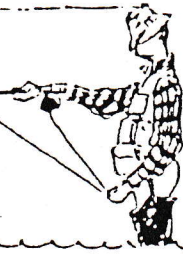


# TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER  
TROUT UNLIMITED

February 1990

## FEBRUARY MEETING- UNUSUAL PLACE-UNUSUAL TIME

The Rabun Chapter of TU will meet on February 24, 1990, at the Tate Branch Campground, Tallulah River. The meeting will begin about 11:00 AM between morning and afternoon surveying sessions on the river and immediate surroundings. The Tallulah is now open year round and with North Carolina a long cast up river the fishing should be interesting. Naturally, to fish North Carolina waters you will need a valid trout license for that state. The campground gate is open but the facilities are closed so whether you plan to spend Friday and Saturday or just one night, come prepared. In either case please contact Jim Nixon (W)746-5311 (H)782-3101, Doug Adams (W)746-5311 (H)746-2158, or Tom Landreth 754-9202 so that we may plan accordingly.

## RABUN RENDEZVOUS A HUGE SUCCESS

On January 13th, Chapter members and their guests, fellow TU'ers and other interested parties met at the American Legion in Clayton for the RABUN RENDEZVOUS. Over good food and drink and to the music of the FOXFIRE BOYS, buckets filled with raffle tickets and silent bids scribbled in anticipation, good time was had by all. Ben Dysert, our speaker, entertained us with slides and tales of Alaska fishing and tips on how to photograph twenty inch rainbows so they appear to be thirty inchers.

An event such as this could not be carried off without the help of so many and Doug Adams is to be congratulated for putting it together for us. Due to the generosity of really good prizes, <sup>DONORS</sup> we were able to raise over \$1500 for our habitat work. The following individuals and concerns donated to this effort:

Bobby Bell	Teddy Bennet	Bill Kelly
Burlington Carpet Mill	Kentucky Fried Chicken	Derek Scorer
Reeves Hardware	Chattooga River Chapter	Doug Adams
The Foxfire Boys	John Duncan	The Gunnery
Henry Williamson	Tom Landreth	Pat Hopton
Bob Martin	The Gazebo	Chattahoochee Chapter
Jerry Neal	Jim Nixon	Dairy Queen
Ned Wetherill		

AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE RABUN RENDEZVOUS!!!!

## RECENT CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

On January 9th several members gathered at Henry's Schoolhouse to tie flies under the expert direction of Henry Williamson. Since it's still winter, nymphs were on the menu and we learned several new patterns that will surely help in the next few weeks.



CAN YOU NAME THIS FLY?

The CHATTOOGA COALITION met and came to the following decisions:

- 1) To stock in October each year by helicopter between Earl's Ford and Burrell's Ford, 25,000 sub adult Rainbows and 25,000 Browns.
- 2) Backpack into the Ellicot Rock Wilderness Area 50,000 Tasmanian Rainbow fingerlings and 50,000 eggs.

In an effort to scare more people off the river, a photograph of our prez, Jim "nugget" Nixon, will be featured on the 1990 Georgia Trout Fishing Regulations. Credit will be given to the Rabun Chapter.

The GAINESVILLE TIMES will do a feature of the Rabun Chapter in recognition of our winning the SILVER TROUT Award presented by TU National.

The Chapter has donated \$500 for the purchase of a thermograph by the U. S. Forest Service. This water temperature monitoring device will be installed with others in the Chattooga in an undisclosed and secreted location soon.

The Board of Directors of the Rabun Chapter met recently at the USFS office in Clayton to discuss upcoming projects:

- 1) Develop lower Reed Creek at the river for spawning enhancement and sanctuary during warm weather
- 2) The McDonalds/Town Creek area in Clayton
- 3) Dillard Community School project

These proposed projects will be discussed at the February Campout.

#### WORK PROJECT ALERT!!!!

Keep your wading and hiking gear at close hand as you will be contacted to help transport the trout eggs upstream from Burrell's Ford in early February. This is a vital first step to accomplish the goals set forth in the Chattooga Coalition meeting and we will need all available hands to get the job done.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Several new members have joined us recently and we extend a big Rabun Chapter welcome to William Defino, Clarkesville; Ray Carter, Jacksonville; David Gowder, Blairsville; James Moore, Eastanollee; David Sherman, Gainesville; and James Vandiver of Sautee.

The following memberships have lapsed and need to be renewed: Eric Esche, W. T. Langston, Todd Turner and Neal Wright.

This brings us up to 70 memberships, several of which are family or multiple memberships, and five complimentary memberships to school and ~~county~~<sup>COUNTY</sup> libraries.

DON'T FORGET THE MEETING/CAMPOUT ON FEBRUARY 24TH AND TO STANDBY FOR THE EGG STOCKING PROJECT IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

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## RESPONSE TO THE MIDNIGHT POACHING STORY

In the December issue of TIGHT LINES I reported, in a factual manner, the story of a "yuppie" midnight poacher who carried off two huge trout from a Chapter member's private pond. Now, space in TIGHT LINES is invaluable but in the interest of fairness and responsible journalism, the following reply from the culprit is offered for your condemnation and scorn:

### MIDNIGHT POACHING-THE TRUE STORY

Once on a dark and frosty night  
When good folks sat by their firesides bright  
The temperature fell to around thirty-two  
and a feller decided to "go catch a few".

He'd heard tell of a place,  
A few, small dark tarns  
Where they'd said there was trout  
As long as your arms.

A game hawk named Nugget  
Owned the place  
They said if he caught ya  
You're gone with no trace.

So he had to be quiet as he rigged up his rod  
But with lust he did mutter, "I'll show'em by God!"  
He tied on a wooly worm, weighted with shot,  
And started to cast to the most likely spot.

There was ice in his guides and frost on his nose  
And he was losing the feeling in fingers and toes.  
Twenty times, thirty times he let'er sink deep,  
Then stripping back slowly past big'uns asleep.

When all of a sudden there arose a big splash,  
A black form shot forth...and fell with a crash!  
And soon there was thrashing in his landing net,  
A big rainbow by golly...a six pounder...you bet!

Now passion won over...it went in the sack  
Whoever heard of putting'em back?  
Then with skill born of greed, he turned to his work  
And soon a five pounder was hooked with a jerk.

So with two in the sack he headed for home  
A'grinnin' and a'snortin' like a hawk on the roam.  
And they heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,  
"They'll put all the blame on a Yuppie tonight!"

And sure 'nuff, Nixon, on his morning roll call  
Found Bow's five and nine didn't show up at all.  
They'd gone off with a feller in an old brown hat,  
That's the truth of the story, (I'll swear to that!)

Anonymous - December 1989