

# Tight Lines

Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter of TU

February 1995

## Rabun Rendezvous 1995- It Just Doesn't Get Much Better Than This



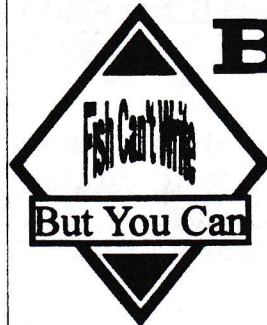
The 1995 Rabun Rendezvous which was held at Henry's Playhouse, was well attended (to say the least) as 240 folks turned out to support the event. The *Rendezvous* is the main fund raising effort of the Rabun Chapter and we extend a rather large **thank-you** to the individuals and chapters who supported the banquet. Silent auction items such as a handmade knife, hand tied flies by the *vacuum*, and the expertly crafted fly tying table constructed by Rabunite Walt Landreth kept people busy checking silent auction bid forms most of the evening. This is an annual event that just wouldn't happen without the support of the Rabun and other chapter members from around Georgia and the neighboring states.

### Other Chapter Banquets Are Around The Corner

We realize from the Rendezvous that the support of the other chapter's make the Rendezvous such a success. With that in mind, other area chapters are gearing up for their banquets so make a note of these dates on your calendar-

**Hoot on the Hooch-** sponsored by the Foothills Chapter will be held on Saturday, March 18th, at Unicoi Lodge in the Patio Room. Social hour is at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm. There will be silent auction and raffle items. Admission \$15/person. Need more information, contact Jimmy Harris a (706)778-5377.

**Tailwater Banquet-** the Cumming Kiwanis Club Building is the host site for this banquet which is scheduled for March 11, 6:30pm. Current TU members, \$20; non-members \$40 (includes one year membership to TU); spouses get in for \$10. I have directions and copies of an "early bird" ticket form. Contact me if you are interested.



**B**obby Bell talked with chapter members at the last meeting about the issues associated with year round trout fishing. The Georgia Council

is gearing up to discuss the potential for year round trout streams with the powers that be. The 1995 legislative session is coming up soon and this is the time to voice your opinion via letter or telephone. When Bobby talked with the Chapter in the middle of January, none of the streams in Rabun County were on the list for year round trout fishing. The Chapter asked Bobby to propose the inclusion of Holcomb Creek on the list. If you have questions or need more information, contact Bobby at (706)234-5310 (home) or (706)234-8006 (work).

## Bird Dog Burrell's Fly of the Month

### Montana Stonefly Nymph

Hook: 6 or 8 nymph hook; heavily weighted

Thread: Black

Hackle: Black Hen

Body: Black Chenille or yarn

Thorax: Yellow Chenille or yarn

Wing Case: Same as body

Tail: Black Hen Hackle Fibers

When fishing the colder months of January and February this fly, which imitates a pteronarcys nymph, combined with a small fly such as a #14 olive bead head caddis larva, provide trout an offer they can't refuse. Tie the Montana on as your point fly and tie in the smaller fly about 18" above it. This can be a potent combination as you are presenting the trout with two common food items of very different sizes. Fish the combination dead drift, slow and deep. Be alert, strikes are usually subtle during cold weather!

### Buffer Zone Is Still An Issue

In the past couple of newsletters, there has been discussion on the buffer zone law that is currently on the books. As the law is currently written, trout streams are protected by a 100' buffer zone unless, under special circumstances, a variance is granted. Legislation is being introduced that will allow development to encroach to within 25' of a trout stream. The Chapter previously voted to support the established 100'. You need to let your state representative know how you feel in regards to this issue. You may also want to contact the Governor at the State Capital.

*From the Desk of the President*

The Foxfire Boys picked away by the fireplace; the Giant Pink Bunny rambled; the people came, and were treated to good food and a good speaker; and they responded with a record breaking amount of money for trout and our cold water resource! We passed a real good time, yeah!

The Dillard House served 200 dinners at Henry's Playhouse and the main restaurant took care of our overflow of 40! It just may be time for the Dillards to knock a hole in one end of the Playhouse and expand! Our guests really dropped the bucks in the buckets and bid at a pretty good rate on the silent auction. To be sure, there were some great bargains and if you weren't there, you missed a great time for a great cause.

Jimmy Jacobs blended some good story telling with his guide to the adjoining states' best fishing grounds. If you don't have Trout Streams of Southern Appalachia or Trout Fishing in North Georgia, you should pick up a copy at your local book store.

We have an awful lot of folks to thank for the success of this year's Rendezvous. Our fellow TU Chapters come through time and time again in support of our efforts and they head the list:

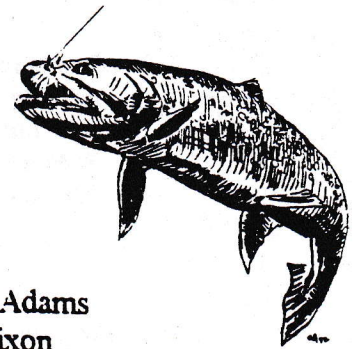
The Foxfire Boys who come every year and entertain our guests with first class blue grass music; the Dillard House staff who grant just about our every wish and lay a great table; TU National for their contribution; businesses both near and far who donated prizes and raffle items; and I want to thank those members of the chapter who always find the time to pitch in and make this such a success: Doug Adams, Jim Nixon, Bill and Jean Kelly, Walt and Llew Landreth, Mike and Julene Hogelin, Jeff and Karen Durniak, June and Kelli Landreth, Russ Burken, Jim Kidd, Sharon Wilson and Kyle Burrell. I can hardly wait till next year!

By Saturday, February 4th, your board will have met to discuss several items of importance to the chapter. We will establish a calendar of events for the balance of the year and discuss how best to spend the funds we have raised. You will be informed of just what we have in mind and you will have an opportunity to stick your two cents in. Nothing is in concrete and your input is needed for a smooth running organization. So, let's hear from you!

Tight Lines in '95

*Tom*  
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*From the Board of Directors*

## Board of Directors Meeting - February 4, 1995 - Dillard House

## Present:

Tom Landreth  
Walt Landreth

Russ Burken  
Jim Kidd

Mike Hogelin  
Bill Kelly

Doug Adams  
Jim Nixon

1. Reviewed Rabun Rendezvous. Discussed revenue/expense figures. Decided more thought should be given to seating arrangement and to discontinue taking reservations of any kind. Put on a first come first served basis.
2. Work Projects and Outings: Moved date of Reed Creek Project to September to take advantage of lower water conditions. Again agreed to providing labor for the stream improvement project off Warwoman Road. Jim Kidd will coordinate this project. Voted to participate in Black Rock Mountain SP and Tallulah River "Kid's Fishing Day" activities with both funds and manpower. Two outings, one at Kelly Picnic Grounds in July and the other a combination social/planning session at the Dillard House in December.

The Board developed the Activities Calendar, planning programs for forthcoming meetings. (Attached)

3. Allocated funds as follows:
 

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| Black Rock Mountain SP Kid's Fishing | \$150  |
| Tallulah River Kid's Fishing         | \$150  |
| Helicopter Stocking (Chattooga)      | \$ 400 |
| Helicopter Stocking (West Fork)      | \$ 300 |
| Living Bright Water Trust (TU)       | \$1000 |
| General Fund (TU)                    | \$500  |
| SE Regional Officer (TU)             | \$500  |

Will contribute a weekends accommodation at the Dillard House to both the Tailwater Chapter and Foothills Chapter banquet efforts.

Also agreed to fund complimentary memberships in TU to members of the Foxfire Boys and to contribute 50% of the membership fee in TU for the interested environmental studies students at Rabun County High School and Rabun Gap Nacoochee School.

Along these lines, the Board agreed to mount a strong effort to engage the youth of the area in cold water resource concerns. We will develop a video in that effort and try to involve the young people in some of our work projects.

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Program: Rod building with Kyle Burrell. Rabun County Library, 7pm.

No Meeting In May....  
Gone Fishing

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Program: Trout 101 with the Vacuum Kyle Burrell and others. Rabun County Library, 7pm.

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June 20-First Aid For the Outdoorsman. Also, there are two kids fishing rodeo's this month. Black Rock Mtn. State Park and Tallulah River. Details TBA.

April 1995

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Program: "Effects of Budget Cuts on Trout Fishing"

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July 22- Family Outing at Kelly's Picnic Grounds

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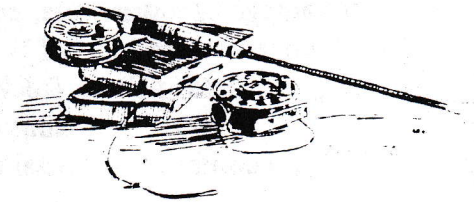
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News From the Land of the Rabunites

Interested in building your own fly rod? Join us for the monthly meeting on Feb. 21 at the Rabun County Library. Social @ 6:30pm, meeting @ 7pm.



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