



# TIGHT LINES March 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 fishing was so good; I thought I was there yesterday."* Dave Engerbretson

## RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

**RE/MAX Office, Clayton, GA**

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

*"In every species of fish I've angled for, it is the ones that have got away that thrill me the most, the ones that keep fresh in my memory. So I say it is good to lose fish. If we didn't, much of the thrill of angling would be gone."* Ray Bergman

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

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

**Mar 2 (Sat Evening) GA Women Fly Fishers Fundraiser** Sweetwater Brewing in Atlanta, 7 – 10 PM, Details <http://www.georgiawomenflyfishing.com/>

**Mar 9 (Sat) Tie-1-On at Bass Pro Shops**, 9 AM to 5 PM. For details, see page 3 of this newsletter or contact Terry Rivers [tlr1121@windstream.net](mailto: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; Presenter Donna Shearer- Founder and Chairperson

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

**Mar 23 (Sat) SE Regional Rally** in WV, Contact Charlie Breithaupt for Details

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

**Mar 30 (Sat) Opening Day for Seasonal Trout Streams in GA**

**Apr 6 (Sat Morning) Mentoring – Clayton Baptist Church ½-Day Fly Fishing School**, 9 AM Tim McClure Coordinating

**Apr 6 (Sat Evening) Oconee River TU Chapter Banquet.** Details [HERE](#)

**Apr 13 (Sat) Instream Workday – Heddon Creek.** Saturday morning workday with USFS & GA DNR leading work w/Boy Scouts, FHTUC & SRTUC. Jerry McFalls coordinating for TU

**Apr 16 (Tues) Chapter Meeting**, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office **Program:** "Fishing the Smokies" by longtime outdoors writer Don Kirk, who also publishes the recently launched "Southern Trout" e-magazine: <http://www.southerntrout.com/mag/#/1/>

**Apr 23 (Tues) BOD Meeting** 6:30 PM, Chamber of Commerce.

**2013 GA Trout Camp; June 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

## FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



### FLASH BACK PHEASANT TAIL NYMPH

DROP THIS FLY 3 TO 4 FEET BEHIND A DRY FLY DURING MARCH THRU MAY AND YOUR CHANCES OF CATCHING A DOUBLE WILL GREATLY INCREASE, IT WORKED FOR ME LAST YEAR.

**HOOK:** 12 TO 18 NYMPH HOOK

**TAIL:** 3 TO 4 PHEASANT TAIL FIBERS

**BODY:** 4 TO 5 PHEASANT TAIL FIBERS TWISTED AND PALMERED ½ THE LENGTH OF HOOK SHANK; THEN TIE DOWN WITH COPPER WIRE; (SMALL TO MEDIUM). YOU CAN WEIGHT THE HOOK WITH LEAD IF PREFERRED.

**THORAX:** PEACOCK HERL

**WING:** PHEASANT TAIL FIBERS

**WING CASE:** FLASH TINSEL OR ANY MATERIAL YOU PREFER SO LONG AS IT HAS SOME FLASH.

**WING:** DYED ELK HAIR

*"I am struck, as I move deeply into my sixties, by how much I still love to fly fish and to write about fly fishing, how grateful I am for the simple fun and happy intensity this passion has given me since that day, many years ago, when I saw a trout rise and had some brand of apocalyptic vision on Michigan's Au Sable river."*

From "A Fly Fishers World" by Nick Lyons

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**March Hatches** *Happy New Dry Fly Season – Waaaaah WHOoooo!*

<b>The Bugs</b>	<b>Time of Month</b>	<b>Time of Day</b>	<b>Suggested Flies</b>
None at all	All Month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-18 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, Pheasant Tail
Early Black Stone	All Month	L am to M pm	16-18 Black Elk-hair Caddis or Griffith's Gnat 16-18 Black Stone Nymph
Small Dun Caddis (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm	16-18 Brown Elk-hair or Deer-hair Caddis 16-18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill	All Month	L am to M pm	16-18 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-18 BWO or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Quill Gordon (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12 Quill Gordon Nymph
Cream Caddis (Important)	Late	M day to L pm	12-14 Elk Hair Caddis 12-14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
Red Quill (Hendrickson)	Mid to Late	M day to L pm	14-16 Red Quill or Hendrickson 14-16 Pheasant Tail Nymph
March Brown (very Important)	Mid to Late	L am to M pm	12-14 March Brown or Adams Parachute 10-14 March Brown, Dark Hare's Ear or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Midges	All Month	M am to L pm	18-20 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

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

**Website-of-the-Month:** <http://www.southerntrout.com/mag/#/24-25/>  
Nymphing 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](mailto:scotts_creek58@yahoo.com)

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



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

Winner will be drawn on **Mar 16 (Sat)** at **Hoot on the Hooch**, 5 PM – 10 PM, Hellendorf Inn, Helen, GA  
Plus Bluegrass, Bar-B-Que, 'Nana Pudding, Bucket Raffles & Silent Auctions – **WaaahWHOooo!**

For complete details [http://www.georgiafoothills.org/2013/02/hoot-on-hooch\\_12.html](http://www.georgiafoothills.org/2013/02/hoot-on-hooch_12.html)

Complete Dream Trip Raffle 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](mailto:jimmywhiten@yahoo.com)



**Rabunite 101 - An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Trout**

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



On **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 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](mailto: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 is permitted on the Chattooga North Fork beginning December 1 through April 30 every year, on any day the flow reaches 350 cfs during daylight hours 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 to the entire section upstream of the bridge at any flow.** A hearing was tentatively scheduled for February 2013 and a final decision on the case was 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](mailto:streamwalker2@aol.com)

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT RON THOMAS AT [rbtgofish@yahoo.com](mailto:rbtgofish@yahoo.com)

**E-mail your Pledge to Rabun Chapter President Pat Hopton [scotts\\_creek58@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:scotts_creek58@yahoo.com)

### "BACKCASTING"

**Feb 2 (Sat) 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabun Rendezvous** – The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited proudly presented a celebration of rivers, streams, trout, and trout fishing. It took place in the Dillard House Conference Center during a snow storm (5 inches). The festivities began in the late afternoon with a bar-b-que pig pickin', bluegrass music by The Foxfire Boys (all are members of Trout Unlimited). There were snack trays of cheeses, crackers, veggies with dips, and fruits. Soft drinks and ice were also available. Rabun trout fishing videos were shown on a large screen TV. Just inside the building there were the silent auction and bucket raffle items. Local businesses, artists and craftspeople donated most of the auction and raffle items.

**By the Numbers:** Total Attendance – 174; Meal Tickets sales - Approx \$4,755; Silent Auction Total - 132 items for \$8,502

Art Objects - 19 items: \$977 Fishing trips - 8 items: \$1,535 Other outings - 5 items: \$1,205

Golf Gift Certificates - 5 items: \$280 Packages of Certificates - 2 packs: \$60 Crafts - 25 items: \$1,297

Fly Rods, Fly Reels, Fly Lines & Other F/F Gear - 23 items: \$1,392 Flies with fly boxes - 11 items: \$525

From the Kitchens - 5 items: \$106 Miscellaneous - 29 items: \$1,125

Bucket Raffle: \$2,320 for 67 buckets with 98 draws; 5 Cash Donations totaling \$810; Sold 12 Dream Trip Raffle Tickets \$120

Total Receipts – \$16,507;

Total Expenses – (\$7,492);

**Net Total - \$9,015**

## Memories of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabun Rendezvous



**We're Ready**



**Finger Lickin' Good Bar-B-Que with live Bluegrass – *It Don't Get Much Better Than That***



**Then there is the Famous Dillard House Buffet**



**Terry Rivers won the Door Prize  
Franklin Tate tells us About the TU Youth Program  
Prez Pat presented Franklin a Framed Tom Landeth print and a \$1,000 donation for the TU Youth Program**

**Feb 5 (Tues) Annual Chattooga Coalition Meeting**, USFS Chattooga River R.D. Office, Tallulah Falls – 2 members representing Rabun TU attended. Monte Seehorn chaired the meeting. The agenda included: Update on boating issue – Mike Wilkins-USFS, 2012 Fish Sampling – Dan Rankin-SCDNR, 2013 Sampling Schedule 7/9, 2012 and 2013 stocking programs – GA & SC DNR, Fisherman Diaries – Anthony Rabern-GADNR, Temperature monitoring, Recommendation for River Host at Hwy 28, Code of Etiquette applying to fishermen and boaters, Discussion of possible additional woody debris surveys - USFS, Update on Russell Farmstead proposal.

**Feb 16 (Sat) Annual Planning Breakfast Meeting:** 20 members met to develop the annual plan. It was a delicious and bountiful Dillard House breakfast followed by a very productive work session. The items on the agenda included:

Rabun Rendezvous de-briefing - What we can do to make the next Rendezvous even better.

2013 Budgeted Expenditures – The Chapter had \$30,450 available and needed to properly allocate its 2013 expenditure to support our TU mission. See budget allocation below.

2013 Calendar – Dates were set for the upcoming Chapter activities during the next 12 months.

**Rabun Rendezvous de-briefing** - What we can do to make the next Rendezvous even better.

- Discontinue the mementos we were giving away at the entrance.
- Speed up the awarding of bucket raffles items & silent auction sheets.
- Get a comic or story telling program presenter.
- Contract with Dillard House for the date in January.

**The results of the 2013 Budgeted Expenditure Planning are as follows:**

**CHAPTER OPERATIONS - \$4,270** (Includes: newsletter, website, annual planning breakfast, memorials, equipment, administrative supplies, meeting expenses, postage)

**YOUTH & EDUCATION - \$8,085** (Includes: funding for up to 4 kids to attend the 3013 GA Trout Camp, Smithgall Woods Youth Education Program, UGA Graduate Level Coldwater Research Endowment, Project Healing Waters for Wounded Warriors, GA DNR Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi State Park, Casting for Recovery, Kids Fishing Event with US Forest Service at Tallulah River, 5 gift TROUT magazine subscriptions to libraries and state parks in Rabun County, gift TU memberships for Stream Explorers and others, Rabun County Middle School Mentoring, Boy Scouts Merit Badges in Fly Fishing.)

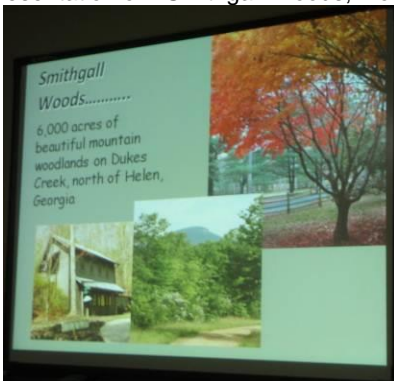
**CONSERVATION PROJECTS - \$7,900** (Includes: Tallulah River Clean-up, Funding for College Interns Working in Wild Trout Habitat Enhancement with GA WRD, In-stream Volunteer Workday, Stream Project with US Forest Service, Construct Handicap Access for Tallulah River. NOTE – the backcountry helicopter stocking of the Chattooga North and West Forks will be funded by the donations made to the Tom Landreth Memorial Fund)

**NATIONAL PROGRAMS - \$4,200** (Includes: the Youth Education Initiative, Southeastern Land Protection Coordinator, Embrace-A-Stream program & the Cold Water Conservation Fund)

**TU OUTREACH & CONTIGENCY - \$2,200**

**TOTAL 2013 BUDGET - \$26,655**

**Feb 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting** – 22 attended. **Program:** John Erbele, Manager of Smithgall Woods Conservation Area, gave a presentation on "Smithgall Woods, More Than Just Fishing". <http://www.gastateparks.org/SmithgallWoods>



In appreciation, Michele Crawford presented John Erbele with a LE brook trout print in appreciation for the program.

**Meeting Raffle:** **Tim McClure** conducted the bucket raffle, items were donated by The Estate of Bill Kelly, Ray Gentry, Jeff Durniak, and Terry Rivers; raffle raised \$110. Report submitted by Pat Hopton.

**Feb 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting** – 11 participated. The agenda included: Call to Order, Quorum count; Review and approve January BOD Minutes **OLD BUSINESS Status Updates** - Membership Directory, Location for Handicap Access Pier; Dream Trip Ticket Sales; Web Site Updates; RCMS Mentoring, Chapter Gift Guide, BOD Duties **NEW BUSINESS** - Select Third "Trout Camper", Review Results of Chapter Campout Survey, **REVIEW UPCOMING CALENDAR** - GA Council Meeting 3/2, Tie-1-On 3/9, Hoot on the Hooch 3/16, Chapter Meeting 3/19, Rabunite 101 3/23, Heddon Creek Work Project 4/13 **REPORTS** - Treasurer, Membership

**Rabun Chapter has selected 3 campers for the 2013 Georgia Trout Camp, June 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**  
<http://rabuntu.org/site/youth/trout-camp/>

The two Rabun Chapter 2013 Trout Campers will be **Charles Bonnette** and **Justin Bonnette** from Long Creek, SC. Flint River TU Chapter passed on one of their slots at Trout Camp to **Morgan Tolbert** from Monroe, GA.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We have one youngster on the standby list if there is cancelation, **Chandler Dinofrio** from Lakemont, GA.

## 2013 Calendar – You Don't Want to Miss These:

**9 Regular Monthly Chapter Meetings with Programs & Raffles** at RE/MAX on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues evenings, 6:30 PM: (2/19), (3/19), (4/16), (6/18), (8/20), (9/17), (10/15), (11/19), (1/21/2014); Larry Walker Coordinates Facilities, Pat Hopton Coordinates Meeting, Tim McClure Coordinates Refreshments & Raffles, Glenn English Coordinates Name-badges, Jeff Durniak Coordinates Programs.

**Chattooga Coalition Meeting** at Forest Service Office, Tallulah Falls GA, (2/5/13), Monte Seehorn Coordinated

**Mentoring – Fly Tying**, BSA Troop 6 Scout Hut, Dates TBD, Terry Rivers & Jerry McFalls Coordinating

**Outreach – GA Women Fly Fishers Fundraiser** (3/2) Sweetwater Brewing in Atlanta, 7 – 10 PM

**Outreach – Tie-1-On for Charity at BPS** (3/9), Terry Rivers & Charlie Breithaupt Coordinating for Rabun TU

**Outreach – FHTUC Hoot-on-the-Hooch** (3/16) on Sat evening where the 2013 Dream Trip Raffle winners will be drawn.

**Mentoring – The ½-Day Fly Fishing School** (a.k.a. Rabunite 101) (3/23) Sat morning by the Rabunites at Rabun County Recreation Center, Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt & Steve Perry Coordinating

**SE Regional Rally** (3/23)

**Opening Day for Seasonal Trout Streams in GA** (3/30)

**Mentoring – Clayton Baptist Church ½-Day Fly Fishing School** (Morning of 4/6), Tim McClure Coordinating

**Outreach – ORTUC Fundraiser** (4/6)

**Workday – Heddon Creek** (4/13) Sat morning workday with USFS & GA DNR leading work w/Boy Scouts, FHTUC & SRTUC. Jerry McFalls coordinating for TU

**Mentoring – Fly-Fishing for Vets** (4/20) 8 AM at Paces Mill, East Palisades Park on the “Hooch”

**Outreach – BRMTC Fundraiser** (5/4) High Country Boil

**Mentoring – Rabun County Middle School** date (5/16), Larry Walker Coordinating

**SE Region FFF Conclave** (5/16 – 5/18), WCU.

**Spring Camping & Fishing Outing** (5/8 – 5/12), Location & Coordinator TBD

**Mentoring – Annual Spring Family Cookout** (5/20) Monday 4 PM Monday at Indian Lake, with Boy & Girl Scout Troops as our guests. TU coordinator TBD

**Workday – Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up** (5/25) 9 AM in preparation for GA Trout Camp, support from SRTUC. Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt Coordinating

**Mentoring – Annual Kids Fishing Event** (6/1) 9 AM Saturday morning at Tallulah River with USFS, Frank Patton Coordinating

**Mentoring – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia Trout Camp** (6/9 – 6/14) from Sun – Fri; Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt Coordinating

**Workday – Rabun TU's River Clean-Up Day** (6/22) 9 AM on the Tallulah River - Ray King TU coordinator

**Workday – Electro Sample Chattooga River** (7/9), Location TBD by SC DNR

**Annual Summer Family Picnic** (7/16) 6 PM at Kelly's Waterfall Park, Coordinator TBD

**National TU Annual Meeting** (9/27 – 9/29) in Madison, WI

**Mentoring – Outdoor Adventure Day** (9/28) with GA DNR; Unicoi S. P.

**Outreach – GRTUC Fundraiser** (10/5)

**Fall Camping & Fishing Outing** (10/9 – 10/13), Location & Coordinator TBD

**Outreach – CVTUC Chili Cook off** (10/12) in Rome

**Outreach – UCTUC Autumn on the River**, (11/9)

**Outreach – CTUC Annual "Shrimp Boil"** (12/14)

**Annual Family Christmas Dinner** (12/10) Location TBD, Terri Allred Coordinating

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabun Rendezvous** (1/25/2014) at Dillard House Conference Center

**Annual Planning Meeting** (2/8/2014) with 8 AM breakfast meeting where we set our budget and planned expenditures for 2014, Location TBD. Prez and Treasurer Coordinate.

**GA TU Council Meetings** (3/2) in Dahlonega, (5/18) in Rome, (9/7) in Blue Ridge, & (12/7) at USFS.

**11 Monthly Rabun TU Board of Directors Meetings** on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Chamber of Commerce Board Room, 6:30 PM each month except December: January BOD Meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, Prez Pat or Vice Prez Steve Coordinates

### A BIG “Thank You” to the 120 Donors for the 2013 Rabun Rendezvous

**Business and Organizations:** The Foxfire Boys, The Dillard House, Unicoi Outfitters – Helen, Atlanta Fly Fishing School, Luthi's Sports & Fine Jewelry – Greenville, Big Green Egg – Atlanta, Patagonia\* – Atlanta, The Fish Hawk - Atlanta, Caylor Custom Flies - FL, River Through Atlanta, Blackhawk, Unicoi State Park & Lodge, Smithgall Woods, The Countryman Press - VT, [Frank Amato Publications](#) - OR, Angler Sport Group - NY, Kingwood Country Club, Mill Creek Golf Club, Apple Mountain Golf Club, Rabun County Country Club, The Orchard Golf & Country Club, Michele & Broderick Crawford – Artists, Jim Enloe – Crafter, Edwin W. Clark – Crafter, Penny Bradley – Artist, Carolyn J. Wilder – Artist, Janie Owens – Artist, Randy Sells – Crafter, Jean Stewart – Artist, Dick Albertelli – Artist, Ed Poss – Artist, Mary George Poss – Artist, K. Terry Guthrie – Artist, Rabun Metal Products, Fresh Start, Clayton Paint & Flooring Center, Reeves Building Supply, Reeves ACE Hardware – Clayton & Dillard, Greg's Tire Service, Jim's Service Center, [The Tree House](#), Empty Nest Trading, [ON POINT Antiques & Interiors](#), [Butler Gallery II](#), Two Sisters @ Butler's II, Three Lakes Home & Garden, Mountain Nature & Wild Bird Supply, Prater's Books & Coffee Nook, Blue Ridge Music, Amrine's Equipment & Rentals, [Clayton Pharmacy](#), Hillside Country Store & Farms, [Tiger Mountain Vineyards](#), [Smitty's Sprints](#), Mountain Physical Therapy, The Amara Center, Mane Designs, Tropical Rayz, Creative Occasions, Rabun Web Designs, North Georgia Gun & Pawn, Apple Blossom Flower Shoppe, Rabun County Bank, Stephens Federal Bank, [Regions Bank](#), Community Bank & Trust, Timpson Creek Gallery, The Hollow Log - Cornelia, Cupboard Café, Valley Café, Grapes & Beans, Mountain Man BBQ, Zeppelin's, Fromage, La Cabana Mexican Restaurant, Beechwood Inn, Tiger Creek Falls Inn, Rabun County Music Festival, Highlands Aerial Park, Highland Hiker, Coosa Valley TU Chapter, GA Foothills TU Chapter, Northeast Georgia Mountains Chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

**Individuals:** Franklin Tate, Barbara Goodier, Mike Sobaski, Garland Stewart, Harlin Smith, Scott Poss, Ron Thomas, June Landreth, Jeff Durniak, Bob Anderson, Louisa Buckner, Mark Whitney, Monte Seehorn, Larry Vigil, Traci & Leon Brotherton, Perry Thompson, Emmilyn & Terry Rivers, Betty Walker, Larry Walker, Pam & John Harrison, Ron Robeson, Pat Hopton, Allison Adams, John Cable, Carolyn & Jim Kidd, Kathy & Charlie Breithaupt, Fritz Vinson, Toni & Tim McClure, Eedee & Doug Adams, Susan & Frank Patton, Patsy & Ray Gentry, Sandy & Ralph Morgan, Gail & Frank Tolbert, The Bill Kelly Estate, Anonymous Friend

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## Results of Chapter Campouts Survey

compiled by Directors Wayne Prosser & Frank Patton

- 1) Continue two annual campouts – almost everybody is in on that and said they would attend.
- 2) Camps should be 3 or 4 days duration within window from Wednesday thru Sunday am- pretty much as now.
- 3) Food and all cooking would be provided by Chapter for some TBD meals. However, anybody could bring their own stuff as well. (Need to decide on which meals and when, etc.)
- 4) Meals would be provided with fees paid for in advance. (Consider higher price for those who just show up at camp w/o previous commitment, as contingency)
- 5) Divide camp days and assign daily camp responsibilities so work is shared thru-out week.
- 6) Annual campouts would be at Cherry Hill in spring and (?) in fall. (More discussion needed on this...)
- 7) In addition to the two annual chapter campouts, support camping at other sites, such as NC, TN, VA, "West of Hiawasse", etc.
- 8) Chapter hosts special fish camps (specific requests) for youth (Boy &/or Girl Scouts, others). They learn to fish, we cook and mentor.
- 9) Create a BOD position/function as "campout director" or something like so one person is responsible to make it all happen. That person could then form a committee for specific actions needed. This Director would then study and advise on logistics, such as food, equipment, storage, etc. **Editor's Notes:** *Director Glenn English volunteered for this.*

## THANK YOU

**Stephen Arbitter**, DVM Rabun Animal Hospital [HERE](#) of Mountain City, GA; **Jackie Hill**, owner Crafty Home Professionals [HERE](#) of Lakemont, GA; **Russ Tyre** of St Petersburg FL; **Mr. & Mrs. Bill Archer** of Tiger, GA ; **Eedee & Doug Adams** of Rabun Gap, GA for your recent cash donations.

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

**Rabun County Chamber of Commerce** <http://www.gamountains.com/> for providing the BOD meeting place.

**RE/MAX of Rabun** (click [HERE](#)) for providing the conference room for the Rabun TU monthly meetings.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to **Bailey English** for being chosen 3013 Rabun (High School) Idol. Bailey is the daughter of Chapter members **Dean & Leza English** and grand-daughter of **Emmilyn & Terry Rivers**.

Jeff Durniak reports that **Monte Seehorn** has just turned 80! Monte has been a member of TU for over 40 years, 10 years longer than any other member of Rabun TU. Monte really is our old f - - - !!!

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **3 new members** this month: **MR. JERRY WEBB** (Transfer), 205 CURT DOTSON DR., CLAYTON GA 30525-5179; **KAY BRAWLEY** and **WALLACE BRAWLEY**, 1005 GLENDOLYN CIRCLE, SPARTANBURG SC 29302

Thanks for re-upping: **Avril Adams (SE)**, **Calder Adams (SE)**, **Terry Seehorn**, **Mike Hamilton**, **Robert Larsen**, **Hugh Thompson**, **Lea Richmond**, **Clifton Smith**, **Fritz Vinson**, **Julie Kilby**, **Dean English**, **Wayne Gipson**, **Doug Hickman**, **Stephen McCall** & **Tom Nixon**.

It is time to renew your membership.: **Jake Toller (SE)**, **Elizabeth Barlow (SE)**, **Jesse Barlow (SE)**, **Tyler Harris (SE)**, **Frank Patton**, **Frank Riley**, **Jimmy Whiten**, **Dean Powell**, **Maria Rodeghiero**, **Dwight Milleman**, **Lawrence Nelms**, **Keith Silvers**, **Steven Theis**, **Ronald McKenney**, **Radford Smith**, **Gabe Southards**, **Chris Bedea** & **Erwin Ford**.

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



## Notes from the Prez

### Another Successful Rendezvous!

Despite the inclement weather on Feb 2, the Rabun Chapter held yet another successful Rabun Rendezvous! If you were one of the 174 hardy (or maybe crazy?) souls that braved the snow and ice to attend then, you know what I'm talking about: plenty of food, lots of elbow room, and good bargains on the silent auction items! The guest speaker, Franklin Tate, made the trip up from the Atlanta Airport through the traffic and snow but arrived in the nick of time to give a great presentation on TU's Headwaters Youth Initiative. And we had over 125 partners and friends donate cash and/or items for the silent auction and bucket raffle.

Yet much of credit for this successful Rendezvous goes to all the Rabun Chapter members that volunteered their time and service. You advertised the Rendezvous, solicited donations, manned the sign-in desk, set up and conducted the silent auction and bucket raffles, and performed a myriad of other important tasks. Without you, the Rendezvous could never have happened.

So on behalf of the Rabun Chapter, I would like to express my appreciation for all your hard work – thank you!

**Yee haa!**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Hopton".

Pat Hopton - Chapter Prez

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