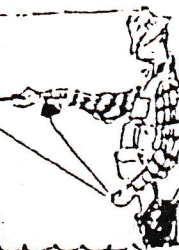


# TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER  
TROUT UNLIMITED

APRIL 1989

## APRIL MEETING TO BECOME MAY MEETING NO. 1.

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold our April Meeting on Friday evening, May 5th at the Double Bit Camp. The meeting will follow planned activities in the area and will consist of tall tales, stories of big'uns and bankers and trashing the Department of Natural Resources or the U. S. Forest Service, depending on who is there in the lesser numbers.

To get to the Double Bit Camp, turn right (East) at Hardee's in Clayton. You will quickly intersect Warwoman Road and continue for a long way. You will cross the West Fork and shortly intersect highway 28. Turn right and go approx 1.7 mi., turn left on the USFS gravel road, continuing for about 5.2 miles to where Reed Creek passes under the road. Turn left on the little road just past the creek and come on in. Now, memorize these directions and get rid of this section of the newsletter!

## JIM LLOYD ADDRESSES RABUN CHAPTER IN MARCH

The March meeting began with a short business meeting during which we:

- 1) Voted to donate TU Memberships to Habersham Central, Stephens County High and Rabun Gap Nacoochee School. We previously gave memberships to the Rabun County Library and Rabun County High.
- 2) Voted to sponsor or co-sponsor a "Special Kid's Day" to celebrate National Fishing Week in June. Jim Kidd will head a committee to organize this activity.
- 3) Volunteered to continue our "helping hand" policy with Rabun County, seeding, fertilizing and mulching areas subject to runoff into our streams.

Jim Lloyd, Regional Fisheries Program Manager, U. S. Forest Service, then addressed our group on the "Rise To The Future" program and told us a little of his job directing the fisheries program throughout the Southeast and Puerto Rico. Restoration, Enhancement and protection - that's the three pronged attack Jim says the Forest Service uses in their warm and cold water fisheries program. That, of course, closely parallels our TU objectives. A very interesting point was made that while the Southeast receives about 70% of the use of the Forest Service's fishing resources, we get about 10% of the funds. Jim made many good points and provided us with a most informative evening. Thanks to Jim Lloyd.

Once in a while a fellow wants to get away from everything that's complicated, and fishing is really the only way I know of doing it. Robert Ruark, The Old Man and the Boy, 1957

## SPEEDY RECOVERY MONTE

Ruffed Grouse and turkey all over Georgia are pacing their coverts nervously as word that Monte Seehorn may be in as good shape as he was at N.C. State where he used to kick a lot of....well, the Trout aren't concerned at all.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTING STUFF

Friday, April 21 - Trout Workshop, Oconee State Park, S. C.

Saturday, April 22 - SE Region TU Meeting, Ramada Inn, Clemson, S. C.  
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Friday AM May 5th - Chattooga Bug Study, Oconee State Park. We will join with other TU members, DNR and USFS personnel in conducting the final scheduled study of the macroinvertebrate life in the Chattooga. The bigger the turnout-the quicker we get through. Oh, we should meet about 9 AM.

Friday PM May 5th - For most members this will be the beginning of the Fishmore Project for '89. This should be finished by one half hour after sunset. This leads right into the Campout and April Meeting of the Rabun Chapter.

Saturday AM May 6th - After a big breakfast we will begin building structures upstream from Double Bit on Hedden Creek. Again, with a good turnout, we'll get through early enough to continue with:

Saturday PM May 6th - Continue with the Fishmore Project until we get it right! Campout.

PLEASE NOTIFY JIM NIXON (W) 746-2158 (H) 782-3101 OR DOUG ADAMS (W) 746-2158 (H) 746-5311, IF YOU PLAN TO CAMPOUT OR JOIN US FOR ANY MEALS AT THE DOUBLE BIT. OTHERWISE YOU MAY BE PUT ON SHORT RATIONS

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Wednesday May 17th - RABUN TU CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETING, CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE BEST WESTERN MOTEL 7 PM

Dr. Robert Bachman, Maryland DNR, will be our guest speaker. Dr. Bachman has spent many, many hours, days and months studying and photographing Brown Trout as they go about their day on Spruce Creek in Pennsylvania. Please, let's have a good crowd on hand.

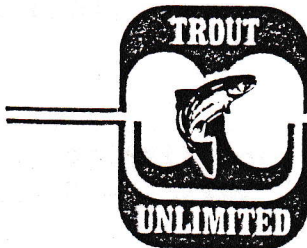
Thursday May 18th - TROUT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP, CONFERENCE ROOM, BEST WESTERN MOTEL, DILLARD 8:45-5:00

The Southeast Regional Fisheries Biologists will hold a workshop on trout management. They invite our Chapter members and other interested parties to attend. OUR MEMBERS ARE ALSO ASKED TO HELP GUIDE ANY OF THE VISITORS TO SOME OF OUR LOCAL STREAMS. No, Doug, not the middle branch of Rabun Creek!

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Monday June 12 - West Fork Chattooga Study

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THE PARACHUTE WORM

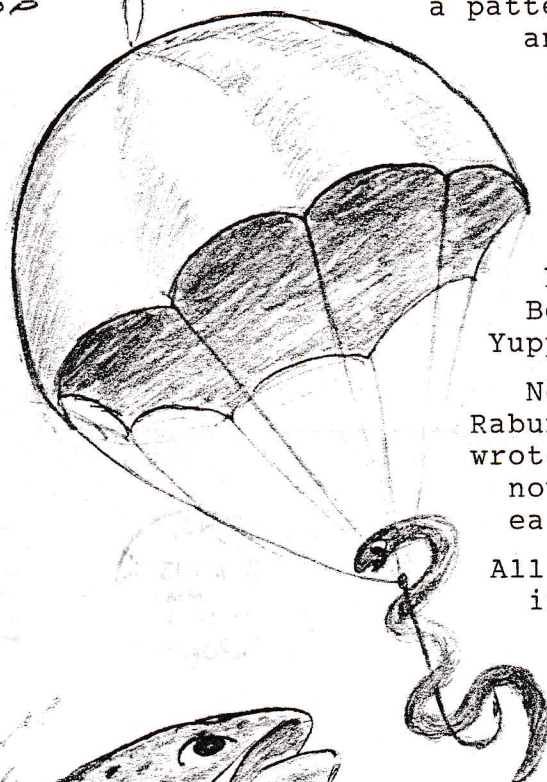
Truly a classic, the Parachute Worm is experiencing a comeback with the avid trout fisherman. Admittedly, the parachutes are hard to come by, but try those out of the way bait shops - usually in the back room with the antique rods and reels. Simply attach your leader to the special "rip cord loop" and cast it high over the target area. Check your forward cast, opening the chute. A white canopy is helpful in recovery when the trout doesn't take - which is a rare occurrence, indeed.



PRE PACKED CHUTE

LEADER

RIP CORD LOOP



This bait was first used by Bruce Herter, Jacque's brother, when trolling for Angel Fish off the coast of Venice, California. Unfortunately, Bruce selected too large a pattern and was blown out to sea and eaten by a Mako Shark. The prominent trout expert, Bernie Swieback, observing this angling tragedy, wrote the now famous book, "Pattern Selection is Damned Important"

This book was shortly followed by "Matching Browns and Fine Bordeaux" now collected by Yuppies the world over.

Not to be outdone, one of the Rabun Chapter members, Bill Kelly, wrote "Matching Mash & Midges", now widely circulated throughout eastern Rabun County.

All of these books are available in the Persimmon Library.

