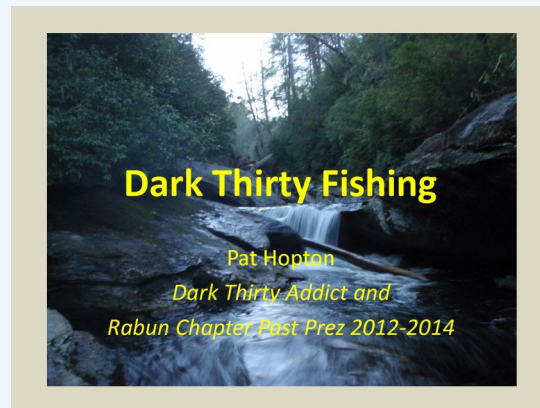
**June 9 (Sat) GA DNR Free Fishing Day.** [CLICK HERE](#).

**June 16 (Sat) Kids Fishing Event** at Cave Springs—Rolater Park. 9:00 am—2:00 pm. Sponsored by the [Coosa Valley Chapter](#).

**June 19 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Monthly Meeting.** 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

## Back Casting

**April 17**—A room full of Rabunites and guests were at the Chapter meeting to hear a presentation on Dark Thirty Fishing by Pat Hopton, Chapter Past Prez. If you missed the meeting, [CLICK HERE](#) to view the program. IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR - now go out and get 'em!



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The Rabun Chapter sold 200 tickets for the Dream Trip, a week of lodging and fishing in and around Yellowstone National Park for two, plus custom rods, reels and other equipment. This project supports the Georgia Trout Camp and all 12 chapters participate. The Rabun Chapter, with about 170 members, was the only chapter to sell more tickets than the number of members. Thanks to all who sold, bought and supported the project. A BIG THANKS to Board member David Ruth who coordinated the effort for the chapter. We'll get a \$500 rebate for our effort. Way to go Rabunites!!

*Submitted 4/7 by Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt*

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**Feb 8**—Seventeen attendees from the GA Dept of Natural Resources, SC Dept of Natural Resources, US Forest Service, GA Trout Unlimited, SC Trout Unlimited, and American Whitewater attended the annual meeting of the Chattooga Coalition in Franklin, NC. Subjects discussed included Boating on the Upper Chattooga, River Temperatures, Fish Population Analysis, Stocking, ANC, and other Misc Items. Terry River and Charlies Breithaupt from the Rabun Chapter attended. For more information on the Chattooga Coalition, [CLICK HERE](#).

*Submitted 4/23 by Monte Seehorn*

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**April 24**—In recognition of her work as editor of Tightlines from October, 2013 to March, 2018, the Board of Directors presented Michele Crawford with a gift certificate for a half days fishing at [Unicoi Outfitters](#).

*Submitted 5/1 by Tammy Hopton*





## Back Casting cont.

**April 21**—The Rabun Chapter, in coordination with the Chattooga Conservancy, the Chattooga River Ranger District, and Hatch Camp & Art Farm conducted a trash pickup in celebration of Earth Day on April 21st.

Along the 2 1/2 mile stretch of Earls Ford Road, the campsites, roadside, and streamside were cleaned of trash. The group picked up two large pickup truck loads of trash. In addition, one campsite was cleaned where the amount of trash was so large that it had to be burned. After the job was done, a fried chicken lunch was served followed by private water fly fishing at Hatch Camp for those that had the energy. During lunch, there was lots of conservation on how to prevent this trash accumulation from happening again. District Ranger Ryan Foote, who participated in the trash pickup along with his wife Nancy, offered a number of good recommendations to be considered at the upcoming Board meeting.

*Submitted 4/23 by Steve Perry*



**April 7**—On Saturday morning, April 7<sup>th</sup>, a group of aspiring fly fishermen, including several from the Wounded Warrior program in Atlanta, gathered to learn the skills necessary to get started in fly fishing for trout. Sessions in casting, knot tying, entomology and equipment gave the students enough information to get them into a stream and started on the sport we all love. A big thanks to Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt for setting up the program and to Rabunites Kent Wilson, Tony Allred, Ray King, Terry Rivers, Jimmy Whiten, Tammy Hopton, Mike Fuller and Steve Perry for teaching and helping in every way. Our friends from the Foothills Chapter, Sheila and Dave Humphrey, came over, as they have every year for nine years, to teach the Entomology and Casting sessions. Thanks friends!!

*Submitted 4/7 by Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt*





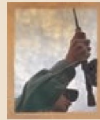
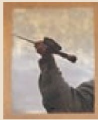
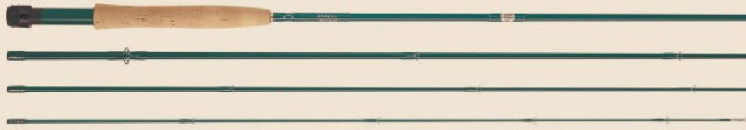
## Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited Fly Rod & Sage Reel Raffle

Winston 8.5', 4 piece, 4 wt., BII-X Custom  
boron/graphite rod & Sage 2230 fly reel

Raffle tickets \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00

*Drawing will be July 17, 2018 at  
the Rabun Chapter Family Picnic*

[www.rabuntu.org](http://www.rabuntu.org)



*Donated by Mack Martin & the Atlanta Fly Fishing School  
[www.atlantaflyfishingschool.com](http://www.atlantaflyfishingschool.com)*

## Mack Martin Rod Raffle

To purchase tickets for the custom built Winston fly rod built and donated by Mack Martin of the [Atlanta Fly Fishing School](#), contact [Pat Hopton](#).

To purchase tickets online using PayPal, contact [Kent Wilson](#).



**Last year's winner!**

## Sponsor Spotlight

This month we spotlight the [Atlanta Fly Fishing School](#), located just north of Atlanta off GA Hwy 400.

The Atlanta Fly Fishing School offers a Fly Fishing School, a Fly Casting School, an Advanced Fly Casting School and Private Lessons to meet the needs of all skill levels. We are unique in offering half day schools. You will appreciate how affordable our schools are and enjoy the time between schools to master newfound tools and techniques. Whether you desire to take one class or all three, one per season or one per year, we can help you get started or advance your abilities.

Partner and Instructor Mack Martin has supported the Rabun Chapter through many gifts and donations. The Atlanta Fly Fishing School is instrumental in sponsoring the GA Council Trout Camp.

Thank you, Mack and the Atlanta Fly Fishing School, for all you do!

*All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c)3 non-profit) are tax deductible.*



United States Department of Agriculture



## Kids Fishing Rodeo

### Tallulah River Campground

### Clayton GA

June 2 - 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fish in a stocked river.  
Hot dog lunch with chips and drink.  
Win prizes  
Meet Forest Service Rangers and learn about forest  
stewardship  
**ALL FREE**

Children age 2-16. Registration that morning or forms are  
available at [go.usa.gov/x532G](http://go.usa.gov/x532G)  
For more information, call 706-754-6221.

This event is sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Rabun and Savannah Chapters of Trout Unlimited and is supported through donations and volunteer assistance from several other local groups and organizations. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.



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National Forests

## Scoring Falls: The Rabunite Method

To add to your enjoyment of a day on the stream with a fishing companion, you can “score” each other’s falls (note: a lone angler is neither capable nor qualified to score his own falls). Falls are scored on a scale of 1 to 10 points. The angler with the lowest total score at the end of the day wins. So even if you are ahead in points towards the end of a day, don’t give up hope. Some of the highest scores are earned when an angler attempts to exit the stream after dark. I know — I’ve done it many times.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to score falls using the Rabunite method.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see Pat’s fall while fishing Butt Creek.

*A note from Tammy to Doug on scoring Pat’s fall:*

I meant to add more information regarding Pat’s fall while fighting a fish on “Butt Creek”. The final grade for his dip is a 5. It starts with 5 points, he went up to his neck on one side. He did a double dip, so add a point, 6. He had a whopper of a trout on line, so that is another point, making it 7. He landed the trout so subtract 2 points making it a solid 5 points on the Fall Scale. At least that is the way I saw it.....

*From Doug back to Tammy:*

The way you saw it - - - is what counts.



Most of you have known of or have seen Lefty Kreh during his lifetime. Lefty passed away in March of this year after many years of teaching many aspects of the sport of fly fishing. His doctor was Mark Lamos and he is attempting to preserve Lefty's legacy and has been named as the executor of his estate. An overview of this effort is available by [CLICKING HERE](#).

I had the opportunity to work with Lefty in IFF matters and while he was involved with Temple Fork Outfitters. Lefty was also formally a spokesman for Sage during his career. It is thought that many of our members would like to contribute to this effort to preserve his legacy and if you could each put a message regarding Lefty including the "Go-fund-me" link in your next newsletter that would allow our members to contribute to this effort.

Regards,

M. A. (Mack) Martin

*National Leadership Council Rep*

*Georgia Council Trout Unlimited*

### **Rabun Chapter Membership Update**

**Current membership: 164 members and 7 Stream Explorers**

***Welcome New Members!***

Jeff Houston of Clayton, GA; Jacob Houston of Clayton, GA; Ken Knowles of Sautee Nacoochee, GA; Jeff Pafford of Atlanta, GA; Burdette Townsend of Tiger, GA; and Kane Williams of Clayton, GA.

***Thanks for Re-Uping!***

Fritz Bertz, William Candy, Marie, Dunkle, Glenn English, Mark Motsko, Charles Pennington, Bob Pickens, Steven Platek, Susan Respass, John Slater, Bradley Tucker, Stephen Weinelt, and Kent Wilson

***Members That Need to Re-Up!***

Justin English, John Heeney, Scott Low, John Ramsey, and Lewis Reeves.

***Please keep Liz Perry in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from sickness.***

**Listen to the sound of the river and you will get a trout.**

***Irish proverb***

## MAY Hatch Chart

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
None at all	All Month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, Pheasant Tail
Gray, Brown Caddis	All month	L pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12-14 Quill Gordon Nymph
Red Quill Mayfly	All month	All day	12-14 Hendrickson 14 Red Quill
Light Cahill Mayfly*	Late	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
March Brown Mayfly*	All Month	L am to M pm	12-14 March Brown or Adams Parachute 10-14 March Brown Nymph, Dark Hare's Ear, or Pheasant Tail
Sulphur Mayfly *	All Month	L pm	12-14 Sulphur Parachute 12-18 Sulphur Dun
Green Drake Mayfly*	Mid-Late	L am to L pm	8-10 Green Drake Mayfly
Coffin Fly*	Mid-Late	L pm to dark 30	8-10 White Spentwing 8-10 Coffin Fly Parachute
Yellow Stonefly	Late	E to L am L pm to dark	14-16 Yellow Stimulator or Elk Hair Caddis (Yellow) 14-16 Yellow Stone Nymph
Giant Black Stonefly	All month	E am	4-8 Black Stonefly Nymph 8 Dark Stonefly Nymph

\* IMPORTANT!

## Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

### Light Cahill

**Hook: #10 or 12 Dry Fly Hook**

**Tail: White / Cream Hackle Fibers**

**Body: White / Cream Fine Dubbing**

**Wing: Wood Duck Feathers**

**Thorax: White / Cream Hackle Fibers**



**A great fly to have in your box during the month of May. Have some smaller sizes for early May, then larger sizes for later in the month. Remember: don't leave the stream too early—these are great for “dark thirty” fishing!**

*See you on The River! Terry*



## FISHING REPORTS

*Send your fishing reports to [TIGHTLINES EDITOR](#)*

**From Mike Fuller, April 15**

Just got back from the Fellowship and Fly-fishing trip To Shenandoah National Park. It was a great trip and it was everything that I was hoping for. When we arrived everything was good with the temps rather low. The forecast was for lower temps and snow. Doug and Jimmy arrived to bad weather. Bob and his wife Connie were camping with Harriette and me at Shenandoah Hills Campground. Bob and I headed out to the Rapidan to soak some flies. On Wednesday Doug, Jimmy fished Cedar Run. I fished White Oak Canyon Run on Wednesday. On Thursday Harriette and I went driving around and went up on the Skyline drive to see the scenery. On Friday Doug and Jimmy left for GA. Bob and I decided to fish the Rapidan River. All in all this was a great adventure and a good trip for Fellowship & Fly-fishing. Next year lets get another trip going to The Shenandoah.



**From Jeff Durniak, April 28**

Here's some fresh intel. I went to tooga dh last nite to test high water fishability. I had to be careful as I entered at 630, but found some spots where the water wasn't ripping. Size 18 cahills cane off in fair numbers around 730. Enough fish looked up to keep it interesting. Fish were picky and I had three refusals or burndums for each fondle. Twitched emergers worked best. One brown had a good set of shoulders on him. Also saw a few big cahills and even a stray Green Drake. Be careful wading. Find the soft spots and watch for risers. For Dark30, carry cahills and Caddis and antciptate the yellow stuff: sallies and stimulators.

As Adams sez: happy dry fly season!



## FISHING REPORTS, cont.

*Send your fishing reports to [TIGHTLINES EDITOR](#)*

### From Brian Weeks, April 24

Early last week, when most everywhere else was blown out, I headed up to Smith Creek to see how things looked there. The water was high, fast, and turbid, but not as much as I've seen it in the past. The water temped out at 58F. Rigged with a couple of bigger, brighter nymphs, the second cast brought this rainbow to hand. He came from the slower water behind the bush against the left bank - water too low to hold fish at normal flows. The second rainbow came from the slower water behind the tree in the middle of the stream. In normal flows, this water is about an inch deep. Every fish came from the slowest water I could find. Half the time it was against the bank, the other half it was in the slowest stretches of riffles. But even those slower riffles were still pretty fast - fast enough to make a nine incher feel like a big 'un!



### More Fish Pictures from April





## Prez Notes

I think you will all agree that Pat Hopton did an outstanding job with the April edition of Tightlines which was his first newsletter since assuming the role of editor. Kudos to Pat for volunteering to step in and fill such an important role.

It appears that spring may have finally arrived in the northeast Georgia mountains as the wildflowers are in bloom and the trout are no longer anchored to the stream bottoms. I would encourage you to get out and enjoy this beautiful place that we are fortunate to call home. As has been often said, "Trout don't live in no ugly places."

As you can see from the Chapter calendar, May is going to be another busy month for the Chapter. Highlights for the month include the Chapter spring campout which will be held at Oconee State Park just across the river in South Carolina from May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>.

In lieu of the regularly scheduled chapter meeting this month, we will be hosting the Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops for a family cookout at Indian Lake on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. The Scouts will have an opportunity to enjoy fishing and frolicking before a meal of hotdogs and hamburgers.

On Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> the Chapter will hold a stream cleanup on Betty's Creek in preparation for the annual Trout Camp which will be at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School once again from June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed! Your assistance will make the job much easier so please plan to come out and join us streamside for a little work and some great fellowship.

*Kent Wilson*

## Rabun Chapter Leadership Contacts

### Voting Leaders

<a href="#">Kent Wilson</a>	Chapter President
<a href="#">Wayne Prosser</a>	Chapter Vice President
<a href="#">Charlie Breithaupt</a>	Treasurer
<a href="#">Kathy Breithaupt</a>	Secretary
<a href="#">Steve Perry</a>	Past President
<a href="#">Doug Adams</a>	Director Emeritus
<a href="#">Ray King</a>	Rendezvous Chair
<a href="#">Mike Fuller</a>	Director thru 2018
<a href="#">Tammy Hopton</a>	Director thru 2018
<a href="#">Ray Gentry</a>	Director thru 2019
<a href="#">David Ruth</a>	Director thru 2019
<a href="#">Brian Weeks</a>	Director thru 2020
<a href="#">Tony Allred</a>	Director thru 2020
<a href="#">Justin English</a>	Director thru 2021
<a href="#">Colby Nichols</a>	Director thru 2021

### Non-Voting Leaders

<a href="#">Michele Crawford</a>	Women's Outreach, Memorials
<a href="#">Larry Walker</a>	Advocacy
<a href="#">Jeff Durniak</a>	Meeting Programs
<a href="#">Pat Hopton</a>	Mack Martin Rod Raffle
<a href="#">Jerry McFalls</a>	Scouts Liaison, Trout in the Class Room