



TIGHT LINES

January 2019 Newsletter

of the

Rabun Chapter (522) 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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to visit our Award Winning Website!



Next Rabun Chapter Meeting

All Chapter members and guests are invited!

Tuesday, Jan 15

Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church, Rabun Gap, GA

6:30 pm

Zach Moran, Trout Biologist for Georgia Department of Natural Resources, will be the guest speaker.

If you have donations for the Rabun Rendezvous, please bring them to the meeting.



HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

TROUT UNLIMITED
RABUN CHAPTER

Presents
THE
**RABUN
RENDEZVOUS**
. 2019 .

New & Improved!

Saturday, 19 January 2019

Dillard House Conference Center

\$35 Adults, \$25 age 15 and younger

- ◆ Same incredible buffet featuring barbecue, beef, pork, chicken, fish, and all the sides and decadent desserts that have made the Dillard House famous!
- ◆ Same great raffle and silent auction prizes!
- ◆ No speaker!
- ◆ More time for fellowship!
- ◆ Earlier start and finish time!



Schedule

3:00pm Doors open
3:00-7:30pm Raffle and auction open
4:30pm Pig pickin' of smoked whole pig
5:00-6:30pm Foxfire Boys blue grass
6:30pm Dinner
8:00pm Program ends, Prizes called

- ◆ Spin and fly anglers, family, and friends interested in preserving your trout waters welcomed!
- ◆ Special rates at The Dillard House Inn starting at \$79 for those that mention they're attending the Rabun Rendezvous!
- ◆ We welcome donations of raffle and auction items!
- ◆ For more information, contact Ray King at 828 342 9563.

The 2018 Rabun Rendezvous provided financial support for the following: GA Council Youth Trout Camp; Smithgall Woods Conservation Program; USFS Kid's Fishing Event at Tallulah River; Fly fishing 101 event; Helicopter stocking; Brook trout stream improvement; Casting for Recovery; Fly Fishing for Vets; National TU's Youth Education, First Cast, Embrace-A-Stream, Griffith's Circle, and Southeast Lands program; GA Council Conservation fund; Trout magazine subscriptions to all Rabun County schools, public libraries, and Tallulah Gorge State Park.



TO ALL RABUNITES:

The 32nd Annual Rabun Rendezvous is rapidly approaching. The funds we raise are used to support Trout Unlimited efforts for cold water conservation and education.

Your donations are an integral part of that support! Donations to our event are starting to arrive and we'll continue to update and publicize the list of items every couple of weeks. Hopefully, this will provide our prospective attendees the opportunity to identify some of the items in which they may be most interested.

Please consider a donation to the Rendezvous. Need an idea for what you can donate? Art, crafts (wood working, fishing flies, etc.), a campout with fishing, a day of lake fishing, a day of deer hunting on a lease, a day of wild turkey hunting, vacations, golf packages, raft trips, weekend use of mountain cabins or condos at beach, and goodies from the kitchens of the Rabunites (cakes, breads, baskets with canned veggies, jams, jellies and preserves) have always been popular with our guests.

If you don't have an item to donate, that's alright! Please consider donating your time at the Rendezvous. We need volunteers to help staff the registration table, assist in the bucket raffle and silent auction events, and to meet and greet the folks who come out to support our great chapter.

And you could also consider making a cash donation to the chapter. You can send it to my address or provide it to a Board of Directors member. We are working on setting up a PayPal account to make it easier to donate. More on that in the coming days.

Thank you for your support of the Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited!

Ray King – Rabun Rendezvous Chair
121 Creek Road
Otto, North Carolina 28763-9356

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

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the current, as of Dec 30, list of Silent Auction and Bucket Raffle items to be found at the Rabun Rendezvous!

Check back often as this list will be updated as new donations arrive!

Rendezvous, Oh Rendezvous, That's Where I Long To Be!

By Fox Paw, 1994

I took a trip to the mountains, a Rendezvous to see.
And there I met the Mountain Men; one of them I longed to be.
They had the names of Dredger, and Nugget, and Dances with Trees,
Names from past, but not forgotten times, that brought back memories.

Rendezvous, oh Rendezvous, that's where I long to be
Up in the mountains where it's free, so free, so free.
They dressed and ate and lived the way that people used to do.
Freedom was their byword; it was the only thing they knew.

Their friendship was a bounty they freely shared with me.
They made my stay a great one, feeling home like a memory.
Rendezvous, oh Rendezvous, that's where I long to be
Up in the mountains where it's free, so free, so free.

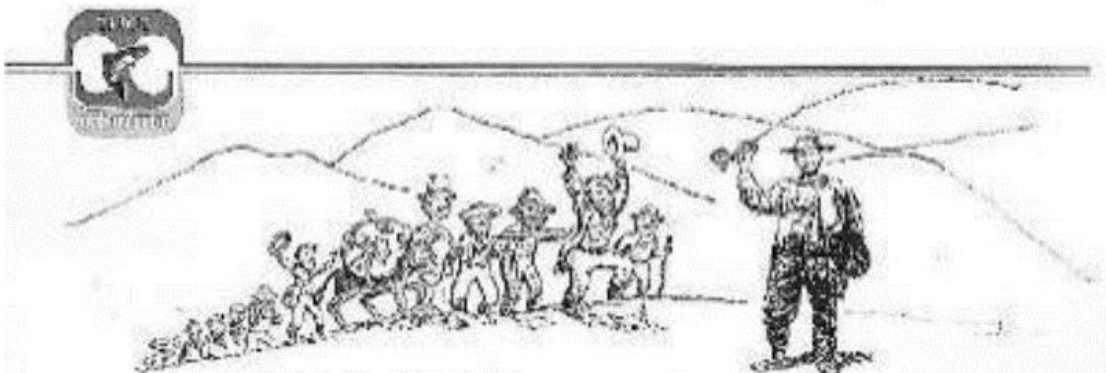
Their songs at night they sang while 'round the fire we sat,
They sang of things which I knew not, but brought more memories back.
Their songs were of a time when man was free to roam and pack,
When game was here for all to see, to hunt, to fish, and trap.

Rendezvous, oh Rendezvous, that's where I long to be.
Up in the mountains where it's free, so free, so free.
When tipis, tents and lodges the Indians did use
To live their lives in piece with God, his gifts not to abuse.

They traded things like beads and knives and guns and skins and such,
Told stories of the mountains, some true, some stretched a' much.
Their word was gold, their honor fine; a handshake was their bond.
And when we left, all vowed return, this life to carry on.

Rendezvous, oh, Rendezvous, now that's the life for me.,
If only a Mountain Man, someday I could really be.
To live like them out in the wild so happy and so free,
With all God's creatures living there in perfect harmony.

Rendezvous, oh Rendezvous, that's where I long to be!
Up in the mountains where it's free, so free, so free.



“As always I am looking forward to the Rendezvous, it's like a big old family reunion.”

Garland Stewart



So You Wanna be a Mountain Man?

Then come to the Rendezvous!



How the charter Rabunite Mountain Man actually appeared.



How the charter Rabunite Mountain Man thought he appeared (as drawn by Tom Landreth)!

Rabun Chapter Caps Will Be For Sale at the Rendezvous!

Baseball-style caps in various colors with the “Rabun Chapter TU” logo will be available to purchase at the Rabun Rendezvous.

Cost is \$15 per cap.

Contact [Tammy Hopton](#) for more details.



Call for Nominations

The Board of Directors has nominated Frank Patton to fill out the unexpired term of Ray Gentry on the Board of Directors. This term expires the end of Calendar Year 2019.

The Board will entertain other nominations for this position and then call for a vote at the next monthly Chapter meeting on January 15 , 2019.

Rabun Chapter Leadership Contacts

Voting Leaders

Kent Wilson	Chapter President
Jeff Durniak	Chapter Vice President
Charlie Breithaupt	Treasurer
Kathy Breithaupt	Secretary
Steve Perry	Past President
Doug Adams	Director Emeritus
Ray King	Rendezvous Chair
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
Terry Rivers	Director thru 2021
Tammy Hopton	Director thru 2022
Jimmy Whiten	Director thru 2022

Non-Voting Leaders

Michele Crawford	Women's Outreach, Memorials
Larry Walker	Advocacy
Pat Hopton	Tight Lines Editor
Jerry McFalls	Scouts Liaison, Trout in the Class Room
Mike Fuller	Membership Chair

Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months

Jan 8 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in Rabun Gap, GA. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Jan 15 (Tues) Monthly Chapter Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in Rabun Gap, GA. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Jan 19 (Sat) [32nd Annual Rabun Rendezvous](#). 3:00—8:00 pm at the Dillard House Conference Center in Dillard, GA. Contact [Ray King](#).

Feb 1-2 (Fri-Sat) Atlanta Fly Fishing Show. 9:00 am—6:00 pm at Infinite Energy Center, Duluth, GA. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

Feb 9 (Sat) Annual Planning Meeting. 8:30 am at Steve Perry's house in Sky Valley, GA. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Feb 19 (Tues) Monthly Chapter Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in Rabun Gap, GA. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Feb 26 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in Rabun Gap, GA. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Mar 23 (Sat) Hoot on the Hooch. 6:00 pm at the Helendorf Hotel in Helen, GA. Annual fund raising event for the [Georgia Foothills Chapter](#). Drawing for the Dream Trip will be held.

Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

Bead Head Prince Nymph

HOOK: # 12/16 2X NYMPH

TAIL: BROWN GOOSE BIOTS

BODY: PEACOCK HERL PALMER W/ GOLD TINSEL

THORAX: PEACOCK HERL

WING CASE: WHITE GOOSE BIOTS

LEGS: BROWN HACKLE

HEAD: BRASS BEAD.



GREAT FLY YEAR ROUND. USE IT AS A DROPPER BEHIND A DRY FLY OR UNDER AN INDICATOR. FISH IT DEEP.

See you on The River! Terry

"The two best times to fish is when it's rainin' and when it ain't"

Patrick F. McManus

Back Casting

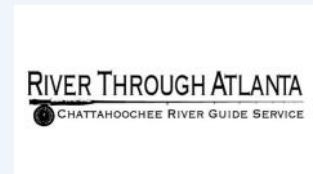
Rabun Chapter Annual Christmas Dinner

Report Submitted by Tony Allred, 1/2/19

On the evening of Dec 11th a couple dozen Rabunites gathered at the Dillard House to share a fantastic meal and enjoy some yuletide fellowship. As always, the staff at the Dillard House provided a great atmosphere along with way too much food. Our Christmas Dinner is always a great time to see old friends and catch up on personal relationships. We'll get back to preserving, protecting and restoring as soon as the holidays are over! If you missed this year's dinner, please plan to attend next year. We'll save a seat by the fireplace for you.



Click on the Images and Visit the Websites of our Sponsors



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

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Calling all Trout Campers!

Where: Tallulah Falls School, Clayton, Georgia

When: June 2-7, 2019 (Sunday – Friday)

- Boys and Girls, 13-15 Years Old
- Learn and Practice the Sport of Fly Fishing
- Study Sound Conservation Practices
- Enjoy a Fun and Rewarding Experience

Help Build A Better Habitat for Trout



CAMPER'S REWARDS

- Each Camper Departs with their own Fishing Equipment
- Closing Ceremony where Campers Receive a Certificate of Completion
- Fun Fly Casting Competition with Awards Presented at Closing Ceremony
- Many Memories and New Friendships



Camp Location:
Northeast Georgia in
the town of Tallulah Falls.
The Heart of the Blue
Ridge Mountains.



2018 Georgia Trout Camp

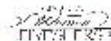
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Georgia Trout Camp

Open to boys and girls, 13-15 years old
\$600 per camper

FOR REGISTRATION FORMS

Go to Georgia Council Website:
www.georgiatu.org

Contact:

Charlie Breithaupt

194 Kitchens Lane • Clayton, GA 30525

(706) 782-6954

knc615@windstream.net

Georgia Trout Unlimited TROUT CAMP 2019



Tallulah Falls School
June 2-7, 2019

"Call to Camp!"



Participants...
(Entry Limit - 1 Year)

- Boys & Girls, 13-15 Years Old
- Learn and Practice the Sport of Fly Fishing
- Study Sound Conservation Practices
- Enjoy a Fun and Rewarding Experience

2018 Georgia Trout Camp



Picture of success with learning the sport, having loads of fun, camaraderie, and individual growth.

Mail your application (see next page) for Trout Camp to

Charlie Breithaupt, GA Trout Camp Coordinator
194 Kitchens Lane
Clayton, GA 30525

Deadline for applications is March 15, 2019.

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).



Georgia Trout Camp 2019 Application

Please fill out the application below and give it to your local TU Chapter President.

Dates: June 2-7 (Sunday – Friday) Age: 13 – 15 years Fee: \$600.00

Includes room, board, and all activities for the five-day camp. In May, after your signed application and fee have been received, you will be sent a list of what to bring, as well as the required health and release forms. Please make your check payable to the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited. By submitting this application the camper, if accepted, is committed to attending camp for the entire session.

Deadline to apply: Set by each Chapter – Check with your local TU Chapter for details.
The application and payment must be in the Camp Coordinator's office by April 15th.

(Please Print)

Name _____

Name you wish to be called by _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Age at time of camp _____ Male _____ Female _____
(Must be within the ages of 13 – 15 at time of camp)

T-Shirt size (adult size only; circle one) S M L XL

I have a friend attending camp and we would like to room together.

His/her name is _____

Yes, my child is interested in conservation and the sport of fly fishing and has reached a level of maturity to enjoy spending 6 days and 5 nights away from home at camp.

Parent or guardian's signature

Print: Parent or guardian's name _____

Home Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Parent's Email _____ Parent's Emergency Phone _____

I am sponsored by: (each camper must be sponsored by one of the 12 TU Chapters in GA)

The _____ Chapter of TU

Signature _____ President/Chapter or Trout Camp Representative

After completion – the application and fee will be forwarded by the sponsoring Chapter to the Camp Coordinator

Kathy Breithaupt, GA Trout Camp Coordinator 194 Kitchens Lane Clayton, GA 30525

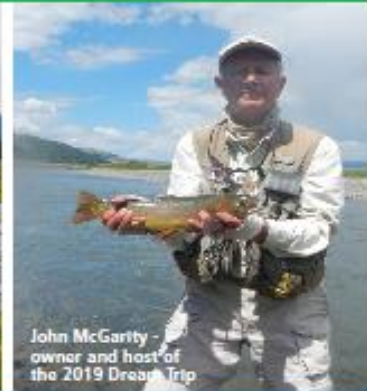
For more information call: (706) 782-6954 or email: knc615@windstream.net

For information on the 12 TU chapters in GA go to www.georgiatu.org

Tickets are now on sale for the 2019 Dream Trip!! Tickets are limited, so get yours soon!

Contact [David Ruth](#) or anyone on the Board of Directors for tickets.

DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!



John McGarity -
owner and host of
the 2019 Dream Trip

"The 2019 Dream Trip reaches new heights. The opportunity to fish with John McGarity, stay in his fabulous log cabin conveniently located between the Madison River, Yellowstone National Park and the Henry's Fork puts you smack dab in the middle of some of the most famous trout waters in North America. John is the consummate trout angler, fishing almost every day during the 5 or 6 months each year he resides in Idaho. Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone checks with John for fishing reports. Having been a restaurateur, John is also an excellent cook... you will not go hungry on this trip! TU couldn't ask for a better host and guide for this year's Dream Trip."

-Gregory Harris,
owner, Unicoi Outfitters

• 5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 21 – 26, 2019

• \$500 total in travel expenses

- travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winners.
*Fishing licenses, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the winners during their stay.

- **Each winner receives:** A float trip on the Madison River, plus Choice of Winston Bill-x or Air 4, 5, or 7 weight rod, a fly reel with Scientific Angler line, and a fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen per box)



Tickets \$10 Proceeds Benefit TU Cold Water Conservation and Trout Camp

RUNNER UP PRIZES:

- TFO - BVK fly rod - 4 wt. 9', 4-piece fly rod: Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- TFO BVK 4-5 reel & SA or Wulff TT fly line: Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- Fly box with 8+ dozen trout flies: Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- Fly box with 3 dozen bass poppers: Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- AFFS gift certificate for a fly fishing or fly-casting class during 2019: Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- A private fly casting lesson including digital casting analysis and video analysis (this donation would apply to those having mastered basic casting skills already): Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School for 2019 year.
- Half day guided fishing trip for two with Henry Cowen: Donated by Henry Cowen
- Full day guided trip with Cohutta Fishing Company for two on private water. Valued at \$575. www.cohuttafishingco.com/guides. Donated by The Cohutta Chapter of TU
- A handmade woven tapestry trout pillow: Donated by Peg Jones of the Middle Georgia Chapter
- Unguided half day fishing at Nacoochee Bend for two fishermen: Donated by Unicoi Outfitters.
- Half day trophy brown trout guided float trip for two on Chattahoochee River, valued at \$375: Donated by Chris Scalley - River Through Atlanta www.riverthroughatlanta.com
- Two draws for six dozen trout flies: Donated by 12 TU chapters in Georgia



Henry Cowen owner of Unicoi Outfitters



Henry Cowen - Unicoi Outfitters - Chattahoochee Chapter member



For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

Rabun Chapter Membership Update

Current membership: 160 adult members and 6 Stream Explorers.

Welcome New Members!

Ed Townsend, from Tiger, GA.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Davis Bentley, Doug Bryant, Glen English, Monty English, Doug Hickman, Tammy Hopton, Jeff Houston, Sandy Morgan-Brungage, Wayne Prosser, David Ruth, Terry Seehorn, Russell Tyre, and Kent Wilson.

Members That Need to Re-Up!

Mike Brod, James Bruce, Robert Clifford, Larry Ekman, Jay Green, Glenn Ivie, Tom Matthews, Jerry McFalls, Colby Nichols, Eugene Roberts, John Wall, Jimmy Whiten, and Jason Whitfield.

Condolences

Local attorney and Rabun Chapter TU member, J. David Smith, passed away on Dec 23, 2018. He was 62 years old.

The Rabun Chapter TU extends our condolences to the family and friends. David will be missed.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the obituary.



Congratulations!

Rabun Chapter TU Charter Member Doug Adams was recently interviewed for the [Foxfire](#) magazine. He reflected on his 64 years of trout fishing. You can read the interview in Volume 52, Issues 203 & 204, Spring/Summer, 2018.

"We asked him where his favorite spots were but he wouldn't say because a true fisherman never tells his favorite and most successful fishing spots."



You are Invited to Join Trout Unlimited!

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the membership page of Trout Unlimited. Once you join, TU will assign you to the nearest Chapter according to your Zip Code. If you wish to be a member of the Rabun Chapter regardless of your Zip Code, specify Chapter 522 in your application.

If you have any questions, contact the Rabun Chapter Membership Chair [Mike Fuller](#).

We look forward to having you in our Chapter!

FISHING REPORTS

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“Chattooga Chuck and Duck”

Submitted by Jeff Durniak aka The Dredger , 12/21/18

Dredger first noticed the sun this morning (12/22) and then used his favorite “net” to plan his day. The inter-net showed that THE River was 46 degrees and slowly receding to barely tolerable levels for tall people (2.75 on the hwy 76 gauge). He studied a quick winter refresher at “secrets of the Rabunites” and checked his fly vest pockets for all vital winter trinkets.

Then he loaded up his car and headed north for a Clayton lunch with fellow Rabunite Kent, who piled him up with a second helping of GATU Dream Trip tix to sell to hopeful flatlanders.

The long lunch let the river drop a bit more as he arrived at 2pm and suited up in the JoJa lot. He hiked in a good ways on the JoJa trail and then scouted for eddies. They were scarce in the raging current, but he finally found a few. He took only one or two steps off the bank for self-preservation purposes, chucked, and ducked.

And hoped...

And soon gripped and grinned! More than a dozen rainbows and a lone brown came to hand in his 2.5 hrs of catapulting, err, fly casting. The first six were split equally between the legs and the eggs, so he simplified his multifly rig down to just the “cheap-and-easy-to-tie” Oreck egg for the last half of his game. They ate the egg just fine. He quit on a last cast fish at 5:15 due to cold fingers and some desired daylight for the 45 minute hike out.

It was a great holiday afternoon on the ole Toog. Sticking near the bank, he didn’t drown! Adding to the success, the fish were podded up in the flood refuges. And, at 46 degrees, they ate the eggs when served at nose-level.

Now here's your stocking stuffer:

Dredger’s recipe for success was a sliding bobber (a one inch airlock indicator), a seven foot leader with three more feet of 4x attached, Then a foot of 5x knotted to the 4x. One to three size BB shot were added above the triple surgeon knot between tippet strands. Then the fly was tied to the loose end of the 5x.

The bobber was adjusted to 1.5 times the depth of the eddy fished, so it slid from three to ten feet up and down the leader, depending on the spot fished. The airlock brand made sliding easy!

Dredger lobbed this concoction upstream a short distance and histicked it back down to him. He rarely had more than six feet of fly line on the water, and often had zero. His ten foot Euro rod aided his lobbing, hi-sticking, and bottom/bumping in the flood flows.

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Dredger had to watch his bobber carefully, and he set the book on each “bream nibble” that inched the bobber back upstream ever so slightly. Half the nibbles were rocks, but the other half had adipose fins attached and ran like heck toward South Carolina!

So there you go: fresh intel in time for the holidays. Be careful and know your wading limits. But as these rivers drop and the water temps stay above forty, anglers who can bottom-roll their flies effectively can have some great afternoons.

Good luck plotting your own vacation getaways. Don’t forget a sliding bobber, a pocketful of lead, and two big spools of 4x. And some hope for the holidays!

Merry Christmas from the Rabunites. Waaaah- HOOOO!!!! (Rabunite term for “fish on”)



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“Nantahala DH Hat Trick”

Submitted by Jeff Durniak aka The Dredger, 12/23/18

Despite the crummy weather report, Dredger headed over the mountain to the Nantahala DH. The afternoon air temp in the gorge was 35 degrees with intermittent spells of mist and rain, while the water was 44 degrees. At least it was above 40, which gave him hope.

Despite the winter steelhead weather, Angler climate was toasty warm and dry, thanks to head-to-toe fleece and Gore-Tex. The water was high, but wade-able with extreme care and a stout wading staff.

Dredge got on fish immediately and had a steady pick throughout the afternoon. The browns were against the bank, the rainbows were in midstream pools and runs, and two brookies were in a flat, shallow pool near the 4pm quit-time, completing his trout hat trick. All three flavors had one thing in common: they hung in slower velocity than the ripping main current.

The winning rig was Euro, which started with a short tapered leader, a tippet ring, and then a tricolor segment of Orvis 0x sighter material, which is supple and easy to see, even for older anglers.

Four feet of 6x were then knotted to the 2nd tippet ring at the end of the sighter. Another 18 inches of 6x were then triple-surgeoned to the end of the first piece of tippet, with one tag left long at the knot. On that tag was knotted a #16 surveyor, while the terminal end got a big, heavy, #12 sexy Walt's worm, a great anchor fly to bounce the bottom.

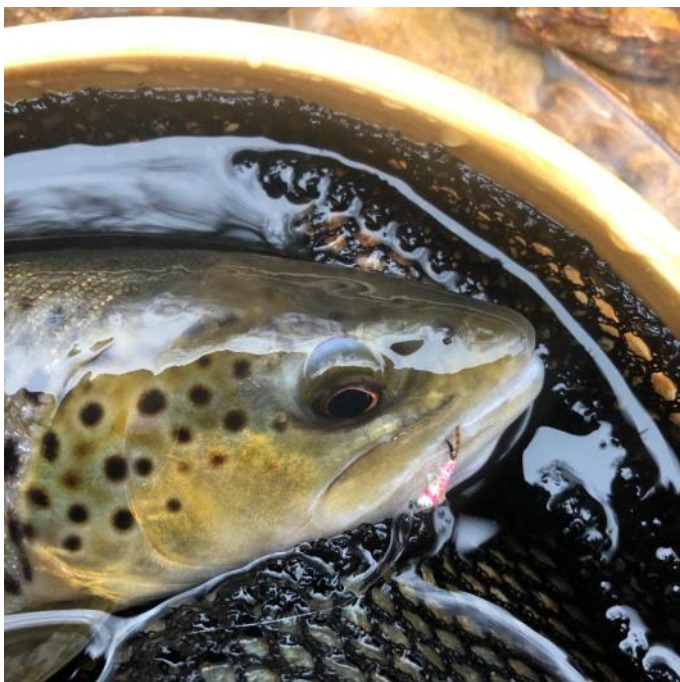
Fish ate both flavors equally. Browns were common, rainbows less so, and brookies were scarce.

All in all, a great way to salvage a rainy day. Special thanks to Landon (Fishbreath) for his early Euro lessons to ole Dredge several years ago. Dredger's subsequent practice is starting to pay off.

Good luck to any holiday road trippers. Got a raincoat, a sighter, lotsa 6x, and some hope?

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January Hatch Chart

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
Blue Wing Olive and Blue Quill	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
None at all	All month	All day	Dredging Nymphs:12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, Pheasant Tail

Prez Notes

As you read this edition of Tightlines, the 2019 Rabun Rendezvous will be right around the corner. I would like to remind everyone that this is our chapters largest fundraising event of the year. We rely heavily on the monies raised from this event to enable the chapter to fulfill our mission.

The money raised from the 2018 Rabun Rendezvous was utilized to support projects/programs consistent with the mission of Trout Unlimited. Some of our efforts from last year include providing assistance to and/or support for the following:

- Financial support for Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited Youth Trout Camp;
- Sponsored three youth to attend the Trout Camp;
- Financial and logistical support for the Tallulah River Kid's Fishing Event sponsored by the U. S. Forest Service;
- Helicopter Stocking of the Chattooga River
- Assisted with a stream clean-up of Earl's Ford;
- In-stream habitat improvement workday with USFS on a Rabun County brook trout stream;
- Financial support for Casting for Recovery and Fly Fishing for Vets Wounded Warriors Program;
- Financial support for National TU's Youth Education, First Cast, Embrace-A-Stream, General Fund - Griffith Circle & Southeast Lands programs;
- Smithgall Wood's Regional Education Center
- Rabunite 101 which is a basic introduction to fly fishing. Once again the training included several veterans from Project Healing Waters

A partial listing of items that will be available to bid on at the Rendezvous will be forthcoming via email blasts and Rabun Trout Unlimited Facebook posts so mark your calendars and stay tuned for further information. Your support is much needed and greatly appreciated so I hope to see you all at the Rabun Rendezvous!

Kent Wilson