



25TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

TIGHT LINES April 2011 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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Visit the Rabun TU website: <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

"These brook trout will strike any fly you present, provided you don't get close enough to present it."
Dick Blalock in *Fly Fishing Through the Midlife Crisis* by Howell Raines

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

New RE/MAX Office, Clayton, GA

US 441S, just south of MAMA G's restaurant

3rd Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm – Social & Yarn Spinning 7:00 pm – Program & Meeting
(You don't have to believe the yarns - - if you don't want to)

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 E-mail.

Bring an item to donate and a dollar or two for raffle tickets - you might win something.

"Next to a big, healthy ten-pound carp, a twelve inch brook trout can look like a minnow in a clown suit"

From *Grave Unknown Fisherman* by John Gierach

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there!

Apr 1 (Fri) Rabun County Middle School Mentoring, 2 – 3 PM at Rec Center pond.

Apr 2 (Sat) 8:30 AM Rabunite 101 - Rabun TU's Fly Fishing School for Adults: Rabun County Recreation Center A half-day fly-fishing for trout seminar for adults (male and female age 16 years and older) @ \$30/person. The seminar will cover equipment, casting, knots and entomology; lunch is included. To attend or to volunteer to help, contact Charlie Breithaupt. Ph 706 782 6954 E-mail knc615@windstream.net

Apr 9 (Sat) AM - Fly Fishing for Vets Outing; For more info, click [HERE](#)

Apr 9 (Sat) PM - Oconee River TU Chapter Fundraiser in Athens, Details [HERE](#)

Apr 15 & 16 (Fri & Sat) Rabun TU's Campout Fri Night with Workday Sat Morning for BtB with Jim Kidd & USFS leading work on North Fork Moccasin Creek and camping beside the Wildcat Creek Road. w/ FHTUC, C-NTUC & TWTUC For more info, contact Jim Kidd - Ph 706 782 2474 E-mail Jikidd@windstream.net

Apr 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting; 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office. **Program:** Jimmy Harris of Unicoi Outfitters - *The June Fly Fishing Festival in Helen*

Apr 22 (Fri) Rabun County Middle School Mentoring, 2 – 3 PM at Rec Center pond.

Apr 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office

Apr 30 & May 1 (Sat & Sun) Celebrate Clayton

Apr 30 & May 1 (Sat & Sun) Gold Rush Cup Fly Fishing Challenge, Details [HERE](#)

May 7 (Sat) Kids Fishing Event; 8:30 AM, Black Rock Mountain S.P. lake, TU Volunteers needed (due to reductions in Park Staff)

May 7 (Sat) High Country Boil Fundraise; BRMTUC 5:30 PM, Details [HERE](#) on pg. 5.

May 11 – 15 (Wed-Sun) Spring Camping & Fishing Outing; the Upper Chattooga backcountry with camping at USFS Cherry Hill (SC) Campground

May 13 & 14 (Fri & Sat) SE Regional Rally in Townsend, TN

May 16 (Mon) Annual Spring Family Cookout; 4 PM, at Indian Lake, with Boy &/or Girl Scout Troops as our guests.

May 21 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting, 9 AM in Helen GA

May 24 (Tues) BOD Meeting, Maybe Streamside TBD

May 28 (Sat) Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up 9 AM in preparation for GA Trout Camp

2011 GA Trout Camp; June 5th – 10th Volunteer mentors needed.

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



COPPER JOHN

THIS FLY CAN BE VERY EFFECTIVE AS A DROPPER. THE COPPER USALLY IS ENOUGH WEIGHT TO GET IT DOWN WHERE THE FISH ARE, BUT YOU MAY ALSO ADD SOME WEIGHT WHEN TYING. SOMETIMES I TIE THIS FLY WITH GOLD FLASHBACK OR PEARL FLASH. TIE A FEW, I THINK YOU WILL SEE THEY ARE VERY PRODUCTIVE

HOOK SIZE: 12 TO 18
THREAD: BLACK 6/0-8/0
HEAD: BRASS OR COPPER OR BLACK
THORAX: PEACOCK HERL
TAIL: BROWN GOOSE BIOTS/
PHEASANT TAIL FIBERS
BODY: COPPER WIRE
WING/LEGS: PHEASANT TAIL FIBERS OR WOOD DUCK

"Last Sunday I fished up a certain river most of the day and through my supernal skill and encyclopedic knowledge of angling was able to take a dozen brook trout. If I had kept them I would have had the makings of a nice can of sardines."

Sparse Grey Hackle

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
Quill Gordon Mayfly	Early	L am to M pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12-14 Quill Gordon Nymph
Blue Quill Mayfly	Early	L am to M pm	16-18 Blue Quill, BWO, or Blue Dun 16-18 Prince or Pheasant Tail
Small Dun Caddis (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm L pm to dark	16-18 Gray Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 16-18 Gray Caddis Pupa
March Brown Mayfly (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm	12-14 March Brown or Adams Parachute 10-14 March Brown Nymph, Dark Hare's Ear, or Pheasant Tail
Cream Caddis (Very important)	All Month	M day to L 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
Speckled Gray Caddis	Late	M to L pm	12-14 Dark Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 12-14 Dun & Yel/Brn Caddis Pupa
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

To view a Hatch Chart for other months, click [Hatch Chart](#)



“Webpage-of-the-Month”: <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/jeffs-tips/>

Jeff's Troutng Tips

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

Please send comments & suggestions to Pat Hopton, Website Project Manager, scotts_creek58@yahoo.com

Rabun TU Site Designed by [Allison O. Adams, Editorial and Multimedia Services](#)

Rabunite 101 - An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Trout

<http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/>



On **Saturday, April 2nd**, 8:30 AM, the Rabun Chapter will offer a 4-hour Introduction seminar for adults (male and female - age 16 years and older). The seminar includes casting, entomology, knots and equipment for folks who want to get started in the pleasure of fly-fishing for trout. The location will be at the Rabun County Recreation Center just south of Rabun County High School.



We will be able to accommodate 28 students and the cost of \$30 per person will include lunch.

Do you know someone that might be interested?

Tell them to contact Kathy or Charlie Breithaupt to make reservations. knc615@windstream.net or (706) 782-6954

Members of the Rabun Chapter are needed to instruct and help in other ways.
Please save that date and let Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt know that you can help.

Rabunites Back-the-Brookie & Support the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture "Healthy, fishable brook trout populations throughout their historical range"

The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture is a diverse group of partners, including state fish and wildlife agencies, federal resource agencies, academic institutions and private sector conservation organizations who are working to conserve Eastern brook trout and their habitats. In Georgia, these stakeholders are Georgia TU, the Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division, and the Chattahoochee National Forest.

Rabun TU provides financial support for hiring college student interns through Trout Unlimited's national program, **Back-the-Brookie**, to work with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Chattahoochee National Forest to help with monitoring and habitat improvements in Georgia brook trout streams. Chapter volunteers also do in-stream work under the direct supervision of fisheries professionals to provide structures in brook trout waters in the area. Georgia has 84 brook trout streams supporting more than 142 miles of wild brook trout water.

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"I caught this fish on October 10, 2010 in one of my favorite brook trout streams on the Blue Ridge Parkway. At 10 inches, this is not the biggest wild brookie I have ever landed, but it is one of the prettiest. Seeing this fish made me think of why I joined Trout Unlimited, to help protect these fish and the rivers they call home. The true value of this fish isn't measured in inches but in its beauty and the wildness of its existence. I feel confident in saying that you will never see a fish this stunning from a hatchery. These fish need the cold clear water that you find in true wilderness and they need our diligent protection to preserve these jewels for future generations of fisherman." Steve Fromholtz - Pisgah Chapter Trout Unlimited

"Robert Traver had an exclusive love of bright, wild brookies in nearby water that he knew and loved. Not for him excursions to far-flung corners of the world for one-week stands. Not for him the itch of newness. He liked the simple quality of what he knew well and lived with—consistently. He likes the solitude and the texture, the expectation of returning to his familiar "Frenchman's," the gentle variations, the constants, the tin cup and the bourbon, morels in the woods, intriguing rock formations back among the trees, the smell of Upper Michigan cedar, days that brush the heart with their intimacy. ... Sentimental? Perhaps. But a life mostly filled with sentiment, feeling, rather than mere exploit." Nick Lyons, "Bad Pool" in Fly Fisherman, April 1980

To see how Rabun TU Backs the Brookie please visit <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/work-projects/eastern-brook-trout-joint-venture/>
Latest Update [HERE](#)

For more information on Georgia's brook trout please visit <http://georgiatu.org/index.php?mid=conservation&iid=btb&sid>
For more information visit [the EBTJV website](http://www.tu.org/conservation/eastern-conservation/brook-trout) and <http://www.tu.org/conservation/eastern-conservation/brook-trout>

Know Your Forest: 21st in a series:

The Blue Ridge Railroad

The following article is an excerpt reprinted from: http://www.abandonedrails.com/Blue_Ridge_Railroad_Project

As early as 1836, even as the first American intercity steam powered railroads were being built and operated, schemes were being floated for building railroad links over the Appalachian Mountains between the ports of the southern Atlantic seaboard, and the communities inland around the Tennessee and Ohio valleys. The region of "**Rabun Gap**", a relatively low place through the Appalachian chain in northeast Georgia, attracted much attention as a potential route. The interest was heightened when gold was discovered at Dahlonega, to the west.

In 1836, former vice president John C. Calhoun led a group of businessmen in plotting what they called the "Cincinnati, Louisville, and Charleston Railroad" that would ultimately link Charleston, SC, with Knoxville, TN and Cincinnati, OH. Railroads from Charleston, SC to Anderson, SC, and from Knoxville, TN to Cincinnati were already in place by the time the group was ready to begin construction in 1854 (four years after Calhoun's death). The "Blue Ridge" project aimed to complete the connection by building through Rabun Gap and down the Little Tennessee River valley.

Construction began in 1854. **Massive stone piers and culverts were constructed in Rabun County**, as the railroad investors built for the ages with seemingly unlimited capital. No rickety wooden trusses for the Blue Ridge! The incredible Stumphouse Tunnel near Walhalla (closed to visitor entry in recent years) remains as a monument to their vision, as well as other works such as the **Dick's Creek tunnel in Rabun County**. All this work was done entirely by human labor using hand tools and a few draft animals.



Stone Culvert for Dick's Creek beside the Sandy Ford Road

The state of Georgia had meantime gotten into the act by chartering the "North Eastern Railroad" in 1854. It was intended to run out from Athens and join the proposed Blue Ridge line at Clayton. This would link Savannah and other Georgia cities to Knoxville and points beyond.

The railroad had only been completed from Anderson to Walhalla when work ceased due to the impending War of Northern Aggression (a.k.a. Civil War). Construction did not resume until 1869, and soon was abandoned again when bonds proved unsalable in the depressed postwar economy. At this point, the Blue Ridge Railroad project as originally planned seems basically to have been aborted.

A number of attempts were made to complete the line in the late 19th century but failed even though 80% of the grade was completed. Construction did commence on the "North Eastern Railroad" in 1871; this project eventually resulted in the **Tallulah Falls Railroad**, which took over unused Blue Ridge roadbed north of Clayton on its way to Franklin.

A number of schemes, involving the former Blue Ridge project and the "North Eastern Railroad" and its successors, to build rail connections to Knoxville and beyond, continued to be floated. "**Black Diamond**" was the name given in the 1890s to Col. Alfred E. Boone's multiple proposals that all involved Blue Ridge structures and ROW in some way. The "Black Diamond" schemes and the Tallulah Falls Railroad (that was abandoned in 1961) are both often confused with the much earlier Blue Ridge Railroad project.

The construction of the Fontana Dam, and the resultant flooding of much of the Little Tennessee Valley in the 1940s, decisively ended any lingering possibility of realizing the ambitious project proposed over a century earlier.



Bridge Abutment for the Crossing of Warwoman Creeel

There's an abutment here, a culvert there that are still visible in Rabun County. The **Warwoman Dell Picnic Area** contains some of the Blue Ridge roadbed and minor stonework. The Saddle Gap Tunnel was partially constructed here. **A 28 foot tall bridge abutment** is visible from a public road next to Warwoman Creek. The large stones were perfectly cut, perfectly placed together. It serves as monument to the 2,000 or so laborers thought to have toiled on the Blue Ridge Railroad in Rabun County.

Rabun TU Lending Library News



To see the lists of items in the Library, click on: <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/chapter-lending-library/>

The library is available for Rabun Chapter members and guests.

For more information, contact Charlie, the Chapter Librarian. Ph 706 782 6954 E-mail knc615@windstream.net

Do you have a book, book on tape or CD, video tape, or DVD that you would donate to the Chapter Library?

All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501c3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Recreation Management Plan Upper Chattooga River Environmental Assessment

It has been 16 years (1995) since Rabun TU was first contacted by a boater on this issue. We offered the opportunity to come to a Chapter meeting to discuss. The boater never accepted the offer.

This issue has been over 11 years (1999) in the Forest Service planning process.

It has been 30 months (Aug 2008) since the previous public comment period closed and the Forest Service has not released a new decision.

Instead Forest Service officials announced on December 9th that they have re-initiated the NEPA process on recreation uses on the upper Chattooga River (North Fork) by scoping a proposed action. The agency asked the public for any new information. To see the 48 “new” public comments submitted in January, click [HERE](#)

Meanwhile the status quo (no boating) continues on the North Fork as the boaters’ second lawsuit is proceeding to a court trial. The boaters’ lawsuit calls for immediate and unregulated boating access (anytime, any number of boats, and at any water level).

What’s New Elsewhere?

GA–USFS Andrew Gaston has accepted the District Ranger position on the Chattooga River Ranger District. (2/24/2011) Andy is currently the Natural Resources Manager on the Ocoee/Hiwassee Ranger District, Cherokee National Forest. His reporting date is April 24, 2011.

Editor’s notes: *As many of you may recall, Andy was an active member of Rabun TU when he served here several years ago as a wildlife biologist for the USFS Tallulah Ranger District.*

Chattooga Coalition Angler E-Diary: Rabun TU is considering the development of a new electronic version of the old paper version of the Chattooga River Anglers Diary. The intent is to provide the electronic diary on our web site with the goal of increasing angler participation in filling out the diary. The E-diary will be available for entry by any and all anglers, not just TU members. We are currently evaluating the diary to determine if the information gathered on it fits the needs of the state and federal resource managers. The information gathered from the diaries may become important in the implementation of adaptive management for the Recreation Management of the Chattooga North Fork.

Save GA Hemlocks: Spring is Prime Time to Treat Hemlocks <http://www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org/index.htm>. Spring is almost here, and it’s a good time to inspect your hemlocks for signs of the woolly adelgid infestation. If you see any tiny white cottony egg sacs on the underside of a branch, the tree is infested and should be treated. Now is the best time to do it because of the generally reliable rains and the vigorous uptake habit of the trees in spring. Left untreated, an infested tree will die. The best option for treating hemlocks is a soil application of 75% Imidacloprid for lightly to moderately infested trees or Safari for heavily infested and even declining ones. Property owners

wanting to do the work themselves can find sources to purchase the treatment products and places to borrow a soil injector on the Contacts page. There is also a list of qualified local companies for those who prefer to contract with a professional. For more information, call the Hemlock Help Line 706-429-8010.

GA-WRD Trout Fishing Provides Opportunities Throughout the Year SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. (3/8/2011) The crisp, swift-flowing waters of north Georgia’s rivers and creeks offer an abundance of trout angling opportunities this winter. [Full Story >>](#)

Widening US 441 North of Clayton: <http://www.wayssouth.org/> WaysSouth is coordinating a group of area citizens that is developing a locally preferred alternative that will minimize the impacts to local businesses and residents. The group intends to present its alternative to GDOT in the coming months. The GDOT is currently planning to widen a portion of U.S. Highway 441 in Rabun County. The rest of Highway 441 in north GA and western NC is at least four lanes, mostly divided, but the section from Clayton north to the NC state line is undivided and ranges from three lanes in some locations to four lanes with a two-way turn lane in others. GDOT plans to widen the entire stretch to four lanes with a median and turn lanes, in the process taking out many buildings.

GA-WRD Georgia Fishing Prospects Updated for 2011 SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. (3/8/2011) Aimlessly casting a line and hoping for a bite is history thanks to Georgia’s online fishing prospects. Anglers of all skill levels can benefit from these prospect guides that detail 31 reservoirs and 18 rivers and include maps, local weather forecasts, best bets and species-specific techniques, all in one convenient location - www.gofishgeorgia.com . [Full Story >>](#)

THANK YOU

Sid Elliott, Atlanta, for donation of videos to the Rabun TU Lending Library.

Michele & Broderick Crawford, of Crawford Art Gallery <http://www.broderickcrawfordart.com/>, Clayton, for donation of discount on prints and framing services.

All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c)3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

Letters to the Rabunites

Sent: March 10, 2011

Thank you for Rabun TU's generous contribution of \$2,000 to our intern program. All of Georgia's Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV) Stakeholders – Georgia DNR, USFS Chattahoochee National Forest and Georgia Trout Unlimited Back-the-Brookie appreciate your support.

Support, like this, over the past several years has been a key factor in our success.

The combined support of Trout Unlimited Chapters, the Atlanta Fly Fishing Club, Georgia Women Flyfishers and North Georgia Trout Online will enable us to field an intern team this summer. In 2011, interns will be evaluating the impact of enhancement and restoration projects from previous years. We plan to resume enhancing brook trout habitat in streams with structures and continue restoration projects on Walnut Fork and Tate Branch. Interns will support scheduled chapter workdays on the South Fork Moccasin Creek, Bryant Creek and the Chattahoochee River headwaters.

They will also help with Brook Trout Day at Trout Camp during the field work on Ammons Branch.

We look forward to another year protecting, enhancing and restoring brook trout throughout North Georgia and sharing our success with you. Regards,

From: Kevin F. McGrath - Chairman, Back-the-Brookie, GA Council of TU



GA BtB Chairman Kevin McGrath (L) accepts \$2000 Rabun TU donation from Rabun V.P. Pat Hopton (R).

Sent: 3/4/2011 by US Postal

To: Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Subject: Youth Education Program Donation

Thank you so much for the very generous donation to Smithgall Woods Youth Education Program. As spring approaches, both outreach and onsite programming continues to flourish. Our student contact numbers are already over 11,000 since July and we are just beginning our busiest season! While budget cuts are still an issue, your sponsorship and that of the Foothills Chapter, have made it possible for Smithgall Woods Education Center to continue offering the best programming available in our region! With sincere appreciation,

From: Sheila (Humphrey) – Wildlife Interpretive Specialist, Education Coordinator, Smithgall Woods

Sent: 3/8/2011 by US Postal

To: Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Please relay our thanks to all your members for their generous donation to the Education Program here at Smithgall Woods. Those programs, and Sheila Humphrey, have been so successful at introducing youth to our natural world. Too many children are growing up in front of a computer screen or a television screen.

I know that you all appreciate what Smithgall Woods has to offer but I wanted to thank you for all your continued support of the education efforts. Please encourage your members to consider our overnight cottages for a great get-a-way and some challenging fishing.

Thanks again for your help, and please let me know if I can ever be of service.

From: John Erbele – General Manager, Smithgall Woods Dukes Creek Conservation Area

Editor's Notes: *This year Rabun TU donated \$2,500 to the Smithgall Woods Youth Education Program.*

"BACKCASTING"

Mar 3, 10, 17, 24 (Thurs) Fly Tying 0n Thursday Evenings at Kountry Vittles 10 to 12 attended each session



Mar 5 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting – 4 Rabunites participated Meeting Agenda included: Call to order, Introductions, roll call, special guests & opening remarks, December 2010 Council minutes, Treasurer's report , 2012 National TU meeting in Ashville, TU Coldwater Fisheries Student Research Fund at UGA, Council brochure & new display, CEI data, Zip code assignments, Chattahoochee National Trout Hatchery, Chattooga River Update, Teach the Teacher update, Forsyth Chapter proposal, FFF SE Conclave/ TU booth request, Chattahoochee Brown Trout study, Trout Camp update, Bass Pro results, Back the Brookie report, Dream trip tickets, Earth share report, New business, Adjournment



GA TU Council Officers; Ron Minick–Treas, Louisa Hanney–Sec; Mack Martin–Chair

Mar 12 (Sat) Hoot on the Hooch – Attendance was 142 and at least 14 were Rabunites. Great bluegrass music, excellent bar-b-que & 'nanna pudding, bucket raffles, silent auctions, and the dream trip raffle winners provided a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship for all. Rabun TU donated a framed LE print by Rabunite artist, Broderick Crawford.



WINNER OF THE 2011 DREAM TRIP FOR 2: David Oliver of the Blue Ridge Mountain TU Chapter

Go to <http://georgiatu.org/index.php?mid=news&iid=winners2011> for the complete listing of all the runner-up winners.

Mar 15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting – attendance 21. **Tim McClure** was elected to fill the unexpired term of **Chris Whitley**. Thank you Chris for the great job of organizing and leading the Chapter's very first river clean-up day. Best wishes. **Program: Trudy Johnson of the GA Women Fly Fishers - Casting for Confidence!** An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Breast Cancer Survivors. Why Fly Fishing? It provides beneficial exercise, relieves stress and is a wonderful way to spend time outdoors in a beautiful setting. Who can participate? Breast cancer survivors; especially those beginning to resume normal physical activity after mastectomy or other surgery. There is no cost for the fly fishing instruction and activities and equipment is provided for the day. The number of participants is limited to approximately 20. If you would like to participate, please contact Suzanne Chalk as soon as possible. Applicants will be chosen on a first come first serve basis. Who is organizing the retreat? Local women fly fishers who are members of Georgia Women Flyfishers are providing the expertise and instruction. Other volunteers and medical personnel will be present for the event. Learn more [HERE](#)

Mar 22 (Tues) BOD Meeting – 9 members attended. Some agenda items included: Recaps – Thursday Evening Fly Tying; 3/5 GA TU Council Meeting; 3/12 Hoot on the Hooch Status Updates – "Thank You" letters to Donors to Rendezvous; Stekoa Creek Clean-up Day 6/18/2011; Rabun TU hosting GA TU Council meeting location on 9/10; Chattooga fishing E-diary proposal; 2011 Rod Raffle; Comments on DRAFT Revised Chapter Bylaws; Coldwater Grad Student Research Endowment at UGA; Chapter Lending Library news; Helicopter spring stocking of West Fork backcountry; Water Sampling of Brookie Streams Upcoming – Apr 1 (Fri) Rabun County Middle School Mentoring; Apr 2 (Sat) 8:30 AM Rabunite 101; Apr 9 (Sat) AM - Fly Fishing For Vets Outing; Apr 9 (Sat) PM - Oconee River TU Chapter Fundraiser; Apr 15 & 16 (Fri & Sat) Rabun TU's Campout Fri Night with Workday Sat Morning for BtB; Apr 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting Program: Jimmy Harris of Unicoi Outfitters - *The June Fly Fishing Festival in Helen*; Apr 22 (Fri) Rabun County Middle School Mentoring New Business – RCMS 7th Grade Visit to Smithgall Woods @ \$3/kid; Strategic Plan for Rabun TU Reports – Publicity; Membership; Treasury Report

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

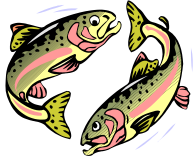
A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to 2 new members this month: **LUCAS KERBY** (Stream Explorer), 598 LONG MOUNTAIN DR. LAKEMONT GA 30552 & **PATRICK O'NEILL**, 5192 CHARLEMAGNE WAY, LILBURN GA 30047

Thanks for re-upping: **Dwight Milleman, Yong Kim, Dave Schmidt, Hugh Thompson, Ray King, Eugene Nolte, Kyle English, Larry Peevy, Perry Thompson, Brooks Adams, Nancy Gribble, John Harrison, Pam Harrison, David E. Nichols, Frank Patton & Neil Anderson.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Arnold Deitz, Pat Gorman, Troy Meek, David E. Nichols, Frank Patton, Kirk Allen Thompson, Neil Anderson, Jack Bates, Kevin Lash, Chuck Breithaupt, James Moore, Larry Peevy, Lewis Reeves III, Gilbert Turner, Claude McDill, David Smith & Ron Wilson**

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Letter From The Chapter President

Fellow Rabunites,

Well, spring is here! It's the time of year most all fishermen and women look forward to even if they are dedicated winter dredgers. Water is warming, bugs are hatching and fish are feeding. It is time to do what we do and enjoy it.

Also, it's time to do the other things we do. Great opportunities this month to help kids learn to fish, to help restore some brook trout habitat and to support cold water conservation.

I urge you to take advantage of the many opportunities spring brings. Please see the schedule near the beginning of this newsletter, mark your calendar, and enjoy the great North Georgia Outdoors.

Happy Trails, *Larry*

For more pictures, info, and back issues of TIGHT LINES, visit the Rabun TU website: <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

Georgia TU Council website <http://georgiatu.org/> , & National TU Website: <http://www.tu.org/>

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