



Tight Lines

March 2016 Newsletter of the
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited
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Rabun TU's Award Winning Web Site <http://rabuntu.org/site/>



"Often I have been exhausted on trout streams, uncomfortable, wet, cold, briar scarred, sunburned, mosquito bitten, but never, with a fly rod in my hand have I been less than in a place that was less than beautiful."

Charles Kuralt

**Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Join us for our regular monthly meetings.
Don't miss out on something GREAT!**

**Our Meeting Place is at Rabun
Gap Presbyterian church Fellowship Hall
On the third Tuesday of the month.**

**Social & Story telling (Truth or Lies) starts
At 6:30 pm, then at 7:00 - Program & Meeting.
The church is located just past Rabun Gap Nachoo-
chee School at 8397 Wolffork Road,
Rabun Gap, GA 30568.**

**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 mem-
bers without email and to raise money for a storage building. Bring an
item to donate and a dollar or two for raffle tickets.**

You Might WIN something !

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Notes from the President



Spring is Here!!

Spring is in the air, and for those who chose not to put on extra layers and fish with our Chapter Eskimos this winter, it's time to start organizing our fly box, repair our waders, lube our reels, and check the fly line. Once again, winter bit us in the butt, and our annual Rendezvous had to be postponed a week due to snow and ice and snow and ice! Good thing Elizabeth and I like each other, as we were stuck at home for five days.

Anyway, three cheers to Ray King and his committee for coordinating the rescheduling, to the Dillard House, the Foxfire Boys, and Ian and Charity for all being able to be available for the rescheduled day. We hosted 216 guests, and the Chapter did pretty well. Our annual Budget Meeting was able to spend more money than we had, thanks to VP Kent's precise (not) addition, so adjustments will have to be made. However, we will be able to honor our commitments, as in the past, and still leave next year's officers a small surplus to begin their year.

The next three months are very busy, and I encourage you to look at the Calendar. Please note that the Spring Campout dates have been changed. As I am on a plane to St. Louis, MO for a business meeting, I don't have all the dates, so thank you Michelle for updating the calendar for the next couple months. Many Chapters are beginning to have their fund raising events this Spring. They have always supported us at Rendezvous, so go to their events and support them. In addition, you will have a great time.

Finally, again, thank you to all for your support, encouragement, suggestions, and even the complaints. This is YOUR Chapter, and we ARE trying to make it better for everyone.

See you at The River.

Steve



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March 15 (Tues) Rabun TU regular monthly meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Social starts at 6:30 and meeting at 7 pm. Our own Rabunite “Dredger”, Jeff Durniak, will be the guest speaker. His program will be “Dredger's Dry/Dropper Secrets for Springtime Success.”

With possible record turnout for this informative meeting Jeff wanted to be sure everyone had a chance to learn the tip and tricks so as to experience some great spring fishing, so he included a web site for folks to check out to go along with his program. Access the link for the audio version [here](#) and the regular video version [here](#). Jeff is also starting a buddy list for fishing. Find out more about that on page 4.



March 19 (Sat) Rabunite 101. Beginning fly fishing Seminar. There is still room for a couple more students. If interested contact Charlie Breithaupt ASAP at 706-782-6954.

March 19 (Sat) Hoot on the Hooch. The annual fund raising event hosted by the Foothills Chapter. The event is held in Helen at the HELENDORF INN—33 MUNICH STRASSE. Doors open at 5 pm. BARBECUE—BLUEGRASS—SILENT AUCTION BUCKET RAFFLE—DREAM TRIP DRAWING \$30.

March 22, (Tues) Monthly BOD Meeting starts at 6:30. All are welcome. Meeting held at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church.

April 2, (Sat) NGTO Spring Fling at the Buford Trout Hatchery from 7 am to 2 pm. Casting Games, Bucket Raffles, Euro Nymphing 101 and much more. For more information click [here](#).

April 2, (Sat) The Chattooga River RoundUp. The annual fundraising event sponsored by the Chattooga River Chapter (SC) at the Keowee Key in the Magnolia Room starting at 6 pm. Great fun, food, raffles and fellowship with fellow TU'ers across the creek. For more info click [here](#).

April 19, (Tues) Regular monthly meeting of Rabun TU. Social starts at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00. See you there.

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April 16 (Sat) Gold Rush Fly Fishing Festival from 9 am to 5 pm at Frog Hollow. Come fish with us at our Fly Fishing Festival on April 16 at Frog Hollow Fly Fishing, a trophy trout stream on the Chestatee River. Frog Hollow Fly Fishing has donated the stream to our chapter for our Festival and we are offering you the opportunity to fish at a greatly reduced rate of \$25 for two hours of fly fishing. Great opportunity, but fishing slots are filling up fast. For more info click [here](#)!

April 20 - 24th (Wed - Sun) Annual Spring Camp Out. Once again we are at Oconee State Park. Sites are filling up fast since the great outdoors and fishing is getting very popular again. The Camp Host site is # 93. There is some sites around that still available. So check your calendar and book your site ASAP. Terry Rivers is the contact person for arranging our chef's for each meal. If you want to sign up to cook a meal contact Terry at 706-782-7419 or at tlr1121@windstream.net. Terry needs to know by April 15th. Our camping trips are always great times!!



April 26 (Tues) Monthly BOD Meeting starts at 6:30. All are welcome. Meeting held at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church.

April 29 - 30 (Fri - Sat) Blue Ridge Trout Fest and Outdoors Adventures. This is the inaugural event for the Blue Ridge Chapter. A two day fun and informative event in beautiful Blue Ridge, GA. Definitely a don't want to miss weekend of fun. For more info click [here](#)!

RABUN TU FISHING BUDDY LIST

From this day forward be a part of the official Jeff Durniak fishing buddy list. This is your chance to get to fish with one of the best. To join the buddy list just forward Jeff your contact info including email and cell phone number. Whenever Jeff takes a notion to head out fishing he will notify the buddy list contacts and from there you can join him whenever you can. Forward your information to Jeff at jeffdurniak@yahoo.com.

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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.



March fly of the month:

By: Terry Rivers

HOOK: 14/16 DRY FLY HOOK

TAIL: BROWN, GRIZZLY MIXED

BODY: BROWN GOOSE BIOTS PALMERED

WINGS: WOOD DUCK FIBERS

THORAX: BROWN/GRIZZLY HACKEL



It's that time for some dry fly action. Have some of these and nymphs tied up

SEE YA ON THE RIVER !!

MARCH BROWN



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](#)



March 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

Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles,
Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc

Various Times & Sizes

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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

Early Black Stone

All Month

Late AM & Mid PM

16-18 Black Elk-hair Caddis or Griffith's
Gnat
16-18 Black Stone Nymph

Cream Caddis
(Very Important)

Late

Mid am to Late pm

12 -14 Elk-hair Caddis
12 - 14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa

Quill Gordon (Important)

All Month

Late AM & Mid PM

12-14 Quill Gordon
12 Quill Gordon Nymph

**Not quiet ready to be a fly fisherman? Try
these alternatives for
catching trout.**



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Back Casting

Thanks to all who made the 2016 Rabun Rendezvous successful:

This year's Rabun Rendezvous presented a challenge from 'Old Man Winter'. We had to re-schedule the event due to the winter weather. Braving ice and snow was not worth the risk of anyone being injured or stranded. Thanks to the Dillard House, Foxfire Boys and our guest speakers, Ian and Charity Rutter and their children, Willow and Boone, for being flexible and available to allow a reschedule of the Rabun Rendezvous to the next Saturday, January 30th. In talking with the 'veterans' of the Rendezvous, it looks like the snow has only impacted us twice in our Rendezvous history. Thanks to all who were able to attend the rescheduled Rabun Rendezvous!

Rabun Rendezvous Donor List:

Doug and Eedee Adams; Johnny Amrine (Amrine Rentals); Bass Pro Shops – Lawrenceville, GA; Penny Bradley; Jordyn Ward; Unicoi State Park & Lodge; Michele and Broderick Crawford (Crawford Art Gallery); John Dillard, Jr. (Dillard House and Staff); Jeff Durniak (Smithgall Woods); Fortify Restaurant – Clayton, GA (Jack Nolan); Foxfire Boys (Wayne Gipson, Mike Hamilton, Steve McCall, Tom Nixon, Dean English, Filmer Kilby); Jimmy Harris (Unicoi Outfitters); Tammy and Pat Hopton; Vaughn Rogers - (Reeves Hardware – Dillard); Jim and Carolyn Kidd; Estate of Tom Landreth (June Landreth); LL Bean; Mack Martin (Atlanta Fly Fishing School); Frank and Susan Patton; Dale Powell; Jeff Reeves (Reeves Building Supply – Clayton); Lewis Reeves III (Reeves Hardware – Clayton); Terry and Emmilyn Rivers; Ron Robeson; Mike Sobaski; Estate of Garland "Griz" Stewart (Pat Stewart); Frank and Gail Tolbert; Fritz Vinson; Highlands Aerial Park; Smitty's Spirits; Foothills Chapter – TU; Ray King; Highland Hiker; Kent Wilson and Cynthia Wilson; Peter Croes; Terry Seehorn; Steve Perry; Sid Elliott; Doug Hickman; Carl Riggs; TU National – Embrace-A-Stream; Maria Rodeghiero; Wayne Prosser; Sky Valley Golf Club; Jerry McFalls; Carrie Radcliffe; Michael Riley – Mid-Missouri TU; Steve Hudson; Landon Williams; Mike Fuller; Rabun TU; Apple Mountain Resort & Golf Club; Southern Highroads Outfitters; Blue Ridge Music; Larry Walker; Mark Whitney; Monte Seehorn; Academy Outdoors, Snellville, GA; Jim Harvey – Upper Chattahoochee TU; Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa; Coosa Valley TU; C & J Mountain Outfitters; Project Healing Waters; Southern Highland Group; River Through Atlanta (Chad Bryson); Savannah Fishing Adventures (Capt. Jeff Soss / Capt. Ray Golden); Rivers Edge Outfitters (Whittier, NC); Brian Weeks; Hookers Fly Shop & Guide Service (Sylva, NC – Jason Cole); Georgia Council of TU; Bob Foster; Ray Gentry; Blue Ridge TU Chapter – GA; Sid Berkstresser; Boy Scout Troop 6 (Clayton, GA); Russ Tyre; Doris Riggs; Bill Beach; Larry Vigil; Gene Barrington; Patsy Lewis Gentry; Dick Albertelli; Walmart – Clayton, GA (Bud O'Connell); River Through Atlanta (Chris Scalley); Blackrock Outdoor Company (Sylva, NC – Shannon Messer); The Outdoor Depot (Gainesville, GA); John McGarity; Leon Brotherton (GA DNR); Ray Kearns; Noland Smathers; Mane Design (Cathy Williams); Rusty Bike Café (Clayton, GA)

Ray King, Rabun Rendezvous Coordinator

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Local Boy Scout and TU Teen Trey McFalls wins Young of the Year Award!!

Each year Georgia State TU Council takes nominations from individuals and state chapters for The Young Of The Year Award. The award goes to a young person of high school or college age, male or female who deserves to be recognized for exceptional leadership and dedicated work in pursuit of the mission of Trout Unlimited in Georgia. Trey has taken on Trout in the Classroom for Rabun TU. He has raised money for another tank, supplies, eggs etc and works in each classroom to pass on the passion of water conservation to other youth. Trey says:

"I have had a lot of fun working with Trout in the Classroom this school year at Rabun County Middle School. The students in the Science classes have benefited greatly from this hands-on program. This also happened to be my Eagle Scout Project, which may have the opportunity to be considered for the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award for the NEGA District due to its conservation theme. I am happy to report that after successfully implementing Trout in the Classroom and successfully completing the Eagle Board of Review, I am now officially an Eagle Scout with Troop 6 of Clayton. It would not have been possible without the support of the Rabunites, the Georgia Council of TU, and generous local donors. This project has been a true testament to the mission of Trout Unlimited to conserve, protect and restore." Rabun TU is proud to have this young man on our team... the Rabunite Team!!!



Congratulations Trey! You make us all proud!!



Trey receiving the Young of the Year Award from State Council President Carl Riggs.



Trey with his mother and father Vicki and Jerry McFalls.

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The Rabun Chapter regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, February 16 at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Our guest speaker was Chad Bryson who lives in Dillard. Chad was the fishing guide for some Rabunites last summer on a trip to the Naknek River Camp in Alaska. Chad guides for the lodge and for River through Atlanta when he is not in Alaska. Chad gave an informative presentation about the lodge and about fishing in Alaska. There is still a little time left to book a trip to the lodge at the special rates that has been offered through Rabun TU. For more info on that contact Steve Perry at flyside@gmail.com. We had a good attendance and raised a little money with our meeting raffle.



Georgia TU'ers joined together with Bass Pro Shops to host a Tie One on Event. Among those there were three Rabunites to help tie flies and raise money. According to event coordinator Brad Cruickshank "the event was a great success due to all of the TU volun-

teers who turned out, and due to Bass Pro's generosity granting us the venue and donating the fly tying materials. We had to request extra tables and chairs twice during the event as the number

of volunteers far exceeded expectations. We had over two dozen TU volunteers and probably a dozen and a half kids who sat with volunteers and tied flies, or at least watch closely as a TU member tied.

Most TU members switched to San Juan worms if they had a youngster interested. Next year we need to have a couple quick and easy flies on the list for this reason."

Eight Chapters pledged a total of \$3550. Lots of great work done from a great and dedicated team of volunteers.

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Rabunite Fishing Reports

A Day on the Chattooga

By: Trey McFalls, TU Teen

As a member of Trout Unlimited I have experienced many trout streams in my life with many people, but you just can't beat fishing with the Dredger. On a recent excursion to the Chattooga River, the Dredger and I set out to land the big ones. With our legs and eggs set up on the trailer hitch on my new TFO 4 piece rod (a gift from Dredger), we walked for what seemed like hours with the old



man making headway faster than me sadly. Nevertheless, we made it to the stream and caught 2 Brown Trout on the first hole, a Rainbow and a Brown on the second hole, and a nice 15 inch Brook to end the day on a suc-

cessful note. We headed back out, this time I was slightly faster than the old man. We left for civilization blaring Blue Grass down Warwoman with the satisfaction of hitting the Chattooga Grand Slam.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership: 175 members, 25 life members, 7 stream explorers.

Welcome New Members: Colby Nichols (Welcome.. Hope to see you on the river soon!!)

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Hector Balderas, Thomas Guest, Tammy Hopton, Joe Kitchens and Thomas West.

Time to renew your membership: Brooks and Amanda Adams, Dean English, Wayne Gipson, Julie Kilby, Steve McCall, Kaplan Mitchell, Tom Nixon, Hoke Shirley and Dwayne Thompson.

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.

All Rabunites invited!!

Jerry and Vicki McFalls
and Boy Scout Troop 6
cordially invite you to attend the
Eagle Scout Court of Honor for

Trey Thomas McFalls

Saturday, April 2, 2016
5:00 p.m.

Estatoah Falls (Mud Creek)
Wayfarer Lane, Dillard GA

BBQ cookout following ceremony
RSVP if you can attend to mcvicki@windstream.net



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