



# Tight Lines

July 2017 Newsletter of the  
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Rabun TU's Award Winning Web Site <http://rabuntu.org/site/>



**"If fishing is interfering with your business,  
give up your business."  
Sparse Grey Hackle**

**Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Join us for our regular monthly  
meetings every third Tuesday of the  
month. This month there is no meet-  
ing, it's July so it's time for our an-  
nual Family Picnic at Kelly's Water-  
falls Park starting at 6pm.**

**The Chapter will provide the soft drinks,  
the fried chicken, plates, etc. Everyone is  
asked to bring a covered dish, veggies, sal-  
ad, chips, or a dessert.  
The Custom Fly Rod Raf-  
fle winner will be drawn.**



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# Letter from the President



Summer and the associated hot weather has now descended upon us. We have been fortunate to receive some continuing rain for which our finny friends are no doubt most thankful. July is a relatively slow month from a chapter perspective, but we do have the family picnic coming up on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at Kelly's Waterfall

Park. Please make special note that the picnic is on Thursday night as opposed to our regular Tuesday meeting night. This can sometime be a source of confusion.

The 2017 Mack Martin Rod Raffle will be held at the picnic. There may be a few raffle tickets remaining so be sure and get yours while you still can. Any additional remaining tickets will be available for purchase at the cookout. A big shout out to Pat Hopton for his efforts in coordinating the raffle this year. Please don't forget, those of you still holding raffle tickets stubs and money from the ticket sales need to either get them to Pat prior to the picnic or bring them with you that evening. Also, please bring a covered dish to share. The chapter is providing chicken, paper goods and drinks.

Not really trout related, but I did venture down south of Hiwassee with some of my long-time fishing buddies a couple of weeks ago to chase some snapper and grouper. Although they weren't particularly large we did manage to catch our limit of red snapper. We only boated one grouper, but did catch a co-bia as an added bonus. We lost several fish to the sharks, but caught and released a couple of the fish thieves themselves.

Please make plans to attend the family cookout on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Look forward to seeing you there.

Kent



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# Forward Casting Calendar of Events

**July 20 (Thurs):** Annual Summer Family Picnic at Kelly's Waterfall Park, Dillard, GA. Starts at 6 pm. TU will provide the chicken and utensils so just bring out a covered dish and come enjoy the fellowship with your fellow Rabunites. We will also be drawing for the Rod Raffle so be sure to get your tickets! See you there!!



**July 25 (Tues):** Regular monthly board meeting of Rabun TU. Meeting starts at 6:30. Everyone welcome.

**July 29 (Sat): VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Work with the UCCTU chapter over in White County on a stream project on Wilkes Creek. More information on page 14.

**Aug 15 (Tues):** Regular monthly meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church starting at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7 with a guest speaker followed by brief meeting then our monthly raffle.

**Aug 22 (Tues):** Regular monthly board meeting of Rabun TU. Meeting starts at 6:30. Everyone welcome.





**Matching the Hatch:** brought to you from many ole Rabunites who have spent countless hours fishing and trudging along river banks, tying flies, casting, overcoming weather, bugs, and no telling what else to bring you this recorded, tried and true valued information.

## July fly of the month By Terry Rivers

HOOK: 12/16 DRY FLY HOOK

TAIL: GRIZZLY AND BROWN HACKLE FIBERS

BODY: HARES EAR DUBBING AND PALMERD GOLD WIRE



PARACHUTE HARES EAR

PARACHUTE: ANTRON OR CALF TAIL WITH GRIZZLY & BROWN HACKLE

IF YOUR HEADED OUT WEST DURING THE MONTHS OF AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER HAVE SEVERAL OF THESE FLIES THEY ARE THE ONLY FLY YOU WILL NEED DURING THOSE MONTHS.

**SEE YA ON THE RIVER!!**

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

More tips and helpful information from Dredger and other Georgia DNR fisheries staff. Click [here](#) for the latest reports.



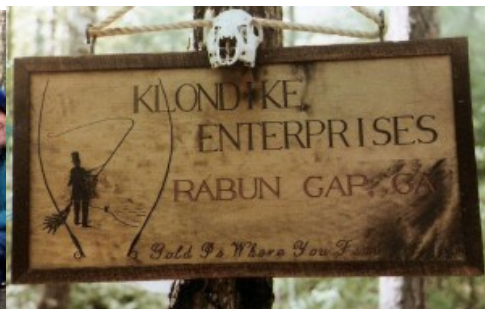
**How's the river?** Click on the name of the river to check water levels.

[Chattooga Level](#)

[Tallulah River Level](#)

[Nantahala](#)

[Little Tennessee](#)





# July Hatches

THE BUGS	TIME OF MONTH	TIME OF DAY	SUGGESTED FLIES
GOLDEN STONEFLY	ALL MONTH	EARLY AM	8-12 Ginger Stimulator 6-10 Golden Stonefly Nymph
BROWN STONE FLY	ALL MONTH	EARLY TO MID AM	10-14 Brown Stimulator 10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
TRICO MAYFLY	MID TO LATE	MID AM	20 Parachute Trico, Trico emerger
TRICO SPINNER FALL		LATE PM	20-22 Poly Wing Black Spinner
TERRESTRIALS - Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch- Worms, Etc	VARIOUS TIMES AND SIZES	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
LIGHT CAYHILL MAYFLY	ALL MONTH	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill  12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
MIDGES	ALL MONTH	ALL DAY	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
NOTHING AT ALL	ALL MONTH	ALL DAY	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT #14 Parachute Adams is always a good searching pattern



Not quite ready to be a fly fisherman? Try these alternatives for catching trout.



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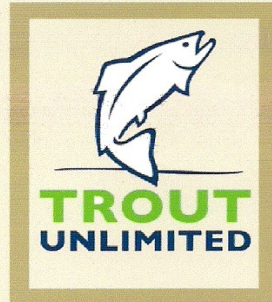
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# Rod Raffle Tickets

LAST CHANCE ONLY A FEW TICKETS LEFT!! What tickets are remaining will be sold at our July Family Picnic!



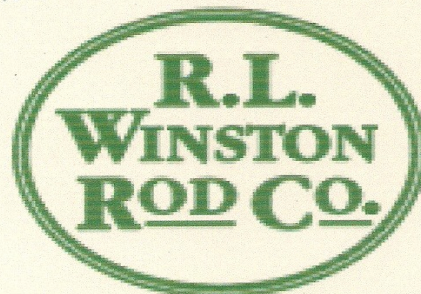
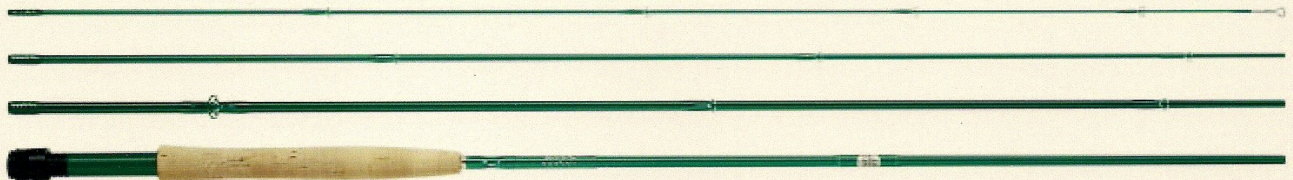
## Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited Fly Rod & BVK Reel Raffle

Winston 9', 4 piece, 4 wt., BIII-x

Boron/Graphite rod & TFO BVK I reel

Raffle tickets \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00

*Drawing will be July 20, 2017 at  
the Rabun TU chapter picnic.*



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# Back Casting

Rabun TU held our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday June 20, 2017. We had a packed room for our guest speaker Ryan Foote. Ryan is our new Chattooga River District Ranger of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests. Ryan gave a great presentation about his cares and concerns regarding our local forests. He also elaborated on the Foothills Landscape Community Collaboration Project. His presentation was highly informative. He's a great guy with the forests best interest in mind. He also is very open and wants to hear from anyone who has comments or suggestions. We also had a good raffle and our local Scouts were present also.



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# Fishing Reports

## An Anniversary to Remember

Of course I remember all our anniversaries but this one really stands out. On June 15, just fourteen years after we wed standing in the shade of some kind of tree in our front yard, surrounded by family, close friends and, as always, pets, we spent a day floating and fishing the Henry's Fork river in eastern Idaho. The sky was overcast, which was good. The river is not too wild and the scenery was wonderful. Our guide, Elden Barrett from Henry's Fork Anglers, was hard-working, knowledgeable and patience...three great qualities for a guide!! We didn't land any trophies but we caught enough to make the trip worthwhile and, as important, a lot of fun.

A float trip cost some money and some folks think it is a lazy way to fish. As I get older I find that I am more interested in floating than I used to be. When it all comes together like it did on June 15<sup>th</sup> then it's a memorable event. Having your best friend and wife along, assuming they are one in the same, made it perfect.

**Charlie Breithaupt**



## Fly Fishing and Fellowship Trip 06-14-2017

Frank Patton, Jimmy Whiten and I traveled to Sylva, NC to fish Scott Creek. It had rained in the night and the creek was up and running dirty. We all fished nymphs and anything that we thought the trout would be interested in. All we did was fish with no catching. OH WELL! after our morning's fishing we traveled to Black Rock Outfitters in downtown Sylva. There we met with Shannon Messer the store manager and past Rabun Chapter TU guest speaker. Shannon was gracious and even tied us several flies that he thought would be successful. Thank You Shannon! When y'all are in Sylva, stop by Black Rock. They will do their best to steer you to some trout. After we left Black Rock Outfitters we had lunch and traveled South to Greens Creek and try to fool some trout. I turned one trout and Jimmy turned several but no catching done. OH WELL AGAIN!!!! Sorry to say that no catching was done. I checked the stocking schedule for NC and found out that NC only stocked Greens Creek with 500 trout in a 4 mile section and Scott Creek was stocked with 1300 trout in 12 miles of creek. No excuses on not catching but the trout population is real thin where we were fishing.

Thanks to all... Fish on Mike



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# Fishing Reports

## Grippin' and Grinnin'

Long, longtime Rabunite Monte Seehorn recently swam a bugger in IDBIS River, "somewhere just north of Hiawassee," and successfully fought, landed, fondled, and released this behemoth brown. According to Monte, it was a "30 minute tussle." That 22-inch fish is a fitting tribute to a dude who, in US Forest Service uniform and out of it, as a volunteer, has done more than just about anyone else to protect and enhance trout habitat in the Southeastern United States. View the links

below:

1. <http://fms.fisheries.org/awards/hall-of-excellence/hall-of-excellence-inductees/>
2. [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5371521.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5371521.pdf)
3. <https://www.nwf.org/pdf/Affiliate%20Partnerships%20Documents/Past%20winners%20for%20AOY%20and%20Youth%20Leader.pdf>

Attaboy on the catch, Monte, and thanks for your legacy of coldwater conservation. Now, exactly where were you standing when Walter ate your fly?



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## Fellowship and Flyfishing 06-23-2017

A short report for Friday morning F & F. Louis Reeves and I met at Mickey Dees @ 6:30. We put on our waders in the parking lot Looking forward to an exciting morning of fly fishing on the West Fork. Lets digress to Thursday afternoon. I wanted to check out the conditions on the W. Fork so I went there Thursday afternoon. The water was at a great fishable level and the water clarity looked good for fly fishing. I was pumped for the following morning. I went through my flies and knew which ones would be my starting flies. I was thinking a Stimulator followed by an Elk hair caddis. I arrived at Mickey Dees a little early so that I could eat a little breakfast. After Louis arrived we suited up and headed to the WF. Even though it had rained on Thurs. night we had high hopes of good conditions for some fishing. As we crossed the Warwoman bridge over the West Fork, we suddenly realized that our morning fishing was killed. We traveled to our parking spot and scoped things out. The water level was up at least 2 feet and the stream flow was raging and dirty. So saying all of that to say all of this. We did not fish nor did we do any catching on the West Fork Friday morning!!!!!! The best laid plans of mice and men. OH WELL !!!!!!!

## News and Information

During the afternoon rain showers be sure to go online and check out the new Georgia DNR web sites. Click on the following links to see their new looks.

<http://gadnr.org/>

<http://georgiawildlife.com/>

For most of you anglers, our key fishing information can now be found on this page, which is worth bookmarking: <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/fishing/angler-resources>.

If the warm weather and small stream are getting to touch check out the report from Georgia DNR about the brown trout in Lake Burton. Find out all you need to know my clicking on the link below for a chance at some good photo ops!

<http://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/reservoirs/#burton>

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## News and Information

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

### Wilks Creek Stream Habitat Improvement Project July 29th

Trout Unlimited in conjunction with the National Forest Service and the Department of Natural Resources will hold a stream remediation workday at Wilks Creek on Saturday, July 29, 2017. The Upper Chattahoochee Chapter of Trout Unlimited will lead this activity and work will start at the stream at 9 am and will end around noon with a BBQ lunch provided. In stream structures will be built under the direction of the Forest Service to improve stream habitat for brook trout. Your participation would be greatly appreciated. The more volunteers, the more we can accomplish and the lighter the work will be for those participating. Last year we had over 50 volunteers and that is the goal for 2017 when we start work on a new stream Wilks Creek. Wilks Creek is about 20 minutes north of Helen and the easiest way to get there is to take Main Street through Helen and follow 17 & 75 signs North. Continue on this road till you get to mile marker 15. The mile markers are on the right side of the road and are small green signs. Just about 100 yards past mile marker 15 on the left is the entrance to the Chattahoochee National Forest of the WMA. A sign marks the entrance to an unpaved road on the left. Our project work will be approximately 2 miles down that road.

Parking will be limited along that road. However, just a little further north past mile marker 15 is where the Appalachian Trail crosses the road and there is a parking lot on the right. We can park and car pool into the work area. Please try to arrive at the parking lot around 8:30 am.

So we have enough BBQ for all our volunteers, please let me know that you plan to attend. Either give me a phone call or send me an email.

We look forward to working with you on this project and thank you.

Bill Lott  
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Any Rabunites that can help please contact Bill Lott with the UCC chapter and or Pat Hopton at [scotts\\_creek58@yahoo.com](mailto:scotts_creek58@yahoo.com) or 706-782-4978

to coordinate a team of Rabunites going together.

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## Membership News & Updates

**Current membership:** 162 members, 28 life members, and 6 stream explorers.

**Thanks for re-upping your membership:** Thomas Johnson, June Landreth, Leroy Powell, and Lewis Reeves,

**Time to renew your membership:** Hugh Harper and Allyn Stockton.



Time to go shopping ladies.....and gentlemen? Kathy Breithaupt has set a new precedence for attire at our meetings. She showed off her new brown trout britches at the June Meeting. In our efforts to promote TU she said we should all be wearing them out and about !! OR how about a calendar fund raising project with our men folks fishing in them colored britches?



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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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