



# TIGHT LINES

**October 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, October 16**

**Time: 6:30 pm – Fellowship**

**7:00 pm – Meeting**

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

**Meeting Topic: Discussion on Amendment One: the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment.**

A representative from the Conservation Fund will present a review of Amendment One, the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment, which is to be presented on the ballot on November 6.

See Page 3 for more information on this Amendment.

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

**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](#).

**Nov 1 (Thur) GA Delayed Harvest Trout Season** begins.

**Nov 3 (Sat) North Georgia Trout Online Fall Fling.** 9:00 am—2:00 pm at Buford Trout Hatchery. More information can be found on [NGTO](#).

**Nov 3 (Sat) Stream Clean-Up Project on the Soque River.** 8:00am—12:00pm. Meet at Jackson Bridge on Hwy 197. Sponsored by the [Savannah River Chapter](#).

**Nov 4 (Sun) Fish Tails and Ales.** 4:00—7:00 pm at Sweetwater Brewing Company. Sponsored by [GA Casting for Recovery](#)

**Nov 20 (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](#).

**Nov 27 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting.** 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

**Dec 1 (Sat) GA Council TU Quarterly Meeting** 9:00 am—12:00 pm at FS Office in Gainesville, GA. Contact [Kathy Breithaupt](#).

## Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

### October Caddis aka Orange Stimulator

Hook: #2X Long Nymph Hook

Tail: Deer Hair

Body: Orange Dubbing

Body Hackle: Brown

Wing: Deer Hair

Head: Yellow Dubbing with Palmered Grizzly Hackle



GREAT FLY FOR UPCOMING DH TIME. DROP A OCTOBER CADDIS NYMPH BEHIND THIS FLY AND DRAG THE BOTTOM. *See you on The River! Terry*

## **Back Casting**

### **Tuesday, Sept 18 —Rabun Chapter Monthly Meeting**

It was standing room only for Wes McElroy's small stream trout program to a packed crowd of Rabun TU members and guests. The program was so popular, the crowd started to overflow into the parking lot of Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Enjoy the photo of Wes' furry fan who was denied a seat in the church fellowship hall. Something about not paying his annual TU dues...



## **Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment**

The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment is on the ballot on November 6 as Amendment One. This is the first time Georgians have had a chance to dedicate funding for conservation and it can be done without a tax increase.

The amendment will allow up to 80% of the existing sales and use tax on outdoor sporting goods to the protection of the state's land, water and wildlife with no new taxes or fees. Over \$20 million would be dedicated every year for the next ten years.

This funding could not be used for any other purpose and would be subject to strict accountability provisions and public disclosure. Only projects consistent with the state's established goals for conservation would be approved.

If passed, this funding would:

- Protect lands critical to clean drinking water and the quality of Georgia's lakes, rivers and streams;
- Acquire and improve parks and trails;
- Maintain and improve access to wildlife management areas and create opportunities for hunting and fishing; and
- Support Georgia's \$27 billion outdoor recreation industry.

The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment is supported by a coalition of leading conservation organizations including The Conservation Fund, Georgia Conservancy, Georgia Wildlife Federation, The Nature Conservancy, Park Pride, and The Trust for Public Land.

## **Rabun Resident Elected to Chair State Council of Trout Unlimited**

In the recent annual leadership election for Trout Unlimited, Dr. Kathy Breithaupt of Rabun County was elected as the Council Chair for Georgia Trout Unlimited.

Dr. Breithaupt has been an active member of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited and currently acts as secretary of the chapter. Previously she was secretary for the Georgia Council and, more recently, held the position as Vice-Chair. In addition, she is the founding Coordinator for the Georgia Trout Camp, a week-long camp for boys and girls from all over Georgia and other states that has operated for the past fifteen years.

The Georgia Council is the umbrella organization for all twelve chapters of Trout Unlimited in Georgia. The Council supports all chapters with their 4000 members and coordinates efforts to meet the mission of protecting and restoring cold, clean water in Georgia and throughout our country.

Dr. Breithaupt is the first female to chair the State Council and one of just a very few nationwide to hold this position. Trout Unlimited is a national conservation organization founded in 1959 that now boast over 150,000 members throughout the country.

For more information visit [www.georgiatu.org](http://www.georgiatu.org).



**Congratulations Kathy!!!!**



## 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. Yee Haa!!!

Campsite #93 in the "Wooded Loop" will be the official gathering site. Campsites fill up fast this time of year, so don't delay in making your campsite reservations (see below).

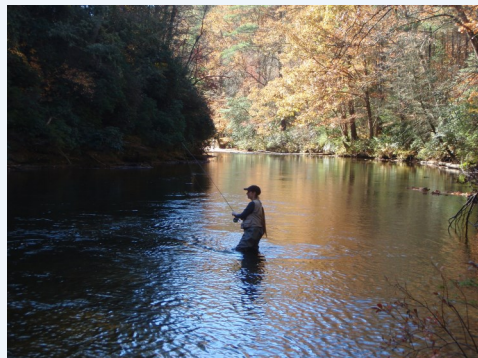
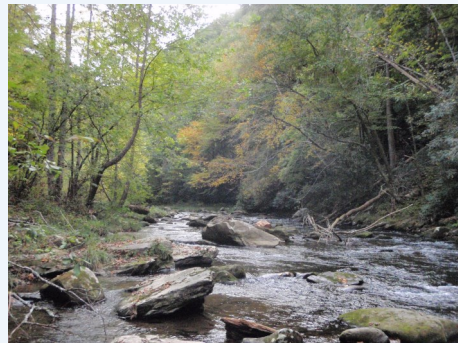
We will cook and eat breakfast and supper together every day and you are on your own for your noon meal. If you volunteer to cook a meal, then all meals are free for you. If you don't cook a meal, then you pay \$5 for each meal you eat to the cook. Now that's a deal! Let Tony know of the meal you wish to cook, and what meals you plan to eat so the cooks can plan the meals. And hey! - if you don't want to camp, just come by for a meal 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.

## **Rabun Chapter Membership Update**

**Current membership: 159 adult members and 6 Stream Explorers**

***Welcome New Members!***

Frank Hodge, from Sky Valley, GA.

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

Charles Cawthon, David Nichols, John Slater, and Ron Wilson.

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

William Candy, Steve Denman, Thomas Graham, Cecil Greene, Corbin Smith, and Larry Walker.

## **Click on the Images and Visit the Websites of our Sponsors**



***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.***

## October 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 (IMPORTANT)	Late	Early am and Late pm	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair Caddis 8-10 Orange Stimulator 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
Blue Wing Olive and Blue Quill (IMPORTANT)	All month	Late am to Mid pm	16-18 BWO, Blue Quill, Adams Parachute 16 BWO Nymph, Pheasant Tail
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 Leadership Contacts

### Voting Leaders

<a href="#">Kent Wilson</a>	Chapter President
<a href="#">Jeff Durniak</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="#">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="#">Terry Rivers</a>	Director thru 2021
<a href="#">Tammy Hopton</a>	Director thru 2022
<a href="#">Jimmy Whiten</a>	Director thru 2022

### Non-Voting Leaders

<a href="#">Michele Crawford</a>	Women's Outreach, Memorials
<a href="#">Larry Walker</a>	Advocacy
<a href="#">Pat Hopton</a>	Tight Lines Editor
<a href="#">Jerry McFalls</a>	Scouts Liaison, Trout in the Class Room

**[CLICK HERE](#) for a great article (pages 142-147) about our own Rabunite Jeff Durniak, in the October/November edition of Southern Trout Magazine!**



## FISHING REPORTS

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### **An early fall fishing report submitted by Tammy Hopton: September 22, 2018**

The first fall weekend, Pat and I and a couple of friends traveled north of Clayton for an afternoon of fishing. I decided to fish a smaller stream and let the guys take on the larger waters. So, Patrick gave me a lift to a tributary stream about a mile away and dropped me off.

It was a pretty, warm afternoon but the creek was nicely covered in shadow. I started at the first pretty pool (pictured below) close to my drop off point and floated a Parachute Adams down it with no takers. I go upstream for about 3 more deep runs and I give the fish more opportunity but only a few came up and hit my fly. I was not quick enough to snag any. So... 3-4 bites without success. Dang!

I remember that before I left Pat our friend had said something about a worm working this time of year. So, I changed my fly to a pink San Juan worm and, using my normal fly cast, I let the worm barely sink down into a deep hole at the edge of a pyramid-shaped rock. At the bottom of the hole, finally success! I net a pretty rainbow trout about 8 inches. Finally, I am getting somewhere.

Then I get 2 very small rainbows and I think, I have gotten all I can in that one spot but then I realize I have not really given the middle of the run much attention. So I cast to a little different line of water. That's when I get a strike and I am off! I am traveling downstream with a big fish showing me the way! I finally net him almost back where we started. A very pretty rainbow about 13".

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In the middle of running up and down the creek, I lost my sole of my boot, so I take several minutes to change into sandals. (I knew it was coming. The felt sole was coming unglued and I had put a pair of sandals in my vest just in case). After changing shoes and letting the run calm down some, I think, huh.... maybe one more time.

So, in the same run with the pyramid-shaped rock in it, I put my little pink worm up at the top of the hole this time and let it sink for 2-3 floats. And then another strike! I was hooked into another fish that travels upstream, then down to the pool below the rock pool. He is not as pretty as the first big rainbow but still healthy and fat. Whew!

Okay, enough for that run, I go upstream to the next pool and see a seam that looks too shallow but I try it anyway thinking no way a fish will be in that shallow of water ... but again, another big rainbow, about 14"! What a day!

I keep fishing after that but only get snagged in trees. I walk out and meet back up with all my friends to hear their tall tales. I told them about my day, but I don't think they believed me. That's OK, because I've got the pictures and the memories. As someone once said... "you don't have to believe it if you don't want!"

It was a beautiful day, on a clear cold creek, without another soul in sight! What fun!!



### Editors Note:

For some reason—who knows why? - during this time of year when the leaves are just starting to fall, a pink or red San Juan Worm fished without weight is deadly! Treat your tippet with floatant and let the worm either float on the surface or just slightly sink. Also try trailing it behind an Orange Stimulator.

Try it! Tammy's report is proof that it works!



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**Some Pictures of a Recent Trip to Michigan taken by Rodney Tumlin and others from the Cohuta Chapter. Wow!!!**



## Prez Notes

On behalf of the chapter, I would like to officially welcome aboard the new BOD members who took office on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Jimmy Whiten is returning for another term as a member of the Board of Directors (BOD). Tammy Hopton, who previously served the unexpired term of another BOD member will be returning to serve her first full term and Terry Rivers will be returning to serve the unexpired term of Colby Nichols. I am extremely appreciative of each of these members for their willingness to step up and serve in these leadership roles. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to Mike Fuller who just rotated off the Board of Directors, but will continue to serve as the Membership Chair.

Long time Rabunite Dr. Kathy Breithaupt was just elected as Chair of the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited. Kathy has served in leadership roles on both the Georgia Council as well as the Rabun Chapter and we could not be prouder of her.

Georgians will have the opportunity on November 6<sup>th</sup> to vote on the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment. The amendment would allow a portion of the existing sales tax we are already paying on outdoor sporting goods to be redirected for the protection of the state's land, water, and wildlife. Over \$20 million would be dedicated every year for the next ten years. This funding could not be used for any other purpose and would be subject to strict accountability provisions and public disclosure. Only projects consistent with the state's established goals for conservation would be approved. We need your help to get the word out so that we can pass this historic Amendment. I strongly encourage you to vote Yes to Amendment 1.

Please remember to mark your calendars for the October chapter meeting which will be held at the Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in Rabun Gap, Georgia on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:30 P. M. Hope to see you there.

Kent Wilson