



# **TIGHT LINES**

## **September 2022 Newsletter**

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## **Rabun Chapter (522) Trout Unlimited**

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The mission of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to conserve, protect, and restore Northeast Georgia's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

## **September, 2022 Rabun Chapter Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 20**

**Fellowship Hall of Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church**

**8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA**

**Fellowship starts at 6:30 pm, Program starts at 7:00 pm**

Our very own Chapter member Kathy Breithaupt also serves as Chairman of the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited. For tonight's program Kathy will give us an update on what's happening with the GA Council.

In addition, Kathy and her husband Charlie recently attended the Annual National TU meeting in Portland, ME. Together they will give us an update on that meeting and what's new on the national side of Trout Unlimited.

Come hear their presentation and learn how you can help in the conservation of clean, cold water and healthy trout.



**Please join us and bring a friend!**

## Important Upcoming Dates Mark Your Calendars Now!

- Tuesday, Sept 20. **Monthly Chapter Meeting.** Program will be presented by Kathy Breithaupt and will be an update on GA Council and national TU activities. Fellowship at 6:30 pm, program at 7:00 pm. Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church.
- Tuesday, Oct 18. **Monthly Chapter Meeting.** Program and speaker to be determined. Fellowship at 6:30 pm, program at 7:00 pm. Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church.
- Tuesday, Nov 1. **Georgia Delayed Harvest Season** begins.
- Monday, Nov 7 through Sunday, November 13. **Rabun Chapter Fall Campout.** [Oconee State Park](#). Make your own campsite reservations. Meals will be communal at Campsite 93. Contact [Terry Rivers](#) to sign up to cook a meal.

### Report—Rabun Chapter Annual Family Picnic, July 14

After missing a couple of years due to the pandemic, the Rabun Chapter was finally able to resume the Annual Family Picnic this year. It was good to see everyone! Everyone was happy and enjoying the food and fellowship. There were several new people this year and we all made sure to make them feel welcome and included. Total attendance was around 25 people and there were several pups. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to set up and clean-up, and especially to everyone who brought food. Everything was delicious!





## Trip Reports

### Jim and Carolyn Kidd—Colorado

In an effort to escape south Alabama heat and humidity, Carolyn and I made a journey west of Hiawassee. Our target was the mountains of Colorado. Our trip include a small furry package named Magnolia. This made things interesting.

After a few days on the road, traveling through Texas, and other south lying States we ended up in the Rio Grande River valley and stayed in a small lodge. We fished small streams that were tribs to the Rio Grande River and explored the very upper portion of the River. This area is beautiful and the streams productive.

After a few days in this area, we headed north to the Breckinridge area, and set up camp in a lodge for a couple of weeks. A little rain came and went, making the streams full, but we managed to capture a few trout. We made our annual trek to the high mountains and our favorite spot. The beavers had been at work again, but Carolyn bagged her usual Brookies and managed to take the big trout of the day!!

Miss Magnolia was in tow. She got away from us, and came back looking like a walking cow patty. Took some serious scrubbing to be allowed back in the truck. Long hard walk, but the fishing was worth it. A cold beer and supper were well deserved.

There were no fires this year and no smoke. Fished a variety of streams in the area, with good luck and some hard fishing. One stream produced a really nice brown, but was reluctant to give up much more. The cool weather, low humidity and good food made for a great trip.

We were able to meet up with Sautee and spend an afternoon fishing and catching up. Always good to fish and spend time with friends. Also, always good to head out past HIAWASSEE.



Carolyn's big brown trout!





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### Lewis Reeves III, Jeff Reeves, and Trey McFalls—Wyoming

We flew into Denver, rented a car, and drove up to Encampment, WY, all with no problems. In Riverside, we rented a cabin with a full kitchen. We spent 5 days fishing high mountain creeks for brookies, browns, and rainbows. The weather was perfect and the water conditions were great. Everyone caught plenty of fish! We all had a great time and are already planning a trip back for next year.



Many Rabunites will recognize this bridge!



## **Fly of the Month**

By Terry Rivers

### **Soft Hackle Pheasant Tail**

**HOOK:** Nymph Fly Hook #12-16

**TAIL:** 5-6 Pheasant Tail Fibers

**BODY:** Pheasant Tail Fibers

**THORAX:** Peacock Herl

**HACKLE:** Partridge Or Similar Soft Hackle



This is a great fly to use as a dropper, with a Stimulator as the lead fly and strike indicator!

***See you on The River! Terry***

## **Rabun Chapter Membership Update**

Current membership: 174 adult members and 2 youth members.

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

Davy Suitts from Atlanta, GA; William Barnes from Franklin, NC; Eben Barnes from Franklin, NC; Pat Towers from Clayton, GA; Eric Towers from Clayton, GA; Caleb Pipes from Phoenix City, AL; John Daoust from Nenana, AK; Terri Skiles from Tiger, GA; George Skiles from Tiger, GA; Bailey Skiles from Tiger, GA; and Jake Vincent from Auburn, AL.

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

Max Gates, Tom Shirley, Phil Upchurch, Keith Vickers, and Tom Lassiter.

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

June Landreth, Greg Corbett, and Laura Seberg.

I carry fewer flies each year, and less gear. Each year I watch a little more, fish a little less. My expertise with a fly rod, such as it is, fails to improve much.

Christopher Camuto

*A Fly Fisherman's Blue Ridge (1990)*

## September 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
Speckled Grey Caddis	Late	Late pm	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/ Yellow & Brown 14-16 Dun and Yellow Caddis Pupa
Large October Caddis	Late	Early am and Late pm	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair Caddis 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
Trico Mayfly	Mid to Late	Mid am	20 Parachute Trico
Trico Spinner Fall	Mid to Late	Late pm	20-22 Polywing Black Spinner
Midges	All month	All day	18-22 Griffiths Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Terrestrials	All month	All day	Ants, beetles, crickets, inch worms, etc.
None at all	All Month	All day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, Pheasant Tail

### 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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## 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](#)

[Tammy Hopton](#)

[Wayne Prosser](#)

[David Ruth](#)

[Kent Wilson](#)

[Ray King](#)

[Jimmy Whiten](#)

[Trey McFalls](#)

[Terry Rivers](#)

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Chapter President

Chapter Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

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Rendezvous Chair

Director thru 2022

Director thru 2023

Director thru 2024

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### Non-Voting Leaders

[Michele Crawford](#)

[Jerry McFalls](#)

[Pat Hopton](#)

[Steve Perry](#)

Women's Outreach, Memorials

Scouts Liaison

Tight Lines Editor

Conservation Chairperson

## Prez Notes

Welcome back from summer vacation! The BOD and I hope you had a great one that included a lot of relaxation, some travel, and hopefully some fly flinging in chillier waters “west of Hiwassee.” That’s why the chapter takes August off. We honor member traditions as they treat an incurable disease: Rocky Mountain Fever. Indeed, there is no cure, but regular doses of hydrotherapy at CO, WY, MT, and ID treatment centers help to keep that affliction in check.

All traveling fibbers are encouraged to share their therapy session summaries with editor Pat. Your stories and photos from Notellum Creek, Nunya Business Branch, and IDBIS River always enhance the quality of Pat’s outstanding newsletters. Please help him with fodder for his fall editions.

Speaking of fall, the BOD, Tammy, and I are lining up some nice chapter programs and activities. Watch the newsletter and our chapter Facebook page for updates and other fishy news. It’s looking like we’ll have great topics and speakers for September and October, and then another fine campout plan for November, as we celebrate the resurrection of trout on The River after its long summer slumber. New BOD dude Mike A also told us of a Southeastern fly tyers convention coming right here to Dillard that month, too!

Speaking of our chapter leaders, I really want to thank them for their activism. We got a nice annual budget unanimously passed in July and should soon cut a few checks to fellow nonprofits that we’ve supported for years. Ray King made that possible by reeling in an extra \$3,700 in our spring online auction. Wayne has done a superb job as treasurer, and has budgeted enough loot for our normal operations, administration, and possible conservation projects through the March fiscal year end. (Holler if you’d like a copy of the budget) He was also an effective Chicken Man, as the supply of fried poultry parts was perfect for our July picnic! Jimmy has nurtured our membership list and Trey has snagged a few fly-fishing outfits for youthful nominees submitted by you chapter members. David Ruth stepped into the Secretary position and our meeting minutes are excellent. (Give me a holler if you’d like copies.) Tammy, Terry and the rest of your leadership gang are unbelievable, volunteering to serve whenever and wherever needed, from leading meetings to repairing our storage unit and teaching anyone to tie flies. It should be another great year for our chapter, thanks to them. Please join me in that gratitude.

And I have to be the most thankful Rabunite. Apologies to all of you for my absences, but some family medical challenges and my own lumbar disc rupture has kept me sidelined. I’m sure hoping to hike and put my waders back on some day in the future. For now, I’ll simply keep healing (very slowly due to too many birthdays) and appreciating Tammy and our fine Rabunite clan for keeping our chapter going. Hopefully I can show up some time this fall to at least say hello.

Thank you all for being faithful Rabunites. May we all appreciate what we do have. That includes family, friends, and our beautiful north GA environs. Soon our southern Appalachians will cool down and color up. So will its resident browns and brookies. And the welcome scent of campfire smoke will replace the thick, humid summer air. I can’t wait! How about y’all? C’mon fall!

*Prez Jeff*