



TIGHT LINES

September 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, September 18

Time: 6:30 pm – Fellowship

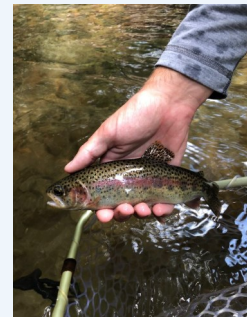
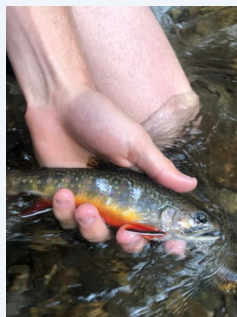
7:00 pm – Meeting

Where: Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church,

8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA

Meeting Topic: Bluelining for Wild Trout

A north Georgia native, Wes McIlroy is a self/proclaimed fly fishing addict, and is always trying to soak up as much knowledge of the sport as he can. Wes enjoys fishing for wild trout in the headwater streams of the southern Appalachian mountains, and for bass and stripers in the rivers and lakes of Georgia. Wes is the assistant manager and a guide at Unicoi Outfitters in Helen, Georgia.



Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months

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](#).~~ **CANCELLED**

Sept 25 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Oct 6 (Sat) Casting for Confidence 9:00 am—5:00 pm at [Frog Hollow](#). Sponsored by [Georgia Women's Fly Fishers](#).

Oct 11 (Thur) Chattahoochee-Nantahala Chapter Annual Fundraiser. 9:00 am—5:00 pm at Union County Community Center Ballroom. Contact [Pat Bradley](#).

Oct 16 (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](#).

Oct 20 (Sat) Coosa Valley Chapter Annual Fundraiser: Chili Cook-off. 9:00 am—4:00 pm at Ridge Valley Park, Rome, GA. Contact [Ed Palmer](#).

Oct 22 (Mon) Women's Intermediate Fly Fishing Class. Time TBA at [Frog Hollow](#). Sponsored by the [Georgia Women's Fly Fishers](#).

Oct 23 (Tues) Upper Chattahoochee Chapter Annual Fund Raiser: Autumn on the River. 6:00—10:00 pm at Ippolito's Restaurant, Roswell, GA. Contact [Ken Mock](#).

Oct 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

Soft Hackle Pheasant Tail

Hook: #12-16 Nymph Hook

Tail: 5 or 6 Pheasant Tail Fibers

Body: Pheasant Tail Fibers

Thorax: Peacock Herl

Hackle: Partridge or similar Soft Hackle



GREAT FLY TO DROP OFF BACK OF STIMULATOR DURING THE FALL FISHING SEASON.

See you on The River! Terry

Back Casting

Tuesday, Aug 21 —Rabun Chapter Monthly Meeting

Aproximately 20 Rabunites and guests attended the monthly Chapter meeting. Ray King, Rabun Rendezvous Chair, facilitated a good discussion and solicited ideas on ways to make the upcoming Rabun Rendezvous better then ever. If you missed the meeting and still wish to provide your ideas, contact [Ray King](#).

Saturday, Aug 25 —Rabun Chapter Stream Clean-Up Project

On the day of the planned cleanup project David Ruth and I showed up ready to make a difference on Timpson Creek. We cleaned up several old tents and other stuff that had been abandoned by a previous camper (maybe a homeless person?). We then cleaned out the campfire pit that was filled with trash. We also cleaned off the spray painted graffiti on the rocks at the falls.

We hauled a truck load of trash away. We picked up few large things at the end of the Timpson Creek Road, but we didn't do any road side trash pick due to lack of volunteers. Next time, come out and help guys... it's for a good cause and you get some good fellowship too!

Submitted by Justin English, 9/7/18



Before



After



Forward Casting

The Rabun Chapter will hold its annual Fall Chapter Campout on Nov 14 -18, 2018 at Oconee State Park, just across the SC line from Rabun County. It's sure to be a great time for fishing and fellowship.

The Georgia Delayed Harvest trout season begins Nov 1 and the Chattooga River should be well-stocked by the time of our campout.

Campsite #93 in the "Wooded Loop" will be the official gathering site.

We usually have a good crowd for the Fall Chapter Campout, so don't delay in making your campsite reservations (see below).

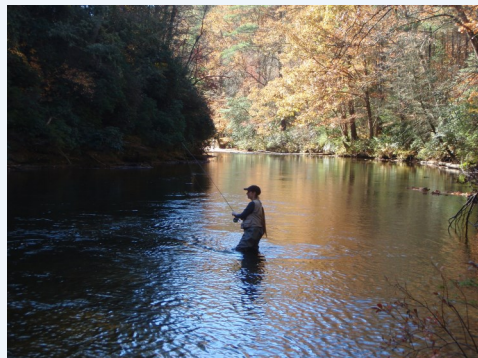
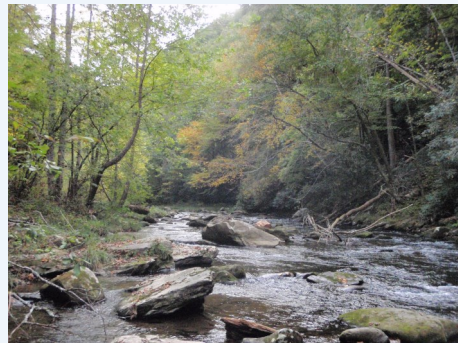
We will cook/eat breakfast and supper together every day and you are on your own for your noon meal. If you don't camp, just come by for a meal and/or sit by the fire.

If you have questions or plan to eat a meal, contact your camp hosts [Tony & Teri Allred](#) at 706-490-4755.

To make campsite reservations, [CLICK HERE](#).

Let's have a big turnout.... see you there!

Tony and Terri



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.

Call for Nominations

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

The following positions will be voted upon at the upcoming September 18 monthly Chapter meeting:

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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September Hatch Chart

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
Small Dun Caddis	All month	Mid am to late pm	18 Brown or Grey Elk Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Speckled Grey Caddis	Late	Late pm	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/ Yellow & Brown 14-16 Dun and Yellow Caddis Pupa
Large October Caddis	Late	Early am and Late pm	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair Caddis 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
Trico Mayfly	Mid to Late	Mid am	20 Parachute Trico
Trico Spinner Fall	Mid to Late	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: 158 adult members and 7 Stream Explorers

Welcome New Members!

No new members this month.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Coty Kelley, Carl and Kathy Kleinsteuber, Steve Perry, Paul Strong, and Patrick Taylor.

Members That Need to Re-Up!

Broderick and Michele Crawford, Lewis Reeves, Laurel Smith, and Hugh Thompson.

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles."

Doug Larson

FISHING REPORTS

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

Late August - Somewhere “West of Hiawasse”

Myself and fellow Rabunite Jim Kidd spent a week fishing streams and rivers in a state somewhere “West of Hiawasse”. We found the streams and rivers with a very low flow due to an extended drought in the area. However the fishing was good, though the catching consisted of mainly average size fish from 10-14” in length. The best fish of the trip was a 16” brown trout caught by Jim.

While there we met up with fellow Rabunite Larry Walker and spent a couple of days fishing with him and two of his friends.

Submitted by Pat Hopton, 9/8/18



Prez Notes

After a couple of surprisingly cool mornings earlier this week, I am officially ready for fall. Hopefully cooler temperatures will be here to stay very soon. With fall on the way, the Rabunites are preparing their gear and planning trips to their favorite fishing holes. A few Rabunites have spent a portion of their summer out “west of Hiawassee” visiting their favorite cooler weather fishing destinations ranging from Wyoming and Montana all the way to Alaska.

If you like enjoy camping, fishing, good food and fellowship then mark your calendars for November 14th – 18th when the fall campout will take place at Oconee State Park just over the river in South Carolina. Tony Allred who is hosting the campout will be providing more detailed information in the near future.

The BOD is continuing to fine tune the agenda for the 2019 Rabun Rendezvous based upon recommendations we have received from various sources. We hope, with your help, to make the upcoming Rendezvous even bigger and better than in years past.

While we are on the topic of needing your help, we all need to try and do better about participating in chapter activities/work projects. The turnout for the last two stream cleanups can best be described as anemic. Many of the extracurricular chapter activities have been attended almost exclusively by members of the board. We would like to organize more conservation activities such as stream improvement projects, etc. in conjunction with our business partners such as the U. S. Forest Service but these have to be a group effort. The BOD cannot do it alone. We need your help!

Please plan to attend the upcoming chapter meeting which will be held at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church on September 18, 2018 beginning at 6:30 P. M. This is our annual meeting and the chapter membership will be electing officers for the upcoming year as well as two Board of Director (BOD) representatives. In addition to the candidates presented by the BOD, chapter members will have an opportunity to make nominations from the floor. Your vote is your voice so please plan to attend this meeting.

Kent Wilson

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