



# TIGHT LINES

MARCH 2001

NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

## FLYFISHING WYOMING !

**Butch Martin**, fellow TU member, guide and all round good guy, will present a slide program at the Chapter's March meeting on Tuesday nite, the 20th, 6:30 PM at the Rock House in Clayton.

Butch guides out of Unicoi Outfitters in Helen during the winter and early spring and then spends the summer and fall guiding in the Green River area of Wyoming.

Whether wading the Green or surrounding streams for trophy trout or spending the day driftboat fishing for Brown, Rainbow, Cutthroat and Brookies, Butch will have the information for you.

If you just can't wait or want some pre-meeting info:

[www.elkridgelodge.com](http://www.elkridgelodge.com) or

[www.unicoioutfitters.com](http://www.unicoioutfitters.com)

### MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT THE CHAPTER RECEIVES \$5 WHENEVER YOU SEND YOUR RENEWAL CHECK AND RENEWAL FORM TO THE CHAPTER TREASURER FOR FORWARDING ON TO NATIONAL.

EITHER BRING THE FORM AND CHECK TO THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING OR SEND THEM TO:

**LEWIS REEVES**

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### Coming in April.....

Our April meeting campout and work project will take place Friday evening, April 20th, on the banks of Sarah's Creek at the Appletree Camp. On Saturday we will be working on stream structures on Sarah's.

This will be our first campout meeting and there are sure to be a member or two staking out the camp a day or two in advance.

Final plans will be announced at the March meeting.

## KNOTS, LINES, LEADERS AND TIPPETS

At the February meeting held at Tallulah Falls State Park, **Henry Williamson** led a hands on session of knot tying that kept the experienced and beginner involved and entertained.

Do you still use the clinch knot to tie on the fly? The Duncan loop is faster, stronger and easier under all conditions but especially useful in low light conditions.

The surgeon's knot (double overhand) knot

joins the tippet to your leader fast and efficiently. And whether you use the braided loop attached to your flyline for making the quick loop-to-loop connection, or if you prefer the nail knot, Henry made them all look easy. If you weren't there, you missed a good one. Thanks to Henry for his usual good job, and to Bill Turner, Ranger at Tallulah Falls State Park for making their facilities available

APRIL "TIGHT LINES" WILL BE E-MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS FOR WHOM WE HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS. ALL OTHERS WILL RECEIVE IT IN THE USUAL MANNER

## Rabun Chapter Schedule of Coming Events

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| Tue Mar 20 | Monthly Chapter Meeting - Rock House, Clayton<br>Butch Martin - "Wyoming Trout Fishing"  |
| Fri Apr 20 | Chapter Meeting on Friday Night...Work Project<br>on Sarah's Creek on Saturday. Details in March.  |
| Tue May 15 | Chapter Meeting at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School<br>on Indian Lake. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & other<br>nutritional delicacies. Casting instructions. |
| Sat Jun 9  | USFS Kids Fishing Day on the Tallulah River  |
| Tue Jun 19 | Monthly Chapter Meeting - Rock House, Clayton<br>Forest Service Land Mangement Planning update   |
| Fri Jun 22 | Follow The Leader on the Chattooga. Meet at<br>Burrells Ford Bridge  |
| Fri Jul 20 | Monthly Meeting on Friday nite; Work Project on<br>Saturday  |
| Tue Aug 21 | Monthly Meeting, Kelly's Waterfall Picnic<br>Ground Everybody bring covered dish   |
| Tue Sep 18 | Monthly Meeting, Rock House, Clayton, "Doc"<br>Burken's Annual First Aid Update  |
| Sat Sep 22 | Work Project, Sarah's Creek  |

*PLEASE CALL ME IF ANY DATES OR EVENTS ARE INCORRECT:  
Tom Landreth 706-746-2295*

## TRAILS ARE GETTING STEEPER

Several members of the Chapter could have told you this, especially those over forty....the trails out of some of our favorite streams are getting steeper. (Your editor has noticed this for several years)

According to geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Atlanta, the Blue Ridge mountains are rising at an alarming rate of about 100 feet every million years. There are a couple of trails out of the Chattooga that

must be shoving upward at a much faster rate than that

One scientist states, "...the slow motion advance of the North American plate is lifting the Blue Ridge as well as the rest of the Appalachians and the Piedmont".

Wow! Does that mean that viable trout streams will be created around Anderson and maybe even Columbia?

## FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN TROUT

A letter announcing a fund raising program that will help TU chapters of the SE region complete and continue many vital projects and programs was mailed to TUsers recently.

The assumption is that this mailing was to the TU membership. But, in case you didn't receive the announcement, you may like to contact:

Bobby Bell  
TU Southeastern Regional Dir.  
706/234-5310 or  
tusedir@aol.com

## FOOTHILLS' CHAPTER HOOT IN THE HILLS

Our brothers to the immediate south, **The Foothill's Chapter of TU**, are holding their annual fund raiser on March 24th, 6:00 PM, at **LaPrade's** on Lake Burton. In the event you don't know where this is, just head west on US 76, turn south (for Frank that is to your left) on Hwy 197, go past the Burton Hatchery and continue on, looking out for LaPrade's Marina on your left, the restaurant is up the hill to your right. (Now, Frank, if you are coming from the south on Hwy 197, you will not pass the hatchery, the marina will be on your right and the restaurant is still up, but on your left.)

So, Rabun Chapter members, let's all head for **Hoot in the Hills**, have some great food, drop a few bucks and have a good time. The Foothills bunch will also appreciate suitable items for their auction and raffles.

An Elk Hair Caddis is a good floater. Try tying a nymph, one size smaller than the caddis, about 18" behind the EHC. (Same applies to Deer Hair Caddis)