



TIGHT LINES

October 2021 Newsletter

of the

Rabun Chapter (522) Trout Unlimited

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October, 2021 Rabun Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 19 at 7:00 pm

“Rabunites Descend on Alaska” by Kent Wilson and Larry Walker

Please join us online at 7PM on Tuesday (10/19) for our monthly program. This one's a real good'un!

Chapter members Kent and Larry will report on their group's recent trip to the salmonid holy waters of Alaska. Join in from the comfort of your easy chair via Zoom and enjoy their pics, tales, tips, and possibly some fibs. You'll be entertained, and might even get some great intel to help you plan your own trip of a lifetime. Personally, I gotta know more about Larry's hot “fly!”

Zoom meeting info follows.

Topic: Rabun TU Chapter Program

Time: Oct 19, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82431547315?pwd=UERpemdRKzdkcC8rWDBwajQ1V0QzZz09>

Meeting ID: 824 3154 7315

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Attention All Rabunites! From the Rabun Chapter Conservation Team:

We want to continue our efforts to conserve trout waters in Rabun County. Our team welcomes your help. While you are out fishing, if you see areas that could be improved or repaired, such as erosion problems, stream siltation, streamside or in-stream trash, feel free to take pictures, identify the issue and location, and send the information to Justin and me. Our team will look into the issue, discuss with BOD, and see if it's something we can remedy, or encourage our managing agencies to do so. Working together, we can all conserve the great water resources that make us proud to live, work, and play here!

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Hot Tips

Submitted by Prez Jeff, 10/8/21

With the current warm water temps in Georgia, try heading north to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. You may even see some elk in the evenings!



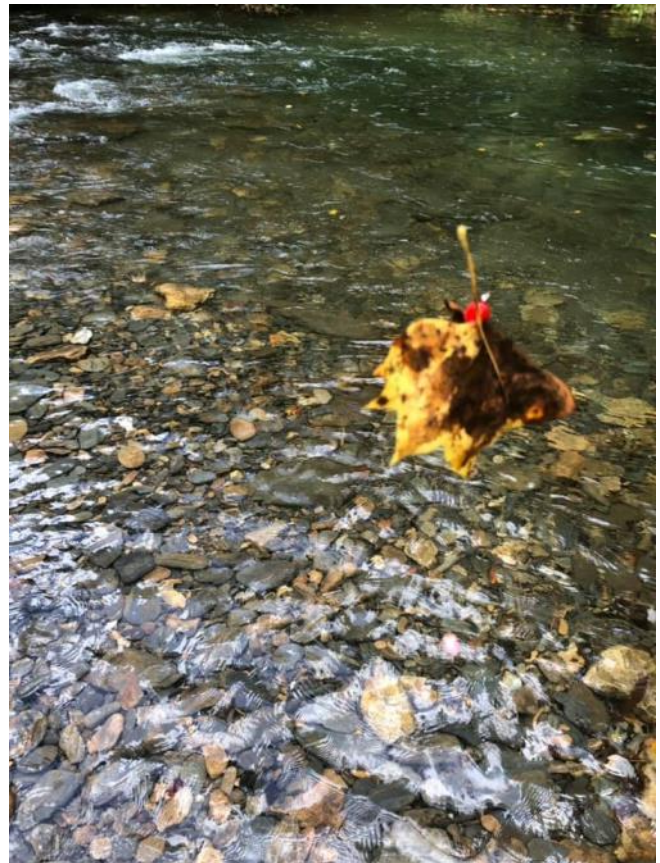
Fishing Reports

Submitted by Preston Pitts, 10/11/21

Great day today on the delayed harvest section at Fires Creek! If I caught as many fish as I did leaves today it would have been a personal best but the fishing was still good.

The DH section was stocked about a week ago and fish were still somewhat in pods but they were beginning to spread out as well in some areas. I could tell it had been a busy weekend and it was busy today until around noon, many of the fish just watched the usual junk flies they had already seen or been hooked with.

It was a good mix of fish caught on junk flies (Y2Ks mainly), streamers, and the ticket for some pickier fish was big rubber legs dredged deep into some of the popular holes. All rainbows and leaves brought to the net today, I did see some larger stocked brookies though.

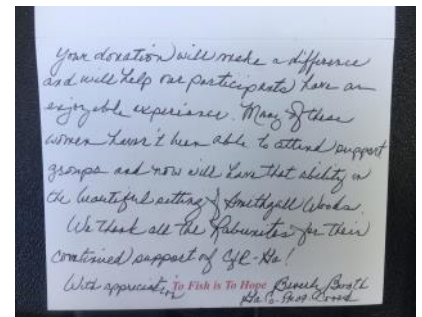
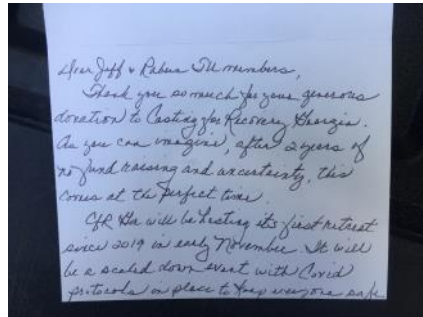
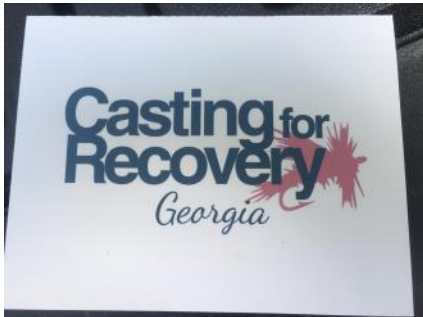


To Rabun Chapter TU,

Thank you for the support and partnership with Rabun TU. We count TU as our best partner.

Please let me know if you need anything from the Georgia Wildlife Federation.

Mike Worley
Georgia Wildlife Federation



Rabun Chapter Membership Update

Current membership: 168 adult members and 1 Stream Explorer.

Welcome New Members!

Jim Aschmeyer from Marietta, GA.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Steve McCall, Filmer Kilby, Tom Shirley, Mike Fuller, Thomas Guest, Dean English, Tom Nixon, Wayne Gipson, Mike Hamilton, and Claudia English.

Members That Need to Re-Up!

Larry Walker, Dick Daniel, Scott Havlek, David Stowe, Eva Ewing.

Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

Mylar Prince Nymph

HOOK: #12 Scud Hook

BODY: Pearl Mylar with Copper Wire Palmered

TAIL: Brown Goose Biots

THORAX: Peacock Hair

WINGS: White Goose Biots

HEAD: Gold Bead



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

October 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 (IMPORTANT)	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

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Thank you, Sponsors! We appreciate your support of the Rabun Chapter!

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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!

Rabun Chapter Leadership Contacts

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Prez Notes

Although some afternoons still feel like summer, fall is finally here! The cool mornings and the red and yellow tree leaves say so. Let's celebrate this fine time of year for river trout-ing and campfire smoke and partake. While our resource agencies face some recent, high hurdles (disease and floods), the good news is that both NC and GA are scrounging up enough trout to give us some Delayed Harvest fishing fun right on schedule. NC's program is already open and we just await their streams to recede from this past week's seven inches of rain. September program speaker, DNR fisheries Supervisor Anthony Rabern, said his folks and the feds still have some fish in their GA hatchery system that will be destined for our mountain stream DH fisheries in November. The area's small wild trout streams are still fishing well and the bigger ones are now cooling off, too, thanks to colder nights. Get out there soon and enjoy the second best season of the year for Southeastern trout-ing.

On the chapter front, we had a screenful of Zoomers for Anthony's fine September program on GA hatchery disease issues and his agency's efforts to assess the problem and work on solutions. It was truly breaking news and we all appreciated Anthony's openness – and his call to action on our parts. There was also some information presented on cleaning, drying, and sanitizing your wading equipment to stop the spread of micro-nasties.

This month, we have two fine Rabunites about to spill the beans on some Alaska hotspots. Don't miss Kent and Larry's program on their far-north trip last month. Their experiences and insights might help you to plan your own trip of a lifetime, too.

On the business front, your Board of Directors and Excom have stayed busy, and a bit frustrated, just like y'all. We had hoped to get together this fall while the weather is still nice enough to meet outside, but Covid lingers. Half of the gang wanted to try something together outside, while the other half still wanted to stay distant. We settled on staying the course and play it safe (distant), at least for the near future, and watch the medical data. But we're working on plans for some in-person gatherings, likely starting with some outdoor activities when it warms again in March. And if things look safer, sooner, we can always move up our schedule. Your thoughts on gathering topics are always welcome, so feel free to share them with a BOD member or me.

We want some mo' money. Rendezvous Guru Ray King and several of his volunteer minions are working on plans for 2022 flatlander looting, err, I mean fundraising. Plan A is our traditional Dillard House shindig, but covid still clouds that plan, so the group is also working on a couple of alternatives for an online auction. Since the BOD has been very tight on spending, we do have enough operating funds for this year and next. But it will be sure nice to earn some more cash, boost our checking account, and spend much more money on worthy causes, from conservation projects to education, outreach, gifts to TU National, and assistance to other local programs.

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Which brings me to some great news. The BOD did approve our FY22 budget and, as part of that, some nice donations to local programs were involved. We've just worked treasurer Wayne Prosser hard. You'll be proud to know that your past fundraising efforts helped our chapter to write six donation checks this month. Five \$500 checks went to:

- 1) the UCCTU Crayfish Creek stream restoration project along the Hooch in ATL;
- 2) the GA Casting for Recovery program for its women's breast cancer survivors retreat at Smithgall Woods;
- 3) Project Healing Waters for our wounded vets, who discover the joy of fly tying and trout fishing;
- 4) the UGA 5Rivers flyfishing club for loaner equipment for its student members (did you like their CleanMyWater campaign and national video on the Orvis Company's website?) and;
- 5) the Smithgall Woods youth education program, led by that Eveready bunny, Kathy Church.

One last check for \$200 went to the GA Wildlife Federation to support its Camo Coalition, which calls us to action on legislative proposals that would affect (positively or negatively) our aquatic resources.

We may be physically distant, but Rabunites sure aren't inactive. Thanks to each Rabunite for your donations of food, flies, tackle, guided trips and cash through each year (and especially at Rendezvous time) that padded our chapter bank account and enabled these six fine program gifts. Start scrounging some goodies now for our winter 2022 campaign.

And a special thanks to a small handful of Rabunites who, through a private, covert operation, sent our chapter's thanks to our most awesome VP. If you noticed last month, the newsletter editor let it slip that Tammy just retired. Well, Reeves sporting goods helped us to celebrate her achievement. Just ask her what she spent her gift card on. Waaah-HOO and congrats, Tammy!

While you may see our upcoming months' plans as TBD, just know that we're doing our best to find opportunities to gather and have fun, whether they are Zoom or in-person. I deeply appreciate your active BOD and their guidance as we all navigate these strange times of risk vs reward. Hopefully the toughest days are starting to fall behind us, and some great times will soon pop up on our horizon. We sure have a lot of nervous energy built up in our 170 members and it will be great to unleash it on conservation, education, and outreach programs when we can, indeed, spring forward. So hang in there folks! And thanks for being Rabunites, especially the ones who have found the Zoom button!

Prez Jeff