



Tight Lines

August 2015 Newsletter of the
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited
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Only when the last tree has been felled, the last river poisoned and the last fish caught, man will know, that he cannot eat money.”

Cree Indian saying

VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT !!!
MEETING LOCATION CHANGE!!

Due to the scout hut being deemed “uninhabitable” we are left without a permanent home for our meetings. For more info see Prez notes on page 10. But for the August meeting we will be meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. The church is located just past Rabun Gap Nachoochee School. If you're not familiar their address is 8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA 30568.

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WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???

By: Terry Rivers

AUGUST FLY OF THE MONTH 2015



JOE'S HOPPER

HOOK: 2X LONG NYMOH HOOK

TAIL: RED TAIL FIBERS

BODY: YELLOW FINE DUBBING

HACKLE: BROWN HACKLE

WING CASE: TURKEY QUILL

GREAT TIME OF THE YEAR TO HAVE IN YOUR FLY BOX. ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE HEADED OUT WEST GRASS HOPPERS ARE EVERY WHERE THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

"SEE YA ON THE RIVER"

August Hatches

THE BUGS	TIME OF MONTH	TIME OF DAY	SUGGESTED FLIES
None at all	All month/year	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Midges	All month/year	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	10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
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
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

Aug. 15 (Sat) Savannah River Chapter of Trout Unlimited annual fundraising banquet. Doors open at 5 pm. Event is held at Flat Shoals Baptist Church Gym on Hwy 51, Hartwell, Ga. Many Auction items, stuff for the kids, door prizes, great food and always a great time. \$35.00 for couples and \$20.00 for singles. For more info contact Jimmy Miller @ 706-247-3846 or see their facebook page [here](#)!

Aug. 20 (Thurs) Regular Monthly Meeting. Fly Tying canceled for August due to location shuffle. Social at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00. Our guest speaker is Mark Sparrow from the Georgia Forestry Commission. Mark serves as a Wildland / Urban Interface Coordinator. His topic will be on Firewise. Firewise is a program implemented by the GFC about how brush, grass and forest fires don't have to be disasters. NFPA's Firewise Communities Program encourages local solutions for safety by involving homeowners in taking individual responsibility for preparing their homes from the risk of wildfire. A very informative & educational meeting about not only our area but our personal property also. See you there!!

Aug. 27 (Thurs) Monthly BOD Meeting. Location TBD. Meeting starts at 6:30; all are welcome!!

Sept. 12 (Sat) Georgia State Council TU meeting. The Cohutta Chapter will be hosting the meeting from 9 am to noon at the Cabela's Store in Acworth.

Sept. 17 (Thurs) Regular Monthly Meeting. Will let you know about Fly Tying. Social at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00. The subject matter from our guest speaker will be about Brook Trout!! "Brook trout response to habitat improvements" by Ga DNR Senior biologist Anthony Rabern. Leon taught us the "how" in his program and now his supervisor will explain what happened and where we should go in the future. What a great program so mark your calendars now.

Sept. 24. (Thurs) Monthly BOD meeting. Location TBD. Meeting starts at 6:30; all are welcome!!

Sept. 26 (Sat) Unicoi Outdoor Adventure Day. Fun for the entire family!! Volunteers will be needed !!

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FORWARD CASTING

Georgia Women Flyfishers host Casting for Confidence

On Saturday October 10, 2015 Georgia Women Flyfishers (GWFF) will host 12 breast cancer survivors on the banks of the Chestatee River in Dahlonega, Georgia. This is donated time on private waters donated by Frog Hollow.

The goals for the Casting for Confidence (CFC) event are to provide a safe, and reflective environment for participants to discuss their disease with other women with shared experiences, thereby providing support and information to aide in their journey of recovery. They will provide expert fly-fishing instruction that enables the participants to learn a new skill, form a healing connection with nature, and participate in a sport they can continue throughout their recovery and lifetime.

Fly fishing is a physical gentle rhythmic motion of fly casting that is similar to exercises often prescribed after surgery or radiation to promote soft tissue stretching. CFC provides a new outlet - fly fishing- as a reprieve from the everyday stressors and challenges of their cancer.

There is no cost to the participants. GWFF provides all the required equipment. There will also be a great BBQ lunch donated by North Georgia Trout Online. This event is similar to national events called Casting for Recovery. Just last month NBC Nightly news did a brief news article on the program. A link is attached [here](#) to that broadcast. In the 2+ minute video the success of the event is evident in the interviews with the ladies at the event.

GWFF has fund raising events throughout the year to host this program. Like Trout Camp, more applications are received than can be accommodated. We all need to recognize the need and success of this program to help insure it's continued availability for breast cancer survivors.

There is a link [here](#) from last year's event here in Georgia by the GWFF. Enjoy the video and watch all the smiling faces from the women who forgot for a while their challenges ahead.

For more information contact Carolyn Emery at 404-414-3796 or email evemery@aol.com To submit an application click [here](#). Deadline for applications is September 21, 2015. If you know a breast cancer survivor please forward this information.

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BACK CASTING

Our annual Family Picnic at Kelly's Creek Park was held on Thursday July 16, 2015. We had a great turn out with lots of fine Rabunites! We all enjoyed the fried chicken and all the fabulous side dishes from our own Rabunite cooks. Always a little recipe sharing after the picnic.



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BACK CASTING cont...

At our family picnic we also held the drawing for our annual Rod Raffle fundraiser. This year's winner was a parent from a Trout Camp participant. So Congratulations to Paige Drainer from Paulding County. Thanks for your support and to everyone that bought and sold tickets!! Also, a big Rabunite **THANK YOU** to **Mack Martin** for the donation of the rod and reel. We were able to raise \$ 1352.00 this year. WHAaaaaaaaaa WHOooooooooooooo!!



A long time dream of Rabun TU and many others in the community is about to become a reality. A fishing pier is about to be constructed on Tallulah River. The supplies are bought and the Forest Service is lining up the dates for the work to be completed. Should have a start date later this month, so don't miss out on the Sept Tight Lines to stay informed on this dream come true!!

WHAaaaaaaaaaaaaa WHOooooooooooooooooo!!

The Rabun TU board met on Thursday July 23, 2015. We had 14 in attendance for this important meeting. The major topic was the loss of the our meeting place. Please see Prez notes on page 10 for more on this. Other topics included Rod Raffle follow up, Tallulah River Fishing pier, the upcoming Rabun Rendezvous and nominations for upcoming board vacancies.

The Board of Directors offers the following nominations for Rabun TU Chapter's F/Y2016. Officers : President - Steve Perry; Vice President - Kent Wilson; Treasurer - Joel Wise; Secretary - Kathy Breithaupt; Wayne is stepping down after 3 years. Directors thru F/Y2019: Ray Gentry and David Ruth; replacing F/Y 2015 Directors Jim Kidd and Frank Patton.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Aug. & Sept. Chapter meetings. Election will be at the Sept. Chapter meeting. Elected member terms begin October 1, 2015.

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Dark Thirty Fishing in the Ellicott's Rock Wilderness Area

From: Pat Hopton

Every year at the Rabun Rendezvous I donate a fishing trip to fish "Dark Thirty" in the upper backcountry of the Chattooga River as a silent auction item. What is "dark thirty" fishing?

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out more!

For the 2015 Rabun Rendezvous the high bidder was Jason Long. Jason is the current Chapter President of the Mountain Bridges Chapter of Trout Unlimited, located in Greenville, SC. Jason is also an engineer with General Electric in Greenville, and I would soon learn he is also an accomplished fly fisherman and an around great guy.

Jason and I emailed each other setting up a date for the trip. I also sent Jason information on the Chattooga River, the Ellicott's Rock Wilderness Area, and the all-important green drake hatch.

On May 20, I met Jason and a friend at the Burrells Ford Bridge on the Chattooga River. As part of the trip I gave Jason a box of a dozen flies, including both green drake and coffin fly patterns, and drinks and sandwiches to eat at streamside.

While we got our gear together Jason talked about his many fishing trips where he caught numerous large fish. I was beginning to get worried that he had too high of expectations for this trip; I told Jason that we would be fishing for wild, stream-bred brown trout and the average size would be 10-12", with anything bigger than 14" a real trophy.

We made the hike up the trail, to the Lower Island just upstream from the junction of Bad Creek, in about 45 minutes. As we rigged our rods we decided to split up: Jason would fish up the GA side of the Lower Island and catch up with the rest of us at the Too Good A Pool. My hope was to finish the evening by fishing dark thirty at the Green Drake Pool.

I left Jason and his friend and hiked upstream a short distance and started fishing. I found the catching to be slow: I caught several small wild browns, all around 8-10" long. At dark thirty I was at the Too Good A Pool and still had not seen Jason. So I fished that pool until 9:00 pm but only saw one coffin fly. I'm not sure if we were early or late for the green drake hatch, but it just didn't happen for me that evening.

I started back down the trail in the dark, expecting Jason to also have had a slow evening of catching like me.

But when I caught up with him, he was full of excitement! He had caught a beautiful, wild 16" brown trout on a green drake pattern! He had spent the entire evening fishing just the length of the Lower Island. If you've been there, you know what a great stretch of river the GA side of the island can be. After the walk out in the dark, we celebrated with cold beer and cigars at the truck.

I really enjoyed fishing with Jason and his friend. I will offer dark thirty fishing on the Chattooga River as a silent auction item at the next Rendezvous, so be sure to bid on it if you too want to have this experience!



**Wanna take this trip with Pat?
Then save the date:**

**Rabun Rendezvous 2016
Saturday January
23, 2016 at the
Dillard House Banquet
Room. We got a great
time in the planning so
mark your calendar now!!!**



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Info & Learning Corner

Trout Fishing The Low Warm Water of Summer.

With this recent lack of rain and the ongoing heat check out this great info from Gink & Gasoline for low water tips:

[Low water tips here!](#)

This time of year the Great Smoky Mountains can still produce some great days trout fishing. Plan a trip soon and check out this informative page from our friends at R & R Fly Fishing.

Click [here](#) for the info.

Need another fly in your fly box buffet? The heat and dry weather of August is just the right time of year to try a Foam Hopper. Check out this video to learn how easy it is to tie one for yourself. See ya on the river!

Click [here](#) for video.



The June/July 2015 Edition of [Southern Trout](#) is out! Check out the CLOSE LOOK section for Georgia!

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership: is 191 members with 28 Life Members and 13 Stream Explorers.

Welcome New Members: Don Harper. Hope to see you all on the river real soon!!

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Charles Cawthone, and John Slater.

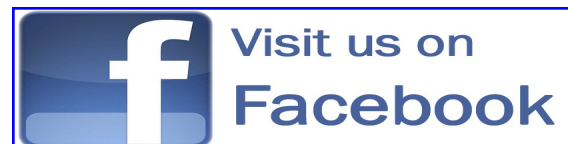
It's time to renew your membership: Calder Adams, Todd Erlewine, Ray Kearns, Charles Mobley, Laurel Smith, Lori Smith, and Leigh Wyatt.

Wishing continued healing for our own Treasurer Joel Wise. Joel had a recent episode with his heart, but fortunately with regulated medicine Joel will be able to get back to his normal activities.

Please keep long time Rabunite friend and supporter Garland "Griz" Stewart and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Griz is at home surround by his wife and children and under the care of hospice. Visits and cards are welcomed. Griz was recently honored by his family in the Cohutta Chapter of TU. Future students of their chapter's slots in trout camp will be attending as recipients of the Garland "Griz" Stewart scholarship award. It couldn't be named for a better and more supportive TU member of Trout Camp.



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



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Notes from the President



DILEMMA

As we have all read in the paper, and heard through the grapevine, the Scout Hut has been condemned and we are again in search of a home- a place that the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited can call its own. The Scouts have found a home at the American Legion building in Mountain City, and they will continue to meet on their scheduled Tuesday nights. Thursday is the Legion's night for cooking. So, where does that leave us? It means that we must find a new home.

In this respect, EVERYONE needs to put their "Sherlock Holmes" to work to think of a place where we can meet regularly, that has both heating and air, that can accommodate our need for storage, and do it quickly, as we are out in the proverbial cold now. The Board of Directors is open to any and all suggestions. And, we are even considering changing our meeting nights for both Chapter and Board back to Tuesday.

I know this is "west of the Hiawasse" time, and I also know that Rendezvous Chairman Ray King is gearing up to begin our solicitations for this coming Rendezvous, but WE NEED A HOME! Please contact either Vice President Kent Wilson or me with your ideas. And, if there is a really generous soul in the group, maybe we could even consider purchasing a meeting place. We can dream, can't we?!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Anyway, this affects us all, so put on your thinking caps, and don't let any idea go un-researched.

Thank you.

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