



Tight Lines

June 2016 Newsletter of the
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited
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“Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers.”

Herbert Hoover

**Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Join us for our regular monthly meetings.
Don't miss out on something GREAT!**

**Our Meeting Place is at Rabun
Gap Presbyterian church Fellowship Hall
On the third Tuesday of the month.**

**Social & Story telling (Truth or Lies) starts
At 6:30 pm, then at 7:00 - Program & Meeting.
The church is located just past Rabun Gap Nachoo-
chee School at 8397 Wolffork Road,
Rabun Gap, GA 30568.**

**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 mem-
bers without email and to raise money for a storage building. Bring an
item to donate and a dollar or two for raffle tickets.**

You Might WIN something !

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Notes from the President



Whew! The spring fishing, Chapter activity level, and the early summer activities leading up to Trout Camp are almost behind us. And your Chapter has done a stellar job in all areas. Thank you, Jeff Durniak, for getting us on the water for optimum spring fishing using the "Fishing Buddy Contact List" to set our destination. Thank you, Terry Rivers, for coordinating our Spring Campout. Thank you, Doug Adams, for being our host on the Nantahala River for our May Board Meeting. Ask Sid Berkstresser if he had a good time! Thank you, Frank Patton, for coordinating the Kids Fishing Rodeo with the USFS at the Tallulah River Campground. Thank you, Charlie & Kathy Breithaupt, Jeff Durniak, Jim Kidd, and our newest member, Scott Low, for hosting David Zelski with "Anglers & Appetites" on his fishing excursions during their visit to Rabun County. A very big thank you goes to Louise Dillard of the Dillard House for permitting the A & A gang to fish their private water. And a big thank you to the USFS/ DNR to hasten the approval to film the A&A fishing on The River. Thank you, Jerry McFalls, for coordinating the Spring Scouting Fishing Event at Indian Lake. Other than that, it's been a quiet spring!!!!

A couple things left to do before we head west of Hiawassee. The Annual Chapter Family Picnic at Kelley's Waterfall Park (Estatoah Falls) is on July 14th. The drawing for the Mack Martin million dollar fly rod & reel will happen that evening, so buy your tickets. Thanks for heading up the raffle again this year, Kent Wilson.

Finally, I met up with USFS Director Ed Hunter at the KFE. He said we are awaiting final signature to begin construction on the Handicap Fishing Pier on the Tallulah River. We WILL help with the construction. Then, VACATION TIME! Meanwhile, what a wonderful group of people we have in this Chapter.

Thank you all. Steve



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Forward Casting Calendar cont:

June 21 (Tues) Regular Monthly Chapter Meeting beginning at 6:30 at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Unicoi Outfitters own Jimmy Harris was going to do the program but something come up and he has to be out of town, but no worries, another Unicoi great ,Jake Darling will be doing the program titled "Shorten your rod to raise your game." Jake is no stranger to Rabun TU haven been our speaker on previous occasions. He picked up his first fly rod at the age of 5 and has been fly fishing now for 22 years. He spent every weekend for nine years following his dad around a variety of waters across North Georgia fishing for different species. Following the death of his father after a battle with cancer he realized a few years later that he wanted to pursue a career in the sport of fly fishing. He began guiding with Unicoi Outfitters at the age of 19. He now serves as assistant manager along with his guiding duties. Small streams is the name of the game anywhere in the southern Appalachians this time of year, so this will be another great informative meeting you will not want to miss!! See you there. And just FYI: Unicoi Outfitters is recognized as a TU Gold Level Business member. For more info on Unicoi Outfitter click [here](#) or call 706-878-3083.



July 14 (Tues) Annual Rabun TU Annual Family Picnic. Kelly's Creek Park. Always a great fun and fellowship with the Rabunites. Chapter provides the chicken. Bring a covered dish and join in for a great evening of fellowship with other Rabunites! Plus we will draw for the Mack Martin Rod Raffle!! Be sure to get your tickets!!



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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.

June fly of the month:

By: Terry Rivers

HOOK: 14 NYMPH 2X

HEAD: 1/8 BRASS BEAD

HACKLE: BROWN

TAIL: PEACOCK SWORDS

BODY: PEACOCK HERL&SM. OVAL TINCEL.

THORAX: MALLARD FLANKS.



GREAT FLY TO HAVE IN YOUR BOX. IMITATES CASE CADDIS OR LARVA. A FISH CATCHING FLY.

ZUG BUG

"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](#)



June Hatches

THE BUGS

Time of Month

Time of Day

Suggested flies

None at all

All year

All Day

Dredging Nymphs:
12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
#14 Parachute Adams is always a good
searching pattern

Midges

All year

All Day

18-22 Griffith's Gnat
18-22 Midge Pupa

Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles,
Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc

Various Times & Sizes

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Speckled Grey-Brown Caddis

Early

Late PM

14–16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis
w/Yellow Brown

Giant Black Stonefly

All month

Dawn to early AM

4–6 Black Stonefly Nymph

Light Cahill Mayfly
(Important)

Late

E to L pm

12-14 Light Cahill
12-14 Light Cahill Nymph

Trico Mayfly Trico Spinner
Fall

Mid to Late

Mid AM Late PM

20 Parachute Trico, Trico
emerger 20–22 Poly Wing
Black Spinner

Brown Stonefly

All month

Early to Mid AM

10–12 Brown Stonefly Nymph



Not quiet ready to be a fly fisherman? Try these alternatives for



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Back Casting

TROUT CAMP 2016

This year the number of graduates from Trout Camp went over the “300” mark. As we closed up our thirteenth camp, we reflected on all the years and realized that some of our graduates are approaching 30 years old and some of our campers this year weren’t even born when we held our first camp. Time flies and it goes faster each day!!

The weather was as good as it gets with cool mornings, mild afternoons and no rain. However, we need rain so now that camp is over...bring it on!! The campers all seemed focused on what they were learning and picked up the skills quickly. The trout cooperated and, by the second day, every camper had caught a fish. We didn’t break a single rod this year and only one person got hooked and that was a mentor so it doesn’t really count. We had a happy, bright bunch of young folks who were interested in fly fishing and also in TU’s mission with clean, cold water. This year we enjoyed a visit from Tara Granke, Headwaters Youth Program Coordinator, who spent a day interacting with the campers and staff. Her enthusiasm and good nature were a boost to all and we hope she’ll return often.

About two-thirds of the chapters in Georgia sent volunteers to mentor the campers. That wide spread support has been the strength of our camp from the beginning. We even had three college-age mentors, along with our four “Young Mentors,” who added much to the camp and bodes well for the future. Those guys sure have more energy than some of the rest of us.

As always our agency partners, Georgia DNR and the Forest Service, supported our activities and helped the youngsters understand more about the fish and the importance of the quality of their habitat. Our campers always enjoy the day of toting logs, shoveling rock and driving re-bar. And...their efforts make a difference in a stream.

We would also like to thank Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School for allowing us to use their wonderful facility for these 13 years, and that includes great food and a trout stream on campus!

While we like to talk about “over 300 campers,” what we really like to see are young folks with the heart and mind to carry on the mission of Trout Unlimited. We can give them some skills and ideas and information and then hope it all comes together for the good of trout and water and the sport that we all love. We know our efforts are making a difference.

Gotta start getting ready for 2017.....

Charlie & Kathy

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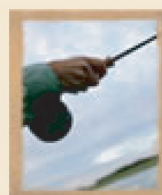
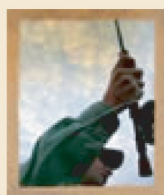
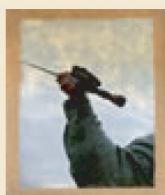


Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited Fly Rod & Sage Reel Raffle

Winston 9', 4 piece, 4 wt., BIII-x
Boron/Graphite rod & Sage 3230 reel

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

*Drawing will be July 14, 2016 at
the Rabun TU chapter picnic.*



It's that time of year again. Our annual Rod Raffle Fund Raising Event. Only 600 tickets to be sold. Get your tickets at any Rabun TU event, from a board member or at Crawford Art Gallery in Clayton.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership: 175 members, 26 life members, and 7 stream explorers.

Welcome New Members: Ronald Leslie, Janet Wilson and Ronald Spearman. Hope to see you all on the river soon!

Thanks for re-upping your membership: John Ramsey, William Reno, Monte Seehorn, Stephen Weinelt, and Michael Williams.

Time to renew your membership: John Heeney, Eugene Keener, and Yong Kim

Editor's Message: For the past several months I have had a major problem with getting the newsletter out due to problems with my server. I've had to delete pages and stories from the newsletter to get it small enough to be able to go. This month has been extremely difficult. So starting next month I am moving the newsletter to my place of business where I have much better internet service. So for July you will have a much bigger newsletter with stories and photos from both June and July. Also, in a need to keep everything separate please note my email address for the newsletter will be changing to **mcrawfordtu@windstream.net** Please note these changes so you will not miss out on your Chapter newsletter and please also use that email address for sending me anything for the newsletter. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Thanks, Michele Crawford



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