Tight Lines

July 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/

"Be patient and calm - for no one can catch fish in anger !!"
Herbert Hoover

THE JULY MEETING is the ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

July 17 (Thurs) Annual Summer Family Picnic at Kelly's Waterfall Park, Dillard Georgia. Custom rod raffle winner will be drawn. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, like veggies, salad, chips, or a dessert. The chapter provides the chicken and the drinks.
Starts at 6 pm. Don't miss out !!
For more info contact Steve Perry at
flygide@gmail.com .
(Location directions on the calendar page)

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

Are you familiar with Revive Magazine? If not then you should be. The e-magazine was started by Bryan Crumpler who got his start in fly fishing from Jimmy Harris. It's a cool magazine! Check It out here http://joom.ag/tvvX

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WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???

By: Terry Rivers

JULY FLY OF THE MONTH 2014

HOOK: # 10 2X LONG
BODY: YELLOW FOAM
LEGS: MEDIUM RUBBER LEG MATERIAL
WING: DEER HAIR
THORAX: ORANGE RUBBER

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR, THINGS HAVE COME TO A SLOWER PACE ON THE RIVER. HAVE SOME OF THESE IN YOUR BOX FOR SURE IF YOU'RE HEADED WEST. THIS IS THEIR DELIGHT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

FOAM HOPPER

" SEE YA'LL ON THE RIVER".

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
Golden Stonefly	All month	Early AM	8 - 12 Ginger Stimulator 6 - 10 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Brown Stonefly	All Month	Early to Mid AM	10 - 14 Brown Stimulator 10 - 12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Trico Mayfly	Early	Mid AM	20 Parachute Trico, Trico Emerger, Griffith's Gnat
Trico Spinner Fall	Early	PM	20 - 22 Poly Wing Black Spinner
Terrestrials Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Hoppers, Etc (Important)	Various	Various	Various
Light Cahill Mayfly	All Month	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph

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

July 17 (Thurs) Annual Summer Family Picnic at Kelly's Waterfall Park, Dillard Georgia. Custom rod raffle winner will be drawn. Guests bring a covered dish and the Chapter provides the fried chicken, soft drinks, tea, plates, etc. 6 pm. Don't miss out !! For more info contact Steve Perry at flygide@gmail.com . To get to Kelly's Waterfall Park Travel north on US-441, on the north side of Dillard turn right at the traffic light on GA-246, go about 1.7 miles, turn right on Wayfarer Lane, then go 1/4 mile to the end of the gravel road. Lots of fun and fellowship with other Rabunites!!

July 24 (Thurs) Monthly BOD Meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. Meeting starts at 6:30; all are welcome!!

Aug 21 ((Thurs) Regular monthly meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. This meeting is not a meeting. We're going to do a swap meet and fly casting instruction. Terry will be fishing north of Hiawassee so no fly tying. We will start at 6:30. Got something you have more than one of or something you're tired of? Bring it. Your item might make you a great swap with another Rabunite!! Fly casting instruction and demos on the field out back. Plus the scouts are going to treat everyone to a hot dog supper! This will be a really "fun" time together !! Youth especially welcome!

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

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 27 (Sat) Go ahead and get it on your calendar to save the date for Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi State Park ! Fun for the whole family!

Save the date
Saturday January 25, 2015 the 28th Annual Rabun Rendezvous
Dillard House Conference Center!

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TROUT UNLIMITED

HELP the Rabun TU Chapter SAVE OUR TROUT and YOU COULD WIN A SAGE ONE, 4 wt., 4 piece, 9' Fly rod & SAGE 2250 reel - $1000 value

Tickets are $3 each or 4 for $10

Drawing will be held during Chapter picnic on July 17, 2014

(winner does not have to be present to win)

SAGE ONE Series Fly Rods

The ONE rod is the flagship offering from SAGE and may define the "all around" rod category, where precision casting accuracy is needed over a wide range of conditions. Hand crafted from Konnetic technology three years in the making, the ONE rod is a game changer. Its fast action incorporates a built in sweet spot, making the ONE rod the ideal choice for experienced and aspiring fly casters alike.

Tickets available from any TU Board member!!

If we have any tickets left we will have them for sale at the picnic. We will draw for the winning ticket after we have all finished eating the delicious food.

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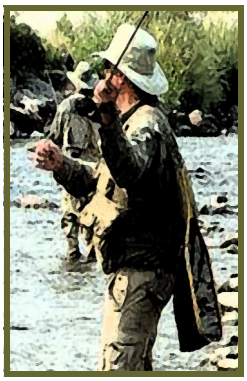

BACK CASTING

You ask for it and you got it !! Effective July 1, 2014 the fees for the wildlife license plates have been reduced and 80% of the fees paid goes directly to the state fisheries division for conservation and management programs !! Wouldn't it be nice to go through a parking lot and see rows of cars with the beautiful Brook Trout plate showing their support for conservation! And don't forget, Rabunite Broderick Crawford had the winning design!

Upgrade to a new wildlife plate now for only $25 and show your support! As of July 1, 2014, the cost of buying or renewing a wildlife plate is only $25 more than a standard license plate. And as much as 80 percent of the specialty plate fees go to the Wildlife Resources Division programs that depend on them. Each purchase contributes $19 and each renewal $20 to conservation work all over the state. With the purchase or renewal of a Trout Unlimited license plate, anglers support Georgia's trout conservation and management programs. These efforts impact trout production, stocking and stream restoration throughout North Georgia. Buying a wildlife plate costs only $25 more than a standard "peach" plate. (The total cost is $25 for the wildlife plate, plus the standard $20 registration fee and any applicable ad-valorem taxes). Annual renewal costs $25, plus the standard registration required for all plates. You can buy a wildlife plate online and at your county tag office.

Do you support cold, clean water? Do you want to help support our local economy? Do you want to protect Rabun's Watershed? Do you want to be able to go trout fishing for years to come? Then you need a Trout Unlimited Tag!!

For more information go to the Georgia Wildlife web site here!

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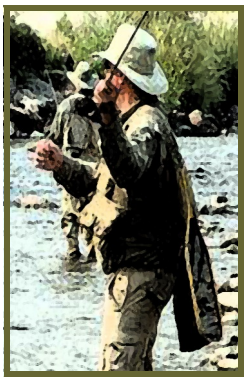

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The 2014 Tallulah River Fishing Rodeo was held On Saturday, June 7, 2014. The Rabun Chapter assisted the US Forest Service with the annual Kid's Fishing Event at Tallulah River. Over 160 children and adults attended the event. The weather was beautiful and nearly all the kids caught at least one fish. The Chapter coordinator, Frank Patton, did an outstanding job with preparing for the event!

THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS !!

PASSING IT ON !!

Whaaa Whooo!

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BACK CASTING cont...

The Rabun TU regular chapter meeting was held on Thursday June 19th at the TU/Scout Hut. Our guest speaker was John Lee Thomson from the Lake Burton Fish Hatchery. John is the WRD statewide trout stocking coordinator and the Lake Burton Trout Hatchery Manager . John gave a very informative program on the stocking program operated by Georgia. They raise and stock over 1 million catchable trout annually. They serve over 125 stocking locations in 25 counties in the state. He went on to explain the importance of stocking in the state and the positive economic impact fishing brings to the state. Without stocking wild trout Georgia streams could never support the pressure of fishing. John Lee then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the volunteers of Rabun TU who contribute their time every Thursday at the Burton Hatchery doing much needed maintenance work.

In appreciation for his presentation he was presented a Brook Trout print by the Rabunite artist himself Broderick Crawford.

The Rabun TU Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday June 26, 2014 at the TU/Scout Hut. The board reviewed the upcoming calendar, family picnic, upcoming elections for the Board and the Rod Raffle Ticket sales.

ROD BUILDING CLASS

The rod building class lead by Terry Rivers is coming up in September. We need at least 5 or 6 folks to hold the class. The classes will be held on Saturday mornings at the TU/Scout Hut. Once everyone is signed up the schedule can be tweaked to fit participants schedules. Everyone will build the same two piece rod. The cost of all the materials will run under $ 100. So to sign up contact Terry Rivers at 706-782-7419 or email at tlr1121@windstream.net

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BACK CASTING cont…

Trout Camp 2014 was held June 8 - 13. On the last day of camp we all agreed…"this was the best camp ever." What makes a great camp…the weather, the fish, the equipment, the mentors? All these add to the camp but the real spirit of the camp lies with the campers themselves. This year 21 boys and 3 girls came together for a week of learning, fun, cooperation, supporting each other and friendship. You just can't ask for more than that. We didn't do anything different in selecting our campers but we sure got 24 winners this year.

Mentors came from all over Georgia representing ten of the twelve chapters and campers were there from all but one chapter. Late afternoon storms caused some alterations to plans but nothing serious. Everybody caught a trout; nobody got a hook in any body part; lots of leaders got knotted; no rods were broken; an odd number of socks were lost. We all left feeling good about our experience.

As always, our partners…the Forest Service and Georgia DNR…played a significant part in the camp. From teaching about clean water to stocking our streams to leading a work day of stream improvement, those men and women gave us their best. We couldn't do it without them.

As I blew my hawk call for the last time and turned over the directorship of the camp to Rodney Tumlin (Cohutta Chapter), I presented him with his very own crow call… much louder than the hawk. I figured I had blown that hawk call about twenty-five hundred times over the eleven years our camp has operated. Next year I plan to mentor and help as needed. I just won't get 'em up and put 'em to bed. Rodney (Mr. T) will do that and the camp will be in good hands.

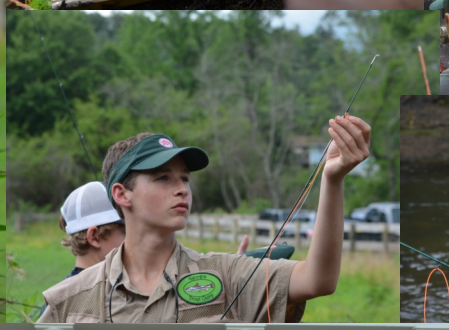
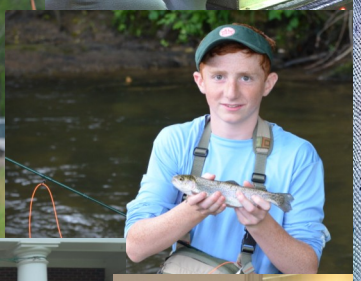
Start planning now to be there to help next year. We gotta pass it on!

Charlie Breithaupt
Georgia Trout Camp Director-Retired
Assistant (to Kathy) Camp Coordinator

Editor's note: The Rabun Chapter of TU along with the other 11 Ga. chapters and the state council could all write "Thank You" a thousand times and give it to Charlie in appreciation for his eleven years volunteering as Director of Georgia Trout Camp and it still would not be enough to express our sincerest gratitude to him for his service. All the volunteers and the 264 campers that have attended and worked with Charlie will all hold special places in our hearts for our time spent under his direction. Besides becoming a model camp for other states during Charlie's tenure, many future conservationists will refer back to their experience at Georgia Trout Camp under Charlie's helm as the defining moment that set fire to their soul to not only enjoy trout fishing but to fight to protect trout waters everywhere.

CHARLIE BREITHAUPT ..THANK YOU…..X 1,000,000,000,000…...

BACK CASTING cont... Trout Camp Photos

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Letters following Charlie's summary letter about Trout Camp 2014:

From Charlie Breithaupt to Rabunites: The Rabunites at Trout Camp

As always the Rabunites stepped up and did their share of the work to make Georgia Trout Camp 2014 a success. They drove busses, took pictures, baked cookies, mentored kids fishing, tied flies and hauled folks on 4-wheelers. Some even lived in the dorm all week. A big thanks to the following (in no particular order): Terry Rivers, Eedee Adams, Steve Perry, Kent Wilson, Larry Walker, Jim Kidd, Kathy Breithaupt, Peter Croes, Doug Hickman, Michele Crawford, Frank Tolbert, Mike Fuller, Frank Patton and Fritz Vinson. We're passing it on and making a difference!!

Charlie Breithaupt

From: Franklin Tate:
Thanks for the great report about this year's camp, Charlie. You and Kathy and the rest of the Georgia volunteers put together an amazing week for the next generation, and TU is lucky to have a camp like yours to help foster the TU of tomorrow.
Hawk call or no hawk call, you have been an awesome Trout Camp Director, Charlie. Heartfelt thanks to you and Kathy for your dedication and your many years at the helm. I'm sure Rodney knows he has some big shoes to fill!
Cheers, Franklin

From: Jimmy Whiten

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU CHARLIE FOR ALL OF THE YEARS YOU HAVE BLOWN THE HAWK CALL AND THE MANY PROBLEMS YOU HAVE SOLVED AND OF COURSE THANK YOUKATHY FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK !

Thank you,

Jimmy Whiten

When the fishing around these parts gets a little slow and the waters get to warm, the higher elevations of the Great Smokey Mountains can offer up some excellent fishing and a great day of fun in just a short drive. For great information fishing in the Smokies check out these two great web sites.
http://www.flyfishingsmokymountains.com/index.html
Or this web site:
http://www.flyfishingsmokymountains.com/streams.html

Float Fishing is a favorite activity this time of year especially. For some great tips on how to make your trip really great click on the web site below from Gerald Almy. Gerald is an avid outdoorsman and sports writer.

http://www.basspro1source.com/index.php/component/k2/237-general-fishing/2614-avoid-these-10-float-fishing-mistakes/2614-avoid-these-10-float-fishing-mistakes

Nobody wants to totally give up trout fishing in the summer months. So if you're bound and determined to keep it up check out this great article from Game and Fish Magazine about fishing in the hot weather. It offers insight to what happens to water during the summer months and how to "read" it better.

http://www.gameandfishmag.com/2010/09/28/fishing_trout-fishing_ra_0707_05/

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Fishing Reports

The water is heating up so folks are seeking out fun fish to catch. For instance Dredger wandered up to Kidd's River one recent Saturday afternoon for a change of pace from his spring trouting tour. A six weight replaced his trusty four. Although the water was high at 800 cfs, it was wadeable for this semi-sane Rabunite. And at seventy degrees, it was refreshing as He stripped a clouser on the wade downstream and then bounced a hairy fodder ahead of him on his return upstream. A bunch of teenagers mugged the fast dancing clouser, while fewer but chunkier ruffians inhaled the bouncing fodder fly. As dusk fell, another bunch of teenagers mistook a chartreuse popper as a member of the hatch of yellow sallies and cahills, and gave Dredger a fine parting gift of five fish on top. It was a great start to the summer! Flexible Rabunites ought a ready your summer stock of woolly buggers, hairy fodders, clousers, stealth bombers, and your favorite little poppers. The bass rivers are calling you. Waaaahhh-HOOO!!

Report by Rabunite Larry Walker last month: "Caught this rainbow below the Hwy 28 bridge."

Rabun TU member Carl Kleinsteuber has been supplementing his family's meals with multiple catches last month.

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Fishing Reports

Tammy and I were recently fishing guests of a dear friend on a very special creek on private land in White County, GA. It was an awesome trip. Beautiful weather, water temp 64 but low. Water was just a little stained from the afternoon showers, so a pink San Juan Worm was the ticket for the day.

We got on the water around 9:00 am. Tammy took a little while in learning to keep her casts down and out of the trees, but she got the hang of roll casting pretty good. We worked up to a nice run. And then she hooked into Mr. Rainbow. It was a huge fish, easily over 20". It made two big salmon leaps. She did a great job playing it, and it took her downstream back to the point where we started. There she went to net it but the fish was too big for her net and it flopped out, and took off back downstream between her legs! It brushed up against her leg and the hook snagged in her pants... and the fish came off. That was one broken hearted girl! She was shaking, and kept saying that she couldn't believe how big that fish was.

We worked our way down the stream. We went on down to a nice pool where Tammy caught a good fish, about 15". We both hooked and lost several good fish in that pool. Coming out, we stopped at the run where Tammy lost the big fish earlier in the day. I could tell she was getting frustrated at me for telling her what to do, so I left her alone there and sat way downstream by myself. And guess what? She caught her best fish of the day - a 17" rainbow. All on her own!

It was a great day, with lots of wonderful memories made... beautiful day, beautiful fish, beautiful creek, and a beautiful woman. I am a lucky man.

Prez Pat

Keep those fishing stories coming. We are getting great comments on our newsletters filled with fishing stories. A Connecticut Chapter newsletter editor shared our newsletter last month with their members and attached a note with it saying ""Here is a newsletter from a TU Chapter down south where I fish when I can. These people know how to live that's for sure" and one other return response from a Georgia member, "One hell of a newsletter" ! So keep your camera on you and keep sharing all your grip and grin moments !!

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership is 188 members with 25 Life Members and 8 Stream Explorers**.**

A big Rabunite Welcome to our NEW members Deana Dishman, Thomas West, and Doug Landwehr. We look forward to seeing you on the river !! If you have any questions please feel free to contact any board member!!

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Thanks for re-upping your membership: Allison Adams, Travis Barnes, Mike Fuller, Arthur Guthas, Ralph Morgan, Larry Peevy, John Slater, and Corey Smith.

It’s time to renew your membership: Chuck Breithaupt, Broderick Crawford, Thomas Johnson, Don Kinser, Billy McClain, Frank Patton, Leroy Powell, Gage Stiefel, and Nathan Wheat, Blake Allen, Josh Allen, James Bratt, Wesley Hopper, David Jordan, Ray Kearns, Chandler Patterson, and Spencer Talley.

We wish the speediest of recoveries to **Wayne Prosser** following his recent knee surgery.

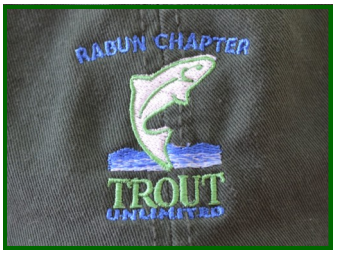
Wishing smiling **Ray Gentry** get well wishes. Ray, get better soon so we can see you on the river!!

Our deepest condolences go out to **Ray King** and his family following the death of his mother.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our long time members and Rendezvous supporters, “The Foxfire Boys” have opened up a music hall on the hill behind “Blue Ridge Music”. The name of the facility is The Nichols Center. They feature various music groups through out the year along with a monthly open mic night. They have The Tallulah River Bluegrass Band on Friday July 11. For more info and schedules go to their web site at http://blueridgemusicacademy.com/happenings-at-blue-ridge-music/.

WE HAVE HATS NOW !!!!!We will have them at the meetings available for sale for $15.00 each



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Notes from the President

What Makes a Great Chapter?

By all accounts the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited can be considered a great Chapter! But what makes us great?

It could be the work we do to enhance stream habitat. Or perhaps in assisting agencies with restoring the native brook trout. Maybe it is our work in protecting the last few cold, clear streams in Northeast Georgia. Surely it is our efforts in "passing it on" to the next generation.

Any of those would make a good argument for us being great. But I think it is something else. It is the people that make up our Chapter that makes us great.

You who have unselfishly volunteered your time to all these things are what make us great. The fellowship, laughter, and good memories will be cherished long after the work is done.

I am honored and blessed to have a small part in all this. Won't you consider stepping up to the plate and also becoming a part of this great Chapter?

Pat Hopton

Pat Hopton
Chapter Prez

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Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2014

Voting Board of Directors :

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