



# Tight Lines

February 2015 Newsletter of the  
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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Rabun TU's Award Winning Web Site <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

**"Angling is extremely time consuming. That's sort of the whole point."  
Thomas McGuane**

## **RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED**

**Join us!! Don't miss out on something GREAT!**

**Our Meeting Place is the TU/Scout Hut**

**On the third Thursday of the month.**

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.

***Fly Tying for all ages starts at 5pm***

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**  
**28-pound rainbow trout caught in northern Idaho would have been record-breaker.**

**Check out the could a, would a, should a story [here](#) !**

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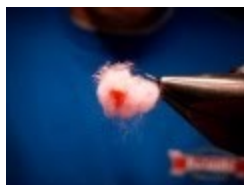




# WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???

**By: Terry Rivers**

FEBRUARY FLY OF THE MONTH 2015



## BLOOD DOT EGG PATTERN

Click on a video [here](#) for a great demo on tying one of these awesome patterns!

THESE ARE GREAT PATTERNS ON THE DH STREAMS HERE IN NORTH GEORGIA, OR ANY STREAM. TIE THEM IN DIFFERENT COLORS AND CHANGE OFTEN IF THEY'RE NOT HITTING THAT COLOR. IF YOU HAVE NOT TIED THIS PATTERN GO TO "YOU TUBE". THEY HAVE LOTS OF GOOD VIDEOS DEMONSTRATING TYING THEM.

HOOK: #12 SCUD HOOK

BODY: McFLY FOAM OR EGG YARN

**SEE YA ON THE RIVER !!**

## February 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

**Feb. 7 (Sat):** Annual Planning Meeting at the Dillard House. Everyone welcome. We will be planning out our activities over the next year after feasting on a delicious breakfast!! Great time to fellowship and work together and Breakfast is on US! Starts at 8 AM.

**Feb. 19 (Thurs):** Rabun TU regular monthly meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. Fly tying starts at 5 pm. Social starts at 6:30 and meeting at 7 pm. Our guest speaker is Jenny Sanders. Jenny is a watershed management professional and an outdoor enthusiast. Jenny is affiliated with the Little Tennessee Watershed Association and the Chattooga Conservancy. She just recently got back from out west rafting and fishing the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. She will have lots of great info to share with our group!!



**Feb. 26 (Thurs):** Board of Directors meeting 6:30 at the TU/Scout Hut. Agenda will include Rendezvous recap and upcoming events. If it's freezing cold location might be moved. Stay tuned.

**Mar. 7 (Sat):** Georgia Womens Flyfishing (GWFF) will hold their annual fundraising event. The Mardi Gras party is held at the Sweetwater Brewing Company in Sandy Springs. Flyfishing Auctions & Raffles plus Beer Tastings, Wine & Food. For more information click [here](#). Or visit their web site by clicking on this link, [GWFF](#).

**Mar. 14 (Sat):** Quarterly State Council Meeting, 9 am to noon. Hosted by the Savannah River Chapter.

**Mar. 19 (Thurs):** Rabun TU regular monthly meeting at the TU/Scout Hut. Fly Tying starts at 5pm. Social at 6:30 and meeting at 7pm.

**Mar. 21 (Sat):** Rabunite 101. Beginning Fly Fishing Lessons. More information on page 6.

**Mar. 21 (Sat):** Hoot on the Hooch. 5 to 9 pm Helen, GA.

**Mar. 21 (Sat):** Oconee River Chapter Spring Banquet. 6 to 9 pm Athens, GA.

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# BACK CASTING



Rabun TU held their regular monthly meeting back on Thursday January 15, 2015. We had a great turnout for our guest speaker Kelly Taylor. Kelly is the Deputy Hatchery Manager at the Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery in Fannin County.

He gave a very informative presentation on the importance of the Federal Hatchery and their close working relationship with Georgia DNR to our fishable waters stocked with plenty of fat healthy trout. He gave a update on the improvements being made at their facility and detailed the their educational programs they provide every year for Veterans, Seniors, and family fishing events.

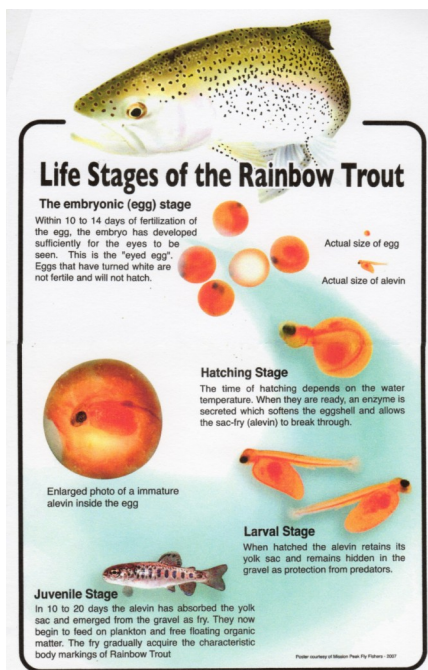


Following the presentation President Steve Perry presented Kelly with a brook trout print by artist Broderick Crawford.

We also held the monthly raffle to help with the mailing expenses of the monthly newsletter to Rabunites who don't have email. We raised \$80, thanks to our donors that evening. Frank Patton, Jimmy Whiten, Terry Rivers, Rob Roberson, Charlie Breithaupt, Tie-One-on, Jeff Durniak and Ron McKenney. THANKS !!

## TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Our little trout are growing!!



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## *BACK CASTING*

# RABUN RENDEZVOUS 2015



ON A CHILLY SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN JANUARY AT THE DILLARD HOUSE IN DILLARD, GA A TEE PEE WENT UP, FOXFIRE BOYS PLAYED BLUE GRASS MUSIC, A FEW HUNDRED AWESOME FRIENDS SHOWED UP, INCLUDING A COUPLE OF INDIANS. ADD SOME GREAT RAFFLE ITEMS AND A GREAT MEAL AND YOU HAVE A FAVORITE WINTER EVENT:

### **THE RABUN RENDEZVOUS!!**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME, DONATED OR VOLUNTEERED. TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN COLD WATER CONSERVATION!! LOOK FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER FOR FINAL NUMBERS.

**WHAAAAAAAAAAAA WHOooooooooooooo !!!!!!!**

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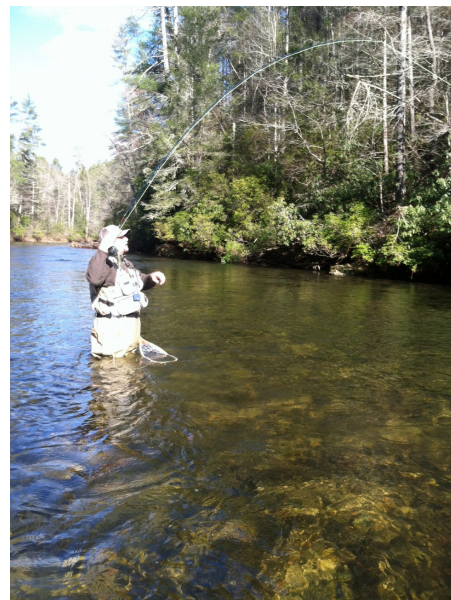
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## Fishing Reports

On New Year's Day Jeff "Dredger" Durniak set out to the start the New Year off right by fishing the DH on the Chattooga River. In his ever giving nature to share his skills and pass on the love and passion of fishing and cold water conservation he first fished in the parking lot. There he landed a beauty. Someone apparently who was already interested in his fishing adventures, but Jeff knew what he had to do to turn the habit into an addiction. So Jeff paired up with a new fishing buddy for the day to enhance his knowledge and skills and therefore setting the man onto a new addiction!



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## Sunday on The River With The Dredger

THE END . . . the numbers of fishermen and cars in the lot were greatly reduced from its mid-day high, and . . . after arriving home I observed "the" onside-kick by the Seahawks which eventually cost the Packers their shot at playing the Patriots in the Super Bowl; I had already won mine earlier in the day and was back in the Locker-room, a/k/a my living room, in my easy chair. Tonight I would dream about my great day fishing with the Dredger and the DH.

About an hour earlier I had pulled out of the parking lot above Ridley Field following a stripping off my soaked shirt in favor of a dry hoodie for the drive following an upper drenching (a score of seven [7] following my felt soles letting go) and my doing my best imitation of a Muskrat while about six feet from the bank although I had a new walking staff which looked good in its holster. We were fishing in a honey hole about one-half mile above another pool the Dredger named for a current member who is an unselfish friend to all and a great guy! Fishing in that section was very challenging as

the high winds made casting -even a foot or two above the water surface- difficult so we worked our way back downstream as the clouds continued to gather, the wind persisted, and the water temp dipped to 40F.

Jeff eventually worked his way upstream after advising me where he would be so we could meet up in a couple of hours. I continued fishing and hiked my way upstream eventually meeting up on the trail following my getting out of the water to look for him. The Dredger enjoys fly fishing so much he occasionally doubles down with his equipment! He previously had caught several fish and was coming back as there was an area he wanted me to fish which I did missing several strikes.

I continued to fish, with my friend/mentor/coach, who wanted me to back up as I was standing in the middle of where the fish were reminding me that the ten footer was for reaching out. I did get several good strikes, landed several nice Rainbow stockers, and worked on my long-line release.

THE BEGINNING After walking in with Fisbreath and Dredger's another Georgia Wildlife Biologist our foursome split-up . . . the Dredger and I worked on developing my Nymphing skills. This was familiar water for me as it was within eyesight of where I had previously dropped, stepped on, and broke my 5WT during the Spring Campout. On the bottom was a split shot about five inches above a nymph which was below an egg. Above that was a Telstrike indicator and the water temperature was 42F.

After a couple of missed hook sets in a seam WHAMMO occurred and I hooked into the Walhalla wonder. Had it not been for the coaching and patience I likely would have broken my 4WT 10' rod trying to high stick the hooked fish toward my landing net . . . laying the rod on its side allowed the rod to do its job -imagine that-and tire the fish so I/we could bring it to net for fondling and photographs. It was a beautiful Brown which filled my net and measured in at 17 -1/2" in length. The fish was fully revived and swam off as quickly as he could; but before it left said thank you and tell your Rabunite friends it's their turn!

Now that's a happy ending albeit the beginning! (From Peter Croes)







# Fly Fishing Seminar

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

- ☐ *Ever wanted to try your hand at fly-fishing for trout but never learned the in's and out's of it?*
- ☐ *Ever wonder why some people seem to get so "hooked" on it?*

Now's your chance! The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited is planning a half-day fly-fishing for trout seminar for adults (male and female 16 years and older).

The seminar will cover equipment, casting, knots and entomology  
(the bugs we imitate for fish to eat).

Instructors include Federation of Flyfishermen Certified Instructors and other experts for a hands-on learning experience that will be helpful and fun.

WHAT: Fly-Fishing Seminar "Rabunite 101"

WHEN: Saturday March 21, 2015

8:30 am until 1:00 pm

WHERE: The Rabun County Recreation Center off Highway 441 near  
Rabun County Middle and High School complex.

HOW MUCH? Cost is only \$25

**WANT TO SIGN UP??? FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!**

**The session is limited to 28 participants.**

**Send the form below along with your check made payable to:**

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Charlie Breithaupt

194 Kitchens Lane

Clayton, GA 30525

[knc615@windstream.net](mailto:knc615@windstream.net) (706)782-6954

*You will receive notification when you have been registered.*

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Please Print (**NEATLY!**) Yes, I want to attend the fly-fishing seminar!

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City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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# DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!



John McGarity - owner and host of the 2014 Dream Trip

## GRAND PRIZE

"The 2015 Dream Trip reaches new heights. The opportunity to fish with John McGarity, stay in his fabulous log cabin conveniently located between the Madison River, Yellowstone National Park and the Henry's Fork puts you smack dab in the middle of some of the most famous trout waters in North America. John is the consummate trout angler, fishing almost every day during the 5 or 6 months each year he resides in Idaho. Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone checks with John for fishing reports. Having been a restaurateur, John is also an excellent cook... you will not go hungry on this trip! TU couldn't ask for a better host and guide for this year's Dream Trip."

-Jimmy Harris, owner, Unicos Outfitters

- **5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 26- August 1, 2015**
- **\$500 total in travel expenses** - travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winners.  
\*Fishing licenses, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the winners during their stay.
- Each winner receives: Choice of Winston BIII-x or Sage ONE 4, 5 or 6 wt rod  
A fly reel with Scientific Angler line  
A fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen per box)



**Tickets \$10** Proceeds Benefit TU Cold Water Conservation and Trout Camp

The winner(s) of this raffle are responsible for any tax due on the value of the winnings.

## RUNNER UP PRIZES:

- Temple Fork BVK 6 wt., 9' four piece fly rod. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Temple Fork BVK 5-6 reel. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Six dozen flies in nice fly box. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Certificate to Fly Fishing Class or Fly Casting Class at the Atlanta Fly Fishing School. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Five or nine day trip to Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada for one person. Trip is set up for two people for 5 or 9 days. (\$3995/5 day trip & \$5195/9 day trip individual rate). Donated by the Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada. [www.kasba.com](http://www.kasba.com) (Best dates for fly fishing are June 28 to July 6, 2015)
- Two nights at the Fire Fly Lodge and a half-day guided trout fishing on Hothouse Creek trophy trout stream. [www.fireflyfishinglodge.com](http://www.fireflyfishinglodge.com)
- Custom TFO fly rod by Garland Stewart (his choice)
- Half day guided float trip for two on Chattahoochee River-Chris Scalley -River Through Atlanta
- Half day guided fishing trip for two with Henry Cowan
- Unguided half day fishing at Nacoochee Bend for two fishermen.
- Two fly boxes of 6 dozen trout flies donated by 12 TU chapters in Georgia.



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For complete rules and details visit [www.georgiatu.org](http://www.georgiatu.org)

Find any Rabun TU Board Member or come to our regular monthly meeting for tickets. Or if you don't live here and can't come to the meeting, email me (Michele) at [crawfordart@windstream.net](mailto:crawfordart@windstream.net). Let me know how many tickets you want, put your check in the mail made out to Rabun TU with an extra buck for postage and I will mail you some Dream Trip tickets. When it's a Dream Trip you don't want to get left out!!

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# Rabun TU

## Info & Learning Corner

According to this guy & the calendar, six more weeks of winter. So check out the link below that will help you know what to do to enjoy winter fishing successfully !



Click [here](#) to learn how to set yourself up right, so the rest of us don't have to come looking for you in the spring.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT YEAR ROUND TROUT FISHING?

WRD OPENS COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED TROUT SEASON REGULATION CHANGES. THE CLOSEST MEETING FOR OUR AREA IS FEBRUARY 10, 2015; 7:00 PM AT THE FAIR STREET NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER IN GAINESVILLE, GA . FOR COMPLETE DETAIL CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW.

[HTTP://WWW.GOFISHGEORGIA.COM/  
FISHING/PROPOSEDREGULATIONS](http://www.gofishgeorgia.com/fishing/proposedregulations)



The 2015 Fly Fishing Film Tour starts this month. There are several great films on the tour this year. But check out the link below to the trailer about a Veteran who has really benefitted from Project Healing Waters.

The closest the films will be to us are on March 11 at the Buckhead Theater and on March 12 in Asheville at the Highland Brewing Company.

[PROJECT HEALING WATERS  
FILM TRAILER HERE](#)

### Winter Nymph Fishing Lessons

In the winter, fly fishing with nymphs is the best way to have many grip n' grin moments, like our young Rabunite Landon in the photo. To learn everything there is no to know about nymph fishing click on the link below for a thorough lesson!

[Learning about  
nymph fishing!!](#)



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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

**Current membership** is 189members with 25 Life Members and 10 Stream Explorers.

**Welcome new member :** David Bentley (Hope you can join us soon at a meeting or on the river!)

**Thanks for re-upping your membership:** Bill Archer, Pat Atwater, Fritz Bertz, William Candy, George & Martha Christian, Doug Hickman, H. Hudgins, Glen Ivie, Yong Kim, David Nichols, Larry Peevy, Wayne Prosser, Lewis Reeves, Fritz Vinson, and Thomas West.

**It's time to renew your membership:** Bob Blalock, William Brawley, Billy Cook, Dean English, Shane English, Wayne Gipson, John Harrison, Shannon Holloman, Julie Kilby, Steve McCall, Nick McDonald, Tom Nixon, Keith Silvers, and William Thompson.

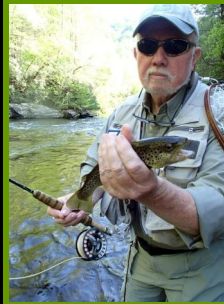
## Rabunite Classifieds

(Got any fishing stuff you want to sell? Let Me Know)  
Here's what we know about this month.

- \* small aluminum folding camp table, like new : \$10,
- \* Simms freestone wading shoes, size 10, sticky rubber soles with metal cleats, decent condition : \$40 (retail for \$130). They're a bit too tight on me.
- \*TFO BVK fly rod, 10 foot, 4weight, four piece. Like new, used only about five times, great Chattooga winter nymph/streamer rod: \$150 (retails for \$250).
- \*redington crosswater fly rod, 7.5 foot, 4 weight, two piece, fast action. Excellent dukes creek rod to turn the big boys: \$40.

Contact dredger at 706-892-6576 or jeffdur-  
niak@yahoo.com for details/pics.

**Keep these three in your  
thoughts for continued healing !!**



**Spring time is  
coming boys! Look  
forward  
to seeing  
you on  
the  
river !!**

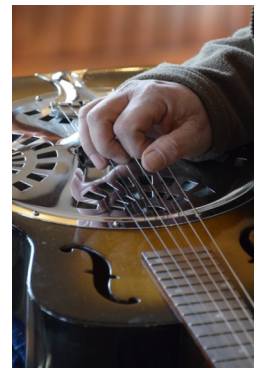
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## Notes from the President



Wow! It's the Beginning of February already, and the 2015 Rendezvous is behind us. I hope everyone takes the time to congratulate Rendezvous Chairman Ray King and his committee. What an outstanding job. And they accomplished exactly what was previously recommended- limited bucket raffles and shortened time until close of the

event. In addition, our speaker, Don Kirk, did an very fine, and abbreviated presentation on the State of Trout Fishing and it's future in the Southeastern region. The Chapter did well on net income, which we will disclose final numbers at our February planning meeting. In addition, by meeting time, we will have finalized our budget for the year. The Budget Planning Breakfast is Saturday, February 7th at 8:30 AM, at the Dillard House. The Board will be there, and EVERYONE is welcome. The Chapter will even buy your breakfast!

Finally, I want to thank everyone who helped at the Rendezvous- from donations to set-up and take down, and being runners for buckets and silent auction. I also want to thank people who are stepping up to assume needed positions and committees, especially Sid Berkstresser for taking on the Membership Chair, and Charlie Breithaupt for filling in for Ray Gentry on the Board. I did speak to Ray on Monday, January 26th, telling him how much we missed Patsy and him at the Rendezvous, and how much we miss his participation at our meetings and events. He is very much looking forward to his doctor appointment on February 12th, at which time they will determine if they can remove his feeding tube!

Lastly, and this is my bribe- I will pay BIG BUCKS to keep the pictures of me in my "Elmer Fudd" hat out of the public eye! You had to be there to understand.

Steve

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