



Tight Lines

June 2015 Newsletter of the
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited
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"Lots of people committed crimes during the year who would not have done so if they had been fishing. The increase of crime is among those deprived of the regenerations that impregnate the mind and character of the fisherman." Herbert Hoover

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 proposing changes to both fishing and hunting licenses. They have a web site listing proposed changes along with dates for several meetings in the state to discuss their "Aim for Success" licenses re-structure proposal.

[Click Here for DNR web site](#)

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WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???

By: Terry Rivers

JUNE FLY OF THE MONTH 2015



JOE'S HOPPER

Body: Yellow Dubbing Tail: Red Dubbing Feathers Wing: Turkey Feathers

Hackle: Brown Thorax: Brown Hackle

GREAT TIME THIS MONTH TO HAVE HOPPERS, BEETLES, ANTS, OR ANY TYPE TERRESTRIALS IN YOUR FLY BOX. I'VE HAD GREAT SUCCESS WITH THIS PATTERN ON OUR HOME WATERS DURING THE SUMMERS MONTHS.

“SEE YA’LL ON THE RIVER”

June 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
Giant Black Stonefly	All Month	Dawn to early AM	4-6 Black Stonefly Nymph
Brown Stonefly	All Month	Early to Mid AM	10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Speckled Grey-Brown Caddis	Early	Late PM	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/Yellow-Brown
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**

June 18 (Thurs) Rabun TU Regular monthly meeting. Fly tying starts at five. Meeting starts at 7. This month we welcome our canceled February speaker Jenny Sanders.

Jenny is a watershed management professional and an outdoor enthusiast. Jenny is affiliated with the Little Tennessee Watershed Association and the Chattooga Conservancy.

She just recently got back from out west rafting and fishing the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. She will have lots of great info to share with our group!!



June 25 (Thurs) Regular monthly Board of Directors meeting beginning at 6:30 at the TU/Scout Hut. All are welcome.

July 7 (Tues) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Annual Electro-Shocking of the Chattooga River.

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 23 (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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Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited Fly Rod & Sage Reel Raffle

**Winston 9', 4 piece, 5 wt., BIII-x
Boron/Graphite rod & Sage 3250 reel**

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

*Drawing will be July 16, 2015 at
the Rabun TU chapter picnic.*



Tickets available at the
monthly meetings from
Kent Wilson and from
other board members or
swing by Crawford Art
Gallery if you're in town
and need tickets.



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BACK CASTING

On Tuesday May 19, 2015 Local Scouts (Boy & Girl) joined Rabun TU on the banks of Indian Lake at RGNS campus for some great fishing and eating. We had about 100 in attendance! Kids and adults all had a great time and Rabunites were thrilled to have Ray Gentry back at an event with us! Many Thanks to his wife, Patsy for all the great photos that day.

WHAAAAaaaaaaaaaaaaa WHOOOOooooooooooooooooo !!!



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BACK CASTING cont...

Rabun TU's Annual Spring Campout

At least twenty Rabunites "passed through" the annual gathering at Cherry Hill Campground in South Carolina.....near the Chattooga River, of course. Some camped a day or two, some just came for a meal and others hunkered down for all five days. The weather was perfect, the fishing, as always, was good and the catching....well, that depends on whether you asked the fish or the fisherman. Those who hiked farther into the back-country caught more, as you might expect.

As with most campouts the best part was sitting around the fire and telling stories. And the food.....probably the best ever!! With one person responsible for one meal and everybody helping prepare and clean up, we enjoyed wonderful food and no one was "overworked"...a dirty word for a Rabunite. You should start planning now to attend the next Rabun Chapter campout, probably in November. If you can't have fun camping with the Rabunites you might consider taking up bridge or joining "Farmers Only.com".

A big thanks to Terry Rivers for putting this event together. He even brought his wife Emmilyn and Rex, the wonder dog, to add to the fun. Thanks to all!!!!!!

Charlie Breithaupt



Betty's Creek Clean Up Day

A smaller than usual group of Rabunites gathered for our annual project of preparing Betty's Creek for Trout Camp. With loppers, clippers and even power-driven trimmers the group groomed the banks of the creek to improve access to the good water where, hopefully, the trout will be waiting. Over the years the work done by the Rabun Chapter has steadily improved the stream for use by the campers. A big thanks to the following for their hard work: Pat Hopton, Terry Rivers, Justin English, Dave Ruth, Fritz Vinson, Frank Tolbert, Ray King, Larry Walker, Louisa Hanney (a ringer from the UCCTU), Charlie Breithaupt, Kathy Breithaupt and her cousin Jody Toetschinger, all the way from Minnesota. Louisa and Dave won the "wet and dirty award!" We "got 'er done". This work project that was held on May 30 was conducted in memory of Reginald "Sonny" Covington, 1936-1959. Rabun Chapter member Doug Adams recently made a monetary donation in memory of his dear boyhood friend, Sonny. Doug and Sonny grew up together in Decatur, GA fishing the local streams there. They soon started fishing the streams in North Georgia, where Doug caught his first trout and thus began a lifelong love of trout fishing. It was with Sonny that Doug first fished the Chattooga River in 1955 and it was also with Sonny that he made his first Western fishing trip in 1957. The Rabun Chapter is honored to help Doug celebrate Sonny's memory with the conservation work done on Betty's Creek!



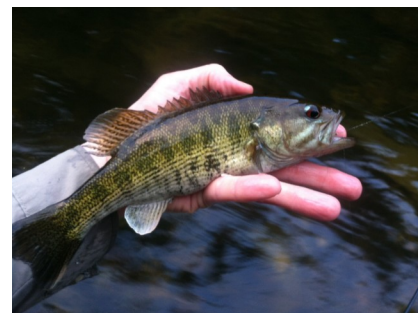
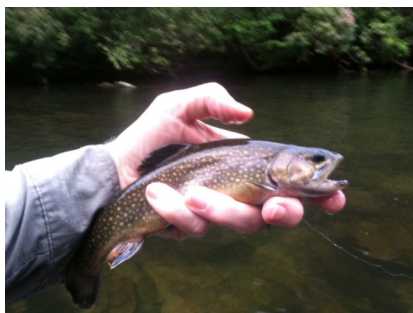
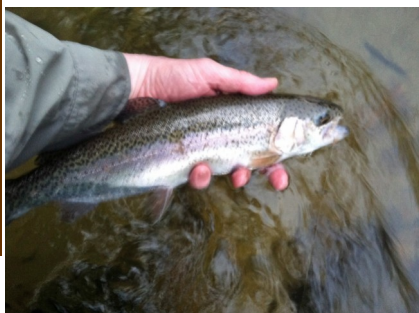
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Fishing Reports

From The Dredger, May 8, 2013: Hiked in and wet a line at 7. #14 Cahill duns started dancing around 730. #18 Cahill hatch at 8. Trout species hat trick by 830. Added bonus of two red eyes along the way. Last two trout on the swing thru the darkness at 9pm. Fairies lit the walk out. Cold brew, stars, and bluegrass back at the car at 930. Not a bad ending to a work day!



From The Dredger, a Mid May run to the Natahala DH: Two sizes of cahills and three favors of stonefly (lemon, lime, and some large grapefruits) filled the Andrews skies last night. Sporadic large helicopters launched during daylight hours. Whitewashed versions of the copters hovered over the riffles at dark30 (see coffin pic).

Switch was on from when I got there til 855pm. Dries were best in last hour. Sure beat Monday's dark30 trip to Chattooga DH, which ran 69 degrees due to hot spell. It had fished great over the weekend (maxed at 65f).

My Go-to rig was 14 Cahill on 5x with a 16 soft hackle hares ear three feet off the back, on 6x. Add one size 6 dinsmore shot about 8 inches above the wet, and high stick that rig thru riffles and boulder fields. Stay out of deep pools if you're into numbers.

All three stocked species and a bunch of wild rainbows to hand. Think I caught some small wild browns, too. Got tired of catching them, so I cut off the wet and stayed on top to gimme a break.

Almost had lifetime supply of bucktails, too. Unfortunately, they were all attached to bucks' butts. Thank God for near misses on Wayah Road's trip home.

Go get em, folks. And watch around the curves on your drives home!



It's getting close to the time of year when many Rabunites go west. There is a group of Rabunites planning a really west of Hiawassee trip to Alaska. Just to give them some incentive to fish hard a Rabunite friend to all of us sent in this photo of Ray Gentry that was taken on the Dog Salmon River on one of their numerous trips to Alaska. This photo was from a trip in June of 2003 where Ray caught this native 30" rainbow trout that fought like a prize fighter for ~30 minutes before it was caught and released. It was a great day for Ray!! It's great to have him back in our company. God bless all those who prayed for him! From Mack Martin.



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From Peter Croes: 2015 Cherry Hill Campout Fishing

Arrived early at the Cherry Hill camp site to assist Wayne Prosser with our tent setup. In spite of Terry Rivers comments that he and Phil had already caught the gooduns we hooked up with Jim Kidd for fishing later that afternoon in a section I had only herd of referenced with the greatest respect from the founders and descendants of Double Bit. Kidd had warned me that it would be challenging just to hike down to *the River* and back out and I said I was all in . . . perhaps was the premonition!

When pulling out of the campground we made a right and an immediate left up a long narrow dirt road . . . sometimes I could reach out the window and touch the red clay banks above the roof of the cab . . . finally we reached an area called Round Top and rigged up as I could hear, between the birds, the faint sound of *the River* below. We began our hike, or better put slippery trail descent, to the lower elevations where, after the 25 minute journey we stopped and Jim advised me that they would meet me at this stump at 4:00 pm/16:00 further pointing to a distant bend where he stated the trail entered *the River* there below the Pig Pen and I needed to follow it back to the stump while making a vague reference as to follow the trail to the right when I crossed the creek (at the foot-bridge) . . . he also indicated that I follow the trail, from the stump, down to *the River* where I would be in the Sawmill and begin fishing up toward the bend; he did also mention (casually) that *the River* was deep in several sections and I would need to pick my spots to wade/cross. If I had done that I probably would still be looking . . . I am glad that I was literally WET WADING and the water temperature was 58F. The water was moving at a rate seemingly higher than the Burrell's Ford 1.2 and 130 readings from earlier in the day.

Changed flies and dropper combinations several times and, as luck would have it, had one good breakoff and a couple of hook set misses. In between those, during my trek upstream, I did my best to navigate the water while climbing over obstacles and under vegetation along the banks . . . occasionally exiting *the River* to find a way around tight areas where my staff was completely submerged to touch bottom.

Needless to say there were more than a couple of missteps where I was in-the-water as well as a twist around one leg and another instance where a rock shifted over my boot and I had to extract my foot with great strength and vigor. During part of the journey upstream I broke my rod down and placed it inside a "field transport sleeve/sock" I had made for exiting the woods after a day of fishing although this was while I was chest deep in the water!

Well, I finally made it up to the area where the trail came to *the River* and began fishing there hoping for better luck as my knees were very tender and my clothes finally drying out (my long sleeve shirt in my SIMMS Pack was even wet) and I had decided, after changing flies several times, that it was time to begin the trek back to the trail stump. After a few minutes I observed Wayne walking down the trail to check on, and inquire, as to my fishing success. I told him that that stretch of water was way above my pay grade and I should have had an inner tube for some of the crossings. As we walked further down the trail we encountered Jim who indicated that the water was moving too fast for the area he intended to fish and we continued back toward the trailhead stopping momentarily for he and Wayne to discuss a dead white pine tree (forestry experience) adjacent to the trail that they estimated to be about 150 years old; my comment was that if it fell it would go completely across *the River* and quite possibly create an immediate Dam.

Once we reached the stump we began our steep ascent with Jim Kidd in the lead (Prosser says he's part Billy Goat) and it took well over 45 minutes to make the climb. During that uphill journey Kidd was telling us that in the old days Doug Adams, Bill Kelly, and Jim Nixon would -after work- drive their old jeep down the same trails and go fishing . . . I can visualize all of the bouncing around and the conversations they would have before/ during, and after the trips. My reward, back at the truck from Jim Kidd was a Kyle's nymph -out of one of many fly boxes in his vest- which he said was the go-to fly in *the River*.

That's the spirit which runs deep in the DNA of our Rabun Chapter and I am grateful to share in those campfire memories although Doug would say don't believe it!

Back at camp, after a shower and some Alieve, I went up to the campfire as everyone was comfortably circled up and was asked about my afternoon trip.

Well, I started off by saying that the conditions on *the River* that afternoon were well above my pay grade . . . I saw baby Jesus a couple of times and then; you Esso-B's ain't gonna believe this

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership: is 195 members with 27 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: Mike Fuller , Hal Howard, Derek Porter, Lewis Reeves, William Reno and Corey Smith.

It's time to renew your membership: Victor Morzark, Hugh Thompson, and Gordon Vanderpool.

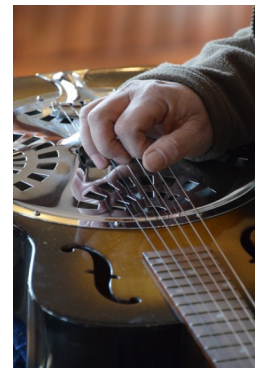


Big Win for Anglers

A newly announced clean water rule is a great big win for anglers across the country. It restores important protections for America's small waters that were removed after Supreme Court decisions in the 2000's. For more info click on the link below and read all about the reason to celebrate.

[Protecting America's Headwaters](#)

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 latest happenings and information.



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Notes from the President



Wow! The last 45 days have been jam packed. Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt and I attended the Trout Unlimited Southeastern Rally in Asheville, NC. The Chapter joined Reeves Ace Hardware in Dillard to help them celebrate their 20th Anniversary. We hosted the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited at

Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church on the 16th. On the 19th, we hosted the Scouts for their Annual Family Fishing & Cookout event at Indian Lake on the Rabun Gap Nacoochee School campus. There were over 100 scouts and their family there. Thanks to Jerry McFalls & David Cross in particular for making the event a huge success. And, Ray & Patsy Gentry were in attendance, with Ray giving out over 30 reels for the scouts. Also Glenn English was there looking fit as a fiddle, and hungry!

The fun continues with the Betty's Creek Stream Improvement on May 30th, in preparation for Trout Camp. On June 6th, it was the Annual Kids Fishing Event at the Tallulah River Campground. This is such fun, and we were there to assist the USFS & GA WRD, as well as to recruit new members and sell rod raffle tickets. June 7th through the 12th is Trout Camp, and June 18th is our regular Rabun TU monthly meeting. Plan to be there to hear Jenny Sanders speak. If that isn't enough, you are welcome to join us as we support the Blue Ridge Chapter TU on June 13th at their annual fund raiser, Toccoa Trout Fest, to support their chapter activities.

Some really good news is that we have signed off on the Tallulah River Handicap Fishing pier, and it looks like it is really, finally, going to happen! Also, the Chapter has received another fly rod from TU National for our support for Cold Water Conservation.

Your board is going to begin looking at our own strategic plan to ensure that our activities and commitments are focused on our objectives of "Conserve, Protect, & Restore" our cold water fisheries.

Lastly, the Mack Martin rod raffle is ongoing until the Chapter Family Picnic on July 16th, at which time we will draw for the rod & reel. Please help Kent Wilson by buying/selling tickets, so he doesn't have to spend four months allowance on tickets!

Steve

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