



TIGHT LINES February 2013 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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

"The trout do not rise in the cemetery, so you better do your fishing while you are still able."
Sparse Grey Hackle

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

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.

*"I've gone fishing thousands of times in my life,
and I have never once felt unlucky or poorly paid for those hours on the water."*
From "A Fly-Fishing Life" by William Tapply

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates *See you there!*

Feb 2 (Sat) 26th Annual Rabun Rendezvous, 5 PM 'til Franklin Tate, National TU Director of Youth Education, will present a brief program titled "The Youth Program in TU." See page 2 for details.

Feb 5 (Tues) Annual Chattooga Coalition Meeting, 9 AM, USFS Chattooga River R.D. Office, Tallulah Falls

Feb 16 (Sat) Annual Planning Meeting 8 AM Breakfast at Dillard House. All members are invited. The Chapter pays the tab for the family style breakfast. Come enjoy the fellowship and help to set the Chapter budget and plan our activities for the coming year. See page 3 for details.

Feb 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office **Program:** "Trout and More at Smithgall Woods" by Smithgall Woods Conservation Area manager John Erbele. <http://www.gastateparks.org/SmithgallWoods>

Feb 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Chamber of Commerce.

Mar 2 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting, 9 AM, Dahlenega

Mar 9 (Sat) Tie-1-On at Bass Pro Shops, 9 AM to 5 PM, For details, see page 4 of this newsletter or contact Terry Rivers tlr1121@windstream.net

Mar 16 (Sat) Hoot on the Hooch, 5 PM – 10 PM, Hellendorf Inn, Helen

Mar 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office **Program:** Save the Hemlocks

Mar 23 (Sat Morning) Rabunite 101, 1/2-day fly-fishing workshop at Rabun County Recreation Center, For details, see page 3 or contact Charlie Breithaupt knc615@windstream.net

Mar 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, Chamber of Commerce.

2013 GA Trout Camp; June 9th – 14th

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



BLACK ELK- HAIR CADDIS

THIS TIME OF THE YEAR EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE ALL OF THEIR FLY BOXES FULL. IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THIS ONE, TIE A FEW ALONG WITH SOME BLACK STONE FLY NYMPHS AND DROP ONE BEHIND THIS CADDIS. AND JUST MAYBE YOU WILL KEEP WARM WITH A FEW HOOK-UPS. THIS IS HAPPENING ON THE D.H. RIGHT NOW. SEE Y'ALL ON THE RIVER.

HOOK: 12/18

BODY: BLACK HARE'S EAR DUBBING
PALMERED: WITH BLACK HACKLE AND WIRE.

WING: DYED ELK HAIR

"Lest the reader become too discouraged let me say that one can fish beautifully with a rod that is not perfection, but at the expense of undue physical exertion. For years I fished with what I now realize were very poor rods, but I found that I could place a fly as accurately as the next man, and execute the curve cast and other necessities of fly fishing. Only when I acquired the unusually excellent rod I speak of, was I aware of the greater ease with which these things could be done."

From "Any Luck?" by Eugene Connett

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**The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited proudly presents
A Celebration of Rivers, Streams, Trout, and Trout Fishing**

“As always I am looking forward to the Rendezvous, it's like a big old family reunion.” Garland Stewart

Please Join Us for the 26th Annual

Rabun Rendezvous

<http://rabuntu.org/site/2013/01/01/feb-2-2013-26th-annual-rabun-rendezvous/>

When: Saturday, February 2, 2013

Where: The “NEW” Dillard House Conference Center (doubled in size), located behind the Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia.

Who: The more the better. Everyone interested in protecting our cold-water resources, including their families, friends, and all who love clean cold streams, trout, and trout fishing.

Social: About 5 o'clock PM folks will start gathering to “pick the pig” and enjoy the rocking chairs on the porch of the Conference Center. There will be snack trays of cheeses, crackers, veggies with dips, and fruits. Soft drinks and ice will be available. If you want something stronger, better bring it yourself. There will be a fire inside to warm your buns.

The Foxfire Boys (as seen in the Chattooga River episode of TUTV's “On The Rise”) will again generously provide their ‘down home’ style of bluegrass picking and singing for your musical entertainment.

Remember to ask about The Foxfire Boys CDs (now 4 of them), which will be available.

The large screen TV will be showing the Rabunites trout fishing some of their favorite ‘secret spots’. This will be the ideal time to be looking over the raffle and silent auction items. **We welcome donations of raffle and auction items at the door, fellow TU'ers.**

Dinner: Fish, chicken, and pork with all the side dishes and desserts that have made the Dillard House so famous, will be served about 6:30. It is a serve yourself buffet, so you will not leave hungry.

Presenter of a brief program - Franklin Tate, TU Director of Youth Education.

Cost: \$30 for adults and \$25 for youth of 15 and under. Cash, personal checks, VISA or MasterCard credit cards. We don't do advanced tickets or reservation; just pay at the door. Preschoolers receive a free ticket.

Lodging: The Dillard House has set special rates for rooms starting at \$49 (plus tax) for those that call and **tell them you're attending the Trout Unlimited Rabun Rendezvous.** Call: 706-746-5348 or Toll Free 1-800-541-0671

You must tell them you are there with Trout Unlimited to get the special rate.

Request to the Rabunites and Friends

With the budget crunch faced by the agencies (the US Forest Service and GA WRD), Trout Unlimited can again step-up in 2013 and be the lead financial partner in protecting, preserving, connecting and enhancing the cold-water resources in Northeast Georgia, including the “Back the Brookie” activities. The Rabun Chapter's major fundraiser of the year, the Rabun Rendezvous, is just a few days away. Now is a good time to ask friends and supporters for donations of goods and services for the silent auction and bucket raffle.

Need an idea for what you can donate?

Art, crafts (wood working, fishing flies, etc.), a campout with fishing, a day of lake fishing, a day of deer hunting on a lease, a day of wild turkey hunting, vacations, golf packages, raft trips, weekend use of mountain cabins or condos at beach, and goodies from the kitchens of the Rabunites (cakes, breads, baskets with canned veggies, jams, jellies and preserves) have always been popular with our guests. Instead of buying something to donate, consider just donating the cash.

February 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
Winter Black Stone	All Month	L am to M pm	18-20 Black Elk-hair Caddis or Griffith's Gnat 16-18 Black Stone Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Small Dun Caddis	Late	L am to M pm	18 Brown Elk-hair or Deer-hair Caddis 18 Hair's Ear Nymph
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill	Late	L am to M pm	16-18 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-18 BWO Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Quill Gordon	Late	L am to M pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12 Quill Gordon Nymph
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](#)

Annual Planning Breakfast, Saturday Morning, Feb 16th

At 8 AM in the main dining room at the Dillard House, the Chapter picks up the tab. All members are invited to attend and participate in the development of the annual plan for the Chapter. Items on the agenda include:
Rabun Rendezvous de-briefing - What we can do to make the next Rendezvous even better.
2013 Budgeted Expenditures – Chapter funds raised at the Rendezvous are available and need to be properly allocated for expenditure to support our TU mission.
2013 Calendar – Dates need to be set for the upcoming Chapter activities during the next 12 months.

Website-of-the-Month: <https://www.facebook.com/WildlifeResourcesDivisionGADNR>

Wildlife Resources Division - GADNR is on Facebook

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](#)

Made me shake, ...and pray that spring arrives soon!

<http://midcurrent.com/2012/12/28/video-hatch-the-guy-who-cant-catch-fish/#more-16980>



2013 Dream Trip Raffle for a Fly Fishing Vacation for 2 People!



The winner and their partner will each receive: • 5 days fishing and 6 nights lodging and meals at a private cabin in Island Park Idaho • Custom made fly rod with reel & line • A float trip on the Madison River • A fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen per box) • \$500 in travel expenses (this is total, not per person)

One winner will be drawn and the winner will choose a partner to accompany them on the trip.

Runner-up prizes will include custom made fly rods, fishing trips, and boxes of flies.

Winners will be drawn at the Georgia Foothills Chapter's annual banquet, the "Hoot on the Hooch" in Helen, GA on March 16, 2013.

Ticket price is \$10 and proceeds will go to the Georgia TU Council to fund Council projects such as the GA Trout Camp for youth and the Back the Brookie campaign.

For complete details and rules <http://www.georgiatu.org/index.php?mid=news&iid=dream2013&sid=>

Contact Jimmy Whiten for your raffle tickets: E-mail jimmywhiten@yahoo.com

Rabunite 101 - An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Trout

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



On **Saturday, March 23rd**, 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 \$25 per person.

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 if you can help.

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>

Boating will be permitted on the Chattooga North Fork beginning December 1 through April 30 every year, on any day the flow reaches 350 cfs on the Burrell's Ford gauge. <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?02176930>

Boating is NOT permitted on approximately 4 miles between just below Lick Log Creek and the Highway 28 Bridge.

The boaters have filed a federal court case **demanding year-round unrestricted access at any flow.** A hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 2013 and a final decision on the case is expected in March 2013.

Beware of the camel's nose! [HERE](#) Help protect backcountry solitude and remoteness. Please Observe and Report violations [HERE](#) so future generations will have the opportunity to experience the backcountry solitude and remoteness during the prime months of March and April.

GEORGIA COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED - "TIE 1 ON" TIE - ATHLON FLY TYING EVENT TO BENEFIT NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS: FUNDRAISER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

DATE: SAT MARCH 9, 2013

LOCATION: BASS PRO, LAWRENCEVILLE, GA

TIME: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (ARRIVE AT 8:15 TO SET UP)

SPONSORS: GA TROUT UNLIMITED COUNCIL AND CHAPTERS, BASS PRO, TIE – 1-ON, NORTH GA TROUT ONLINE, AND GA WOMEN'S FLY FISHERS

* EACH TU CHAPTER WILL BE REPRESENTED BY 1 FLY TYING TEAM. A CHAPTER CAN HAVE ANY NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS ON THAT TEAM – BUT ONLY TWO WILL BE TYING AT A TIME. MEMBERS WILL RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR CHAPTER TEAM THRU A PLEDGE PER FLY AMOUNT – PLEDGE FUNDS WILL BE DONATED TO NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

* 6 PATTERNS WILL BE TIED FOR THE EVENT (BH FLASHBACK PHEASANT TAIL, RAINBOW WARRIOR, SOFT HACKLE EMERGER, ELK HAIR CADDIS, BH WOLLY BUGGER, AND CLOUSER MINNOW).

* TEAM MEMBERS WILL TIE A DOZEN OF EACH PATTERN AND THEN MOVE TO THE NEXT ONE.

* THE CHAPTER WITH THE HIGHEST PLEDGE AMOUNT WILL HAVE THEIR NAME PLACED ON "THE GOLDEN VISE AWARD" AND KEPT AT THE CHAPTER UNTIL THE NEXT EVENT.

* ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL SUPPLY THEIR OWN VISES AND TOOLS AND A TYING LAMP IF DESIRED. ALL TYING MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED.

** **TEAM NAME / EST OF # OF TYERS** _____

** **TEAM CONTACT: NAME** _____ **TEL #** _____ **EMAIL** _____

** **SUBMIT APPLICATION AND INQUIRES TO FRED RUPPEL AT** streamwalker2@aol.com

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT RON THOMAS AT rbtgofish@yahoo.com

E-mail your Pledge to Rabun Chapter President Pat Hopton scotts_creek58@yahoo.com

* DONATIONS WILL BE RAISED THRU PLEDGE AMOUNT PER FLY THRU EACH CHAPTER.

* SPONSORS WILL RECEIVE A "THANK YOU" LETTER FROM COUNCIL / CHAPTER TO BE USED FOR TAX REPORTING. CHAPTERS MAY ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE SPONSORS ON WEBSITE.

* ESTIMATE TO HELP DETERMINE SPONSORS DONATION– AVERAGE 150 FLIES TIED PER TEAM FOR FULL EVENT. MAY BE HIGH BUT SPONSORS SHOULD BE GIVEN HIGH END POSSIBILITY.

* TEAM NAME: Rabunites

* PLEDGE AMOUNT/FLY TIED AT THE EVENT _____

* SPONSOR NAME: _____

* PHONE #: _____

* ALL FUNDS WILL BE DONATED TO NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

* THESE FUNDS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE APRIL 16

* CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO TROUT UNLIMITED

* CHAPTER CONTACT FOR COLLECTION OF PLEDGES: Pat Hopton scotts_creek58@yahoo.com

Fly Fishing Tips for Catching Winter Trout

Article by [Kirk Deeter](#). Uploaded on January 02, 2013



Winter can be the most rewarding season of the year for fly anglers. If you can stand the cold, you just might have the river to yourself, experiencing solitude that's rarely found when the mayflies are hatching in spring and summer. But there's another reason to get out and fish between December and March: Winter can also be the most technically challenging season, demanding precision and skill more than any other time of the year. If you can catch fish now, you can catch them any time.

The trick to catching fish with flies in the winter boils down to four simple rules: **Slow Down; Size Down; Tone Down; Present Down(stream).**

For complete article <http://www.fieldandstream.com/articles/fishing/trout-fishing/where-fish-trout/2012/12/flyfishing-tips-catching-winter-trout?page=0%2C0>

FISHING REPORT

Complements of the Unicoi Outfitters Liars Club

[Did You Make It To The Chattooga This Weekend?](#) By Jimmy Harris



If you did, you experienced spring-like weather, black stoneflies, 52 degree water and, overall, just a great day to be on one of the most beautiful rivers in the country. We didn't rush to get there early, left Cornelia around 10:30 Saturday morning for a leisurely ride north. We were fishing a little after 12 noon. The South Carolina parking lot at the DH was almost full; we got the last spot and assumed the river would be full of anglers. Turns out there were several anglers up and down the river but it certainly was not crowded at all.



Hey, anyone can hook a fish in the mouth!

About 1:00 the little black stones began flying around, touching the surface now and then but rises were few and far between. The rains from Friday had pushed the Hwy. 76 gauge up just barely over 2 feet but by the time we stepped in the river it was probably around 1.95' and dropping. The water was stained but not muddy at all. It almost had a tannin stained appearance to it. We briefly discussed whether or not the stain was preventing the fish from keying in on the stones but then decided it really didn't matter. We were happy dredging and steadily catching fish.



Chattooga DH – Saturday 1/12/2013

Enough that I never took it off and my big fish of the day (this nice brown in the photo) was compliments of Mr. Pat. Just before hooking this nice fish, I had noticed an angler upstream who appeared to be in a wild battle with a good fish. Later as he walked by I asked if he had caught a nice fish. He told me it was about a 20" brown...on a Pat's Rubber Legs. Big fly, big fish!



A Black Elk Hair Caddis will match the Stoneflies
(Editor's notes: See fly-of-the-month on page 1)

My fishing buddy Jeff was dredging most of the day as was I but he decided to return on Sunday with his 3 wt. and fish nothing but dry/dropper rigs. The little black stones were coming off again after lunch and he had steady success. He also reported that the water was clearing from the rains so maybe the stain did have something to do with it.

It's raining almost every day this week and things are expected to turn colder but this is prime time on the Chattooga DH. If you can get away, and the water level is 2 feet or less, you need to plan a trip there. And you may want to pack some Pat's Rubber Legs.

(Article posted by Jimmy Harris on 1/14/2013)

LETTERS to the RABUNITES

Sent: By USPS 1/4/13
To: Rabun TU Members
From: June Landreth

Happy New Year! Just wanted to tell you all how much I have enjoyed the lovely wreath presented to me at our annual Christmas dinner! It still graces the entry wall by the parking area and I continue to enjoy it every day.

Thank you all for your thoughtfulness. Tight Lines, June

Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2013

To: GA TU Council, TU Presidents, and all our GA TU Members;
Project Healing Water-Atlanta & Fly Fishing for Vets had a great year working with our wounded warriors. The numbers are in for 2012, but, first, we want to thank all of you for your support of Project Healing Water-Atlanta. Without your support none of this would have been possible, Thank You.

>The number of new volunteers this year: 60

>Total number of hours donated by volunteers: 1,862 (not including hours for the GA Fishing for Vets Day)

>The number of disabled veterans NEW to your program: 58

>Fly tying classes: 26

>Casting classes: 6

>Rod Building classes: 46

>Educational activities: 18

>Fishing outings: 9

>Participation in Fishing Shows: 2

>Other FF events: 17

PHW-A & FFFV in the news. Kenny Simmons put together a video that went viral on YouTube called, "Fly Fishing for Vets". If you haven't seen it please check it out. Run, don't walk to your nearest magazine stand and get the latest issue of Fly Fisherman magazine. There's a really well done article by Randy

Gaddo titled "Good Medicine" about PHW-A & FFFV work at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta.

2013 is starting out with a new quarterly program at the Wounded Warrior Transition Battalion on Fort Benning. Starting tomorrow we will be doing casting lessons & FF 101. We will do this every other week for 6 weeks and ending with a fishing trip with our co-sponsors Outside World in Columbus. We will continue our "one on one" at the Shepherd Center because of the wonderful success it has produced in helping our vets recover from PTSD and TBI.

As fly fisherman you know how expensive materials and supplies can be for fly tying, rod building, and fishing trips. PHW-A is dependent on your generosity to keep the program going. If you're like me and have started looking for tax deductions, for next year, we have one for you. PHW-A & FFFV are both 501 (c) (3) non-profits. You can make a check out to Project Healing Waters and in the memo field write "Atlanta". If you'll send it to the address below I will make sure that it's put in the PHW-A budget. I want to personally thank you for your support over the last five years. Because of you we have been able to touch the lives of hundreds of wounded warriors. With your help we can continue one of our missions "to be there as long as there's a need".

Mark your calendar for the next Georgia Fishing for Vet Day on Saturday, April 20, 2013, 9 AM to 3 PM, at Paces Mill Park. Another way you can help is with a donation for our Silent Auction at the event. Let me know if there's something you can donate.

Thank you, Ken Griffin - Project Healing Waters
<http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/>

"BACKCASTING"

Jan 8 (Tues) BOD Meeting – 15 members attended Some agenda items include: Recaps – Approve November BOD Meeting Minutes, 12/1 GA TU Council Meeting, 12/11 Annual Family Christmas Status Updates – Select 2 kids from the applications for 2013 Trout Camp, Rabun Rendezvous planning, Revised the Chapter's Memorial Gifts policy, Payment of FS invoice for helicopter stocking, Campout Equipment and Meal Committee, Handicap Access for Tallulah River, Mentoring Rabun Co Middle School Students, Membership Directory, Location for fly tying gatherings in Scout Hut, Dream Trip Raffle Ticket Sales, Membership renewals for the 6 Foxfire Boys Upcoming – 1/15 Chapter Meeting Program "Ron's Top Five", 2/2 Rabun Rendezvous, 2/5 Annual Chattooga Coalition Meeting, 2/16 Annual Planning Breakfast, 2/19 Chapter Meeting Program: "Trout and More at Smithgall Woods", 2/26 BOD Meeting New Business – 3/23 Rabunite 101, BOD Agenda preparation, A person to plan next Christmas dinner and make the reservations, Website Memorial Reports – Print Media, Membership Committee, Treasury Report

Jan 15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting – 22 attended on a rainy night. **Program:** "Ron's Top Five." Unicoi Outfitters guide Ron Thomas shared his secrets on tying and fishing his top five flies. What are they? Well, I don't believe we said - just yet! Ron also described his "Tie-1-On" fly tying program and its success in recruiting new trout anglers and new members for the Georgia Foothills TU Chapter. Ron's bio: "*Faith, family, friends, and fishing--that's what keeps me going. I've been fly fishing for about 15 years and tying flies about 6 years. After retiring from the Postal Service--I started guiding for Unicoi Outfitters about 6 years ago and also teaching fly tying at the shop. I currently serve as president of Foothills TU. I meet monthly with a fly tying group called "Tie 1 On" where we're all about getting new folks involved--not just in tying--we also offer fishing opportunities along with a chance to take part in programs that benefit our communities. A number of our Foothills members first started in our "Tie 1 On" sessions. I'm really enjoying retirement--I am truly blessed.*" <http://www.unicoioutfitters.com/ron-thomas.shtml> Ron's top 5 – Woolly Bugger, Flashback Pheasant Tail, Rainbow Warrior, Soft Hackle, & Rubber Leg Stone Fly.



In our appreciation for the program, Jeff Durniak (R) presented Ron (L) a LE print of a rainbow trout by Rabunite artist Broderick Crawford.

The Meeting Raffle had 10 buckets with 2 fly assortments, trout-fly ear rings, shears, knife, and much, much more. Our thanks to all who donated items and to **Tim McClure** for conducting the raffle. The raffle raised \$86 to cover the newsletter cost for members without E-mail.



Ron donated a box with 20 flies (4 of each of his top 5) that will be on silent auction at the Rendezvous.

Rabun TU Chapter Campout Survey

The Rabun TU Board of Directors is planning for future activities. They need your input about Chapter campouts.

1. Are you interested in continuing the Rabun TU campouts in the spring and/or fall? (Y or N)
 2. Would you attend the camp/s? (Y or N)
 3. How many days and which days would you prefer to camp? (# and days of the week)
 4. Do you prefer to bring your own food and cooking equipment? (Y or N)
 5. Do you want meals provided for a small fee- probably paid for in advance? (Y or N)
 6. Would you prefer another camp location (if so, where?) or are the current sites (Long Bottom in fall and Cherry Hill in spring) preferable? (Y or N)
 7. Would you bring guests to our campout? (Y or N)
- Any other suggestions or comments to improve our campouts, please note:

Please share your views, suggestions and comments with BOD member Wayne Prosser. wp0968@windstream.net

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Tom Nixon and **Dean English** have organized the Rabun Chapter of SEBA (SouthEastern Bluegrass Association) <http://www.seabluegrass.org/> and are hosting monthly meetings/jam sessions in Clayton at their music shop, Blue Ridge Music <http://blueridgemusicacademy.com/Welcome.html>
 Congratulations to **Pat Hopton** and his fiancée **Tammy** on their recent engagement to be married.
 Congratulations to **Jackie Hill** and his bride **April** on their recent marriage.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thanks for re-upping: **Seth Hill (SE), Wayne Prosser, George & Martha Christian, Monty English, Ron Sharpe, Dwayne Thompson, Tom Guest, Tom Matthews, David Lash, & Lewis Reeves III.**
 It is time to renew your membership:, **Jake Toller (SE), Elizabeth Barlow (SE), Jesse Barlow (SE), Tyler Harris (SE), Dean Powell, Maria Rodeghiero, Doug Hickman, Dwight Milleman, Lawrence Nelms, Keith Silvers, Steven Theis, Ronald McKenney, Radford Smith, Gabe Southards, Chris Bedea, Erwin Ford, & Paul Shannon.**

Rabun TU Officers & Directors for FY2013

Voting Board of Directors Members:

President - Pat Hopton with Social Media, Awards, BOD Agenda, Budget	(706) 782-4978	scotts_creek58@yahoo.com
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Terri Allred with Christmas Dinner		tallred@gamountains.com
Terry Rivers with Fly Tying Workshops	(706) 782-7419	ttr1121@windstream.net

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



Notes from the Prez Why should you attend the Rendezvous?

For the 26th year the Rabun Chapter will host the famous “**RABUN RENDEZVOUS**”, to be held on February 2, 2013 at the Dillard House Conference Center, Dillard, GA. Along with a buffet meal, a program speaker and great bluegrass music, we will have a silent auction, bucket raffle and a door prize.

Our Chapter is committed to protecting and improving the cold-water fisheries in our area and supporting other chapters in their efforts. However it takes funds to provide the support, equipment, and expenses of these activities. The annual Rabun Rendezvous is our main source of funds for the work.

Last year our Chapter raised over fifteen thousand dollars at the Rabun Rendezvous, all of which went into projects to support the mission of TU.

Here are some examples of the activities we accomplished with the funds received from last year's Rendezvous: Financial support for GA Council Trout Unlimited Youth Trout Camp, held annually at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School; Sponsorship of student interns working in Northeast GA cold-water fisheries program with the GA Department of Natural Resources and the US Forest Service; Sponsoring two youngsters to attend the Trout Unlimited Youth Trout Camp; Financial support of the GA Department of Natural Resources Smithgall Woods Conservation Education Program; Financial support for the Kid's Fishing Event at Tallulah River (US Forest Service); Financial support for the University of Georgia's Coldwater Research Endowment Fund; Funding for the construction of a handicap accessible fishing pier on the Tallulah River; Financial support for the Rabun County Middle School mentoring program; Equipment and manpower for the Chattooga River clean-up day; In-stream habitat improvement workday with USFS on a Rabun County brook trout stream; Financial support for Casting For Recovery and Fly Fishing for Vets Wounded Warriors Program; Financial support for National TU's First Cast, Embrace-A-Stream, & Southeast Lands programs; Financial support for the GA Council Trout Unlimited Back-the-Brookie program; Operation of Rabun TU's award winning website and Face Book page; and Trout Magazine subscriptions to all school & public libraries and two State Parks in Rabun County.

What a list of worthy projects! And your attendance at the Rabun Rendezvous helps to raise funds that support the mission of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited! I hope to see you there.

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