

TIGHT LINES



FEBRUARY 1991

RABUN CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED NEWSLETTER

TALLULAH RIVER SITE OF FEBRUARY MEETING

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet on February 8, 1991, that's a Friday, during dinner on the banks of the Tallulah River, Tate branch Campground. Jeff Durniak will report on the annual Chattooga River Meeting to be held at Stumohouse on the 5th. Other than this short meeting, we will play in the river and pass a good time, yeah!

So, if you've taken to wearing your waders in the shower; hungered for scorched Pop Tarts instead of your wife's biscuits; and, if you find yourself calling for the Forest Service's fish shocker to get jump started you had better pack your grip for a fishing trip and head for the Tallulah. We want you there, so call Doug Adams [W]746-5311 [H]746-2158; Jim Nixon [W]746-5311 [H]782-3101; or Tom Landreth 754-9202. We want to see you there and we want to have enough beans in the pot. We'll camp Friday night.

RENDEZVOUS RATES RAVE REVIEWS

WINNER

"A triumph!"
—David P. [unclear]

Marvelous!

One again, our Rabun Rendezvous was a huge success with about 100 in attendance, including representatives from nine TU Chapters in N.C., S.C., and Georgia. An event like this doesn't just happen and we thank all those who made it come off:

Credit Success of Rendezvous to:

Cooks: Jim Nixon, Fritz Vinson, Doug Adams, Lonnie English, Eric Esche, Kyle Burrell, Bill Kelly, Jean Kelly, Jerry Burrell

Admissions: Alan Hooper, Bob Foster

Raffle & Auction: Tom Landreth, Walt Landreth, June Landreth, Pat Hopton

M.C.: Jim Nixon

The Foxfire Boys: George, Tom, Steve, Mike, Wayne & Dean

Program: Bobby Bell & Jeff Durniak

Donations of Food: Eric Esche, Jean Kelly, Jim Nixon, Bill Kelly, Lonnie English

Donations of Prizes:

Foxfire Fund Inc.
Adventures Travel Service
Reeves Hardware
Duncan Oil Co.
Hampersham Hardware
Coosa Valley Chapter
Flint River Chapter
Chattooga Chapter
Upper Hooch Chapter
Thad Byers
Chattahoochee Chapter
Ken Louko
Henry Williamson
Tom Landreth
Doug Adams
Bobby Bell
Ted Bennett
Blue Creek Valley
Backwood Crafters
George Reynolds
Bob & Gwen Owens
Burlington Industries
Lee Ray Wilburn

Jim Kidd
Jim Nixon
John & Barbara Duncan
Teddy Bennett
Lonnie English
Bob Beck
Jerry Burrell
Russ Tyre
Art Shick
Pat Hopton
Bob Foster

Now, if you like numbers:

INCOME:	ADMISSION (11 DoorPrizes)	\$ 790.00
	RAFFLE (20 Buckets)	613.00
	SILENT AUCTION (19 Items)	<u>1175.00</u>
	GROSS INCOME	\$2578.00
EXPENSES:	PROMOTION (Postage & Copier)	\$ 43.00
	RESTAURANT (\$350 Plus \$50 Tip)	400.00
	SUPPLIES (Groceries, Name Tags &	171.13
	PRIZES, AWARDS ^{et al}) & ETC	<u>100.00</u>
		\$ 714.13
	Net Profit	\$1863.87

Super

Last year, 1990, we had a gross income of \$2226.00, gross expenses of \$648.46. for a net profit of \$1577.54



Open Letter to the Members and Friends of Rabun TU

Enclosed with this newsletter is our Annual Report for 1990. I think we can all be very proud when we review our activities, donations and resource status summary for last year. Along the way, we have had a lot of fun together, from tying flies to toting buckets, from driving across Kansas to driving steel, from setting up camps to setting up silt fences and from trout fishing to Trout Day with the kids. It's been great!

We have started our 5th year with our annual Rabun Rendezvous. Thanks to the cooks, the welcoming committee, the Foxfire Boys, the raffle and auction workers, the clean-up crew, and all the people that donated items, time, talents and money. We had fun and and raised the funds we will need to continue with our mission of preserving, protecting and enhancing the trout fisheries in Northeast Georgia.

The Rendezvous is far more than a "banquet" or a "fund raiser", it's more like a "celebration". A celebration of the memories we made together and the memories yet to be made, and the joy and beauty of trout fishing.

Nugget, thank you for your leadership over the last two years. Bobby, thank you for sharing your beautiful slide presentation. Jeff, thank you for the "Challenge of the Future". Thank you friends for your continued support. And thank you Rabun members for your work (and play) and for selecting me as your 1991 President, it's a honor and a privilege.

Tight Lines,

Davey

MONTGOMERY PROPERTY

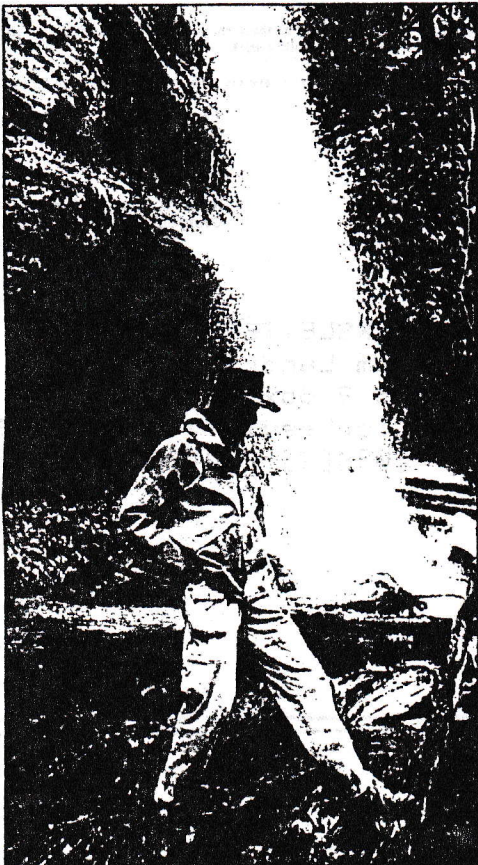
As reported to you earlier, a group of representatives from several chapters was to meet with Mr. George Montgomery on his property near the Lake Burton WMA on Dick's Creek. This was done on January 12th. After surveying the property and discussing the stream improvement aspects with Monte Seehorn, the committee met briefly to get our thoughts together. We have decided to meet one more time before making any recommendations to the Georgia Council. Some points and facts that have come up since I talked with you, the Rabun Chapter are:

- 1) Surprise! Surprise! The taxes on the 68.7 acres have increased from \$568 to \$1211!
- 2) The center of the creek bed is the property line. The creek does not run through the property.
- 3) We now understand that the property, or most of it, that shares the creek is for sale and a buyer is actively being sought, Mr. Montgomery has expressed interest.

FOREST SERVICE AND TU APPROVE SIGN DESIGNS

Frankie Green, U.S. Forest Service advises that a design has been approved for signs that are to be erected streamside of our habitat improvement areas. The signs will call attention to the habitat improvement work done by TU & the Forest Service. There will be a secondary message encouraging fishermen to limit their catch and not catch their limit. The purchase approval and manufacture of the signs should take place soon.

Natural SELECTION



Photos by Dianne Laaks/Staff

At home in Georgia's mountains and forests, Dr. Charles Wharton explores Denton Creek Falls in Tate County.

Yep, that's Charlie Wharton skipping across the stream and we can only presume & pray his rod and reel are laying on a moss covered log just out of sight. Sorry I've had to "edit" this article from the Atlanta Constitution, but after I read it, June picked up a copy in Clarkesville and I have been enjoying The Georgia Conservancy's Guide to the North Georgia Mountains ever since. Not only does Charlie share his vast knowledge of our favorite area, Nell Jones, another Rabun Chapter member was coeditor of this fine piece of work.

If you are new to the area, this is a must. If you are an oldtimer, you will learn a lot of new things about the places you just thought you knew.

The Georgia Conservancy's Guide to the North Georgia Mountains

► Edited by Fred Brown and Nell Jones; preface by Jimmy Carter; Science Advisor, Charles H. Wharton Ph.D.

► 176 Conservancy volunteers helped write and check the guide in the field over two years.

► **Dedication:** "To the bioregion of the Southern Appalachian Mountains, and to those human members of this great community who will ensure that its life-giving qualities will continue to sustain not only themselves but generations to come."

► 1st edition: 4,000 copies published in October sold out.

► 2nd edition: 10,000 copies due out in February. New edition totals 320 pages and includes additional maps and illustrations. Costs \$18.95.

TREASURY REPORT

As of January 15, 1991, we had a balance of \$3654.71 in the bank. Six hundred dollars (\$600) is pledged to the USFS 1991 Summer Intern.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome to new members: Jerry Burrell, Fredrick Hooper and Rodney Kilby, all of Clayton; and to David Gomez, Moccasin Creek State Park.

All of these have renewed and we thank them: Monte Seehorn, Joe Luke, Clem Defino, Kyle Burrell, Charlie Wharton, Henry Williamson, James Moore, Eric Esche, David Chastain, Dave Schmidt, David Gowden, James Reed, James Vandiver, Alan Hooper, George Reynolds and I. J. Kranats.

We hate to say it but YOU are suspended and need to renew NOW! Robert Atkinson, Elizabeth Ann Sisk, Doug & Darren Volk, John Woodward, and Jim & Greg Darnell. We need all of you!! The trout need You!!!!



GEORGIA COUNCIL

January 15, 1991

Mr. Doug Adams, President
Rabun Chapter, Trout Unlimited
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Rabun Gap, GA 30568

Dear Doug:

Again, I want you to know how much Pat and I enjoyed ourselves at the Rabun Rendezvous this past Saturday evening.

The Rabun Chapter must be congratulated for this fine event. Events such as these require excellent leadership and a dedication of its members. Those qualities were obvious Saturday night.

Most importantly, it appears that the event was a success financially which will allow your chapter to carry on its outstanding work.

Congratulations to you all... you have set a standard for all of us to follow.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Foster, Chairman
Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited

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III. Communications

A. Rabun Chapter Newsletter:

Tight Lines: 12 issues (1 per month)

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

- 5 to U.S. Forest Service
- 2 to Ga. DNR
- 3 to Rabun County Commissioners
- 1 to Rabun County Chamber of Commerce
- 1 to U.S. Congressman
- 1 to Ga. Wildlife Federation

C. Received Letters on Resource Protection

- 6 from U.S. Forest Service
- 2 from Ga. DNR
- 1 from U.S. Congressman
- 1 from S.C. Marine & Wildlife
- 1 from Ga. Environmental Council
- 1 from Western N.C. Alliance
- 1 from Friends of the Mountains

D. Publicity

- Article - The Gainesville Times - Newspaper
Rabun TU "The Chattooga Coalition"
- Article - Georgia Outdoor News - Newspaper
Rabun TU "Putting Trout Back into a Trout Stream"
- Article - Georgia Sportsman - Magazine
Rabun TU "Anglers of Honor" - Silver Trout Award
- Cover Photo - Guide to Georgia 1990 Trout Regulations - Ga. DNR
Photo furnished by Rabun TU

IV. Activities:

A. Month	Description	Participants
Jan.	Construction of Demo Stream Structure at Rabun Gap Elementary School	3 TU + 6 Students
Jan.	Chattooga River Coalition Meeting - S.C. w/USFS, Ga., S.C. & N.C.	5
Jan.	Trout Egg Planting - Chattooga River w/Ga. DNR & USFS	2
Feb.	Electro Fishing - Tom Branch w/Ga. DNR	6
Feb.	Erosion Control Meeting w/Rabun County Board of Commissioners	4
Mar.	Erosion Control Meeting w/U.S. Soil & Water Conservation Officers	3
Mar.	Prepared Job Description & Advertisement for Rabun County Erosion Control Officer	3
Mar.	Erosion Control Meeting w/Rabun County Board of Commissioners	2
April	Inspection of Watershed Erosion on Tuckla luge Cr. w/USFS & Rabun Co. Commissioner	4
April	Erosion Control Work-outing w/USFS - Reed Cr.	15
May	Carry-in Stocking of 15,000 Rainbow Trout w/Ga. DNR - Chattooga River	9
June	Trout Day Presentation - State Park - Local	13
June	T.U. Presentation/Workshop to Student Conservation Association (SCA) Work Group (14)	4
July	Stream Structure Work-outing w/USFS - Sarahs Cr.	7
Aug.	Erosion Control Inspection/Meeting - Sarahs Cr. Primitive C/G w/USFS	3
Oct.	Stream Structure Construction w/USFS - Reed Cr.	18
Dec.	Ga TU/USFS Planning Meeting - Dahlonega, Ga.	4

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RABUN CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT

Summary of Activities for 1990

I. Membership:

- 1 Jan. 90 67 Memberships (11 Family) Lost (-16) Memberships (1 Family) Added
- 31 Dec. 90 27 Memberships (4 Family) 78 Memberships (14 Family)

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

A. Month	Location	Program	Attendance
Jan.	Am. Legion Hall	Rabun Rendezvous	90+
Feb.	Tate Br. C/G	Open Discussion	30
Mar.	McDonald's Restaurant	Open Discussion	8
Apr.	Library	T.U. Videos	16
May	(None - Gone Fishin')		
June	Moc. Cr. State Park	Open Discussion	15
July	Library	T.U. Videos	10
Aug.	Library	T.U. Videos	28
Sept.	Library	Henry Williamson - Regional Fishing & Fly Tying	21
Oct.	Library	Open Discussion	12
Nov.	Library	Jeff Durniak - "Chattooga Update" GA. DNR Fisheries Biologist	13
Dec.	Library	T.U. Videos	16

B. Board of Directors Meetings - Rabun Chapter

- Jan. - 10 Present
- June - 11 Present
- Nov. - 8 Present

B. Donations:

Month	Donation	Agency	Value
Jan.	Purchase of Thermograph	USFS	\$500
April	Erosion Control - Charles Cr.	USFS	\$100
May	Printing of Chattooga Creek Survey Forms	USFS	\$ 50
June	National Fishing Week Activities	USFS	\$ 25
July	Approximately 30 Fishing Outfits	State Park	\$200
July	TU Memberships to 1 County & 4 High School	Libraries	\$ 50
July	Cash	County/Library	\$ 25
Oct.	Fly Tying Book	County/Library	\$ 20
Dec.	TU Membership	State Park	\$ 20
			<u>\$990</u>

C. Miscellaneous Activities:

Numerous Telephone Information Exchanges w/USFS, Ga DNR, NC DEM, Rabun Co. Commissioners, Private Conservation Groups, Fish America Foundation, & Newspapers/Magazines.

D. Chapter Social Activities:

- 7 Social Hours w/Refreshments & Videos Preceding Meetings
- 1 Rendezvous w/Bluegrass Band & Fish Fry (Participants - 90+)
- 3 Campouts w/Fish fries & Fishing (30, 15 & 18 members)
- 1 Cookout (15 Members)
- 1 Fly Tying Workshop (12 Members)
- 1 9 Day Wyoming Fishing Trip (16 Rabun TU Members)
- w/2 Planning Meetings (12 & 14 Members)

V. Resource Status Summary for 1990:

1. Reed Creek - Fishery continues to improve with complete watershed protection & habitat restoration activities.
2. Chattooga River - Fishery management plan has been implemented based on data from 3 year study, preliminary results look good.
3. Sarahs Creek - Erosion control & habitat improvements expected to continue in 1991.
4. Charles Creek - Watershed erosion problems have been stabilized.
5. Popcorn Creek - Concern due to erosion from Ga DOT highway re-construction. Situation being monitored.
6. Darnell Creek - Erosion resulting from USFS timber sale is being monitored.
7. Tuckaluge Creek - Road erosion problem on USFS lands is impacting water quality. Corrective measures are being implemented.
8. General - Rabun County has now appointed an Erosion Control Officer. We must continue to follow-up to see that proper training is provided & prevention is emphasized instead of just penalizing violators.

IV. Honors:

Member Nell Jones - Georgia Forest Conservation of the Year by Georgia Wildlife Federation.

Income

Brook Trout Rebate - National TU	\$ 2.50
Fund Raisers:	
Rabun Rendezvous	\$2,236.00
4 Raftles	\$ 182.00
1 Fishfry	\$ 70.00
Trout Day - GA State Park	\$ 50.00
Wyoming Fishing Trip Surplus	\$ 54.77
Total Income	\$2,595.27

Expenses

Thermograph Donation - USFS	\$ 500.00
Charles's Creek Erosion Control - USFS	\$ 100.00
Chattooga Creek Survey Forms - USFS	\$ 50.00
National Fishing Week - USFS	\$ 25.00
Fishing Equipment for State Park	\$ 200.00
5 TU Memberships for Libraries	\$ 50.00
Cash Donation - County Library	\$ 25.00
TU Membership for State Park	\$ 20.00
Meetings	\$ 83.45
Newsletter Copier Costs	\$ 31.80
Postage (includes newsletter)	\$ 324.34
Fund Raisers:	
Rabun Rendezvous	\$ 478.46
Raftles	\$ 12.76
Total Expenses	\$1,900.81

NET GAIN

\$ 694.46

1990 BALANCE SHEET

Assets	Liabilities
Bank Account 31 Dec. 90	Accts. Payable: USFS, Sponsor of Fisheries Student Intern - Summer '91
Accts. Receivables	Taxes Due
Real Estate	Other
Equipment, Supplies, Etc.	Total Liabilities
Total Assets	\$1,847.84
	Net Fund Equity
	\$1,247.84

Estimated Total Non-TU Dollars Leveraged During 1990

Reed Creek - Stream Restore	\$2,000.00
USFS	\$ 300.00
GA Game & Fish Div.	\$2,000.00
Chevron Corporation - SCA Sponsor	\$1,500.00
Chattooga River - Stream Protection	\$ 500.00
USFS - Georgia	
GA Game & Fish Div.	
Charles Creek - Stream Restore	\$ 300.00
USFS	
Sarahs Creek - Stream Restore	\$ 500.00
USFS	
Estimated Total Leveraged	\$7,100.00

NOTE OF THANKS FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT

The last two years as President of the Rabun Chapter have been full of especially rewarding experiences to me in that I've seen the Government Agencies, other T U Chapters, Old Friends and New Friends all working together to accomplish a lot in our stated Mission to Preserve, Protect and Enhance our Cold Water Resources. I appreciate the cooperation everyone has given to me as President these past two years, and I especially appreciate the service recognition of the Painting and the Picture presented to me at the Rendezvous.

Concerning Service Recognition, I feel the ones who are most deserving and should be getting recognition for the RABUN T U accomplishments are those who most of the time don't get mentioned, but are always there to perform whatever the needed task. Without these individuals there would be no Accomplishments, No Projects, No Goals, No Vision.

From all of our Organization I want to give Recognition and a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to those listed below for "Being There" when we really needed you, for "Making a Difference" and Never Letting Us Down.

Thanks to all the Rabun T U ers, but these Folks especially are on the RABUN HONOR ROLL !!!!!

JERRY BURRELL
GLEN LITTRELL
BILL KELLY
MIKE HOGELIN
KYLE BURRELL
PAT HOPTON
JIM DARNELL

ERIC ESCHÉ
HENRY WILLIAMSON
LONNIE ENGLISH
TOM NIXON
ALAN HOOPER
STEVE MCCALL
BILL DEFINO

We all Really Appreciate You Guys!!!!

Jim