

Tight Lines

February 2014 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited Editor: Michele Crawford <u>crawfordart@windstream.net</u> Rabun TU's Award Winning Web Site <u>http://rabuntu.org/site/</u>

"The trout do not rise in the cemetery, so you better do your fishing while you are still able." Sparse Grey Hackle aka Alfred W. Miller

<u>RABUN TU CHAPTER'S NEW MEETING PLACE</u> 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 !

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

Our good friend Don Kirk, who is also the publisher of Southern Trout Magazine, has done a story on Terry Rivers. Terry is the Featured Fly Tyer for the Feb / March 2014 edition. http://southerntrout.com/mad/?utm_source=Southern+Trout+Newsletter&utm_campaigu=842a8/1258-STM+Feb%2PMar+2014+Edittoo&utm_terr=0_aecb&9cs3-842a8/1258-78814425## (82-83/commed

He also features a great story about our good friends and avid TU supporters Unicoi Outfitters. They are the featured fly shop for the Feb / March 2014 edition.

http://southerntrout.com/mag/?utm_source=Southern+Trout+NewNetter&utm_campaign=842a6ff258-SIM+Feb% 2PMar+2014+Edition&utm_medium=email&utm_tern=0_aeck0e9cs_842a5ff258-78814422#/70-71/source And in the same edition is a story about the Delayed Harvest on the Chattooga River.

http://southerntrout.com/mag/?utm_source=Southern+Trout+Newsletter&utm_campaign=842a84f238-STM+Feb% 2FMart-2014+Edition&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_aech6e9cs3-842a8ff258-78814425#/92-93/soomed

ROD BUILDING CLASS

There has been some interest expressed about Terry Rivers conducting a rod building class. If we can get enough interest Terry will gladly teach the class soon. If you are interested in possibly attending the class please let Terry Rivers know at: tlr1121@windstream.net



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WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???

By: Terry Rivers



BlueWing Olive

FEBRUARY FLY OF THE MONTH

HOOK: 14/22 DRY FLY HOOK TAIL: FIBERS FROM DUN QUIL BODY: FINE OLIVE DUBBING WING: BLUE DUN FEATHERS THORAX: BLUE DUN PALMERED

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ALWAYS HAVE THESE IN YOUR BOX YEAR ROUND ESPE-CIALY DURING WINTER MONTHS. THEY WILL HATCH DUR-ING MID DAY WHEN SUN HITS THE WATER. THE WEEK OF CHIRSTMAS I WAS TOLD BY A FELLOW FRIEND THEY WAS HITTING #20 & #22 SIZES DURING MIDAY!! WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN THERE. ARM IN SLING....... WHAT A BUMMER. BUT I WILL BE BACK COME SPRING.

"SEE YA ON THE RIVER"

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| February Hatches | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| THE BUGS | TIME OF MONTH | TIME OF DAY | SUGGESTED FLIES | | | |
| Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill | All month | Late AM & Mid PM | 16-20 BWO Blue Quill or Adams Para- chute 16-20 BWO nymph or pheasant tail | | | |
| Midges | All month | All Day | 18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa | | | |
| None at all | All Month | All Day | Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT | | | |
| Winter Black Stone | All Month | L am to M pm | 18–20 Black Elk-hair Caddis or Griffith's Gnat 16-18 Black Stone Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph | | | |
| Small Dun Caddis | Late | L am to M pm | 18 Brown Elk-hair or Deer-hair Caddis 18 Hair's Ear Nymph | | | |
| Quill Gordon | Late | L am to M 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

Feb 8 (Sat): Annual Planning Meeting at 8 am Breakfast at the Dillard House in the main dining room at the Dillard House, the Chapter picks up the tab. All members are invited to attend and participate in the development of the annual plan for the Chapter. Items on the agenda include:

Rabun Rendezvous de-briefing - What we can do to make the next Rendezvous even better. 2014 Budgeted Expenditures – Chapter funds raised at the Rendezvous are available and need to be properly allocated for expenditure to support our TU mission.

2014 Calendar – Dates need to be set for the upcoming Chapter activities during the next 12 months.

Feb 20 (Thurs): Regular Monthly Meeting a the new TU/Scout Hut. "Readying Your Vest for Spring" by Steve Perry will be the program. Steve is a veteran trout fisherman & Rabunite 101 Instructor. Just about all anglers can pick up a tip or two to prepare for the new trout season to catch more fish.

Feb 27 (Thurs): BOD Meeting at the TU/Scout Hut starting at 6:30. Everyone Welcome. The primary agenda item will be discussion of the 2014 Rabun Rendezvous: what went right, what can be improved upon, changes for next year. All Chapter members and guests are invited.

March 8 (Sat): Georgia State Council Meeting. 9 am Roswell, GA.

March 8 (Sat): Georgia Women Fly Fishers (GWFF) will hold their annual Mardi Gras themed fund raiser at the Sweet Water Brewing Company in Atlanta starting at 7 pm. For more info or tickets go to http://www.georgiawomenflyfishing.com/#!donate/c1vud

MARCH 15 (SAT): "Tie one On" annual event at Bass Pro Shops from 8 am to 5 pm.

March 20 (Thurs): Regular Monthly Meeting at the new TU/Scout Hut. "Stripping Streamers for trophy trout " by Unicoi Outfitters guide & asst. manager Jake Darling. Jake's "Big Fat Resume" is impressive and rumor has it he may spill some secrets to a select few Rabunites gathered at the hut. Don't miss out on this chance to learn so you can get yourself more grip n' grin moments.

March 22 (Sat): Rabunite 101 - An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Trout . On Saturday, March 23rd, the Rabun Chapter will offer a 4-hour Introduction seminar for adults (male and female - age 16 years and older). The seminar includes casting, entomology, knots and equipment for folks who want to get started in the pleasure of fly fishing for trout. The location will be at the Rabun County Recreation Center just south of Rabun County High School. We will be able to accommodate 28 students and the cost of \$25 per person. Do you know someone that might be interested?

Tell them to contact Kathy or Charlie Breithaupt to make reservations. knc615@windstream.net or (or (706) 782-6954. Members of the Rabun Chapter are needed to instruct and help in other ways. Please save that date and let Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt know if you can help.

March 22 (Sat): Hoot on the Hooch. 5 pm to 10 pm, Hellendorf Inn, Helen, GA (Foothills Chapter). Drawing that night for the Dream Trip !!

MARCH 29 & 30(SAT & Sun): TU National SE Regional Meeting. In our own backyard at the Dillard House. A chance for everyone to participate and enjoy fellow TU'ers from the South !! Stay posted for more details as they are scheduled. Saturday is misc classes and then a big BBQ in the evening and Sunday is a fishing day.

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TAKE ACTION NOTICE TO PROTECT OUR WATERSHEDS

Have you heard of SB 299? If not, it's time to get informed and start lighting up emails and phone calls to your representative. SB 299 is legislation designed to eliminate no build zones along rivers and streams that feed our drinking water reservoirs. The "buffer" zone areas. There was suppose to be a hearing this past Tuesday Feb 4th on this bill. No action as of Feb. 5, had taken place so starting emailing and calling your representatives NOW ! Every year someone tries to get something like this passed. If we don't stay on top of this and LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD, eventually they might get their way. Below is three links to help keep you informed. DON'T PUT IT OFF !!!!!!

http://www.legis.ga.gov/ legislation/en-US/ display/20132014/SB/299

Senate Bill Tracker

http://www.tu.org/blog-posts/don%E2% 80%99t-muck-up-my-trout-stream? fb_action_ids=10151933579173450&fb_act ion_types=og.likes&fb_ref=.UuvAQdV8sT E.like&fb_source=aggregation&fb_aggrega tion_id=288381481237582

https://www.facebook.com/ photo.php?

Short video from Coosa River Initiative

A Fishing Story... On Saturday January 25, 2014 a nice couple who belong to the

From Ga. State TU Council Kevin McGrath

Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited came up for the weekend to relax a little and of course come to the Rendezvous !! Both holding down strenuous jobs in Savannah, they need their quite mountain time to renew their spirit and soul. On Saturday morning they had planned on doing a little trout fishing up on Burrell's Ford. But, they

decided if they fished and ventured to far up stream they might miss the Rendezvous; and that was the last thing they wanted to do. But they did need that time on the river for a least a stroll. So they set off to Burrell's Ford . And fortunately for all of us they have big hearts. So much for rest and relaxing; instead they made sure those of us that did get to go fishing in the near future might enjoy our visit a little more. Thank you

Carl & Kathy Kleinsteuber

for spending your Saturday in the mountains doing some unscheduled volunteering.

To those that contributed to this garbage WHY? It don't take a whole lot of effort to haul out your own garbage. Do we need to go back to the commercial with the poor Indian crying on the side of the

road? Clean it up! One day we might be out of folks who will clean all this up willingly and you will have to fish and camp in your own mess.



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BACK CASTING

On Thursday, January 16 Rabunites gathered at the TU / Scout Hut for our regular monthly meeting. Terry had a good showing of folks for fly tying, and our very own Kent Wilson gave us a program about fishing in Alaska. He offered lots of good information about locations, types of fish to be caught in each area and lodging choices. Kent apparently has a very understanding wife, because he has been many times and says he plans on going back many more times. You decide from the pictures what you could live with . Hugh stringers of fish or the lack of other conveniences.



We had a great turnout at the meeting and a great presentation in January ! Hope you can join us this month !! We raised \$112 to go towards mailing out the newsletter to those that don't have emails. Thanks for the donations Charlie Breithaupt, Terry Rivers, Kyle Burrell, Crawford Art Gallery, Frank Patton, Tim McClure and Ray Gentry.

The Rabun TU BOD met on Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 at the TU/Scout Hut. The main topic discussed and covered was the Rendezvous.

Summary of F/Y 2013 Rabun TU Chapter Annual Financial & Volunteer Hours Report (This annual report is required to maintain the Chapter's tax-exempt status)

Total Revenue (Cash inflow) - \$31,030

Total Expenses (Program services - \$18,767; Membership and General - \$2275; Fundraising & Admin - \$8,472) - **\$29,236** Total Assets (Cash, Receivables, CDs, Inventory) - **\$23,629** Total Liabilities - **\$0**

Estimated Volunteer Hours: Conservation (restoration, connection, protection, and advocacy projects) – 370 hoursEstimated Volunteer Hours: Youth Education – 590 hoursEstimated Volunteer Hours: General Education – 770 hoursEstimated Volunteer Hours: Communication – 615 hoursEstimated Volunteer Hours: Fundraising – 520 hoursGeneral Operations (newsletter, website, membership, programs, reports) – 770 hoursTotal Estimated Volunteer Hours – 3,355 hours

The Chapter Effectiveness Index (CEI) is 94 of a possible 100.

THANK YOU!

To Atlanta Fly Fishing Club <u>http://www.atlantaflyfishingclub.org/</u> and Georgia TU Council <u>http://georgiatu.org/</u> for their cash donations for funding the annual Chattooga backcountry helicopter stocking program. All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c) 3 non-profit) are tax deductible

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Learning Corner

rabuntu.org

Did you know that the Rabun Chapter has an award winning web site? Awarded best web site in 2010 from TU National, it is full of information covering every aspect of our chapter and chapter happenings. This is great place to click on to when needing information, fishing advice, and chapter happenings. As you begin your life as a trout fisherman or fisherwoman and a Rabunite , there are terms used only by Rabunites that are very important to learn so that you can listen and carry on conversations with other Rabunites. There will be a test somewhere down the road so study the terms hard !!

To start learning click below:

http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/ for-beginners-a-rabunite-101-primer/how-to-speakrabunite/

tu.org

Trout Unlimited recently updated their web site. The new web site features even more information, news, events, fishing tips, conservation efforts, trip ideas, and much more. Trout Unlimited is committed to keeping a strong concentrated effort on cold water conservation. You will be amazed at all the strong partnerships TU has with other agencies to carry out their mission of conservation. To learn more click below:

http://www.tu.org/conservation/ our-conservation-approach

Beginner's Box

When first starting out it can all be intimidating. Not knowing where to turn for help can be aggravating and hold one back from learning to do what they know will give them years of great fun and pleasure. Click below on this great article about getting starting as a beginner trout fisherman.

http://fishingoutdoors.org/fishing-information/freshwaterfishing-articles/791-beginners-guide-to-trout-fishing.html



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Experienced Angler Box

Based on weather reports at publication time looks like no early spring in our neck of the woods. So you might as well expand your knowledge on nymph fishing. Click on the link below to a cool little library of short videos to expand your knowledge & enhance your fishing experience.

http://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/video-lessons/chapterfive-wet-fly-nymph-fishing



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Trout Camp 2014

Now is the time to begin the application process for Georgia Trout Camp 2014. Think - your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, neighbor's kids, or any kid that is excited about the outdoors and fishing.

The Rabun Chapter will sponsor 2 campers. Here are a few facts and instructions: **Deadline to apply: March 15, 2013** Camp Dates: June 8 (Sunday) - June 13 (Friday); Cost: \$500 per camper (financial aid is available) Includes room, board, and all activities for the five-day camp. (Campers must be within the ages of 12 – 15 at time of camp) Information and application forms are available on the Council website <u>http://www.georgiatu.org/index.php?mid=education&iid=troutcamp2014&sid=</u> Mail applications to: Rabun TU, PO Box 371, Clayton, GA 30525 Rabun Chapter will select 2 campers from the applicants to sponsor at the March Board of Directors meeting.

Each of the 12 chapters in Georgia has two spots to fill and each chapter decides how they want to select their campers. Once a chapter chooses a camper, the application along with their tuition check is forwarded to the Trout Camp Coordinator (Charlie Breithaupt). Campers will be notified of their acceptance as soon as possible. Later, around early May, more detailed information will be sent to each camper.

Questions and/or concerns should be directed to the Camp Coordinator, Charlie Breithaupt, 194 Kitchins Lane; Clayton, GA 30525 <u>knc615@windstream.net</u> or at (706) 782-695

Apply now, don't let your kid miss out on this wonderful opportunity to enhance the fishing and love of nature that you have already started to instill in your child.





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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Rabun TU currently has 179 Members, 16 Stream Explorers and 24 Life Members It's time to renew your membership: Pat Atwater, Travis Barnes, Sid Berkstresser, Jim Blalock, Wallace & Kay Brawley, Dr. Russell Burken, B. Duane Campbell, Billy Cook, Dan L. Cox, Mike Fuller, Patsy Gentry, Wayne Gibson, Cecil Greene, Jr., Dr. Tom Guest, John & Pam Harrison, Doug Hickman, Christopher L .Jenkins, Eugene Kenner, Yong Kim, Carl & Kathy Kleinsteuber, Miles Marques, Steve McCall, Bruce Mitchell, David F. Nichols, Tom Nixon, Lewis Reeves III, Eugene O. Roberts, Dwayne Thompson, Perry M. Thompson, Phillip UpChurch, John Wall, David Wicker, Michael E. Williams. Stream Explorers that need to renew: April Adams, Calder Adams, Bo Anderson, G.B. Anderson, Hector Balderas, Michael Breithaupt, Kayla Conner, Seth Hill and Trey McFalls.

"My thanks to all the Rabunites for all of the cards, phone calls e-mails and all of the kind words to Doris and I over the pass few months while she has been battling cancer. *Doris is cancer free now.* Thank you !! Jimmy Whiten" WHHHHAAAAAAAAA WHOOOOOOOOOOO !!!!!!!

Our deepest condolences are extended to Karl Ekberg, owner of the Chattooga River Fly Shop over in Mountain Rest, SC on the death of his mother last month.



DREAM TRIP 2014

It's time to get your dream trip tickets. Give a holler to one of our board members to get your tickets for this great trip. We will be selling tickets up to the Hoot on the Hooch event on March 22, 2014. This is a trip of a life time so don't miss out on your chance.

You can also contact Ray Gentry at regenry@windstream.net

or at 404-680-6736 For tickets or ticket information.



Notes from the President

The Georgia Cold Water Conservation Event of the Year!

Wow! What an event! If you weren't at the 2014 Rabun Rendezvous, then you missed an amazingly good time. The numbers are still coming in, but here are some preliminary results:

We had 297 adults and children in attendance. All Trout Unlimited Chapters in Georgia were represented with the exception of one; TU Chapters from South Carolina and North Carolina were represented; members of the Atlanta Fly Fishing Club, Georgia Women's Fly Fishers, Casting for Recovery, North Georgia Trout Online, the Boy Scouts of Troop 6, Ducks Unlimited, and Trout Camp alumni were there; and we had special guests from Project Healing Waters and the National office of Trout Unlimited.

We had an excellent selection of bucket raffle and silent auction items donated by a long list of very generous businesses, groups, and individuals. In addition, we had a special "Brook Trout" print by Broderick Crawford framed with flies tied by four of the best from Rabun TU, Kyle Burrell, Doug Adams, Jeff "Dredger" Durniak and Terry Rivers. The one of a kind piece was used in a lively – and successful! – live auction. Thank you to all our donors!

The Dillard House put out the spread of food that has made them famous world-wide, the Foxfire Boys played their outstanding bluegrass music to the delight of hillbillies and flatlanders alike, Injun Frank put up his teepee, and a good time was had by all.

While donation checks are still coming in and there are still a few more bills to be paid, it appears that we will net in the neighborhood of \$14,500 from the 2014 Rabun Rendezvous! These funds will allow us to continue and build upon the good work being accomplished by the Rabun Chapter. In addition, we have planned several new ventures in 2014 to further our mission. Stay tuned for more details.

I would like to conclude by saying that this was our 27th annual Rabun Rendezvous. For the past 26 years, the event has always been coordinated by Doug Adams. Under Doug's leadership the Rendezvous has grown to where it is today. Doug is well deserving of our gratitude and appreciation for all he has done. Thank you, Old Man!

This year Doug asked to retire from these duties and take a well-deserved break. The Chapter was apprehensive on how to continue the tradition of the Rendezvous without Doug's coordination. However the Rabun Chapter is very fortunate to have members who are willing to "step up to the plate" and take on new roles and duties. This year's Rendezvous was coordinated under the leadership of Ray King. It was Ray's organizational, communication, and leadership skills that made this year's Rendezvous such a successful event. So on behalf of the Rabun Chapter and all the attendees of the event, I would like to thank Ray and his helpers for all the hard work they put into the 2014 Rabun Rendezvous!

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Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2014

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