



Tight Lines

March 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/>

"There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home." Roderick Haig-Brown

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 76 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

March is finally here and spring fever is in the air. It's time to lay aside chores and use up your vacation time; it's time to go fishing!! WHAaaaaa WHOOooooo
To get you started off right click on the link below to check out this great article about the top 10 flies to have handy as you head to streams early this spring.

[10 Flies to Use in Early Spring Fly Fishing](#)

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WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???

By: Terry Rivers
MARCH FLY OF THE MONTH 2015



HAY STACK

HOOK: 14/18 DRY FLY HOOK

TAIL: FINE DEER HAIR

BODY: ADAMS GREY OR SULFER YELLOW DUBBING

WING: SAME AS TAIL FINE DEER HAIR

**GREAT FLY TO HAVE THE MONTH OF MARCH WHEN THE WATER STARTS TO WARM UP
LOOK FOR SULFER HATCHES AND TIE ONE OF THESE ON.
" SEE YOU ON THE RIVER"**

March Hatches

THE BUGS	TIME OF MONTH	TIME OF DAY	SUGGESTED FLIES
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill	All Month	Late AM & Mid PM	16-18 BWO Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-18 BWO nymph or pheasant tail
Midges	All Month	Mid am to Late pm	18-20 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
None at all	All Month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug and Pheasant Tail
Early Black Stone	All Month	Late AM & Mid PM	16-18 Black Elk-hair Caddis or Griffith's Gnat 16-18 Black Stone Nymph
Cream Caddis (Very Important)	Late	Mid am to Late pm	12 -14 Elk-hair Caddis 12 - 14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
Quill Gordon (Important)	All Month	Late AM & Mid PM	12-14 Quill Gordon 12 Quill Gordon Nymph

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

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

Mar. 19 (Thurs): Rabun TU regular monthly meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. Fly Tying starts at 5pm. Social at 6:30 and meeting at 7pm. Unicoi Outfitters assistant manager Jake Darling, a crowd favorite, returns to describe a new technique he has perfected to land more fish while losing less flies: "Drop-shotting for Trout." Come and learn a new secret weapon from a real pro! Membership cards will be checked before entry is allowed into this top -secret seminar...



Mar. 19 (Thurs) Rabunite Fishing Trip to the Nantahala DH. Meet in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot at 7:00 am. Fishing is in North Carolina so have the proper license. Contact Mike Fuller or Wayne Prosser for more information.

Mar. 21 (Sat): Rabunite 101. Beginning Fly Fishing Lessons. More information on page 9.

Mar. 21 (Sat): Hoot on the Hooch. 5 to 9 pm Helen, GA. Doors open at 5 pm. For more info [click here](#).

Mar. 21 (Sat): Oconee River Chapter Spring Banquet. 6 to 9 pm Athens, GA. Doors open at 5:30 pm. For more info [click here](#).

Mar. 26 (Thurs): Regular BOD Meeting at the TU/Scout Hut at 6:30. All Welcome.

March 28 (Sat): Annual Trout Tournament in Helen, GA. For more info [click here](#).

March 28 (Sat): TROUT SEASON OPENS!! WHAaaaaa WHOooooooooo !!!!!

April 4 (Sat): NGTO Spring Fling. Buford Dam Hatchery starting at 7:30 am. For more info [click here](#).

April 16 (Thurs): TU Regular monthly meeting. Starts at 5pm with fly tying.

April 17-19 (Fri - Sun): TU 2015 Southeast Regional Meeting. For more info [click here](#).

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Rabun Rendezvous 2015

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE 28TH ANNUAL RABUN RENDEZVOUS A SUCCESS. WE COULD NOT ACCOMPLISH ALL WE DO WITHOUT ALL OF YOU!

We had 242 in attendance and netted about 11K.

Businesses & Organizations: Amrine Rentals; Bass Pro Shops – Lawrenceville, GA; Unicoi State Park & Lodge; Michele and Broderick Crawford (Crawford Art Gallery); John Dillard, Jr. (Dillard House & staff); Smithgall Woods State Park; Fortify Restaurant; Foxfire Boys (Wayne Gipson, Mike Hamilton, Steve McCall, Tom Nixon, Dean English, Filmer Kilby); Waterfall Country Club; Jimmy Harris (Unicoi Outfitters); Reeves Hardware – Clayton; Reeves Hardware – Dillard; Reeves Building Supply – Clayton; LL Bean; Mack Martin (Atlanta Fly Fishing School); Rabun County Bank; Gary Merriman (The Fish Hawk); Sloan Richardson and Brian Sargeant (Patagonia – Atlanta); Highlands Aerial Park; Smitty's Spirits; Foothills Chapter – TU; Highland Hiker; TU National – Embrace-A-Stream; Sky Valley Golf Club; Michael Riley for Mid-Missouri TU; Joe Dokett – Nantahala TU; Rabun TU; Kingwood Country Club & Resort; Apple Mountain Resort & Golf Club; Southern Highroads Outfitters; Blue Ridge Music; Karan's Catering; Scott Reed – Academy Outdoors, Snellville, GA; Jim Harvey – Upper Chattahoochee TU; Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa; Coosa Valley TU; C & J Mountain Outfitters; Project Healing Waters & Southern Highland Group.

Individuals: Doug and Eedee Adams; Allison Adams; Penny Bradley - Artist; Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt; Jordyn Brotherton; Jeff Durniak; Jim Enloe; Tammy and Pat Hopton; Jim and Carolyn Kidd; June Landreth; Sandy and Ralph Morgan; Frank and Susan Patton; Dale Powell; Terry and Emmilyn Rivers; Ron Robeson; Mike Sobaski; Garland Stewart; Ron Thomas; Frank and Gail Tolbert; Fritz Vinson; Betty Walker; Nelson Withers; Ray King; Kent Wilson; Peter Croes; Terry Seehorn; Steve Perry; Sid Elliott; Doug Hickman; Brooks and Amanda Adams; Carl Riggs; Maria Rodeghiero; Scott Poss; Wayne Prosser; Jerry McFalls; Carrie Radcliffe; Ken Rittelberger; Steve Hudson; Landon Williams; Mike Fuller; Brandon Adams - Artist; Duane Stalnaker; Larry Walker; Jim Harvey; Mark Whitney; Monte Seehorn; Carolyn J Wilder - Artist; Dale Kilby; & Will & Pam Mohr.

WHAAaaaaaaa WHOooooooooooooo !! Save the date for next year, Saturday January 23, 2016

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BACK CASTING



Due to too much of the white stuff in February our regular monthly meeting had to be canceled and the BOD meeting had to be shuffled around to another date. Let's all hope this kind of weather is behind us for the season!!

The Rabun TU BOD met on Thursday March 5, 2015. Fortunately several were in attendance. Rendezvous final numbers were discussed along with discussion on continued further improvements in the future. Trout Camp selection was discussed along with many other calendar items.

Rabun TU Spring Camp Out Set For May 6 - 10, 2015 Always a great time so don't miss out!!



The campout will be held at the Cherry Hill Campsite, Oconee County, SC. Campsite daily fees are \$10 (\$5 for codgers w/ card). Make reservations on-line. Terry Rivers will act as camp commandant for this camp out since Glenn English will be having hip surgery in April.

COOK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

If you can commit to cooking one meal or more please let Terry know. Terry will need everyone to commit to their preferred attendance dates no later than April 20 in order to organize meal prep, etc. Each meal to cost \$5/person. So get your reservations in at Cherry Hill then email Terry at tlr1121@windstream.net with your dates and meal times that you will be joining in.

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CAMPER'S REWARDS

- Each Camper Departs with their own Fishing Equipment
- Closing Ceremony where Campers Receive a Certificate of Completion
- Fun Fly Casting Competition with Awards Presented at Closing Ceremony
- Many Memories and New Friendships



Camp Location:

Northeast Georgia in the town of Dillard. The Heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains



Georgia Trout Camp

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Georgia Trout Camp

Open to boys and girls, 12-15 years old
\$500 per camper

FOR REGISTRATION FORMS

Go to Georgia Council Website:
www.georgiatu.org

Contact:

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194 Kitchens Lane • Clayton, GA 30525
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Georgia Trout Unlimited Trout Camp 2015



Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School
June 7-12, 2015

"Call to Camp!"



Participants...
(Entry Limit -1 Year)

- Boys & Girls, 12-15 Years Old
- Learn and Practice the Sport of Fly Fishing
- Study Sound Conservation Practices
- Enjoy a Fun and Rewarding Experience

2014 Georgia Trout Camp



Picture of success with learning the sport, having loads of fun, camaraderie, and individual growth.

Applications will be taken up to April 15, 2015. Contact Charlie Breithaupt. His info located at bottom of flyer above.

Our annual Rod Raffle is just now getting underway. A fine Mack Martin rod has arrived and tickets are available for sale. Drawing will be at Family Picnic in July.

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Fishing the San Juan River – In The Snow!

By Past Prez Pat

Not long ago I had mentioned to fellow Rabun Chapter member Tom Matthews that I would be in Albuquerque, NM the week of Feb 23 on Forest Service business. He highly encouraged me to look up his son, Bart, who also worked for the Forest Service and also lived in Albuquerque.

So prior to going out there I emailed Bart and found out that he too loves to fish. We quickly set up a day of fly fishing on the San Juan River, a famous blue-ribbon tailwater stream in northern New Mexico.



The night before we were to go to the river, I met Bart and his lovely wife, Deborah, at a local microbrew where we enjoyed beers and dinner. I quickly learned Bart, like his dad Tom, is friendly and a lot of fun. It must run in the family! We agreed to meet the following morning at my hotel at 5:00 am for the 3 hour drive to the river.



The next morning I awoke to 4" of snow on the ground. With still more coming down! Bart arrived on time, and after talking and studying the weather forecast, we decided to continue with our plans. Black ice on the Interstate and packed snow on the State Highways made for some slippery driving! It took us 4 hours, but we finally arrived at the Texas Hole Parking Area on the San Juan River in one piece.

This was my first time to the San Juan. In the section we fished, known as The Braids, the river is shallow and very easy to wade. I found the water to be a

little off color, with a chalky tint to it.

According to Bart, the fish lie in any run that is deep enough to cover their backs. I had already researched the local fly patterns and had stocked up on #18-24 San Juan Worms, egg, and midge larvae patterns. I had rigged up a Euro indicator with two flies, with an attractor such as a worm or egg on top and a midge larvae on the dropper.

The fishing was great. Unfortunately, the catching was slow. I landed one nice rainbow, about 15" and another about 8". I lost another good fish, but that was the extent of my hook-ups. Bart did a little better than me, landing several nice fish. All our fish were caught on the midge larvae patterns.

After about 4 hours of fishing in the snow, we decided to head back to Albuquerque before the roads got too bad. That turned out to be a good decision; we barely made it back after 5 hours of slipping and sliding through snow and ice!

Thanks, Tom, for suggesting I meet up with your son while in New Mexico. Thanks, Bart, for a memorable day of fishing the San Juan River in the snow. You are both stand-up guys!



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Fly Fishing Seminar

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- ☐ *Ever wanted to try your hand at fly-fishing for trout but never learned the in's and out's of it?*
- ☐ *Ever wonder why some people seem to get so "hooked" on it?*

Now's your chance! The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited is planning a half-day fly-fishing for trout seminar for adults (male and female 16 years and older).

The seminar will cover equipment, casting, knots and entomology
(the bugs we imitate for fish to eat).

Instructors include Federation of Flyfishermen Certified Instructors and other experts for a hands-on learning experience that will be helpful and fun.

WHAT: Fly-Fishing Seminar "Rabunite 101"

WHEN: Saturday March 21, 2015

8:30 am until 1:00 pm

WHERE: The Rabun County Recreation Center off Highway 441 near
Rabun County Middle and High School complex.

HOW MUCH? Cost is only \$25

WANT TO SIGN UP??? FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!

The session is limited to 28 participants.

Send the form below along with your check made payable to:

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Charlie Breithaupt

194 Kitchens Lane

Clayton, GA 30525

knc615@windstream.net (706)782-6954

You will receive notification when you have been registered.

Please Print (**NEATLY!**) Yes, I want to attend the fly-fishing seminar!

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Address _____
City, State Zip _____
Telephone _____
Email _____

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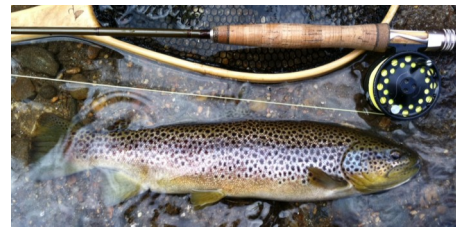
Info & Learning Corner

Have you been thinking about doing a little camping in the back country? This time of year it can be warm and enjoyable in the morning and snowing by the afternoon. So for some great info check out



this article by Brian Weeks. [Click here!](#)

All Newbie's !! This web site is for you. If you been working to much and too hard to get out and learn about fishing then this awesome group of 8 videos from Orvis is for you. Start checking them out now right [here](#) !!



Also for Newbie's or any disgruntled fisherman. Some fishermen in other parts of the world try different things for catching. Let's just say, for the men in this interesting article, release is not an option. For around here you can think about it; but don't do it.

Check out the article [here](#).



Have you been thinking about picking up a fly rod for the first time this year. With so much to choose from it can be an aggravating experience trying to make the best decision for a first time purchase. Read this article that breaks down every thing you need to consider in making a great first choice. [Click here](#) !

Or just buy tickets from our Rod Raffle and win you a great rod !!
Then no worries !

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership is 190 members with 24 Life Members and 10 Stream Explorers.

Welcome new members : Tammy Hopton, Frank & Carol Jackson, Kaden Mitchell, Kaplan Mitchell, Kasen Mitchell, and Hoke Shirley (Hope you can join us soon at a meeting or on the river!)

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Robert Blalock, Kelley Coty, Monty English, Shane English, Shannon Holloman, Eugene Keener, David Lash, Edward Martin, Julian Patton, John Ramsey, Jimmy Whiten, and Michael Williams.

It's time to renew your membership: Chadwick Bryson, Steve Denman, Kim English, Walter Godfrey, Luke Justice, and Phil Upchurch.

Our deepest condolences go out to Rabunites Jim Nixon, Tom Nixon and Doug Hickman. On February 16 the death of Genus Nixon was the loss of a mother to Jim, a Grandmother to Tom and an Aunt to Doug. This lady was well loved by a large family and by many of the ole Rabunites. Please keep the entire family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Our condolences also go out to Ray Gentry on the loss of his mother. Ray's mother passed away in February and a Memorial will be held at a later date. Please keep Ray and Patsy also in your thoughts and prayers. However, we do celebrate the great strides Ray has been making in regaining his health. Blessings for continued healing for Ray during this difficult time.

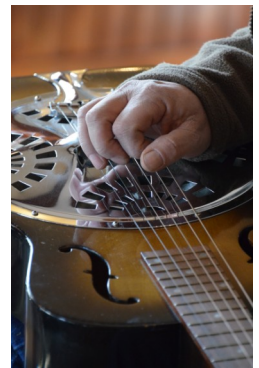
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Notes from the President

Spring is about to Sprung !



Well, you can't fight Mother Nature. February's Chapter agenda went to "H-E- double toothpick" very quickly, with rain, sleet snow, and more snow. The February Chapter meeting program has been graciously re-scheduled by our speaker, Jenny Sanders, of the Little Tennessee Watershed Association and the Chattooga Conservancy. And, our Board Meeting scheduled for February 26th could not have been more inappropriately planned, with temps in the single digits and wind-chill below zero.

The good news: Doug Adams continues to be on the mend; Ray Gentry is also on the mend (don't be surprised to see him around very soon); Carl Riggs(Georgia Council Chair) is also on the mend; and the Chapter will get back on schedule on March 5th with the February Board Meeting. We will be selecting our Chapter's Trout Campers at the Board Meeting, and we have a fine group of applicants. All Chapter members are invited to attend the Board Meeting.

We have lots happening as spring is on the way and our activity picks up. Our March Chapter meeting is March 19th. Rabunite 101 is March 21st. Hoot on the Hootch is also on March 21st. The March Chapter Board Meeting is March 26th. Trout season opens on March 28th. Other than that, March will hopefully go out like a lamb.

Your Board of Directors is planning our activities for the rest of this year, and I am exhausted by the effort they are putting in.

Finally, last summer, TU President Chris Wood, in the Summer 2014 TU Magazine, talked about "Building Community in a Fractured World". He defined what it means to be a TU member in three words: conservation, fishing, and community. "Conservation is at the core of what we do. Fishing is our passion. Community is something we build- stream by stream, project by project, relationship by relationship." We should be so proud of our conservation projects and our community outreach to the Scouts, to Project Healing Waters, and to our schools with Trout in the classroom. And most important, we should all consider ourselves so very blessed to have established the relationships we have with each other to pursue our passion together- fishing. This Rabun Chapter is AWESOME !

Steve

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