



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

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

*"Usually when we say we want peace and quiet we don't mean peace and silence.  
We want the absence of noise, not the absence of sound."*

From The River Home by Jerry Dennis

## **THE JULY MEETING is the ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC!**

**Kelly's Water Falls Park – Dillard, Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

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

**The Chapter will provide the soft drinks, the fried chicken, plates, etc.**

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

The **Custom Fly Rod Raffle** winner will be drawn. There will not be a meeting raffle at the Family Picnic.

*"If a new man is particularly attentive he can learn to fly fish in a half hour. But then he will go on learning as long as he fishes for trout."*

From Rods and Rods (1963) by Arthur R. MacDougal, Jr.

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

**July 9 (Tues) Chattooga River Electro Sampling** is scheduled to be taken at Spoonauger. **Volunteers needed.** 9 AM, Burrell's Ford Bridge, SC side.

**July 16 (Tues) Annual Chapter Family Picnic**, 6 PM, Kelly's Water Falls Park. Custom rod raffle winner will be drawn (see page 2 of this newsletter).

**July 23 (Tues) BOD Meeting**, 6:30 PM, Location - Chamber of Commerce office

**Aug 15 (Thurs) Meeting**, 6:30 PM, Troop 6 Scout Hut **Program:** Steve Hudson - Bluelining 101 -- an introduction to the science and art of "bluelining" (hitting headwater streams).

**Aug 22 (Thurs) BOD Meeting**, 6:30 PM, Location – Troop 6 Scout Hut

**January 25, 2014 – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabun Rendezvous**

### **FLY OF THE MONTH**

by Terry Rivers



Prince Nymph

I CANNOT SAY ENOUGH ABOUT THIS FLY. I LOVE TO TRAIL THIS BEHIND A STIMULATOR, BUT BE SURE YOU TIE THESE WITH NO WEIGHT IF YOU ARE GOING TO USE IT AS AN EMERGER. IF NOT, TIE IT WITH WEIGHT AND DREDGE THE BOTTOM.

**Hook:** Nymph size 10 to 16

**Thread:** Red or Black

**Tail:** Brown Goose Biots

**Wings:** White Goose Biots

**Body:** Peacock Herl - Ribbed with Gold Wire or Tinsel

**Hackle:** Brown

*"We also meet sometimes with the "Spick-and-Span" Angler, who has a highly varnished rod, and a superabundance of useless tackle; his outfit is of the most elaborate kind as regards its finish. He is a dapper "well got up" angler in all his appointments and fishes much in-doors over his claret and poteen, when he has a good listener. He frequently displays bad taste in his tackle, intended for fly-fishing, by having a thirty dollar multiplying reel, filled with some of Conroy's very best relaid sea-grass lines, strong enough to hold a dolphin. If you meet him on the teeming waters of northern New York, the evening's display of his catch, depends much on the rough skill of his guide."*

From The Kinds of Anglers by Thaddeus Norris

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## July Hatches

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

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

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

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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](#)



**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](mailto: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.



Congratulations to Rabunite **Broderick Crawford**, whose design of a Brook Trout surfacing for a fly was chosen by the public in a voting process as the new GA TU license plate! The new tags are a one-time first purchase fee of \$60.00 then a \$35.00 renewal fee each year. A portion of the fees goes directly to TU's efforts to conserve, protect and restore Georgia's Trout fisheries. Pictured along with Broderick (L) and his winning design are Governor Nathan Deal (C) and Trout Unlimited National Leadership Council's Georgia member Larry Vigil (R).



## “BACKCASTING”

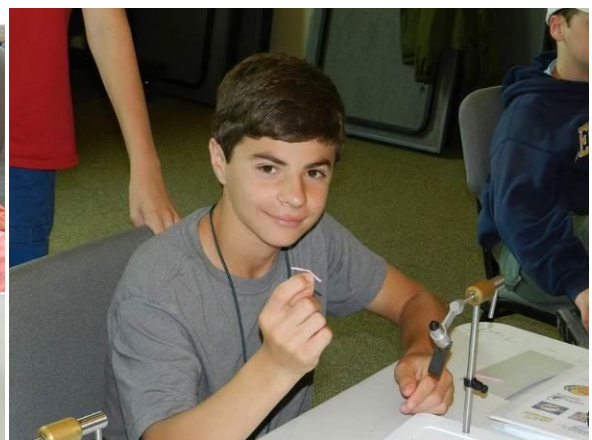
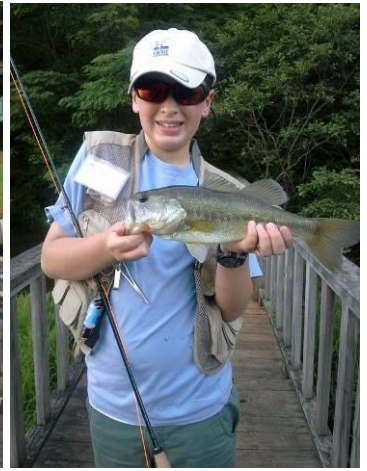
**June 1 (Sat) Mentoring - Annual Kids Fishing Event**, Tallulah River with USFS & GA WRD. 12 Rabunites helped at the event. 125 kids signed up for fishing. Approximately 272 hot dogs with chips and drinks were served. The children were given gifts after lunch. **Passing it on!**



Photos provided by Pat Hopton and Skipper Brawley



June 9 - 14 (Sun – Fri) Mentoring - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual GEORGIA TROUT CAMP - Passing it on!







The above Trout Camp 2013 photos provided by Mack Martin <http://www.atlantaflyfishingschool.com/>





### Trout Camp 2013 Graduation

Photo by Michele Crawford <http://www.broderickcrawfordart.com/>

To view 483 more Trout Camp photos by Michele, click <http://michelecrawfordphotograph.smugmug.com/Other-1>

**June 18 (Tues) Chapter Meeting** – 25 folks were in attendance **Program:** "From Two Inches to Ten Pounds, the Wild Browns of the Hooch Tailwater" by Patrick O'Rourke, Fisheries Biologist with the GA WRD.

Patrick gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation about the study of the wild brown trout in the Chattahoochee tailwater below Lake Lanier. The stocking of browns was stopped in 2005, but the brown trout density has been maintained by wild browns. An extended brown trout study was conducted to determine wild brown trout growth, movement and diet. 4,288 browns were captured at 4 stations. 2,388 were tagged and 583 were recaptured during the 14 month study to establish their rate of growth. The study determined that the browns didn't migrate. Most of the browns stay on an insect diet and are in the 8 to 12 inch size range. A few switch over to feed on fish and they are the few that grow to larger size like the one in the picture.



The study was conducted by a partnership between GA WRD, NPS, TU Embrace-A-Stream, volunteers from 4 TU Chapters, The Chattahoochee Riverkeeper and The Chattahoochee Coldwater Fishery Foundation.



In appreciation for the program, Michele Crawford presented Patrick with a LE brook trout print by Broderick Crawford, artist.

<http://www.broderickcrawfordart.com/>

**The Meeting Raffle** had 11 buckets with several books, 2 fly assortments, a trout tee shirt, an ice box, a framed ink and pen drawing, and much more. Our thanks go to all who donated items and to **Tim McClure** for conducting the raffle. The raffle raised \$115 to cover the newsletter cost for members without E-mail.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to **Pat and Tammy Hopton** (see Notes from the Prez on page 8 for the details).

On May 20<sup>th</sup> (as a result of a rare lung disease) **Tony Kearns** had a double lung transplant. Tony is a son of Rabunites **Ray and Dot Kearns** (Ray is past President of Rabun Chapter). Tony is still in the ICU at Emory Hospital, but he is making great progress. He has a long road of recovery ahead of him over the next few months, but he and his family are staying positive through it all. A Facebook page is set-up where you can follow his story and his progress. <https://www.facebook.com/BreatheForTony>. Tony is President of the Kanooka TU Chapter in Snellville GA and Tony's sons **Richard Kearns** and **Mike Kearns** are the Chapter's Vice President and Secretary.

Rabunite **Larry Walker** (immediate Past President of Rabun Chapter) is re-retiring at the end of June. He will no longer be an active agent with Re/Max of Rabun. However, he will maintain an active real estate license and can consult with you on your real estate needs, contact [amosndixie@windstream.net](mailto:amosndixie@windstream.net).



## Rabun TU Chapter donates to Southeaster Land Protection Program

Jim Kidd (R) presents \$1,200 donation check to Damon Heard (L), TU's SE Land Protection Coordinator

Working with land trusts and TU chapters, Damon helps protect and restore watersheds and streams within the eastern brook trout range in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Damon comes to TU with both a passion for the Appalachians and their wildlife and experience in land preservation and land trust issues. He received his B.A. in biology from Earlham College and his M.S. in resource ecology and management from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources. Damon lives with his wife, Megan, and daughter, Julianna, in Asheville.

## Beginning in August We're Changing the Day of the Week and Location for the Chapter Meetings!

By Prez Pat Hopton

The Rabun Chapter has started a new youth outreach with the Boy and Girl Scouts of Rabun County! The Scouts meet on Tuesday nights, which have also been the nights the Rabun Chapter met. In order to accommodate their schedule and allow the Scouts to be included in the Chapter meetings, we are changing the day of week for our monthly meetings.

In addition, the Scouts are remodeling their Scout Hut and have offered the use of the Hut to the Rabun Chapter. This will give us more room to meet and provide a central, convenient location for our outreach to the Scouts.

For these reasons, the Rabun Chapter is changing the day of the week and location for the monthly Rabun Chapter meetings. Beginning in August, 2013 the regular Rabun Chapter monthly meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the "Scout Hut", located on GA Hwy 76 West behind the Rabun County Library. Meetings will begin with a social time at 6:30 pm and a program to begin at 7:00 pm. Parking for the meeting is in the Library parking lot or in the lot across Hwy 76.

So mark your calendars now for this change! For more information, contact Jerry McFalls, Rabun Chapter Scout Outreach Coordinator [threeforksadventures@hotmail.com](mailto:threeforksadventures@hotmail.com)

## THANK YOU

RE/MAX of Rabun <http://www.remax-rabun-ga.com/> for providing the conference room for the Rabun TU monthly meetings for the past 4 years.

All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c)3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thanks for re-upping: **Arthur Guthas, David Smith and Billy McClain**

It is time to renew your membership: **William Candy, Bob Collins, Dave Schmidt, Quinnie Desimone, Phillip Koch, Robert Marshall, Thomas Stroud, Kyle English, Don Kinser, Devin Anderson, Marie Dunkle, Wesley Hopper, Frank Patton, Frank Riley and Dean Powell.**

## 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**



## Notes from the Prez

### A Special Trip "West of Hiawassee"

By the time you are reading this edition of the Prez Notes, I will be on my annual trip to "West of Hiawassee". But this year will be an extra special trip for me to the Rocky Mountains.

Last year I asked my sweetheart, Tammy Tankersley, to marry me and much to my surprise she said yes! We have decided to hold the wedding ceremony at her brother's house outside of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. It will be a small, informal, outdoor wedding, with barbeque and a bluegrass band for the reception. Now that's my kind of woman!

Following the wedding we are going on a three day, two night backpacking trip high into the Rocky Mountains, to a place known to a few Rabunites as "The Center of the Universe". If you've been there, you know where I'm talking about. There we will "grease the hub" by catching and eating native cutthroats and wild brookies, taking pictures of wildflowers in the meadow between the lakes, and by sitting around the campfire and gazing at a night sky filled with so many stars that it seems you can reach up and touch them.

Yes, I am a blessed man. I have found a beautiful woman to be my life partner, a wife that "gets it" when it comes to trout fishing. I hope Tammy and I will see you on THE RIVER when we get back!

Pat Hopton - Chapter Prez

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