



Tight Lines

October 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/>



**"There's more B.S. in fly fishing than there is in a Kansas feedlot."
Lefty Kreh**

**VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT !!!
MEETING LOCATION CHANGE!!**

Due to the scout hut being deemed
"uninhabitable" we are left without a
permanent home for our meetings.

But for now we will be meeting at
Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church Fel-
lowship 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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Notes from the President



It's hard to believe fall is here, and we begin turning our attention to cooler water for fishing, a new home for our Chapter, the fall campout, and Rendezvous.

Your Board of Directors has decided to check out the Mountain City American Legion as a possible meeting place in coordination with our Scouts. The Board will meet there for the next two months while the Chapter meetings themselves will continue at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church through the end of this year. We will let you know as soon as a final decision has been made on our "new home".

Let's talk Rendezvous for a moment. Last year, we did not fair as well as we had hoped. And, it restricted our budget and our activities. We need EVERYONE to get out there and solicit contributions for our annual fundraiser. Let Ray King know what you get, and the sooner the better, as the holidays will soon be upon us. We NEED big ticket items. And now is the best time to solicit these items as tourist season has improved greatly over last year.

Finally, two fun activities. First- our fall campout. Why not come out, even for the day, and enjoy some wonderful fishing on our home river as well as the terrific comradery around the dinner table and campfire. Let Kathy Breithaupt know what meals you plan to be there for, and /or if you would like to cook or help cook a meal.

And put December 8th on your calendar now for the Annual TU Christmas dinner at Rabun Manor. The bigger the turnout the better! Lastly, your new officers and directors assumed their posts on October 1st. Their job will be a whole lot better if you give them your ideas, as well as your criticisms. They are volunteers representing you, so help them out.

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Forward Casting Calendar



Oct. 15 (Thurs) Regular monthly meeting, still at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Social starts at 6:30 and Meeting at 7 pm. This month we have a presentation from Damon Hearne. Damon is based out of Asheville, NC, and he is TU's Southeast Conservation Coordinator covering the Southern Appalachian Mountains. He works on aquatic passage, land protection, restoration and advocacy in partnership with chapters and councils, as well as land trusts and state agencies. All his information this evening should be very informative.

Oct. 20 (Tues) Monthly BOD meeting. American Legion Hall in Mountain City. Meeting starts at 6:30; all are welcome!! We are testing the location for future meetings so come join us and share some feedback.

Nov. 4 - 8 (Wed - Sun) FALL CAMPOUT!! This year we will be at Oconee State Park. Click [here](#) for the link to their camp site reservation link. Kathy Breithaupt coordinating. Will need volunteer chefs for each breakfast and supper meal. Meal's will be \$5.00 per person per meal. Contact Kathy at knc615@windstream.net, or at 706-782-6954 to book a meal reservation or to volunteer to be one of the guest chefs.

Nov. 7 (Sat) NGTO Fall Fling. The event is held at the Buford Trout Hatchery from 9 am to 2 pm. Raffle items, technical assistance, fly tying, experts on hand for various technical issues. Click [here](#) for more info.

Nov. 10 (Tues) Monthly BOD meeting. American Legion Hall in Mountain City. Meeting starts at 6:30; all are welcome!! We are testing the location for future meetings so come join us and share some feedback.

Dec. 5 (Sat) Quarterly Georgia TU meeting. This meeting will be hosted by the US Forest Service from 9 am to 12 pm at the US Forest Service office in Gainesville, GA.

Dec. 8 (Tues) Christmas Dinner. Rabun Manor starting at 6pm. Save the date.

JANUARY 23, 2016 RABUN RENDEZVOUS!! SAVE THE DATE!!

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Matching the Hatch: brought to you from many ole Rabunites who have spent countless hours fishing and trudging along river banks, tying flies, casting, overcoming weather, bugs, and no telling what else to bring you this recorded, tried and true valued information.



October fly of the month:

By: Terry Rivers

Hook: # 12 SCUD HOOK

Head: 1/8 BRASS BEAD

Body: 2 COLORS OF GLOBUG
EGG YARN

Y 2 K

THE DH IS SOON APPROACHING US.
ITS A GREAT TIME TO HAVE SOME OF
THESE IN YOUR FLY BOX FRESH STOCK
FISH SEEM TO LOVE THEM. BUT LATER ON YOU HAVE TO
GO BACK TO MATCHING THE HATCH.

See ya on the river!

To view a Hatch Chart for all month click [Hatch Chart](#)

More tips and helpful information from Dredger and other Georgia DNR fisheries staff. Click [here](#) for the latest reports.



How's the river? Click on the name of the river to check water levels.

[Chattooga Level](#)

[Tallulah River Level](#)

[Nantahala](#)

[Little Tennessee](#)

[NOAA: Georgia](#)



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

Tips, Trips, and More:

A Fishing story that will make you both jealous and hungry! Check out this NGTO member report about a recent Brook Trout outing!

Click [Here](#)

Fishing in the fall with the leaves in the river can present a different set of challenges. Read this great article [here](#) from Field and Stream with some great tips & information on fall fishing.

CHATTOOGA RIVER ANGLER'S DIARY

After a day on the Chattooga please fill out this brief survey so agencies can compile information and continue to improve angling experiences. THANKS!

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR DIARY.

How bad you got it?



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DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!



John McGarity -
owner and host of
the 2016 Dream Trip

"The 2016 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."

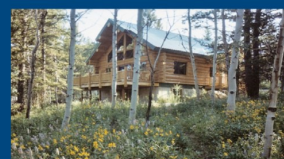
-Jimmy Harris,
owner, Unicoi Outfitters

• 5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 24- 30, 2016

- \$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

RUNNER UP PRIZES:

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

- TFO BVK 4 wt. or 5 wt. 9' fly rod. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- TFO BVK reel. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- Fly box with 6 dozen + trout flies. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- AFFS gift certificate for a fly fishing or fly casting class during 2016. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- A private fly casting lesson including digital casting analysis and video analysis (this donation would apply to those mastering basic casting skills already). Donated by The 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. Winner or partner must pay for second person (\$3995/5 day trip & \$5395/9 day trip individual rate). <http://www.kasba.com>. Donated by the Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada. Best dates for fly fishing are June 28 to July 6, 2016. Contact Mack Martin for arrangements.
- Two nights at the Fire Fly Lodge and a full day of unguided trout fishing on either Hothouse Creek trophy trout stream or the Toccoa River from Firefly's private frontage. <http://www.fireflyfishinglodge.com>
- Custom made 5 or 8 weight, 9 foot fly rod made by Matt Walters. Walters Fly Rod - 9', 8WT, 4PC Cinder Creek or 9', 5WT, 4PC Chattahoochee Fly Rod (Winner's Choice - Rod descriptions can be found at <http://www.waltersflyrods.com>)
- Half day guided float trip for two on Chattahoochee River. Donated by Chris Scalley - River Through Atlanta
- Half day guided fishing trip for two with Henry Cowan... Donated by Henry Cowan
- Unguided half day fishing at Nacoochee Bend for two fishermen... Donated by Unicoi Outfitters
- Two fly boxes of 6 dozen trout flies donated by 12 TU chapters in Georgia.



Jimmy Harris owner of Unicoi Outfitters



Recent winner - Monty English - Rabun Chapter member



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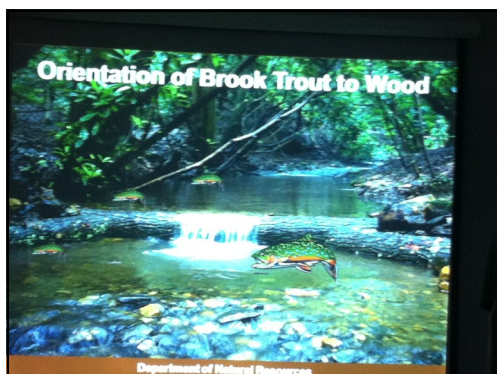
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Back Casting

The Rabun TU monthly meeting was held on Thursday September 18, 2015 at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. We had a great turn out for the great program presented by Ga DNR Senior biologist Anthony Rabern. Anthony gave a great program about how we have helped the brook



trout population and how DNR is going to try to enhance its growth even further. We also raised \$66.00 for the Chapter and elected in our new board members. The members are as follows: There were no nominations from the floor so the vote was taken & passed that Ray Gentry and David Ruth are the new

Board members through 2019, replacing 2015 retiring members Jim Kidd and Frank Patton. Also, Kathy Breithaupt will be the new Secretary, replacing Wayne Prosser. And finally, Larry Walker will step in to replace Jim Kidd in the Advocacy area as a non-voting Board member.



Outdoor Adventure Day (OAD) was a little more adventuresome than usual....it RAINED!! However, since there was no lightning and the rain was just a slow drizzle, the show went on. Almost 600 participants showed up to see wild animals (snakes and birds of prey), shoot skeet, fly cast, tie flies, fish for trout, and try a little archery...all in the great outdoors. Georgia DNR, along with about 100 volunteers, has put on this annual event for about ten years. Rabunite Jeff Durniak, DNR Fisheries Supervisor for the Northern Region, is one of the driving forces for this day that gives kids and adults a chance to enjoy many outdoor sporting events. Some families show up every year to experience a day filled with adventure. Our chapter supports the event and this year provided bottled water for all participants.

As always, several members of Rabun Trout Unlimited volunteered to help pass along our love for life in the wilds. This year the following Rabunites gave of their time and talents: Ray and Patsy Gentry, Ralph and Sandy Morgan (all the way from St. Marys!!), Wayne Prosser, Landon Williams, and Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt.

Put it on your calendar for next year...the last Saturday in September. Be part of something good!!

Kathy & Charlie Breithaupt



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A shared personal experience story from a volunteer at the Unicoi Outdoor Adventure Day.

Outdoor Adventure Day 2015 by Brian Weeks

Despite the threat of rain, over 700 outdoor adventurers came out for this year's 14th annual OAD at Unicoi State Park. The event's many activities - including fly tying, skeet shooting, fly casting, wildlife exhibits, face painting, archery, air rifles, and trout fishing (whew!) - all moved forward as planned.

The high for the day was an overcast 68 degrees F, with off and on drizzle. The water was cooler than weeks gone by thanks to fall having set in, and was cloudy due to the previous days' rain.

All day long the crowds enjoyed the adventure that each booth had to offer. Smiles and fun were had by all!

But now, I'd like to zoom in and focus on a particular family that I had the privilege of working with all day.

My day as a volunteer started first thing in the morning with Steve and his nine year old daughter, Audrey - two enthusiastic anglers new to fly fishing. While we fished, Jennifer (Audrey's mom) and Colin (Audrey's brother) were going to do their own thing and enjoy the multitude of other activities available throughout the day.

Steve and Audrey explained to me that the skill they most wanted to work on that day was casting, but that the ultimate and definitely most important goal of the day was to help Audrey catch her first trout ever. What Audrey didn't know was that her dad was planning on letting Audrey pick out her very own sling pack as a reward once she caught her first trout. So, with all of that in mind, we began the day.

First up was stocking. Shortly after the day's events officially began, Audrey helped the DNR stock Smith Creek with some nice-sized browns and rainbows.



Once the creek had been stocked, we took to the water to begin the day's lessons. Steve and Audrey worked on their water haul casting, drag-free drifts, stealth, setting indicator depths, adding and removing split shot, and reading trout lies. While they devoted their time and attention to these fundamentals, the big question remained . . . *Would it pay off to-day?*

We didn't cover much water in the morning. The stream was crowded and the fish were being pounded - two big factors working against Audrey. Several hours in and no fish, only learning.

We broke for a meal and to game plan our afternoon approach. Over barbecue, we discussed coming out of the gate after lunch with less teaching and more fishing - all in search of Audrey's elusive first trout.

Once lunch was over, we dropped back into the creek, covering water at a much quicker pace. Catching her first trout became our all-consuming goal. Over the course of the next couple of hours, we had covered a good

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Outdoor Adventure Day 2015 by Brian Weeks cont..

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Once lunch was over, we dropped back into the creek, covering water at a much quicker pace. Catching her first trout became our all-consuming goal. Over the course of the next couple of hours, we had covered a good bit of the creek and had almost reached the dam - but Audrey's net was still empty.

Now, remember, Audrey's nine. She's still hasn't caught a trout today. Six hours in and . . . nothing. (Most of us adults would have bailed by now, amen?) She's listened all day. She's followed instruction all day. She's asked brilliant follow-up questions. She's given it the best any nine year old could - or heck, any adult for that matter. But still . . . no trout. And yet, committed as ever, she maintained her attitude of expectancy. Not one single complaint. Did I mention she's nine?

After reaching a really nice looking run with overhanging rhododendron lining the opposite bank up near the dam, we decided to make this our last stop. It was nearing the end of the day's events and Jennifer and Colin were now patiently waiting in the car. Audrey gave it some casts, and nothing. We rotated through five different flies trying to key in on what these trout (that had been hammered for the past six hours) were now looking for - if anything. Audrey was determined (and I was in prayer mode!). Netting her first trout would simply be the perfect ending to the day's hard work. As a last ditch effort, we cut off both of her nymphs, took off her indicator, and swapped her over to a dry-dropper: a hopper with a rainbow warrior dropped off the back.

Audrey knew what to do. She knew where to start her flies downstream in order for them to hit her target upstream. She had been practicing her water haul cast all day. Putting into action all of her newfound skills, she set her flies into their starting position, water hauled upstream to the head of the run, and no sooner than her dropper hit the water - BAM!!! Audrey set the hook and the fight was on! Now up until this point, we hadn't talked about landing fish one bit. But, somehow, some way, instinctively, Audrey just knew what to do. She kept pressure on the fish as she began stripping in line. She whipped that fish in no time. After a short battle underneath the rhododendron, she lifted her rod over her head, pulled her quarry across the stream into the net, and posed for a picture with her well-earned, VERY FIRST

TROUT - a nine-inch brown!!!

Special credit goes to Steve, Jennifer, and Colin for being so committed to Audrey's success. And awesome job Audrey! You earned it!!!



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Letters to Rabun TV

June 15, 2015

Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
P.O. Box 371
Clayton, Georgia 30525

Re: Donation for Smithgall Woods Education Program

Dear Chapter Members,

Thank you so much for your most generous donation of \$2500 to Smithgall Woods Outdoor Education Program. I can assure you that the money will be spent wisely as we continue to expand and improve both our onsite and outreach programming. Students continue to enjoy seining for the macroinvertebrates in our Stream Ecology activity, which still ranks first in our onsite programming. Onsite numbers decreased somewhat this year due to a loss of teaching staff and a dwindling volunteer base; however, I continued to hit the road as often as possible with outreach (Snakes, Arachnids, Birds of Prey, Animal Adaptations and Toothpick Fish) and loved every minute of it! Our numbers for 2014/2015 are approximately 18,000, and hopefully will continue to flourish even after my retirement. Needless to say, your continued support and generosity are deeply appreciated. On a more personal note, please extend my love and gratitude with a huge smile and "thank you" to all your members for the very unexpected retirement gifts I received at the graduation ceremony. Needless to say, I was touched by your kind words and thoughtfulness. I have been blessed in having the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people, and I thank God for the best "job" anyone could ever hope to experience!

Sincerely,



Sheila Humphrey
Wildlife Interpretive Specialist
Smithgall Woods Conservation Center

Thanks so much for
your generosity and on-going
support! Let Damar & me
know when we can come down
and present at a meeting.
Thanks again &
Best wishes
- Franklin

Rabantes!

You all are the best. Thanks
so much for the donation. It
will be leveraged many times over.
And looking forward to
sending down some good stuff
for the Rendezvous!!
Tight Lanes! Damar

From:
Reeves Hardware
Dillard Store

Thank yall for being a
part of our 20th Anniversary
and customer appreciation
day. Your attendance and
display added to the
success of the day.
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership: 185 members, 28 life members, 12 stream explorers

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Jackie Hill, Carl & Kathy Kleinstuber, Jason LeBlanc, Larry Peevy, Tom Shirley and Ron Wilson.

Time to renew your membership: Broderick & Michele Crawford, Kevin Lash, Dave Schmidt and Justin Strynchuk.

Rabunite member Ray Gentry has submitted his paperwork for smallest fish ever caught by a highly skilled angler!



Member Classifieds

The following equipment is offered for sale by Peter Croes. He can be reached via VolMan0001@Gmail.com or 863/944-8312. All are in excellent like new condition!

1. **WINSTON:** Boron III-LS 2WT 7' 4-piece w/factory Tube & Custom Rod/Reel Travel Case (Used Once) **\$475.00.**
2. **GREYS:** Streamflex XF2 (GROXF2SF104) 4WT 10' 4-piece Factory Tube (Used Twice) **\$185.00.**
3. **HMH Exhibition Fly Tying Vice** All the features of the HMH Standard plus: Micro, Omni and Magnum Jaws, Tube Conversion Tool, Large Nickel Plated Locking Cam Lever, Solid Brass Pedestal Base, C-clamp Kit, Bobbin Rest, Profile Plate, Black HMH Road Trip Tyer's Bag, HMH's Lifetime Guarantee, barely used (\$785.00); and the **HMH Tube Vise Converter** (\$64.95) [Combined MSRP \$849.95] used for photo and 1 Rabun TU fly tying session **\$475.00.**

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 calendar of events.



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