



# Tight Lines

May 2016 Newsletter of the  
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**“It is not how abundant nor how considerable our catch may be,  
but rather to the sport, and manner in which our quarry, the noble  
trout is angled.” - J. B. Martin**

**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



## BUSY TIMES AHEAD!!

This is the time of the year when we really earn our reputation as a conservation organization, as a group dedicated to youth, and as a service organization. Looking at the calendar should generate a feeling of pride in what we do. But, to do this, we need all hands on deck. In other words- SHOW UP AND HELP!

The Spring Scouts Family Picnic at Indian Lake is May 17th in lieu of our monthly meeting. The Board will meet on May 24th, and there is some exciting news to share. Betty's Creek Cleanup in advance of Trout Camp is on May 28th from 9 AM to noon. The Kids Fishing Event at Tallulah River Campground is June 4th from 8 AM to 1 PM. Then, Trout Camp runs from June 5th to the 10th. Our regular Chapter and Board meetings in June are the 21st and 28th, respectively. In July, our Annual Family Summer Picnic is the 14th, the Board will meet on the 26th, and our Chattooga River Workday at Martins Branch is on the 30th (thankfully, Upper Chattahoochee has the lead).

I'm exhausted, so I'll cut this short. Main thing- We need our membership at all these events in our logo clothing and hats, to let people know who we are, what are our goals, why we do what we do, and why we have fun doing it! See you on the merry-go round for the next couple months. And take pride in our efforts.

Steve



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# Forward Casting Calendar

**May 14 (Sat)** Georgia TU State Council quarterly meeting. Gold Rush Chapter is hosting.

**May 17 (Tues) NO REGULAR MEETING: VOLUNTEERS**

**NEEDED!!** Mentoring - Annual Spring Scouts Family Picnic. Boy & Girl Scout Troops are our guests. Volunteers needed to mentor the Scouts. Starts at 3:30 at Indian Lake on the campus of RGNS. Bring along a dish to go with the burgers and dogs provided by our chapter. For more info contact: Jerry McFalls at [threeforksadventures@hotmail.com](mailto:threeforksadventures@hotmail.com). **DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS CHANCE TO HELP OUR CHAPTER PASS IT ON!!!**



**May 20 - 21 (Fri - Sat)** TU Southeast Regional Meeting in Roanoke, VA.

**May 28 (Sat) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** Betty's Creek Stream Improvement Work Day. Getting the stream ready for Trout Camp the following week. 9 AM to noon. Bring your gloves and work tools. For more info contact Charlie Breithaupt at 706-782-6954 or at [knc615@windstream.net](mailto:knc615@windstream.net). **ANOTHER GREAT CHANCE TO HELP OUR CHAPTER IN PASSING IT ON!**

**June 4 (Sat)** Annual USFS Kids Fishing Rodeo. 8AM-1PM on the Tallulah River.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** Always a great time watching all the kids catch fish!! And another chance to work with fellow Rabunites in Passing it ON !! For more info contact Steve Perry at [flygide@gmail.com](mailto:flygide@gmail.com)



**June 5 - 11 (Sun - Fri)** 13th Annual Georgia Trout Camp, Campus of RGNS.

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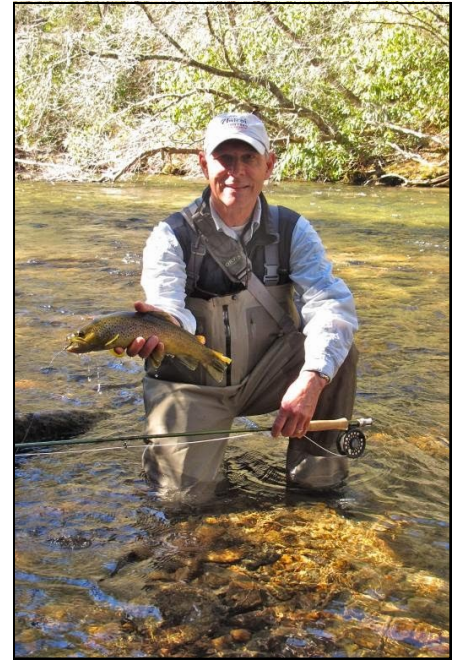
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# Forward Casting Calendar cont:

**June 21 (Tues)** Regular Monthly Chapter Meeting beginning at 6:30 at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Our guest speaker will be a true treat for all fishermen. Jimmy Harris, owner of Unicoi Outfitters, will be doing a program titled "Shorten your rod to raise your game". Small stream tactics by the Guru of north Georgia trout fishing, Jimmy is not only an admired fisherman and volunteer, he is also a true friend to the Rabunites and all Georgia TU Chapters. This will be another great informative meeting you will not want to miss!! Unicoi Outfitters is recognized as a TU Gold Level Business member. For more info on Unicoi Outfitter click [here](#) or call 706-878-3083.



**June 28 (Tues)** Regular monthly board meeting starting at 6:30 at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. All are welcome.

**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!

## RABUN TU FISHING BUDDY LIST

From this day forward be a part of the official Rabunite fishing buddy list. Just sent out a notice to Jeff Durniak (contact leader) that you're going fishing with the information as to where and when. Jeff will forward the info out to other Rabunites on the "Buddy List" and anyone else available to throw down what they're doing to go fishing will let you know! To join the buddy list just forward Jeff Durniak your contact info including email and cell phone number.

Forward your information to Jeff at [jeffdurniak@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffdurniak@yahoo.com).

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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.



## May fly of the month:

By: Terry Rivers

We had a great Campout in South Carolina last month . If you didn't attend you missed a good one. Great food, stories told, and a lot of world problems were solved around the fire at night. Fishing for some was slow some had great success. The magic month is coming up so have these in your fly box with coffin flies as well, tied in size 8/10 hook 3x.



# SEE YA ON THE RIVER !!

**GREEN DRAKE**



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](#)





# May 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	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes
Speckled Gray Caddis	All month	M to L pm	12-14 Dark Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis
Giant Black Stonefly	All month	E am	4-8 Black Stonefly Nymph
Cream Caddis (Very Important)	Late	Mid am to Late pm	12 -14 Elk-hair Caddis 12 - 14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
Brown & Slate Drakes	Late	L am to L pm	8-14 Adams, Blue Dun, or March Brown Parachutes 8-14 March Brown Nymph, Dark Hare's Ear, or Pheasant Tail
Light Cahill Mayfly (Important)	Late	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
March Brown Mayfly (Important)	Late	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Green Drake Mayfly	Late	L am to L pm	8-10 Green Drake 8-10 Green Drake Nymph
Coffin Fly (Green Drake Spin- ner) Awesome!	Late	L pm to an hour after dark	8-10 Spent Wing or Parachute Coffin Fly



Not quiet ready to be a fly fisher-  
man? Try these alternatives for



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## *Back Casting*

Rabun TU recently made donations to other Georgia TU Chapters to help them in their annual fund raising projects.



Rabun TU President Steve Perry presents a Broderick Crawford framed print to Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter President - Gary Peterson.



Steve Perry presents a framed Broderick Crawford print to Steve Hillard. Hillard is the Oconee River Chapter president.



Co-President's Robert and Julie Rivers of the Foothills Chapters receive a framed Broderick Crawford print for their fund raising event, Hoot on the Hooch, from our Prez Steve Perry.



The Blue Ridge Chapter President, Carl Riggs receives from Steve Perry a framed Broderick Crawford print for their fund raising inaugural event "Trout Fest".

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# Back Casting

Rabunites were treated to a great and very informative meeting last month from state council chairman and Blue Ridge Chapter member Carl Riggs. Carl caught everyone up on the progress of TU in the state of Georgia. He shared a list of great successes from all the Chapters in Georgia and the challenges the state is looking to tackle ahead to fulfill the mission of Trout Unlimited.



The Rabunites held their spring campout last month. Following is a story shared by Charlie Breithaupt along with a few photos. A great time was had by all !

## The Night the Tent Turned Around

Saturday night supper had just become history and the hardy Rabunites camping in luxury at Oconee State Park in South Carolina were settling in for another evening of what they do best...sittin' by the fire, drinkin' something good and telling tales. One young Rabunite (we'll call him Justin..because that's his name) decided he'd hit the river one more time so off he went. As the evening progressed the idea was hatched to "rotate" Justin's tent 180 degrees, just to give him a different view. Cousins Monty and Shane of the English clan set off for the devious act, returning with looks of satisfaction.

Sometime later when Justin returned, the Rabunites watched with muffled laughter as Justin, with flashlight in hand, circled the tent one way, then the other, then back again. He unzipped the "back" of the tent, which was now the "front" of the tent and threw his stuff inside. Ambling over to the campfire, Justin, without hesitation, immediately identified the culprits. They were the only ones young enough to walk 50 feet and pull up four tent pegs and turn the tent around. The rest of the "geezers" just sat and enjoyed the action.

It must be noted that all these participants are named "English" and from the same gene pool. Perhaps their great-grandmother was frightened by a "rotating tent" !! Such behavior may be in their DNA.

We all know....." there ain't no lifeguard in the gene pool".



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## Dark Thirty and the Rabun TU Fishing Buddy List (by: Peter Croes)

A couple of months back the hatch occurred and anyone interested could contact the Dredger to be added for use of any Rabunite in search of someone to accompany them on a fishing outing . . . it's similar to Charlie's e-mail broadcast but a near-term version! It has grown to two (2) broadcasts sections thanks solely to the Dredger although its utilization should be by everyone in the Chapter so we can spend more time on the river(s).

Friday's broadcast was for a Saturday trip and I was unable to go due to contractors working at our home all day; although, Sunday while I was cooking bacon a spur-of-the-moment broadcast text hit my phone for an afternoon to Dark Thirty trip to the gorge and I was gut hooked. Hastily I packed, too much of this and not enough of what I actually needed . . . no. 16 hooks (see last month's article by the Dredger in the TU newsletter) . . . hell I can barely see the eye on 10's and 12's . . . you've got to love the spontaneity and spur of the moment fly fishing opportunities the buddy list offers!

Our meeting, and departure point, was Unicoi Outfitters where Jake helped me get the proper sizes and assortment . . . or so I thought! Durniak showed up and he immediately went to the fly section and picked out four additional patterns and told Patrick Crawford and I that we should get a couple of these as Landon had replied to the buddy list stating that the night before, at dark thirty, the fish were killing yellow sallies a couple others; and, why not . . . were at a fly shop we needed some in our fly box's. . . I just hope the one that fell on the floor got picked up by the vacuum. Have you ever looked for a #16 fly on a rug?

Upon arrival, we pulled into a cutoff and had Patrick hold the space and allow him to begin rigging while the Dredger and I drove further upstream checking out the occupancy of other prime spots in the DH section of the gorge. There were a few other anglers, we doubled back and parked behind Patrick's car, and I began the ritual of adorning the ceremonial waders, boots, and mandatory STAFF! Although the water was down the large boulders were treacherous and I did not want any semblance of a re-occurrence of last fall on The River with Jim Kidd and Wayne Prosser down around Sawmill Hole . . . I came prepared and had my knee braces on! I tied on a Cahill, went down the bank, and was in the water fishing . . . 15' from the car. They were there but not in any mood to hit, at least not at that time of day . . . even the Dredger was getting three refusals to every hook set; and then, later, the stillness of the running water was broken by a WAAaaaaaaaaa HOOOoooooooo as the Dredger hooked a 15" Brown!

We continued fishing, losing occasional sight of each and the other anglers began to drift back toward civilization, after all of the trout have eaten and nothing happens in the late afternoon! I worked my way back upstream to where we were parked and Patrick was preparing to leave to drive back to Lawrenceville . . . with a good excuse, he had to be at work at 03:00 . . . he had caught a nice trout and was happy. I continued fishing and caught some nice browns.

Later on the Dredger came back to the car indicating that I needed to come up the bank as we were going to a honey hole he had found and wanted me to make a few casts; of course under his tutelage. I made a few and missed a few of the subtle strikes; and tangled the bushes behind me trying to correct a lousy hook set and/or cast! Some of those tangles would make a goat roper happy with his work.

On one of the takes, I used my Tarpon hook set so if you catch the big brown with a protruding lip or is speaking with a lisp he just might be the one the VolFish pulled out of the water on the hookset! When we were finished working the near runs we went upstream a little ways and worked the far side where the gooduns were . . . WAAaaaaa HOOOooooo! The hatch began to occur and the switch turned on, one emerger even made it to about an inch off the surface before a rising trout ruin his day; then about 8:10 the switch went off and it was time to hit the bank and prepare to leave and feed ourselves . . . the nearest open chow line was in Murphy!

If you are not on the Rabun TU Buddy List I suggest you sign up . . . who cares who shows up just go with anyone who shows and enjoy the river with a fishing buddy . . . you might learn something or be able to impart your skills and fly fishing expertise on someone who will in turn pass it on and protect our waters; and by the way, my camera battery was dead although the fishing was good and the catching even better!



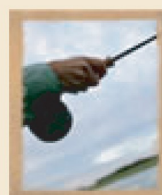
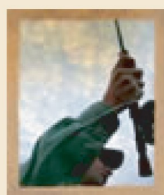
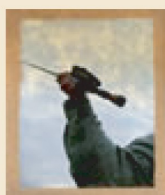


## Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited Fly Rod & Sage Reel Raffle

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:** 173 members, 25 life members, 7 stream explorers.

**Welcome New Member:** Dennis Williams. Hope to see you on the river soon!

**Thanks for re-upping your membership:** Hal Howard, Scott James, Russell Tyre and Phil Upchurch.

**Time to renew your membership:** Claudia English, Edward Martin, Maria Rodeghiero, and William Scott.

## TU NATIONAL PAYS RESPECT

Art Neumann, the last of the original founders of Trout Unlimited, passed away Monday, March 21. He was 99 years old.

Those of us who answered the call of conservation, can quote Leopold, Pinchot, Carson, and any other number of other conservation visionaries. Lesser known is the legacy of Art Neumann.

Art wasn't much for the catchy quote, though his adage, "take care of the fish and the fishing will take care of itself," guides Trout Unlimited a half century later. What Art did was to build an institution—an institution that began with him and a handful of other people along the banks of the Au Sable River, who were tired of the state's masking habitat degradation through stocking.

Today, the "house that Art built" includes 400 chapters, over 155,000 members, and 240 scientists, biologists, and other professional staff who serve to make fishing, and the places that fish live, better.

A month or so ago, I saw Art in Michigan with, Chris Radke and Howard Johnson. Chris and Howard represent the thousands of people in Michigan and around the country who will tirelessly carry on Art's legacy in service to the rivers, fish, anglers, kids, veterans and communities that define our great nation.

Thanks and rest in peace, Art.

Sincerely,

Chris Wood  
President & CEO



Young of the Year Award winner and Rabun Youth member and leader Trey McFalls achieved Eagle Scout status earlier this year. On April 2, Trey was honored at a ceremony that was held in Dillard. Proud parents Vicki and Jerry McFalls are also shown in the photograph.

Way to go Trey!!!!!!!  
WHAAaaaaaaaaa WHOOOoooooooooooo!

**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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