



TIGHT LINES May 2012 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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"A good fishing buddy has his priorities straight." From *The River Home* by Jerry Dennis

THE MAY MEETING is the ANNUAL FAMILY COOKOUT!

With Mentoring of Girl & Boy Scouts Fishing the Lake. Passing it on!

Place - Indian Lake Picnic Shelter on the Campus of RGNS – Rabun Gap, GA

Monday – May 14 4:00 pm – Fellowship & Lake Fishing 7:00 pm – Cook-out Meal

(Directions – go north on US 441, turn left at the Rabun Gap Post Office, go ¼ mile & turn left, go ¼ mile & turn right, go to end of road)

The Chapter will provide the hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, plates, etc.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, veggies, salad, chips, or a desert.

There will not be a raffle at the Family Cookout.

*"I love to relive the memories of when I was spry enough to fish the little trout streams.
Otherwise, I like to write and play poker."* Tony Hillerman

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates See you there!

May 4 (Fri) Mentoring - RCMS kids, 2-3 PM fishing at Rec Dept pond **Volunteers needed.** For details, contact Wayne Prosser wp0968@windstream.net **Passing it on!**

May 5 (Sat) High Country Boil Fundraiser; BRMTUC 5:30 PM, Details [HERE](#) on pg. 11.

May 8 (Tues) Fly Tying Session – CANCELLED (due to campout)

May 9 – 13 (Wed-Sun) Spring Camping & Fishing Outing; the Upper Chattooga backcountry with camping at USFS Cherry Hill (SC) Campground. Be sure to tell Elizabeth Perry when you will be there eperry04@gmail.com 828-200-9774. Deadline is noon on Friday, May 4th. **WAaahWHOO!**

May 11 (Fri) Mentoring - RCMS kids, at Oconee State Park, SC. **Volunteers needed** For details, contact Larry Walker amosndixie@windstream.net **Passing it on!**

May 14 (Mon) Mentoring - Annual Spring Family Cookout; 4 PM, at Indian Lake, with Boy & Girl Scout Troops as our guests. **Volunteers needed to mentor the Scouts** For details, contact Jim Kidd jikidd@windstream.net **Passing it on!**

May 19 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting, 9 AM, at FRTUC

May 22 (Tues) BOD Meeting, Location Streamside, Where? I.D.B.I.S.

May 26 (Sat) Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up **Volunteers needed,** 9 AM in preparation for GA Trout Camp

June 2 (Sat) Mentoring - Annual Kids Fishing Event, 8 AM at Tallulah River with USFS & GA WRD. **Volunteers needed.** For details, contact Frank Patton julianfpatt@yaho.com **Passing it on!**

June 10-15 (Sun – Fri) Mentoring - 9th Annual GEORGIA TROUT CAMP at RGNS. [HERE](#) For details, contact Charlie Breithaupt knc615@windstream.net **Passing it on!**

June 12 (Tues) Fly Tying Session – CANCELLED (due to GA Trout Camp)

June 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program: "Lips and Teeth" Hollywood (GA) celebrity and Unicoi Outfitters fly shop manager John Cross <http://www.unicoioutfitters.com/helen-fly-shop.shtml>

June 23 (Sat) River Clean-up Day, Chattooga River Delayed Harvest Section **Volunteers needed.** For details, contact, Wayne Prosser wp0968@windstream.net

June 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Location - Chamber of Commerce office

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



EASTERN GREEN DRAKE SPINNER

IT'S THE MAGIC MONTH. DON'T GO TO "THE RIVER" WITHOUT THESE IN YOUR FLYBOX AND STAY UNTIL DARK-THIRTY!

IF YOU ARE LUCKY, YOU WILL SEE THESE BIG BOYS. THE BROWN TROUT LOVE 'EM.

HOOK: 8/12 LONG SHANK 3X
TAIL: HORSE MANE OR MICRO FIBBITS

BODY: ANTRON OR CREAM DUBBING
HACKLE: BADGER
WINGS: LEMON WOOD DUCK

"At certain moments of certain days, sometimes predictable, sometimes not, a kind of switch is flipped, and thousands of insects crawl from gravel or silt on the bottom of the river and swim frantically to the surface, - - The event trips another switch: Trout follow the insects to the surface and feast." From *The River Home* by Jerry Dennis

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Chapter Campout at Cherry Hill Campground in South Carolina.



Chick [HERE](#). Off SC Hwy 107, 1.5 mile south of Burrell's Ford Rd intersection.

We will camp from Wednesday (May 9) until Sunday (May 13). The first meal will be supper on the 9th. The last meal will be Sunday breakfast. Since most folks want to fish until "dark-thirty" we will eat a big meal about 2:30 PM and have sandwiches, etc available when they return late at night. All meals will be \$5...\$15 per day. There is a fee for the campground and individuals are responsible for their own payment.

IMPORTANT: The food will be planned and bought ahead of time. Contact Elizabeth Perry and tell her when you will be in camp. The best way is by email eperry04@gmail.com or home phone 828-200-9774 .

The DEADLINE to sign up is noon, Friday May 4th.

**Water is available (restrooms, showers) but we always need firewood
Y'all come! Bring a friend! Passing it on! WAAahWHOoooo!**

May 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
Cream Caddis	Early	M day to L pm	12-14 Elk Hair Caddis 12-14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
Small Dun Caddis	Early	L am to M pm	16-18 Gray Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 16-18 Gray Caddis Pupa
March Brown Mayfly (Important)	Early	L am to M pm	12-14 Adams or March Brown Parachutes 10-14 March Brown Nymph, Dark Hare's Ear, or Pheasant Tail
Speckled Gray Caddis	All Month	M to L pm	12-14 Dark Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 12-14 Dun & Yel/Brn Caddis Pupa
Yellow Stonefly	All Month	E to L am L pm to dark	14-16 Yellow Stimulator or Elk Hair Caddis (Yellow) 14-16 Yellow Stone Nymph
Giant Black Stonefly	All Month	E am	4-8 Black Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly (Very Important)	All Month	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Sulphur Mayfly (Important)	All Month	L pm to dark	14-18 Sulphur Comparadun; Light Cahill; Cream Variant 14-16 Sulphur Nymph or Emerger, Pheasant Tail
Golden Stonefly	Late	E am	4-8 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Brown & Slate Drakes	Late	L am to L pm	8-14 Adams, Blue Dun, or March Brown Parachutes 8-14 March Brown Nymph, Dark Hare's Ear, or Pheasant Tail
Green Drake Mayfly (Important)	Late	L am to L pm	8-10 Green Drake 8-10 Green Drake Nymph
Coffin Fly (Green Drake Spinner) (Awesome)		L pm to an hour after dark	8-10 Spent Wing or Parachute Coffin Fly
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

Hot tip: Don't leave early. Go late and stay later. Carry a flashlight! Many times the trout won't rise until the sun starts going down and the bugs come out to find a mate.

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

Website-of-the-Month: <http://midcurrent.com/techniques/when-drag-is-desirable/>

Skating a dry fly (aka Skitterin' by Rabunites)

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

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

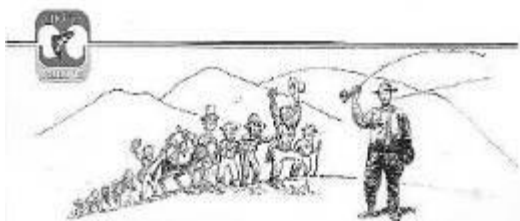
Rabun TU Site Designed by [Allison O. Adams, Editorial and Multimedia Services](#)

"Catchin' Corner" - Troutng Tips

The following brief article is reprinted with permission from the Fly Shack Newsletter <http://www.flyshack.com/>

May: Caddis - Mayflies got their name from hatching during this month, but caddis imitations can be hugely productive in May. Match larvae with common nymphs like the Zug Bug or Prince and pupae with wet flies like Sparkle Caddis Pupa - but since we're being optimistic, our fly for May is a dry fly: the Elk-Hair Caddis. (Truth be told, it may actually look like a freshly-hatched mayfly to the fish. Either way, it works.)





Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Custom Fly Rod & Redington Reel Raffle
Winston BII-MX, 4 piece, 5 weight, 9' boron/graphite fly rod &
Redington Delta reel
Over \$1,000 Retail Value!!

Drawing on July 17th at the Annual Summer Family Picnic
Tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10; Contact Kent Wilson for Tickets

(706) 746-7488 kandcwilson@winstream.net

Our good friend Mack Martin of Atlanta Fly Fishing School and North Georgia Custom Rods has donated this fly rod and reel to Rabun TU as a fundraiser (as he has in previous years) . <http://www.mackmartin.com/CustomRods.htm>

FISHING REPORTS To help the agencies manage the Chattooga fishery, report [HERE](#)

From: David Cannon

Sent: Thursday, 4/5/2012

Subject: I think both have been bitten!

I took two of our worship leaders at church (Justin, 26 and Brandon, 24) to The River yesterday. We stopped at the grocery store on the way and filled the cooler with some Dr. Peppers and Cherry Cokes, a rotisserie chicken, some buns, mayo, Sweet Baby Ray's bbq sauce, some macaroni salad and baked beans. Then we stopped off at Unicoi Outfitters in Helen to pick up a few more flies, a hat-flashlight, and some boots for my buddies. We finally got to the river at about 1:30 and the catching was slow to start. Within the first 30 minutes, all three of us had landed at least one rainbow each (did I mention neither had ever held a fly rod?). I also landed a nice little redeye bass in the Clarks Hill pool, so that was a nice treat.

We picked off a few more fish here and there over the next three hours, but it was slow. We worked more on casting and getting a good drift, but weren't often rewarded with a fish.

Suddenly, though, about two hours before dark, the switch was turned on. A few caddis started marching upstream, though it was very sporadic. But it was apparently enough to get the fish to look up! Justin landed four rainbows in one little stretch, all on dry flies! Just a little further upstream, Brandon landed two out of the same run! Around the next bend, Brandon hooked and landed a 10-inch brown (his biggest of the day). Just a few yards upstream from Brandon's brown, Justin spotted a bigger fish rising consistently and casted his Stimulator and EHC double-dry rig. He was rewarded with an aggressive rise, and felt the thrill of being broken off for the first time!

Just as the last light was about to slip away, the switch got flipped into the off position, though we kept fishing until we couldn't see anymore. We hiked out in the pitch dark, made our way to Clayton, pulled over in a parking lot and pulled the meat off the chicken, threw it on the buns and slathered it in Dukes mayo and Sweet Baby Rays! It was the best tasting meal I think any of us had ever had!

All in all, Justin and Brandon both got 7-8 fish each into the net! And they both had about as many LDRs! Another great thing was that both of them got their technique down early enough for me to be able to stay with them, re-tie their flies when they got tangled, coach them, but still catch 3 browns and 12 rainbows (and the redeye) of my own!

On our long drive back to the flatlands, both were asking me about the cost of all the various gear and both saying they had found a new hobby. "I've just never done anything like that before," Brandon said. Justin echoed it with, "It's so different than what we do in our normal day!"

I think both have been bitten!

Editor's Notes: David said, "I've got to get as many of these trips in as I can between now and October... We've got a little fishing buddy on the way!" We send our Congratulations to David and Stephanie!

From: Pat Hopton

Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012

Subject: THE RIVER Upper Backcountry Report; Dark-30

The late evening action is happening now. Had good luck in the daylight with cream caddis and soft hackles. Then really good action at dusk on #16 Adams. Lots of rising fish, many jumping out of the water to catch egg-laying mayflies.

Best fish was a 12" wild brown.

I surely do love those wild Chattooga browns.



From: Pat Hopton

Sent: Monday, April 16, 2012 11:28 PM

Subject: THE RIVER Upper Backcountry Report; Dark-30

Got there about 7 this evening after a 1 hour walk (used to take me 45 minutes - guess I'm getting old?). Started off slow, with several small wild browns and one small stocker rainbow. Then at 8:00 pm, in a boulder field, I got a FOURTEEN INCH WILD BROWN!



Editor's Notes: Pat Hopton has earned Rabun TU's "Mister Dark-30" title for the last 4 seasons.

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

On January 31, 2012 the forest supervisors of the Sumter, Chattahoochee and Nantahala national forests issued Final decisions notices for Alternative 13A. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/scnfs/home/?cid=STELPRDB5253595>

Forest Service Southern Region Grants Request to Stay the Permitting of Boating on Upper Chattooga River (3/27/2012) Status Quo Preserved (no boating) until 6 Appeals are Reviewed. The USFS granted a request from Greenfire Law, on behalf of GA ForestWatch, the GA Sierra Club and Wilderness Watch, to stay a decision of January 31, 2012.

For more information, visit [HERE](#)

- The boater's federal court case with the FS (demanding year-round unrestricted access) is expected to go to trial in late 2012.

Beware of the camel's nose! [HERE](#) Help protect backcountry solitude and remoteness.

What's New Elsewhere?

New Chattooga River District Ranger Selected - Edward Hunter to begin May 7

(3/28/2012 Gainesville, Ga.) – Forest Supervisor George Bain has selected Edward Hunter as the new District Ranger for the Chattooga River Ranger District of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests. Hunter will be responsible for managing the district which covers 261,035 acres in the northeast part of Georgia. He begins his new role on May 7. Originally from Monroe, Louisiana, Hunter began his career with the Forest Service in 1998 as a student trainee at Uinta National Forest in Utah. Since that time he has worked on national forests in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. He attended Tuskegee University in Alabama and the University of Florida where he earned degrees in Forest Resources and Environmental Science. Hunter and his wife have two children ages five and ten, and are expecting a baby in June. More info [HERE](#)



Edward Hunter

Chattooga River District Ranger



Officer Christopher Upton

Deceased U.S. Forest Service law enforcement officer

GEORGIA MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN DEATH OF USFS LE OFFICER

MACON, GA (March 22, 2012) -- Norman Clinton Hale of McDonough, Ga., was sentenced today to serve five years in prison for the shooting death two years ago of U.S. Forest Service law enforcement officer Christopher Upton. Upton was shot and killed the night of March 5, 2010 by Hale who mistook him for game at the Ocmulgee Bluff Equestrian Recreation Area in Jasper County, Georgia. Three other men were also hunting with Hale, who was armed with a high-powered rifle equipped with a night vision device. After the shooting of Officer Upton, the hunting party waited over an hour to call 911 to report the incident. The men also failed to render the first aid which might have saved Upton's life, a medical expert testified. In November 2011, Hale was convicted of involuntary manslaughter, hindering a federal investigation, and hunting violations. Sentencing hearings have not been held yet for the three other men convicted of lesser offenses in this case. More info [HERE](#)

Wildcat Campgrounds and FSR 26-1 closed indefinitely (3/28/2012) Forest System Road 26-1, known locally as Wildcat Road, is closed indefinitely in the interest of public safety. Recent heavy rains have caused several slides and other damage along the road. As a result of the road closure, the Lower and Upper Wildcat Creek Campgrounds are also closed. Wildcat Road provides access to popular recreational activities such as fishing and swimming in Wildcat Creek, camping, and access to the Appalachian Trail. More info [HERE](#)

Letters To and From the Rabunites

From: Leon Brotherton – Burton Trout Hatchery, GA DNR

Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012

Subject: Chattooga Sampling Dates

To all parties involved: The Chattooga River sampling date has been set. Plan on going into Big Bend on July 10 (Tues). Rain date is July 11. Meet at the drop off point at 8:30 a.m. ready to go!! Hope to see you there!! Access road is Big Bend road off SC Hwy 107 across from the Cherry Hill camp ground.

A helicopter is on stand-by to get you out if you can't make the climb back out. You will be required to pay \$10,000, pass out, and fall over before the helicopter is called in. Please pay the money before you go down.

Thank you and Have a nice day!

From: Warren R. Phillips – Chief Executive Officer, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/>

Sent: USPS 3/29/2012

To: Rabun Chapter of TU

Thank you and your colleagues at Rabun Chapter of TU for your contribution to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. The thoughtfulness of people such as you has allowed us to expand our efforts to over 100 programs nationwide that are serving our disabled active military service personnel and veterans.

Thank you for your support, please go to <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/> and click on [Sign up for Email Updates](#) for news about our activities.

Best Regards,

From: Ed Nicholson – President and CEO, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/>

Sent: USPS 4/3/2012

To: Rabun Chapter of TU

On behalf of the wounded and injured military service members and disabled veterans who are involved in Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) activities, I thank you for your generous \$1,000.00 contribution. Your donation is an inspiration to us all and helps us give back to individuals who have given so much.

As you may know, we desire to share the positive recreational and rehabilitative experiences of fly fishing with those who struggle with post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, loss of limb, or have a plethora of medical and psychological issues. Fly fishing helps individuals cope and participation is *free*; therefore, gifts of money and in-kind donations are highly valued assets and provide us with the vital resources needed to sustain our programs. Your gift will help us

purchase the fly fishing equipment and supplies we require to support fly tying instruction, fly casting workshops, rod building classes and fund other activities, such as fishing trips. Please know that you are helping us make a difference and we will put your donation to good use.

I invite you to learn more about PHWFF on our web site <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/> and read about the extraordinary participants, volunteers, trips and activities recorded in our "Current Events" under "Events & Activities."

Again, thank you for your charitable gift. Your support and encouragement is deeply appreciated and needed as we carry out our mission to improve the health and well being of our program participants.

Respectfully,

From: Lori Simon – Executive Director, Casting for Recovery
<http://castingforrecovery.org/>

Sent: USPS 3/22/2012

To: Rabun Trout Unlimited

On behalf of us all at Casting for Recovery, I want to thank you for your support and contribution.

In 2011, it is estimated that over 250,000 women in the U.S. were diagnosed with breast cancer. There are currently millions of women in various stages of treatment and recovery seeking tools to help address quality of life and survivorship issues and learn how to move forward to overcome the challenges of breast cancer.

Casting for Recovery offers these tools through a program which involves both psychosocial and physical aspects of recovery, provides an opportunity to focus on renewal, and to learn a new skill that puts participants in touch with the natural world. A recent participant said it best: "This experience changed how I viewed my journey with breast cancer."

As we provide all of our retreats free of charge to our participants, we depend on your continued support. We invite you to contact us with your ideas and comments, and we in turn will keep you informed of Casting for Recovery activities. Thank you again for your participation and support.

With warmest regards,

From: Ellen Lehman – The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee <http://www.cfmt.org/>

Sent: USPS 4/5/2012

To: Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Thank you for your contribution to our community through The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

Your gift of \$50.00 in memory of **Caroline Kidd** will be added to the Curo Charitable Fund. Curo Health Services, a home health care and hospice services company, recently acquired

If you have a comment or an opinion to share in TIGHT LINES, please submit it in 250 words or less to edadams1@windstream.net

"BACKCASTING"

Apr 10 (Tues) Free Fly Tying Session at Kountry Vittles – 4 participated. The sessions in May and June have been cancelled due to conflicts with the Rabun TU spring campout and the GA Trout Camp.

Apr 14 (Sat) Workday for Back the Brookie – 4 Rabunites participated. Nine members of the Savannah River Chapter of Trout Unlimited joined four members of the Rabun Chapter and one Chattahoochee-Nantahala Chapter member to continue the work to enhance brook trout habitat on the North Fork of Moccasin Creek. They were supported and lead by 3 Forest Service and 1 GA DNR professionals. The group of 18 met at the Wildcat Creek Road gate and followed agency folks into the work site. Rabun Chapter members in attendance were Jim Kidd, Pat Hopton, Steve Perry and Frank Patton. The crew worked above the structure installed in the stream last year. The project this year was to build a deflector and large cover log. The results were outstanding and will provide excellent summer refuge for brook trout when the stream flow has reduced. The Savannah group was great help and essential to the success of the project. This project was the first for many of its members. The day was cool and clear and a fine time to be in the woods. After the project was completed, all participants feasted on hot dogs and other lunch items prepared by Rabunite Frank Patton who handled camp duties for the group. A hardy Rabunite thank you goes out to all the TU volunteers who made the work day a roaring success. Report filed by Jim Kidd.

Regency Hospice. Curo shares Regency's commitment both to provide dedicated and compassionate care to patients, and to giving back to the communities in which they serve. Through this Fund, Curo will continue the work begun by the Regency Hospice Advised Fund, providing a vehicle for giving and supporting charitable causes in communities it serves,

Your contribution will join with countless others to benefit charitable causes Curo supports. Current and future generations will be better off because you cared.

On behalf of the Board, please accept my sincerest thanks for your generosity.

Sincerely,

From: Lowanda "Peanut" Kilby – Director, Boggs Mountain Humane Shelter <http://www.boggshumaneshelter.com/>

Sent: USPS 3/28/2012

To: Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Boggs Mountain Humane Shelter is in receipt of your donation, check #1527 dated 2/27/12 in the amount of \$50 in memory of **Emily Perry**. An acknowledgement has been sent to: Eedee Adams.

This donation will assist us in our mission of saving lives of homeless and helpless animals throughout Northeast Georgia and Rabun County, and we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

Editor's Notes: *Caroline and Emily were sisters of Rabun TU members.*

From: Eedee Adams

Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012

Subject: Donation to Boggs Mountain Humane Shelter
<http://www.boggshumaneshelter.com/>

To: Rabun Trout Unlimited

Thank you, Rabun TU, for the donation to Boggs Mountain Humane Shelter in memory of my sister, Emily Perry. She truly did love critters: especially her two Shiatuzs, Robin and Ginger who now are in the loving hands of Maria Rodegherio.

From: Elizabeth Perry

Sent: USPS 3/23/2012

To: Rabun Trout Unlimited

Thank you so much for making the donation in memory of my brother to the Diabetes Association <http://www.diabetes.org/>. The gift was greatly appreciated by my family as well. The deadly disease and its complications claim so many lives as it took my sister and my brother. The Diabetes Association does so much research and work to eradicate the disease. I know that your donation will be put to good use.

Thanks again,

Memories of the Apr 14 (Sat) Workday for Back the Brookie



Apr 13 & 14 (Fri & Sat) TU SE Regional Rally – 1 Rabunite participated. Trout Unlimited members from 7 southeastern states (GA, TN, SC, NC, VA, KY and WV) gathered in Asheville, NC for the annual Southeastern Rally. A conservation tour was conducted as a preview of the up-coming Annual Meeting to be held at the same location in September 2012. In addition to meeting and networking with TU leadership from neighboring states, the attendees participated in presentations including Youth Education, Veteran Affairs, Risk Management, Fund Raising, Federal Government Affairs and Board Best Practices. TU National showed great support for the regional meeting by sending seven staffers to make presentations and answer questions. With new ideas and re-charged enthusiasm the forty or so TUs returned home to carry on the mission of Trout Unlimited. Representing Georgia were Larry Vigil (NLC Rep for GA) and Charlie Breithaupt (Past Council Chair and Grassroots Trustee). Report filed by Charlie Breithaupt

Apr 17 (Tues) Chapter Meeting – 15 attended on a stormy night
Program: “Dark-Thirty 101” Many anglers have heard of dark-thirty and may even know a trick or two on catching fish at dark. But nobody does it better than our own addicted Rabunite, Pat Hopton. Pat told the reasons he fishes dark-30 in the spring each year. He discussed the experience of backcountry solitude during the evening twilight. How fortunate we are to have THE RIVER as our “home river.” Pat shared the techniques he uses for stalking the wild “old timey original” (OTO) brown trout in the backcountry of THE RIVER.

The Meeting Raffle had 10 buckets with 2 fly assortments, zingers, forceps, caps, shirts and much, much more. Our thanks to all who donated items and to **Tim McClure** for conducting the raffle. The raffle raised \$85 to cover the newsletter cost for members without E-mail.



Prez Pat tells about “dark-30” on THE RIVER

Apr 21 (Sat) Mentoring - Project Healing Waters for Wounded Warriors <http://www.flyfishingforvets.com/> – 3 Rabunites participated. There were about 50 vets and approximately 100 TU volunteers. To see one happy veteran named Charles with his very first trout, click <http://i1125.photobucket.com/albums/l591/Jaiyman/P4200740.jpg>

Apr 24 (Tues) BOD Meeting – 9 participated. Some agenda items include: Recaps – 3/31 (Sat) Rabunite 101; 4/10 Fly Tying Session; 4/14 Workday for BtB on North Fork Moccasin Creek; 4/13 & 14 TU SE Regional Rally Asheville; 4/21 Project Healing

Waters for Wounded Warriors; Status Updates – Director Vacancy; Rod Raffle; Burton Hatchery Volunteers; “Stay” on Chattooga Boating Zoning; “Let’s Go Fishing” workshop for Clayton Baptist Church; 2013 Rabun Rendezvous Program; Handicap Access for Tallulah River; Outreach to Scouts for Merit Badges. Etc; Decals, patches, pins, front license tags, caps &/or shirts with Chapter Logo; TIGHT LINES readers; West Fork Spring stocking Upcoming – 5/4 Mentoring - RCMS kids; 5/8 Fly Tying Session – CANCELLED; 5/9-13 Spring Camping & Fishing Outing; 5/11 Mentoring - RCMS kids, at Oconee State Park, SC; 5/14 Mentoring - Annual Spring Family Cookout w/Scouts; 5/19 GA TU Council Meeting at FRTUC; 5/22) BOD Meeting, Location Streamside; 5/26 Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up ; 6/2 Mentoring - Annual Kids Fishing Event at Tallulah River; 6/10-15 Mentoring - 9th Annual GEORGIA TROUT CAMP; 6/12 Fly Tying Session – CANCELLED; 6/23 River Clean-up of Chattooga DH New Business – Chapter Donations for upcoming TU National meeting in Asheville ; Rod & Reel from National TU for our \$1000 EAS donation at RR; Summer interns; TU % rivers Program for college fly fishing clubs; USFS Roads analysis comments. Reports – Print Media; Membership Committee; Treasury Report

THANK YOU

Ken Lambert for hosting the monthly fly tying sessions in Kountry Vittles

Sandy & Ralph Morgan of St Marys GA for your recent cash donation.

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.

More “Pass It On” opportunities coming up on 5/4, 5/11, 5/14 & 6/2.
(See page 1 for details)



Stream Explorer Member Avril Adams proudly shows the rainbow trout she just caught.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Frank Tolbert has resigned from the Rabun TU Board of Directors but will remain a member of the Chapter. Frank’s resignation is due to circumstances not related in any way to Trout Unlimited. The BOD nominates **Wayne Prosser** to fill the vacancy as Director through F/Y 2014. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the June Chapter meeting, followed by the election.

We express our condolences to **Beth and Larry Walker** on the recent death of her mother.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite “WELCOME” to **3 new members** this month: **QUINNIE DESIMONE**, 136 PARKER LN, CLAYTON GA 30525-5003 & **GEORGE & MARTHA CHRISTIAN** (transfer), PO BOX 665, CLAYTON GA 30525

Thanks for re-upping: **Ray King (Life)**, **Bill Archer**, **Eugene Roberts**, **Russ Tyre**, **William Candy**, **Bob Collins**, **Hal Howard**, **Thomas Stroud** & **Phil Upchurch**

It is time to renew your membership: **Lucas Kerby (SE)**, **Jacob Michael (SE)**, **Lewis Reeves IV (SE)**, **Parrish Lake (SE)**, **Ron Larsen**, **Larry Peevy**, **Russell Burken**, **Nancy Gribble**, **Wesley Hopper**, **Patrick O’Neal**, **John Ramsey**, **Bob Sharpe**, **Chris Whitley**, **Michael Jones**, **Neil Anderson**, **Bob Blalock**, **Larry Jarrett**, **Samuel D’Angelo**, **Rachael Davis**, **Carl Fackler** & **Joe Kitchens**

Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2012

Voting Board of Directors Members:

President - Pat Hopton with Social Media, Awards, Budget

Vice President - Steve Perry with Membership Recruitment and Retention

Treasurer - Tony Allred with Reports, Budget, Entrance Table at Rabun Rendezvous

Secretary - Ray Gentry with Correspondence, Scouts Fishing Event

Past President - Larry Walker with Rabun Co Middle School Mentoring, Print Media

Director through FY 2012 - Jim Kidd with Stream Projects, Scouts

Director through FY 2012 - Terry Rivers w/Festivals, BtB, Campout Equip, Memorials

Director through FY 2013 - Jeff Durniak with Meeting Programs, Hosting Speaker

Director through FY 2013 - Glenn English with Name Tags

Director through FY 2014 - Tim McClure with Meeting Refreshments, Meeting Raffle

Director through FY 2014 - Acting Director pending election, Wayne Prosser

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Director through FY 2015 - Frank Patton with Kids Fishing Events

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Jimmy Whiten with Dream Trip Raffle

Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt with Trout Camp, Fly Fishing 101

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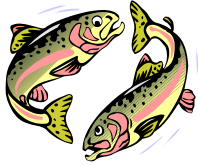
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Notes from the Prez

Mentoring - Passing it On

I recently spent an afternoon with a grandfather fishing with his two young grandchildren. What fun! It brought back memories from long ago of another father taking his 6 year old boy trout fishing in Frogtown Creek. Rabunites have a term for this: ***Passing It On***. That's the term we use when sharing our traditions and stream knowledge with the next generation of conservationists. What could be more important?

We have several opportunities coming up for you to **pass it on**. On May 4 the Chapter will help with the Rabun County School Mentoring Program with fishing at the Rabun County Park; contact *Wayne Prosser* for details. On May 11 the Chapter will help with the fishing event at the Rabun County Middle School Outdoor Day in Oconee State Park; contact *Larry Walker* for details. On May 14 the Chapter will host the Family and Scouts Fishing Day at Indian Lake; contact *Jim Kidd* for details. On June 2 the Chapter will help with the Tallulah River Kids Fishing Event; contact *Frank Patton* for details. And during the second week in June the GA Council will host the annual Georgia Trout Camp at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School; contact *Charlie Breithaupt* for details.

Yes, we all are busy and rushed. But think of the joy you could bring to a young person with just the simple act of going fishing with them. Won't you be a part of **passing it on**?

Oh, and what happened to that 6 year boy? He's now your Chapter Prez.

Pat Hopton



6-year old Pat and his first fish
(a wild rainbow trout)

Pass It On!

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