



Tight Lines

October 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/>

"One evening I was awakened from a deep sleep by a weird noise coming from my husband, only to find out he was dreaming and was a Dry Fly. I suspected then, and now realize, his dreams are not made up of wild crazy women, only episodes of his days of being in the stream." Jan Thousan

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S NEW MEETING PLACE

The 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

Ever worry about who is your fishing competition when you're on the water. Well, check out this video below and realize it's not just humans you might be keeping an eye out for.

[Spiders-can-catch-and-devour-fish-slide-show](#)

Angler Saves the Day !!

Check out this ad from Sporting Classics about how an angler saves the day for everybody!

[HERO ANGLER](#)



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WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???

By: Terry Rivers
OCTOBER FLY OF THE MONTH 2014



October Caddis

HOOK: DRY FLY #12

BODY: ORANGE DUBBING

WING: DEER HAIR

THORAX: PEACOCK HERL OR BROWN DUBBING AND PALMERED BROW HACKLE

ANTENNA: BROWN MICRO FIBBITS OR MOOSE HAIR

HAVE THESE IN YOUR BOX IN OCTOBER THEY WILL BE LARGE YOU MAY EVEN WANT TO TIE A FEW IN SIZE #10.
"SEE YA ON THE RIVER"

October 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
Small Dun Caddis	All Month	Mid AM to Late PM	8 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Large October Caddis	Late	Early AM and Late PM	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
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
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill (important)	Late	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Para- chute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail

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

Oct 16 (Thurs) Regular monthly meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. Fly Tying begins at 5:00 pm. Social at 6:30 then meeting at 7:00. Our guest speaker will be Landon Williams. He will be talking about European nymphing made simple for us Rabunites.

Oct 18 (Sat) Rod Building class starts. Led by Terry Rivers. Class will take 3 to 4 Saturdays to complete. For more info contact Terry at tlr1121@windstream.net

Oct 23 (Thurs) Monthly BOD Meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. Meeting starts at 6:30

Nov 1 (Sat) Inaugural fund raising event for the Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians. Harrah's Cherokee Casino will host the event in the Oak Room. Tickets start at \$55.00 single and \$100.00 couple. For more info call 828-788-0034 or click [here](#).

Nov 5 - 9 (Wed - Sun) Fall Chapter Camp Out. This campout will be held at the Tallulah River Campground. (First campground on the left on Tallulah River Rd) Rabunite Glenn English will secure a spot to set up the Chapter site for cooking and gathering. The other campsites are first come first serve. Glenn is also looking for volunteers to sign up for cooking a meal (s). Like we did at the spring camp out where we had a different chef at each meal. This helps keep the work load off one person the entire trip and worked great last time. Also if you plan on attending Glenn needs to hear from you also so he will have head counts for each meal. Please let Glenn know by October 31, 2014 on your attendance so Glenn and the other cooks will know how much food to buy. Glenn can be reached by phone at 706-212-9983.

Nov 8 (Sat) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! Stream Clean up Work Day. We will be cleaning up on Wildcat Creek of Hwy 197. We will carpool from the camp site. For more information, contact Wayne Prosser at 706-746-6293 or by email at wp0968@windstream.net

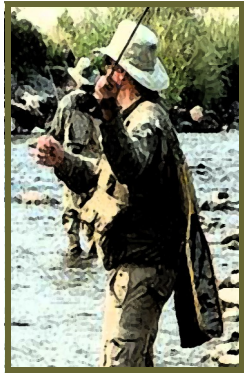
Nov 13 (Thurs) Monthly BOD Meeting at the TU/scout Hut. Meeting starts at 6:30. Note: This meeting is moved up from our regular date so not to coincide with Thanksgiving Day.

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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BACK CASTING



On Thursday September 18, Rabun TU held their regular monthly meeting. After a brief business meeting to elect the FY 2015 officers we had our first swap shop and casting lessons meeting. We were proud to host members of the Boy Scouts that evening. Some good swaps were made, and everyone enjoyed a hotdog dinner that was also provided by the scouts. Then we supported part of mission in passing it on by working with those that wanted to learn casting with a fly rod. A great time was had by all!

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM



We got our tank set up at the Rabun County Primary School for our first time participating in the Trout in the Classroom Project. This is been so well received in other states that they are making it a part of the required curriculums. Trey McFalls, Boy Scout and son of Jerry McFalls, is going to oversee the project for both extra credit at school and working on a merit badge for the scouts. Tune in next month when we really get cranked up after our trout eggs arrive. Rabun TU is passing it on!!

Whaaaaaa Whooooooooooooo !!!!!

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Info & Learning Corner

The US Forest Service is seeking public comment on their analysis of boater access trails.

Sept. 29, 2014 – U.S. Forest Service officials are asking for comments on an [environmental analysis](#) (EA) released today on designating boater access trails on the upper segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River. This analysis covers five proposed trails on national forests in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia.

“We appreciate everyone’s continued interest and contributions as we work through some of the complexities of the 2012 decision,” said Michael Wilkins, Nantahala district ranger. “We look forward to receiving input from folks in the next 30 days about this next step in management of this special resource.”

Today’s proposal is linked to decisions the Forest Service made in 2012 to allow boating on the upper segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River. In today’s proposal, the agency would construct and designate hiking trails and establish boater access sites at the following locations:

Greens Creek trail, construct 0.28 miles with access at the Greens Creek trail and Chattooga intersection;
County Line trail designation of 1.2 miles of an old road bed with access just downstream of Norton Mill Creek
Bullpen Bridge;

Burrells Ford Bridge; and

Lick Log Creek (take-out only).

Other non-motorized recreationists also would be able to use these trails and access locations.

Although district rangers for three different districts (Andrew Pickens in S.C., the Chattooga River in Ga., and the Nantahala in N.C.), will issue separate decisions, written comments must be submitted to: Chattooga Planning Team, 4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212. Electronic comments may be emailed to:

comments-southern-francismarion-sumter@fs.fed.us

The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the Seneca Journal in S.C., Franklin Press in N.C. and the Clayton Tribune in Ga.

For more information on the decisions to management recreation on the upper segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River, please visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnfs> or “like” us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/scnfs>.

If you need to learn or refresh your memory, here is a link to a 2013 scoping letter which provides more information on the USFS boater trail access plans, including an informative detail on each of the 5 sites above Hwy 28. It also lists the requirement for the 350+ flows from Dec 1-April 30.

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5429469.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5429469.pdf)

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THE FISHING REPORT OF ALL FISHING REPORTS

Back in March Rabun TU was proud to have one of our members, a Rabunite, be the winner of the Dream Trip Raffle to Wyoming. Following is the story submitted by winning ticket owner Monty English and his cousin Shane English that joined him on the trip. Enjoy their story and photos and realize you could have the same chance they did. We'll be coming around soon to sell tickets for the 2015 trip.

Being the lucky one to draw the coveted DREAM TRIP ticket this year, I immediately started researching and planning the trip. After reaching out to John McGarity we confirmed the Last week of July as when the trip would take place.

The summer was spent anxiously awaiting Grizz to have time to complete our Custom Sage rods. One was won with the trip. When he made the phone call to say he had finished, I was elated to say the least! Upon meeting Grizz to pick up the rods, I opened up the rod tubes to an incredible sight. Beautiful rods with custom cork work in the handle including 5-6 different colors of cork. Grizz did an amazing job on our rods, and now we were geared up and ready to head to Idaho.

I chose my cousin Shane English to accompany me on the trip, he or I neither one had been into this area in the past to fish. As we arrived at the Atlanta Airport 2 days prior to when we were to meet John for the trip to start, we were excited to fly into Jackson and spend some time seeing Yellowstone prior to hooking up with John. Then our flight was cancelled!! We quickly worked with the airline and was able to get into Jackson with only about a 4 hour delay.

Yellowstone did not disappoint- we saw Buffalo, Grizzly, Black bear, Buffalo, Mule Deer, Wolves, Eagles, Buffalo, Marmots, Antelope, Buffalo and Elk (Did I mention we saw Buffalo?). The scenery and the history of Yellowstone will quickly awaken you to the fact that God is so big and talented. The Sights were absolutely gorgeous but every time we saw a river we got the itch... Finally it was time to head to Island Park and begin the chase!!!



Fishing Reports

Our first day was spent on the Gallatin. The bugs were much thicker than the fish but the fish were there. We were quickly schooled by John and shown how presentation could lead to solid hook-ups. Our second day was an early start as we headed East into Yellowstone and then over to Slough Creek parking area. I sucked in a lot of that thin Wyoming air as we climbed high to get over the pass into Slough Creek but WOW!!! When you step out of the woods and see that meadow..... Breath taking!!! What a beautiful site! John and I quickly headed to the very lower end of the Meadow and I was able to hook up with 5-6 fish quickly! What a rush to walk into such a beautiful area and immediately begin to catch fish. The rest of the day was spent meandering along the creek as we headed up stream in search of more trout.

As the day went along the scenery just continued to amaze! As I sat there eating a PB&J sandwich for lunch, I was reminded of how blessed we are as sportsman to enjoy nature in all of its glory. God truly spent some extra time on the Western states as he created what we are able to enjoy out there!!

Wednesday we awoke with a pep in our step as we were slated to go into Montana for a Madison River float trip. This was another amazing day as we spent time in the drift boat with our guide Ivan. Ivan was a little high strung when it came to technique but he began to understand we were there to have a good time above all. By the end of the day we had Ivan laid back and chilled out as we were not like his normal customers... The Madison is an amazing fishery and the sheer numbers of fish there was amazing. We caught a few, hooked more, and sore lipped twice that! What an amazing day!

Thursday was spent on the Lamar river; wow what a site! A long meandering river, with Buffalo scattered all around and crossing as we fished just feet from them. This is where both Shane and I caught our largest fish of the trip however we both had technical difficulties at that particular moment and neither of us got good pictures of the fish. We were both really disappointed but the memory is etched in our minds so it will forever be a great memory! Friday was spent back on the Madison river at the Eagles nest. After being in this country all week and being treated like kings, that last day was much like being in a dream. As I stood there in the river I couldn't help but pay more attention to the scenery and my surroundings that I did the



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Fishing Reports

the fishing. We didn't do so well fishing those last couple hours of that last morning but that was just fine... We left the river, went back to the cabin, got cleaned up and then headed into West Yellowstone to grab some souvenirs for our kids.

This trip was a blessing to both Shane and I. I was lucky enough to draw the winning ticket (after buying only one this year), Our mighty God saw it fit to bless us with safe travels both to and from Wyoming via airplane, and he also granted us great company and hosts in John and Laine McGarity. We couldn't have asked for anything else on this trip as it was all VERY VERY amazing! Special thanks to all who make this Dream trip possible- Georgia TU, Grizz, Mack Martin, Blue Ribbon fly shop in West Yellowstone, Sage Rods, and all the other contributing folks.

Also, a very special "Thank You" for the hosts, of the trip- John and Laine McGarity. John and Laine make this trip what it truly is- A DREAM TRIP!!!



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership is 178 members with 25 Life Members and 8 Stream Explorers.

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Julian Heath, David King, Kevin Lash, Jason LeBlanc, Eugene Roberts, Stephen Weinelt, and Thomas West.

It's time to renew your membership: Larry Hutchens, Philip Koch, Dave Schmidt, Justin Strynchuck, Donald Early, Lyle Phillips and Larry Walker.

Our best wishes and prayers for a complete and speedy recovery go out to Doug Adams after his recent surgery. If all goes as planned Doug will be back on the river soon reminding all the trout that he may be the Ole Man, but he is still a force to be reckoned with when there is a fly rod in his hands! GET WELL SOON DOUG!

Also, showing that prayer and good wishes do work, Ray Gentry, despite several one step forward and two steps back incidents in his recovery the past month, is suppose to be going home Monday, Oct 13 for at least a couple of weeks. While he still has a ways to go, he and Patsy are looking forward to some time at home. Of course, Ray wanted to know when the fall camp out was! Just a matter of time before Ray too is back on the river bank! Continued GET WELL WISHES for RAY!



From Georgia DNR a Rare Hellbender Video

Biologists video seldom-seen breeding behavior of hellbenders. Video is the first known documentation of this behavior in Georgia.” This is truly a unique and golden opportunity to learn more about these super secretive creatures.

Scroll down till you see “Reign of the den master”

[GA DNR HELLBENDER](#)



Check out the really good news article about Casting for Recovery. Georgia hosts one event every May over at Smithgall Woods State Park. From this article you can see what a really worth while event this is and why it needs more support.

<http://www.everydayhealth.com/columns/everyday-health-champions/casting-for-recovery-healing-breast-cancer-through-fly-fishing/?>

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Notes from the President



Welcome New President Steve Perry

NEW SHOES

What an honor to be elected to serve as the President of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited. My problem is not necessarily what is ahead, but who served before me. I normally wear a size 8 ½ shoe, but I'm going to need some 13's !

Seriously, I look forward to the mentoring and assistance of the Chapter's Past Presidents. And, we are very fortunate to have such a fine group of officers and Board members. Kent Wilson will serve as our Vice President; Wayne Prosser as Secretary; and Joel Wise as Treasurer. Pat Hopton now serves as Past President. The Board of Directors consists of Frank Patton and Jim Kidd through 2015, Jerry McFalls and Ray King through 2016, Gordon Vanderpool and Ray Gentry through 2017, and Frank Tolbert and Mike Fuller through 2018. In addition, our Non-Voting Board Members are Charlie & Kathy Breithaupt for Rabunite 101, Terry Rivers for Fly Tying & Rod Building, Jeff Durniak for Programs, Glen English for Chapter Campouts, Pat Hopton helping Ray Gentry with the Dream Trip Raffle, and Michelle Crawford will continue doing Tightlines. We could not ask for better people to HEAD UP THOSE COMMITTEES. And please note the capitalization in the previous sentence. One of my goals this year is to expand the committees so one person does not have to carry the load. This is your Chapter, so I'm going to ask you to pitch in and help.

Finally, I think we should all thank Past Prez Pat for an amazing three years as President. Between snow storms during Rendezvous, last minute program changes, and the loss of key Chapter members, Pat did an amazing job, and deserves more than we can ever say. Well done, my friend.

Lastly, please keep Ray & Patsy Gentry in your thoughts and prayers as Ray continues to recover, and is anxious to jump back in to Chapter business.

More later. And again, thank you for this opportunity to help take our Chapter to the next level!

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