



Tight Lines

May 2017 Newsletter of the
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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“More than half the intense enjoyment of fly-sighing is derived from the beautiful surroundings, the satisfaction felt from being in the open air, the new lease of life secured thereby, and the many, many pleasant recollections of all one has seen, heard and done.”

Charles F. Orvis

**Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Join us for our regular monthly
meetings every third Tuesday of
the month.**

**This month the date is May 16,
2017!! But instead of our regular
meeting it will be the annual fam-
ily picnic and fishing with the
scouts at Indian Lake.**



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**DON'T MISS OUT ON A GREAT TIME
WITH FELLOW RABUNITES!!**

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Letter from the President



May is upon us. Although, spring has officially been here for several weeks you wouldn't know it based on the nighttime low temperatures we have experienced for the last few nights.

May is going to be a busy month for chapter related activities. We will not have our regularly scheduled chapter meeting this month. Instead, we will once again be hosting the annual Scout picnic on Tuesday, May 16th at Indian Lake located on the campus of Rabun Gap-Nachoochee School. Chapter members are being asked to bring a side dish to go with the hot dogs and hamburgers which we will be providing.

The Spring Chapter Campout will be Wednesday, May 17th through Sunday, May 21st at Oconee State Park. Those who are not able to camp are welcomed to come out to fish and/or fellowship for any portion of the time which they are able. Please contact Terry Rivers to let him know which meals you are planning to be there for so that he can plan accordingly.

The cleanup of Betty's Creek is scheduled for Saturday, May 27th from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P. M. This is done in preparation for Trout Camp which will follow beginning on June 4th. Please plan to be there and assist. The more volunteers, the quicker the job goes. The chapter's own Vanna White also known as Kathy Breithaupt will have light refreshments and drinks on hand.

As you can see, the opportunities for fun and fellowship abound in the coming weeks. Hopefully everyone will even be time to squeeze in a little time for fishing in between all of the various activities we have coming up.

Kent

Forward Casting Calendar of Events

May 16 (Tues): Annual Scouts Fishing and cook-out at Indian Lake. **Volunteers needed** starting at 4 PM to help our guests, the Boy and Girl Scout Troops with fishing in the lake. The chapter will provide hotdogs, hamburgers along with the condiments



and drinks. Chapter members are requested to bring a side dish. Always a great day of passing it on and fun working with the kids!! Don't miss out!

May 17-21 (Wed–Sun): Rabun TU Annual Spring Campout at Oconee State Park.

May 27 (Sat): The annual clean up of Betty's Creek to get ready for Trout Camp. We start at 9 am and finish up around noon. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!** We will have a few light refreshments on hand.

June 3 (Sat): Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo on Tallulah River starting at 8AM. We coordinate every year with USFS and DNR for the great event for the kids! **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** A great chance to help pass it on!!

June 4 - 9 (Sun - Fri): Trout Camp at Rabun Gap Nachoochee School. If you didn't sign up to volunteer then just help us pray for good weather.

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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

HOOK: 12/18 DRY FLY HOOK
TAIL: WHITE HACKLE FIBERS
BODY: CREAM SUPER FINE DUBBING
WING: WOOD DUCK SHANK FEATHERS
HACKLE: WHITE HACKLE PALMERED



Light Cahill

HAVE THESE IN YOUR BOX DURING THE MONTH OF MAY. FISH TILL DARK AND WAIT FOR THE GREEN DRAKES TO HATCH AND HANG ON THIS IS THE FILET MIGNON TO TROUT!

" 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](#)



May Hatches

THE BUGS	TIME OF MONTH	TIME OF DAY	SUGGESTED FLIES
QUILL GORDON MAYFLY	EARLY	L am to M pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12-14 Quill Gordon Nymph
BLUE QUILL MAYFLY	EARLY	L am to M pm	16-18 Blue Quill, BWO, or Blue Dun 16-18 Prince or Pheasant Tail
SMALL DUN CADDIS (IMPORTANT)	ALL MONTH	L am to M pm L pm to dark	16-18 Gray Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 16-18 Gray Caddis Pupa
MARCH BROWN MAYFLY (IMPORTANT)	ALL MONTH	L am to M pm	12-14 March Brown or Adams Parachute 10-14 March Brown Nymph, Dark Hare's Ear, or Pheasant Tail
CREAM CADDIS (VERY IMPORTANT)	ALL MONTH	M day to L pm L pm to dark	12-14 Elk Hair Caddis 12-14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
YELLOW STONE FLY	LATE	E to L am L pm to dark	14-16 Yellow Stimulator or Elk Hair Caddis (Yellow) 14-16 Yellow Stone Nymph
LIGHT CAYHILL MAYFLY (IMPORTANT)	LATE	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
SPECKLED GRAY CADDIS	LATE	M to L pm	12-14 Dark Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 12-14 Dun & Yel/Brn Caddis Pupa
MIDGES	ALL MONTH	ALL DAY	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
NOTHING AT ALL	ALL MONTH	ALL DAY	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT #14 Parachute Adams is always a good searching pattern



Not quite ready to be a fly fisherman? Try these alternatives for catching trout.



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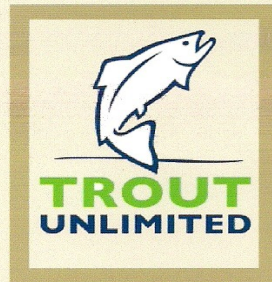
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Rod Raffle Tickets

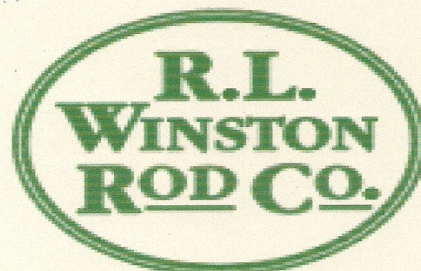
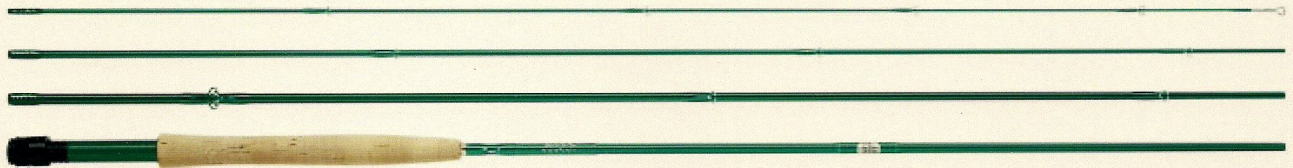
It's rod raffle time!! Help us to raise money to continue our endeavors to promote fresh water conservation! Tickets available from any TU Board member, Rabun TU event or at Crawford Art Gallery in Clayton .



Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited Fly Rod & BVK Reel Raffle

Winston 9', 4 piece, 4 wt., BIII-x
Boron/Graphite rod & TFO BVK I reel
Raffle tickets \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00

*Drawing will be July 20, 2017 at
the Rabun TU chapter picnic.*



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Back Casting : Letters to Rabun TU



Beverly Smith

Vice President for Volunteer Operations

March 1, 2017

Rabun Chapter
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Dear Rabun Chapter:

Thank you for your \$1000.00 contribution we received 02/23/2017 for Trout Unlimited's Embrace-A-Stream fundraising campaign.

On-the-ground restoration projects by TU's local chapters are the heart and soul of our work. For more than 50 years, our volunteers have donated evenings and weekends to clean up polluted streams and restore water to dried-up rivers. No one asks them to do this work, and most want no more thanks than the satisfaction of knowing they've done their job well; they've passed along their favorite stream to those who will fish after them.

Embrace-A-Stream makes many of these local projects possible. On behalf of all our volunteers, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Beverly Smith

Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, enacted in August of 1993, requires you to keep written substantiation of gifts of \$250 or greater in order to claim a deduction for your contribution. This letter serves as a receipt for the above gift.

P.S. Your generous contribution will go a long way in helping to support TU's conservation programs. If you intended for your donation to also renew your Trout Unlimited membership, please call 1-800-834-2419 or renew online at www.tu.org/renew. Thank you.

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March 1, 2017

Kent Wilson, President Rabun Chapter of TU
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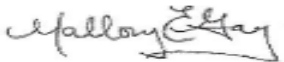
Dear Mr. Wilson,

I would like to thank the Rabun Chapter for the very generous contribution of \$3,000.00 we deposited on 2/23/2017. The chapter's gifts have been designated to fund our Youth Education, Griffith Circle, and Southeast Conservation. You will receive a separate letter for the \$1,000 gift to Embrace-A-Stream in a few days. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We're fortunate to have the support of the Rabun chapter, —conservation-minded anglers who care about the future of America's rivers and streams and want to do something to protect them. The chapter has demonstrated a wonderful commitment to conservation on the ground, where it matters most, by cleaning up polluted streams, restoring water to dried-up rivers, and educating the next generation to take care of fish and rivers.

Together, we are creating a legacy of cold, clean, fishable water nationwide. Again, thanks for your support.

Best regards,



Mallory E. Gay
Director of Membership Services
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Tom's great friends at Rabun TU:

If we could close the
Rabun chapter, I am certain we
would achieve our vision in
half the time!

I am so grateful to
you and your generosity.

Thank you!

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Casting for Recovery

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Dear Kent & members of Rabun County Breast Unlimited,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Casting for Recovery - Georgia. As you know, our retreats are at no cost to our participants, and are totally funded by local donations. Breast Unlimited plays a huge part in funding the retreats.

This year, Georgia will be hosting 2 retreats. Our regular retreat in May is open to all women with any diagnosis of breast

cancer. We are adding a retreat in the fall specifically for women with distant metastatic Stage IV breast cancer.

Your donation will fund 1 participant for her week-end at Smithgall Woods.

If any of your members would like more information on the organization, or about ways to help CFR, please have them visit our website or contact me directly.

Thank you again.

Beverly Booth, MA Program Coordinator

News and Information

Georgia license fees are going up. The new prices are well inline with our neighboring states and the fees will be coming back in benefits to all of us in one way or another. So get out enjoy all the great outdoors in the great state of GEORGIA!!



NATHAN DEAL
GOVERNOR

MARK WILLIAMS
COMMISSIONER

Governor Deal Signs HB 208 in Glynn County Ceremony

BRUNSWICK, GA (April 25, 2017) - Governor Nathan Deal held a signing ceremony for House Bill 208 at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Regional Headquarters in Brunswick on Tuesday, April 25, at 4:00 p.m.

House Bill 208 makes changes in Georgia law to simplify the hunting and fishing license structure while also adjusting fees for resident hunting and fishing licenses for the first time since 1992. More than 5,000 Georgia residents provided feedback about the content of House Bill 208 through a series of 8 public meetings held around the state. Over 85% supported the proposed changes. Leading sportsmen's groups such as the Georgia Wildlife Federation, Coastal Conservation Association, National Wild Turkey Federation, and Ducks Unlimited was also supportive of the changes.

With the additional revenue, DNR will improve wildlife and fish habitat and management on public and private lands and waters; create more shooting ranges; improve boating access in fresh and salt waters; add youth education opportunities; increase fish stocking; and add approximately 40 conservation rangers.

The legislation, which becomes effective July 1, 2017, will rank Georgia in the middle of its Southeastern neighbors for resident hunting and fishing license fees.

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Fishing Reports

Trip Report: Chattooga River Backcountry, 4/11/2017 By Pat Hopton, Past Prez

I finally was able to get away for quick trip to “The River”. After a fast drive out Warwoman Road that would have made Dale Earnhardt proud, I arrived at the designated parking spot. On the walk in I found The Turnpike Trail to be almost completely overgrown – I’ll have to make a trip back soon and correct that.

At The Crossing I found about 2” of the Gauge Rock showing dry: the river was running at a good level, clear, and fast. A quick dip of the thermometer showed a temp of 56 degrees.

I had intended to continue down to the Upper Steps, but I saw a fish rising in the pretty run across The Crossing on the SC side (you know the run). Looking around, I saw several gray caddis flying upstream about a foot off the surface of the water. I quickly tied on a #14 Elk Hair Caddis with a #16 Gray Soft Hackle off an 18” dropper.

After limbering up and getting the kinks out of my casting (read: breaking off the first flies in streamside trees), I immediately was into fish. Looking upstream I could see more fish rising, so I ended up spending the evening fishing up through Shirley Shoals.

It has been a while since I last fished Shirley Shoals and I had forgotten how much I like that stretch of river. It has the mix of riffles, runs, and pools that keep me engaged at my present spot but always has me looking ahead in anticipation for the next spot.

I ended the evening with 12 fish to hand: mostly stocked rainbows that were nicely colored and between 8-12” in length. But the most encouraging thing to me was that I also caught several beautiful wild, stream raised browns, both OTO’s and Walhallas, from 6-11”. The fish were caught on both the dry and the soft hackle flies. Every fish was fat, healthy, fought well, and all were released to live another day.

Yes sir, my favorite time of year is here.



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Dredger and Ray Gentry hit the Nan DH

After finishing their yardwork (Dredger) and church good deeds (Rabunite Ray), two addicted Rabunites departed at midday Saturday (04-22) for a trip over the mountain. They got to Nantahala DH around four and gave it a shot. The water was actually high and a bit off color due to recent storms, but it was still very fishable. The duo knew they could do well dredging, but this was late April, by golly, and they wanted some *trout on top*. Just like the Chattooga the night before, the bugs were scarce, but the fish were there. But they were picky again, and refused the dead drifted flies. After thirty minutes of trying, slow-learner Dredger finally resorted to the skitter technique, and the hat trick of brooks, rainbows and browns came to hand, with some wild fish in that mix, too. They ate both the Adams dry and the pheasant tail (soft hackle) dropper, as long as they were moving via the skitter. Some cahills and even some yellow sallies finally came out to dance, and a few fish started to rise an hour before dark.



The duo waited for that magic moment right before dark, when thousands of bugs would emerge from beneath every river rock, and ALL trout in the river would eat with reckless abandon. And the Big Moment happened- with 25 MPG winds and monsoon rains as the storm front arrived. The two wet rats finally conceded Dark30 defeat and sloshed back to the truck for the drive home. Oh well, maybe next time...

It was still a great afternoon between special friends on a beautiful piece of southern Appalachian trout water. Hey, have I mentioned *the skitter*???

<http://www.fieldandstream.com/articles/fishing/fly-fishing/2002/12/skate-skitter-twitch>

This was taken from the DNR Fishing reports web site. Be sure to check out the weekly report from the link on page 4. Jeff puts out a weekly report covering any and all fishing in the north Georgia area.



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Second Rabunites Unite fly fishing trip

There were 6 who fished the Ravens Fork trophy section. Myself, Terry Rivers, Monty English, Lewis Reeves, Jeff Reeves and Jimmy Whiten. A great group who shared these N.C. fly fishing trail waters.



We met at Rivers Edge Outfitters to purchase our Tribal trophy permits.

The weather was just about perfect. We fished the section of river across from the high school.

It was approximately 8:00 am when we got on the water. Much to my amazement there were not many people fishing this morning. I was pumped to get myself on the river. Jimmy and the Reeves brothers fished around the bridge where we parked. Terry and Monty came in a little later and fished above us. Terry hooked into two trout that

did a line release for him. Even though there were trout hits to be had for the group, only one trophy trout was brought to hand by Louis. We broke for lunch at River Valley Campground where I was camping. Terry and Monty fished the afternoon.



This was the second chapter trip to the Fly-fishing Trail.

Fish On,
Mike Fuller



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Membership News & Updates

Current membership: 169 members, 26 life members, and 8 stream explorers.

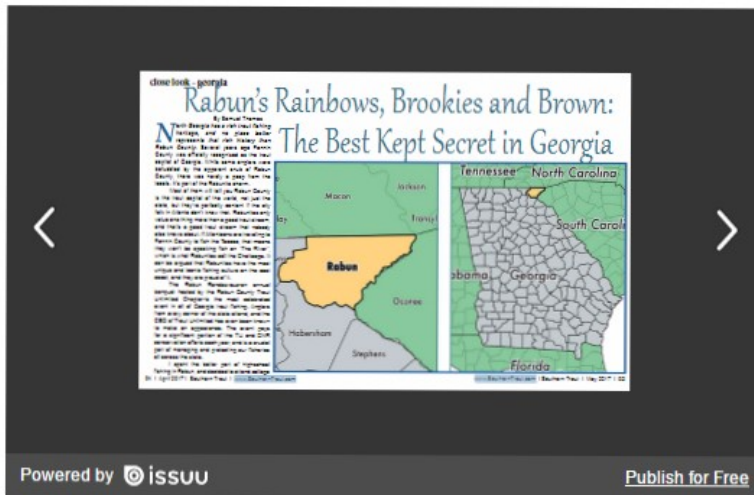
New Members: Welcome Eric Vogelbacker. Hope to see you on the river soon!

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Max Gates, Thomas Graham, Wesley Hopper, Thomas Johnson, Monte Seehorn and Bradley Tucker.

Time to renew your membership: Scott Low, Ryan Perry, Lewis Reeves and Karen Weaver.

SOUTHERN TROUT MAGAZINE

APRIL/MAY 2017



Check out this great article from our friends over at Southern Trout Magazine. It's a great read! The whole issue is packed with great stories and information. Click on the link [here](#) to access magazine.



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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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