



TIGHT LINES

July 2018 Newsletter

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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NEXT RABUN CHAPTER ~~MEETING~~ FUN EVENT!

Thursday, July 19—Annual Family Picnic

Time: 5:00 pm – Fellowship & Dinner

7:00 pm – Drawing for the Mack Martin Rod Raffle

Where: Kelly's Waterfall Park, at the end of Wayfarer Lane off GA Hwy 246, Dillard, GA

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A DIFFERENT DAY OF THE WEEK AND TIME OF DAY THEN WE USUALLY MEET!

There will be no "meeting" this month. Rather, you are invited to our annual Family Picnic! The Chapter provides the fried chicken, plates, cups, silverware, and drinks. Please bring a covered dish and a chair to sit on. *This would be a great time to bring a friend and introduce them to your Chapter!*

At the picnic we will draw for the winner of the Mack Martin Rod Raffle.



Happy 4th of July!



Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months

July 14 (Sat) Stream Improvement Project at Lovinggood Creek, 9:00 am—1:00 pm. Sponsored by the [Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter](#).

July 19 (Thur) Annual Rabun Chapter Family Picnic (in lieu of monthly Chapter meeting) at Kellys Waterfall Park. 5:00—8:00 pm. Chapter supplies the fried chicken, please bring a covered dish. Drawing will be held for the Mack Martin Rod Raffle. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

July 21 (Sat) Fly Fishing for Vets Day at Cave Springs—Rolater Park. 10:00 am—2:00 pm. Sponsored by the [Coosa Valley Chapter](#).

July 24 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

July 28 (Sat) Stream Improvement Project at Wilkes Creek. 9:00 am—12:00 pm. Sponsored by the [Georgia Foothills Chapter](#).

Aug 4 (Sat) Stream Improvement Project at Johns Creek. 9:00 am—1:00 pm. Sponsored by the [Coosa Valley Chapter](#).

Aug 5 (Sun) Fishing Days and Summer Picnic at location to be announced. 10:00 am—2:00 pm. Sponsored by the [Upper Chattahoochee Chapter](#).

Aug 10 (Sat) Stream Improvement Project at Pretty Branch. 9:00 am—12:00 pm. Sponsored by the [Tailwater Chapter](#) in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America.

Aug 10 (Sat) Annual Fundraising Banquet at Flat Shoals Baptist Church, Hwy 51, Bowersville, GA. 5:00—9:00 pm. Sponsored by the [Savannah River Chapter](#).

Aug 21 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Monthly Meeting. Fellowship begins at 6:30 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church, Dillard, GA. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Aug 28 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

Mohair Leech

Hook: #3X Nymph Fly Hook

Tail: Black Maribou

Head: Black Tungsten Bead

Body: Mohair Leech Tinsel



TRY THIS DURING THE HOT MONTHS OF SUMMER. GO DEEP — THAT IS WHERE THEY ARE LIVING!

See you on The River! Terry

Back Casting

Sunday, June 3 to Friday, June 8 —Trout Camp T'was the week before Trout Camp and it was RAINING...hard!! Then it rained even more. It wouldn't stop. The animals started pairing up and some guy named Noah was tweeting about an ark he was building. Then, suddenly, the clouds parted and the sun came out.

Georgia Trout Camp number 15 began and the following week was one of blue skies, low humidity, cool breezes and HIGH WATER. Schedules had to be changed, new fishing venues sought and every effort made to give our 24 campers a good and safe experience. We did just that and 21 boys and 3 girls representing every chapter in our state gained knowledge in cold water conservation, improved in fly casting and fly tying and...you don't have to believe this if you don't want to...all caught a trout on a fly.

Our partners from the Georgia DNR and the US Forest Service supported us with all the changes and , as always, added much to the experience for the campers.

Over 50 TU volunteers gave of their time, talent, equipment, energy and passion to pass on to the coming generations the skill and knowledge to not only enjoy fly fishing for trout but to also appreciate all that is a part of the wonderful sport...entomology, conservation, stream restoration, casting, fly tying, fishing etiquette and comradery...to name a few.

Thanks to all for making the Georgia Trout Camp successful one more time.

Click on the Drop Box links below to see the complete photos of Trout Camp!

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Submitted by Charlie Breithaupt

Tuesday, June 19 —Monthly Chapter Meeting Approximately 25 Rabun Chapter members and guests gathered for the June monthly chapter meeting. After a time of refreshments and fellowship, they were treated to a great presentation from Bob Lux entitled “Business Travel Troutng Tips”. Bob, a member of the Foothills Chapter, has perfected the art of packing light to pack in some fishing along with his distant business travel far to the north and west. It was a great presentation and we appreciate Bob coming up to do this!

After the Chapter business and announcements, drawings were done for several bucket raffle items, donated by Mack Martin and the Atlanta Fly Fishing School, Costa Sunglasses, Charlie and Kathy Breighaupt, Frank Patton, and Jeff Samsel. A total of \$49 was raised at the raffle.



Thank you to all who came to the meeting!

Back Casting (cont)

Saturday, June 23—Tallulah River Kids Fishing Rodeo . It was a cool, clear morning after the storm passed and a lot of kids were chomping at the bit to catch a trout. This annual event had been postponed for a couple of weeks due to weather and construction problems in the campground. All that didn't stop about 140 kids from showing up, most with what looked like a Zebco and a can of corn. They weren't disappointed as a steady stream of young fishermen walked proudly by with a nice string of fish, many of them large!!

The rodeo is put on by the Forest Service and headed up by Rabunite David Vinson. Our Rabunite Chapter, with Frank Patton in charge, helped with registration, hot dog cooking (and eating) and anything else that needed to be done. Thanks to Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt, Terry Rivers, Carol and Frank Jackson, and Ted Poulin for their help. It was good to see District Ranger Ryan Foote there helping out too.

Most kids with fish headed straight to the cleaning table where our friends from the Savannah River Chapter of Trout Unlimited cleaned over 450 trout before they packed up their filet knives and gut bucket and headed home. Those guys just love to clean fish!!

This is a great event, especially for the kids. Our chapter has always supported it financially and with helping hands. Lots of families, kids with fish, no cell phones and free hot dogs... what else could you ask for??



Submitted by Charlie Breithaupt



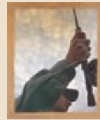
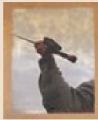
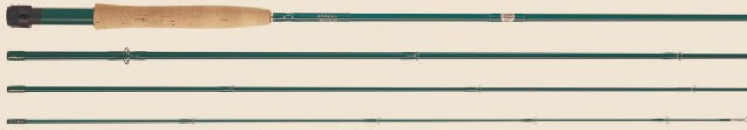
Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited Fly Rod & Sage Reel Raffle

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~~ July 19
at the Rabun Chapter Family Picnic

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Mack Martin Rod Raffle

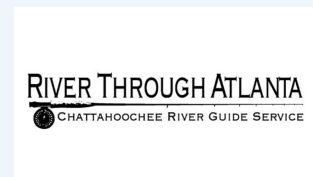
To purchase tickets for the custom
built Winston fly rod built and do-
nated by Mack Martin of the [Atlanta
Fly Fishing School](#), contact [Pat
Hopton](#).

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



Last year's winner!

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Thank you, Sponsors! We appreciate your support of the Rabun Chapter!

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July Hatch Chart

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
Brown Stonefly	All month	E to mid am	10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Golden Stonefly	All month	E am	6-10 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly	Late	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Trico Mayfly	Mid to Late	Mid am	20 Parachute Trico
Trico Spinner Fall	"	Late pm	20-22 Polywing Black Spinner
Midges	All month	All day	18-22 Griffiths Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Terrestrials	All month	All day	Ants, beetles, crickets, inch worms, etc
None at all	All Month	All day	Dredging Nymphs:12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, Pheasant Tail

Rabun Chapter Membership Update

Current membership: 159 adult members and 7 Stream Explorers

Welcome New Members!

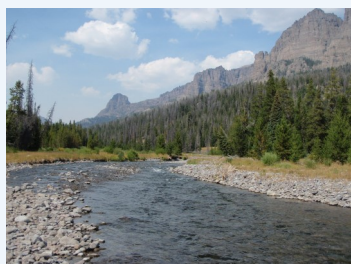
None this month.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Doug Adams, Scott James, Allen Koleff, William Reno, and David Smith.

Members That Need to Re-Up!

Mike Fuller, Russ Tyre, and Leigh Wyatt.



The hot weather and light hatches of July and August are two of the reasons (excuses really) why many Rabunites make annual treks to fish and camp “West of Hiawassee”, or as Lewis Reeves Jr. says, “Out Yonder”.

FISHING REPORTS

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June 13 - Noland Creek

Myself and Lewis Reeves III just back from our Rabun Chapter Fishing & Fellowship trip. This trip we went to Noland Creek in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. I am here at home now sore, tired and with a big smile on my face. Noland Creek is a wonderful place to apply your fly fishing skills!

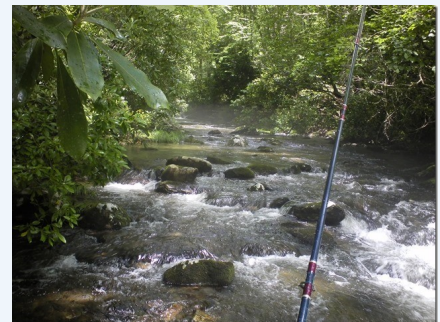
We left Dillard and headed to Bryson City. We stopped by Tuckasegee Fly Shop in Bryson City to pick up a few more go to flies. Can't have too many flies. Lo and behold, my friend Shannon Messer is now working there. He told us that Blackrock Outfitters in Sylva closed and he is now with TFS. After getting our supplies and getting some advice from Shannon and saying our farewell, we headed on up the road to start our fishing adventure. It only took about 10 minutes to arrive at the trailhead parking lot from there.

Although we noticed Noland Creek looking like it was more than full, after a little bit of fly fishing Lewis caught the first trout. It didn't take long before we both were catching fish. The wild trout were hitting and hungry! Although we caught nothing big, the action was steady. We ended our adventure at a beautiful waterfall, then climbed out and walked backed to the truck.

I sure do love those wild rainbow trout. This was a trip that started with a lot of action from the get go. Lewis and I caught trout and we had a lot of hits in almost every pool. I will definitely put Noland Creek on my list of streams to come back to fish.

Thank you Lord for places like this.

Fish on, Mike Fuller



To fish or not to fish...NOT TO FISH ?? Yea, like that's even an option!

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Straight Fork, June 27

The Rabun Chapter Fishing & Fellowship crew went and fished a very pretty and accessible stream, Straight Fork Creek, in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. There were 4 Rabunites on this trip: Peter Croes, Wayne Prosser, Lewis Reeves and myself. We made the trip to this great cold water resource of the Smokies to fly fish for the wild trout that live there.

This was a fun trip! The trout were small but eager to take our flies. We all caught fish and had a wonderful time of fishing and fellowship. After fishing, we were treated to some fine Cuban sandwiches that Peter had made for the trip. Thank you Peter!

These wild trout streams in the Smokey Mountains are such fun to fish and the trout take dry flies with much gusto. If you let it, fishing Straight Fork and similar streams can become a habit.

July is upon us and the trout waters are warming up which slows the trout fishing down. Upcoming Fishing & Fellowship trips will be on a short notice basis so look for the notices in your email as they will only be posted a few days ahead of time.

Fish on, Mike Fuller

Not a Fishing Report, but a great report nonetheless! Thank you, Justin!

I was told of some spray painted rocks on Darnell Creek by the falls from a friend. So one evening after work we both went up there to clean it up. We spent a couple of hours of using Brilo pads, steel wool, a little paint thinner and wire wheels on drills and it now looks much better! Thankfully the Bill Kelly Memorial Rock was not damaged.

Justin English



Prez Notes

June was a very busy month for the Rabunites. Georgia Trout Camp and all the required preparations consumed a great deal of the month. Special thanks go out to not only the Rabunites, but also the multitude of volunteers from other chapters around the state who make the camp so successful each year. The month wrapped up with the Kid's Fishing Event on the Tallulah River. Volunteers from the Rabunites were joined by members of the Savannah River Chapter who once again cleaned several hundred trout for the youngsters. Thanks to the Forest Service for once again organizing and putting on this highly popular event.

Summer takes on a little slower pace as far as trout fishing opportunities go with the lower stream flows and higher water temperatures, but determined fishermen can still find enough action to keep them occupied. The Rabunites are not beyond targeting other fresh and/or salt water species which are more cooperative in the warmer conditions. Bristol Bay and the beautiful Naknek River will once again play hosts to some Rabunites as they take on monster rainbow trout, grayling, silver salmon and possibly some sockeye and king salmon as an added bonus. Watch out for the bears guys as you will spend one day fishing the Brooks River in Katmai National Park. Brown bears abound in the park during the summer as they gather to take advantage of the sockeye salmon spawning runs.

Ticket sales are still ongoing for the 2018 Mack Martin Rod Raffle. Further details including a full description of the custom built flyrod can be found in this edition of Tight Lines. Tickets can be purchased from Pat Hopton or any member of the BOD. They can also be purchased online via PayPal at my email address which is kandcwilson@windstream.net. This beautiful rod will be raffled off at the family picnic in July. You don't have to be present to win, but we encourage all to come out and join us.

The Summer Family Picnic will be held on Thursday, July 19th beginning at 5:00 P. M. at Kelly's Waterfall Park in Dillard, Georgia. The picnic is a great opportunity to gather with chapter members/families and friends and fellowship in an incredibly beautiful setting. I hope to see you there.

Kent Wilson

Rabun Chapter Leadership Contacts

Voting Leaders

Kent Wilson	Chapter President
Wayne Prosser	Chapter Vice President
Charlie Breithaupt	Treasurer
Kathy Breithaupt	Secretary
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Justin English	Director thru 2021
Colby Nichols	Director thru 2021

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