



Tight Lines

August 2014 Newsletter of the
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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Rabun TU's Award Winning Web Site <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

"It is impossible to grow weary of a sport that is never the same on any two days of the year." Theodore Gordon

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S NEW MEETING PLACE

The new TU/Scout Hut

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.

3rd Thursday of the Month! 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Fly Tying is back for all ages !!

Don't miss these opportunities to learn from Terry Rivers !!

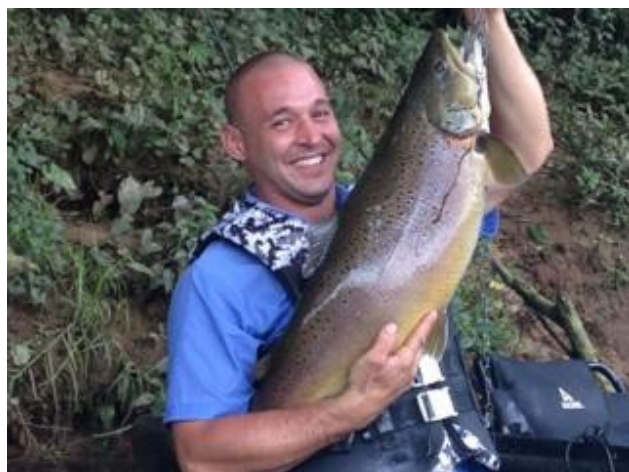
Bring your own equipment if you have it.

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 !

STATE RECORD BROWN TROUT CAUGHT



Chad Doughty, age 27, of Winder hooked and "battled" the new state record brown trout for about 45 minutes while kayak fishing on the Chattahoochee River below Buford Dam on July 27. Doughty, using a rooster tail with spinning tackle on 6 lb line, even had to abandon his kayak to "run down" the fish as his spinning reel almost ran out of line.

According to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division, this 20 lb, 14 oz, 31 ½" catch beat the existing state record, established in 2001 by 2 lb, 8 oz. A new state record has to be at least one ounce greater. Read the entire story

Online [here](#). Only thing left to say:

Whaaaaa Whooooooo !!!!

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WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???

By: Terry Rivers
AUGUST FLY OF THE MONTH 2014



MADAMN X

TIE UP A FEW OF THESE FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS FOR GRASSHOPPERS. IT IS AN EASY FLY TO TIE AND GREAT FOR THE RIVERS WEST OF HIAWASSEE

HOOK: 6 TO 10 2X LONG

TAIL: DEER HAIR

BODY: THREAD BODY OR FINE YELLOW DUBBING

WING: DEER HAIR

LEGS: MEDIUM RUBBER LEGS

“SEE YA’LL ON THE RIVER”

August Hatches

THE BUGS	TIME OF MONTH	TIME OF DAY	SUGGESTED FLIES
None at all	All month/year	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Midges	All month/year	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Golden Stonefly	All Month	Early AM	8-12 Ginger Stimulator 6-10 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Brown Stonefly	All Month	Early to Mid AM	10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Trico Mayfly Trico Spinner Fall	Mid to Late	Mid AM Late PM	20 Parachute Trico, Trico emerger 20-22 Poly Wing Black Spinner
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes
Light Cahill Mayfly	All Month	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph

Editor's Notes: The hot weather and light hatches of July and August are two of the reasons (excuses really) why many Rabunites make annual treks to fish and camp “West of Hiawassee”, or as Lewis Reeves Jr. says, “Out Yonder”.

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

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

Aug 19 (Tues) USFS meeting at 3 and 6 pm regarding future use on and around the Chattooga River at the First Baptist Church, 403 E. Main St., Walhalla, S.C. For more information click [here](#). You have to RSVP by August 13, 2014.

Aug 21 (Thurs) Regular monthly meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. Change of plans since the July Tight Lines. This will be a regular meeting after all. We decided to wait and do the swap shop and casting at the Sept meeting. Several of our die hard fishing members will be west of Hiawassee in August and they have some of the best stuff to swap. So that will be in September now. However, we have a great program planned with Jerry McFalls and David Cross. These gentlemen are the leaders of Boy Scouts Troop 6 that we share the TU/Scout Hut with. Their program will be "Scouting & TU - A Joint Venture". Terry will be starting the fly tying at 5pm. We will also be presenting our slate of officers for our upcoming board elections in September.

Aug 23 (Sat) Casting for Recovery, the 3rd Annual Fundraiser "Fish Tales & Ales" at Kingfisher Hall at the CHATTAHOOCHEE NATURE CENTER. From 5 pm to 8 pm. \$40.00 for individual and \$75.00 for couple. For more info contact Beverly Booth at (678) 480 - 8052 or at cfr.georgia@gmail.com or to order tickets online go to <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=1a6289&tm=yes>. See page 4 for CFR story.

Aug 28 (Thurs) Monthly BOD Meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. Meeting starts at 6:30; all are welcome!!

Sept 13 (Sat) Quarterly Georgia TU State Council Meeting. Macon Chapter will be hosting from 9 am to noon.

Sept 18 (Thurs) Regular monthly meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. Fly Tying begins at 5:00 pm. Then quick meeting to elect F/Y 2015 TU Board Members, swap shop and fly casting practice and lessons for anyone and everyone!!

Sept 25 (Thurs) Monthly BOD Meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. Meeting starts at 6:30.

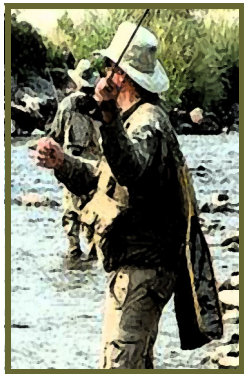
Sept 27 (Sat) Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi State Park ! Fun for the whole family!

Saturday January 24, 2015 the 28th Annual Rabun Rendezvous Dillard House Conference Center! Our guest speaker will be Don Kirk. Don is an avid outdoorsman, writer and the publisher of Southern Trout Online magazine. Check out his magazine [here](#)!

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Casting for Recovery

Casting for Recovery Georgia held their annual retreat this past May at the beautiful Smithgall Woods State Park. Our own Jeff Durniak was a mentor to one of the special ladies at the retreat. He shares his experience below:

I was one of two dozen volunteer fishing guides asked to help with last spring's CFR retreat at Smithgall Woods. I am pictured with Marcia, my new fishing buddy. We had a great morning together at Nacoochee Bend, which Jimmy Harris reserved that day just for the CFR gals. After the fishing trip, each gal spoke about her experience with her guide and presents her/him with a certificate of appreciation. It's truly an honor to be asked to take a dynamic lady fishing and put a smile on her face, and maybe a fish in her net if the trout gods cast a few blessings down upon us. Flyfishing is great therapy for all of us, regardless of the challenges that life tosses our way. Just ask a CFR graduate! I believe Marcia will reply with a term I taught her Waaaahhh -HOOO!!!



Their major fundraising event is coming up in a couple of weeks. This event is a great healing retreat that gives women powerful tools to overcome the challenges of breast cancer. Many Thanks to fellow Georgia TU folks that help, donate and volunteer. Special thanks to Beverly Booth for skills directing and coordinating the event and to Carl Riggs as fundraising chairman. What a great free weekend retreat for 14 lucky ladies every year thanks to you all!!!



fish tales & ales

Barbeque, Beer / Wine, Live Music and Auctions

Chattahoochee Nature Center
9135 Willet Road, Roswell GA
Saturday, August 23, 2014
5p to 8p
\$40 Individual or \$75 Couple



Casting for Recovery's program combines counseling, medical information, and the therapeutic sport of fly fishing. Our two-and-a-half day retreats are offered at no cost to women at any age and stage of breast cancer treatment and recovery. Casting for Recovery is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.



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Annual Family Picnic and Rod Raffle Drawing

On Thursday, July 17 over 40 Chapter members, guests, and family members attended the Annual Family Picnic, held at Kelly's Waterfall Park on Estatoah Creek.

The Chapter provided the fried chicken, drinks, ice, and utensils. Chapter members provided many wonderful side dishes. After the dinner the drawing for the Mack Martin Rod Raffle was done – and the lucky winner was Kent Wilson!

Thank you to all who helped make the Family Picnic a success: Claude Dillard for the use of the park, everyone that brought food, and Mack Martin and Garland (GRIZ) Stewart for building and donating the rod and reel.



Thanks to everyone that purchased tickets for our annual Rod Raffle. Also, Thanks to everyone who sold the tickets. All the proceeds help us continue our work in Conservation, Education and Outreach. This year our sales totaled \$1390.00.

Congratulations again to the 2014 winner Kent Wilson !!

(Being that this is Kent's 2nd time winning , he is living proof that when you give, it comes back to you! Or he's just a lucky dog?)

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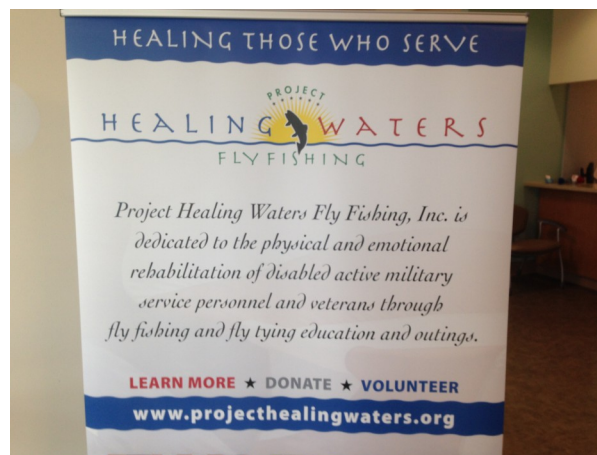
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In early July the first Project Healing Waters event for Rabun TU was held in Gainesville. The Rabun, Foothills, and Goldrush TU Chapters are working together with a new VA clinic in Gainesville in efforts to get their Veterans that are interested in trout fishing out and on the water. The first meeting the Veterans in attendance were introduced to fly tying. As fall approaches and the fishing improves we are looking forward to working with the Veterans in a little hydro therapy and some awesome fishing!! We will be looking for VOLUNTEERS in the future, so if you want to get involved in one of the most worth while projects with TU then you need to contact Steve Perry at flyguide@gmail.com



STREAM SHOCKING 2014 Despite its leader, General M.E. Seehorn, being confined to a MASH unit to nurse his bum knee, our battalion of natural resource agency staffers and volunteers carried on its mission. We assembled on the banks of the Chattooga in mid-July for the annual electrofishing sample of the river's fish community. The Spoon Auger (Burrells Ford) site was tackled this year via a three-pass depletion and the usual cast of critters was captured: wild browns, stocked trout, minnows, sculpins, chubs, suckers, and darters. Hundreds of finned POW's were identified to species, counted, weighed, and returned alive to the river.

SCDNR staff will summarize the data, do some computer magic, and report the results, as always, via pretty graphs and charts at the annual Chattooga Fisheries Coalition Meeting in February. The estimates of fish density (numbers) and biomass (pounds) will add to the historic database of the upper Chattooga. The health of the river fish community and sport fishery has been assessed since 1986.

Special thanks to the following sampling platoons: GA and SC wildlife agencies, the National Forests of GA, SC, and NC, students from several GA and SC colleges, and TUEs from both banks of the river. Sampling coordinator Leon "Ditka" Brotherton gave our massive shocker skirmish line a thumbs up!

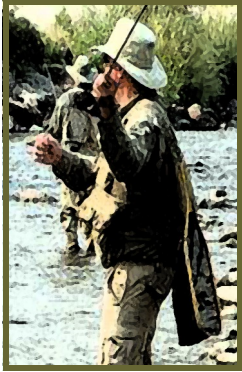
The battalion also wishes to salute USFS fisheries biologist Jeannie Riley, who has survived these samples long enough to successfully retire this fall. Thanks Jeannie! We'll miss you.



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MORE STREAM SHOCKING PHOTOS



THANK YOU TO
ALL WHO
WORKED AND
VOLUNTEERED
ON STREAM
SHOCKING DAY
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Fishing Reports

Savvy Rabunites switch flavors in the summer. Dredger, Kidd, and the Guru have made some mighty fine cool water memories floating and wading River East and River North the first few weekends in July.

Grab some poppers for the surface, woolly buggers for the water column, and hairy foddors or small plastic worms for the bottom, and go have fun. Search for the foam lines and frog water in the bankside shadows for the best action.



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Fishing Reports

From Charlie Breithaupt: My son Chuck came up Wednesday (July 9) and we fished together for the first time in at least 5 years. Wednesday evening we went to the Tallulah. Not many people and even less fish. I did catch a brown on a dry (parachute Adams) just before dark. Five days after the 4th of July and hot weather did not help the fishing, along with a couple of otters we saw in the river. But we enjoyed the time together.

The next morning we went to Burrell's Ford on the Chattooga. The parking lot on the Georgia side was empty except for a group of Forest Service folks "visiting" the river. We fished down stream to the camp ground where I caught a couple of rainbows and Chuck got a brown and had a good rainbow

(maybe 12") on and lost it when it wrapped around a limb in the water. He caught both on a dry...parachute Adams. I used what I call "N cubed" ...No-Name-Nymph... created by the god-father of all nymphs, Jeff Durniak.

Fishing is always good; fishing with blood kin is the best!!!

PS.. I reminded Chuck to renew his TU membership. He said he would.

Water temperatures..Tallulah 64 degrees at 8 PM; Chattooga 66 degrees at 10 AM.

From Kent Wilson: Caught in a river east of Hiawassee, but I don't recall which one exactly, Hailey and Hannah, our little twin friends from Lake Oconee brought to the net (and released) some nice trout with a little assistance from yours truly in late July.



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Letters to Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited



July 28, 2014

Mr. Pat Hopton
President
Rabun Trout Unlimited
PO Box 371
Clayton, Georgia 30525

RE: Casting for Recovery - Georgia

Dear Pat,

On behalf of Casting for Recovery - Georgia, thank you for the generous donation made by the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Your donation will be used to help fund our annual retreat.

On May 16th, 14 women, selected at random from over 50 applicants, joined 10 staff at Smithgall Woods for Georgia's 3rd retreat. These women were treated to a week-end of pampering and fun, and to education and counseling - all combined with learning the art of fly-fishing. On Sunday, each woman had the opportunity to fish with her own guide. Rabun TU's own Jeff Durniak was one of the River Helpers.

All of our retreats depend on local funding. Rabun Trout Unlimited has been very generous in their donations and we thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Beverly

Beverly Booth
Program Coordinator
Casting for Recovery Georgia
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Atlanta, Georgia 30328
678.480.8052

*We'll miss you
C Fish Tales & also
this year.*



Mallory E. Gay
Membership Services Senior Manager

May 29, 2014

Rabun Chapter of TU
c/o Mr. Patrick A. Hopton
205 Scotts Creek Road
Clayton, GA 30525

Dear Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Thank you for your contribution of \$1,000 to the Embrace-a-Stream Campaign that we received on May 21, 2014. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We're fortunate to have the support of people like you—conservation-minded anglers who care about the future of America's rivers and streams and want to do something to protect them. For more than 50 years, we have demonstrated our 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. To find out more about our work, contact your local chapter or visit tu.org. Again, thanks for your support.

Best regards,

Mallory E. Gay
Membership Services Senior Manager
mennis@tu.org
(703) 284-9424

Jess Jensen-Ryan
President of Oconee River Chapter
Trout Unlimited
850 Branch St
Athens, Georgia 30601



Dear Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited,

Thank you for your recent donation to the Trout Unlimited Spring 2014 Banquet. Your donation helped us raise money to continue our efforts to support river conservation and education efforts in Georgia. Please keep us in mind if there is anything we can ever do to support your local business or your fishing efforts. We had a great fundraiser and plan to continue our efforts to protect and promote cold, clean, fishable water.

For tax purposes our Non-Profit Tax id number is: 582127555

Sincerely,

Jess Jensen-Ryan
President of Oconee River Chapter
Trout Unlimited

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Membership News & Updates

Current membership is 184 members with 25 Life Members and 9 Stream Explorers.

A big Rabunite Welcome to our NEW member : Todd Erlewine. We look forward to seeing you on the river !! If you have any questions please feel free to contact any board member!!

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Doug Adams, Kay Brawley, Charles Cawthon, William Chase, Jackie Hill, David Lash, James Nixon, Margaret Richardson and Tom Shirley.

It's time to renew your membership: Chandler DiNofrio, Marie Dunkle, Doug Mansfield, Al Story, Blake Allen, Josh Allen, James Bratt, Wesley Hopper, David Jordan, Chandler Patterson and Spencer

Thank you goes out to those who have recently helped Rabun TU in their mission projects.
To: **Rabun-Gap Nacoochee School** for the use of the Indian Lake Pavilion for the Annual Scouts Fishing Day.

To: **Reeves Hardware – Dillard** for donating bait, tackle, and other supplies for the Annual Scouts Fishing Day.

To: **Ingles – Cleveland, GA** for donating food stuffs for the Annual Scouts Fishing Day.

To: **Rabun Community Bank** for donating the grill used for the Annual Scouts Fishing Day.

To: **Claude Dillard** for the use of Kelly's Waterfall Park for the Annual Family Picnic.

To: **Mack Martin and Garland Stewart** for building and donating a custom-built rod used as a fund-raising item at the Annual Family Picnic.

To: **Karan's Catering** in Mountain City, GA for donating a Gift Certificate for catering.

To: **Georgia Women's Flyfishers**, <http://www.georgiawomenflyfishing.com/> for a donation to the Tom Landreth Fund.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery from illness goes out to Ray Gentry.

Get well soon Ray, we miss you !!

The Rabun TU BOD met on Thursday July 24 at the TU/Scout Hut. Along with a couple of upcoming events the board voted on the new slate of officers to be submitted for a vote.

The Board of Directors offers the following nominations for Rabun TU Chapter's F/Y2015.
Officers and Directors: President – Steve Perry; Vice President – Kent Wilson; Treasurer – Joel Wise; Secretary – Wayne Prosser; Directors thru F/Y2015: Jim Kidd (replacing Kent Wilson); Director thru F/Y 2017: Gordon Vanderpool (replacing Tony Allred); Director thru F/Y 2018: Frank Tolbert and Mike Fuller.

(Replacing retiring Directors Tim McClure and Michele Crawford)

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Aug. & Sept. Chapter meetings.

Election will be at the Sept. Chapter meeting. F/Y 2015 begins October 1, 2014.

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Notes from the President

Taking the Treatment

By the time you are reading this edition of Tight Lines, I will be far, far away... taking the treatment. What is that, you ask? Well, many years ago I was afflicted with an incurable disease known to Rabunites as the “Rocky Mountain Fever”. And for this affliction there is only one treatment, although it is only temporary in nature: to go [away out on the mountain!](#)

This year will be a special treatment for me. My beautiful and accomplished fly fisher wife will accompany me on this Rocky Mountain trip. You see, last year we went to Colorado where, for our honeymoon, we camped and fished at The Center of the Universe. And then she too became afflicted with the Rocky Mountain Fever. Now she must also take the treatment!

Yes, I'll be taking the treatment – high, snowcapped mountains; star-filled nights; the smell of pine and sage; the tug of wild trout on a fly rod... and all with the woman I love by my side. I am a lucky man.

Pat Hopton

Pat Hopton
Chapter Prez



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Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2014

Voting Board of Directors :

President Pat Hopton	Social Media, Awards, Donations, BOD Agenda, Budget	706-782-4978	scotts_creek58@yahoo.com
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Treasurer Joel Wise	Reports & Budget	706-782-7538	jwise@windstream.net
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Director - 2014 Tim McClure	Meeting Refreshments, Meeting Raffle, Name Tags	706-782-6159	tcmclure64@gmail.com
Director - 2014 Michele Crawford	Tight lines Editor, Women's Outreach, Memorials	706-490-4574	crawfordart@windstream.net
Director - 2015 Kent Wilson	Mack Martin Rod Raffle, Property Manager	706-746-7488	kandcwilson@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 Coordinator, 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 Tony Allred	Media Outreach	706-490-4755	tallred@gamountains.com
Director - 2017 Ray Gentry	Annual Family Fishing Day At Indian Lake, Dream Trip Raffle	404-680-6736	regentry@windstream.net

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Glenn English	Chapter Campouts	706-212-9983	genglish09@yahoo.com

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