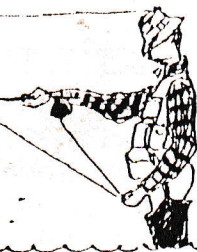


TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER

TROUT UNLIMITED

FEBRUARY 1989

FEBRUARY MEETING

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its' monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, February 21st at the Rabun County Library in Clayton. Social hour begins at 7 PM, followed by the program and meeting at 7:30. Jeff Durniak, DNR and member will present the program. The subject was not known at this time but is believed to be something to do with modernizing your graphite rod with electricity. Just try to be there as Jeff always presents an interesting, if controversial, program.

JANUARY MEETING

If you weren't there, you really missed a fine blowout! The Rabun Chapter hosted its' first annual combination Chattooga River Coalition and Chapter meeting on January 21st at the American Legion Club in Clayton. Guests and members were treated to fine food and drink, great music by the "Foxfire Boys", valuable prizes and awards, short speeches and the latest poop on the condition of "the river".

The food was furnished by many and ranged from bear roast to smoked trout. George Reynolds directed the bluegrass band, the raffle items were brought in by members and the other chapters of TU in Georgia and South Carolina.

The Chattahoochee, the Chattooga, the Coosa Valley, Upper Chattahoochee, Kanooka, Mountain Bridge and the Cohuttas were all represented and we do appreciate their support.

Jim Nixon, Doug Adams and Jim Kidd presented some dubious awards to several guests for their special contributions in the field of trout harassment. From the expressions on their faces as they came to the podium, it was a moment they will cherish and remember forever. Your editor received a fine Orvis reel in recognition of my efforts to keep you informed through "Tight Lines". I thank you and will put it to good use shortly. It is a shame that Seehorn got the rod...just think how good the reel would have looked.....

Monte, Jeff and Bob Martin of the Mountain Bridge Chapter then gave us a report on the Chattooga River Project. Monitoring water quality and recommended methods of improving it were covered as well as the most recent data from all the "bug pickin's". Jeff covered fish ampling and creel census data. The facts were encouraging and discouraging...and so it goes. Thanks for an interesting and informative presentation. We want to also thank a special group of ladies who took over in the kitchen and helped assure everyone was served. Thank you, thank you.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday	April 21st	TROUT SEMINAR, Oconee State Park
Saturday	April 22nd	SOUTHEAST REGION TU MEETING, Ramada Inn, Clemson, S.C.
Friday	May 5th	SIXTH AND FINAL BUG PICKIN' Oconee State Park
Monday	June 12th	BEGINNING OF WEST FORK STUDY Best Western Motel Dillard, Georgia

There will also be a work project during the month of April but a final date has not been set.

FLY TYING CLASS

There will be one more fly tying session on March 7th at Henry's classroom on Ford Mountain. Those of us who have gathered these last three sessions have learned a lot under the direction of the practical flytyer. We've covered most of the fly patterns that are the mainstays of this area and I can hardly wait to catch a big'un on one of my very own flies. And oh yes, Henry gave me the pattern for a new creation that will be in the pages of Tight Lines, probably in April. The class meets at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A big Rabun Chapter welcome to new members BENNY BARDETTE of Pine Mountain, Georgia and to JIM HARRIS of Cornelia. We are getting so many members in Habersham County we may start our own chapter - HAWG WALLOWERS! The following members need to renew: Chris Atkinson, Richard Davis, John Fowler Eddie Palmer, Tom Shirley, Jack Short, Fritz and Jeff Vinson.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES IN 1988

In case you don't remember, here's some of what we did last year: Ending the year with 51 members including 8 family memberships, we held 10 regular meetings, 8 committee meetings, put out 12 issues of TIGHT LINES, wrote 22 letters of protest, information or advice, participated in 6 outside programs, attended 9 non-chapter meetings, initiated 9 communications pieces, worked on 17 days of projects of our own and 12 assorted projects with others. We also took in money and spent some - an accounting is included with the newsletter. No wonder Nugget has changed his name to "FISHMORE".

GREAT EPIC POEM CONTEST

You may recall it was first reported on these pages that when Allison Adams first wore her Rabun Chapter T Shirt the young ladies of Agnes Scott were so overcome that trout poems began to appear on Allison's dorm door. We decided that such literary endeavours should not go unrewarded and have therefore selected one poem that stands out as an example of classic trout literature.

Oh Trout, dear Trout,
You are so great.
You look lovely in the water,
Even better on my plate.
YUM!

Author Unknown

Here are the others, all inspiring but the above stands out with its directness and simplicity. Also, if it don't rime, it ain't poetry!

Speaking in tongues;
Speaking of trout -
How could I help
But knock myself out?

Inspiration seizes
Like the cool mountain breezes
That blow over streams
And bring me trout dreams...
(ooh, ah)

by VMR

Trout, Trout
Oh blessed Trout
I can never get out
Words that are devout
Enough to pout
About
The gout
I get from Trout
Espcially when my clout
Goes up that route
Travelled by Trout
So let's not doubt
About
Trout.

by DRP

(Chorus) Trout, Trout
Swimming about
These are the fish
I can't do without
Come on, I'm talking to you.
Come on.

(Verse) In modern times,
You wouldn't have to sell your
rod.
In modern times,
You wouldn't have to settle for
cod....
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cod..

Fishy Fishy Fishy
Trout my love
Be
Free
To Love
Me

by Kim Mitchell

(Repeat Chorus)
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RECLASSIFICATION OF CHATTOOGA WATERSHED STREAMS

On December 8, 1988 the N. C. Department of Natural Resources approved classifying most of the streams of the Chattooga watershed as Outstanding Resource Water. This reclassification will take effect on March 1, 199. Simply stated, this protection strategy includes:

- 1) No new discharges
- 2) No expansions of pollutant loadings from existing discharges
- 3) Control of storm water

You can fight "city hall" if you are persistent and RIGHT!



3 February 1989

1988 OPERATING STATEMENT
Rabun Chapter

Estimated Total Non-TU Dollars Leveraged During 1988
Rabun Chapter

Income	
Grant - FishAmerica Foundation	\$2,110.13
Rebate - National TU	\$ 73.50
Donation	\$ 10.00
Fund Raisers:	
7 Raffles	\$ 310.00
Tee Shirt Sales	\$ 330.00
State Park for Trout Day Program	\$ 50.00
2 Fishfrys	\$ 86.00
3 Paintings	\$ 30.00
Total Income	\$2,999.63

Expenses	
Stream Restore - Reed Creek	\$2,166.79
Stream Protection - Chattooga River	\$ 100.00
Stream Protection - Timpson Creek	\$ 27.00
Contribution - Sport Fishing Inst.	\$ 25.00
Education - High School & County Librarys	\$ 20.00
Awards/Recognition	\$ 94.72
Meetings	\$ 33.02
Postage (including Newsletter)	\$ 271.20
Fund Raisers:	
Raffles	\$ 62.00
Tee Shirts	\$ 244.00
Total Expenses	\$3,043.73

Net Deficit (\$ -44.10)

1988 BALANCE SHEET
Rabun Chapter

Assets		
Cash/Bank Account	31 December 1988	\$ 690.88
Accounts Receivables		\$ 0.00
Real Estate		\$ 0.00
Equipment, Supplies, Etc.		\$ 0.00
Total Assets		\$ 690.88
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		\$ 0.00
Taxes Due		\$ 0.00
Other		\$ 0.00
Total Liabilities		\$ 0.00
Net Fund Equity		\$ 690.88

Reed Creek - Stream Restore		
USFS (Inc. Challenge Grant)		\$ 5,000
Youth Conservation Corps.		\$ 3,000
Georgia Game & Fish Div.		\$ 600
Rabun County		\$ 1,000
Chevron Corporation - SCA Sponsor		\$ 9,000
Vulcan Materials Co.		\$ 1,000
Georgia Power Co.		\$ 100
Chattooga River - Stream Protection		
USFS - Georgia		\$ 2,500
USFS - N.C.		\$ 2,000
Georgia Game & Fish Div.		\$ 2,000
N.C. DEM		\$ 5,000
Big Creek - Stream Protection		
N.C. DEM		\$ 1,500
Dukes Creek - Stream Protection		
USFS		\$ 1,500
Georgia Game & Fish Div.		\$ 250
Keener Creek - Stream Protection		
USFS		\$ 150
Georgia Game & Fish Div.		\$ 150
Timpson Creek - Stream Protection		
Rabun County		\$ 100
Panther Creek - Stream Protection		
Georgia Game & Fish Div.		\$ 150
Estimated Total Leveraged		\$35,000

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RABUN CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT
 Summary of Activities for 1988

I. Membership

1 Jan. 88 53 Memberships (11 Family)
 Lost (-13) Memberships (3 Family)
 Added +13 Memberships (3 Family)
 31 Dec. 88 53 Memberships (11 Family)

II. General Meetings 3rd Tuesday of Month, 7 PM.

Month	Location	Program	Attendance
Jan.	Library	USFS Rise to the Future*	16
Feb.	Library	USFS Fisheries Biologist from Colorado	22
Mar.	Library	GADR Regional Fisheries Biologist	18
April/May	Ridley Cr C/6	Open Discussions w/New USFS Forest Supv.	16
June	Library	Video Tapes - Georgia Trout Fishing	13
July	Library	Knot Tying and Fly Tying	22
Aug.	Library	Meeting w/New USFS Dist. Ranger - Fly Tying	19
Sept.	Ridley Cr C/6	Open Discussions w/Fisheries Professionals	14
Oct.	Library	Alaska Fishing & Colorado Fishing Videos	17
Nov.	Library	GADR Fisheries Biologist-Chattooga Update	16

Committee Meetings -

Dukes Creek Committee - 2 meetings
 Kenner Creek Committee - 4 meetings
 Chattooga River Steering Committee - 2 meetings

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III. Communications

A. Rabun Chapter Newsletter:

TIGHT LINES: 11 issues & 1 special announcement.

B. Chapter Letters Advising Concerns, Expressing Views, Requesting Assistance, etc.

- 7 to US Forest Service
- 2 to GA Game & Fish Division
- 2 to GA Dept of Transportation
- 1 to Rabun County Commission
- 1 to City of Clayton
- 1 to GA. Lt. Governor
- 2 to Dnr 3 State Representatives
- 1 to Dnr 3 Congressmen
- 1 to Asheville Dnr
- 1 to Local Land Owner
- 1 to M.C. Dept. of Environmental Management
- 1 to National TV President

C. Chapter Provided Programs/Presentations For:

Description **Rabun Participants**

TU Chapter in Greenville, S.C. 1
 USFS Campground Hosts Workshop for GA. 1
 2 meetings with Student Conservation Association Team. 2,3
 GA. State Parks "Trout Day" Program. 7
 Methodist Mens Club of Rabun County. 1

D. Chapter Representatives Attended Meetings, Workshops, Public Hearings, Etc.

Description **Rabun Participants**

Tallulah River Road Reconstruction Public Meeting. 2
 Rabun Trout Workshop - Asheville, N.C. 5
 USFS Stream Improvement Workshop for GA. 3
 USFS Planning Meeting for GA. 2
 N.C. DFW Public Meeting - ORM reclassification. 2
 Stream Habitat Workshop - Wisconsin. 2
 GA DNR Game & Fish Rule Changes Public Meeting. 2
 GA TU Council (2 meetings). 1

E. Miscellaneous Chapter Communications:

Newspaper Article - Clayton Tribune.
 4 Conversations w/USFS on Land/Trout Stream Acquisitions.
 Conversations w/Wilderness Society on Land/Trout Stream Acquisitions.
 3 Interviews by High School Students on deer articles.
 2 Conversations with GA DNR/County State & USFS on Kenner Creek.
 Study Committee Report to City/County Foundation.
 2 Project Reports to FishAmerica Foundation.

IV. Conservation Work Outings Involving Chapter Participation

Month	Description	Participants
Feb.	Electro Fished Kenner Creek w/USFS & GA DNR	2
Mar.	Electro Fished Panther Creek w/GA DNR	7
Mar.	Erosion Control Seeding - Reed Creek w/USFS	2
April	Construct Stream Structures - Reed Creek w/USFS	21
May	Macroinvertebrate Collection - Chattooga River w/USFS & DNR	2
May	Construct Stream Structures - Reed Creek w/USFS	9
May	Electro Fished - Reed Creek w/GA DNR & USFS	2
June	Electro Fished - Reed Creek w/GA DNR & USFS	11
June	Construct Stream Structures/Timpson Creek w/USFS	9
Sept.	Erosion Control Seeding - Chattooga River w/USFS & DNR	4
Sept.	Electro Fished - Reed Creek w/GA DNR & USFS	8
Sept.	Erosion Inspection during Rainstorm - Reed Creek	3
Sept.	Erosion Control Woodchip Application - Reed Creek	5
Sept.	Erosion Control Seeding - Reed Creek w/USFS	2
Sept.	Electro Fished - Chattooga River w/GA, SC & USFS	2
Sept.	Erosion Survey & Identification - Reed Creek w/USFS	7
Dec.		
Total Participant - Days:		121

V. Stream Projects &/or Concerns Involving Rabun Chapter During 1988:

A. Georgia

1. Reed Creek - "Embrace-A-Stream", Habitat Work, Erosion Control.
 2. Chattooga River - 3 year study, All facets.
 3. Kenner Creek - Protect from construction of City Raw Water Reservoir.
 4. Reservoir - Put A Grow Stocking, New Highway Construction.
 5. Dukes Creek - Loss of 0.8 ml. of Public Stream to Private Ownership.
 6. Tallulah River - Law Change to Year Round Season; Road Reconstruction.
 7. Timpson Creek - Erosion Control on 2 County Bridge Construction Projects.
 8. Waters Creek - Rule Changes on Special Regulations.
 9. Betys Creek - Habitat Improvement through Shading.
- B. North Carolina**
1. Chattooga River Headwaters - Reclassification to O.R.M. Discharge.
 2. Big Creek Headwaters - Protect Stream from Proposed WTRP Discharge.

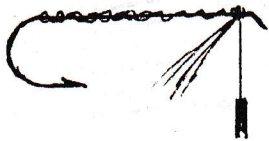
C. Colorado

1. Holy Cross Wilderness Area - Protect Streams from Water Diversion.
- VI. Rabun Chapter Social Activities During 1988:**
- 7 Social Hours w/freshments & videos preceding meetings.
 - 2 Campouts w/fishing.
 - 1 Fly Tying Workshop.
 - 1 Fish Fry for SCA team.

Yellow Ribbed Gramineae

In early April the husks of the Golden Gramineae may be seen bouncing along the stream beds and straws about and along the banks. Rarely does one actually see a Gramineae as they are usually devoured the moment they break out of the husks. This tied and type nymph should be bounced on the bottom beneath bridges.

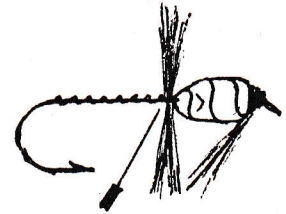
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THREAD: YELLOW
HACKLE: GOLDEN CHICKEN HAIR *
BODY: GREEN EYED GIANT NIBLETS
RIB: YELLOW THREAD
TAIL: BEIGE DRIED CORN SILK



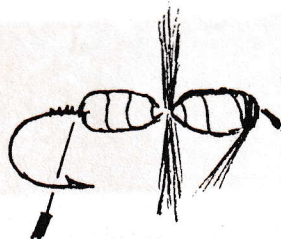
① WRAP THREAD ALONG SHANK FOR BASE, TIE IN A FEW CHICKEN HAIR FIBERS ON UNDER SIDE OF HOOK.



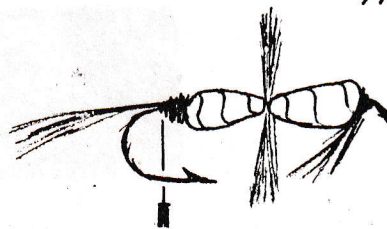
② BUILD UP HEAD BY TAPERING THE THREAD TOWARDS THE EYE.



③ THREAD ON A NIBLET, LARGE END FIRST AND SNUG UP TO HEAD. FORM RIB WITH THREAD AND TIE IN CHICKEN HAIR THORAX STYLE.



④ THREAD SECOND NIBLET ON, SNUGGING UP TO HACKLE. WRAP THREAD TOWARDS BEND, FORMING RIB.



⑤ TIE IN SEVERAL CORN SILK FIBERS AND BUILD TAPER FROM BEND TO NIBLET. TIE OFF AND FINISH WITH CEMENT.

* CHICKEN HAIR, ESPECIALLY GOLDEN IS VERY SCARCE AND MAY NOT BE READILY AVAILABLE IN YOUR FAVORITE FLY SHOP. SADLY, THE THREE YEAR DROUGHT HAS SEVERELY REDUCED THE SUPPLY. SEND \$10.00 TO THE RABUN CHAPTER AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A SUPPLY WHENEVER IT AGAIN BECOMES AVAILABLE. DO NOT TRY A SUBSTITUTE!

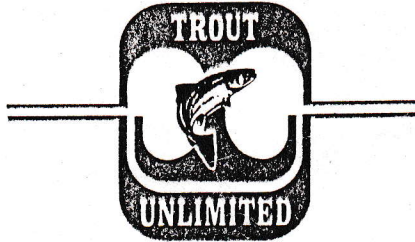
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An anglers's form in casting may be important to himself and other anglers.
To the fish, who will be the final judge of his prowess, form matters not
at all! - Lee Wulff, The Atlantic Salmon, 1958.

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