



Tight Lines

July 2015 Newsletter of the
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited
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Rabun TU's Award Winning Web Site <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

**"The great charm of fly-fishing is that we are always learning."
Theodore Gordon**

RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

Join us!! Don't miss out on something GREAT!

Our Meeting Place is the TU/Scout Hut

On the third Thursday of the month.

US Hwy76 west, the brick building located behind the Rabun County Library. Parking is available in the Rabun County Library parking lot and Rabun County Tax Office parking lot.

Fly Tying for all ages starts at 5pm

Don't miss these opportunities to learn from Terry Rivers !!

Bring your own equipment if you have it.

**Then 6:30 pm – 7:00 Social & Story telling (Truth or Lies),
Then at 7:00 – Program & Meeting.**

At every regular chapter meeting there will be a raffle for fishing or camping items to help pay the cost of mailing the newsletter to members without email. Bring an item to donate and a dollar or two for raffle tickets. You Might WIN something !

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

Georgia DNR is having a Facebook photo contest. Get your photos on Facebook and perhaps win a gift card from Bass Pro Shop.

Click on the link below.

[DNR Facebook Photo Contest](#)

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WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???

By: Terry Rivers

JULY FLY OF THE MONTH 2015



BODY: PEACOCK HERL
BACK: BLACK FOAM
THORAX: BLACK HACKLE
LEGS: MED. RUBBER LEGS

**BLACK FOAM
BEETLE**

HAVE SOME OF THESE DURING THE HOT DAYS OF SUMMER
“SEE YA’LL ON THE RIVER”

July Hatches

THE BUGS	TIME OF MONTH	TIME OF DAY	SUGGESTED FLIES
None at all	All month/year	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Midges	All month/year	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Golden Stonefly	All Month	Early AM	8 - 12 Ginger Stimulator 6 - 10 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Brown Stonefly	All Month	Early to Mid AM	10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Trico Mayfly Trico Spinner Fall	Mid to Late	Mid AM Late PM	20 Parachute Trico, Trico emerger 20-22 Poly Wing Black Spinner
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes
Light Cahill Mayfly	All Month	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph

To view a Hatch Chart for all month click [Hatch Chart](#)

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**Forward Casting : Calendar of Important dates
to Take Action & Have Fun**

July 16 (Thurs) Annual Summer Family Picnic
at Kelly's Waterfall Park, Dillard Georgia.
Custom rod raffle winner will be drawn.
Guests bring a covered dish and the Chapter
provides the chicken! 6 pm. Don't miss out !!



For more info contact Steve Perry at flygide@gmail.com .

July 22 (Wed) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Annual Chattooga
River Electro shocking. This year we will be working on the up-
per section of the river- Ellicott's Rock. Meet at Burrell's ford at
8:00 am. Pack a lunch and plenty of water! See you on the river.

July 23 (Thurs) Monthly BOD Meeting at the TU/Scout Hut.
Meeting starts at 6:30; all are welcome!!

July 25 (Sat) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Stream Restoration Pro-
ject. We will be joining other TU Chapters to work on Martin
Branch over in White county. See Page 4 For more info.

August 20 (Thurs) Regular Monthly Meeting. Fly Tying starts at 5
pm, social at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00. See you there.

August 27 (Thurs) Monthly BOD Meeting at the TU/Scout Hut.
Meeting starts at 6:30; all are welcome!!

**Sept 26 (Sat) Go ahead and get it on your calendar to save the
date for Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi State Park !**

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Martin Branch Stream Restoration Project

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!

Join fellow TU folks for a day of conservation. We will be joining Upper Chattahoochee River, Foothills, Oconee River, Middle Georgia, and the Savannah River TU Chapters for a brook trout stream restoration project on Martin Branch near Robertstown, GA. Martin Branch is a tributary to the Chattahoochee River. We will be building and repairing in stream structures to restore brook trout, improve stream flow and provide habitat for brook trout. The workday is led by UCCTU and is open to anyone. Bring a friend !! A hat and work gloves are the only equipment needed. We will work with the Forest Service and DNR until about noon. Lunch and Water will be provided. You might want to bring a change of clothes for the ride back. Jerry McFalls is coordinating for the Rabun Chapter. Contact him at **706-782-8357** or at threeforksadventures@hotmail.com.

A good day of fellowship with a great group of fellow anglers!!

BACK CASTING

The Rabun Chapter held our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2015 at the TU/Scout Hut. Our guest speaker was Jenny Sanders. Jenny is a watershed management professional and an outdoor enthusiast. Jenny, who is affiliated with the Little Tennessee Watershed gave a most informed presentation on future ideas and plans for management of the Little Tennessee Watershed. Everyone enjoyed the very informative meeting and the delightful speaker. We also held our bucket raffle raising \$65.00. Many thanks to all who donated. By the way, while it's hot and you're having to spend more time inside, sift through your piles of stuff and see if you can come up with any other goodies that you might want to part with for our monthly meeting raffle.



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Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians



The Fly Fishing Museum held it's Grand Opening on Saturday June 6, 2015. Located in Cherokee, NC the museum is totally worth a visit. So many great exhibits regarding fly fishing. Our own Rabunite Broderick Crawford did a Limited Edition print for the museum that they are selling to help with fundraising. The print is titled "101 Flies of the Great Smoky Mountains". Also among the exhibits is some of the artwork by our own Tom Landreth. Get there soon to enjoy this great addition to our Southern Appalachians.



Tallulah River Kids Fishing Rodeo

This year's KFE was held on the Tallulah River Campground on June 6th, and was a record event. In previous years, the event had around 160 children registered. This year, two hundred thirteen (213) children registered!

DNR stocked the river on the day before the event with 2500 trout, and the Forest Service cooked over 400 hot dogs for the children and their families.



A big shout out to the Forest Service for organizing the event, to DNR for stocking, to the Savannah River Chapter of TU for assisting, and for the Rabunites who showed up to assist Frank Patton get the registration table & prize tables organized. A HUGE thank you to Reeves Hardware for their donations, and to helping the Forest Service with the prizes by selling them at their cost. And finally, a big THANK YOU to all the sponsors. The kids had a wonderful time- they caught trout- some for the very first time, and they were able to spend quality time with their parents.

WHAAaaaa WHOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!

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BACK CASTING cont...

Trout Camp 2015

This year made an even dozen....twelve years of Georgia Trout camps. We didn't do anything new this year because "if it ain't broke, don't try to fix it." All the campers caught at least one trout, most tied pretty good flies, all worked hard on the stream improvement project and they did all this eagerly and with a good spirit. They learned about bugs (aka Flies), how to read the water and how to cast and care for their new equipment. They departed camp as well trained and well equipped young anglers who had also had a lesson on "stream etiquette," a important subject.



Trout Unlimited members from all across the state give of their time...some a few hours, some a whole week...to teach these youngsters about a sport near and dear to their heart. All twelve Chapters in Georgia had representatives, either as campers or mentors, in camp during the week. This is truly a statewide effort and that has proven to be the strength and success of our camp.

A reporter from the local paper interviewed a couple of us on the last day and, after we had discussed all we had done, he asked.. "so why are you willing to continue doing all this?" A good question that made me think!! We often use a phrase.. "passing it on"..



to describe how we share our passion for clean water and fly fishing for trout with others, especially young folks. We know we are doing something good and the future needs what we have to offer. We'll continue to do this as long as possible.

By: Charlie Breithaupt

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BACK CASTING cont...

Trout Camp 2015 cont... The Rabun Chapter has always prided itself with leading the way in Trout Unlimited activities in Georgia. With the Georgia Trout Camp right in our own backyard it becomes even more demanding that the Rabunites step up and do the lion's share of the work. The thirteen Rabunites that offered their time and talent made up over one-fourth of the mentors that led to another successful camp.

Terry Rivers headed up all the fly tying which involved six hours of class room instruction as well as setting up the equipment and preparing all the material. Larry Walker led the stocking of Betty Creek where he directed the distribution of a truck load of trout along a mile of stream and the marked the individual beats. Jeff Durniak and Steve Perry overcame their shyness to present a skit about stream etiquette. While they did NOT get a call from "America's Got Talent," they did get their point across. Frank Tolbert has earned the title "Iron Man" at camp as he does it all... drives a bus, lives in the dorm, fishes, ties flies and talks to the kids. Others like Kent Wilson, Wayne Prosser, Frank Patton, Fritz Vinson, Peter Croes and Mike Fuller gave of their time and talent to mentor in the stream and at the tying table, deliver meals in the field and do whatever was needed.

When camp began on Sunday everything was all ready to go. That's because Kathy Breithaupt, with some pretty lame help from Charlie, had already spent countless hours registering campers and mentors, verifying insurance, assigning rooms, hiring a nurse, buying snacks, making signs and doing whatever she could to make sure camp ran smoothly. Without what she did before camp and behind the scenes Georgia Trout Camp, as we know it, would not happen.



Thanks Rabunites...be proud of what we have done. Remember... Trout Camp 2016 starts in 48 weeks!!

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The Art of fishing and Potty Training ..from Michele Crawford

The last week of May we had the pleasure of a visit from the kids and grandkids.

Fishing Reports

We have heard many stories of Rabunite Kyle Burrell through the years about how he loved fishing from an early age. But, a young Crawford may have him beat on age of an early start. We sent him a superman fishing pole on his 2nd birthday. And right away he took to it. His mommy and daddy told of how that was all he wanted to do. He even slept with his rod a couple of times. But then he broke it. So earlier this year when the parents were at wits end on finalizing his potty training, the daddy made Jameson a deal on the potty. "You potty like a big boy all week and we'll by you a new fishing pole. For over a week he went big boy potty every time. Not missing a beat, he requested his promised gift of a new fishing pole. He picked out the fishing pole himself and aptly named it....."The Poop Potty Pole".....perhaps Reeves needs to market and stock this item! We had a blast with all three of our fishing crazy grandchildren!!



Jameson with uncle Dan and the famous "Poop Potty Pole"



To everyone's surprise, this guy caught the biggest fish of the day.

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2015 Post Trout Camp Fishing Results...by Peter Croes

After spending the week running back/forth to trout camp I was definitely ready to go fishing and test my recovery from our chapter spring campout on The River. My first trip was with Jake -Unicoi Outfitters- and we went to the Hooch fishing for bass . . . it was blazing hot although we were in the river before 08:00! I took my 8WT as we were going to have home long shots to areas where the illusive fish congregated.

Finally I caught a nice Shoal Bass and a Redbreast shortly thereafter . . . we could not catch any of the Gar as we did not have any ski rope to unfurl the tip and throw to them . . . do not know if we would have caught any as they would have to shifted from the spawning mode.

Wednesday Terry Rivers and I hooked up early and made our Brook Trout Fishing journey over to Road Prong in the Smokey Mountain (Tennessee side)! It was a wonderful clear day and in the upper 60's F all day; so, in addition to escaping the heat wave we had a wonderful day of fishing, mountain climbing (a/k/a bolder hopping both up and down), and fly fishing for native bookie's.

Needless to say Rivers caught the first on his second cast less than twenty (20) feet from the bridge in the first pool and began working his way upstream while I fished two beautiful pools downstream breaking off an Elk Hair Cad-dis on a rockfish! Twenty minutes later I had -successfully- tied on a 2# fluorocarbon tippet and managed to thread/tie on a #24 Parachute Adams . . . they sure do make those lines thin and the hook eyes tiny and hard to see in low light conditions . . . even with cheaters and a headlight!

By the time I caught up with Terry upstream he, as usual, was successful in every pool even boasting of a couple ten-inchers . . . there wasn't even a campfire! We began taking turns as we went upstream fishing the pools. He was gracious and assisted me by tying on a new RIO 5x tippet/leader shortened to an appropriate length (I had this terminal tackle in my minimalist bag) and one of the Adams he had tied.

From there on up it was game on as we continued our quest to the summit (next bridge which we never reached); so after five (5) hours of enjoyable fishing and physical fitness training we had decided to begin our descent (as we wanted to go by the newly opened fly fishing museum in Cherokee, NC on our way back to Rabunite country).; but first I wanted to fish one more "presumed" pool obscured by a 6 plus foot waterfall cascade to reach the pool . . . I told terry I had swam in smaller pools in a hotel . . . Bookie's 2 Volfish 0 in that instance.

When you walk into the museum, immediately to the left is Broderick's painting of the "101" Smokey Mountain Flies and copies of them (suitable for framing) for sale. On the Donor's list was the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited name, along with other donors. There were also a couple of Tom Landreth's framed prints on display

Going upstream and climbing up and over the large boulders was harder on me than Terry although the descent was worse on him although it only took about an hour for us to reach the bridge for our stream exit and then about a mile hike to reach the truck. Thank goodness it was downhill . . . the only problems I had were my toes jamming in the front of my boots during the descent. We were both stiff and tired when we reached the truck, museum and Ingles in Clayton.

Don't know about Terry but I slept well . . . Sambo, our dog, got up from his bed (ottoman) in the living room and closed my bedroom door because I was out snoring him! ***continued on next page....***



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Fishing Reports

2015 Post Trout Camp Fishing Results...by Peter Croes cont... The following day, Terry went to work at the Lake Burton Hatchery and I stayed home nursing the aches and pains in both of my knees and catching up on mail and other business (it felt as though I had played several ice hockey matches in one day) . . . that was until it was time to go to join Terry in a fly tying session and the June TU meeting at the scout hut! A week or so later Wayne Prosser and I revisited the stream and enjoyed its Bookies and majestic beauty.

All good things have to end, my lovely wife Jeanie arrived and we spent a week together in cooler weather and then returned to Florida . . . others went to the Mountain Man Rendezvous and others went to Alaska . . . how blessed we all are to enjoy nature and

live in America!

Enjoy your summer.

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Summertime Bream: by Ray Gentry

It was a welcome phone call that came that day inviting me to a special lake. It was a lake full of bream and I was told they are just waiting for a fly on the end of my line. It was a private lake in the Roswell area and I now actually have an invitation to fish with my friend from the Chattahoochee chapter and the owner of the Rowell Rowdies. That was his name for the residents of the lake.

When we arrived in May at the lake I found it to be approximately 10 acres in size. We got the canoe from under the trees and we rigged our rods. I rigged up with Stealth Bomber and a RLD dropper. After a few tipsy minutes I got my sea legs and we moved off shore. We immediately got into fish with bull bream and later in some areas sun fish. The bull bream were in

the darker beds and the sun fish beds were lighter. They were thick as I have ever seen and we caught fish by the dozens turning each of them loose when we got them. All the fish hit on the RLD dropper and just about every cast. The RLD I was using was actually stripped of all hackle and hair down to the bare hook leaving only the chain eyes.

We caught them in the beds with fish on the shallow points and in the back of coves. They were mostly ten inches long and about one pound and it was amazing that seventy five percent of the fish were the same size ... monsters.

What a trip, fishing a dry fly and dropper from a canoe and dozens of fish. All I can say it was a wonderful experience with a good friend and Bull Beam more than I ever hoped for.



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Rabunite men take on Alaska.. Catching rainbows & dodging browns...(bear)

The last week of June Rabunites Steve Perry, Larry Walker and Kent Wilson with guide Chad Bryson (also Rabunite) took off for a week of fishing at the Naknek River Lodge in King Salmon, AK. Of course all the men caught fish and had a great time. Kent, allegedly caught (not landed) the biggest fish. He hooked a big rainbow and had to be pulled back (rescued is the term Larry used) before the fish pulled him in. However, the hook broke and therefore no fish to net, only a photo of a broken hook. Larry also said, Kent tried to wake one of the brown bears up so he could catch him. Kent said the others fell for his plan the whole time. He kept them close to view the bears in groups. Explaining to them that as a group they appeared larger to the bears and that would intimidate them. Kent's strategy was to keep them close, cause all he had to do was push them down and be able to run faster. The guys also got us a chance for a discounted trip to the lodge at the Rabun Rendezvous... stay tuned



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership: is 192 members with 28 Life Members and 13 Stream Explorers.

Welcome New Members: Justin English, David Schmidt and John Heeney, Jr. (SE) Hope to see you all on the river real soon!!

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Jimmy Cochran, Dan Cox, Arthur Guthas, Allen Koleff, June Landreth, Clifton Smith and David Smith.

It's time to renew your membership: Travis Barnes

Letter to the Rabunites:



April 13, 2015


Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
P.O. Box 371
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On behalf of the injured military service members and disabled veterans who are involved in Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) activities, we thank you for your generous \$250 contribution. Your gift is an inspiration to us all and helps us give back to individuals who have given so much.

We use the restorative activities of fly fishing and fly tying to help the rehabilitation of those struggling with Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury, and physical limitations. Our program also provides participants with the camaraderie of fellow veterans; those who understand. Combine that with the peace of clean, fishable water and you have the recipe to change lives! Participation in our program is *free* for participants; so, gifts of money and in-kind donations are highly valued assets and provide us with the vital resources needed to sustain our programs. Your gift will help us purchase the fly fishing equipment and supplies we require to support fly tying instruction, fly casting workshops, rod building classes, and fund activities such as fishing trips. Please know that you are helping us make a difference and we will put your donation to good use. We invite you to learn more about PHWFF on our web site, www.projecthealingwaters.org or follow us on social media to read about the extraordinary participants, volunteers, trips and activities across the nation.

Again, thank you for your charitable gift. Your support and encouragement is deeply appreciated and needed as we carry out our mission to improve the health and well-being of our program participants.

Respectfully,

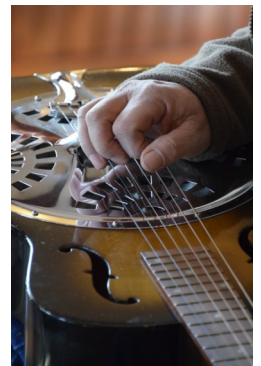

Ellen Killough
CEO


Ed Nicholson
Founder, President and Co-Chair



Jeff, Leon & all of DNR: Your signs work to help promote future conservationists!

Don't forget to keep up with the Foxfire Boys and all their happenings at the Nichols Center by visiting their face book page. Click [here](#) to check out the calendar of events.



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Notes from the President



It's "west of the Hiawassee" time, and your President (me), Vice President (Kent Wilson), and Past President (Larry Walker) headed FAR west and north to Alaska! We had a wonderful week at Naknek River Camp fishing mainly for rainbows, but also caught grayling and sockeye salmon (brought home 36

pounds of sockeye filets). In addition, we had the usual brown bear encounters. The rainbows were gorgeous, and those brought to hand ranged up to 28 inches! Could not break the 30 inch barrier, except for those that got away!!!! We also came home with a wonderful fund raising opportunity, as well as a great deal on a trip for big rainbows. More on that later.

Kent's allowance is still intact, and he has not had to purchase any of the raffle tickets for the Mack Martin Rod Raffle----- yet! So, let's give ourselves an opportunity to win this rod & reel, and sell all your tickets. If you haven't bought any tickets yet, contact Kent or anyone on the Board of Directors to see if they have any left. At last count, of 600 tickets, Kent was down to the last dozen. And, the winner will be drawn at the Annual Summer Family Picnic at Kelly's Waterfall Park on July 16th. We will start gathering around 5 PM. By the way, Wayne is bringing the fried chicken, so don't forget to bring your sides and deserts. Looking forward to seeing you all.

A couple dates to remember in addition: July 22nd is the Chattooga River Electroshocking. This year it will be at Ellicott's Rock (the upper section of The River). Leon has asked that all volunteers be at Burrell's Ford Bridge at 8AM that morning. If you haven't done this, it is so fun. There will not be a regular meeting during July, so come to the picnic. The regular Board meeting will be held on July 23rd at the Scout Hut, at which time we will begin the process of officer nominations for the coming year. Everyone is welcome to attend. And, finally, on July 25th, we will have a stream improvement work day at Martin Branch. I will provide time and directions later. Jerry McFalls is the coordinator. The heat of the year is upon us, so pay close attention to Jeff Durniak's posted updates on fishing, and, TIGHTLINES.

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Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2015

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