

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW SEASON



TIGHT LINES December 2012 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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Rabun TU's Award Winning website <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

"Most of the world is covered by water. A fisherman's job is simple: Pick out the best parts."
Charles Waterman

THE DECEMBER MEETING is the ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER!

Lower Level Private Dining Room in the Cupboard Cafe, Dillard – Parking and Entry in the Rear
2nd Tuesday, December 11th

6:00 PM Social w/cash bar & 7:00 PM Dinner (details below)

Appetizers, Soup, Salad, Entree: Mixed Grill (your choice of Chicken Cordon Blue, Bacon-Wrapped Sirloin, or Pecan-Crusted Trout), Vegetables, Bread, Desert

(the appetizers will be buffet style, the soup, salad, entree, and desert will be served at the table)

Cost: \$26 per person (pay to "Rabun TU" at the event) –

You must contact June Landreth to reserve your place! Reservations Required by Tuesday, 12/4

E-mail: landreth@windstream.net Phone: 706 746 2295

There will not be a raffle at the Annual Christmas Dinner.

"In these sad and ominous days of mad fortune chasing, every patriotic, thoughtful citizen, whether he fishes or not, should lament that we have not among our countrymen more fishermen." Grover Cleveland

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates See you there!

Dec 1 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting. The annual planning meeting with USFS and, GA WRD. 9 AM at the USFS office in Gainesville.

Dec 11 (Tues) Annual Family Christmas Dinner at Cupboard Cafe, Dillard, GA; Social 6:30, Dinner 7:00 pm; Cost: \$26/person, includes tip. Meal: Appetizers, Soup, Salad, Entree: Mixed Grill (your choice of Chicken Cordon Blue, Bacon-Wrapped Sirloin, or Pecan-Crusted Trout), Vegetables, Bread, Desert (the appetizers will be buffet style, the soup, salad, entree, and desert will be served at the table). A Cash Bar with beer and wine will be available. Since there is a Cash Bar for beer and wine, diners cannot bring their own beer and wine. Diners can bring their own hard liquor and keep it at the bar for a \$2.00 set up fee. **RSVP: Contact June Landreth by Dec 4** at (706) 746-2295 or landreth@windstream.net

Jan 7 (Mon) Deadline for 2012 Trout Camper applications.

Jan 8 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, Chamber of Commerce.

Jan 15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office **Program:** "Ron's Top Five." Unicoi Outfitters guide Ron Thomas will share his secrets on tying and fishing his top five flies. What are they? Well, I don't believe we said - just yet! Come to the January meeting and find out. Ron will also describe his "Tie-1-On" fly tying program and its success in recruiting new trout anglers and new members for the Georgia Foothills TU Chapter. Come and get ready for spring success with "Ron's Top Five."

26th Annual Rabun Rendezvous – Saturday, February 2, 2013
Program: Franklin Tate – The Youth Program in TU

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



GOLDEN RETRIEVER

THIS FLY HAS BEEN VERY GOOD ON THE DELAYED HARVEST STREAMS FOR ME. TIE IT WITH SOME WEIGHT AND DROP OFF A NATURAL LOOKING NYMPH OFF THE BACK AND SOMETIME THE TROUT ARE ATTRACTED TO THE FLASH AND TAKE THE NATURAL PATTERN.

SEE Y'ALL ON THE RIVER

HOOK: 8/10 3x
TAIL: TAN MARABOU
THREAD: RED OR YELLOW
HEAD: BRASS BEAD
BODY: GOLDEN ESTAZ

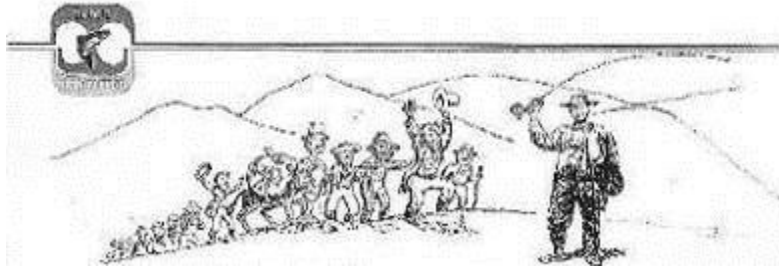
"Secret Places - - The inherent human urge to show off makes it difficult to keep a really good spot from a friend. Unfortunately sharing usually ends up putting a strain on both the spot and the friendship."

From The River Home by Jerry Dennis

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**The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited proudly presents
A Celebration of Rivers, Streams, Trout, and Trout Fishing**

Please Join Us for the 26th Annual

Rabun Rendezvous

"The Rendezvous was unlike anything before or since, a gathering of uninhibited men down from the mountains. The event attracted perhaps a hundred mountain men, their indian wives, and assorted visiting tribesmen. Amusements included gambling, drinking, storytelling – continuing day and night." Quote from The Mountain Men by George Laycock

When: Saturday, February 2, 2013

Where: The "NEW" Dillard House Conference Center, located behind the Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia.

Who: The more the better. Everyone interested in protecting our cold-water resources, including their families, friends, and all who love clean cold streams, trout, and trout fishing.

Social: About 5 o'clock PM folks will start gathering to "pick the pig" and enjoy the rocking chairs on the porch of the Conference Center. There will be snack trays of cheeses, crackers, veggies with dips, and fruits. Soft drinks and ice will be available. If you want something stronger, better bring it yourself. There will be a fire inside to warm your buns.

The Foxfire Boys (as seen in the Chattooga River episode of TUTV's "On The Rise") will again generously provide their 'down home' style of bluegrass picking and singing for your musical entertainment.

Remember to ask about The Foxfire Boys CDs (now 4 of them), which will be available.

The large screen TV will be showing the Rabunites trout fishing some of their favorite 'secret spots'. This will be the ideal time to be looking over the raffle and silent auction items. **We welcome donations of raffle and auction items at the door, fellow TU'ers.**

Dinner: Fish, chicken, and pork with all the side dishes and desserts that have made the Dillard House so famous, will be served about 6:30. It is a serve yourself buffet, so you will not leave hungry.



Program presenter – Franklin Tate – The Youth Program in TU

Cost: \$30 for adults and \$25 for youth of 15 and under. Cash, personal checks, VISA or MasterCard credit cards. We don't do advanced tickets or reservation; just pay at the door.

Lodging: The Dillard House has set special rates for rooms starting at \$49 (plus tax) for those that call and **tell them you're attending the Trout Unlimited Rabun Rendezvous.** Call: 706-746-5348 or Toll Free 1-800-541-0671

You must tell them you are there with Trout Unlimited to get the special rate.

The 2012 Rabun Rendezvous provided funds for the following: GA Trout Camp for youth; Sponsorship of student interns working in NE GA fisheries with the GA WRD and the USFS; Sponsoring two youngsters attending the GA Trout Camp; Financial support of the GA DNR Smithgall Woods Conservation Education Program; Rabun Co Middle School Mentoring Program; Gift Stream Explorer memberships; GA "Back-the-Brookie" Program; Kid's Fishing Event at Tallulah River (USFS); GA WRD Outdoor Adventure Day; River clean-up day at Chattooga DH; In-stream habitat improvement workday with USFS & GA WRD on a Rabun County brook trout stream; Fly Fishing for Vets Wounded Warriors Program; Handicap Access on Tallulah River; Casting for Recovery; UGA coldwater Research Endowment; National TU's "First Cast", "Embrace-A-Stream", & "SE Land Protection" Programs; Support of Rabun TU's award winning website; and Trout Magazine subscriptions to all school & public libraries and 2 state parks in Rabun County

December Hatches

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
None at all	Can happen any time on any day		Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill	All Month	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

To view a Hatch Chart for other months, click [Hatch Chart](#)

Website-of-the-Month: <http://troutadventuretrail.org/index.htm>

The official website for the new, and first of its kind, Trout Adventure Trail is now open.

Rabun TU's Award Winning website <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

Please send comments & suggestions to Pat Hopton, Website Project Manager, scotts_creek58@yahoo.com

Rabun TU Site Designed by [Allison O. Adams, Editorial and Multimedia Services](#)

"Catchin' Corner" - Troutng Tips



The following brief article is reprinted with permission from the Fly Shack Newsletter <http://www.flyshack.com/>
December: The Bead-Head Zebra Midge: Black's a good first choice but red, olive and brown can all be effective. Midges are active all winter long and on streams that don't freeze over, trout feed on them all winter long. Once in a while they even feed at the surface. If you see that happening, cut off the Zebra and tie on a Griffith's Gnat.

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

On January 31, 2012 the Forest Supervisors of the Sumter, Chattahoochee and Nantahala National Forests issued Final decisions notices for Alternative 13A. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/scnfs/home/?cid=STELPRDB5253595>

Boating will be permitted on the Chattooga North Fork beginning December 1 through April 30 every year, on any day the flow reaches 350 cfs on the Burrell's Ford gauge.

The boater's federal court case with the Forest Service (demanding year-round unrestricted access at any flow) is expected to go to trial in late 2012. The Forest Service has again filed a motion to dismiss.

Beware of the camel's nose! [HERE](#) Help protect backcountry solitude and remoteness.

Now is the time to begin the application process for Georgia Trout Camp 2013.

Think - your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, neighbor's kids, or any kid that is excited about the outdoors and fishing.



Rabun Chapter will sponsor 2 campers. Here are a few facts and instructions:

Deadline to apply: January 7, 2013 **Camp Dates:** June 9 (Sunday) - June 14 (Friday);

Cost: \$450 per camper (financial aid is available) Includes room, board, and all activities for the five-day camp.

Instructions: Applications must be completed and turned in to Rabun Chapter by 1/7/2013.

(Campers must be within the ages of 12 – 15 at time of camp)

Information and application forms are available on the Council website

<http://georgiatu.org/index.php?mid=education&iid=troutcamp2013&sid=>

Mail applications to: Rabun TU, PO Box 371, Clayton, GA 30525

Rabun Chapter will select 2 campers from the applicants to sponsor.

Each of the 13 chapters in Georgia has spots to fill and each chapter decides how they want to select their campers. Once a chapter chooses a camper, the application, along with their tuition check, is forwarded to the Trout Camp Coordinator (Charlie Breithaupt). Campers will be notified of their acceptance as soon as possible. Later, around early May, more detailed information will be sent to each camper.

Questions and/or concerns should be directed to the Camp Coordinator, Charlie Breithaupt,
 194 Kitchens Lane; Clayton, GA 30525 knc615@windstream.net (706) 782-6954

DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!



John McGarity - owner and host of the 2013 Dream Trip

GRAND PRIZE

"The 2013 Dream Trip reaches new heights. The opportunity to fish with John McGarity, stay in his fabulous log cabin conveniently located between the Madison River, Yellowstone National Park and the Henry's Fork puts you smack dab in the middle of some of the most famous trout waters in North America. John is the consummate trout angler, fishing almost every day during the 5 or 6 months each year he resides in Idaho. Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone checks with John for fishing reports. Having been a restaurateur, John is also an excellent cook... you will not go hungry on this trip! TU couldn't ask for a better host and guide for this year's Dream Trip." -Jimmy Harris, owner, Unicoi Outfitters

- **5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 28- August 2, 2013**
- **\$500 total in travel expenses** - travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winners.
*Fishing licenses, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the winners during their stay.
- Each winner receives:
 - Choice of Winston Bill-x or Sage ONE 4, 5 or 6 wt rod
 - A fly reel with Scientific Angler line
 - A fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen per box)



Tickets \$10 Proceeds Benefit TU Cold Water Conservation and Trout Camp

RUNNER UP PRIZES:

The winner(s) of this raffle are responsible for any tax due on the value of the winnings.

- Custom made Temple Fork fly rod. (9' 4 piece, Professional series or TiCr, 4, 5 or 6 wt). Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Six dozen flies in nice fly box. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Five day trip to Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada for one person. Trip is set up for two people for 5 days. Winner or partner must pay for second person @\$3695 individual rate. Dates are open for selection at www.kasba.com. Donated by the Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada.
- Certificate to Fly Fishing Class or Fly Casting Class at the Atlanta Fly Fishing School. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Custom made Temple Fork fly rod of winner's choice. (Professional series, TiCr or TiCrX). Donated by Garland Stewart.
- Full day guided float trip on the Chattahoochee River for 2 people. Includes lunch and soft drinks. Donated by River Through Atlanta Guide Service. Gordon Walker will be the guide.
- Half day guided fishing trip with Henry Cowan on the Chattahoochee for carp, Lake Lanier for stripers or Lake Allatoona. (Anglers' choice.)
- One half-day unguided fishing for two people at Nacoochee Bend. Donated by Jimmy Harris, Unicoi Outfitters.
- Fly Box with 6 dozen flies, donated by the 13 Georgia TU Chapters
- Surprise gift **Must be present to win!**



Jimmy Harris owner of Unicoi Outfitters



For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

For complete details and rules <http://georgiatu.org/index.php?mid=news&iid=dream2013&sid=>
Contact Jimmy Whiten for your raffle tickets: E-mail jimmywhiten@yahoo.com

The Rocky Mountain Fever - a chronic affliction

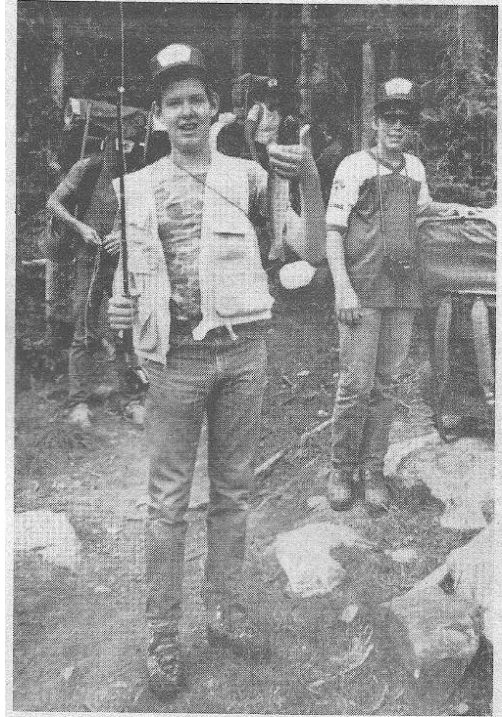
Editor's Notes: In June 1957 when I made my first road trip to Colorado with my buddy, Sonny Covington. We camped and fished for 2 weeks before driving back to Georgia. We spent the next 50 weeks in eager anticipation of our return to the Colorado Rockies in 1958. We had caught the Rocky Mountain Fever.

Every summer, when THE RIVER gets low and warm, my chronic affliction of Rocky Mountain Fever flares up again. As you may know, there is no cure for the fever, only an annual dose of the treatment West of Hiawassee seems to suppress the symptoms of despair and depression; making life bearable through the long dark winter months.

In the summer of 1984, I lead members of Clayton's Boy Scout Troop #6 on a road trip in a school bus to the Colorado Rockies for camping, backpacking and fishing. That was when Rabun TU's charter member Kyle Burrell caught the Rocky Mountain Fever.



RIGHT AT HOME in this new environment Kyle Burrell put his fishing skills to use during the scout trip to Colorado, catching a total of 60 fish, including all four kinds of native trout. No doubt about it he was the indisputable champion.



THE FISHING CHAMP rates the fishing in Colorado as no less than superb. With his overwhelming record of 60 catches during the trip you can see where Kyle Burrell's enthusiasm comes from.

Above photos and captions are reprint from The Clayton Tribune, August 1984.

Captain Kyle Burrell – Trout Fishing Guide

<http://www.fishwithkyle.com/#!capt.-kyle-burrell>



Kyle Burrell was born and raised in the Chattooga River country of northeast Georgia and has been seriously fly fishing, fly tying, and building custom fly rods since 1984. Kyle has an extensive resume when it comes to trout fishing. He has a Master's Degree in Forest Resources Management with a concentration in coldwater fisheries and is a licensed U.S. Coast Guard Captain.

He is an expert on trout behavior and trout stream ecosystems. His graduate thesis entitled "Seasonal Movement of Brown Trout in the Chattooga River Watershed" was published in Transactions of the American Fisheries Society in 2001. Kyle has been a U.S. Forest Service Fisheries Biologist in North Carolina and Georgia, and has worked as an Environmental Scientist in the Atlanta area.

Kyle now guides full-time and divides his time between the Chattahoochee River in Atlanta in the spring and fall, and the Green River of Wyoming in the summer time for trophy sized wild trout.

To contact Kyle, E-mail fishwithkyle@yahoo.com

“Catchin' Corner” - Troutng Tips

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What's "Heavy Enough" - Some Thoughts on Split Shot

It's November, and for the most part we fly-fishers must accept the reality that there won't be much dry-fly fishing for the next few months.

Yes, there are exceptions, especially in more southern areas and on tailwaters, where fish can sometimes be found rising in every month of the year. But the exceptions prove the rule. Trout can still be caught, but for the most part we're going to need to fish deeply to catch them.

How deeply, of course, depends on the depth of the water you're fishing. It's not a big challenge to get a fly near the bottom of a knee-deep run. But if you've had the chance to fish in the past few weeks, you may have noticed that trout are absent from many of the shallower places you had been finding them in the summer and early fall. They're in deeper holes now, where the current is less demanding, which suits them because cold water and lack of food causes their metabolism to slow down considerably.

Trout still feed in the winter and will take flies - if you can get the fly deep enough. That brings us to this month's topic - Adding Stuff to Your Leader So You Can Fish Deep.

We all enjoy casting nice, tight loops when our terminal tackle is virtually weightless. Add a string of split shot, however, and out casting becomes something you probably wouldn't want to post on YouTube. In fact, if you add enough weight, it's not fly-casting at all anymore. Fly-casting means you cast the line and the leader and fly go along for the ride. When casting a heavy fly and plenty of lead, you're flinging the weight, which pulls the line behind it as it flies to the target. It's called chuck and duck, and you can do it with a spinning rod if it has the right action.

Nonetheless, if we want to bounce the bottom of a six-foot pool, we need lead. Or lead substitute.

All kinds of sinkers are available for fly line leaders, from the twist-on stuff that used to come in what looked like a matchbook, to the "slinkies" (lengths of paracord hollowed out and stuffed with shot, with a snap at the top for attaching to a three-way swivel) used by Great Lakes steelheaders to reach the bottoms of tributary pools. But regular split shot is probably the best

choice for most situations, because it's a simple matter to customize your weight by adding or removing shot.

The key to using split shot properly is being willing to fuss with it until you get it right - that is, adding more if you're not bouncing the bottom and removing some if you move to a shallower lie. This seems obvious, yet it's human nature to prefer fishing to fussing, especially when the weather's below freezing.

If you've got enough shot on your leader to make casting a pain in the neck, you may be tempted to decide you're sufficiently weighted and take your chances. But that might mean your fly is drifting well above the trout's position - too far away for the fish to notice, or even if they do notice it, farther away than wintertime fish are generally willing to go for a snack. That's why it's crucial to feel your fly bumping along a little bit in every cast. Your fly needs to be where the fish are. So don't settle for "pretty heavy" - keep adding shot until you achieve "heavy enough."

Of course, you're bound to get hung up on a regular basis, with your fly catching a drowned limb (or another angler's broken-off snag), or your split shot itself wedging between rocks. Usually this means breaking off your tackle and tying on a new tippet and fly and adding the split shot all over again. More fussing. But when winter fish are holding deep, it's often the only way.

You can help achieve the depth you need with a heavy fly. Weighted patterns like the Copper John or Czech nymphs sink very well on their own and can reduce the amount of shot needed on your cast. Weighted nymphs catch an awful lot of fish every year, both winter and summer, but some anglers don't like them because they find their action in the water too heavy and unrealistic. For these anglers, plenty of split shot and a relatively buoyant nymph like the Pheasant Tail or Hare's Ear is a more effective way to fish.

That great tight loop you cast all summer when trout were rising is long gone. Your loop now is big and round, and where all that lead will land is never quite certain. It's the price you pay for trout (sometimes big trout) when the rivers are cold.

About Trout Unlimited <http://www.tu.org/>

Today TU is a national organization with more than 140,000 volunteers organized into about 400 chapters from Maine to Montana to Alaska. This dedicated grassroots army is matched by a respected staff of lawyers, policy experts and scientists, who work out of more than 30 offices nationwide. These conservation professionals ensure that TU is at the forefront of fisheries restoration work at the local, state and national levels. To read more: <http://www.tu.org/about-us>



National Conservation Agenda Approved by NLC on 9/17/2011

http://www.tu.org/sites/www.tu.org/files/documents/tu_nlc_nca_9-17-2011.pdf

Protect: - Native trout and salmon watersheds - Stream habitat and riparian zones - Wild trout and other salmonids - Outstanding trout waters on public and private lands - Coldwater aquifers/groundwater - From the impacts of climate change - From pollution from energy development, mining, agricultural run-off, acid deposition, and other sources - Against invasive species including inappropriate stocking of hatchery salmonids - Against transbasin diversions

Reconnect: - Headwater tributaries to mainstreams - Removal of dams, culverts and obstructions that impede salmonid migrations - Water diversions

Restore: - Atlantic and Pacific salmon - Native and wild trout - Riparian habitat, instream flows & water quality

Sustain: - Trout and salmon fisheries through land conservancy - Education and membership development

RABUN TU CHAPTER 522 – MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Many of our members have expressed an interest in contacting other chapter members. Many times this has been to coordinate fishing trips, extend invitations to participate in chapter meetings and events, follow up a member who is ill or to offer condolences and expressions of sympathy. Why can we not use our directory of information as provided to TU National? TU by-laws provide for use of membership information solely for TU business. Your Board of Directors has decided to pursue the creation of a chapter membership directory as a way of providing contact information to chapter members. Please provide as much or as little information as you wish to share by filling in the below form and emailed the info back to Ray King at the following email address: rayking@frontier.com. If you receive a printed copy of the chapter newsletter, please fill out the form and mail it to the following address: Ray King, 121 Creek Road, Otto, North Carolina 28763

We hope to make the membership directory as complete as possible and can only do so with your support. Please help by filling out the form and returning it by February 8, 2013. Thank you for your support and participation!

Name	Street Address	City, State, Zip	Home Telephone #	Cell Telephone #	Email Address

FISHING REPORT

Chattooga DH on Saturday afternoon (11/10) with ole Rabunite Ray Gentry and adopted Rabunite Jeff. (Photos by Jeff Durniak)



"BACKCASTING"

Nov 7-11 (Wed-Sun) Fall Camping & Fishing Outing at Long Bottom (SC) – 28 members and friends participated and the fishing, catching, camping and campfire fellowship (stories and discussions of "important" issues) was outstanding.





Nov 10 (Sat) River Clean-up Day on the DH section of the Chattooga River – 20 members and friends participated. Rabun TU hosted a stream clean-up work project on the Chattooga River, between the Hwy 28 Bridge and the mouth of Reed Creek. Approximately 15 bags of trash were picked up by 22 TU volunteers. After the stream clean-up we all gathered at Long Bottom dispersed camping area and had a low country boil lunch prepared by Rabunite **Wayne Prosser**. Mmmm GOOD!



Nov 20 (Tues) Chapter Meeting – 20 folks attended **Program:** WRD's Rabun County Conservation Officer, Corporal Derek Dillard told about his life and times as our game warden. Derek shared several stories about his experiences with law breakers. And we learn how we can be his extended "eyes and ears" to conserve the county's outstanding natural resources and ensure fun, safe times afield by anglers, hunters, boaters, and all other fans of the outdoors. **If you observe a violation, the best way to help Derek is to call 911** and report the details; the operator will immediately contact Derek by radio. Or you can also report poachers on the WRD TIP line at 1 800 241 4113. You can call Derek directly on his cell phone 706 490 3530.



In our appreciation for the program, Michele Crawford presented Derek a LE print of a rainbow trout.

The Meeting Raffle had 11 buckets with 2 fly assortments, a basket of decorative gourds, a multi-tool, 2 books and much, much more. Our thanks to all who donated items and to **Tim McClure** for conducting the raffle. The raffle raised \$80 to cover the newsletter cost for members without E-mail.

Nov 27 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 12 attended (9 BOD members & 3 other members). Some agenda items included: Recaps – Approve October BOD Meeting Minutes; 11/7-11/11 Fall Campout at Long Bottom; 11/10 River Clean-up Day on the DH section of the Chattooga River Status Updates – 2013 Rabun Rendezvous Donations; Foxfire Boys are booked for Feb 2, 2013 RR; 2013 RR Door Prize Gift Order; Annual Financial, Volunteer Hours & CEI reports; Campout Equipment and Meal Committee; Handicap Access for Tallulah River; Mentoring Rabun Co Middle School Students; Chapter Note Card Printing; Membership Directory Update; Location for fly tying gatherings; Dream Trip Raffle Ticket Sales; 2013 Trout Camp applications; Membership renewals Upcoming – 12/1 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting. The annual planning meeting with USFS and, GA WRD; 12/11 (Tues) Annual Family Christmas Dinner at Cupboard Cafe, Dillard; 1/7 (Mon) Rabun TU Trout Camp application deadline; 1/8 (Tues) BOD Meeting; 1/15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting Program "Ron's Top Five." Unicoi Outfitters guide Ron Thomas New Business – Set date for annual planning breakfast 2/16/2013 (2 weeks after RR) Reports – Print Media; Membership Committee: Recruit & Retention; Treasury Report

A Rocky Mountain Fever Report - Fishing the Wedding of the Waters

By John Springer

One of the most incredible places I got to fish after retirement was where the Big Horn River begins and the Wind River ends, they call this spot the "wedding of the waters." If you come in from the east you will drive along the Wind River and just before you come to the Canyon and where the Indian land begins you see several great campgrounds that they were working to improve while I was there. After you go through several tunnels you come into a canyon like I have never experienced before. With rock walls on both sides of you, it's like fishing inside the Grand Canyon, without the climb down. Mountain Goats as well as deer are here and many birds of prey. The only drawback is the road you come in on parallels the river. I found that after a while you don't even notice it between the beauty and the great fishing.





Editors Notes: Our thanks to John Springer of Wallingford, CT for sending this report to TIGHT LINES. John is a member of Hammonasset TU as well as Thames Valley TU in Connecticut.

THANK YOU

Georgia Women FlyFishers, Inc <http://www.georgiawomenflyfishing.com/> for your cash donation to the Tom Landreth Memorial Fund <http://rabuntu.org/site/join-support/the-chapters-special-funds/>

All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c)3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

Summary of FY2012 Rabun TU Chapter Annual Financial & Volunteer Hours Report

(This annual report is required to maintain the Chapter's tax-exempt status)

Total Revenue (Cash inflow) - **\$31,008** **Total Expenses** (Program services - \$19,708; Fundraising & Admin - \$9,867) - **\$29,575**
Total Assets (Cash, Receivables, CDs, Inventory) - **\$23,629** **Total Liabilities** - **\$0**

Estimated Volunteer Hours: Conservation (restoration, connection, protection, and advocacy projects) – **406 hours**
Youth Education – **544 hours** **General Education** – **893 hours** **Travel** – **459 hours** **Fundraising** – **520 hours**
General Operations (newsletter, website, membership, programs, reports) – **571 hours**
Total Estimated Volunteer Hours – **3,393 hours**

The Chapter Effectiveness Index (CEI) is 94 of a possible 100.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thanks for re-upping: Seth Hill (SE), Travis Barnes, John Hoppes, Jerry McFalls, Kyle Burrell and Billy Cook.

It is time to renew your membership: Elizabeth Barlow (SE), Jesse Barlow (SE), Tyler Harris (SE), Daniel Fountain (SE), Kevin Lash (SE), Victoria Welch (SE), Ronald McKenney, Radford Smith, Gabe Southards, Tim McClure, Chris Bedea, Erwin Ford, Paul Shannon, David Jordan, John Edwards, Lonnie English and Hampton Williams.

Rabun TU Officers & Directors for FY2013

Voting Board of Directors Members:

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Director through FY 2013 - Glenn English with Name Tags	(706) 212-9983	genglish09@yahoo.com
Director through FY 2014 - Tim McClure with Meeting Refreshments, Meeting Raffle	(706) 782-6159	tcmcclure64@gmail.com
Director through FY 2014 - Michele Crawford with Memorials, Donations	(706) 490-4574	crawfordart@windstream.net
Director through FY 2015 - Kent Wilson with Rod Raffle	(706) 746-7488	kandcwilson@windstream.net
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Notes from the Prez

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all the members and supporters of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited. All of you have truly made a difference! During 2012 you have worked long and hard to fulfill our mission to conserve, protect, and enhance the cold water resources in the northeast Georgia area. Countless people will be exposed to the joys of fishing as a result of your tireless efforts to ensure future generations may enjoy fishing in cleaner, more abundant waters.

Though we mourn the passing of four of our Chapter members, Bill Kelly, John Starinchuck, Joe Gatins, and Jim Darnell, during the past year, let's take this moment to tell those family and friends still around us that we love them. Each of you is important and you have shown your support to the Chapter in your own unique and special ways. Thank you for that.

So on behalf of the Rabun Chapter, I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I am convinced: the best is truly yet to come.

PS – Make your plans now to attend the 2012 annual Rabun Chapter Christmas Dinner! I hope to see you there.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Hopton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Pat Hopton - Chapter Prez

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