



# TIGHT LINES

## April 2020 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!



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

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~~Apr 4 (Sat) Sweep the Hooch. Contact the [Chattahoochee RiverKeepers](#). CANCELLED~~

~~Apr 4 (Sat) Rock Creek Work Day. 8:00 am—12:00 pm. Conservation project sponsored by the [Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter](#). CANCELLED~~

~~Apr 18 (Sat) Women's Fly Fishing Clinic. 10:00 am—3:00 pm at the Delayed Harvest section of Smith Creek, Unicoi State Park. See pages 4 and 5 for more information. Contact [Michele Crawford](#) or [Tammy Hopton](#). CANCELLED~~

~~Apr 18 (Sat) International Fly Fishing Film Festival. 6:00 pm at the Walhalla Performing Arts Center, Walhalla, SC. Annual fund raising event for the [Chattooga River Chapter](#). CANCELLED~~

~~Apr 21 (Tues) Scouts Appreciation Dinner and Fishing Event. Fishing begins at 4:00 pm, supper begins at 6:00 pm. Indian Lake Picnic Area at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School. Contact [Jimmy Whitten](#). CANCELLED~~

~~Apr 28 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone may attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#). CANCELLED~~

~~April 29-May 3 (Wed-Sun). Rabun Chapter Spring Campout. [Oconee State Park](#), Mountain Rest, SC. See page 7 for more information. Contact [Terry Rivers](#). CANCELLED~~

No scheduled Chapter meeting in May.

May 14 (Thur) GA Delayed Harvest Season ends.

May 21 (Thur) Burrell's Ford Cookout and Fishing. Hot dog supper at 6:00 pm at the parking area on the GA side of the bridge. Fishing until "dark-thirty" afterwards. Contact [Charlie Breithaupt](#).

May 28 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone may attend. Contact [Jeff Durniak](#).

May 31—June 5 (Sun-Fri) Trout Camp. Tallulah Falls School. See page 3 for more information.

***Calling all Trout Campers!***  
***Applications are now being accepted for the***  
***2020 Trout Camp!***



**Where:** Tallulah Falls School, Clayton, Georgia

**When:** May 31 to June 5, 2020 (Sunday – Friday)

**Who:** 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!***

**2019**  
**Georgia Trout Camp**

**PARTNERS**



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



**Mail your application ([CLICK HERE](#)) for Trout Camp to**

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

**Deadline for applications is March 15, 2020.**

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



## 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 2020 at  
the Rabun TU chapter picnic.*



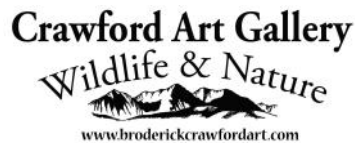
**2020 Mack Martin Rod raffle tickets are now on sale!**

Contact [Pat Hopton](#), Ticket Chairperson or any member of the BOD to purchase tickets. Drawing will be held at the Chapter Family Picnic in July, 2020.

## April Hatch Chart

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
Quill Gordon Mayfly	Early month	Late am to Mid pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12-14 Quill Gordon Nymph
Blue Quill Mayfly	Early month	Late am to Mid pm	16-18 BWO, Blue Quill, or Blue Dun 16-18 Prince or Pheasant Tail
Small Dun Caddis (Important)	All month	Late am to Mid pm	18 Brown Elk Hair Caddis 18 Hairs Ear Nymph
Cream Caddis (Very important)	All month	Mid day to Late pm	12-14 Cream Elk Hair Caddis 12-14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
Hendrickson Mayfly	All month	Late am to mid pm	12-14 Hendrickson or Adams Parachute 12-14 Pheasant Tail Nymph
March Brown (Important)	All month	L am to Mid pm	12-14 March Brown or Adams Parachute 10-14 Dark Hares Ear or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Yellow Sally Stonefly	Late month	Early to late am	14-16 Yellow Stimulator or Yellow Elk Hair Caddis 14-16 Yellow Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly (Important)	Late month	Early to late pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Speckled Gray Caddis	Late month	Mid to late pm	12-14 Dark Elk Hair Caddis or Deer Hair Caddis 12-14 Dun or Yellow/Brown Caddis Pupa
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

## 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.*

## 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.



## Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

### Parachute Adams

**HOOK:** #12—18 Dry Fly

**TAIL:** Grizzly and Brown Hackle Fibers Mixed

**BODY:** Adams Gray Fine Dubbing

**THORAX:** Grizzly and Brown Hackle Fibers Mixed

**PARACHUTE:** White Antron or Calf Body Hair

**HACKLE:** Brown



My go-to dry fly. I would not be on the river without it.

*See you on The River! Terry*

## **Rabun Chapter Membership Update**

**Current membership: 186 adult members and 6 Stream Explorers.**

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

No new members this month.

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

**Max Gates, Cecil Greene, Julian Heath, Robert Larsen, Ronald Leslie, Larry Peevy, Steve Perry, Clifton Smith, Don Stenhouse, Stephen Weinelt, and Janis Yarrow.**

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

**Marie Dunkle, Hal Howard, Roger Kilby, Margaret Richardson, Pom Sinnock, Corbin Smith, Laurel Smith, Burdette Townsend, and Bradley Tucker.**

## **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 [Jeff Durniak](#).

*We look forward to having you in our Chapter!*

## **Rabun Chapter Leadership Contacts**

### **Voting Leaders**

<a href="#">Jeff Durniak</a>	Chapter President
<a href="#">Tammy Hopton</a>	Chapter Vice President
<a href="#">Charlie Breithaupt</a>	Treasurer
<a href="#">Kathy Breithaupt</a>	Secretary
<a href="#">Kent Wilson</a>	Past President
<a href="#">Ray King</a>	Rendezvous Chair
<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="#">Jimmy Whiten</a>	Director thru 2022

### **Non-Voting Leaders**

<a href="#">Michele Crawford</a>	Women's Outreach, Memorials
<a href="#">Jerry McFalls</a>	Scouts Liaison
<a href="#">Pat Hopton</a>	Tight Lines Editor

## Prez Notes

Thanks to Kent for his years of service as our outstanding Prez and our resulting chapter successes. We look forward to his wise counsel as Tammy and I take the helm of your Rabunite ship and navigate uncharted and turbulent waters. The Covid challenge is real, but we'll work through this together. After all, we have a strong crew of rowers in our Board of Directors, and a great passenger roster of chapter members.

As you all know, several of our events have been canceled and plans for upcoming gatherings are still to be determined. The BOD will follow guidance from government and health officials and will place your safety first as we decide their fate.

We still have some good news, including the Dream Trip ticket sales and upcoming prize drawing. SCTU also reports that our chapter's \$1K donation was appreciated and brand new "leave no trace" kiosks have just been erected at Burrell's Ford.

The best news of all is that spring is here! As Ole Adams would shout, "happy new dry fly season!" The sun's warmth feels great. Friday night's caddis hatch on The River felt even better!

As we "shelter in place" and "socially distance," we still have ample opportunity to enjoy the great spring weather and to be sociable. Whether it's drinking sweet tea and tying flies on the porch, washing the truck, planting a garden, hiking in the woods, or catching a hatch on remaining open water, we still have plenty of chances to catch some rays, renew emotionally, and enhance our hope for the weeks ahead.

Although we must be socially distant, we can still be sociable. The Dream Trip prize drawing is a great example of adjusting to conditions and still having a fun event. May we spend some time thinking of opportunities for Rabun TU's future programs, projects, and events. The BOD and I welcome your input.

Most importantly, may we be spring rays of hope to each other via calls, texts, facetimes, and emails. Contact a favorite member to check on him or her, talk a little fishing, plan some social distancing (drive separately!) on a local stream, and share your ideas on chapter activities. Also think of our members with small businesses, and order some takeout meals or make some online purchases from them now to keep them afloat. Get an early jump on your December gift list!

March brought us storm clouds. I hope that April will bring all of you rays of sunshine and rays of hope. Let's find some ways to be rays of hope to each other, as well. We will renew our busy chapter calendar soon, once this storm passes. Be safe, and be prepared. Do you have enough caddis and cahills in your fly boxes?

***Jeff Durniak***