



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

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"A good fishing buddy is enthusiastic. You build a history together, and the friendship gets richer and deeper with every season" From The River Home by Jerry Dennis

THE JULY MEETING is the ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC!

Kelly's Water Falls Park – Dillard, Tuesday, July 17th, 6:00 pm

Directions: Travel north on US-441, on the north side of Dillard turn right at the traffic light on GA-246, go about 1.7 miles, turn right on Wayfarer Lane, then go 1/4 mile to the end of the gravel road.

**The Chapter will provide the soft drinks, the fried chicken, plates, etc.
Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, veggies, salad, chips, or a dessert.**
The **Custom Fly Rod Raffle** winner will be drawn. There will not be a meeting raffle at the Family Picnic.

"The very mechanics of fly fishing are restful and relaxing. The act of rhythmically casting one's rod and line to and fro, slows one's mood to the tempo of the gentle winds and undulating currents." Martin J. Keane

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates See you there!

July 10 (Tues) Chattooga River Electro Sampling. 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.

Volunteers needed. We need all the volunteer help we can get to carry equipment in/out and to net fish. It will be quite an experience for those that have not helped with electro-shocking before, including learning where trout lie during the day! Note that the hike in and out of the Big Bend is fairly strenuous, so **volunteers need to be in good physical condition.** Bring waders, a camera, a picnic lunch and full water bottles. <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/work-projects/the-story-of-the-chattooga-coalition/>

July 10 (Tues) Free Fly Tying Session, 6 PM at Kountry Vittles

July 17 (Tues) Family Picnic, 6 PM, Kelly's Water Falls Park (see box above for details). Custom rod raffle winner will be drawn: [Download the .pdf flyer](#)

July 24 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Location - Chamber of Commerce office

Aug 21 (Tues) Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program: USFS wildlife biologist Mike Brod, with: *"Upper Warwoman Landscape Management Project – What You Need To Know, and How You Can Be Involved."*

Aug 28 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Location - Chamber of Commerce office

26th Annual Rabun Rendezvous – Saturday, February 2, 2013
Program: Franklin Tate – *The Youth Program in TU*

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



TRICO SPINNER

EARLY MORNING HATCHES OF TRICOS ARE HAPPENING THIS TIME OF YEAR WHEN OTHER INSECT HATCHES ARE SLOWING DOWN. SO TIE SOME OF THESE UP IN OLIVE AND BLACK GOOSE BIOT'S AND HAVE SOME TOP WATER ACTION. SEE YA ON THE RIVER.

HOOK: 20/22 DRY FLY
TAIL: MEDIUM MICROFIBBETTS
ABDOMEN: OLIVE GOOSE BIOTS
THORAX: SUPER FINE BLACK DUBBING
WING: WHITE ANTRON YARN

"For me, becoming a fly fisherman has been a matter of adding layers, not passing through stages. I began with bluegills and largemouth bass, and I pursue them still."

From "A Fly Fishing Life" by William Tapply

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July Hatches

The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies
None at all	Can happen any time on any day		Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Brown Stonefly	All Month	Early to Mid AM	10-14 Brown Stimulator 10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Golden Stonefly	All Month	Early AM	8-12 Ginger Stimulator 6-10 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly	All Month	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Trico Mayfly	Early	Mid AM	20 Parachute Trico, Trico Emerger, Griffith's Gnat
Trico Spinner Fall		PM	20-22 Poly Wing Black Spinner
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Hoppers, Etc (Important)			Various Times & Sizes

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

Website-of-the-Month: <http://www.hatches.tv/video/Fly-Max-Films-Episode-5>
Gar on the Fly Video

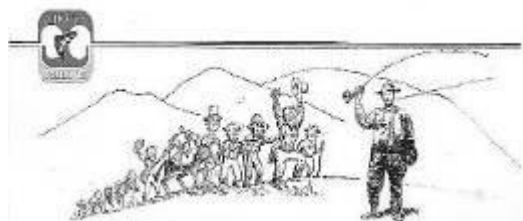
Rabun TU's Award Winning website <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

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/>
July: The Bass Popper - There's plenty of insects hatching and trout feeding in July. But here at Flyshack headquarters in upstate New York, July is also bass season. It's something of a tradition to trout-fish your way through the hatches of spring, then turn your attention to river smallmouths. Very often, this causes the angler to wonder why he doesn't pay attention to bass more often.



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>

Official Rabun TU Chapter Logo

Rabunites: Here is the new logo for our chapter approved by the Chapter Board of Directors. This can be embroidered on caps, shirts and other garments.

If you want to have something done, go to:

Garment Imprints
621 Hwy 441 South
Suite #1
Clayton, GA

They have this approved logo on E-file there.

That location is about 100 yards north of ReMax where our chapter meets monthly.

You may take your own shirts, caps, etc and/or purchase garments there. There are a lot of choices available through Garment Imprints. You are on your own for pricing.

Submitted by Charlie Breithaupt



Letters To and From the Rabunites

From: Bill Beckwith - President, Flint River Chapter TU

Subject: Painting

Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2012

Please forgive my tardiness in thanking you and the Rabunites for the very much appreciated donation of the beautiful painting. It will be used to raise funds for the Flint River Chapter in our conservation efforts. I will inform you of the project(s) we will undertake that will be made possible by your unexpected generosity. Thank you so very much,

From: Ed Bettross - Senior Fisheries Biologist, Georgia Wildlife Resources Division

Subject: Thank You for Letter Supporting Trout Regulation Recommendation

Date: Thursday, May 24, 2012,

Mr. Hopton, We appreciate Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited interest in the GA/SC reciprocal fishing license agreement, and support of our recommendation to lower the trout daily creel limit from 8 to 5. Do you know approximately how many Georgia residents are a member of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited? Thanks!

From: Pat Hopton – Rabun TU Prez

Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012

Subject: Re: Thank You for Letter Supporting Trout Regulation Recommendation

As of today, the Rabun Chapter has 148 adults that are GA residents on our membership roster.

Sent: Sunday, June 03, 2012

Subject: RE: June TIGHT LINES newsletter for Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

This is Jimmy Miller at Savannah River Chapter. I really enjoyed reading June newsletter. Thanks for sending it.

From: Perry Thompson - Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Fisheries, Trout Stocking Coordinator (Retired)

Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Subject: Thank You

Please pass along to all members. Thank you for the wonderful print I received at my retirement dinner. I appreciate the respect and spirit of cooperation afforded me by members of the Rabun T.U. Chapter during my career. To be recognized by the chapter is an honor and I will proudly display Broderick's depiction of the brook trout in action in our home. I look forward to seeing you in the future,

To: Wayne Prosser, Jim Nixon and Jessie Bradshaw – Rabun TU Committee for Tallulah River Handicap Fishing Access

From: Pat Hopton – President, Rabun TU Chapter

Sent: June 12, 2012

The Rabun Chapter Board of Directors (BOD) voted May 22, 2012 to form a committee (Committee) for the purpose of partnering with the US Forest Service (Agency) to accomplish the goal of constructing a handicap accessible fishing pier (Project).

The BOD has charged the Committee with the following directions and made the following decisions (in italics):

- The Committee members shall consist of one BOD member; one Chapter member-at-large; and one individual, TU member or not, that is either handicapped or an advocate for the handicapped. *The Committee membership shall consist of Wayne Prosser, Jim Nixon, and Jessie Bradshaw. The Committee may select the Chairperson and designate responsibilities.*
- The Project should be within the geographic bounds of the Rabun Chapter; be accessible to the public on either National Forest or State lands; and be located on managed, stocked trout waters. *The Committee shall recommend the location of the handicap fishing pier to be on the Tallulah River, at some specific location to be determined upstream of Nichols Campground and downstream of Tate City. The pier should not be located within developed campgrounds.*
- The Agency is responsible for the specific site location, planning, design, construction, signage, and maintenance of the Pier. *The Committee may offer to provide guidance in these activities.*
- Other governmental agencies or non-governmental organizations may be involved in this Project. *The Committee may recommend that the GA Department of Natural Resources be involved.*
- All agreements made between the Committee and the Agency should be legal, ethical, documented, and in compliance with Trout Unlimited and Agency policy and guidelines. *A Memorandum of Understanding shall be prepared between the Agency and the Rabun Chapter regarding each entities roles and responsibilities in the Project.*
- The Committee shall offer to provide funds to the Agency to be used towards the Project. The Agency may provide additional funds. *The Committee shall commit funds only to the construction and signage of the handicap fishing pier. The Agency shall fund the planning, design, and maintenance of the pier. The Rabun Chapter has committed \$2500 in the 2012 Budget for the construction of the fishing pier. The GA Council has available matching funds for this project; the Committee is to apply to the Council for these matching funds. The Committee may pursue other funding options, such as Challenge Cost Share Agreements with the Agency or other partners.*
- The Committee and Agency should investigate further fisheries enhancement opportunities within the area of the Project. These may include fish structures and, bank stabilization. *The Committee may offer the services of the Rabun Chapter, with support from the Agency, to work on enhancing the fisheries within the immediate area of the pier by constructing structures or performing bank stabilization.*
- A timeline for completion of this Project shall be developed between the Committee and the Agency.
- Regular status updates regarding this project shall be made by the Committee to the BOD. *Status updates shall be made monthly at BOD meetings and may be posted in TIGHT LINES.*
- The Committee is authorized to make decisions within the directions provided. If unsure of direction, the Committee shall bring decisions to a vote by a forum of the BOD.

The Agency representative, District Ranger of the Chattooga River RD, has already been briefly approached with this project proposal and is generally supportive. A more formal meeting between the Agency and Committee shall be done soon in order to begin work on the Project. I am available to facilitate this first meeting between the Committee and the Agency, just let me know.

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited is fully supportive of this Project and looks forward to working together with the Committee and the Agency towards its successful completion.

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

When Fishermen Meet:

"Hiyamac" "Lobuddy" "Binearlong?" "Coplours" "Cetchanenny?" "Goddafew"
"Kindarthay?" "Bassencarp" "Ennysizetoom?" "Cuplapowns" "Hittinhard?" "Sordalike"
"Wahchoozin?" "Gobbawurms" "Fishanonaboddum?" "Rydononaboddum" "Whatchadrinkin?" "Jugajimbeam"
"Igoddago" "Tubad" "Seeyaroun" "Yeahtakideezy" "Guluk."
Compliments of Dickerson Hardware Co, Clayton, GA Circa 1967

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 the agency makes the final administrative decision for each of the six appeals."* 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. *"The six appeals we received on this decision have raised a number of complex issues,"* said Ken Arney, Deputy Regional Forester for the Southern Region 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.

FISHING REPORTS

Attention Chattooga Anglers – Its redeye bass time! Please help the agencies manage the Chattooga fishery by reporting your Chattooga fishing trips on the E-diary. Each time you report a trip you get to see what the agencies are learning.

Click <http://rabuntu.org/site/chattooga-river-anglers-diary/>

From: Ralph and Sandy Morgan
Sent: Sunday, May 27, 2012
Subject: newsletter

As usual, a great June newsletter...and, I didn't need help to access it off of Facebook. Terrific photos of you guys mentoring the youth. Sandy and I just returned from Colorado where we witnessed a Grandson graduating from high school. Sandy had never been in the Rocky Mtn. National Park, so we spent a week in Estes Park and saw most of it. Some roads were still closed due to snow. We even had a snowstorm there last week! Somehow the Morgan gene pool got confused and our Grandson in Boulder has become an avid fly fisherman. I attached a photo of him just to prove it. However, it should be noted that Ralph with his trusty spinning rod caught twice as many fish as the fly boys. Best.



From: Pat Hopton
Sent: Sunday, June 03, 2012
Subject: Green Trout

Today I found that my wading boots had dried and so I had to fix that situation. Drove up to the Little Tennessee River at Needmore. Caught several smallmouth bass, all 10-12" and full of fight. I started with popping bugs with no luck but changed over to a #10 brown woolly booger and caught all the fish on that. I found a dead drift close to the bottom through the deep runs worked best, with a few caught on the swing.





Bill on the Chattooga in 1986

Legendary Rabunite Bill Kelly has "Gone Fishing" Permanently (6/21/2012) Obituary [HERE](#)

Born Sept 9, 1936, Bill was a 1955 graduate of Rabun Gap Nacoochee School where he was inducted into the school's athletic Hall of Fame for his outstanding basketball play.

Bill worked at his father's business, Rabun Quarries, Inc. before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. In 1957, he married his first wife, Linda Means Kelly. He is survived by her and their four children: Cathy, Claude, Mark and Dan. Bill was preceded in death by his second wife, Carolyn Jeanette "Jean" Kelly. He is also survived by his grandson Clay, raised by Jean and Bill. Bill worked for Vulcan Industries for many years before retiring to Dillard.

Bill grew up fishing the Chattooga River. When Bill retired he began his second career as a fishing guide. Bill was known far and wide as an excellent and thoroughly obsessed fisherman. He guided at Blackhawk and Brigadoon among other places, and made many trips out west and to Alaska to fish the rivers there. He was one of the founding members of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited in 1986.

In 2012, he and his sisters, Betty and Claudia, ensured that a 24 acre tract of land around Darnell Creek and its waterfalls will eventually become part of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. This will be open to the public for recreational fishing and preserve this beautiful place for future generations. Read more about this Kelly Family legacy [HERE](#).

Memorial donations may be made to "The Roy Kelly Fund, Head of Tennessee Baptist Church, 871 Franklin Street, Dillard, GA 30537. (The fund provides financial assistance to those dealing with catastrophic medical issues.)

The poem "Trout Fishing" [HERE](#), this song [HERE](#), and this image [HERE](#) are appropriate for the celebration of Bill's life.

"To those who knew me in my youth, remember me when I was young and fun.

To those who knew me as your friend, remember me with a fishing pole in my hand."

From Charlie Breithaupt in Rabun County: *Bill was a stalwart of the Rabun Chapter of TU and, I believe, one of the founding members. He was a good friend and will be missed.*

From Jim Barrett in Michigan: *Thank you so very much for the news on Bill. Not the kind of news I like to hear, but it brought back so many good, fond, and special memories. The memories will never fade.*

From Russ Tyre in Florida: *I was saddened to hear of Bill's passing, though it was expected. I'm glad I had a chance to know Bill and fish with him once up on the East Fork. I don't remember seeing Bill when he didn't have a smile on his face. He told some good tales, and as we know, we didn't have to believe them if we didn't want to. His physical presence will certainly be missed around the campfire. His memory will be kept alive by those who knew him.*

From Chris Whitley in Montana: *I'm sorry to learn about Bill. He was a great person, and I know that he will be missed dearly. My condolences go out to his family, friends and all of the Rabunites. I passed along the news to Reed Hunt, and he said that some of his best days on the river were spent with Bill...especially their trip to Wyoming on 1989.*

From Don Atkinson in Ohio: *Time moves on. FYI, tomorrow is Phil Klein's 79th birthday. Maybe they are fishing on a special river together right now. Kelly would be, of course, 40 ft. ahead of Phil. But Kelly could hear Phil's laughter quite well.*

Editor's notes: *I met Bill 47 years ago. We were in the Jaycees and on a bowling team together. We quickly learned we shared a love for the Chattooga River. We became fishing buddies and good friends. In 1967 I took Bill on his first camping and trout fishing trip to the Rocky Mountain west. Bill was a charter member of the Rabun TU Chapter and served as a Director for many years. He was an active TU member and will be missed.*

We shared many streams and campfires. Together we made many wonderful memories, which I cherish.

"And memories are like starlight: they go on forever." From "Aurora Borealis" lyrics, by C. W. McCall



"BACKCASTING"

June 2 (Sat) Mentoring - Annual Kids Fishing Event, at [Tallulah River Campground](#)! 7 Rabunites assisted the US Forest at the annual Kid's Fishing Event on the Tallulah River. The Rabunites included Frank Patton, KFE Leader; Terry Rivers; Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt; Glenn English; Ray Kearns; and Pat Hopton. Approximately 160 children showed up, along with parents and guardians. The weather was perfect: clear, cool, and sunny! Nearly every child caught at least one fish, and all the kid's had a great time! The Rabun Chapter signed up 5 new Stream Explorers to our Chapter. The kid's really liked Terry's fly tying demonstrations. Thank you to Frank for leading this effort and to everyone that participated. Reported by Pat Hopton, Chapter Prez





June 7 (Thurs) Lake Burton Trout Hatchery Volunteer Help - Larry Walker, Kent Wilson, Wayne Prosser and Charlie Breithaupt worked as volunteers for ½ day at the Hatchery. This day was spent in helping to maintain the yards and grounds.

June 7 (Thurs) Perry Thompson's WRD Retirement Dinner – Pat Hopton and Doug Adams attended and presented Perry with a retirement gift from the Rabun TU Chapter, a framed "Jewel of the Smokies" print. Perry recently retired as the Lake Burton Trout Hatchery manager and Georgia trout stocking coordinator. A lot of smiles on the faces of Georgia trout anglers were due to the efforts of Perry and his staff. Jeff Durniak was the Master of Ceremonies for the affair.



Perry Thompson with his gift from Rabun TU

June 10-15 (Sun – Fri) Mentoring - 9th Annual GEORGIA TROUT CAMP 24 campers (19 boys & 5 girls; ages 12-15) and 43 volunteer mentors (38 adults and 5 youth; including 15 Rabun TU members). Once again twenty-four young anglers are now better trained and better equipped than most folks you'll meet on our trout streams. They eagerly soaked up all that was offered to them by volunteer mentors and instructors from Trout Unlimited, DNR and the Forest Service. Our camp is an effort of all of Trout Unlimited in GA and 12 GA TU chapters sent campers. Volunteer mentors from 7 chapters gave of their time and knowledge to "pass it on" to another generation. Thanks to all who contributed to the camp. It is a group effort. The 216 young folks who have passed through the Georgia Trout Camp's 9 sessions and now have the knowledge, equipment and, hopefully, the desire to be part of the trout fishing world make it all worthwhile. Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt – GA Trout Camp Co-directors



June 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting - 16 attended. Wayne Prosser was elected Director to serve out the term of Frank Tolbert. Frank resigned for personal reasons, nothing to do with TU. Ed Hunter, the new USFS Chattooga River District Ranger, was introduced. **Program:** *"Lips and Teeth"* by Hollywood (GA) celebrity and Unicoi Outfitters fly shop manager John Cross [HERE](#). While some Rabunites begin to lament the passing of their beloved spring hatches, other, more adaptable fellers rejoice in the new "warm" opportunities that now come into full bloom. John gave us the how, when and where for catching a drag-screamin' ten-pound "freshwater redfish" (carp) or a tailwalking, three-foot long, finned acrobat (gar) on your 7 or 8 weight fly rod! Summertime trophies await you within an hour's drive of the house! Thank you, John, for an entertaining and informative presentation! The program was great.

The **Meeting Raffle** had 10 buckets including a new fishing vest (donated by Reeves Hardware – Dillard), 2 fly selections, 2 LED lights, and much more. The raffle raised \$60. Our thanks go to all who donated items and to **Terry Rivers** for conducting the raffle.



John Cross explains a gar fly.

June 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting: 9 attended. Some agenda items included: Recaps – 5/26 Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up; 6/2 Annual Kids Fishing Event at Tallulah River; 6/7 Retirement Dinner for Perry Thompson; 6/10-15 9th Annual GA Trout Camp Status Updates – Date for KFE at Black Rock Mountain S.P.; Rod Raffle; Burton Hatchery Volunteers; 2013 Rabun Rendezvous moved to Feb 2, 2013; Handicap Access for Tallulah River committee report; Outreach to Scouts for Merit Badges. Etc; Rod & Reel from National TU for our \$1000 EAS donation; Date for "Tie One On" fundraiser for Smithgall Woods Upcoming – 7/10 Chattooga River Electro Sampling; 7/10 Free Fly Tying Session, 6 PM at Kountry Vittles; 7/17 Family Picnic at Kelly's Water Falls Park; 7/24 BOD Meeting at Chamber of Commerce office Reports – Print Media; Membership Committee; Treasury Report

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to **Micah Seehorn** who was recently inducted into the RGNS athletic Hall of Fame for his 4 years of outstanding basketball play. Micah is the son and grandson of Rabun TU members Terry and Monte Seehorn respectively.

(Martha) **Gail Tolbert** is recovering nicely from the injuries she suffered in the Warrior Dash in Mountain City. [HERE](#)

We offer our cur condolences to **Stephen and Lisa McCall** on the recent death of his mother, Margaret Hoffman McCall.

We offer our cur condolences to the family and friends of Rabun TU charter member **Bill Kelly** on his 6/21 death. Bill was recently inducted into the RGNS athletic Hall of Fame for his outstanding basketball play from 1951 through 1955.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Jim Darnell** and **John Starinchuck** as both have been placed under hospice care.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to a **new member** this month: **PETER CROES**, 2766 PRESTWICK DRIVE, LAKE LAND FL

Thanks for re-upping: **Chris Jenkins, Arthur Guthas, Derek Barlow, Charles Cawthon, June Landreth, Ray Kearns, Leigh Wyatt, Corey Smith, Joe Kitchens & Dave Schmidt**

It is time to renew your membership: **Daniel Fountain (SE), Kevin Lash (SE), Victoria Welch (SE), Lucas Kerby (SE), Jacob Michael (SE), Lewis Reeves IV (SE), John Edwards, Lonnie English, Larry Hutchens, Hampton Williams, Ron Larsen, Larry Peevy, Russell Burken, Nancy Gribble, Patrick O'Neal, John Ramsey, Bob Sharpe, Chris Whitley & Michael Jones**

Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2012

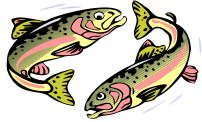
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Any member of Rabun TU may attend the Board of Directors meetings



Notes from the Prez

The Affliction

It was back in 1986 when I took my first fishing trip “west of Hiawassees”. Little did I know at the time that I was being exposed to an affliction to which there is no cure: Rocky Mountain Fever. Every year, right about this time of year, the fever rears its head in a big way. Something must be done!

What is Rocky Mountain Fever? It is the result of mysterious forces found in the combination of high, snow capped mountains overlooking grassy meadows; cold streams flowing clear and fast; star-filled nights while sitting around the campfire, listening to the yipping of coyotes; the smell of sagebrush and pine after a brief afternoon shower; and, best of all, the tug of strong, beautiful, wild trout on a fly rod.

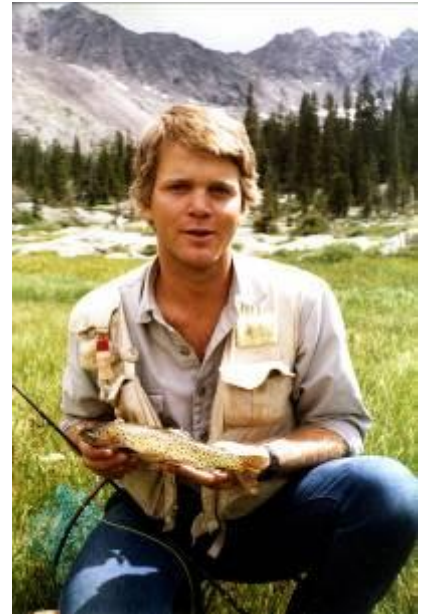
The affliction seems to always show up this time of year when my wading boots have dried, the insect hatches have slowed, and it's just too darn hot to fish. I know the Fever has really set in when I catch myself looking at internet river gauges and watching the Weather Channel for areas west of Hiawassees... when I pull out the topo maps of quads near the Sixth Principal Meridian... and when thoughts of streams with names that can never be spoken fill my mind both day and night.

Yes, there's no denying it – the Fever is back again and something must be done. There's only one treatment, though admittedly it is only temporary in nature: I must go again to the mountains.

Pat Hopton

Pat Hopton - Chapter Prez

Editor's notes: For treatment, Pat is again going “Away Out on the Mountain” [HERE](#)



In 1986 Pat Hopton caught a cutthroat trout and the Rocky Mountain Fever

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