



Tight Lines

May 2015 Newsletter of the
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited
Editor: Michele Crawford crawfordart@windstream.net
Rabun TU's Award Winning Web Site <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

"All of the romance of trout fishing exists in the mind of the angler and is in no way shared by the fish." Harold F. Blaisdell

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 !

For the month of May remember there is no regular monthly meeting. We are having the Indian Lake Scout Day fishing and picnic. Always a fun time!

Get all the information on page three in the calendar of events under forward casting.

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

TU National is surveying their entire membership. If you're a member please take the survey at the link Below before May 21st.

[Survey Link to TU](#)

CONSERVE

PROTECT

RESTORE



WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???

By: Terry Rivers

MAY FLY OF THE MONTH 2015



**Elk Hair Caddis
with egg shuck**

HOOK: SIZE #14/16 DRY FLY HOOK

TAIL: YELLOW ANTRON

BODY: TAN DUBBING

WING: ELK HAIR

HAVE SOME OF THESE IN YOUR BOX THIS TIME OF THE YEAR
AND IF THERE IS A CADDIS HATCH COMING OFF WITH NO
RESULTS TIE ONE ON WITH THE EGG SHUCK AND YOU COULD
SEE GREAT RESULTS. I HAVE SEEN THIS HAPPEN BEFORE.

“SEE YA’LL ON THE RIVER”

May Hatches

THE BUGS	TIME OF MONTH	TIME OF DAY	SUGGESTED FLIES
None at all	All month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Midges	All month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Yellow Stonefly	All month	E to L am L pm to dark	14-16 Yellow Stimulator or Elk Hair Caddis (Yellow) & 14-16 Yellow Stone Nymph
March Brown Mayfly (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm	12-14 March Brown or Adams Para- chute 10-14 March Brown Nymph, Dark Hare's Ear or Pheasant Tail
Sulphur Mayfly (Very Important)	All Month	L pm to dark	14-18 Sulphur Comparadun; Light Cahill; Cream Variant 14-16 Sulphur Nymph or Emerger, Pheasant Tail
Green Drake Mayfly (Very Important)	Late	Late am to L pm	8-10 Green Drake 8-10 Green Drake Nymph
Coffin Fly (Green Drake Spinner) Awesome !	Late	L pm to one hour after dark	8-10 Spent Wing or Parachute Cof- fin Fly
Light Cahill Mayfly (Important)	Late	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph

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

CONSERVE

PROTECT

RESTORE

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

May 16 (Sat): Quarterly meeting of the Georgia TU council 9AM TO NOON. Rabun Chapter is hosting the meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

May 19 (Tues): Our annual Family Cookout. This takes the place of our regular monthly meeting. So everyone plan on coming out and enjoying the evening with the scouts. Mentoring of Girl & Boy Scouts Fishing the Lake. Passing it on! Place - Indian Lake Picnic Shelter on the Campus of RGNS – Rabun Gap 4 pm – Fellowship & Lake Fishing 6:00 pm – Enjoy our Meal. Directions – go north on US 441, turn left onto School Farm Rd across from the Rabun Gap Post Office, go ¼ mile & turn left onto Indian Lake Road, go ¼ mile & turn right, go to end of road. The Chapter will provide the hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, plates, etc. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, veggies, salad, chips, or a dessert. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! To assist with the fishing!**

May 28 (Thurs): Rabun TU monthly BOD meeting. This month we will be at idbis.

May 30 (Sat): Betty's Creek Stream Improvement. Getting the stream ready for Trout Camp! **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !! Contact Charlie B. if you can help.**

June 6 (Sat) Annual Kids Fishing Event, 8 AM at Tallulah River with USFS & GA WRD. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Frank Patton Coordinating julianfpattont@yahoo.com Passing it on !

June 7-12 (Sun-Fri) Georgia Trout Unlimited Trout Camp 2015. Rabun Gap Nacoochee School.

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!!



CONSERVE

PROTECT

RESTORE



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.



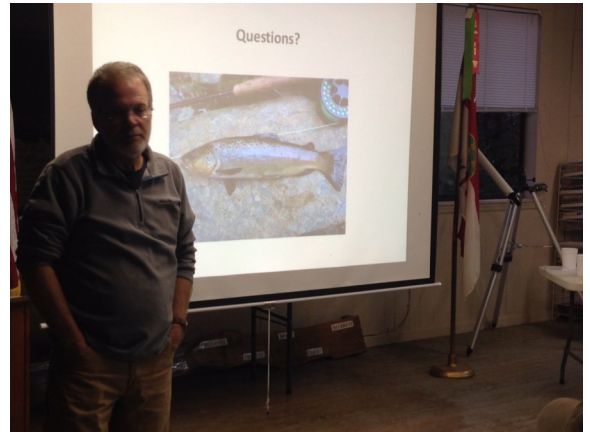
CONSERVE

PROTECT

RESTORE

BACK CASTING

The TU regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday April 18th. Our guest speaker was our own Rabunite Pat Hopton. Pat shared all his tips and secrets for successful dark thirty fishing this time of year. The river will probably be crowded in the evenings this spring with Rabunites trying out lessons from Pat's dark thirty presentation. We also had a great monthly raffle. We raised \$82.00 with items donated by Justin English, Charlie Breithaupt, Mike Fuller and many other mystery donors. The grand prize was 18 farm still warm, fresh eggs! Everyone loved that! Thanks to everyone who donated and came out that evening!!



The TU Southeastern Rally was held the weekend of April 17 - 19 in Asheville, NC. Rabun TU was represented by Steve Perry, and Charlie & Kathy Breithaupt. In all Georgia was represent by 19 people from 7 chapters, and 4 state council members.



In appreciation for Rabun TU's donation to EAS, TU VP for Volunteer Operations, Beverly Smith presented President Steve Perry with a fly rod for our chapter.



Rabun TU joined the Reeves Store in Dillard on Saturday April 25th to help celebrate their 20th Anniversary. Our group tied flies, sold raffle tickets and handed out information to people informing them about Trout Unlimited and the mission of coldwater conservation.

CONSERVE

PROTECT

RESTORE

Cabela's® 2015 Spring Fly Fishing Classic

May 30-31- Acworth, GA

	Conference Room	Boat Showroom	Casting Pond (outdoor)
9:00			
:45	NOTE: Seminars and casting events start at 11 AM on Sunday	↑	Casting instruction FFF certified casting instructors
10:00	Casting Basics for Women Only	Fly tying demonstration and instruction by Trout Unlimited members	
:45	"What you need & what you don't" Wanda Taylor		
11:00	What do I need to go fly fishing in Georgia fresh and salt waters?	↓	Fly Casting for Women Only
:30	Steve Westmoreland		
	Trout Unlimited Presentation Carl Riggs		Wanda Taylor
12:00			
:30	Fly fishing in the Salt Tailing Redfish on the Spertina Flats of S Georgia and north Florida	Fly tying class (Limit of 12 students) Bob Foster	Fly Casting demo Eric Cook
1:00	David Lambert		
:30	Headwaters to Tailwaters Best Trout Fishing in Georgia Year Round		Casting instruction FFF certified casting instructors
2:00	Jimmy Harris		
:30	Fly Fishing in North Georgia for Everything but Trout	↓	Fly Casting demo
3:00	Henry Cowan	↑	David Lambert
:30	Reading Trout Waters Ed Chamberlain	Fly tying demonstration and instruction by Trout Unlimited members	Casting instruction FFF certified casting instructors
4:00			
:30		↓	↓
5:00			



CONSERVE

PROTECT

RESTORE

No more trout seasons: from GA DNR

Trout season opened this past March, but unlike previous years, they will no longer have a closing date. Beginning April 21, 2015, state trout streams will remain open year-round, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division.

"The Board of Natural Resources recently approved the lifting of seasonal restrictions on approximately 1,600 miles of trout waters," said John Biagi, Fisheries Section Chief of the Wildlife Resources Division. "This decision, which initiated as something that anglers had been requesting for many years, comes after many months of research and analysis and extensive public outreach and we anticipate that trout anglers will eagerly welcome this additional time on the water."

This change in trout fishing regulations only eliminates the dates of "trout season." So, come this October, the season will not close as it has in past years.

Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians



The fly fishing museum is getting close to becoming a reality. The Grand Opening is slated for June 6, 2015 from 10 to 4. The location is Located at 316 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, NC . A full day's slate of events will begin at 10:00 am with a gathering of museum friends, supporters, sponsors, volunteers, staff and board members. Alen Baker and Forrest Parker, the Museum's founders, will address the audience with a brief history of how this brainchild came about. Representatives from the surrounding communities and several flyfishing organizations will also

be on hand to offer their thoughts in support of the museum. Then starting at 1:00 o'clock and running until 4:00 pm, a free casting clinic is being offered to the public. A pool of five professional fly fishing guides and instructors have volunteered their time.

If you are interested in making a donation you have the opportunity to be recognized as a Founding Member of the museum by making a donation of \$500 or more. The list of Founding Members and Charter Members (\$100 or more) will be closed that day and a permanent plaque will be put in place.

They are so many great plans coming in the future. For more information or to make a donation prior to June 6 call Alen Baker at 828-788-0034. Or to just make a donation mail it to the museum at P.O. Box 1838, Cherokee, NC 28719. They will also be needing volunteers in the future to man the museum and help with events if you have the interest and the time.

Check them out on facebook [here](#). More information [here](#).

CONSERVE

PROTECT

RESTORE

Fishing Reports



Well, its not a trout but last month Tom Matthews couldn't help but have a grip and grin moment after reeling in this nice size beauty!!

Tammy Hopton is having a great fishing season. Apparently Pat Hopton has taught his wife to well. Along with catching the big un she has also learned the "I don't believe I said" line when inquiring about location of such a big Rainbow Trout.

WHAaaaaaaa WHOoooooooooo Girl !!



Sunday May 3, was Broderick's birthday so we, along with our Rabunite Friends, Carl and Kathy Kleinsteuber headed to the Chattooga DH and set up a day camp. It was all about being kicked back and relaxed and fishing. Even though our sweet doggie Dixie is old, she too knows how to enjoy a good day on the river. So does Gertie, the Kleinsteuber's dog. The fishing was slow, but as you can tell from the photos a good time was had by all. You just can't beat the Chattooga River!!

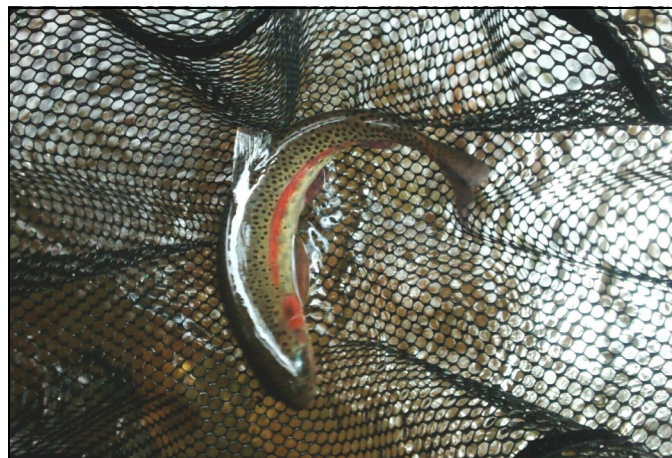


CONSERVE

PROTECT

RESTORE

From Brian Weeks: I spent this past weekend in the GSMNP chasing wild trout. The weather was supposed to be dawn-to-dusk rain for two out of the three days, but it ended up being dry all weekend outside of a relatively brief shower early Saturday morning. However, despite the lack of rain during the weekend, all the rain leading up to this weekend still had the creek high, the flows heavy, and the water quite tur-

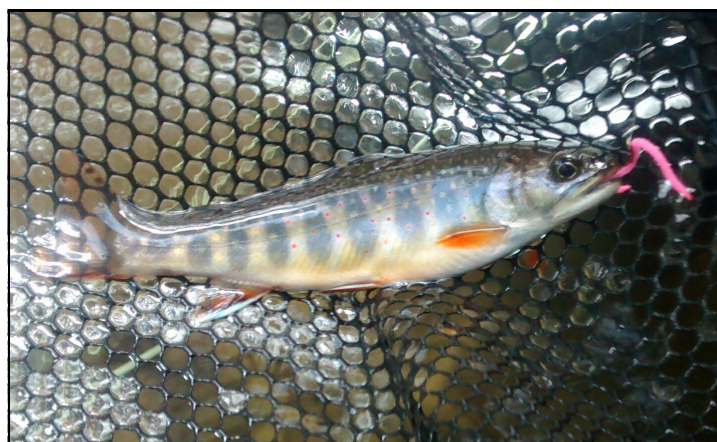


bid. As the weekend progressed, though, the water began to lower, slow down, and clear up a bit. The flies the trout were interested in changed throughout the weekend right along with the changes in their aquatic environment. With the high, cloudy flows on Friday and Saturday, big and bright flies was what was needed to put fish in the net. But, as the water lowered and cleared up on Sunday, smaller and more naturally colored flies were what my quarry was hungry for. Despite seeing some hatches throughout the weekend, I only saw one riser. All of my fish came to the net thanks to a subsurface offering - most from down deep.

So, what exactly was I after? Well, it too shifted throughout the weekend. At the onset, it was anything wild. Then, after wild rainbows in the double digits, it became a brown or a brook. After finding some gorgeous 4" - 5" brook trout, the hunt was on for at least one brown to round out the weekend with a nice, wild slam. But, alas, finding the wild brown, and thus slamming out, was to no avail.



All in all, the fishing was great - the best it's been in months. The fish, who were on full display with their spectacular colors, were hungry and had plenty of fight in them.



Anytime on one of the countless scenic streams in the GSMNP is a great time for which to be thankful. The trout are just a bonus - and a bonus they were this time. Thanks for playing y'all - see you again soon.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership: is 192 members with 27 Life Members and 12 Stream Explorers.

Welcome New Members: William Scott and Brad Smith!! Hope to see you soon!!

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Chadwick Bryson, Bob Collins, Cecil Greene, Russell Tyre, Maria Rodeghiero, and John Wall.

It's time to renew your membership: Jamie Barlow, Russell Burken, Jimmy Cochran, Hal Howard, O. Nolte, Clifton Smith, Victor Morzark, Hugh Thompson, and Gordon Vanderpool.

LETTERS TO RABUN TU: "Words cannot express our thanks to Jeff Durniak for taking his buddy, Ray on his first fly fishing adventure since Ray's critical health issues. Not only did this man take Ray to a "honey hole", but Jeff opted not to fish and assist Ray if needed. What a friend!

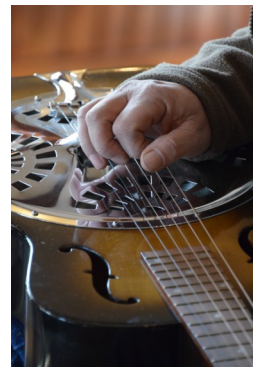
Needless to say, like a fish takes to water, Ray fished until dark thirty. What a memory for Ray, but for our whole family, this was just another miracle. Thank you for featuring Ray with this article and to Jeff, I have no words for this act of genuine kindness. I get teary eyed thinking about Ray's face beaming when he walked into the den that night. And, thanks to Rabun and all of the Georgia chapters for their cards, visits, gifts, calls, emails, photos and most of all those prayers.....they worked. Again...thank you for this precious gift of this newsletter. I have forwarded it to all the family."

Patsy Gentry (Ray's wife)

MEMBERSNEWS: Wishing a full and complete recovery for Rabunite Glenn English. Glenn had to undergo triple bypass surgery last month, but everything went well and Glenn is at home in recovery mode. He is also still healing from a knee surgery before that. So please keep Glenn and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



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.



Visit us on
Facebook

CONSERVE

PROTECT

RESTORE

Notes from the President



The National Trout Unlimited Southeastern Regional Meeting in Asheville was loaded with information, and we were represented by Charlie & Kathy, and me. It is very interesting that TU National has redone their strategic plans to more fully incorporate the fact that we are NOT an elitist organization, but a grassroots, get---in---the---

water/mud to conserve, protect and restore cold water fisheries to ensure quality drinking water as well as pristine fisheries. In addition, there is big emphasis on membership for kids, women as well as men. Finally, we received a fly rod as a result of the Chapter's donation to Embrace a Stream.

The next two months are scheduled to be very busy for our chapter. The Forward Casting section in Tight Lines should show you our schedule. Jerry McFalls wants volunteers at the Scouts Family Picnic to help the kids bait hooks and to release their catch, and Frank Patton can always use volunteers to help with the food setup and cooking. Just show up at 4PM, and have a blast with the kids. Remember, some of these scouts have never caught a fish in their lives! Plus, this event is our May Chapter meeting, so show up please.

Preparation for Trout Camp begins on May 30th with the Betty's Creek cleanup, so it can be stocked for the campers. A fun three hours can be had by all. Bring your loppers, and show up for a 9AM start. Those who are interested can go for lunch afterwards. Trout Camp begins June 7th and our Chapter will be honoring a very special person at graduation.

And, if you want to see some enthusiastic young fishermen, come volunteer at the Kids Fishing Event at the Tallulah River Campground on June 6th. We are there to assist the Forest Service, help the kids register, sell Rod Raffle tickets, and enlist new members and Stream Explorers. Another fun family day.

Finally, put July 16th on the calendar for the Chapter Annual Summer Picnic at Kelley Waterfall Park (aka Estotoah Waterfall Park). Food is on the Chapter; Sides and desserts are provided by members. Come eat, enjoy the comradery with others, bring friends, bring a side or dessert, stick your feet in the water, and see who wins our rod & reel donated by our Chapter friend, Mack Martin of the Atlanta Fly Fishing School.

A loaded calendar, and you are missing out if you don't show up. Who knows--- even Ray Gentry might make an appearance!

Steve

CONSERVE

PROTECT

RESTORE

Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2015

Voting Board of Directors :

President Steve Perry	Nominating Committee Chair , Project Healing Waters BOD Agenda, Budget	706-782-4978	flygide@gmail.com
Vice President Kent Wilson	Mack Martin Rod Raffle, Property Manager	706-746-7488	kandcwilson@windstream.net
Treasurer Joel Wise	Reports & Budget	706-782-7538	jwise@windstream.net
Secretary Wayne Prosser	BOD Minutes, Correspondence, Records	706-746-6293	wp0968@windstream.net
Past President Pat Hopton	Social Media and Leadership Support	706-782-4978	scotts_creek58@yahoo.com
Director - 2015 Jim Kidd	Advocacy Director	706-782-2474	Jikidd@windstream.net
Director - 2015 Frank Patton	Kids Fishing Events	770-339-7095	julianfpatton@yahoo.com
Director - 2016 Jerry McFalls	Liaison with Local Scouts, Stream Projects, Safety Coordi- nator, Trout in the Classroom	706-782-8357	threeforksadventures@hotmail.com
Director - 2016 Ray King	Rabun Rendezvous, Audio -Visual Set Up	828-349-2786	rayking@frontier.com
Director - 2017 Gordon Vanderpool			turningstonesflyfish-ing@yahoo.com
Director - 2017 Charlie Breithaupt	Meeting Raffles, Trout Camp, Fly Fishing 101	706-782-6954	knc615@windstream.net
Director - 2018 Mike Fuller			david2053@windstream.net
Director - 2018 Frank Tolbert	Media Outreach		frankdavid-tolbert@gmail.com

Non Voting Leaders :

Kathy Breithaupt	Trout Camp	706-782-6954	knc615@windstream.net
Michele Crawford	Tight lines Editor, Women's Outreach, Memorials	706-490-4574	crawfordart@windstream.net
Terry Rivers	Fly Tying Workshops	706-782-7419	tlr1121@windstream.net
Jeff Durniak	Meeting Programs & hosting speaker to dinner	706-892-6576	jeffdurniak@yahoo.com
Glenn English	Chapter Campouts	706-212-9983	genglish09@yahoo.com
Sid Berstresser	Membership Recruitment & Retention		

CONSERVE

PROTECT

RESTORE