



TIGHT LINES

February 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

Tuesday, Feb 19

Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church, Rabun Gap, GA

6:30 pm

Program speaker to be announced.

All Chapter members and guests are invited!

Want to Get More Involved with the Rabun Chapter?

You are invited to provide your input into what the Rabun Chapter plans to accomplish during the upcoming year. At the Annual Planning meeting, which is to be held Saturday, Feb 9, at 8:30 am at Steve Perry's house in Sky Valley GA, the Chapter leaders and members discuss, approve, and allocate funds for the projects and priorities of the Chapter for 2019.

Any Chapter member may attend the Planning Meeting. You may provide input into existing projects and propose new projects. Be prepared show how your input would meet our Chapter mission, including the goals and objectives of Trout Unlimited. Final projects will be approved by the Voting Leaders as shown on Page 14.

For more information, contact [Kent Wilson](#). Please RSVP [Elizabeth Perry](#) or [Steve Perry](#) if you plan to attend.

Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months

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. Meet at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church, Dillard, GA at 8:00 am to car-pool to Steve's house. Breakfast will be served; please RSVP to [Elizabeth Perry](#) if you are attending. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Feb 12 (Tues) Annual Meeting of the Chattooga Coalition. 9:00 am at the Chattooga River Ranger District office, Lakemont, GA. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Feb 19 (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](#).

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 15 (Fri) Deadline for Trout Camp applications.

Mar 19 (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](#).

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.

Mar 26 (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

Girdle Bug

HOOK: # 12 2X NYMPH

TAIL: MEDIUM RUBBER LEG

BODY: MEDIUM CHENILLE

LEGS: MEDIUM RUBBER LEG

ANTENNAE: MEDIUM RUBBER LEG



THESE ARE GREAT TO IMITATE STONEFLIES. TIE THEM IN VARIOUS COLORS.

See you on The River! Terry

Scenes from the 32nd Annual Rabun Rendezvous
Saturday, January 19, 2019

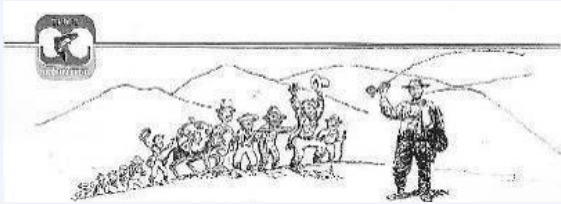


Preliminary Results from the 32nd Annual Rabun Rendezvous

Attendance: 248 adults and youth

Net Receipts: \$12,463.00

This is a little over twice what we made last year! Waaa Hooo!



“The Rendezvous was unlike anything before or since, a gathering of uninhibited men down from the mountains. The event attracted perhaps a hundred mountain men, their Indian wives, and assorted visiting tribesmen. Amusements included gambling, drinking, storytelling – continuing day and night.” Quote from [The Mountain Men](#), by George Laycock.

Thanks to all who made the 2019 Rabun Rendezvous successful!

The Rabun TU Chapter celebrated our 32nd^t Annual Rabun Rendezvous this year! This is a tremendous milestone for our chapter. The Rendezvous underwent a few changes this year, in terms of format. I hope the changes were met favorably. “Old Man Winter” smiled on us again this year, although it did consist of liquid sunshine for a few hours. The attendees braved the weather, enjoyed delicious food, excellent Bluegrass music and great fellowship. Thanks to the Dillard House and the Foxfire Boys. A total of 248 attended this year’s Rendezvous – what a fantastic crowd!! We felt the presence of missing, but not forgotten members of our TU family in “Around the Bend.” We are indeed blessed to be part of a community who love the outdoors. Thanks to all who were able to attend the Rabun Rendezvous! Those of you who weren’t there, missed a great time and we hope to see you next year. Come be part of our community!

A special thank you is due to all the volunteers from the Rabun TU Chapter who donated their time and resources to make this year’s Rabun Rendezvous a success. They worked to solicit great donations from our friends and businesses who support the TU efforts, participated in the event set-up and worked as runners in the Silent Auction and Bucket Raffles and staffed the Registration desk. I cannot thank you enough.

The Rabun TU Chapter would like to extend a special thank you to Avril and Calder Adams, Doug and Eedee Adams granddaughter and grandson. They worked as volunteers the entire day, doing whatever was needed to make this year’s Rendezvous a success. Both are great examples of our youth!

A special thank you is offered to all of the individuals, organizations and businesses who made donations to this year’s Rabun Rendezvous. We offer our thanks for your assistance both in advertising and financial support of the Rendezvous through your generous donations.

See the next page for a list of our wonderful donors!

Rabun Rendezvous Donor List

Doug and Eedee Adams; Allison Adams; Brooks, Amanda, Avril and Calder Adams; Jonny Amrine (Amrine Rentals, Clayton, GA); Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt; Unicoi State Park & Lodge; Michele and Broderick Crawford (Crawford Art Gallery, Clayton, GA); John Dillard, Jr. (Dillard House and Staff); Jeff Durniak; Smithgall Woods State Park; The Foxfire Boys (Wayne Gipson, Mike Hamilton, Steve McCall, Tom Nixon, Dean English, Filmer Kilby) ; Jake Darling, Jimmy Harris & Stefan Manole (Unicoi Outfitters, Helen, GA); Tammy and Pat Hop-ton; Vaughn Rogers (Reeves Hardware – Dillard, GA); LL Bean; Mack Martin (Atlanta Fly Fishing School); Susan and Frank Patton; Jeff Reeves (Reeves Building Supply – Clayton, GA); Lewis Reeves III (Reeves Hardware – Clayton, GA); Terry and Emmilyn Rivers; Highlands Aerial Park (Scaly Mountain, NC); Smitty's Spirits (Clayton, GA); Ray King; Highland Hiker (Highlands, NC); TU National; Maria Rodeghiero; Steve Hudson; Rabun TU Chapter; Monte Seehorn (Seehorn Cellars); Bill Beach (Project Healing Waters – Atlanta); Brian Weeks; River Through Atlanta (Chris Scalley); R. M. Rose Distillers – Dillard, GA; Rodney Tumlin; Mane Design (Cathy Williams); The Rusty Bike Café (Clayton, GA); Gary Merriman (The Fish Hawk, Atlanta, GA); Noland Smathers; Jeff Samsel; Moonrise Distillery (Clayton, GA); Mike Sobaski; Jimmy Whiten; Coosa Valley TU Chapter; Brookings Anglers (Highlands, NC); Stephen Tomasovich (Big T Fly Fishing); Scott and Nicole Low (Little Bee Body Care, and Hatch Camp & Art Farm, Clayton, GA); Pat Stewart (In Memory of Garland Stewart); Peg Jones; Candice Hillier (Shady Oaks Boarding Kennels, Clayton, GA); Jack Tamborski (Tuckaseegee Fly Shop, Sylva, NC); Wander North Georgia - Clayton, GA; Sky Valley Country Club; Middle Georgia TU Chapter; Kent Wilson; Fortify Kitchen and Bar – Clayton, GA; UMPQUA Feather Merchants; Tony Allred; Sid Elliott; Doug Hickman; Jeff Wright – TU National; Cohutta TU Chapter; Chattahoochee / Nantahala TU Chapter; Clayton Pharmacy – Clayton, GA; Tiger Mountain Vineyards – Tiger, GA; 12 Spies Vineyards – Rabun Gap, GA; Cecile Thompson (Timpson Creek Gallery – Clayton, GA); Outdoor 76 – Clayton, GA; Gordon Fowler; Russell England; Sandy Morgan-Brundage; Blue Ridge Toys – Clayton, GA; Georgia TU Council; Kyle Burrell; Patsy and Ray Gentry; Boy Scouts USA & Reeves Hardware; Will Mohr; Alex & Tammy Harris (Rivers Edge on the Square); Dick Albertelli; Patrick Crawford; David Bentley; June Landreth; Roger Kilby and Carl Riggs.

Thank you, Donors! We appreciate your support of the Rabun TU!

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

WAAHOO for our 32nd Annual Rabun Rendezvous! Hope to see you on the water.

Tight Lines, everybody!

Ray King, Rabun Rendezvous Chair

Hey everyone,

We're excited to be bringing the 2019 TU Southeast Regional Rendezvous to your home state and I hope you'll consider joining us in Dillard, Georgia on May 3-5!

Designed specifically for TU volunteer like you, regional rendezvous are occasions to be inspired and learn from the work of your fellow volunteers and TU staff across the region. A mix of workshops, round-table discussions, networking opportunities and, of course, fishing, the Southeast Regional Rendezvous is a great way to meet people who share your passion for conservation and learn from each other tips, tactics and ideas to take home and make your own chapter or council stronger!

You will spend a weekend full of inspiring conversations with more than 100 TU volunteers like you, and find the learning from each other to be just as valuable as the relationships you build with like-minded conservationists and anglers from the region!

To help us plan the trainings, and make sure we are meeting your needs, the volunteer-led planning committee asks that you please [click here to take this brief survey](#). Your responses will help us shape the agenda and provide the kind of topics and discussions that are important to you and your local efforts.

More details, including lodging and registration information will be provided in the coming weeks ahead. The cost of the rendezvous will be \$130 for the full weekend, with options to attend for just one day, as well as other options for joining parts of the event.

Thanks for all you do for TU as a volunteer, and we hope to see you in Georgia in May!

Jeff



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Rabun Chapter Caps Will Be For Sale at the Chapter Meetings

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

Cost is \$15 per cap.

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



The Fisherman’s Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the size of the fish I catch, the courage not to fib about it, and the wisdom to know that no one will believe me anyway.

Bill Dance

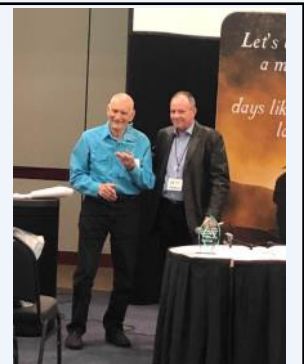
February Hatch Chart

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
Black Stonefly	All month	Late am to Mid pm	18-20 Black Elk Hair Caddis or Griffiths Gnat 16-18 Black Stone Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Small Dun Caddis	Late month	Late am to Mid pm	18 Brown Elk Hair Caddis 18 Hairs Ear Nymph
Quill Gordon	Late month	Late am to Mid pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12 Quill Gordon Nymph
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

Congratulations, Monte!

Rabunite Monte Seehorn, retired USFS fisheries biologist, was recently inducted into Southern Trout’s “Legends of the Fly” Hall of Fame! The ceremony was held Friday, Feb 1 at 4:30 pm at the Atlanta Fly Fishing Show.

Pretty impressive for a crusty Old Fart!



Back Casting

Monthly Rabun Chapter on Jan 15, 2019

A full house of Rabunites and guests were on hand to hear a very interesting and informative presentation given by Zach Moran, the new Trout Biologist for the GA Wildlife Resources Division. Zach brings a new, fresh perspective on fisheries management.

The Rabun Chapter looks forward to a long and productive relationship with Zach!

Following the program, a raffle of donated items was held. A total of \$135 was raised. A big "Thank you!" goes to the donors: Peter Croes; Ray Gentry; Doug Adams; Mack Martin and the Atlanta Fly Fishing School; Brian Weeks; and Justin English.



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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

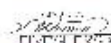
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Georgia Trout Camp

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
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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

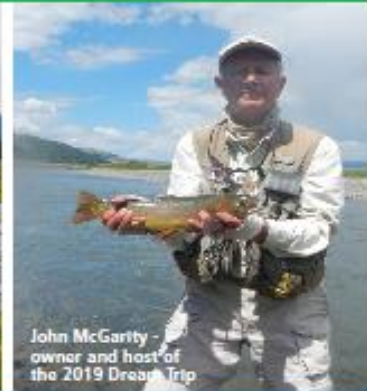
Deadline for applications is March 15, 2019.

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

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!



"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



For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

Rabun Chapter Membership Update

Current membership: 164 adult members and 6 Stream Explorers.

Welcome New Members!

Mike Charnoky and Mitchell McFarland, both from Clayton, GA.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Monty English, Jeff Houston, Wayne Prosser, David Ruth, Brooks and Amanda Adams, James Bruce, Kyle Burrell, Broderick and Michele Crawford, Larry Ekman, Walter Godfrey, Tom Matthews, Jeff Pafford, Leroy Powell, Bob Sharpe, and Jimmy Whiten.

Members That Need to Re-Up!

Mike Brod, Robert Clifford, Jay Green, Glenn Ivie, Jerry McFalls, Colby Nichols, Eugene Roberts, John Wall, Jason Whitfield, Robert Blalock, Frank Crane, and Nick McDougald.

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!

How the Drought of 1925 Saved the Chattooga River

To read an interesting article on how the drought of 1925 possibly saved the Chattooga River from potential hydroelectric projects, [CLICK HERE](#) to access the Winter 2018/2019 issue of the Chattooga Quarterly, the quarterly publication of our friends at the [Chattooga Conservancy](#).

A few days ago someone introduced me to a visitor and the visitor immediately asked me if I was a fisherman and I told him no, that I was just a common, ordinary liar.

L.P. Cross
Ramblin' in Rabun
August 14, 1941

FISHING REPORTS

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

A New Years Tradition

Submitted by Pat and Tammy Hopton

For the past 6 years, we have rented one of the cabins at [Smithgall Woods State Park](#) during the New Years holiday. If you've never stayed at one of their cabins, let us tell you what a treat they are. These are NOT your typical State Park cabins (though there is nothing wrong with typical Park cabins!). These cabins are extra nice, very private, and the State Park folks go out of their way to make sure you are well taken care of.

Since it is just the two of us, we rent one of the one-bedroom cabins, with Laurel Cottage being our favorite. In addition to being fully furnished, we especially like the Jacuzzi hot tub out on the deck! Ahhh..... What a treat!

One of the things we really like about Smithgall is that those who rent a cabin have exclusive fishing privileges to Section One of Dukes Creek. This section is reserved for only those who rent cabins. It is an incredibly pretty section of creek and, as those who fish Dukes Creek know, there are some really big fish there!

We also like to hike the connector trail from the cabins up to [Dukes Creek Falls](#). In addition, there are several other nice hiking trails in Smithgall Woods State Park.

You may think the cabins are a little expensive, but for a once a year treat they are well worth it. Besides, Smithgall Woods State Park has always been a great supporter of the Rabun Chapter and we like to patronize those who support our Chapter.

We love it there and always look forward to going back. Why don't you try it out?



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
Frank Patton	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

Prez Notes

Many of you who are reading this were with us for the recently concluded 2019 Rabun Rendezvous. Despite the rainy weather, we had a fantastic turnout of just two shy of the two hundred and fifty mark. Those in attendance once again enjoyed both the silent auction and bucket raffles. Thanks to our wonderful business partners and other generous donors, we had some fantastic items up for grabs this year. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

As I am sure you already know, the Rabun Rendezvous is our largest fundraising event of the year. The financial success of the event would not have been possible without the support of our business partners combined with the many businesses and individuals who also made donations. On behalf of the Rabunites, I would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all who donated along with each and every attendee who came out to enjoy the evening with us.

Ray King, who is the Rendezvous Coordinator, did a fantastic job in planning and organizing the event. A heartfelt thanks also goes out to the Foxfire Boys who once again provided the foot stomping, bluegrass music enjoyed by all.

We hope you enjoyed the revised format this year which was designed to allow you to have more time to fellowship with old friends and hopefully make some new ones too. Please plan on joining us again next year!

Kent Wilson