



TIGHT LINES

JANUARY 2001

NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING SET FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH AT 8:00 AM

Allocating our funds and scheduling activities each year is an important part of our chapter planning process. On Saturday, January 20th, 8:00 AM, at the Dillard House, we will have our annual breakfast planning meeting. If you want a voice in how we spend our money and what kinds of programs and activities we offer, this is the time and place to make your views known.

There are two Rabun Chapter work projects now scheduled for this year, one in April and the other in September. There are other projects across North Georgia scheduled with other chapters taking the point.

What programs would you like? Fly tying, rod building, casting "how to" sessions, matching the hatch or whatever?

RABUN RENDEZVOUS RAMBLINGS.....

As this newsletter heads for the printer, the final tally is not in so this report will not be about the money collected at the 14th Annual Rabun Rendezvous. This will be covered in the February issue.

The weather cooperated. In fact, it was a day more suited to fishing than holding an indoor fund raiser. The crowd of over 200 began arriving early...some as early as 3:00 PM. By the time the pig was ready, about 5:30, things were beginning to look up. By 6:00 it was obvious more seating would have to be arranged and that was done quickly by the Dillard House Staff.

As usual, the silent auction was slow to get underway. Kinda like the opening few minutes of a major sporting event...the participants feeling each other out and trying to not tip their hand too soon. Most of the buckets in the raffle were attracting a lot of attention and the auction sheets began to fill up.

Flies, guided trips and rods drew a lot of action; but, so did art. In fact, a very limited edition hand pulled print of a Rainbow Trout, by **Laurence Holden**, may have ended up as the highest bid of the evening! The Rabun Rendezvous attendees has class and couth!

The **Dillard House** put on their classic special occasion fare. Plenty of food...and good.

The **Foxfire Boys** did their thing like the pros they are. However, the crowd noise was so loud you had to practically sit in with the guys to hear them. I vote for application next year.

Jimmy Jacobs spun some good hunting fishing yarns and was on hand to autograph his latest book.

Mysteriously, the Giant Pink Bunny did not make an appearance. Perhaps his drum wasn't in tune. Can hardly wait until next year. Make you plans now cause you don't want to be left out.

MAKE A SPECIAL NOTE.....

In February, on the regular meeting night of the 20th, we will meet at the **Interpretive Center, Tallulah Falls State Park** (If you are traveling South on US441 the entrance to the Park is on your left well before you get to the bridge over the Tallulah River. In case you have trouble with directions, if you are traveling North it will be on your right after you cross the bridge!!!)

FLY OF THE MONTH

Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Bead Head

What better fly to renew our "fly of the month" column than the Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear. It ranks right up there with the Adams, Royal Coachman and Muddler Minnow. It has been around a long, long time and will probably be in most fly boxes decades from now. Ken Lambert is our guest tyer this month. If you have watched Ken tie at the meetings, you no doubt have noted that he usually adds a new twist to old ties. This month's fly is no exception Ken ties these in natural hare's ear, black and olive.

Hook: Mustad 9671, size 10-18

Head: Gold Bead

Thread: Tan 6/0 or 8/0

Tail: Mahogany Goose Biots

Rib: Fine Gold Tinsel

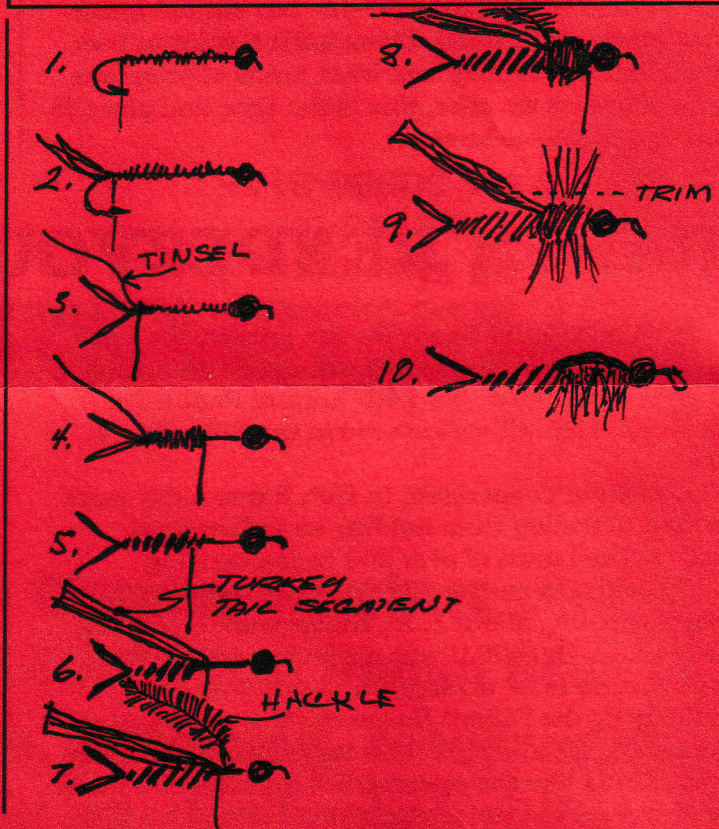
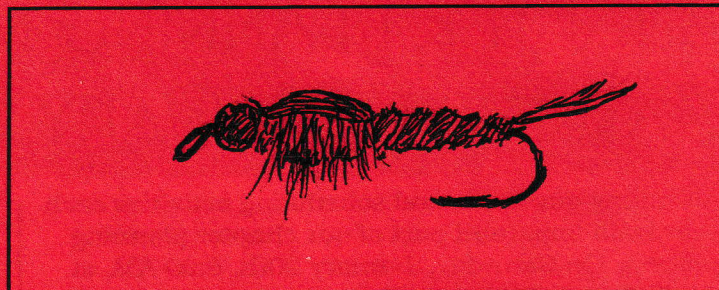
Body: Natural Hare's ear mixed with Dubbing

Wing Case: Turkey Tail Fibers

Legs: Brown Hackle

Thorax: Natural Hare's ear mixed with Dubbing

- 1 Take hook of choice and put bead on; size 10 uses 5/32, 12 uses 5/32 or 1/8; 14 - 1/8; 16 & 18- 3/32. Start thread behind bead.
- 2 Goose biots have a natural curve to them. Select 2 biots, place one biot on the far side of the hook with the point facing away. Tie it down even with the barb of the hook. Place the second biot on the near side of the hook and tie in with the point facing you.
- 3 Attach tinsel at same spot as the biots.
- 4 Dub body tapering larger toward eye of hook. Stop body halfway up hook shank.
- 5 Wrap tinsel and tie down at end of body.
- 6 At this point half way of hook tie in segment of turkey tail fiber about 3/16" wide for #10 & 12 hooks, smaller for the smaller hook size.
- 7 Tie in the hackle at the same point.
- 8 Dub thorax slightly larger than body.
- 9 Palmer hackle through thorax, tie down and trim top.
- 10 Fold Wing Case (turkey tail segments) toward the front and tie down. Cut off excess. Wrap thread a few times. Whip finish twice and apply head cement.



HOW MANY FISHERMEN? HOW MANY TROUT FISHERMEN?

Ever wonder how much clout sportsmen would have if they joined together when questions of how best to manage our wildlife & fisheries arise? According to preliminary unofficial data from the DNR, 492,768 resident fishing licenses were sold in 1999-2000 season. Trout stamps accounted for 101,550 of these in the same time frame.

Resident hunting licenses totaled 166,699. On top of these figures are resident combination licenses total-

ing over 60,000.

I haven't figured out how much overlap there might be but just these figures tell me that most sportsmen are sitting on their collective butts while factions that do not share their interests are having a great influence on how our Federal and State agencies manage our natural resources.

The USFS Land Management Planning sessions will start soon. Spread the word and try to attend.

HOLIDAY REVELRY



"Bill, you just have to drink more beer, and then you will have one out to here also"

Were you at the Christmas extra effort.

Dinner Party at the Dillard House back in December? If not, you missed a fine evening.

Some special attendees were Cindy & Larry Vigil, part time residents of Wolf-fork Valley; Garland Stewart, Chef and sometime fly-fisherman, Lori and Harlin Smith, members of the Rabun Chapter, Foothills Chapter, Upper Hooch Chapter, Chattahoochee Chapter, the Lower Flint River Chapter and several others in Georgia and other rooms for the evening. We expect that from the Tol- It was fun. Let's do it again berts and appreciate that this year!

Rabun Chapter Schedule of Coming Events

Tue Dec 19	Christmas Dinner at the Dillard Rock House. 6:00 PM Most definitely Family Night
Ths Jan 04	Special Meeting to Finalize Rendezvous Plans at Regions Bank in Dillard
Sat Jan 20	Breakfast Planning Meeting at Dillard House 8:00 AM Chapter Activities for 2001; Budget Allocations
Ths Feb 20	Chapter Meeting, Interpretive Center Tallu- lah Falls State Park 6:30 PM
Ths Mar 20	Monthly Chapter Meeting - Program detailed in February Tight Lines
Sat Apr 21	Chapter Work Project/Camp Out- Sarah's Creek Watch for Details in Tight Lines -