



# Tight Lines

April 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/>

**"If all politicians fished instead of spoke publicly, we would be at peace with the world." Will Rogers**

## **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**

Check out this neat article about  
catching wild trout.

Very informative! Click below

[Catching wild trout tips](#)

**Congratulations to our friends over at  
Unicoi Outfitters, Jimmy Harris and  
the entire staff on being recognized by  
Trout Unlimited as a Gold Level  
Business Member.  
Well deserved !!**

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# WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???

**By: Terry Rivers**  
APRIL FLY OF THE MONTH 2015



**LIGHT CAHILL**

**HOOK: : 16/10 DRY FLY HOOK**

**TAIL: FIBERS FROM WHITE HACKLE OR CREAM**

**BODY: CAHILL DUBBING**

**WING: WOOD DUCK HACKLE**

**THORAX: WHITE /CREAM HACKLE**

Have some of these tied up in size 10 during the month of May especially during our May camp out for the Green Drake hatch. Also if you plan to fish till Dark Thirty have some Coffin Flies also.

**" SEE YOU ON THE RIVER"**

## April Hatches

THE BUGS	TIME OF MONTH	TIME OF DAY	SUGGESTED FLIES
None at all	All month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Midges	All month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Blue Quill Mayfly	Early	L am to M pm	16-18 Blue Quill, BWO, or Blue Dun 16-18 Prince or Pheasant Tail
March Brown Mayfly (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm	12-14 March Brown or Adams Para- chute 10-14 March Brown Nymph, Dark Hare's Ear or Pheasant Tail
Quill Gordon Mayfly	Early	L am to M pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12-14 Quill Gordon Nymph
Cream Caddis (Very Important)	All Month	Mid day to Late pm	12 -14 Elk-hair Caddis 12 - 14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
Yellow Stonefly	Late	E to L am & L pm to dark	14-16 Yellow Stimulator or Elk Hair Caddis (Yellow) & 14-16 Yellow Stone Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly (Important)	Late	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph

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

**April 16 (Thurs):** TU Regular monthly meeting. Starts at 5pm with fly tying. Our very special speaker is Mr. Dark Thirty himself. Considered a pro for the dark thirty time of year do miss this presentation by past Prez Pat Hopton. So much great information you don't want to miss this presentation.



**April 17-19 (Fri - Sun):** TU 2015 Southeast Regional Meeting. For more info [click here](#).

**April 23 (Thurs):** Rabun TU monthly BOD meeting at the TU/Scout hut beginning at 6:30. All are welcome.

**April 25 (Sat):** 25th anniversary celebration at the Dillard Reeves Hardware in which we will be there from 10:00 till 2:00 selling raffle tickets, talking about TU to other guests there to help Reeves celebrate their anniversary.

**May 6-10 (Wed - Sun):** Our annual spring camp out at Cherry Hill Camp Ground. For more information see page 4.

**May 16 (Sat):** Quarterly meeting of the Georgia TU council. Rabun Chapter is hosting the meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church.

**May 19 (Tues):** Our annual Scouts Day spring fishing and cook out at Indian Lake. This takes the place of our regular monthly meeting. So everyone plan on coming and enjoying the evening with the scouts.

**May 28 (Thurs):** Rabun TU monthly BOD meeting at the TU/Scout hut beginning at 6:30. All are welcome.

**May 30 (Sat):** Betty's Creek Stream Improvement. Getting the stream ready for Trout Camp! **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!** Contact Charlie Breithaupt if you can help.

**June 7-12 (Sun-Fri)** Georgia Trout Unlimited Trout Camp 2015. Rabun Gap Nacoochee School. If you plan on volunteering you need to get in touch with Charlie & Kathy Breithaupt to get the link to do the background check.

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**IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL SPRING CAMP OUT**  
**MAY 6 - 10, 2015**  
**CHERRY HILL CAMPGROUND**  
**Make your reservations online for your camp site**

If you're planning to come to the chapter camp out get in touch with Terry Rivers by April 28th.

He will need to know the days you will be there and meals you plan to eat. We will only have 2 meals per day, breakfast & supper. Lunch is on your own and snacks to take to river is your responsibility. We will try to serve supper by 5:30 PM so people can fish till dark. Terry will be assigning meals to people for the number of people that will be eating that meal, the chapter will provide paper products.

You need to provide your own drinks and your own water. Terry will be leaving the 4th of May so please contact him by 28th April so he can email you back for the meals you are responsible for if you are a volunteer chef. We will have the cooking gear set up. People that plan to come for just the day and plan to eat at all, get in touch with Terry so he will have a head count to give each guest chef on the meal they will be preparing. Each meal is \$5 bucks. You pay the \$5 to the person cooking.

Contact Terry Rivers at [tlr1121@windstream.net](mailto:tlr1121@windstream.net)

Or give him a call at:

706-782-7419

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## **Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited Fly Rod & Sage Reel Raffle**

**Winston 9', 4 piece, 5 wt., BIII-x  
Boron/Graphite rod & Sage 3250 reel**

**Raffle tickets \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00**

*Drawing will be July 16, 2015 at  
the Rabun TU chapter picnic.*



Tickets available at the  
monthly meetings, from  
Kent Wilson and other  
board members or swing  
by Crawford Art Gallery  
if you're in town and  
need tickets.



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## BACK CASTING

On Saturday, March 21st, twenty-two candidates to become “trout bums” gathered at the Rabun County Rec Center to learn enough to really get started in fly fishing for trout. After sessions in Casting (taught by Dave Humphrey), Knot Tying (taught by Terry Rivers and Jimmy Whiten), Entomology (taught by Shelia Humphrey and Frank Tolbert) and Equipment (taught by Steve Perry), the well-educated anglers headed out with visions of trout dancing in their heads.



First offered back in 2007, Rabunite 101 has taught over 150 anglers the basics of the sport we all love. Hopefully all will continue to fish and learn and love and protect our cold water resources here in Georgia and everywhere. Thanks to other Rabunites who helped make this event a big success: Wayne Prosser, Mike Fuller, Ray King, Michele Crawford, Kent Wilson and Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt who put it all together.



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## BACK CASTING

The Georgia State Council meeting was held last month. Kathy Breithaupt got to open the meeting. Following the meeting President Steve Perry took the opportunity to present to various chapters a donation from the Rabun Chapter for them to use at their upcoming Fund Raising event.



Steve Perry presents a framed Broderick Crawford Trout Print to Coosa Valley President Paul DiPrima.



Steve Perry presents a Broderick Crawford framed trout print to Cohutta Chapter President Rodney Tumlin.



Steve Perry presents a framed trout print by Broderick Crawford to Middle Ga. Chapter President Justin Souma.



Steve Perry presents a framed trout print by Broderick Crawford to the Foothills Chapter co President Robert Rivers.



Steve Perry presents a framed Broderick Crawford trout print to Blue Ridge Chapter Representative Ralph Artigliere.

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## BACK CASTING

Rabun TU held their regular monthly meeting back on Thursday March 19, 2015. We had a great crowd that showed up to learn all about Drop-shotting for Trout from one of our favorite presenters, Unicoi Outfitters assistant manager Jake Darling.



Jake taught our group all about this new technique he has perfected to land more fish while losing less flies.



Rabun TU held their regular monthly Board of Directors meeting on Thursday March 26, 2015. Many topics were discussed including the spring campout, equipment, Rabunite 101 review and the Rod Raffle. The chapter also voted on and selected our two kids for Trout Camp. We are excited to have Madilyn Tolbert and Will Smart representing Rabun TU at Trout Camp 2015!

Congratulations to Madilyn and Will !!!  
WHAaaaaaaa WHOooooooooo!! Passing it on!!

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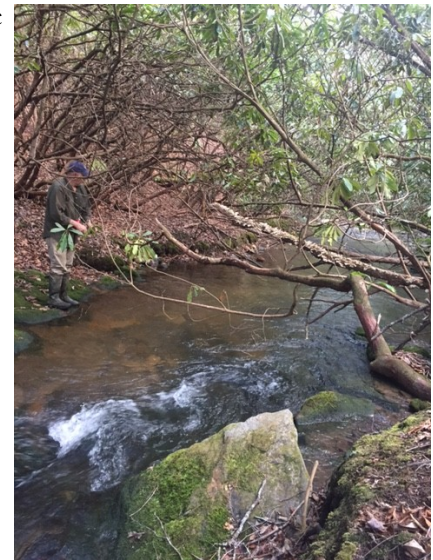
## Fishing Reports

**On Sunday March 15, 2015 Dredger and Tex hit the Chattooga River for great afternoon on the DH.**



On Tuesday March 31, 2015 Broderick and I took off to one of our old favorite wild brook trout stream. Every few years we have to grab the small Zebco's and get a few wax worms and go catch us a mess of trout to eat. We arrived at our destination and Broderick was disappointed cause there was another truck already there. "Darn, somebody has beat us into the hole." Oh well, I said, we're here so we're going. He was like a CSA investigator all the way. Trying to figure out one set of prints and what kind of shoe the person had on. After 30 minutes of hiking at a pretty good clip we came upon a very elderly gentleman. We stopped to say Hello, and then Broderick was excited. It was an guy from Tiger that he hadn't seen in years. He said he was told there was an old homestead back in the area and he was trying to see if he could find it. After some conversation he decided he better be heading back. He said at that point he had been walking for two and half hours. So Broderick and I hit it again for another 15 minutes before we got to the river.

One step in the river and I knew the fishing would be different. A creek that was always so shaded by mass hemlocks was loaded with sun. Water table was lower than usual, and algae all over the rocks. We fished hard and barely caught our limit. No where near the number bites or the size that we use to catch. After talking, we figured it had been about five years since we had been back in this location. Still beautiful, but sad about the changes to the stream. Anyway, we hiked out, drove back to town grabbed us a pizza and settled in on the deck for the evening. We enjoyed watching an early spring storm come in over Tiger mountain while we reminisced about our day. Broderick cleaned the trout and we put them in the freezer to share on another night with a special older gentleman from Tiger and his wife.



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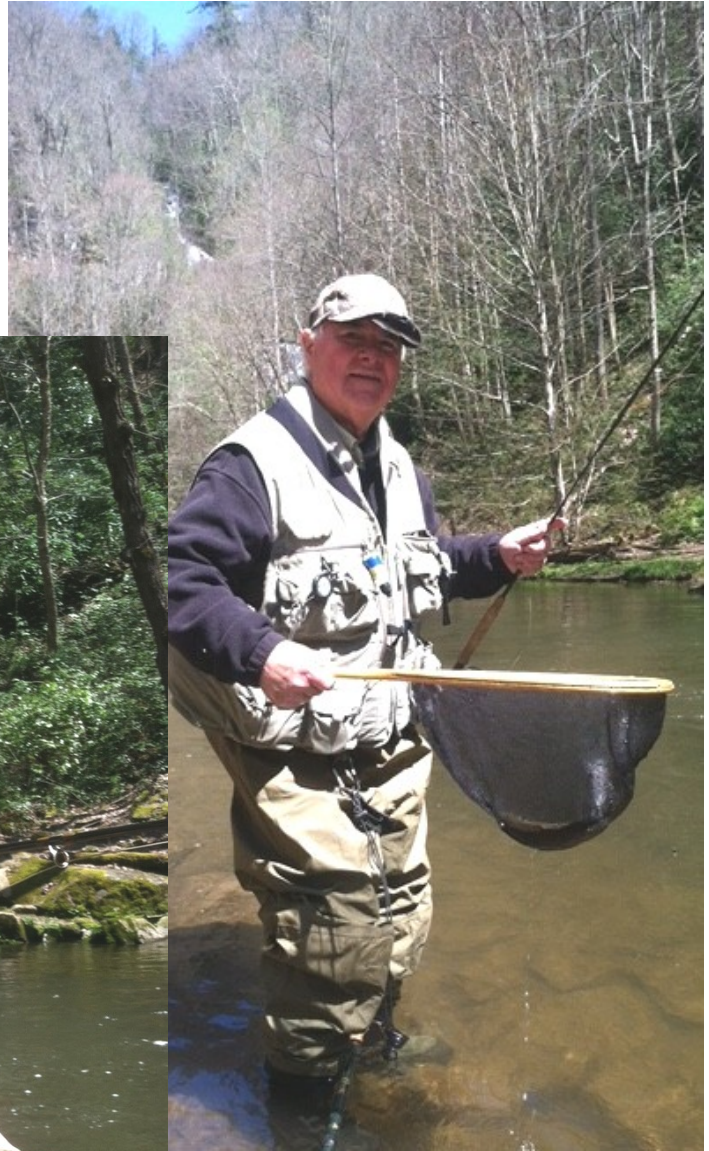
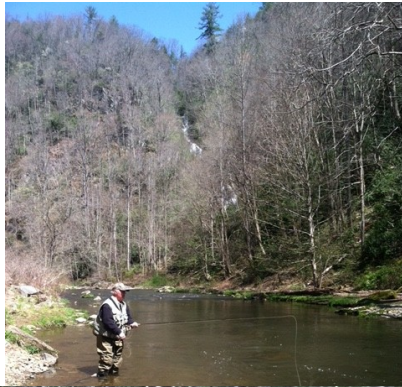
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## Fishing Reports

**ON THE SATURDAY BEFORE EASTER SUNDAY A MAN WENT FISHING: A MAN WHO HAS BATTLED BACK FROM SEVERE ILLNESS. A MAN WHO HAS HAD MANY PRAYERS ANSWERED! LOOK OUT TROUT AND OTHER FISHERMEN ! WHAaaaaaaa WHOOOooooooooooooo!**



Ray went with Jeff "Dredger" Durniak! So Thanks for the photos Jeff. What a great fishing story to share with the Rabunites !!

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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

**Current membership** is 189 members with 27 Life Members and 11 Stream Explorers.

**Thanks for re-upping your membership:** Brooks and Amanda Adams, Dean English, Glenn English, Wayne Gipson, Walter Godfrey, Mike Hamilton, Ray Hannah, Julie Kilby, Robert Larson, Emil Leum, Steve McCall, Nick McDougald, Tom Nixon, Charles Pennington, Ronald Robeson, and Phil Upchurch.

**It's time to renew your membership:** Chadwick Bryson, Steve Denman, Kim English, and Luke Justice

## Letters to Rabun TU :

The article on blast fishing was "Dyno-mite!". Sorry, could not help myself. But it did bring to mind my childhood when we discovered that cherry bombs and M-80s had waterproof fuses so taped to a rock or old spark plug they would sink. All our poor old Ohio river held were carp and suckers so on occasion we would have a blast fishing! (oops. did it again). The good news is the river survived and now holds a population of smallmouth and on my brother-in-law's farm a few miles out of town he has a pair of bald eagles nested. Point here being that with a little help, almost any open sewer of a river can come back. It may take 50 years, but it's well worth the wait and the effort!

Tight Lines,  
John Kies

This letter received following Rabunite 101

Charlie and Kathy,

Let me say that today was just great. You did a phenomenal job or organization, and each instructor was excellent, knew their material. Thanks so much for putting this on. I greatly enjoyed it.

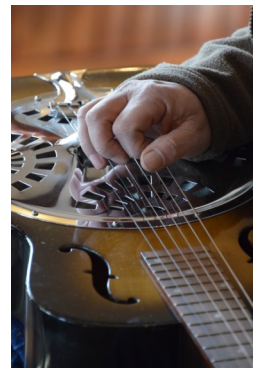
Stay well.

Alan W. Price

Feb. 2, 2015  
TO: Rabun County Chapter of Trout Unlimited,  
Rabun County DAV Chapter 15 would like  
to Thank your group for the donation you  
made to us in memory of Genus Kilby Nixon.  
We use money like this to Aid Veterans  
AND Widows of Veterans in distress.

*Douglas M. Wayne*  
*James H. Wade*

**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.**



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# Notes from the President



## THE STATE OF THE CHAPTER

I have now sat in this “presidential” seat for six months, and I continue to be amazed by the members’ willingness to step up when needed. Our membership roles are a good size, and our chapter nucleus is full of energy. We only have two problems that I see, and I need your help.

Problem number one: Why is it that our “active” membership only amounts to about thirty members? Why aren’t there others willing to step up and assume a small task for the chapter?

I would love to hear from any member why they can’t do one small thing toward our mission to conserve, protect and restore.

Problem number two: The Scout Hut is supposedly on the “chopping block” for destruction within a year. Why would the city of Clayton let the Scouts meet there, let them invest volunteer time, money, and sweat equity to improve the meeting place, and then tear the building down? Talk to you city fathers! It makes no sense to me.

On the positive side, our chapter is thriving, and very busy. Spring is here, and we have seen opening day come and go. Chapter activities have begun to pick up, with Rabunite 101 so well run by Charlie & Kathy; with Trout in the Classroom running for the first year with minimal bumps in the road (thank you Jerry & Michele); with our Spring campout right around the corner (Terry is substitute coordinator); with TU National Southeast Regional meeting in Asheville; the Georgia Council meeting in May right here in Rabun County; and Trout Camp in June. Our chapter is great, and we CAN DO BETTER if we can get an increase in participation, and if we can assist the Scouts in PERMANENT HOUSING. How can YOU help?

Thank you.

Steve

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## Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2015

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