



TIGHT LINES

June 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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Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months

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May 31—June 5 (Sun-Fri) Trout Camp. Tallulah Falls School. **CANCELLED**

June 8 (Sat). Tallulah River Kid's Fishing Event. 8:00 am at Tallulah River Campground.
POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 26

June 16 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Monthly Meeting. **CANCELLED.**

June 20 (Sat) GA Council TU Quarterly Meeting. To be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm by Zoom conferencing. Anyone may attend. Contact [Kathy Breithaupt](#).

June 23 (Tue) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm by Zoom conferencing. Anyone can attend. Contact [Jeff Durniak](#).

July 7 (Tues) Annual Chattoga River Sampling—Spoonauger. Meet at Burrells Ford Bridge at 8:00 am. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

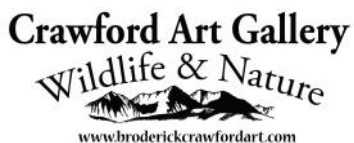
July 14 (Tues) Annual Chattoga River Sampling—Ellicott Rock. Meet at Burrells Ford Bridge at 8:00 am. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

July 16 (Thur) Rabun Chapter Annual Family Picnic. 6:30 pm at Kellys Water Fall Park in Dillard, GA. Contact [Jeff Durniak](#).

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.

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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.

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

Beadhead Zug Bug

HOOK: Dry Fly Hook #12-18

TAIL: Peacock Swords

BODY: Peacock Fibers with Palmered Silver Tinsel

HEAD: 1/8” Brass Bead

THORAX: Brown Hackle

WING: Wood Duck



GREAT FLY TO HAVE THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. FISH WEIGHTED DOWN TO BOTTOM. PRODUCE SOME NICE FISH FOR ME LAST WEEK IN MAY .

See you on The River! Terry

Fishing Reports

Brian Weeks, May 30

Last Saturday, I headed up to one of my favorite small wild streams in North Georgia. The idea was to hike and fish further upstream than I ever had before. When all was said and done, it was about a two hour hike back to the truck, with half of it through the woods with no trail at all, and stretches on my hands and knees crawling under brush, but man it was worth it.

The sun was bright, the air was in the low 80s, and the water was 59F, higher than normal, and slightly turbid. The fish were active and energetic. Exclusively browns were caught, all on a dry, with the most common length at 9 inches.

Oh, and now that I've downsized from a 3/4wt to a 2wt, the bounced fish number has basically gone to zero. This was my first outing with this new rod and I love it. And it only cost me \$56.

https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/B01H70O632/ref=sspa_mw_detail_0?ie=UTF8&psc=1&th=1

Release video: <https://youtu.be/NXXm02JxcDM>

If you're thinking about getting out to make the most of this dry fly season, go go go because it's on!



Fishing Reports, cont.

Tammy Hopton, Various Pictures Taken Throughout May

Where? I don't believe she said!



Rabun Chapter Membership Update

Current membership: 190 adult members and 6 Stream Explorers.

Welcome New Members!

No new members this month.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Joy Lewis, Ron Michaels, David Ruth, and Dwayne Thompson.

Members That Need to Re-Up!

Arin Christensen, Dan Cox, Derek Porter, and Leroy Powell.

The Rabun Chapter expresses our condolences to the Reeves family on the death of Chapter member Lewis Reeves, Jr. The Rabun Chapter expresses our condolences to the Rivers family on the death of Emmy Rivers, wife of Chapter member Terry Rivers.

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

Jeff Durniak	Chapter President
Tammy Hopton	Chapter Vice President
Charlie Breithaupt	Treasurer
Kathy Breithaupt	Secretary
Kent Wilson	Past President
Ray King	Rendezvous Chair
Tony Allred	Director thru 2020
Justin English	Director thru 2021
Terry Rivers	Director thru 2021
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

This spring I've felt like the three-year old kid whose mom dressed him in his favorite t-shirt. The front reads, "My Name is No-No." Rabunites continue to follow federal and state guidelines and TU National guidance regarding chapter-sponsored activities. We've had to forgo a lot of fun spring events, while summer plans have a common theme – TBD (To Be Determined). Know that we are in Rabun TU for the long haul, and "sheltering" right now is in the best interest of everyone's health and the long-term success of the Rabunites. Thank you for your patience.

That's the half-empty narrative, but we can also celebrate the half-full portion of our Rabunite canteen. The Breithaupt and the Riggs couples pulled off a successful Dream Trip drawing, with a great assist from our host church and its pastor. Congrats to all winners and a big thanks to each of you who peddled raffle tickets and helped fund GA Council and our chapter operations. We're also working with Kathy's GATU Council and the Forest Service to renew the Chattooga copter stocking agreement.

We hillbillies have Zoomed! The BOD has held several virtual meetings via the Zoom app. This has allowed us to stay in touch and chart the chapter's course through these choppy COVID waters. It's been so successful that we're considering a Zoom subscription and hosting virtual chapter meetings while we await healthier air indoors.

Please help the BOD and me by doing two things. One, take a look at Zoom and see if you like it on your computer or smart phone. It's so user-friendly, even the entire BOD and me, T-Rex, got comfortable with it, quickly. Two, if you support some remote chapter meetings and want to dial in, send me (jeffdurniak@yahoo.com) your name and email address. We're lining up program ideas now that will Zoom well, including Meet the Game Warden and Yellowstone 1-2-3. I hope you'd like to connect with our chapter meetings, even if we're temporarily short on the donuts.

Lastly, your BOD is looking at our future. We're examining past efforts, prioritizing future ones, (example: renewed chapter conservation program) and identifying members willing to lead those programs such as conservation, youth and adult education, budgeting, women's programs, and advocacy. If you have interest and passion, wither as a leader or simply as a worker bee, please let me know. We can spend our "sheltering" time well right now around our around our virtual campfire by making this plan of attack for our emergence and renewal. Please, please raise your hand and help our core group of chapter members with this effort.

For now, stay safe and local. We can still gas up in town, fix a sack lunch, and enjoy our local mountains and waters, from headwater trout to river bass to pond bream. A good weekly dose of Mother Nature is the best therapy we may need to stay on course right now. Hot tip – while weekends bring crowds, it's been very easy to socially distance ourselves on weekday afternoons and evenings. The fish are well-rested, too, and much more eager for our offerings. We know that better days are ahead for the Rabunites. May we all be patient and perseverant. Happy Zooming to all of you!

Jeff Durniak