

Tight Lines

November 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 thing becomes clearer as one gets older and one's fishing experience increases, and that is the paramount importance of one's fishing companions."

John Ashley-Cooper

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

The Chattooga River has been stocked for the delayed harvest and the catching is already AWESOME! Check out the link here to see some photos from a group of guys that hit it just at the right time!! FISHING IS GREAT IN THE SMOKEY MOUNTAINS RIGHT NOW ALSO. CHECK OUT SOME BROWN TROUT ACTION HERE FROM R&R FLY FISHING.



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WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???





SOFT HACKLE

HOOK: #12 TO 20 DRY OR SCUD

HACKLE: USE PATRIDGE FEATHERS OR FUSS FROM THE LEFT OVERS. JUST USE YOUR IMAGINATION, GUINEA FEATHERS WORK GREAT.

BODY: WOW - JUST GET SOMETHING COPPER, DUBBING, TINSEL, PEACOCK HERL, OR YOU BE THE JUDGE. LOOK AT THIS FLY, IT HAS NO BODY.

I HAVE SEEN THIS FLY TIED IN SO MANY WAYS SO JUST USE YOUR IMAGINATION. JUST REMEMBER WHEN YOU BIND THE HACKLE DOWN, IT IS DELICATE AND ONE OR TWO ROUNDS WILL GET THE JOB DONE.

SEE YA ON THE RIVER!!

November 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 | Early | Mid AM to Late PM | 8 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa |
| Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc | Various Times & Sizes | Various Times & Sizes | Various Times & Sizes |
| Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill | Late | Late AM to Mid PM | 16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 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

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.

NOV 20 (Thurs) Regular monthly meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. Fly Tying starts at 5 pm with Terry Rivers, Social at 6:30 (BS in) and then meeting at 7. Our guest will be Wildlife Resources Division of DNR Fisheries Technician Leon Brotherton. Leon will teach us about the art of building speck structures.







Leon pictured in the far left hand picture working with the 2014 Trout Camp kids on stream structures. By the end of the day Leon along with other personnel from GA DNR, the US Forest Service, and the Trout Camp kids built multiple structures for stream habitat improvements.

Dec 9 (Tues) Annual Christmas Dinner with fellow Rabunites! Same great place as last year, the Rabun Manor in Dillard, Ga. Social at 6pm followed by buffet style dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$30.00 per person and you can pay with cash or check that night. There will be a cash bar available. Don't miss it. The food, decorations and fellowship last year was unforgettable!!

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!

GREAT MUSIC GREAT FOOD GREAT FELLOWSHIP

BACK CASTING

On Thursday October 16, Rabun TU held their regular monthly meeting. Members were presented a AWESOME program from Landon Williams on European nymphing. One rabunite even reported back through NGTO about being a spectator of another fisherman a week later using Landon's techniques. He reported the man will basically need a shoulder replacement after many days of catching fish at that rate. We need to have Landon come back and repeat this lesson soon. Check out the link here to review the NGTO comment board from a Rabunite at the meeting.



V.P. Kent Wilson presents Landon Williams a Broderick Crawford trout print in appreciation for his program for the Rabunites.



TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM UPDATE

We had to deal with a couple of quick learning curves the past month, but the eggs are ordered as of publishing time and should have some great news to report next month!!

Whaaaaaa Whooooooooo !!!!!!

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Me & Doug Hickman had a wonderful but painful trip to the Great Smokies back on October 10th. Fishing was great for pre spawn Brook Trout. After a uphill climb for a mile and fishing .5 mile of water we managed to land 20/30 each, what a beautiful place. We fished the Road Prong. If you plan to go be ready to climb around boulders and water falls all day long. Wish I was in my 20's again. Terry Rivers



This fishing report was not submitted in the form of a story, but rather shared emails. So I'm going to tell it as I see it. Apparently, Dredger was vacuuming (no photos for sure of this) back on Oct. 12, when he realized he had the afternoon off from other husband duties. He checked radar (clear) grabbed his fly rod and phoned two friends. Those two friends were already out fishing so they missed the call. Dredger went on and ran into a 2014 Trout Camp fisherman fishing with his mom. Dredger made new friends and fished with them, and based on the photos had some pretty good luck. Later, once he posted a couple of photos showing the success of the day, the two friends he had missed earlier responded. However, they never mentioned any of their fishing trip. They only went into great detail on how they rescued a damsel in distress in the Ingles parking lot who had a dead battery in her car. I believe both men are gentlemen, so their efforts to assist was because they're model citizens. However, they did mention blond hair once and that she owned a vineyard twice in their reply. And, they didn't men-

tion fishing....hummmmmmm?



MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership is 177 members with 25 Life Members and 7 Stream Explorers.

Welcome new member: Brian Weeks.

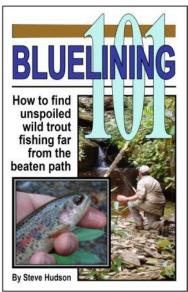
Thanks for re-upping your membership: Tony Allred, Robert Berry, Broderick & Michele Crawford, John Hoppes, Jim Kidd, David King, Jerry McFalls, Lewis Reeves, and Bob Sharpe.

It's time to renew your membership: Mike Addington, Kyle Burrell, Jesse Durham, Mark Lovell, Donald Early, Lyle Phillips and Larry Walker.

Our best wishes and prayers for a complete and speedy recovery go out to Charlie Breithaupt after his triple by pass surgery on Halloween. He is back home and on his way to a complete recovery.

Continued prayers and best wishes go out to Ray Gentry. Ray has had a long couple of months, but following a surgery the first week of Nov., doctors believe they have fixed his esophagus. Last report was he was able to drink a glass of water. Sounds like he toO has had many prayers answered.

Doug Adams is also still in recovery mode following his surgery in September. Continued thoughts and prayers go out to Doug (Ole Man) Adams.



Our good friend Steve Hudson (Previous Rabun TU meeting presenter) has published his new book BLUELINING 101. The book takes you through the process of finding, evaluating and fishing blueline streams. It covers maps and how to use them to find bluelines; selecting gear for bluelining, flies for bluelining; trip planning; practical blueline fishing; bluelining safety; and more.

Steve says "I'm proud of this book, which joins the other "101" series titles for fly fishers (FLYFISHING 101, NYMPHING 101, and SALTWATER 101). It retails for \$9.95. Ask for it at your local fly shop or order online at chattahoocheemedia.com.

Don't forget to keep up with the Foxfire Boys and all their happenings at the Nichols Center by visiting their face book page. Click here to check out the latest happenings and information.



We have had some requests to have a "Classifieds" section in our newsletter. Especially after the swap shop we had back in September at the regular meeting. You could list any used fishing related item for sale. Just forward me the item, asking price, and your contact info. If interested, get the information in and I will add the classified section to the newsletter in December.

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Notes from the President



Tis the Season

Well, fall is here in full swing, and soon, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be upon us. I am so thankful for our officers and Board of Directors for their willingness to continue to run the mission of our Chapter (and, to keep me in line!). We have a lot going on in these first four months of our year. Our Chapter Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 9th at Rabun Manor, beginning at 6:00 PM. Rabun Rendezvous is scheduled for January 24th, 2015. Expect an email from me regarding Rendezvous very soon. WE NEED YOUR HELP. Ray King cannot do it all. PLEASE consider volunteering to help him. And our speaker is a wonderful humorist and friend of TU. Finally, the annual budget meeting is scheduled for February 7th, 2015 at The Dillard House. Everyone is welcome, and we will buy your breakfast!

One of my goals this year is to expand our volunteer group, to help the committee chairs (your Board of Directors) to accomplish their goals, and not have to do all the work themselves. They are a dedicated group, but can only do so much by themselves. WE NEED YOU TO STEP UP! If you have a particular committee for which you would like to work, please let me know. Otherwise, you CAN expect a call.

Finally, please keep Doug Adams and Ray Gentry in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to recover, and please keep Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt in your thoughts and prayers as Charlie has gone through his triple bypass surgery and is now home to recover. Sorry, Charlie, but you will have to miss deer camp this weekend.

Blessings to all Steve Perry

Changes in Trout Regulations Subject of November Public Scoping Meetings

Currently, trout streams are designated either seasonal or year-round. But, what if that designation were to change? Agency staff recently evaluated the effects of removing the "trout season" entirely and opening all trout waters to year-round fishing. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division would like to have your input on this topic at two upcoming public scoping meetings. Public input is important when considering any changes to fishing regulations, so these scoping meetings will provide an opportunity for interested citizens to hear more about the reasoning and research behind these possible changes from WRD staff, and have a chance to ask questions and provide feedback. Two public scoping meetings are scheduled. People who plan to attend are also encouraged to tell others who may be interested in participating. Both meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

Gainesville Meeting is Thursday, November 13 at the Fair Street Neighborhood Center. Click here for location information. The second meeting is Tuesday, November 18 at Red Top Mountain State Park in Acworth, GA. For more information click here. Or for more information about the meeting locations, call the Gainesville fisheries management office at 770-535-5498. For more information about trout fishing in Georgia, visit www.georgiawildlife.com/Fishing/Trout.

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