



# TIGHT LINES

## July 2022 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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## *Annual Rabun Chapter Family Picnic at Kelly's Waterfall Park.*

*Thursday, July 14*

**Fellowship begins at 5:00 pm, meal begins at 6:30 pm.**

From Dillard, GA, take GA Hwy 246 about 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Wayfarer Lane. Go to the end of the road.

The Chapter will provide the fried chicken, soft drinks and ice tea, ice, plates, silverware. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, such as veggies, salad, chips, or a dessert. Bring a chair.

**Bring a friend! See you there!**



## Important Upcoming Dates Mark Your Calendars Now!

- **Wednesday, July 13. Electroshocking Chattooga River, Spoon Auger section. Meet at 8:30 AM at Burrells Ford Bridge. Bring waders, lunch, & water.**
- **Thursday, July 14. Rabun Chapter Annual Family Picnic. Potluck dinner, the Chapter supplies the fried chicken, paper plates, utensils. Meet at Kellys Water Park at 5:00 pm.**
- **Wednesday, July 20. Electroshocking Chattooga River, Ellicotts Rock section. Meet at 8:30 AM at Burrells Ford Bridge. Bring waders, lunch, & water.**
- **Wednesday, August 3. Rain date for Electroshocking Chattooga River.**
- **There will be no August Rabun Chapter Meeting or August Tightlines.**

### Rabun Chapter Meeting, June 21

Approximately 25 Chapter members and guests met for the June Chapter meeting, the first in-person, indoor Chapter meeting since April, 2020 when the COVID pandemic precluded meetings. It was good to get back together!

Landon Williams gave a great presentation on fishing the GA Bass Slam. There are 10 different species of black bass within the state of Georgia. To qualify for the Bass Slam, you must catch five of those species within one calendar year. Landon included in his presentation details on each of the ten species, including their range within the state, their habitats, and tips on catching them. Rabunites were especially interested in learning about the Bartrams Bass, a black bass species found in the lower reaches of the Chattooga River.

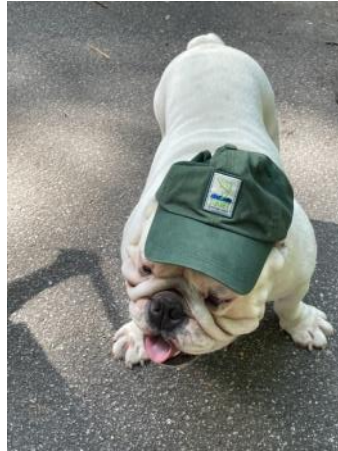
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the Georgia Bass Slam.



Vice Prez Tammy presented a Broderick Crawford “Rainbow Trout” print to Landon.

## Tallulah River Kids Fishing Event, June 11

Enjoy a couple of scenes from the Tallulah River Kids Fishing Event, courtesy of Vice Prez Tammy. Again, thanks to our fine Chapter volunteers who assisted Frank Patton on that sunny Saturday morning.



We also appreciated the help from our sister chapter to the south, the Savannah River Chapter.



No sport affords a greater field for observation and study than fly fishing, and it is the close attention paid to the minor happenings upon the stream that marks the finished angler.

*George M.L. Branche*

*The Dry Fly and Fast Waters (1914)*



# RABUN TU “RENDEZVOUS-LITE” SUMMARY

From Ray King, Rendezvous Chair

The first ONLINE AUCTION for the Rabun Chapter is over! While the “RENDEZVOUS-LITE” will never replace our live “RABUN RENDEZVOUS” held in January each year, this alternate method did provide us with some needed funds to continue to support the work of Trout Unlimited and the Rabun Chapter.

With the support of Event Groove staff (developers of the program used to manage the event), Trout Unlimited National and the many donors and bidders, we were successful in raising approximately \$3700 (net following expenses) from the event. This was a great result for our first foray into the online fundraising process for our chapter. We didn’t offer as many items as normal in our silent auction, actually only about one third of the items we would normally offer. This was due to size and timing. Many of our auction items are provided the day of the event or are of such a size, it would preclude using in the online event due to shipping and handling. A lot of our items are custom made. Photos and an online description simply don’t do them justice. We’ll save these for the next time we get together.

## THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS:

Steve Perry – RABUNITE; Patsy and Ray Gentry – RABUNITES; Rick O’Hara – RABUNITE; Pat & Tammy Hopton – RABUNITES; The (Doug) Adams Family - RABUNITES; Reeves Outdoors – Clayton, GA; Mack Martin – Atlanta Fly Fishing School; Bill Beach; Dean English – RABUNITE; Terry Rivers – RABUNITE; Kent Wilson – RABUNITE; Rabun TU Chapter #522; Kathy & Charlie Breithaupt – RABUNITES; Unicoi Outfitters – Helen, GA; Ron Wilson; Smithgall Woods State Park – Will Wagner, Mgr.; Unicoi State Park & Lodge – Bill Mish, Mgr.; Lewis Reeves III – RABUNITE and Mike Sobaski.

And thank you to all who bid on the auction items. Your generosity netted the Rabun Chapter \$3,700 to be used towards our mission of conservation, protection, and restoration of Northeast Georgia’s coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

I hope we can meet in January, IN PERSON, at the next Rabun Rendezvous! We are working on finalizing dates and contract terms. Stay tuned for details in upcoming editions of “Tight lines”

## **2022 Georgia Trout Camp Charlie Breithaupt reporting**

Back in 2004 when we launched the first ever Georgia Trout Camp, no one could foresee that eighteen years later we would still be going strong. Those first campers are now well into adulthood and, sadly, several of those first mentors have gone “around the bend.” Another band of dedicated trout anglers have stepped up to lead, and eager youngsters are still out there ready to learn and carry on the sport we all love. Thanks to Rodney Tumlin, Camp Director, and all the volunteers for another great camp.

This year’s camp was held at Tallulah Falls School where 13 campers (all male for the first time ever) worked together to learn to handle a fly rod, tie flies and knots, improve stream conditions and how to behave while fishing on a stream. A day was spent at Smithgall Woods with Kathy Church from GA DNR learning about healthy streams and the bugs that live there. The campers experienced several different kinds of trout fishing from Smith Creek (small stream) to Tallulah River (big, public water) to Nacoochee Bend (private, trophy water). They caught fish on all types of water. Thanks to Jimmy Harris and his Unicoi Outfitters guides for a memorable day.

The Rabun Chapter’s camper this year was Jack Thomson, son of trout stocking guru and good friend John Lee Thomson. Jack is already a competitive bass fisherman and is now ready to get after the trout. Perhaps he’ll share a secret or two with Dad.

As always the campers spent a day improving a stream. With the help of our partners and friends at USFS and Georgia DNR we added stream structures to Walnut Fork to improve habitat.

Several Rabunites added much to the camp. Brooks and Amanda Adams and family were there to help set up and Avril stayed all week as a mentor. Once again Terry Rivers, fly tying legend, led the fly tying instruction and Pat and Tammy Hopton presented an award-winning performance on stream etiquette. Wayne Prosser was a willing worker to help set up camp. One of the most difficult and important job at camp is that of Camp Nurse. This year Donna Lawrence and Kathy Harris filled that position with grace, charm and a sense humor.

All this comes together and happens because Kathy Breithaupt, Rabunite and Georgia Council Chairman, makes it work as she has every year since it all began.

Plans are underway for Georgia Trout Camp 2023. Stay tuned and plan to get involved. It’s the best thing we do!!!



## **Fly of the Month**

By Terry Rivers



### **Foam Grasshopper**

**HOOK:** Dry Fly Hook #10-16

**BODY:** Peacock Herl or Dubbing of your Choice

**BACK:** Black, Brown, or Yellow Foam Rubber

**WING:** White Antron, Elk Hair, or Deer Hair

**LEGS:** Medium Rubber Leg Material to Match Foam Color

**IT'S TERRESTRIAL TIME OF YEAR! USE HOPPERS, BEETLES OR ANTS. TRY DROPPING A SMALL CRAYFISH OFF THE BACK AND HOLD ON!**

*See you on The River! Terry*

## **Rabun Chapter Membership Update**

Current membership: 159 adult members and 2 youth members.

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

Ryan Hamilton from Rabun Gap, GA and Austin Carpenter from Rabun Gap, GA.

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

Monte Seehorn, Steve Litterell, Derek Porter, and Shane English.

### ***Soon to Expire Members !***

Jim Kidd, Jim Blalock, Maxie Gates, Stephen Weinelt, Mike Fuller, Pom Sinnock, Avril Adams, Calder Adams, Phil Upchurch, and Richard O'Hara.

**All of us search for that perfect trout stream. Those who find it treasure it the rest of their lives. Those who don't keep searching.**

*Jimmy Moore  
Trout Streams I've Known*

## JULY 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,<br>Pheasant Tail |
| Golden Stonefly     | All Month            | E am               | 8-12 Ginger Stimulator<br>6-10 Golden Stonefly Nymph               |
| Brown Stonefly      | All Month            | E to mid am        | 10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph   |
| Light Cahill Mayfly | All month            | E to L pm          | 12-14 Light Cahill<br>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<br>18-20 Midge Pupa                           |
| Terrestrial         | All month            | All day            | Ants, beetles, crickets, inch worms, etc.                          |

### **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!**

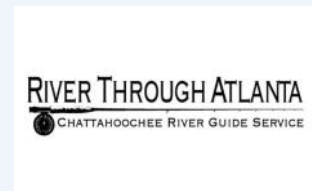
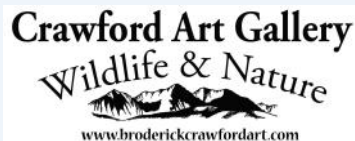
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*Thank you, Sponsors! We appreciate your support of the Rabun Chapter!*

*All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c)3 non-profit) are tax deductible.*

## 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

Welcome to Summer Siesta time. I hope you've found some shade and maybe had a few showers pass over your gardens, too. While it's a slow time for trout fishing, it's still a great season for Rabunite activities.

First, let's all thank our June worker bees. Kathy, Charlie, Cohuttan Rodney Tumlin, and several more Rabunites pulled off another great GATU trout camp for kids. Hooray! Online Auction Guru Ray King netted us \$3,700 for chapter operations. Wow, thank you Ray and all donors to our highly successful inaugural online auction. A nice bunch of hillbillies packed back into the church hall to welcome Landon Williams and soak up his bass fishing tips. How many of y'all are now pursuing the Georgia Bass Slam, or tossing small rubber spiders for the border river's colorful bream? Our chapter checks went far to ensure the successes of both the Black Rock Park and USFS Tallulah River kids fishing rodeos. Special thanks to Frank Patton and his four chapter helpers for supplying the feds with kids' treats and then staffing a Rabun TU info booth.

What's next? How about some work, some partying, and some traveling? Watch the chapter calendar in this newsletter and on our home page. You'll see the annual interagency river sampling on the horizon. If you wanna see all those fish you can't catch in The River, be a pack mule and help hike in some sampling supplies. Then watch the agency folks cheat with electricity. You'll have a new appreciation for the diversity and poundage of finned river critters.

Then it's our annual picnic at Kelly's Waterfall Park. As usual, the chapter springs for the chicken and plasticware while y'all supply the sides. It's a nice evening of fellowship at a very scenic locale.

After that, it's road trip time. Rabunite wagon trains will form and point west toward the Trout Promised Lands of the Rockies. Let's wish them all good luck and good weather. May it rain out there a bit to keep the forest fires and their smoky haze at bay. And may the pale morning duns, caddis, and windblown hoppers chum up some mighty fine wild trout for y'all. Please come back with pics and stories for Pat's newsletter. Of course, omit all stream names per our chapter standards of IDBIS decorum.

Good luck this summer. From fried chicken to interagency fellowship and to Rockies road trips, I hope summer vacation refreshes all Rabunite souls. And we'll then see you in September!

*Prez Jeff*