



Tight Lines

September 2015 Newsletter of the
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited
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“Most fishermen swiftly learn that it’s a pretty good rule never to show a favorite spot to any fisherman you wouldn’t trust with your wife.”

John Voelker

**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 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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Notes from the President

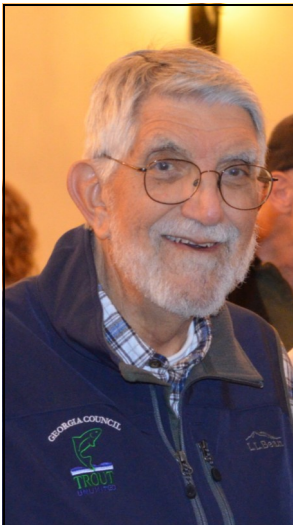


In this week's fishing report, our Fearless Fisheries Leader, Jeff Durniak, suggested that, at this time of the year, we need to be "hunters" when fishing- stalking our prey very carefully. Well, that also applies to the Chapter's current situation of being HOMELESS. Before we make a final decision on any option, we need to explore all of our options. So, if you have an idea of where we can establish a permanent home at little or no cost, and have weather-protected storage for our camping, fly-tying, raffle, & Rendezvous supplies, I need to hear from you ASAP! Charlie Breithaupt, Terry Rivers, & David Ruth are the three-man committee who have volunteered to check out suggested meeting places, so you can contact them as well with your ideas.

And, speaking of being a "hunter", Ray King has begun assigning solicitations for the coming Rendezvous. Last year's Rendezvous did not bring in enough for the Chapter to operate with a positive budget plan. I encourage you to hunt through your "stuff" for raffle and silent auction items, as well as look to those you deal with on a regular basis for donations. And NOW is the time to solicit those items, while businesses are doing well. Our September meeting will be the final meeting for you to nominate our officers and directors for the coming year. After any additional nominations are fielded, we will vote. As it stands right now, Kathy Breithaupt has been nominated as Secretary to replace outgoing Wayne Prosser; Ray Gentry and David Ruth have been nominated to replace outgoing Board members Jim Kidd and Frank Patton; and finally, Larry Walker has accepted the position vacated by Jim Kidd as our Advocacy Chair. Thank you to all who have stepped up. Finally, please check out the Forward Casting dates for meetings and activities. For the time being, Chapter meeting locations will be sent out a week prior to the meeting as an addendum to Tight Lines. Plus, there is plenty going on during September through the end of the year. Your Chapter needs you to step up and participate. Be a HUNTER! It's fall, but don't fall down on our mission.

Steve

Our great friend and fellow fisherman, Garland "Griz" Stewart passed away on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. Griz was surrounded by his family as he drifted out of this world and on to the next fishing trip. Griz served on multiple levels for Trout Unlimited. Not only always giving of his time, Griz donated many of his hand-made creations to chapters across the state for their fund raising efforts. He was a true craftsman. He loved wood working including making really unique pens and custom building fly rods.



He also of course loved fly fishing and sharing his knowledge with others. Griz coined the phrase for our own Rabun Rendezvous. **"As always I am looking forward to the Rendezvous, it's like a big old family reunion."** Garland Stewart.

Thanks for everything Griz that you ever did for the ole Rabunites! We will treasure the memories! We'll catch up you later around the bend.



Follow this link [here](#) for several photos of Griz through the years!

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Forward Casting Calendar

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. Unless notified different, meeting will be at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall. No 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. 19 (Sat) "Tie-1-On" Bass Pro Shop. Volunteers needed. Contact Terry Rivers.

Sept. 24 (Thurs) Monthly BOD meeting. Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Meeting starts at 6:30; all are welcome!!

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

Oct. 10 (Sat) Georgia Women Flyfishers host Casting for Confidence at Frog Hollow for Breast Cancer survivors. More information on page 4.

Oct. 15 (Thurs) Regular monthly meeting. Details of meeting to come.

Oct. 22 (Thurs) Monthly BOD meeting. Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Meeting starts at 6:30; all are welcome!!

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.

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 not telling what else to bring you this recorded, tried and true valued information.



September fly of the month:



This will quickly become one of your favorites!! Can't go wrong using it as a dropper. Works great in slower water where midges are accounting for the biggest food sources for trout.

TH Zebra Midge

Hook: #14 - 22

Thread: 8/0 black or olive

Body: Tying thread or floss

Rib: fine silver wire

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](#)



September 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:

Check out this great report from Rabunite Brian Weeks who did a recent blue lining trip in North Georgia. He posted his story with NGTO. Click [here](#) for his



“Don’t Let Go of the Fly Line in Your Rod Hand During the Hook Set”

A wise tip from Louis Cahill over at Gink and Gasoline. Read this informative piece from his blog by clicking [here](#)!

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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Rabunite Fishing Reports

Pat and Doug's 2015 Western Fishing Trip Report: By Pat Hopton, Past Prez

On Saturday, Aug 19 Doug Adams, aka The Old Man, and myself departed Rabun Gap, GA on our annual trip to destinations "west of Hiawassee".

These trips are a necessary treatment for an ailment known as the "Rocky Mountain Fever", of which Doug and I are severely affected.

After a brief delay in Dillard, we made the two day drive across the Midwest with no problems. On our first night in the Rocky Mountains, at slightly over 10,000 feet in elevation, we looked up in awe at the Milky Way and countless stars strewn across the night sky. The Treatment had begun!

Our first day in the Rockies began with "collecting fodder" in a small creek.

Collecting fodder means to catch – and keep! – enough small brookies to make several meals of "crispy critters" for the next several days.

We then continued our drive westward to a Forest Service campground in a grove of trees alongside a good-sized river. We didn't quite make it to the campground before stopping alongside the Forest road to sleep.

We were awakened early the next morning by a banging on the camper door. It was Rabunite Kyle Burrell! He had heard we were going to be in the area and, since he had the next three days off, came looking for us.

Our first day fishing with Kyle involved taking his drift boat across a beautiful lake to an incredible brook trout stream in an equally incredibly beautiful valley. Unfortunately the mountains were shrouded in smoke from the wildfires in Washington State, and the smoke would not lift for our entire trip. The next day was spent with me and Kyle fishing the headwaters of another river. The catching started slow,

and Kyle and I even considered calling it quits. But we fished further on and soon started catching 14-16" cutthroat trout! It was an awesome day of fishing and catching. That evening we had a wonderful dinner with Kyle, Butch Martin, and some other area guides at Butch's cabin.

Kyle then treated us to a day of driftboat fly fishing trip down a well-known local river. I never thought I would see The Old Man in a boat but I did and I have the pictures to prove it! Although the catching was slow, it was steady and good.

The final day with Kyle was spent fishing the river near our campsite in the grove of trees. Thanks, Kyle, for treating us to some great fishing and

hospitality!

Doug and then I drove eastward to a private campground where we took hot showers and had burgers and beer for supper. We then went to our final destination, an abandoned Forest Service campground on a river known for its Trico hatches in late August. While there we met an old friend, Automatic Bob.

While there we caught many fish, including browns and rainbows. Doug honed his new wading and casting skills to catch trout – using a size #20 Trico spinner!

After our days there we made an uneventful drive home, arriving back at Rabun Gap on Sunday, August 30. The Treatment was complete and sufficient for another year.

Whaaaaa Whooooooooo!!!



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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 Dahlonga, Georgia. This is done 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

Earlier this summer Georgia DNR along with other agencies and many volunteers conducted the annual Chattooga River Sampling. Check out this brief video of everyone working that day. Click [here](#) for the video.



The Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited presents an annual award for Youth Education named in memory of chapter member Ned Rand who passed away a couple of years ago. Ned was always very active in youth events, especially with Trout Unlimited and the Boy Scouts. This year's recipients of the Ned Rand Award are Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt of the Rabun Chapter for their years of work with the Georgia Trout Camp. The presentation was made recently at the Blue Ridge Chapter's fund raiser. Serendipitously, Charlie reflected that he and Ned had been members of the same Cub Scout troop in Atlanta in the late 1940's. Their paths had crossed once in Trout Unlimited events. Small world!!



MARTIN BRANCH WORKDAY Multi-chapter work days are the way to go. New friends are made, old acquaintances are renewed and a lot of good work gets done. Such was the case as the Upper Chattahoochee Chapter led the work day on Martin Branch, a tributary of the Chattahoochee just north of Helen. Workers from several chapters, including The Rabun Chapter, gathered, built structures, then enjoyed a barbeque lunch provided by the UCCTU. Rabunites Frank and Gail Tolbert, Jim Kidd, Charlie Breithaupt, Jerry McFalls with Boy Scouts Trey McFalls and Garrett Duncan were there working alongside other TU volunteers. As always, DNR and Forest Service personnel were there to lead the way. It was gratifying to see a couple of Trout Camp graduates there using their skills and knowledge learned at camp.

We ARE making a difference.

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Back Casting

Rabunites held their regular monthly meeting back on Thursday, August 20 at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker was Mark Sparrow with the Georgia Forestry Commission. Mark gave a very informative program about being firewise. He gave us great tips in his discussion regarding urban/woodlands and ways to reduce the threat of forest fires destroying homes. We had a great turn out despite our different location. We were able to also conduct our meeting raffle to raise money for newsletter receipts that don't have email and other chapter items. Many of the donors to the raffle remain anonymous, but one of the most sought after items is the fresh eggs donated every month now from Rabunite Justin English. Thanks Justin!!



In the News

A few minutes of your time can make a difference x2

Your input is truly needed and you can help our Chapter win a Winston Fly Rod to use in our fund raising efforts. So please take a few minutes and help out in more ways than one. Deadline is Monday September 14th! THANKS !!

Dear TU Members in Georgia:

There has been much said about climate change, what is causing it and to what extent it will effect the cold water fisheries in the United States and in particular in Georgia. Moreover, there have been surveys taken with very limited data from opinions on the real and perceived effects of climate change.

You are receiving this brief, but important survey with hopes that you will take time to complete it and allow the opinions from Georgia TU members to be heard. The Georgia Council will use the information gathered to help drive our strategies and priorities in our future conservation efforts.

Upon completion of the survey **the Georgia TU chapter with the greatest member percentage response will receive a Winston fly rod of their choice** to use in their next fund raising event. And the runner up will get a nice prize too!

Please take a few moments to compete this short survey. Thank you for your time.

Click on the blue highlighted area to take the survey! [Take the GA Council Climate Change Survey](#)

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In the News

Upper Little Tennessee Watershed Plan: Draft Plan Available for Review

Last June, the City of Dillard received a 319(h) grant from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources to develop an approved 9 Element Watershed Plan in the Upper Little Tennessee River watershed in Rabun County, Georgia.

A watershed restoration plan is a voluntary, collaborative process that provides a roadmap for communities to systematically identify water quality problems and make suggestions for ways to address these problems. The draft plan is now available for review and comment at littletnplan.com. Watershed residents and those with an interest in the upper Little Tennessee River are encouraged to review the plan. Comments can be made via the website as well.

Paper copies of the plan are also available at Dillard City Hall: 706-746-5891.

Thank you,

Jenny Sanders

Broadfork Consulting

864.647.4514

NOTE: Jenny was our June meeting presenter and she discussed this very topic.

Search Tool for Trout Anglers

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has developed a new online search tool for anglers who are interested in fishing for trout in western North Carolina.

Using the Public Mountain Trout Waters Search, anglers can find places to fish for trout by county or by regulation classification. Waters in the commission's Public Mountain Trout Waters Program fall into one of seven classifications, each with its own set of regulations: Delayed Harvest Trout Waters; Hatchery Supported Trout Waters; Catch-and-Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters; Catch-and-Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters; Wild Trout Waters; Wild Trout / Natural Bait Waters; and Special Regulation Trout Waters.

After anglers enter their search criteria, they can sort results alphabetically by county, classification and stream name. When they have identified a water of interest, they can click on the map link, which takes them to an interactive map that zooms directly to the selected water. The search tool also provides

a link to additional information about rules, regulations, and season dates specific to selected waters. Anglers also can download and print a list of waters within their search, along with rules and regulations, to take with them when fishing.

"Through this new search tool, we wanted to provide anglers with a new way to explore the numerous public mountain trout waters the commission manages in western North Carolina," said Jacob Rash, the commission's coldwater research coordinator. "By allowing anglers to customize their search, establishing direct linkages to maps, and providing a diversity of information throughout the search tool and associated maps, we are optimistic that anglers will find it easier to go trout fishing."

The new search tool can be accessed in several locations on the commission's website, including the Trout Fishing Page, which also provides additional information about trout fishing resources and destinations in North Carolina.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership: 187 members, 28 life members, 9 stream explorers

Welcome New Members: Hugh Harper! Hope to see you on the river soon!

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Doug Adams, Doug Mansfield, James Nixon, Larry Peevy and Tom Shirley.

Time to renew your membership: Allison Adams, Eugene Pipkin, Cody Story and Ron Wilson.

Time to elect officers and board members!

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.

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.**

Our deepest condolences go out to our President Steve Perry and his family on the loss of his stepmother in Maryland following a brief illness. She passed away on September 7th. Please keep Steve, Liz and family in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

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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Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2015

Voting Board of Directors :

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