



# Tight Lines

May 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/>

**"There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast,  
others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home."**

**Roderick Haig-Brown**

## **THE MAY MEETING is the ANNUAL FAMILY COOKOUT!**

**With Mentoring of Girl & Boy Scouts Fishing the Lake. Passing it on!  
Place - Indian Lake Picnic Shelter on the Campus of RGNS – Rabun  
Gap, GA on Tuesday – May 20, 3:30 pm – Fellowship & Lake Fishing  
6:00 pm – Enjoy our Meal**

**Directions – go north on US 441, turn left onto School Farm Rd across  
from the Rabun Gap Post Office, go ¼ mile & turn left onto Indian Lake  
Road, go ¼ mile & turn right, go to end of road.**

**The Chapter will provide the hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, plates, etc.  
Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish,  
veggies, salad, chips, or a dessert.**

### **WEB SITE OF THE MONTH**

**Let's all help TU National help support  
streams where the big fish go to make little  
fish. A TAKE ACTION!! Notice. Click the  
link below to submit your  
voice for river protection!**

**[CLEAN WATER ACT &  
AMERICAN ANGLERS!!](#)**

### **MAY IS HERE !!!**

Time to fish till dark then enjoy a beer  
and PBJ back at the car!! To get it  
right, learn from Mr. Dark Thirty  
himself (Prez Pat) by clicking on the  
link below.

**[DARK THIRTY](#)**



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# WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???

By: Terry Rivers

MAY FLY OF THE MONTH 2014



**Elk Hair Caddis  
with egg shuck**

**HOOK: SIZE #14/16 DRY FLY HOOK**

**TAIL: YELLOW ANTRON**

**BODY: TAN DUBBING**

**WING: ELK HAIR**

HAVE SOME OF THESE IN YOUR BOX THIS TIME OF THE YEAR AND IF THERE IS A CADDIS HATCH COMING OFF WITH NO RESULTS TIE ONE ON WITH THE EGG SHUCK AND YOU COULD SEE GREAT RESULTS. I HAVE SEEN THIS HAPPEN BEFORE.

**“ 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
Yellow Stonefly	All month	E to L am L pm to dark	14-16 Yellow Stimulator or Elk Hair Caddis (Yellow) & 14-16 Yellow Stone Nymph
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
Sulphur Mayfly ( Very Important)	All Month	L pm to dark	14-18 Sulphur Comparadun; Light Cahill; Cream Variant 14-16 Sulphur Nymph or Emerger, Pheasant Tail
Green Drake Mayfly (Very Important)	Late	Late am to L pm	8-10 Green Drake 8-10 Green Drake Nymph
Coffin Fly (Green Drake Spinner) Awesome !	Late	L pm to one hour after dark	8-10 Spent Wing or Parachute Coffin Fly
Light Cahill Mayfly (Important)	Late	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

**May 10 (Sat)** Quarterly meeting of Georgia TU State Council from 9am to noon. Dahlonega Parks and Rec. Dahlonega, GA. Hosted by Gold Rush Chapter.

**May 15 (Thurs)** Mentoring for RCMS. Larry Walker leading. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!** Contact Larry at [dixienamos@yahoo.com](mailto:dixienamos@yahoo.com)

**May 16 -17 (Fri - Sat)** Federation of Fly Fishers Festival at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC. For more info click [here](#). Many of our North Georgia supporters participate in this event. Casting demos, fly tying, outfitters and guide services, and various fishing memorabilia .

**May 20 (Tues)** Rabun TU Annual Spring Family Cookout. Indian Lake, on the campus of RGNS. From 3:30 to 8:00 pm. See Page 1 for more info.

**May 22 (Thurs)** Monthly Rabun TU BOD Meeting.

**May 24 (Sat)** Blue Ridge Country High Country Boil. Annual Fundraising event for the Blue ridge Mountain Chapter of TU. For more info click [here](#). Reserve by May 10 so they will know how much shrimp to throw in the pot.

**May 31 (Sat)** Stream improvement work day. Betty's Creek on the campus of Rabun Gap Nachoochee School. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We will be getting the stream ready for Trout Camp the following week.

**June 7 (Sat)** Annual Kids Fishing Event, 8 AM at Tallulah River with USFS & GA WRD. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Frank Patton Coordinating [julianfpattton@yahoo.com](mailto:julianfpattton@yahoo.com) Passing it on !

**June 8 - 13, (Sun - Fri)** 11th Annual Trout Camp! Mentoring and Passing it on. For more information contact Charlie Breithaupt at [knc615@windstream.net](mailto:knc615@windstream.net)

**June 19 (Thurs)** Regular monthly meeting at the TU Scout Hut. The program will feature WRD statewide trout stocking coordinator and Lake Burton Trout Hatchery Manager John Lee Thomson. John will be presenting "How Georgia's Statewide Stocking Program Works for You." Here's a chance to learn and know what your tax dollars are spent on and how you and our community benefits!!

**June 26 (Thurs)** Regular monthly Board of Directors meeting beginning at 6:30.

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**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!!**

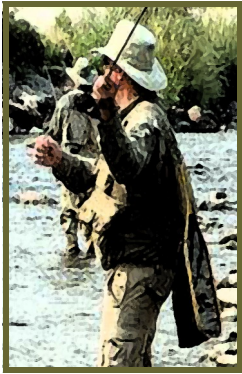


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## BACK CASTING

### SPRING CAMPING TRIP AT CHERRY HILL

was held April 9 - 13, 2014. We were blessed with great food, great weather, great fishing and great fellowship !!

Whaaaaaaa Whoooooooooooo !!



Ray Gentry was one of the guest chef's during the spring camping trip.



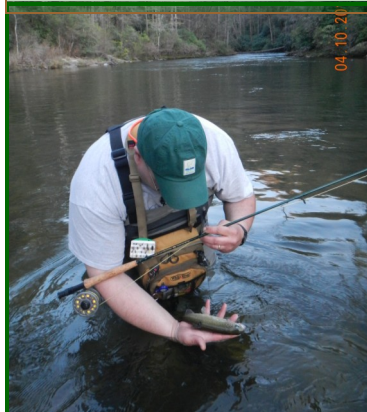
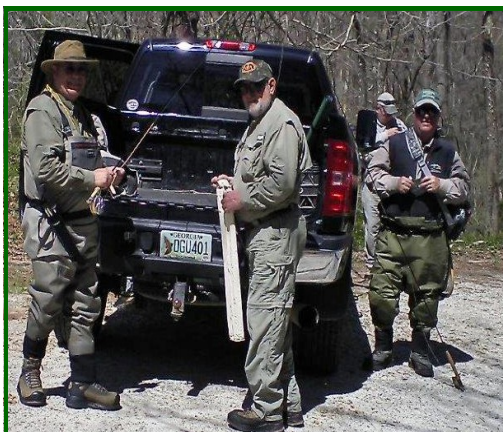
Charlie & Kathy prepare their excellent meal for the campers!

Photos by, Larry Walker, Pat Hopton, Monty English and Mike Fuller



You will not go hungry hanging out with our crowd !!

One of Rabun TU's newest members, Shannon Holloman, friends with Monty English joined in on his first camping trip with the gang. Thursday evening was his first time EVER with a fly rod in his hand while on the water. In about an hour he had stumbled upon enough knowledge from me (Monty) to actually cast an Adams out onto the water and hook a nice DH rainbow Trout. The look on his face says it all..... HE'S NOW HOOKED ON THE FEELING!! WAAAAAAHOOOOOO!

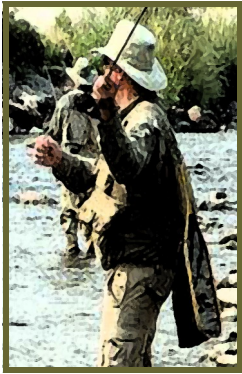


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## BACK CASTING

# Stream Improvement Work Day

Was held on Saturday April 12,  
2014 on Heddon Creek .

A strong conservation conclave descended upon the Double Bit campground to do good deeds for wild brown trout. This multi-generational gang followed the lead of Forest Service and GADNR fisheries technicians and repaired and built trout habitat improvement structures. A national flag ceremony by the Boy Scouts kicked off the morning.

Volunteers then received a Forest Service safety talk, split into work groups, and hit their designated work stations in and along the creek. Large cover logs were cut and toted, anchoring rebar was pounded thru the logs and into the stream bed, and the structures' rock cribs were re-filled. Work crews were refreshed by the dedicated two-scout crew of water boys.

When the work was done at noon, the scouts treated the entire conclave to a hot dog lunch with all the fixins'.

When the day was over everyone left knowing that the hard work they had done would benefit trout for years to come.

***THANK YOU TO  
EVERYONE THAT  
WORKED SO HARD  
THAT DAY !!***

**PHOTOS BY  
PREZ PAT AND  
PETER CROES**



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## BACK CASTING

We held our regular meeting at the TU/Scout Hut on Thursday April 17, 2014. Terry started at 5:00 with the fly tying. Followed by social time and then the meeting. Our guest was Unicoi Outfitters guide Chuck Head. Chuck gave us lots of tips to help us land the trout of a lifetime. He lead us in the right direction on everything from the best tippet to use (trout hunter tippet) to info on one of the best rivers in Colorado we should fish if we're ever out that way.



**Jeff presents Chuck a brown trout print by Broderick Crawford in appreciation of his awesome presentation!!**

The Rabun TU BOD met on Thursday April 24, 2014. Topics covered included Membership, Tallulah River Fishing Rodeo, Rod Raffle ticket sales and other upcoming events.

Also, Rabun TU had the privilege of having two others campers selected to fill in spots that other chapters were unable to fill. So a big **CONGRATULATIONS to Mason Tolbert and Cody Story** on being selected. Rabun TU is going to be well represented this year for the 11th Annual Trout Camp next month !!

Whaaaaaaa Whooooooooooooo ! Way to go boys !!

The bucket raffle was particularly interesting that night. We had a cake donated that was cut in two pieces for the raffle. Terry Rivers was wanting to win both pieces because he was so hungry. He won one piece, but Charlie Breithaupt won the other half. He thought Terry had enough cake and let him know he would defend his half!



Special thanks to those who donated to the raffle helping us raise \$60.00 for expenses to send out the newsletter to those who don't have email. Terry Rivers, Sid Berkinstresser, C & J Outfitters in Hiawassee, David Cross, Jeff Durniak and Peter Croes.

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# Rabun TU

## Learning Corner

### **[rabuntu.org](http://rabuntu.org)**

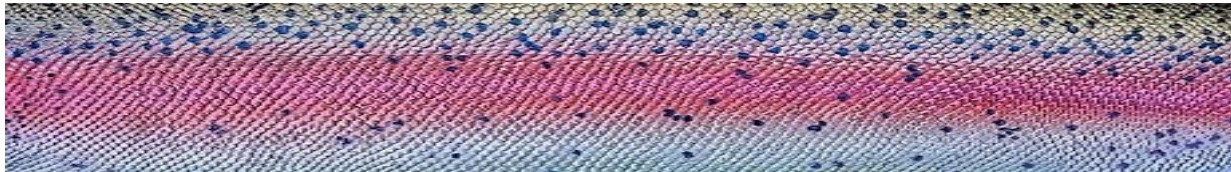
Did you know that the Rabun Chapter has an award winning web site? Awarded best web site in 2010 from TU National, it is full of information covering every aspect of our chapter and chapter happenings. This is great place to click on to when needing information, fishing advice, and chapter happenings. Summer is almost here and that means kids are out for the summer. Help lead children to water. Introduce them to trout fishing. The time spent mentoring and being with children will be priceless. The rewards that get will last a life time. For more information about the Trout Unlimited Stream Explorer program click on the link below:

<http://rabuntu.org/site/youth/stream-explorer/>

### **[tu.org](http://www.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. TU National takes youth education even farther than the basic stream explorer program. Click on the link below to learn about other options for the youth in your life.

<http://www.tu.org/headwaters>



### **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. The best time of year for fishing in our area is here. One of the best things you can do for gaining valuable knowledge is to learn how to read the water. Bends in the water are your friend. Bends holds promise for holding nice trout. Click on the link below to learn about all the promise a bend can hold.

<http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/bends-are-like-best-friends-2/>

### **Experienced Angler Box**

Spring is here in the South. Anglers have taken to the water in hopes of catching many trout, and perhaps the catch of a life time. As a seasoned veteran to the water you know what bends in the river and streams can mean. You know they hold big fish but do you really understand why? Click on the link below to learn what happens to create such great places in the rivers and streams for the trout.

<http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/bends-are-like-best-friends-2/>

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## The DH on the Chattooga River has less than a week to go. The catching has been GREAT for so many anglers. Following is a few of their stories.

With Stephanie six weeks from giving birth again and with both of us being pretty worn out from chasing around our 18-month-old Shiloh, we headed to the mountains for a few days to celebrate my twelve research- and review papers being finished as I continue to work on a grad degree. A few friends had been bugging me to put a date on the calendar to get into some dry fly action on The River, and so they planned to camp while my girls and I rented a small cabin on Screamer Mountain.

We arrived on Sunday, but too late to get out on the water. On Monday, however, my friend Daniel Brown from Augusta and I hit the river after being in no hurry to do anything but eat, relax, and eat again. We finally stepped foot in the water at the end of the DNR service road on the Georgia side at about 1:30 or so. There was only a visible rise every five minutes or so, but we quickly learned that that didn't mean that the fish weren't interested in flies floating on the surface. I tied on a size 14 yellow Stimulator with a size 18 yellow soft hackle about three feet behind it and immediately

went 1-for-5! That's right... 20 percent. D tied on a size 14 elk hair caddis with a light cahill parachute trailing behind and also started hooking fish immediately. Both of us continued to miss a lot of fish, though, and we ended up having a bit of a screaming contest, seeing who could produce the most cry-baby holler after missing a strike. Did I mention that we were free to do this because we didn't see a single other person the entire day? You've got to love Mondays and vacation time!

From that point I tried to really focus. I don't get to get on the water much, and it's not like I was ever a great fly angler to begin with, but now I am always really rusty and slow, especially for the first hour or so. A couple of hours later, though, and I had upped my percentage to 13 landed on 20 who rose to my fly. Up to 65 percent! And that included a few chunky browns up to 13 inches and a female brook trout.

Thanks to some good advice from a friend who's usually dredging the bottom, I started skating my Stimulator and soft hackle in faster water and was getting hit by multiple fish almost every time. My percentage again started to plummet... But who cares! I was having a blast! Meanwhile, D, who was just downstream of me, started screaming his head off: "Cannon!! GET DOWN HERE NOW! HURRY!! BEFORE THEY GET OFF!!!" "They?" I asked. "I'VE GOT TWO FISH ON!!!" D exclaimed. I ran down to him and netted both of his rainbows that he caught on his two dry flies - A first for him and a lot of fun to witness!

After about an hour relaxing on the stone Adirondack chairs at the big campsite on the upper end of the DH, we fished up to Reed Creek, picking off a few here and there, then picked up and wandered back down to the pool at the end of the DNR road to wait for a hopeful "magic hour." I taught D how to skate his flies that afternoon and he was getting slammed over and over and had gotten a lot better just in time for the possible end-of-day madness we were hoping for. The magic hour only lasted about 30 minutes, and I spent a good 10 of those trying to figure out what the heck they were wanting to eat! There were caddis and light cahills and midges flying all around - even a couple of stray yellow sallies - and the fish were rising to all of them. I clipped off and tied on a 16 tan elk hair caddis and a 16 light cahill and started skating. That was the ticket!

By the time it was too dark to see our flies, I finished my count at 25 landed on 47 rises! I haven't had a day like that in a while! D ended up about 12-for-40 as he was practicing his new skating technique. Even though he only landed about a third of the fish that showed interest and I only got about half, there were far more important numbers to the day. They are as follows:

1. 2.1 = Miles of water we had all to ourselves 2. 0 = Number of other people we saw all day 3. 1 = One great day on The River with one good friend 4. 3 = Number of beautiful girls (one still in the womb, of course) I had waiting for me at the cabin only 20 minutes from the DH parking spot 5. 0 = Number of flies I lost that day 6. 0 = Number of seconds I spent worrying about work or school or anything else



The moral of this story is to go on a weekday, and do it now! It is just about at prime time and won't last forever!

(By: David Cannon)

Wow !! What a story to share! Thanks !!





**On April 26, The Dredger** enjoyed some time on the DH. Thought he invited anyone and everyone, he wound up having all the fun himself. He reported "Too bad none of you could join me tonight. It was epic on the DH. Fish looked up from when I started (4 pm) til I quit at 8:30. Switch really turned on at 530 and got stuck in the on position til I quit. If anyone has a chance tomorrow, here's my recipe: 16 Cahill emerger 30 inches behind a 16 tan elk hair caddis. The real key is to skitter the duo, usually across or upstream. Very few fish were interested in the dead drift. I had to chum them up. I used 5x to caddis and either 5 or 6x to dropper. Six early and give as the sun set and my eyesight weakened. Find the shallows in the shadows and skitter your combo. There is a ton of fish in the dh that await you! Go get 'em Rabunites!!"

**On May 2, Prez Pat took off to the River.** After a tough week at work, I was ready to get home and relax on a Friday evening. But then I thought, it's that time of year: Dark Thirty time. Since I've waited all year for it.... there's only one thing to do. So I left a note to Tammy on the kitchen counter and headed to "The River".

After a moderate hike into the Upper Backcountry, I was almost to the spot that I wanted to be at. The trail was above the river, and as I paused to look down at a nice pool I saw a trout rise! That was it, I plunged down the bank and started fishing.

It was 7:00 pm and the Light Cahills were really coming off the water. There were also Little Yellow Sallies, Cream Caddis, and the Red Quill Spinner Mayflies all hatching, flying, and laying eggs. As the shadows got on the water, the fish came alive! It was amazing! There were fish chasing emerging bugs, leaping clear of the water catching bugs in flight, and smashing the bugs as they came down to lay eggs.

Man, I love those wild Chattooga brown trout. I caught 4 fish out of the first pool, on both the #14 Parachute Adams and on the trailing #16 Parachute Light Cahill. All fish were 9-11" and fat and healthy.

I eased my way up to the long, slow run that was my original destination. I have good memories of Doug fishing this run. He would stand and watch until he targeted several rising fish, then he would ease out into the river and pick them off, starting with the most downstream fish and working his way upstream. This is where it really sunk into me to "fish like a heron".

Anyway, as I eased up to the run, I saw a nice rising swirl just upstream of a mid-stream rock near the tailout. I cast to it and the fish took my fly. It was a strong, heavy fish that took off upstream like a rocket, putting a big bow in my 3 weight rod. It made a 30 yard run to up under some ledge rocks and broke off my 5x tippet. That would have been my best fish yet this year, he was probably 15-16" at least.

I ended up the day just downstream of a special place some people call The Plug. The action, both insect activity and rising fish, continued until about 8:30 and then the switch turned off. I don't know, but maybe it turned cool too fast and everything shut down. But for about an hour and a half, it was fast and furious. I ended up with 12 fish landed, all wild brown trout from 9-12", with several long line released.

There were no other cars parked at the bridge, and I saw no other people on the water. It was a good evening, and I'll be back tomorrow night. I plan to take



Tammy and show her the magic of May evenings and brown trout, on The River."

PREZ PAT





## Fishing Reports

**After a great trip to The River** on Friday, I decided to try it again on Saturday ( May 3) along with my beautiful wife. Tammy and I got to the bridge at 6:30 pm. There was one vehicle there, a small group of people camping not far upstream from the bridge. Tammy and I walked up to the same spot where I started fishing the day before. But for some reason the switch just was not on. We saw very little insect activity and only a few rises through the evening. I can't explain it. Only two fish were brought to hand. The highlights of the evening were catching an 8" brook trout and climbing atop The Plug to look upstream and enjoy the twilight. Then after a night hike out we had cold beers and sandwiches at the truck. I'm a lucky man.

Prez Pat



**Rabunite Ray recently** had one fine evening of dry fly fishing at his Top Secret Spot somewhere north of Gainesville. If you're nice and give him a dozen parachute Adams, he might take you there.

Gotta love spring!  
Waaaahhhh-HOOO!!!

## FISHIN' WITH DURNIK

As he often does, Jeff Durniak sent out the word that he was heading to "the river" and you could join him if you wanted to. I took the offer and I'm so glad that I did. Jeff, a Rabunite, whose day job is the DNR fisheries supervisor for North Georgia, is also a Fishing Ambassador and a Trout Evangelist who will lead you to the water and, if you pay attention to what he says, to the fish also.

As we rigged up in the parking lot of the Chattooga DH a couple of anglers walked out, finished for the day. The younger one, probably mid-twenties, had just fly fished for the first time. With him was his grandfather who has been an avid fly fisherman for years. They had experienced a wonderful afternoon together and vowed they would do it again. Jeff learned that they weren't members of TU so the "soft-sell" began. The older guy had heard great things about the Rabun Chapter, which we confirmed. We encouraged them to join some chapter and they seemed interested. Then Jeff gave the younger angler a couple of his own flies and told him how to fish with them. A couple of converts we'll likely see again.

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## Fishing Reports

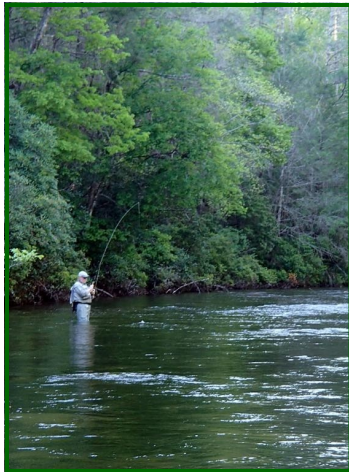
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There was still more than three hours of daylight left and then “Dark 30,” the sacred time for all fishermen, especially trout fishermen in the spring. We headed up the South Carolina side and were crossing to the Georgia side when a couple of guys entered the river coming our way. I guessed they were extras for “Duck Dynasty” or maybe “Moonshiners.” I knew I had never seen them in an Orvis commercial, although they were obviously fishermen. Jeff greeted them with a cheerful “howdy” and said “what’cha fishing with?” They proudly replied “night crawlers!!” That answer prompted Jeff to explain that he was with DNR and that bait was illegal. He quickly told them several places close by where they could fish legally with bait and how the DH ended May 15 when they could return to this area to fish with bait. He gave them his name and asked them to call if they had questions or if he could help. Everyone shook hands and left in

good spirits. Hopefully these two men will support fishing here in Georgia. I bet they will. After all, the head “fish guy” is their buddy.

Yeah, we caught some fish (never as many as we should have) and I learned a lot..about the river, about fishing, and dealing with people. I had spent an evening with Durniak, aka Dredger. If you get a chance to go with him ...and you will...GO!! Thanks Jeff!

Charlie Breithaupt



Durniak’s reply... “Thanks Charlie !! For all you do for trout stream conservation and aquatic education in Georgia. Enjoy your memories.”

**To be fair in reporting fishing stories**, not all trips are great. Broderick and I sneaked out of work a little early on Thursday April 24 and headed to the DH. Talked with Derek Dillard in the parking lot a few minutes and he told us how he had been writing up a few boys earlier in the day for fishing without a license. We headed on in just a little ways up the river. Beautiful flowers lined the way. Wasn’t long till the fish were feeding on top of the water. We tried everything. They didn’t like anything we offered. We kept trying but to no avail. Then we got in this awesome pool and it was starting to look like they may go to biting, when some guy come in right on top of us with his bright banana yellow shirt. He just kept coming in closer. We were looking at each other wondering if this guy was blind or what. Apparently he just wanted to run us out of the spot. So we let him and his yellar shirt have it. Not in the mood to teach manners that evening. We fished little more upstream till about 8. Fish were feeding on top all evening, but no bites for us. I enjoyed the beautiful walk out listening to the birds, checking out the wildflowers. Broderick grumbled all the way out. I reminded him that even with no fish it still was better than working ! We’re going back several nights the last week of DH. I’m sure he’ll catch a fish next time.

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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

**Current membership** is 187 members with 25 Life Members and 11 Stream Explorers.

**A big Rabunite Welcome to our NEW members** Fritz Bertz, Edward Martin, and David Ruth. 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:** Bill Archer, Russell Burken, Jimmy Cochran, Steve Denman, Emil Leum, O. Nolte, Monte Seehorn, Bradley Tucker, Stephen Weinelt, Landon Williams, Kent Wilson, Ron Wilson, and Leigh Wyatt.

**It's time to renew your membership:** David Bentley, Joe Kitchens, James Whittum, Chuck Breithaupt, Broderick Crawford, Thomas Johnson, Don Kinser, Billy McClain, Frank Patton, Leroy Powell, Corey Smith, Gage Stiefel, and Nathan Wheat.

## 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. On Friday May 9, 2014 they will host a Bluegrass Show featuring "The Frog Town Four". And the next open mic night is Friday May 16, 2014 from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Tickets are available at the door. For more information contact Tom Nixon at 706-782-9852 or at

[nicholscenter@windstream.net](mailto:nicholscenter@windstream.net) !

No need to wait for the next Rendezvous to hear great 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

### IT'S DARK THIRTY TIME AGAIN!

After a long, cool spring we have finally arrived at “Dark Thirty” time again. What is Dark Thirty time, you ask?

It begins in that season of year when the river temperatures are getting up to the mid-60’ s... the long evenings are warm and dry... and the bugs start hatching off in the evenings. Dark Thirty is the magical time of day when the sun goes down; it is late evening to after dark fishing. It is when the mayfly spinners come down to lay their eggs and the fish come out to feed.

The highlight of the Dark Thirty season is the Green Drake mayfly hatch. These bugs are huge! They are a mouthful for the fish and it is one of the few times of the year here in North Georgia when big brown trout make the mistake to come up to feed on the surface of the water. If you’ ve never experienced Dark Thirty fishing and want to learn more, visit the Rabun Chapter’ s award-winning website and read all about it under About Rabun TU > Education > Getting Started banner. I hope to see you on “The River” at Dark Thirty!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Hopton". The script is cursive and fluid.

Pat Hopton  
Chapter Prez

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# Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2014

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