



# **TIGHT LINES**

## **June 2019 Newsletter**

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## **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!



### ***Rabun Chapter Monthly meeting***

***Tuesday, June 18***

***Fellowship Hall of Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church***

***8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA***

***Fellowship begins at 6:30 pm***

***Meeting begins at 7:00 pm***

**Our guest speaker will be Kathy Church, the Education Specialist at Smithgall Woods Conservation Area. She will share with us her successes and plans for the future on educating young people on the importance of conserving and protecting the cold water resources of North Georgia.**

**[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the Smithgall Woods Regional Education Center.**

**Make plans now to join us for this fun and informative meeting!**

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

**June 2-7 (Sun-Fri) Trout Camp.** To be held at Tallulah Falls School. Contact [Charlie or Kathy Breithaupt](#) for more information.

**June 5 (Wed) Martin Branch Stream Improvement Project.** Meet at 8:00 am at the gate of FS Road 178 on Chattahoochee WMA. Sponsored by the US Forest Service and the [GA Foothills Chapter](#).

**June 15 (Sat) Tallulah River Kids Fishing Event.** To be held at Tallulah River Campground from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Sponsored by the US Forest Service and the [Rabun Chapter](#).

**June 15 (Sat) Cave Springs Kids Fishing Event.** To be held at Cave Springs from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Sponsored by the US Forest Service and the [Coosa Valley Chapter](#).

**June 18 (Tue) 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](#).

**June 22 (Sat) GA Council TU Quarterly Meeting.** To be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Flinchums Phoenix in Athen, GA. Anyone may attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

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

**July 13 (Sat) Stream Conservation Project at Lovingood Creek.** 8:00 am. Sponsored by the US Forest Service and the [Gold Rush Chapter](#).

**July 16 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Annual Family Picnic.** 6:30 pm at Kellys Water Fall Park in Dillard, GA. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

**July 13 (Sat) Stream Conservation Project at Wilkes Branch.** 8:00 am. Sponsored by the US Forest Service and the [Upper Chattahoochee Chapter](#).

**July 23 (Tue) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting.** 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

***No Rabun Chapter meetings or activities scheduled for August.***

**Aug 17 (Sat) Stream Conservation Project at Pretty Branch.** 8:00 am. Sponsored by the US Forest Service and the [Tailwater Chapter](#).

**Aug 24 (Sat) Stream Conservation Project at Johns Creek.** 8:00 am. Sponsored by the US Forest Service and the [Coosa Valley Chapter](#).

***"All of us search for that perfect trout stream. Those who find it treasure it the rest of their lives.  
Those who don't keep on searching."***

**"Trout Streams I've Known" by Jimmy D. Moore**

## Rabun Chapter Caps Will Be For Sale at the Chapter Meetings

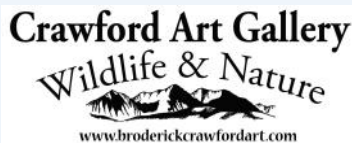
Baseball-style caps in various colors with the “Rabun Chapter TU” logo will be available to purchase at the monthly Chapter meetings.

Cost is \$15 per cap.

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



## 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.*

## Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

### Foam Beetle

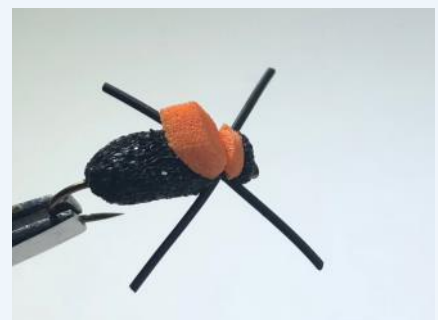
**HOOK:** Dry Fly Hook #12-16

**BODY:** Peacock Herl

**BACK:** Foam Rubber

**POST:** Orange Foam

**LEGS:** Medium Rubber Leg Material



**GREAT FLY TO HAVE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS WHEN OTHER FLIES HAVE SLOWED DOWN.**

*See you on The River! Terry*

## JUNE Hatch Chart

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
None at all	All Month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs:12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, Pheasant Tail
Green, Brown Caddis	Early	L pm	12-14 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/ Green 12-14 Dun & Green Caddis Pupa
Speckled Grey Caddis	Early	L pm	12-14 Grey Elk Hair Caddis w/ Green 12-14 Dun & Yellow Caddis Pupa
Small Dun Caddis	All month	Mid am	18 Brown Elk Hair Caddis w/ Green 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Giant Black Stonefly	All Month	E am	4-8 Black Stonefly Nymph
Brown Stonefly	All Month	E to mid am	10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly	Late	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Trico Mayfly	Mid-Late	Mid am	20 Parachute Trico
Trico Spinner Fall	Mid-Late	Late am	20-22 Polywing Black Spinner
Midges	All month	All day	18-20 Griffiths Gnat 18-20 Midge Pupa
Terrestrial	All month	All day	Ants, beetles, crickets, inch worms, etc.

***Fishing is great discipline in the equality of men -- because all men are equal before fish!***

**President Herbert Hoover**

## ***Mack Martin Rod Raffle***

Once again, Mack Martin of the [Atlanta Fly Fishing School](#) has graciously donated a custom-built fly rod and reel to the Rabun Chapter to be used for fund raising. *Thank you, Mack!*

This year the rod is a four piece, 8' length, 3 weight [Winston AIR](#) fly rod. Mack says "I have one and it feels like a feather in my hand!" The reel is a [TFO BVK](#) 1 Large Arbor reel.

Raffle tickets cost \$3.00 each or four tickets for \$10.00. The drawing for the rod and reel will be held Tuesday, July 16 at the Chapter Family Cookout at Kelly's Water Park.

See [Pat Hopton](#) or any Board of Director member to purchase tickets.



**Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited  
Fly Rod & TFO Reel Raffle**  
Winston 8', 4 piece, 3 wt. AIR  
Boron/Graphite rod & TFO BVK reel  
Raffle tickets \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00

*Drawing will be July 2019 at  
the Rabun TU chapter picnic.*



*Rod & reel donated by  
Atlanta Fly Fishing School*



## ***Backcasting***

### ***A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHAPTER MEETING***

Report submitted by Charlie Breithaupt

Rather than the usual monthly gathering with a speaker and a few announcements, the Rabunites showed up at Burrell's Ford on the Chattooga River for some late afternoon fishing, some fellowship by the fire and a hot dog supper fit for a Rabunite, hosted by Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt.

Some fished early, some after supper, some both. All enjoyed grilled dogs with Varsity chili, cole slaw, baked beans and "Mike Fuller Kraut". Then there were Susan Patton's pickled tomatoes that Kathy and Charlie reluctantly shared. Later we wolfed down Kathy's homemade brownies as we sat around the fire. Well, the fire was really 4 tiki torches close together but, hey... it worked and the mosquitos hated it.

Thanks to all who showed up and supported a new idea. We even had a couple of new faces around the fire; that's always good. One of the new guys fell in the river so our fearless leader, President Kent Wilson, fell in also just to make him feel at home. Way to go, Kent!!

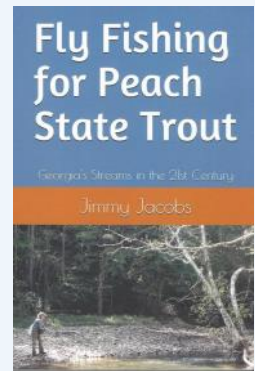


## A Message from Jimmy Jacobs

My new book, Fly Fishing for Peach State Trout, is now available. It takes up where Trout Fishing in North Georgia left off.

22 new streams, 75 others on public land updated, 80 b/w photos and GPS co-ordinates for access points.

[ORDER HERE.](#)



## A Message from Joe Bibbo, Saluda Chapter TU

Dear Rabun TU Chapter,

As a Saluda River TU member, adventure fly fisherman, and cancer patient / survivor living in Florence SC, I wanted to share the attached information and brochures with your chapter about Reel Recovery (RR), a men's cancer support / fly fishing organization. Perhaps you, a family member, friend, TU brother etc. can benefit from this new RR chapter in the tri-states of South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. Please share the attached information with your TU members or anyone that may be on their personal journey, of any form, of cancer.

With deepest regards - Joe Bibbo <“€€”>  
Supporter of Reel Recovery



**REEL RECOVERY**  
*Be Wild! Fish Out!*

Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer. Combining beginning fly-fishing instruction with directed "courageous conversations", the organization offers a unique experience for men coping with cancer, a time to share their stories, learn a new skill, form friendships and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of their recovery.

*"This was the best time of my life! It's by far the best thing out there for men with cancer."*  
Retreat Participant

Retreats are conducted over a two-and-a-half day period at a fly-fishing facility/lodge with onsite or nearby fishing access. All meals, lodging and fly-fishing equipment are provided at no cost to the participants. Retreats are led by professional facilitators and expert fly-fishing instructors. A maximum of 12-14 men are invited to participate, to ensure the quality of the instruction and to create a powerful small-group dynamic.

*"I discovered that while fly-fishing, I was in another place. In this place there was no cancer, no pain and no fear."*  
Retreat Participant

*"This retreat was so much more than fishing; this was a life-changing experience."*  
Retreat Participant

*"Reel Recovery is a gift. Being here has given me the strength and courage to move forward with my life."*  
Retreat Participant

**GOALS**

- Provide a safe, reflective environment for the participants to discuss their disease and recovery with other men with shared experiences, thereby providing support and information to help them in their recovery.
- Provide beginning fly-fishing instruction that enables the participants to learn a new skill, form a healing connection with nature, and participate in a sport they can continue throughout their recovery and lifetime.
- Provide participants information about cancer-related resources, both in the local community and nationally to facilitate networking and enhanced management of their recovery.

*If you would like to be a participant, volunteer, or make a donation please contact us.*

National: Toll Free 800-699-4490 [www.reelrecovery.org](http://www.reelrecovery.org) [info@reelrecovery.org](mailto:info@reelrecovery.org)

LOCAL RETREAT: Spruce Pine, NC being held September 29-October 1, 2019

Local Contacts: Doug Turner/NC State Coordinator 843-957-3657 [turnerdoug045@gmail.com](mailto:turnerdoug045@gmail.com)



**REEL RECOVERY**  
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The Retreat was so much more than fishing. It was a life-changing experience.

**OVERVIEW**

Reel Recovery was founded in 1989 by a group of men who, inspired by their fishing hobby, wanted to help other men coping with cancer. We wanted to provide a safe, supportive environment where men could share their stories, learn a new skill, form friendships and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of their recovery.

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**FOR MEN COPING WITH ALL FORMS OF CANCER**

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**REEL RECOVERY**  
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"Thank you for including me at the Reel Recovery Retreat. It was one of the most rewarding and educational experiences of my life."

**PROGRAM**

Though only a few days in duration, a Reel Recovery retreat can be a life-changing event for men coping with cancer. The program is designed to be both educational and reflective, to develop group camaraderie as well as individual skills, and to build a sense of community and support.

**GOALS**

Each Reel Recovery retreat is designed to:

- Provide a safe, reflective environment for the participants to discuss their disease and recovery with other men with shared experiences, thereby providing support and information to help them in their recovery.
- Provide expert fly-fishing instruction that enables the participants to learn a new skill, form a healing connection with nature, and participate in a sport they can continue throughout their recovery and lifetime.
- Provide participants information about cancer-related resources, both in the local community and nationally to facilitate networking and enhanced management of their recovery.

*"Thank you for helping me see there's a light at the end of this tunnel. I will never forget these few days."*  
Retreat Participant

**ACTIVITIES**

With an emphasis on shared, open conversations, retreat activities include:

- Fly-fishing Basics, covering equipment, knot-tying, terminology, fly selection, and casting and landing techniques.
- "Courageous Conversations" facilitated by a professional, to share experiences and sharing of resources.
- Games and Activities: Fly-fishing, mental fly-casting, puzzles, or a stress, stress or group.
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies: to provide a sense of community and networking opportunities, and encourage participation in all retreat activities.
- Post-Retreat Communications: to facilitate continued communication and networking opportunities, and encourage participation in all retreat activities.

**GETTING INVOLVED**

**PARTICIPATE**

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**DONATE**

Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer. We want to ensure that all men who want to participate can do so without financial burden. Reel Recovery is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax-deductible.

**VOLUNTEER**

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## FISHING REPORTS

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

### *Trip Report—Smith Creek, May 10 Submitted By Brian Weeks*

Last Friday, the winners of the Euro nymphing clinic (Rendezvous silent auction item), Paul and Sandy Strong, cashed in their prize and met me at Smith Creek for an awesome day on the water. Both the weather and the water were partly cloudy, which made for good fishing conditions.

We spent the day not only learning a new technique, but putting it into action as well. Both brought fish to the net, including Sandy's beautiful brown, and Paul's 22" rainbow!

Paul and Sandy are a super couple to be around and a blast to fish with. If you happen to see them at a chapter meeting, do yourself a favor and introduce yourself. Well done Paul and Sandy!



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### *Are They the Same Fish?*

On May 22 Pat caught—and released—the brown trout shown at left below at “dark thirty” in a local river. The next evening, Tammy caught—and also released—the brown trout shown at right below in the same exact spot, also at dark-thirty! What do you think? Was it the same fish caught two evenings in a row?





## **Rabun Chapter Membership Update**

**Current membership: 165 adult members and 6 Stream Explorers.**

### ***Welcome New Members!***

Jenna Ostas from Lakemont, GA.

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

Carl and Kathy Kleinsteuber, June Landreth, Michael Leonard, Jerry McFalls, Steve Perry, Monte Seehorn, Corey Smith, Paul and Sandy Strong, Dwayne Thompson, Thomas West, and Kent Wilson.

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

Arin Christensen and Leroy Powell.

## **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!*

## **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="#">Frank Patton</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
<a href="#">Mike Fuller</a>	Membership Chair

## **Prez Notes**

A big shout out to Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt for hosting our May Chapter meeting. Rather than hold our usual chapter meeting, we gathered at Burrell's Ford on the Chattooga River for a cookout and some "dark-thirty" fishing. The food and fellowship were excellent while the fishing was a little slow, but those in attendance enjoyed a great time.

The Board of Directors held our May meeting on the Nantahala River, and I would like to extend our personal thanks to Rabunites Doug Adams and Pat Hopton for hosting us on this magnificent river! The fish were very cooperative, and we all enjoyed ourselves immensely.

The Georgia Council's annual Trout Camp has been ongoing this week in a new venue at Tallulah Falls School. We owe a big debt of gratitude to the administration of the school for allowing us to use this wonderful facility! The trout campers have enjoyed an amazing week. I watched with awe on Tuesday night as they caught and released a record number of trout from the Tallulah River. The smiles on their faces were a great reward for their mentors as they netted fish after fish.

Rabunite Pat Hopton is selling raffle tickets once again for this year's Mack Martin Rod Raffle. This is our chapter's second largest fund raiser of the year. The money raised from this event enables us to continue to carry out our organizational commitments. You can find the details elsewhere in this newsletter, but I strongly encourage you to buy some tickets and show your support for the great work being done by Trout Unlimited. The drawing will be held at the chapter family picnic in July. You do not have to be present to win.

If you are interested in learning more about cold water conservation and/or would just like to interact with fellow trout fishing enthusiasts, please plan to join us at any of the upcoming events that are outlined in this newsletter. Your attendance is always welcomed!

*Kent Wilson*