



TIGHT LINES

July 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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There is no Rabun Chapter Monthly meeting in July. Instead, join us for the

Annual Rabun Chapter Family Picnic
at Kelly's Waterfall Park
Tuesday, July 16

From Dillard, GA, take GA Hwy 246 about 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Wayfarer Lane. Go to the end of the road.

Fellowship begins at 5:00 pm, meal begins at 6:30 pm.

The Chapter will provide the soft drinks, the fried chicken, plates, etc. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, veggies, salad, chips, or a dessert.

The drawing for the winner of the Mack Martin Rod Raffle will be done at the picnic.



In Memory of Doug Adams 9/26/35 — 6/19/19

Meriwether Douglass Adams, age 83, of Rabun Gap, GA, went on around the bend on June 19, 2019.

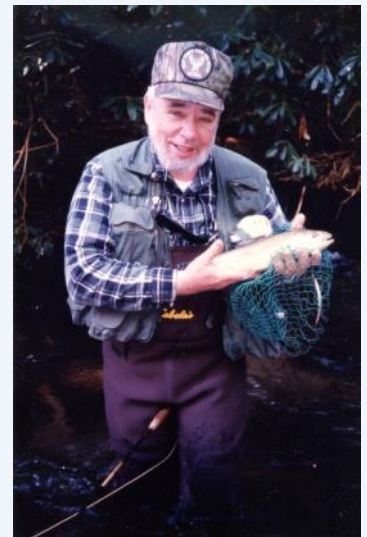
Doug, as all knew him, was born the son of the late Meriwether Flournoy (Bubber) Adams Jr. and Frances Elizabeth Martin, on September 26, 1935, in Albany, GA. Doug lived in Decatur from 3rd grade until college. He attended the Winnona Park (Elementary) School in Decatur, GA and the Decatur Boys High School, and he graduated from the Decatur High School. He “got out” of the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1958 with a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering. He then worked for Lockheed Aircraft Company and Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company in the Atlanta area. Doug also served his country as a member of the Army Reserves. He relocated to Rabun Gap, GA, and joined Burlington Industries, where he would work from 1965 to 1992. He would spend four additional years at Fruit of the Loom before retiring in 1996.

Doug was active in various committees and organizations in his community, including the Chattooga Coalition, the Rabun County Memorial Hospital Authority, Foxfire Fund Community Advisory Board, DHS Class of 1954 Reunion Committee, Rabun County Jaycees, Clayton Rotary Club, Rabun County Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Tech Alumni Association, Southeastern Bluegrass Association, Georgia Forest Watch, Clayton First United Methodist Church, and the Rabun County Bowling League. He also was a USDA Forest Service Volunteer, a Boy Scout Troop 6 volunteer, Curriculum Advisor to GA Tech School of Textile Engineering, Founding President of Klondike Enterprises, and a founding member of the Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited.

Doug was honored with an induction into the First Class of the Academy of Distinguished Engineering Alumni (Georgia Tech), Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service (Trout Unlimited), First Chairman’s Award for Innovation (Burlington Ind.), Outstanding Leadership and Dedicated Service (Fruit of the Loom), Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Personal Achievement and Leadership in Volunteer Service (USDA), Pink Cadillac Award (DHS 50th Reunion Committee), Selected For Outstanding Ability, Accomplishment, & Service to Community & Nation (Outstanding Young Men of America), and HAWGATHAYAR Award (W.T. Kelly G.H. Institute, A Division of Klondike Enterprises) His survivors include his loving wife, Eedee Adams; his son, Brooks Martin Adams (Amanda); his daughter, Allison Olivia Adams; and two grandchildren, Avril and Calder Adams.

Doug loved his family. He enjoyed bluegrass music, camping, visiting the Chattooga and Nantahala Rivers, road trips to the Rocky Mountains, and fly fishing for trout. He was a conservationist “and a hell of an engineer!”

In accordance with Doug’s wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral. A celebration of his life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Doug asked that donations be made to the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited, PO Box 371 Clayton, GA 30525 or to the Smithgall Woods Education Center for the Youth Conservation Program, 61 Tsalaki Trail Helen, GA 30548.



A Tribute to Doug Adams

There are no Chapter activities planned for next month. Therefore the August issue of Tightlines will be a special edition dedicated solely as a tribute to the memory of our dear friend, Doug Adams. For that, we need you help.

Please submit your thoughts, memories, stories, and photographs of Doug to the Tightlines editor. Once collected, they will be compiled into a special tribute issue of Tightlines. This issue may become a keepsake for Doug's family and friends.

All of us are saddened and heartbroken from Doug's passing. But we all know how Doug loved to reminisce of the old times and tell stories... even though we didn't have to believe it if we didn't want to! By submitting your stories, you will help to keep the memories of our dear friend going on forever - like starlight. Please take a moment and share your memories by sending them to 522rabuntu@gmail.com.

Aurora Borealis

By C. W. McCall

One night last summer we were camped at ten thousand feet up where the air is clear, high in the Rockies of Lost Lake, Colorado. And as the fire burned low and only a few glowing embers remained, we laid on our backs all warm in our sleeping bags and looked up at the stars.

And as I felt myself falling into the vastness of the Universe, I thought about things, and places, and times.

I thought about the time my grandma told me what to say when I saw the evening star. You know, Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight. I wish I may, I wish I might, have the wish I wish tonight.

The air is crystal-clear up here; that's why you can see a million stars.

I remember a time a bunch of us were in a canyon of the Green River in Wyoming; it was a night like this. And we had our rafts pulled up on the bank an' turned over so we could sleep on 'em, and one of the guys from New York said, "Hey! Look at the smog in the sky! Smog clear out here in the sticks!" And somebody said, "Hey, Joe, that's not smog; that's the Milky Way."

Joe had never seen the Milky Way.

And we saw the Northern Lights once, in the Bitterroot Mountains of Montana. They're like flames from some prehistoric campfire, leaping and dancing in the sky and changing colors. Red to gold, and blue to violet... Aurora Borealis. It's like the equinox, the changing of the seasons. Summer to fall, young to old, then to now. And then tomorrow...

And then everyone was asleep, except me. And as I saw the morning star come up over the mountains, I realized that life is just a collection of memories. And memories are like starlight: they go on forever.

Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months

July 10 (Wed) Electro-Sampling on the Chattoga River. Meet at trailhead to East Fork on the Burrells Ford Road at 8:00 am. Sponsored by the GA DNR, SC DNR, and USFS.

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](#).

JULY 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
Golden Stonefly	All Month	E am	8-12 Ginger Stimulator 6-10 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Brown Stonefly	All Month	E to mid am	10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly	All month	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.

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.



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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 Grasshopper

HOOK: Dry Fly Hook #10-16

BODY: Peacock Herl or Dubbing of your Choice

BACK: Black, Brown, or Yellow Foam Rubber

WING: White Antron, Elk Hair, or Deer Hair

LEGS: Medium Rubber Leg Material to Match Foam Color



IT'S TERRESTRIAL TIME OF YEAR! USE HOPPERS, BEETLES OR ANTS. TRY DROPPING A SMALL CRAYFISH OFF THE BACK AND HOLD ON!

See you on The River! Terry

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

June Chapter Meeting with Kathy Church, Wildlife Interpretive Specialist, Smithgall Woods State Park

On Tuesday, June 18 a roomful of Rabunites and friends gathered to hear a great presentation from Kathy Church, Wildlife Interpretive Specialist at Smithgall Woods State Park. Kathy shared her accomplishments and goals for educating people of the importance of natural resource conservation. We should all be proud of Kathy and the great job she and the others at the GA Department of Natural Resources are doing!

Following Kathy's presentation, Chapter Prez Kent Wilson presented the Smithgall Woods Education Center with a donation of \$2,500 on behalf of the Rabun Chapter.



I just read a book on how to get control of my time and therefore of my life. My time has always had a tendency to slip away from me and do as it pleases. My life follows it, like a puppy after an un-trained bird dog.

Come night, my life shows up, usually covered with mud and full of stickers, exhausted but grinning happily.

My time never returns.

Patrick F. McManus

June 19, 2019

Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
C/O Kent Wilson
1010 Betty's Creek Road
Rabun Gap, Georgia 30568

Re: Donation for Smithgall Woods Education Programs

Dear Chapter Members,

Thank you, so much, for the wonderful dinner, excellent meeting, beautiful artwork, and for your most generous donation of \$2500 to Smithgall Woods Regional Education Center (SWREC). With this wonderful donation, the SWREC will be able to purchase a classroom set of kick seine nets, provide 20 free outreach programming opportunities to local schools, and still have \$500 for programming supply needs!

Without TU's continued support and generosity, almost 12,000 people would not have experienced the wondrous magnificence of northeast Georgia's nature/wildlife this year. The joy they gain and the experiences they will remember forever are all possible because of you. Again, thank you for all you do to support the SWREC!

Sincerely,



Kathy Church
Wildlife Interpretive Specialist
Smithgall Woods State Park



Backcasting, Cont.

Tallulah River Kid's Fishing Event Saturday, June 15

Photos submitted by Terry Rivers, Justin English, and Tammy Hopton

Seven Rabun Chapter members, along with a contingent of Savannah River Chapter members, assisted the US Forest Service with the annual Kid's Fishing Event at the Tallulah River. Approximately 150 kids and adults came to the event, with nearly all catching fish. Passing it on! Way to go, Rabunites!



Rabun Chapter Membership Update

Current membership: 159 adult members and 6 Stream Explorers.

Welcome New Members!

No new members this past month.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Sid Berkstresser, Fritz Bertz, Kathy Breithaupt, Scott Edwards, Maxie Gates, June Landreth, Michael Leonard, Sandy Strong, Larry Peevy, Leroy Powell, and Dwayne Thompson.

Members That Need to Re-Up!

Avril Adams, Mike Fuller, Scott James, Allen Koleff, and Trey McFalls.

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

Kent Wilson	Chapter President
Jeff Durniak	Chapter Vice President
Charlie Breithaupt	Treasurer
Kathy Breithaupt	Secretary
Steve Perry	Past President
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

As many of you have most certainly heard by now, Rabunite Doug Adams, who was a founding member of the Rabun Chapter, traveled “around the bend” on June 19, 2019. Doug’s name has been synonymous with cold water conservation and trout fishing for many years. He will be greatly missed by not only his family and the Rabunites, but also the many others who have been fortunate enough to cross paths with him over the years. Please keep Eedee, Brooks, Allison and their families in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead.

Ticket sales are still ongoing for the 2019 Mack Martin Rod Raffle. Further details including a full description of the custom built flyrod can be found in this edition of Tight Lines. Tickets can be purchased from Pat Hopton or any member of the BOD. They can also be purchased online via PayPal at my email address which is kandcwilson@windstream.net. This beautiful rod will be raffled off at the family picnic in July. You don’t have to be present to win, but we encourage all to come out and join us.

The Summer Family Picnic will be held on Tuesday, July 16th beginning at 5:00 PM at Kelly’s Waterfall Park in Dillard, Georgia. The picnic is a great opportunity to gather with chapter members/families and friends and fellowship in an incredibly beautiful setting. I hope to see you there.

Kent Wilson