



TIGHT LINES

August 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 MEETING

Tuesday, August 21

Time: 6:30 pm – Fellowship

7:00 pm – Meeting

Where: Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church,
8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA

Meeting Topic: The August meeting is going to be dedicated to the revival of the Rabun Rendezvous. Over the last couple of years our attendance is down and continues to decline. Our revenue is decreasing, thus jeopardizing our mission, our Chapter, and the accomplishment of our goals.

We need everyone to bring NEW IDEAS to incorporate, to give the Rendezvous a new look and a greater appeal to our attendees.

Thanks in advance for your ideas!

Ray King, Rendezvous Chair

Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months

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 18 (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 25 (Sat) Rabun Chapter Stream Clean-Up Project. Meet at first campsite on right on Timpson Creek Road at 9:00 am. Contact [Justin English](#).

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

Sept 8 (Sat) GA Council TU Quarterly Meeting. 9:00 am at location TBA in Greensboro, GA. Anyone can attend. Contact [Carl Riggs](#).

Sept 18 (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](#).

Sept 20-22 (Thur-Sat) TU National Annual Meeting. Redding, CA.

Sept 22 (Sat) GA DNR Outdoor Adventure Day. 10:00 am—4:00 pm at Unicoi State Park. Contact [Jeff Durniak](#).

Sept 25 (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

ADAMS PURPLE PASSION

Hook: #12-16X Dry Fly Hook

Tail: Grizzly Hackle Fibers

Body: Purple Dubbing

Parachute: Antron

Wing: Grizzly Hackle Fibers



I'VE ALWAYS BEEN LEERY ABOUT PURPLE FLIES SINCE THEY WERE INTRODUCED. THIS PAST MAY I PURCHASE A FEW FOR A CAMPOUT. THINGS WERE SLOW ON THE RIVER AND THERE THEY WERE IN MY BOX. TIED ONE ON AND HAD A GREAT AFTERNOON ON DRY FLY ACTION!

See you on The River! Terry

New Upcoming Rabun Chapter Conservation Project!

The response to last month's report on BOD member Justin English's work on removing graffiti from rocks at Darnell Creek was overwhelming! Justin's good deed has inspired the Chapter to tackle another similar project: picking up trash and cleaning graffiti from rocks along Timpson Creek.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for this stream clean-up project on Timpson Creek should meet at the first campsite on the right off the Timpson Creek Road, FS Road 162, on Saturday, Aug 25, at 9:00 am.

To get to the Timpson Creek Road, from Clayton, GA take US Hwy 76 West for 4.3 miles. Turn right (north) onto Hwy 76 Loop Road. Go 0.1 mile then turn right (north) onto an unnamed road, between two sections of fence. Go 0.1 mile then turn right (east) onto a woods road. Go 40 yards to the campsite.

There is limited parking at the campsite; carpooling is suggested and parking along the Timpson Creek Road may be necessary. Beyond this woods road the Timpson Creek Road gets a little rough, so use caution if you travel any further.

Now is your chance to show your support for cleaning up the environment while enjoying the fellowship of friends with the Rabun Chapter!

Contact Project Leader [Justin English](#) for more information.



We Need Your Ideas for Chapter Meeting Topics!

At each monthly Chapter meeting we have some topic of interest, usually presented by a guest speaker. These speakers and their topics have been great!

Now Jeff Durniak, who has been the person finding the speakers and topics, is asking for your help. What new topics and speakers would you like to see for our Chapter meetings?

We need your ideas for great Chapter meetings topics!

Contact [Jeff](#) with your ideas.

Middle Georgia Chapter, Trout Unlimited

634 Highway 49
Milledgeville, Georgia 31061

June 12, 2018

Crawford Art Gallery
108 N. Main Street
Clayton, Georgia 30525

Re: Donated Prints

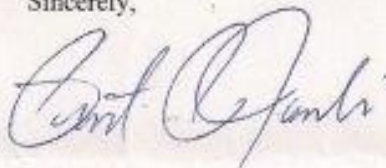
Dear Friends,

The members of Middle Georgia Chapter of Trout Unlimited wish to express their thanks for the three framed trout prints you donated to our recent fundraiser. Your gifts were appreciated by all present. The event turned out to be an enjoyable and successful evening.

We hope to have you join us sometime in Macon and/or when we have our weekend fishing excursions.

Thank you again for the prints which will be enjoyed and admired for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Carl G. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carl" being more prominent.

Middle Georgia Chapter
Trout Unlimited

Back Casting

Thursday, July 19 —Rabun Chapter Annual Family Picnic On one of the few rainless evenings in a couple of months the Rabunites gathered at Kelly's Waterfall Park for our traditional family picnic. We gathered a little early for hors d'oeuvres, fellowship and liquid refreshment of your choice. There were a few new faces in the crowd as some had invited friends and relatives to join the fun. All were welcomed.

After digging into the fried chicken and all the sides and desserts, the big moment arrived for the drawing for the Mack Martin custom rod and reel, a 8 ½ ft; 4 wt rod with a Sage 2050 reel. To the delight of all, the winner was announced...our own Tony Allred was the lucky guy!! Tony's wife Terri was there to accept the prize as Tony was off meeting his obligations as President of our local Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations Tony!!!

The runner-up prize, a ½ day guided fishing for two at Hatch Camp and Art Farm on Warwoman Creek, was won by Howard Holt from the Savannah River Chapter. His grandson, Jessie Holt Phillips, had attended Trout Camp in June and Howard purchased a few tickets to support the mission of Trout Unlimited. Way to go Howard!!

A big thanks to Mack Martin for donating the rod and reel; to Scott Low for donating the guided trip at Hatch Camp and to all who sold and all who purchased tickets.



Submitted by Charlie Breithaupt

Report from Pat Hopton, Mack Martin Rod Raffle Coordinator

The drawing for the Mack Martin Rod Raffle was held July 19 at the annual Family Picnic. This year we sold 782 tickets and raised a total of \$1,900. To compare, last year we sold 574 tickets and raised \$1,490.

The winner of the rod raffle was Tony Allred. Tony is a longtime member of the Chapter, has served as Treasurer, is currently on the Board of Directors, and he and his wife, Terri, coordinate the annual Christmas dinner. The rod and reel were presented to Terri at the picnic. Congratulations, Tony!

This year we had a runner-up prize of a full day guided fishing trip for two at the Hatch Camp, donated by Steve Perry and Scott Lowe. The winner of that prize was Howard Holt. Howard is a member of the Savannah River Chapter and recently helped the Rabun Chapter at the Talulah River Kids Fishing Event at the fish cleaning station. Howard's grandson, Jessie Phillips, attended this year's Trout Camp, which is where Howard bought his ticket. The certificate for the trip has been mailed to Howard. Congratulations, Howard!

Thank you to everyone who sold and purchased tickets! Good job!!!

Chapter News

Our condolences go to the family and friends of the following people:

David Nichols, a member of Rabun Chapter TU, passed away on July 1, 2018. [CLICK HERE](#) for the obituary.

Dr. Lea Richmond, a member of Rabun Chapter TU, passed away on July 31, 2018. He was 95 years old. No services are planned at this time.

John Patrick, a former member of Rabun Chapter TU, passed away on July 14, 2018. [CLICK HERE](#) for the obituary.

Eddie Pickens, the brother of Vicki McFalls, a Rabun Chapter TU family member, passed away on July 25, 2018. [CLICK HERE](#) for the obituary.

Call for Nominations

The Board of Directors nominates the following slate of Officers, to serve from Oct 1, 2018 to March 1, 2019.

Kent Wilson	President
Jeff Durniak	Vice President
Charlie Briehaupt	Treasurer
Kathy Briehaupt	Secretary
Jimmy Whiten	Board of Directors
Tammy Hopton	Board of Directors

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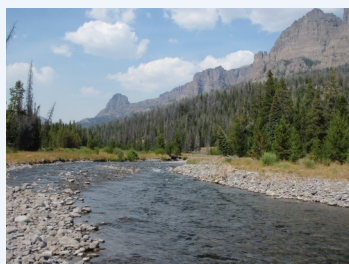


Thank you, Sponsors! We appreciate your support of the Rabun Chapter!

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

August 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



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".

Rabun Chapter Membership Update

Current membership: 157 adult members and 7 Stream Explorers

Welcome New Members!

None this month.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Sid Berstresser, Patrick Crawford, Marie Dunkle, Mike Fuller, David King, Scott Low, Mark Motsko, Larry Peavy, Leroy Powell, Ronald Spearman, and Kent Wilson.

Members That Need to Re-Up!

Charles Cawthorn, Jimmy Cochran, Ron Michaels, and Ron Wilson.

FISHING REPORTS

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

June 31 - Where? Somewhere in Florida...

Went Barimundi fishing with my buddy Andy earlier today at Osceola Outfitters.

Our guide, Byron and his wife Kim were great hosts and I would encourage anyone who likes to catch and fight fish to go!

Peter Croes



Editor's Note: I received this email as a result of last month's trip reports submitted by Mike Fuller. Read it and heed it!

Howdy,

When you fine brothers and sisters (and most likely some of my kin) come down river to fish in the Park, especially in Noland, Forney, Eagle or Deep Creeks, I would appreciate and suggest that while you are publishing the fine fishing, you also point out the terrible dangers associated with these Creeks, not the least being, deadly spiders, copperhead snakes by the hundreds, rouge bears, panthers, and Tennessee hillbillies who are loose from Craggy Mt. Prison.

Just saying....think twice before you jump in....and oh yeah, yellow jackets and Russian hogs are a menace to man and beast.

Y'all come back now, ya hear...

*John Duncan
MudRiver Ranch*

Prez Notes

Editors Note: There are no Prez Notes this month. See Ken's message below and keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Pat—I am enroute to South Georgia. My father fell and broke his collar bone and I am going to assist my mother. Not sure when I will be back, but if I don't have the Prez letter to you by your deadline then please just proceed without it. If I happen to get back before you publish the newsletter, I will try to get it knocked out.

Thanks,
Kent

Rabun Chapter Leadership Contacts

Voting Leaders

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

Non-Voting Leaders

Michele Crawford	Women's Outreach, Memorials
Larry Walker	Advocacy
Jeff Durniak	Meeting Programs
Pat Hopton	Tight Lines Editor
Jerry McFalls	Scouts Liaison, Trout in the Class Room