



TIGHT LINES May 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 finest gift you can give to any fisherman is to put a good fish back, and who knows if the fish that you caught isn't someone else's gift to you?" Lee Wulff

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 20 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.

"As it kicked and jagged, trying to make for open water, I held it tight on the reel and hoped against hope that my knots were sound." From Blood Knots by Luke Jennings

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates See you there!

May 8 – 12 (Wed - Sun) Spring Camping & Fishing Outing, Location Cherry Hill C.G. All meals are the responsibility of each camper. Detail on page 3. Coordinator Glenn English genglish09@yahoo.com WAaahWHooo!

May 10 (Fri) Mentoring - RCMS 7th grade kids, at Oconee State Park, SC. **Volunteers needed** Larry Walker Coordinating amosndixie@windstream.net Passing it on!

May 16 (Thurs) Mentoring - RCMS kids fishing at DNR catfish ponds **Volunteers needed** Larry Walker Coordinating amosndixie@windstream.net Passing it on!

May 16 – 18 (Thurs- Sat) SE Region FFF Conclave WCU. Details <http://southeastfff.org/>

May 18 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting in Rome, 9 AM

May 18 (Sat) 9th Annual High Country Boil Fundraiser; BRMTUC 5:30 PM. For details <http://blueridgetu.com/> or contact: Carl Riggs at 7turns@tds.net

May 20 (Mon) Annual Spring Family Cookout, **Volunteers needed** 4 PM at Indian Lake, with Boy & Girl Scout Troops as our guests. See details above. Frank Patton Coordinating julianfpatton@yahoo.com Passing it on!

May 25 (Sat) Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up, **Volunteers needed** 9 AM in preparation for GA Trout Camp, support from SRTUC. Workday in memory of Jim Darnell. Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt Coordinating knc615@windstream.net Passing it on!

May 28 (Tues) BOD Meeting, Location - Streamside, Where? I.D.B.I.S.

June 1 (Sat) Mentoring - Annual Kids Fishing Event, 8 AM at Tallulah River with USFS & GA WRD. **Volunteers needed**. Frank Patton Coordinating julianfpatton@yahoo.com Passing it on!

June 9 - 14 (Sun – Fri) Mentoring - 9th Annual GEORGIA TROUT CAMP at RGNS. [HERE](#) For details, contact Charlie Breithaupt knc615@windstream.net Passing it on!

June 18 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program: "From Two Inches to Ten Pounds, the Wild Browns of the Hooch Tailwater" By Patrick O'Rourke, Fisheries Biologist with the GA WRD.

June 22 (Sat) River Clean-up Day, Tallulah River **Volunteers needed**. Workday in memory of John Starinchuck. Ray King Coordinating rayking@frontier.com

June 25 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Location - Chamber of Commerce office

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



LIGHT CAHILL

To me, the Light Cahill represents the ideal of the traditional dry flies.

The Cahill is a fine choice for imitating mayflies, from dark to light; and also for imitating other insects. The light Cahill was created on the east coast by Dan Cahill. But it's used all over the world

Hook: Standard Dry Fly, Sizes 10 – 20

Thread: Yellow 8/0 or 6/0

Wings: Wood Duck or Dyed Mallard **Tail:** Ginger Hackle Fibers

Body: Cream Dubbing

Hackle: Ginger

"It hung there for a moment and then, with a single kick of its tail, disappeared. - - There went the living proof that I could catch not just a fish, but a big fish. At the same time I knew, deep down, that nobody else much cared. The only person I had to convince was myself." From Blood Knots by Luke Jennings

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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: It is MAY, 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](#)

Webpage-of-the-Month: <http://rabuntu.org/site/join-support/legacy-funds/>

During the 26-year life of our Chapter, several valued—and much loved—members have gone “around the bend” ahead of us, taking the eternal fishing trip up the river.

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](#)

RABUN TU CHAPTER 522 – MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Many of our members have expressed an interest in contacting other chapter members. Many times this has been to coordinate fishing trips, extend invitations to participate in chapter meetings and events, follow up on a member who is ill or to offer condolences and expressions of sympathy. Why can we not use our directory of information as provided to TU National? TU by-laws provide for use of membership information solely for TU business. Your Board of Directors has decided to pursue the creation of a chapter membership directory as a way of providing contact information to chapter members. Please provide as much or as little information as you wish to share by filling in the below form and emailed the info back to Ray King at the following email address: rayking@frontier.com. If you receive a printed copy of the chapter newsletter, please fill out the form and mail it to the following address: Ray King, 121 Creek Road, Otto, North Carolina 28763

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone Number – Home: _____
 Phone Number – Cell: _____
 E-mail address: _____

We hope to make the membership directory as complete as possible and can only do so with your support. Please help by filling out the form and returning your information. Thank you for your support and participation!



HELP the Rabun TU Chapter SAVE OUR TROUT and YOU COULD WIN a SAGE ONE Series, 4 wt., 4 piece, 9' Fly Rod & SAGE 2030 reel - \$1000 value

Tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10

Drawing will be held during Chapter picnic on July 16, 2013

(Winner does not have to be present to win)

For tickets, please contact Kent Wilson (770) 377-0657 kandcwilson@windstream.net

SAGE ONE Series Fly Rods

The ONE rod is the flagship offering from SAGE and may define the "all around" rod category, where precision casting accuracy is needed over a wide range of conditions. Hand crafted from Konnetic technology three years in the making, the ONE rod is a game changer. Its fast action incorporates a built in sweet spot, making the ONE rod the ideal choice for experienced and aspiring fly casters alike.

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 8) until Sunday (May 12).

All meals are the responsibility of each camper with individual cooking.

There will be one campsite where we will gather for campfires and socializing.

Coordinator Glenn English genglish09@yahoo.com

There is a fee for the campground and individuals are responsible for their own payment.

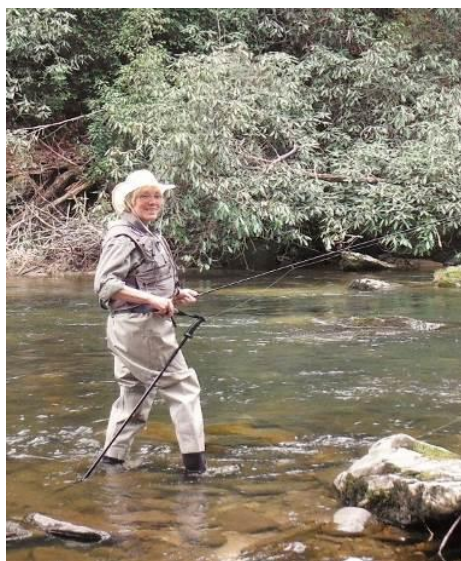
You can reserve your campsite [HERE](#)

Water is available (restrooms, showers) but we always need firewood

Y'all come! Bring a friend! Passing it on! WAAAAHWHOOOOOO!



Fishing Reports from THE RIVER



From: Jim Kidd. Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2013. I thought you might want an update on fishing on the Chattooga. I have been 5 times since the 3rd week of March. All trips were above Burrell's Ford Bridge. The Blue Quills and Hendricksons are coming off around 1 o'clock and have sporadic hatches until about 5. Nothing much is happening from 5 on. There is no dark-30 action. The fish are crazy hungry when the quills are coming off. They are taking some nymphs, but are really taking them on top. I used a comparadun and a blue/grey bodied parachute #14. I took a real nice original brown in the pool that we put Tom's cremains in. It was 12/13 inches. I'm also taking some real nice rainbows all the way to the East Fork Pool. There are a lot of rainbows in the river. The most I can remember. Some are very nice size. I believe they ran up from the Bridge. Here is a photo of Carolyn enjoying the flies hatching off the river. Water temp was 52 Degrees. She took several real nice fish in the run above the Yonah Shunga pool. Only saw a few spin fishermen during the week. There are more during the weekend. Saw (Wayne) Prosser working them over on Sunday afternoon (4/7). I did not go on Saturday due to the numbers of people camping. I counted over 40 cars parked in the bridge area. Most we're gone by Sunday evening. The members of the Chapter should make an effort to go to THE RIVER. The fish are hungry.

From: Jeff Durniak. Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2013. Chattooga was "on" all weekend. We fished the DH section both days and had a ball, mainly on soft hackle hare's ears that imitated the emerging mayflies. It's C and C (caddis and Cahill) time on THE RIVER! Memorize the hatch chart in TIGHT LINES and apply those tips on pattern, time of month, and time of day to make some fine memories yourselves. Soon we'll all be tossing poppers to summertime redeye bass, so don't let the spring slip away from you. Hint: don't forget to bring some caddis and mayfly emergers, too. A size 16 soft hackle hare's ear dropper about 30 inches behind the dry has been the hot fly so far this spring. Bring some 18's, too. Toss your dry/dropper combo upstream first for a drag-free drift. At the end of it, do a wet fly twitch-and-swing downstream from you before picking up to cast again.



From: Jeff Durniak Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013. Yesterday above Burrell's Ford, water was high and with a slight tint. Saw about 3 rises all day. I tossed dry/dropper til 45 min before dark and did poorly as I tried to force them to look up. Landon dredged with leech/soft hackle and did fairly well. He uncapped a real good bnt (15 in) when we started at Spoon Auger pool. I caught displaced 7 inch speck there, too. Then mainly rainbows til we got to highest sampling site at about 6:30. He caught seven wild bnt in last hour. I switched to double leech and caught a couple each of wild bnt and stocked rbt. The high water definitely had them hunkered down. A moderate number of caddis flew upstream as sun went down, but few set on the water, so no fish rose. Caddis were a lite yellow size 18 body and gray size 16 wing. Hopefully they'll get thicker and lay some eggs for you weekday warriors.

From: Doug Adams. Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013. Today I walked in above Burrell's Ford. I believe I was the only person up there. Water is still too high for me to wade everywhere. I went to the pool where we put in Tom's cremains. Caddis started swarming about 6 PM and the fish started looking up. I was able to reach a few.

The picture is of my first trout of the year on a dry fly from the Ellicott Rock Wilderness. **WAaaaahWHOooooo!**



From: Alex Watson. Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013. I went fishing on the Chattooga for the first time this year (due to personal and family illness) Monday before last (4/8) and hiked down to the island. I fished from below the island to a couple of hundred yards above the nugget from about 11:30 am to about 4:00 pm and caught 2 stocked brookies, five browns (some stocked some that may not have been stocked), and nine stocked rainbows. Caddis were coming off sporadically all day long and they took caddis imitations, a variety of common nymph droppers, and an olive wooly booger. I saw no other people other than a young girl hiker all afternoon. I went back up to Burrell's Ford Bridge for about an hour where there were two anglers on the Georgia side neither of which caught anything. I went over on the S.C. side and got eight more stocked rainbows on nymph droppers on the swing and then headed up above the bridge and encountered three more anglers on the bridge who had caught a total of five. The flow was above "normal".

From: Mike Williams Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 Boomer, my yellow lab, and I spent the day at Burrell's Ford yesterday and never saw another person! Did we catch fish, yup....but it did not matter as we just loved the solitude of the Chattooga.....

Fishing Report from South of Hiawassee (Argentina)



Jimmy Harris caught this somewhere "South of Hiawassee" on a chupacabra fly, stripped slowly. (Kelly'd be proud of that one...)

Fishing Report from North of Hiawassee (Michigan)

From: Terry Rivers Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013. Our trip (for 6 Rabun TU members) to the Pere Marquette River was purchased on the silent auction at the Rendezvous. It was a trip of a lifetime (with just a few pit falls along the way). After a 16 hr. drive we arrive to a blowing snow. The next day the snow left but the river was roaring from a late 18" snowfall earlier the week before. The river was impossible to wade. Also we had no water in the cabin because the well pump was under water and had burned up. So after 5 days with no water except from the river, it was similar to camping in the wild, but the cabin was warm and very nice inside. We survived. We all had a float trip booked for Monday and the guides really did a great job putting us on Steelheads. Most of us hooked up on at least 10 fish but not all were landed. I think I landed a total of 4 and about the same for most of us. But the guides keep us all together so it was a great trip. Everyone got to see each other land or try to land their fish.



Crew (left to right): **Dwayne Thompson, Monte English, Shane English, Tim McClure, Glenn English & Terry Rivers**



Terry and a good'un



Monte and another good'un



Shane and a good'un



Our Shore Lunch was GOOD!



Glenn and a good'un

Also we drove to the Au Sable on Tuesday with the early fishing season just beginning, we saw BWO hatching but no rising fish we all were skunked but at least got to see the river were it all began for TU. We had a wonderful time. I highly recommend if you want a great place to go fight big fish, bid on the trip to the Pere Marquette if it is offered next year at the Rendezvous.

Report filed by Terry Rivers

"BACKCASTING"

Apr 13 (Sat) In-stream Workday – Hedden Creek. A 44-member strong conservation conclave descended upon the Double Bit campground to do good deeds for wild brown trout. This multigenerational gang followed the lead of Forest Service and GADNR fisheries technicians and repaired nine trout habitat improvement structures, placed into Hedden Creek decades ago by the preceding generation of Rabunite sledgehammer-slingers. A national flag ceremony by the Boy Scouts kicked off the morning. Volunteers then received a Forest Service safety talk, split into work groups, and hit their designated work stations in and along the creek. Large cover logs were cut and toted, anchoring rebar was pounded thru the logs and into the stream bed, and the structures' rock cribs were refilled. Work crews were refreshed by the dedicated two-scout crew of waterboys.

When the work was done at noon, the scouts treated the entire conclave to a hot dog lunch with all the fixins'. Stories were told around the campfire, individual scouts were honored (with fishing lure prizes!) for their hard work, and some new "secret" spots were shared by the Rabunites with their new, flatland brethren like Hilton Cundiff. NGTO'er Landon Williams took a brief, post meal "sample" of the stream's brown trout and speck populations with his three-weight and pronounced them "healthy." For some of us older Rabunites, seeing those fireside festivities reminded us of our great memories at this same campsite 30 years ago, and gave us hope for this next generation of conservationists who are now joining our ranks. And the brown trout of the Reed Creek watershed are better for it! **This workday was in memory of Bill Kelly [HERE](#).** Report and photos provided by Jeff Durniak

The Rabunites would like to thank the following groups for their participation: **GA Foothills and Savannah River chapters of TU, North Georgia Trout Online, Boy Scout troops 5 (Clarksville), 6 (Clayton), and 40 (Mountain City),** Forest Service wildlife professionals **David Vinson, Mike Brod, and Mike Joyce,** GADNR fisheries tech **Leon Brotherton,** and especially the stream project leader and Boy Scout coordinator, **Jerry McFalls,** for a job well done. Waaahhh- HOOO, everyone!



Volunteers - TU: Rabun=8, Foothills=6, Savannah=9, NGTO=1, Scout troops: #5=1, #6=14, #40=1, USFS = 3 & GADNR=1





Editors Notes: As I looked around the Double Bit campsite, the memories came flooding back. There were memories of the many campouts we've had there, beginning almost 40 years ago. I remembered the Klondike camps [HERE](#), the first Chattooga electro-shocking in '86, the Klondike group decision in May of '86 to form a TU Chapter, Ben's sleeping pits, the live bluegrass music, the campfire stories, the fish fries, the Reed Creek in-stream workdays of the late 80s and early 90s. Particularly memories of folks like Tom, Kelly, Klein, Ben, Old Crowe and Yank. <http://rabuntu.org/site/join-support/legacy-funds/> Those are all good memories.

Apr 16 (Tues) Chapter Meeting - 29 people attended **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/> A native of the Great Smoky Mountains region of eastern Tennessee, Don Kirk has been an outdoor communicator for over 30 years. He has authored many books on fishing and hunting including Smoky Mountains Trout Fishing Guide and Fly-Fishing Guide to the Great Smoky Mountains. Don gave a brief description of the formation of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and the effects of the industrial logging that cut 70% of the timber before the park was founded in 1934. He talked about the native and introduced fisheries in the park. He gave an overview of the 13 major watersheds complete with a power-point slide show and how those watersheds can be accessed. And he shared his opinion about the reintroduced otters. Don's entire program was very informative and entertaining.

The Meeting Raffle had 11 buckets with a copy of Don's new Fly Fishing Guidebook for Tennessee, 3 fly assortments, an angler's thermometer, a filet knife, a tee shirt, a talking bass and much, much more. Our thanks go to all who donated items and to **Larry Walker** for conducting the raffle. The raffle raised \$130 to cover the newsletter cost for members without E-mail.

Apr 20 (Sat) Fly-Fishing for Vets. For information, visit <http://flyfishingforvets.com/>

Apr 23 (Tues) BOD Meeting. 10 members attended. The Agenda included: Call to Order, Is a quorum present, Review and approve March BOD Minutes. OLD BUSINESS: Status Update on Web Site Updates, Status Update on Chapter Gift Guide, Status Update on BOD Duties. NEW BUSINESS: Need 4-5 volunteers for RCMS Mentoring, Spring Campout- Need 1 "gathering camp site" w/tarp, Reimbursement for Charlie B, re: Rabunite 101, Update on Scout Hut / new meeting place & time, Handicap Fishing Pier Update, New TIGHT LINES editor needed, 2014 Rendezvous Speaker. REVIEW UPCOMING CALENDAR: Spring Campout 5/8-12, No Chapter meeting in May, GA Council Meeting 5/18, Family Cookout @ Indian Lake 5/20, Bettys Creek Stream Trimming 5/25, Tallulah River KFE 6/1, Tallulah River Stream Clean Up 6/22. REPORTS: Treasurer, Membership, Rod raffle ticket sales.



In appreciation for his program, Jeff Durniak (right) presented to Don (left) a copy of Tom Landreth's "Trout Trio."

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 filed a federal court case demanding year-round unrestricted access to the entire section upstream of the bridge at any flow. On March 30, 2013, the Court rejected the boaters' arguments that the Forest Service must allow more boating. **On April 15, 2013 the judge issued her 42-page opinion in favor of the Forest Service.** Excerpts are as follows:

Page 17: The court has carefully considered the arguments presented, and after review of the applicable law and the administrative record, concludes that floating is not an ORV of the Chattooga and is therefore, not entitled to the "protect and enhance" status conferred by the WSRA.

Page 20: After reviewing the administrative record and considering the arguments of counsel, the court concludes that there is sufficient evidence within the record to support the Forest Service's restrictions on whitewater floating to prevent it from substantially interfering with other components of the recreation ORV and other ORVs of the Chattooga.

Page 24: Upon review, the court finds that the Forest Service's consideration of user capacity satisfied the WSRA and was neither arbitrary nor capricious.

Page 35: The agency complied with NEPA's "hard look" directives and judgment is granted in favor of the Forest Service on the parties' NEPA claims.

Page 37: American Whitewater fails to establish what it believes is the correct standard or value that must be assigned to Headwaters floating and its allegations ultimately fail to raise or articulate any claim under MUSYA (MULTIPLE-USE SUSTAINED YIELD ACT) concerning the 2012 Plan which in fact, do allow boating subject to reasonable restrictions.

Page 40: The Forest Service has come forth with evidence from the record, by way of the January 2012 EA, that demonstrates its consideration and balance of several proper uses of the "wilderness" to include recreation and solitude among others.

Page 42: Since American Whitewater fails to show that any difference in treatment between the paddlers and other recreational users is not rationally related to a legitimate purpose, judgment is granted in favor of the Forest Service on this claim as well.

Page 42: CONCLUSION

Upon consideration of the arguments of counsel, the memoranda submitted and the applicable law, the court finds that the Forest Service's 2012 Plan for Management of the Chattooga WSR complies with the federal law as set forth and analyzed above. Accordingly, the Forest Service's Motion for Judgment on the Administrative Record is GRANTED. All other pending motions are DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED. /s/ Mary G. Lewis United States District Judge

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

Please Observe and Report violations [HERE](#) so future generations will have the opportunity to experience the backcountry values during the prime months of March and April.

Editor's Notes: On Saturday (4/13) we had a TU workday with the GA DNR & USFS on Hedden Creek (about 2 miles East of Burrell's Ford).

I knew that the flow was up and boating on the Chattooga North Fork was legal that day, so at 12:30 I drove over to Burrell's Ford. I counted 71 vehicles there. I knew by decals and racks that a bunch of folks were boating, but I didn't know how many. By decals and license plates, I also identify some vehicles that were owned by anglers. I suspect there were also campers and hikers.

On my way home about 1 PM, I went by the Highway 28 bridge and counted 12 vehicles there and 13 vehicles in Long Bottom.

In the nicely paved parking area at the Highway 28 boating put-in there were only 3 vehicles. Interesting.

What one boater posted about Saturday, *"For my crew of two quiet paddlers was the roughly 40-50 fishermen that lined the banks all the way down section 0. There were paid, guided trips, and people everywhere. It was an incredibly beautiful day out there, but I must say the crowds detracted from it. I am sure us paddling through didn't help some of their experiences either, but a drop in the bucket I say. No wonder they're bitter about boaters. The headwaters are already overrun with people and user created trails as well as all kinds of fishermen refuse/flotsam. I have to say that Section III and IV have more solitude, at least on a weekend in Spring."* <http://boatertalk.com/forum/BoaterTalk/1052430821>

Another boater posted a trip report for Saturday, going down river from Burrell's Ford:

<http://boatertalk.com/forum/BoaterTalk/1052430778>

Obviously, flow level alone does not separate the user groups. Boaters don't seem to understand that foot-travel visitors seeking solitude hike in as far as necessary to find separation, undisturbed waters and their personal envelope of solitude. On the other hand, boaters space their groups and carry their envelope of solitude downstream with them while they pass through every other visitor's solitude envelope.

In my opinion, the limited winter boating was not a problem. **But I still believe that allowing April boating was a bad decision.**

When will the Forest Service's promise of "Limits of Acceptable Change" begin to kick in?

PS I'm retired; I don't have to visit there on Saturdays. I went back to Burrell's Ford the following Monday at 4:30. There were only 5 vehicles there. I walked up into the Wilderness area. I believe I was the only person up there. The caddis swarmed at 6 and the trout started looking up. The water level was still a little high for me (now in my 78th year, I'm not the self-confident and stable wader I was 10 years ago), but I caught a few trout and had a nice evening of backcountry solitude.

Update for the Tie-1-On Charity Fundraiser on March 9th at Bass Pro Shops

The Rabun TU Chapter tiers were **Terry Rivers, Kyle Burrell, Doug Hickman & Charlie Breithaupt**. They took turns tying and produced a total of 131 flies (the most of any Chapter). Rabun TU had 23 pledges: **Tim McClure, Glenn English, Ray King, Larry Walker, Mike Fuller, Sid Berkstresser, Doug & Eedee Adams, Kent Wilson, Vaughn Billingsley, Wayne Prosser, Charlie & Kathy Breithaupt, Monty English, David Nichols, Betty Walker, Tom Matthews, Frank Patton, Jimmy Whiten, Rod Larmore, Steve Perry, Pat Hopton, Crawford Art Gallery, North GA Gun & Pawn and Halls Boat House**. The Chapter collected **\$809.05** for the event. The chapter retained 30% or \$ 242.72. The balance (\$566.33) was sent to GA TU Council for donating to non-profits such as youth conservation education programs. The flies will be used for bucket raffles at the chapter meetings.



Rabun TU Donated to Oconee River TU's Fundraiser

Rabun Chapter Pat Hopton presented a Broderick Crawford LE print, "Jewel of the Smokies", to Ken Calkin, Past President and Education Committee Chair, Oconee River Chapter. The print was used to raise funds at the ORTUC's Spring Banquet and Fundraising Event that was held Saturday, April 6.

Letters to the Rabunites

April 1, 2013, Dear Rabunites, The members of the Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Unlimited would like to thank you for the generous donation of a Broderick Crawford Print for our upcoming High Country Boil fundraiser. I am sure it will become a treasured addition to the lucky bidder at the event. You are all invited to join us on Saturday May 18th for great food, fun and TU fellowship. For full details go to our website at <http://blueridgetu.com/>
Regards, Carl Riggs – President, Blue Ridge Mtn. TU Chapter

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April 5, 2013. To: Rabun TU Chapter. On behalf of Casting for Recovery – Georgia, thank you for the generous donation made by the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Your donation will be used to help fund our upcoming retreat. On April 26th, 14 women, selected at random from over 50 applicants, will join 10 staff at Smithgall Woods for Georgia's 2nd retreat. These women will be treated to a week-end of pampering and fun, and to education and counseling – all combined with learning the art of fly-fishing. On Sunday, each woman will have the opportunity to fish with her own guide. All of our retreats depend on local funding. Trout Unlimited has been very generous in their donations – both at the State and the local level. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely, Beverly Booth – Program Coordinator, Casting for Recovery – Georgia [HERE](#)

Editor's Notes: At the annual planning meeting in February, those attended voted to donate \$500 to Casting for Recovery.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to 3 **returning members** this month: **DAVID CLAYTON BENTLEY**, CLAYTON GA 30525-0024;
MR. B. DUANE CAMPBELL, RABUN GAP GA 30568 &
CAPT. WALTER P. GODFREY JR., CAPE CANAVERAL FL 32920

Thanks for re-upping: **Allen Koleff, John Hoppes, Bill Archer, Charles Mobley, Gene Roberts, Leigh Wyatt, Broderick & Michele Crawford, Lewis Reeves Jr., Hal Howard, Maria Rodeghiero, Dale Winship & John Wall**

It is time to renew your membership: **Jake Toller (SE), Kyle English, Don Kinser, Devin Anderson, Marie Dunkle, Wesley Hopper, Frank Patton, Frank Riley, Dean Powell, Dwight Milleman, Lawrence Nelms, Keith Silvers, Steven Theis, Ronald McKenney & Radford Smith.**

Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2013

Voting Board of Directors Members:

President - Pat Hopton with Social Media, Awards, BOD Agenda, Budget

Vice President - Steve Perry with Membership Recruitment and Retention

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

Secretary - Wayne Prosser with Correspondence, BOD minutes

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

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

Director through FY 2013 - Glenn English with Name Tags, Campouts

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

Director through FY 2014 - Michele Crawford with Memorials, Donations

Director through FY 2015 - Kent Wilson with Rod Raffle

Director through FY 2015 - Frank Patton with Kids Fishing Events

Director through FY 2016 - Jerry McFalls with Scouts, Stream Projects,

Director through FY 2016 - Ray King with Rendezvous, Stream Clean-up, Directory

Non-voting committee leaders:

Doug Adams with Newsletter Editor

Jimmy Whiten with Dream Trip Raffle

Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt with Trout Camp, Fly Fishing 101

Terri Allred with Christmas Dinner

Terry Rivers with Fly Tying Workshops

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



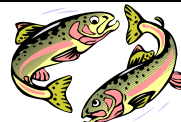
The above picture is of my good friend Earl Forsythe. When an oak tree broke off in the front yard of his Atlanta home Earl seized the opportunity to have something unique...a 6 foot brook trout!! He located a chain saw artist and the trout was born. Earl, a life-member of Trout Unlimited, has been a hunting and fishing buddy of mine for at least 35 years. Life is never dull when Earl is in camp.

ONLY EARL has a huge trout in his front yard.

Thanks Earl!!

From Charlie Breithaupt

Editor's Notes: *Charter Rabunites may remember the Rabun TU organization meeting on 7/15/1986; Earl attended that in a 3-piece suit.*



Notes from the Prez

We Are On A Roll!

Great things are happening at the Rabun Chapter! On Saturday, April 13, we had one of the best Work Days we've had in a long time. Eight Rabun Chapter members were joined by folks from the Savannah River and Foothill Chapters, along with Boy Scouts from two local Troops, folks from North Georgia Trout Online, the Forest Service, and GA Department of Natural Resources. This crowd accomplished good habitat work on a beautiful stream, was treated to a delicious hot dog lunch prepared by the Scouts, and experienced fellowship and fun. Good job, Jerry, on coordinating the Work Day!

Then on Tuesday, April 16 we were treated to another impressive program at our monthly Chapter meeting. Don Kirk gave a great presentation on fly fishing in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He was funny, informative, and personable. And this was just the latest in a string of great programs we've had. Good job, Jeff, on getting the programs for our meetings!

So if you missed these last two events, make it a point to join us on the next one. See the "Forward Casting" calendar of events in this issue of TIGHT LINES for ways to be a part of the next great thing to happen at the Rabun Chapter!

Pat Hopton

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