



TIGHT LINES

November 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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November Chapter Meeting

“Tips and Tricks from the Chattooga River Fly Shop”

Tuesday, Nov 17 at 7:00 pm

To be held using Zoom video conferencing.

Please join our November Zoom program as Chattooga River Fly Shop owners Karl and Karen give us some hot tips for fishing the upstate (including our favorite border river!) and update us on the latest & greatest fly-fishing equipment and supplies at their shop.

Remember that they're just 15 minutes East of the Highway 28 Bridge and can save your fishing trip if you've forgotten some vital trinkets!

Zoom in with us at 7pm on the 17th.



To Join the Zoom Meeting—Click Below and Enter the Meeting ID and Passcode

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November 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
Blue Wing Olive and Blue Quill	All month	Late am to Mid pm	16-18 BWO, Blue Quill, Adams Parachute 16 BWO Nymph, Pheasant Tail
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

Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

Mylar Prince Nymph

HOOK: #12x Scud

HEAD: Gold Bead

TAIL: Brown Goose Biots

BODY: Peral Mylar and Copper Wire Palmered

THORAX: Peacock Herl

WING : White Goose Biots

Great attractor fly to use during the Delayed Harvest season! Drop it behind a dry fly or fish it under a strike indicator.



See you on The River! Terry

2021 Dream Trip Tickets Now On Sale!

The GA TU Council has voted to conduct the 2021 Dream Trip raffle online. TU National has partnered with Eventgroove to offer us this service. The link below will take you to the site where you can purchase Dream Trip tickets.

<https://go.tulocalevents.org/georgia-trout-unlimited-dream-trip-2021>

Tickets are \$10.00 each. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold. There will be a small online fee added to each purchase. The winners will be announced at the Council meeting on Saturday, March 20, 2021.

Thanks again to Laine and John McGarity for their generosity in providing us with this opportunity!!!!

Kathy Breithaupt, Ph.D.
GA TU Council Chairman

DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!





GRAND PRIZE

John McGarity
owner and host of
the 2021 Dream Trip

John McGarity is a fly fishing enthusiast and a professional fly tyer. He has been fishing for trout for over 20 years and has been a member of the Georgia Trout Unlimited Council for over 10 years. He is also a professional fly tyer and has been teaching fly fishing for over 10 years. He is a member of the Georgia Trout Unlimited Council and has been a member of the Georgia Trout Unlimited Council for over 10 years.

"The 2021 Dream Trip reaches new heights. The opportunity to fish with John McGarity, stay in his fabulous log cabin conveniently located between the Madison River, Yellowstone National Park and the Henry's Fork puts you smack dab in the middle of some of the most famous trout waters in North America. John is the consummate trout angler, fishing almost every day during the 5 or 6 months each year he resides in Idaho. Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone checks with John for fishing reports. Having been a restaurateur, John is also an excellent cook... you will not go hungry on this trip! TU couldn't ask for a better host and guide for this year's Dream Trip."

John McGarity
owner, Unicoi Outfitters

- **5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 25-30, 2021**
- **\$500 total in travel expenses** * travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winners.
*Fishing licenses, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the winners during their stay.
- **Each winner receives:** A float trip on the Madison River, plus choice of Winston AIR 3 wt. - 6 wt. or BILL-x 4 wt. - 8 wt. fly rod. Fly reel with Scientific Anglers or Winston Energy Fly Line and a fly box and flies for the trip. (approx. 5-7 dozen per box)



Tickets \$10 Proceeds Benefit TU Cold Water Conservation and Trout Camp

RUNNER UP PRIZES:

- The winner(s) of this raffle are responsible for any tax due on the value of the winnings.
- TFO - Finesse fly rod - 4 wt. 8'9", 4 piece fly rod (perfect trout rod). Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
 - Peak rotary fly-tying vise. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
 - Fly box with 8+ dozen trout flies. Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
 - Fly box with 3 dozen bass poppers. Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
 - Fly box with assortment of Terrestrial flies. Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
 - Complete assortment of fly-tying materials (thread, hooks, dubbing, flash, hackle, hair, beads, marabou, chenille and a few tools! Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
 - Certificate for any Scientific Anglers fly line. Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
 - AFS gift certificate for a fly fishing or fly-casting class during 2021. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
 - A private fly-casting lesson including digital casting analysis and video analysis (this donation would apply to those having mastered basic casting skills already). Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School for 2021 year.
 - Witching Hour (4 hour) Trip for Bass on Lanier or Carp on the Chattahoochee in the summer. Donated by Henry Cowen. Trip must be used from end May thru Sept. 2021.
 - Unguided half day fishing at Nacoochee Bend for two fishermen. Donated by Unicoi Outfitters.
 - \$100 Gift certificate from the Mid-Georgia Chapter.
 - Half day trophy brown trout guided float trip for two on Chattahoochee River, valued at \$375. Donated by Chris Scalley "River Through Atlanta" www.rivertroughatlanta.com
 - Gift card in the amount of \$500 for goods and services with Cohutta Fishing Company of Blue Ridge Georgia. Donated by the Cohutta Chapter.
 - Two draws of Six Dozen Trout Flies each. Donated by the 12 TU chapters in Georgia.



For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

Fishing Reports

Back to Yellowstone! From Brian Weeks

The first of October, I returned to Yellowstone to chase the fall brown runners. The weather was warm enough that I was able to wet wade the entire time.

The fuzzy stubs on the heads of the elk from my summer trip there just three months earlier had already developed into impressively large racks. Early morning bugling began most days' drive into the park and to the stream. And one evening, on the drive back to homebase, a full grown wolf ran across the road - the first full grown one I'd ever seen in the park. That was a treat.

I was able to fish four streams in the four days I was there, but only one consistently produced what I was after. But the one that did was bountiful. Overall, numerous 18" and up browns were brought to hand, with a number of them waking my often dormant drag from its slumber, and one who took me 100 yards downstream through a boulder field. By the end of that particular chase, I admit, I was out of breath, but was grateful to be rewarded with the thickest brown of the trip in the net.

Perhaps, though, just as pleasant were the gorgeous, vibrant yellow birch leaves on full display against the deep green backdrop of lodgepole pines, amongst which I enjoyed a picnic one afternoon on the golden, tall, dry grass. The peace and beauty during that meal was one of the highlights of the trip.

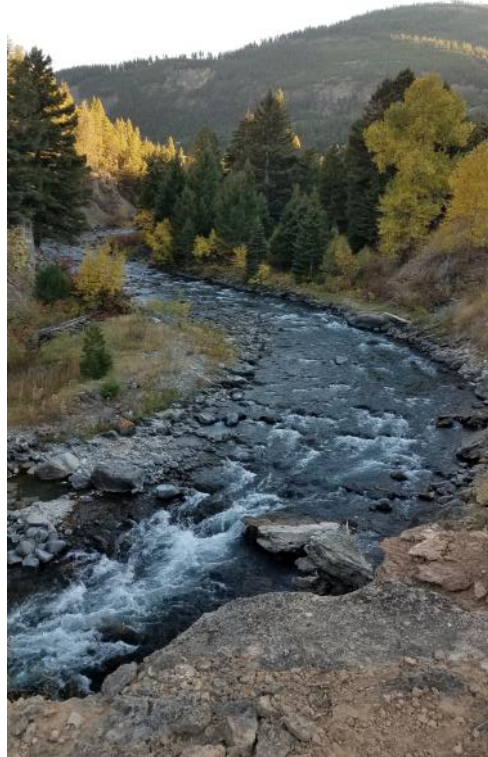
The park was busier than normal at that time of year. In fact, September saw the highest number of visitors of any September on record for the park. But, outside of the places that are often too covered up for my taste (the popular Madison hotspots, for example) the angling pressure in the places I targeted was thankfully relatively low, especially the further one got from the road.

All fish were caught on flies we use here in our beloved north Georgia. And the browns' behavior was the same as it is here, i.e. fish the cover: structures (rock and wood), banks (especially undercut), dark water (3'+ deep), and morning and evening when the sun's not on the water, and all while not tipping them off to one's presence. I say all of that to say, if you haven't had the opportunity to fish out west yet, don't be intimidated. Yeah, some things are a little different, but the fundamentals you're familiar with here still apply. Bottom line, your experience and skills that put nice fish in your net here can put nice fish in your net out there. So, be encouraged, go West, and catch some fish!

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Fishing Reports, cont.

Back to Yellowstone! From Brian Weeks



Fishing Reports, cont.

My Escape From Ray Gentry

Well I got tired of doing thing around the house at two o'clock I left for the creek. I expected to get a small rainbow or two at the best. It would be fun to just get out. The stream was small and close to home and as I approached the stream the weather started to look bad. I would wet wade and I just had a shoulder pack and a net and well I would go anyway and hope the rain would go around me.

I walked in and saw someone at the spot I had picked to start so I simply walked up stream 100 yds and climbed down the bank. I tied on my favorite fly and made my first cast where the stream had cut out a deeper hole below some rocks that stood out of the water.

When I left the house, I hastily picked up a net with a lanyard on it. Bad decision as I had no way to attach it so over my head the lanyard went. The fish hit and instantly it was not what I was expecting. It ran down stream and back up again. It was not the 5 in dink I was expecting. This was a good fish!

After a couple more runs I decided to net him. The net, over the shoulder pack, would not reach much below my waist. The fish continued to run back and forth from the deep hole to the shallows at the end of the pool. I tried to get the lanyard over my head but my hat came off and I almost lost it in the swift water. I finally got the lanyard over my head without losing my hat.

I netted the fish and looked at it. A 9 in brown and man he put the 3 wt. through the paces. I had several strikes after that and caught a 7 in rainbow before the rains came.

On the way back with the sprinkling rain in 2 in. of water a rock slipped the I went down and got soaking wet. I got to the car and got my boots off and with a smile it started pouring rain as I got in my car.

What a trip.

Fishing Reports, cont.

Border River Trip From Jeff Durniak

Sautee and Dredger met at the SC lot yesterday (11/5) and stayed two or more rod lengths apart as they taught Bugger Aversion 101 to Border River's new residents. Water temp 53 at their noon start. Class graduates were mostly bows, with a couple browns. Few wanted the legs or eggs, but many crushed the stripped buggers. Wading staffs were almost as important as the flies.

Tip: fish downstream and cover a lot of water to strike gold. Cast down and across, mend up a time or two to sink it, put your rod tip in the water, and then strip the bigger back up in quick 4-inch strips. Olive (pic) and black worked equally well, especially with a big shot or two crimped a foot above the bug.



Dear GA License Holder,

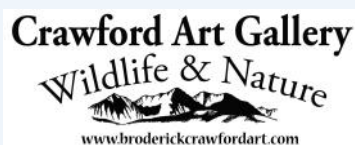
You are invited to download for free a current source of Georgia fishing information, [The Pro Angler Fishing App](#). You will find various local tips specific to your area of GA, local catches of nearby anglers, new fishing hot spots to try, and of course regulations.

[You can access the app for free here.](#)

Thank you and tight lines!

The Pro Angler Fishing Team

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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!

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Prez Notes

Hey, it's that time of the year again: time to give thanks. Despite the PP around us (pandemics and politics), we still have a lot to be thankful for!

Let's start with our agency buddies. Thanks to the guys and gals with the US Forest Service, SCDNR, and GADNR, the border bird flew again this fall and the Chattooga is fishing well, both in the Delayed Harvest section and in the backcountry. This was no easy feat in 2020, but the feds found some funds to pay all bird feed costs and GADNR found us some fish, despite being 300K short while Burton Hatchery is rebuilt. We give a special shout-out to Forest Service friends Chad Bell, Ryan Foote, and Mike Brod for gathering the bird feed this year. Kathy's GATU Council grant money will kick in next year, so copter stocking looks good for at least another few falls. Ryan will also repair the flood-damaged Tallulah River pier soon, and your BOD approved some partner funds to help him if they are needed.

I'm thankful for Zoom. I didn't even know it existed until we started this isolation, I mean distancing, thing. Zoom has kept us together, even while being apart. Our next great Zoom shindig is Tuesday, November 17, as we welcome Karl and Karen from Chattooga River Fly Shop and get some great tips on fishing area rivers, including our beloved border water, and learn about some new shop goodies. Remember this place, especially if you've discovered you forgot vital equipment or supplies as you park at The River. The shop is on Highway 28 just past the junction with 107 in Mountain Rest, and will get you back on the water ASAP.

Reminder: dial in to our Chapter Zoom meeting on 11/17 at 7PM!

I'm thankful for our TU worker bees, here locally and down in the Big City. Charlie, Kathy, Rodney Tumlin, and the ATL TU'ers figured out how to sell Dream Trip tickets online. Hopefully we'll resurrect Trout Camp for kids next June (albeit a shorter version), especially if we do our part to promote the online ticket sales. Call, text, or email your friends and family and remind them what great birthday presents and stocking stuffers those tickets make. I'm thankful for the ad-hoc Rabunite Budget Committee of Charlie, Kathy, and Tammy. Together we went thru February's pre-Covid budget for this year, drafted some changes to the expense and income projections, and found that Rabun TU is in fine fiscal shape, even if we're not able to have our typical Rendezvous fundraiser. The BOD will vote this month on an amended 2020-21 budget that will get us into next April (the new TU fiscal year) with some money left in da bank! If any member wants to learn more or suggest budget changes, just contact any of us BOD members or ask for an invitation to our 11/24 zoom meeting.

Speaking of our BOD, I'm very thankful for them. Given the virus, the BOD's first priority of Rabunite member, family, and friends' safety, and a careful assessment of risk/rewards, the BOD decided to cancel our December Christmas party and our traditional Rabun Rendezvous (RR) gathering at Dillard House. To replace the Rendezvous, RR director Ray and his worker bees are developing an online auction for our biggest prizes, so we'll generate some chapter income while keeping everyone safe during these trying times. Think about what you can contribute to online Rendezvous success.

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Prez Notes, cont.

The BOD and I will continue to watch the virus situation and look for future opportunities to gather in-person. It's been frustrating, but I'd like to commend all Rabunites on your patience and perseverance during our "distanced" year, one we all want to put far behind us. If you have thoughts, frustrations, or recommendations, feel free to share them with any BOD member or me (706-892-6576). Hopefully the new year will allow us a grand reunion and a resurrection of Rabunite activities we're known for.

Welcome to November. So far, so good. We've survived 8 months of this craziness and maybe are starting to see some hope on our horizons. But let's be thankful for what we do have- right here, right now. On a warm, sunny Thursday afternoon (11/5), I stood on one side of a crystal-clear pool while my buddy, Mark, was thigh-deep on the other side. We threw woolly buggers down, stripped them back upstream, and were rewarded with smashing strikes from naive Walhalla rainbows – fresh bird droppings! They weren't wily wild Wyoming bows, but they sure were fun. Where? Well, I don't believe I said... I admired the water and woods and blue sky. And I thanked Adams, Kelly, Landreth and others for getting me so "ruined" on this river.

Our duo hiked out at sunset, two rod lengths apart, passing an osprey and an eagle, til we found our cars in the SC lot. We shed waders and shared stories of the day. And were thankful for a life in northeast GA, for a fine day on the river and especially for an entire day unplugged from all the PP. The river restores us and recharges us to persevere another week. And with each weekly dose of The River, we are another step closer to whatever "Normal" will be. I am thankful for our river and for our Rabunites, whether we break bread together or Zoom our stuffing recipes and family smiles. I hope you have the same chance soon to count your many blessings. Thanks and Happy Thanksgiving to all of you for being Rabunites.

Prez Jeff