



TIGHT LINES

September 2019 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) Trout Unlimited

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Rabun Chapter Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 17

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

***Guest Speaker will be Jimmy Jacobs,
author of "[Fly Fishing for Peach State Trout](#)"***

Jimmy is a native of Atlanta and now resides in Marietta, Georgia.

For 25 years he was an editor for Game & Fish Magazines covering the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and West Virginia. In that capacity he has written extensively about the region from the Southern Appalachian Mountains to the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts.

Today he is the editor of [Southern Saltwater Fly Fishing Magazine](#). Since 2012 he has been the Georgia Editor for [Southern Trout Magazine](#) online.

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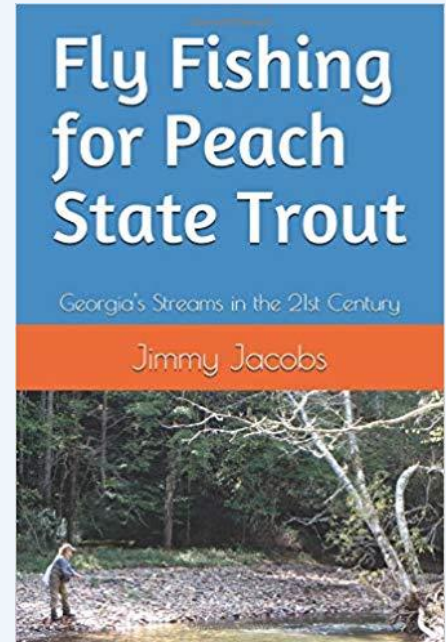
Jimmy Jacobs was the Outdoor Columnist in the Sports Section of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution newspaper for eight years and also for the Athens Banner-Herald. For four seasons he was the Insider Fishing Reporter for Fox Sports Outdoors South on Fox Sport South television, covering freshwater action in the states of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.

Along the way he has won numerous Excellence In Craft Awards for writing and photography from the Florida Outdoor Writers Association, Georgia Outdoor Writers Association and the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association.

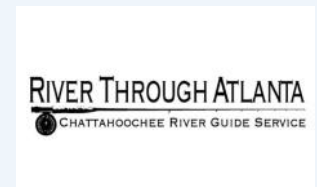
In 2015 Jimmy was inducted into the Georgia Outdoor Writers Association Hunting and Fishing Hall of Fame for his work as an Outdoor Communicator. The Museum of Fly Fishing in the Southern Appalachians in Bryson City, North Carolina inducted him into its Hall of Fame in 2017 in the category of Communicator. He was elected to the Georgia State University Athletic Hall of Fame that same year.

He also is the author of award-winning guidebooks to fishing and hiking in the southeast region, as well as a volume of Southern humor and nostalgia, plus an adventure novel.

We hope to see you there at the meeting!



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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.

Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months

Sept 7 (Sat) Georgia Council TU Quarterly Meeting. 9:00 am. Lumpkin County Senior Center. Contact [Kathy Breithaupt](#).

Sept 14 (Sat) Rabun Chapter Mentoring of Boy Scouts. 8:00 am at Camp Rainey Mountain. Volunteers needed. Contact [Steve Perry](#).

Sept 14 (Sat) Retirement Celebration for Jeff Durniak. 6:00 pm at Hill's Crossing Baptist Church, Clarkesville, GA. Contact [Lauren Long](#).

Sept 17 (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](#).

Sept 24 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Sept 28 (Sat) GA Outdoor Adventure Day. 8:00 am—6:00 pm. Unicoi State park at Helen, GA. Volunteers needed. Contact [Lauren Long](#), GA DNR.

Oct 2-6 (Wed-Sun) Trout Unlimited National Annual Meeting. Rogers, AR. Anyone can attend. Contact [Trout Unlimited](#).

Oct 15 (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 22 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Oct 22 (Tues) Autumn on the River. Annual fundraiser for the Upper Chattahoochee Chapter TU. 5:00 pm at Ipolito's Restaurant in Roswell, GA. Contact [Connor Reynolds](#).

No Chapter meeting scheduled for November.

Nov 13-17 (Wed-Sun) Chapter Fall Campout. Oconee State Park, Mountain Rest, SC. Contact [Terry Rivers](#).

Nov 19 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Jan 18 (Sat) 33rd Annual Rabun Rendezvous. Dillard House Conference Center, Dillard, GA. Contact [Ray King](#).

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.



September 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	Late	Early am and Late pm	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair Caddis 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
Trico Mayfly	Mid to Late	Mid am	20 Parachute Trico
Trico Spinner Fall	Mid to Late	Late pm	20-22 Polywing Black Spinner

Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

Zug Bug

HOOK: #12-16 Nymph

HEAD: Brass Bead

THREAD: Olive

TAIL: 4-6 Peacock Swords

BODY: Peacock Herl Palmer with Silver Tinsel

BACK: Black, Brown, or Yellow Foam Rubber

WING CASE: Wood Duck

LEGS: Brown Hackle



ONE OF MY FAVORITE FLIES TO FISH AS A DROPPER. DURING A CADDIS HATCH ON TOP AND THE RISES SLOW DOWN DROP THIS IMITATION OF A CASE CADDIS BEHIND A DRY CADDIS IT HAS DONE THE JOB FOR ME. JUST FOR HISTORY THIS FLY WAS INVENTED IN 1930 BY J. CLIFF ZUG.

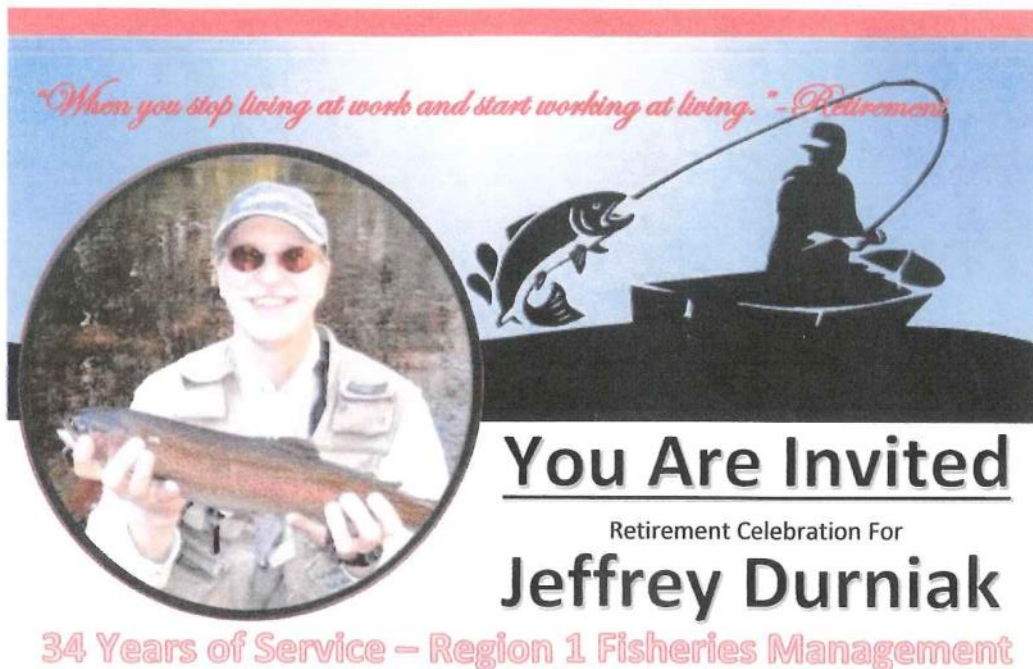
See you on The River! Terry

The Dredger Hangs It Up

On the last day of July, North Georgia Region Fisheries Supervisor Jeff Durniak retired after 34 years with DNR serving the citizens of Georgia, along with the fish and water of our state. It was fitting that Jeff's last day was spent with partners from South Carolina DNR, US Forest Service and Trout Unlimited as they electro-shocked the Chattooga River for the annual sampling to study the health of the river. The event was highlighted with a "retirement cake" presented by Kathy Breithaupt, Chairman of the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited. After the hard work was done, all enjoyed the cake with hearty handshakes and good wishes from all.

Jeff has made a huge difference in the fishing and also in the work of Trout Unlimited. As a member of the Rabun Chapter, Jeff has given countless hours to the mission of TU, especially in educating and encouraging the youth. Best wishes from all for a happy retirement and next chapter of your life. See you on a stream somewhere!





Location: Hill's Crossing Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
3569 Toccoa HWY
Clarkesville, GA 30523

When: Saturday, September 14th, 2019
Gather: 6:00 pm * Meal 6:30pm

Cost: \$16 - BBQ and Fried Chicken

RSVP: Monday, September 9th, 2019
RSVP to Lauren Long- lauren.long@dnr.ga.gov

Make checks payable to Shari Franklin for cost of meal and any gift:

Mrs. Shari Franklin-Region 1 Fisheries
2150 Dawsonville HWY
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

Burton Trout Hatchery Begins Renovation Visitor Hours Change



For the first time in 70 plus years, the Lake Burton Trout Hatchery raceways are empty and dry, and the last of the trout has entered North Georgia streams or been transferred to other trout hatcheries. But, why? The hatchery is preparing for a renovation, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division.

"The Lake Burton Trout Hatchery was built in the 1930's, and is long overdue for a renovation in order to continue serving the angling public," says WRD Fisheries Biologist Anthony Rabern. "This large-scale project will temporarily alter the availability of the area for the public, but ultimately will allow us to utilize new technologies to further enhance trout production."

Make Plans Now to Attend the

***Rabun Chapter Fall Campout
November 13 through 17, 2019
Oconee State Park
Mountain Rest, SC***

This is always a great campout! The Chattooga River Delayed Harvest section should be stocked and full of big, uneducated fish. The fall leaves will be in full color, with warm days and cool nights: perfect camping weather. We will use Site #93 as the "gathering spot" to eat meals, sit around the campfire, and fellowship. If you cook a meal, all other meals are free; otherwise meals are a reasonable cost. Make your own campsite reservation at www.southcarolinaparks/oconee.com. Contact [Terry Rivers](#) if you plan to come.

See you there! Waaa Hooooo!!!!

Backcasting

Chapter Family Picnic July 16, 2019 Kelly's Waterfall Park

A large turn-out of Rabun Chapter members and guests were at the annual Chapter Family Picnic. There was lots of food, fellowship, laughter, stories told, and memories made. THANK YOU to all the folks that brought the wonderful covered dishes of food!



Report of the Mack Martin Rod Raffle Pat Hopton, Raffle Chairperson

Once again this year Mack Martin has graciously donated a custom built fly rod and reel for our fund raising. Tickets for the rod raffle began in March following the drawing for the Dream Trip. Tickets were sold by myself and members of the Board of Directors. Tickets were sold at Chapter meetings, the Spring Chapter campout, Rabunite Flyfishing 101, Trout Camp, Southeastern TU Rally, [Crawford Art Gallery](#), Tallulah River Kids Fishing Event, and among family, friends and coworkers.

On July 16 we had the drawing at the Chapter Family Picnic. The winner of the Rod Raffle was Monte English, a member of the Rabun Chapter and a long-time supporter of Trout Unlimited. The rod and reel will be presented to Monte at an upcoming date. Congratulations, Monte!

A runner-up prize of a sling fishing pack, donated by Kent Wilson, was awarded to Steve Perry, also a member of the Rabun Chapter and current Past Prez. The pack was presented to Steve at the picnic. Congratulations, Steve.

A total of 836 tickets for the Rod Raffle were sold. A total of \$2,096.00 was raised.

To compare, last year we sold 782 tickets and raised \$1,900.00. Way to go, Rabunites!

A big THANK YOU goes out to Mack Martin of the [Atlanta Fly Fishing School](#) for his support of the Rabun Chapter through his very generous donation of the rod and reel! The Atlanta Fly Fishing School is the only Trout Unlimited Gold Endorsed fly fishing school in the United States. They are a great choice for anyone looking to improve their angling or casting skills.

The Atlanta Fly Fishing School is conveniently located just north of Atlanta, off Exit 12B of GA Hwy 400. Contact Mack at (404) 550-5890 or visit www.atlantaflyfishingschool.com for more information.



Fishing Reports

"Out West"

Jeff Durniak aka *The Dredger*

Dredger and the Unicoi Guru's "West of Hiawasse" quartet again made camp for a week as invited guests at "Dream Trip" John and Laine McGarity's beautiful cabin just outside West Yellowstone. They hit the Madison, Gallatin, Gibbon, Gardner, Lamar, and Soda Butte. The Guru was even brave enough to assault the Henry's Fork with John, while the remaining trio enjoyed one last dose of the raging Madison outside the park.

Fishing was great and the catching was good. As is always the case with these big, wild, heavily fished residents, some "fondling" days are better than others. We had some great afternoon hopper bites on a few days and then some heavy evening hatches and poking noses. Those noses liked our flies only when they closely matched the naturals (tiny PMD's and Baetis). Our menu covered cutts, bows, cuttbows, browns, a stray brookie or two, and the infamous mighty-whities when our droppers dredged deep. Rabunite "Butter" comes in multiple forms in the Rockies!

Each of us had some memorable moments, from pretty fish to big fish to big bison and abundant elk, which woke us up one morning with their bugling. Michigan Ski (Dredger's buddy) also discovered that he wasn't alone in his short cut thru the woods in the Gibbon meadows. Luckily, the bull bison was in a good mood and let him pass, hoof print-less, to the next prime, undercut bank.

A hopper/rubberlegs dropper was pretty darn good on the bigger, faster waters. Dredger had three hefty Madison fish take him well into his backing and on the run down its steep, rocky banks. Big Chernobyl's and tiny Baetis and PMD no hackles were also effective on rainbows to 17 inches and cutts and browns that nosed past 18.

Our best advice: buy Dream Trip tickets, lots of them. When you win, then go fish with John, tie on the fly he picks, cast where he says, and then hold your trophy toward his camera. You will, indeed, have a Dream trip.

And you can take a buddy, so remember your new best friend who, thru this yarn, is now the catalyst to your upcoming win. Please note that I am retired now and very flexible on my travel plans...

Got bear spray, hoppers, hope, and the McGarity's in your corner? Waaahhh -HOOO!!! Gimme some more of those Dream Trip tickets.



Fishing Reports

“Another Out West Report” Pat and Tammy Hopton

We high-tailed it across Kansas arriving in Glenwood Springs, Co late Sunday night. We spent Monday visiting Tammy’s brother, Terrell, and his family. Terrell has recently retired to Glenwood Springs after a career with Chevron that took him around the world. After our visit, we backpacked in to a very special place known to many Rabunites as “The Center of the Universe” We camped there for 4 days and 3 nights. The weather was perfect: high temps in the upper 70’s and frost in the mornings; the aspen trees were just starting to turn yellow. The catching was great for pan-sized brookies and cutthroats, and a few were invited to dinner. The nights were spent star gazing and poking the campfire. It was a good trip; old memories were relived and new memories were made.



More Tributes to Doug Adams

Years ago, my parents decided that I was old enough to attend the Rabun Renvendous. I was so excited. I was also selling Girl Scout cookies and my parents told me if I wanted to sell them at the Rendezvous- I had to call Mr. Adams for permission. I called Mr. Adams, he said you can always sell cookies at the Rendezvous. That year, I sat at the check in with Mr. and Mrs. Landreth (along with Mr. and Mrs. Adams checking on me) and sold cookies at the door.

Fast forward a few years, I was working for TU National and I was on a call with Doug and several other staffers were in the room with me. As I was wrapping up the call, I told Doug that I would see him soon at the Rendezvous and looked forward to seeing him there. He stated that I could still bring Girl Scout cookies to sell. I laughed out loud as I hung up the phone- I looked up and I had several blank stares in the room. I turned a couple shades of red and shrugged my shoulders- and remarked that Doug and I go way back.

Recently I saw Doug, he stated again that if I had cookies I could sell them. I laughed again and he had a huge mischievous grin on his face. That is the picture I will always carry of him in my mind. It shows that Doug consistently reminded me that he was supportive of me and my endeavors- no matter what stage of life I was in & he got a good chuckle out of it.

I look forward to seeing Doug around the bend so we can share a box of cookies together- but he will have to buy them from me first!

Sally B. Armstrong
Mountain Bridge TU

Great newsletter as always! Well Done. I especially enjoyed the segment on the western skies at night. Did my undergrad at Colorado State and grad school at CU so I have seen some of those skies! And I also got to see the aurora borealis as a teenage in Explorer Scouts taking two week canoe trips in the Quetico Wilderness in Ontario. It just takes your breath away! Lots of stories on the western skies, including taking dates up to an open ridge and watching the moon rise over the plains, or even better, watching the sun come up. Spectacular with both moon and sun looking huge on that vast unobstructed view.

One of my favorite overnights was with some frat brothers. We would steal steaks from the house freezer, grab some beer and head east of Ft. Collins to the Pawnee National Grasslands about 100 miles east of town. We would build our fire in a sheltered area for cooking, then go up on the rise and just throw down ground cloths and sleeping bags and watch the night sky. You cannot really understand that view until you actually get to see it, and the amount of motion in the night sky is amazing. Many times we never really got to sleep until the sun started to illuminate the prairie to the east of us. But hey! College guys, short on sense but long on endurance.

John Kies
NCTU Past Chair

Rabun Chapter Membership Update
Current membership: 182 adult members and 6 Stream Explorers.

Welcome New Members!

No new members this past month.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Charles Cawthorn, Arin Christensen, Patrick Crawford, Mike Fuller, Carl and Kathy Kleinstein, Michael Leonard, James Nixon, Bob Pickens, and Forrest Poulson.

Members That Need to Re-Up!

Frank Hodge, Lewis Reeves, Tom Shirley, and Hugh Thompson.

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 Chapter Prez [Kent Wilson](#).

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
Jerry McFalls	Scouts Liaison
Pat Hopton	Tight Lines Editor

Prez Notes

With Labor Day behind us, great fishing weather is quickly approaching. We are already being teased with some cooler morning temperatures. Unfortunately, one of our favorite fishing locations has been dramatically impacted by recent rains. I expect that most of you already know of the landslide which occurred in the Nantahala Gorge on August 25, 2019 after several inches of heavy rain. If you don't yet know, the U. S. Forest Service has since announced that an eight-mile section of the river has been closed to all recreational activities. Our beloved river was inundated with debris from the landslide and was 90% blocked in some locations. Clean up efforts are underway. The below link has recent news regarding the closure to include the notice from the U.S. Forest Service:

<https://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/2019/08/29/us-forest-service-closes-nantahala-river-due-dangers-landslide/2150777001/>

If you like enjoy camping, fishing, good food and fellowship then mark your calendars for November 13th – 17th when the fall campout will take place at Oconee State Park just over the river in South Carolina. The stocking of the delayed harvest section of the Chattooga River should have already occurred by that time so hopefully there will be some great fishing opportunities.

Don't forget. After a couple of months off, we will resume our regularly scheduled chapter meeting this month. Please plan to attend the upcoming chapter meeting which will be held at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church on September 17, 2019 beginning at 6:30 P. M.

Kent Wilson