



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

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

"I don't want to sit at the head table anymore. I want to go fishing." George Bush

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S NEW MEETING PLACE

NEW>NEW> Clayton Boy Scout Troop 6 Scout Hut <NEW<NEW

US 76 west, the brick building located behind the Rabun County Library

Parking is available in the Rabun County Library parking lot and Rabun County Tax Office parking lot.

3rd Thursday 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.

"We told stories until the whiskey was gone, then we went outside and stood by the river and told some more."

From The River Home by Jerry Dennis

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates See you there!

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

Sept 7 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting, 9 AM, Blue Ridge hosted by BRMTUC

Sept 19 (Thurs) Meeting, 6:30 PM, Troop 6 Scout Hut **Program:** Seth Sullivan - *Life as a Brookie Intern*

Sept 26 (Thurs) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Location – Troop 6 Scout Hut

Sept 27 – 29 (Wed-Sat) Trout Unlimited National Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin

Sept 28 (Sat) Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi S.P./Smith Creek; TU Volunteers needed

January 25, 2014 – 27th Annual Rabun Rendezvous

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



CHERNOBYL HOPPER

IF YOU ARE HEADED WEST OF HIAWASEE, HAVE A FEW OF THESE IN YOUR BOX. IT IS A GREAT PATTERN TO HAVE ON THE WESTERN STREAMS THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

HOOK: # 10 4X LONG
BODY: BROWN AND BLACK FOAM
LEG: WHITE MED. RUBBER LEGS MATERIAL
THORAX: ORANGE FOAM FOR INDICATOR

"I have thus run over some of the features of an ordinary trout fishing excursion to the woods. People, inexperienced in such matters, sitting in their rooms and thinking of these things, of all the poets have sung and romancers written, are apt to get sadly taken in when they attempt to realize their dreams. They expect to enter a sylvan paradise of trout, cool retreats, laughing brooks, picturesque views, balsamic couches, etc., instead of which they find hunger, rain, smoke, toil, gnats, mosquitos, broken rest, vulgar guides and salt pork; and they are very apt not to see where the fun comes in. But he who goes in a right spirit will not be disappointed, and will find the taste of this kind of life better, though bitterer, than the writers have described."

From Locust and Wild Honey by John Burroughs

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August Hatches

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
None at all	Can happen any time on any day		Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT #14 Parachute Adams is always a good searching pattern
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
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Hoppers, Etc.			Various Times & Sizes

Editor's Notes: *The hot weather and light hatches of July and August are two of the reasons (excuses really) why many Rabunites make annual treks to fish and camp "West of Hiawassee", or as Lewis Reeves Jr. says, "Out Yonder".*

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

The story behind the Rabunite phrase "West of Hiawassee"

By Doug Adams

In 1967 I was organizing my 4th trip to camp and trout fish in the Colorado Rockies. I had caught the incurable Rocky Mountain Fever on my first trip and I needed another treatment. I had asked Jim Nixon (he had caught The Fever the year before) and Bill Kelly (he would catch The Fever on this trip) to join me and they both accepted. We decided to ask my neighbor and our friend that also loved trout fishing, Jack Prince. I called Jack at work (he was a teacher at RCHS) and I said, "Jack, let's go trout fishing." He asked, "OK, where do you want to go?" I said, "Out West of Hiawassee!" He said with a question, "West of Hiawassee?" I'm sure he was thinking why go over there when we have so many good trout streams right here in Rabun County. I said "Yes, way out West of Hiawassee!" At that point Jack realized I was planning another trip to Colorado and he said "Oh - - OH - - I've got to go home and ask - - - I'll let you know!" Apparently Eloise said yes because Jack called me back that evening and joined our crew. Needless to say, we had a wonderful trip and made many cherished memories.

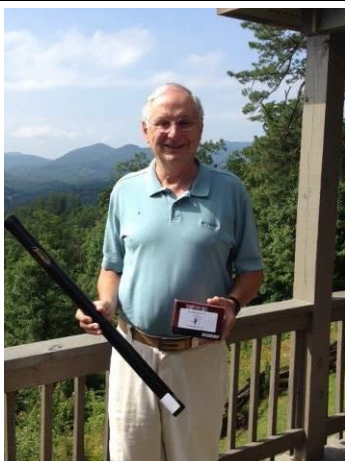
So ever since then when we (Rabunites) are planning to go to the Rocky Mountain west to take a treatment for The Fever, we just say we are going "West of Hiawassee." Exactly where West of Hiawassee? I.D.B.I.S.

Webpage-of-the-Month: <http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/fly-fishing-the-popper-dropper-rig/>

Fly Fishing: The Popper-Dropper Rig

Please send comments & suggestions to Pat Hopton, Website Project Manager, scotts_creek58@yahoo.com

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2013 Rod Raffle Winner

SAGE ONE Series, 4 wt., 4 piece, 9' Fly Rod & SAGE 2030 reel - \$1000 value

The winner is **Charlie Pennington** of Dillard, GA pictured when he was presented the rod and reel. Charlie is renewing his TU membership which he had previously allowed to expire.

Thanks to all that participated and to **Kent Wilson**, the rod raffle manager. A special "Thank You" goes to our good friend **Mack Martin** of [Atlanta Fly Fishing School](#) and North Georgia Custom Rods. Mack donated this fly rod and reel to Rabun TU as a fundraiser

The raffle raised a total of \$1,402 (up from \$1,105 last year).

Welcome to the Middle Georgia TU Chapter (GA's newest and 14th TU Chapter)

This chapter will basically cover the area from Macon south to the GA/FL state line and from Columbus eastward to Savannah. **President Justin Souma**, 704-564-9595 tumiddlega@gmail.com

Fishing Reports from The Dredger - July 2013

Summer Highs and Lows

Summer's a new and sometimes challenging season for north Georgia fly-flingers. Some win, while many others often lose. The losers are usually locked into their former winning ways of spring and fail to adapt to their balmy new surroundings. In contrast, winners often change their fishing tactics, and sometimes even their targeted species, to match the weather and water and make some fine fishing memories from June thru September.

Dredger and his accomplice, Sautee, had some recent trips of interest to Rabun TU'ers and other lurkers who spy on The Ole

Rabunite's monthly newsletter. Here are their stories, as they ambled high and low to round out June and ready themselves for the next 3 months. Rabunite stories, hmm, you think Some, all, or none of their contents may be true. Alas, in the immortal words of charter Rabunite Kelly, "you don't have to believe it - - if you don't want to." But you might find a few nuggets in here that will help you enjoy your summer prospecting a bit more.

"Going High – to Fernrock Creek"

Sautee had a hankering for some bluelining (see Rabun TU's August meeting speaker), so the duo plotted their strategy 'electronically, via 'puters and iPhones, on Saturday morning before their carpool. The Friday storms had pounded their home mountain hard the night before, and the Hooch-Helen gauge was pegging pretty high that morning. Bummer - local haunts would be blown out. Aha, a quick look at the USGS-Tallulah gauge showed that the watershed one mountain over had been spared fairly well! Wet wading attire, peanut-butter sammiches, a couple bottles of water, short rods, and sparse chest packs completed their minimalist preparations. A camera was dropped into a front pocket. The duo met up and headed east.... to "Fernrock Creek" for an afternoon escape.

A 30-minute hike up and past the end of the trail put some distance between the hillbilly duo and the steady stream of neon-shirted, flatland hikers, wondrous about the waterfall. The water was up, but still clear enough to give the anglers a chance. They waded in deep, about "thermometer-level," (click [HERE](#))

and looked at their feet (low-tech versions of turbidity meters). Despite the murky water, they could still see their wading boots about 3 feet down. That meant the fish oughta be able to see that far, too. That was good. To eat it, the fish has to see it! The duo remembered to avoid the deepest pools and hit the shady runs and pockets.

They put on something meaty and visible- #14 yellow stimulators, and tossed them into shady spots less than four feet deep. Every third or fourth niche held a fish willing to look up. Some were fondled, while many were missed. Sautee scored the north Georgia hat trick of two bows, a few browns, and an orphan speck that didn't hold onto his rock tight enough during last spring's seven-inch rain. One member of the party, true to his leaden roots, added four feet of tippet to his dry and dropped a dinsmore-aided #10 leech off the back. It was a good choice in the bigger pools, where midday browns weren't interested in swimming to the surface for a meal, but would smack something at fisheye-level.



Billy-goating up the creek and stalking wily browns at midday was challenging, but fun. After about a dozen fish between them and some mighty fine scenery, it was time to head home for supper. They vowed to return again and explore more reaches of Fernrock Creek. Some excellent BBQ, a cold beverage, and about 600 milligrams of Motrin ended a fine day!

Going Low- East and North

Dredger had his fill of trout trips this past spring and was hankering for some river bass, preferably on poppers. The wet water year, while treating Burton Hatchery mighty fine, had put a damper on most river bass prospecting thus far in '13.

Again, Dredger net-fished first. On that net, he saw some recent "real-time" windows of opportunity. The gauges on River East showed nearly a week of respite from summer thunderstorms. He wandered over there, hiked in, and found one BIG river, still swollen about twice its historic mean flow. Still he waded along the edge and used his turbidity meter, uh, toes, to again predict a chance at some fish in the shallows. Some small poppers, with the requisite rubber legs, were tossed under the overhanging tree limbs and across the top of submerged ledges to entice river residents. Redeyes and redbreasts announced the arrival of summer. What they lacked in size, they sure made up with spunk and coloration. If and

when the River East clears, maybe their bigger brothers will come out to play. Dredger vowed a comeback.

(Author's note: tiers oughta try building some Hipps soft-bodied poppers. They are fun to make, soft on fish lips (and therefore kissed longer), and nearly indestructible.)

River East was so much fun, Dredger looked into his net to see if River North was also a possibility. The USGS gauge showed the magical three-day mark since the last flow spike. That meant- you guessed it- the possibility of toes seen at the three-foot mark. He drove north to visit with Redeye's bigger cousin, Smallie. At first, Smallie was very inhospitable to Dredger, and was downright disrespectful to Kidd and his wading Missus. That duo had been flinging and stripping their traditional black woolly buggers, and also tossing the ever popular white Stealth Bomber, to no avail. Dredger's leech was totally ignored in the high flows, too.



After some experimenting, the Rabunite trio figured out and fondled a few good'uns. Dredger lengthened his leader to 12 feet, tossed a set of dumbbell eyes on it, and bottom bumped slower water in the 2-4 foot depths. The hot flies were brown or black Hairy Fodders, twitched just a bit during the downstream drift to look like a washed down crawdad or hellgrammite. The dumbbell eyes put the flies on the bottom- at fisheye level as Smallie avoided flood flows. The Kidd clan waited 'em out, and caught fish up top as the sun set behind the ridge. Wet wading for tail-walking smallies was a fun way to prepare for Independence Day. And did we mention that no rhododendron branches were anywhere near our backcasts? Waaah-HOOO!

Whether you like it high or low, there's a flavor of fishing waiting for you this summer. Net-fish first, adapt to conditions, grab a buddy, and go make some memories. Before you know it, we'll be in fleece again and cussing that newly-discovered

pinhole leak in our expensive waders. That time of year is when you DON'T want the old thermometer wet...

Oh yeah, don't forget to take the wallet out of the back pocket, and to put a waterproof camera in the front one. You'll be happy you did both.

Good luck. Go get 'em. And then "pass it on" to a newbie. Create a new conservationist by showing them some fishing success.

Kelly'd be proud of ya'll.

Highs:

Soft Bodied Popper: <http://www.warmwaterflytyer.com/corner.asp?page=4>

Stealth Bomber: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OiyRvcEkOB0>

<http://www.flyfishga.com/stealth.htm>

Lows:

Hairy Fodder: <http://www.smallmouthflyshop.com/product/riendeaus-hairy-fodder>

Leech: <http://www.bigflyco.com/mohairleech-detail.htm>

Editor's Notes: Thanks to Jeff Durniak for this report

Fishing Report from West of Hiawassee WAAahWHOOO!

By Doug Adams



In June, Eedee and I returned to the valley in Colorado where I caught my very first Rocky Mountain trout and I also caught the Rocky Mountain Fever 56 years ago. It has been 40 years since we first took Allison and Brooks there as children. We hiked the trails and enjoyed the wildflowers. At night we saw a million stars in the clear sky. We camped there 12 nights and on June 29th we attended the beautiful wedding of Pat and Tammy Hopton near Glenwood Springs. Allison flew out for the wedding and she fished with me 2 mornings. The snow pack finished melting while we were there. We caught wild browns and brook trout on dry flies (Adams & Cahills) and sometimes with a prince nymph trailing. I never saw another angler on the stream. Where? I.D.B.I.S.



"BACKCASTING"

June 9 - 14 (Sun – Fri) Mentoring - 10th Annual GEORGIA TROUT CAMP – Passing It On

Trout Camp 2013...21 boys and 3 girls. And..rain, high water and mud. However, with the help of 40 + dedicated volunteers from 9 of the 13 chapters around our state, we completed another successful camp. This year's highlight was our opportunity to fish Nacoochee Bend on the Chattahoochee River in Helen, GA. This stretch of private water is managed by Unicoi Outfitters. Owner Jimmy Harris, a dedicated and generous member of Trout Unlimited, extended an invitation to fish and we accepted. All 24 campers were able to fish at the same time with mentors by their side. It was an exciting day for all.

As always, our hard-working partners from the Forest Service and Georgia DNR supported us in every way. Camp would not happen without them.

This was our tenth year to hold our camp. New volunteers showed up and some helped fill important roles in camp. "New blood" is important if we expect this camp to continue. From what I hear, all believe this is a good way to ensure our future and "pass on" our love of cold water and trout fishing, especially fly fishing. Georgia Trout Camp is truly a state-wide camp as all 13 chapters sent campers. Consider being actively involved in "your" Trout Camp next year. You will experience a sense of pride and satisfaction and probably learn something. The best way to learn is to teach...especially a kid.

Michele Crawford - Rabun Chapter - provided these links to some of the pictures:.

<http://michelecrawfordphotograph.smugmug.com/Other-1> and <http://michelecrawfordphotograph.smugmug.com/Other>

Mack Martin also has a collection - if you would like to access his Drop Box please contact him. mack@mackmartin.com

The Julie Stalnaker Memorial Award was created by The Georgia Women Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited to honor the memory of Julie Stalnaker. For years Julie and her husband Duane were strong supporters of trout fishing in Georgia. Julie passed away suddenly in 2010. Duane continues to be part of trout camp every year.

Each year a camper at the Georgia Trout Camp is chosen to receive the award. An ad hoc committee of camp staff selects a camper who shows the qualities exhibited by Julie...intelligence, positive attitude, helpful spirit and good natured personality.

The 2013 Julie Stalnaker Memorial Award was presented to **Myles Hartley** – Upper Chattahoochee Chapter

Report by Charlie Breithaupt – Director, GA Trout Camp

June 25 (Tues) BOD Meeting – 11 BOD members attended. The agenda included: 1 Meeting was called to order 2. VP Steve P. presiding OLD BUSINESS 3. Select 2014 Rendezvous Speaker 4. Scout Hut Use /Status. 5. Rod Raffle 6. Nominate Offices and 2 BOD positions for FY 2014 NEW BUSINESS 7.Chattooga River Celebration May 2014 8. Fall Camp&Fish 9.Family Picnic 10.Fall Stream Clean-up REPORTS 11.Treasurer 12.Membership UPCOMING EVENTS

June 29 (Sat) Rabun TU Chapter President's Wedding in Colorado – Congratulations Pat and Tammy Hopton



The newlyweds at their wedding reception and starting their Rocky Mountain High backpacking honeymoon.

July 9 (Tues) Chattooga River Electro Sampling CANCELLED due to very high water level.

July 16 (Tues) Annual Chapter Family Picnic, about 45 folks participated in a wonderful evening of fellowship and good food. The covered dishes were outstanding. **Charlie Pennington** was the lucky winner of the Rod Raffle. Our thanks go to **Claude Dillard** for use of the beautiful facilities at the waterfalls. **WAaahWHOooo!**





Trey McFalls drawing the winning Rod Raffle Ticket



Chapter members chipped in to give the newlyweds a certificate for a one night stay at Smithgall Woods with Trophy Trout Fishing, a framed AP copy of the winning 2009 Colorado Wildlife Stamp by Broderick Crawford and a photo of the couple by Michele Crawford.

July 23 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 10 folks attended. The agenda included: Call to Order, Is a quorum present? Review and approve June BOD Minutes OLD BUSINESS: Select 2014 Rendezvous Speaker, Update on Scout Hut NEW BUSINESS: Approve ballot of candidates for vacant Officer & BOD; Public Lands Energy Development Act; Fall Campout: when/where? Fall Stream Clean-Up: when/where? Chattooga River WSR Celebration REVIEW UPCOMING CALENDAR: Chattahoochee River Clean-Up , 8/10; Chapter meeting, 8/15 @ Scout Hut; BOD meeting, 8/22 @ Scout Hut REPORTS: Treasurer; Membership

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **5 new members** this month: **GAGE STIEFEL** (SE), CLAYTON GA 30525; **NATHAN WHEAT** (SE), MOUNTAIN CITY GA 30562; **BLAKE ALLEN**, 7 GOATNICK RD, CLEVELAND GA 30528; **JOSH ALLEN**, 4927 PERSIMMON RD, CLAYTON GA 30525; and **JOHN LEUM**, 619 REDTIP CIRCLE, FLORENCE SC 29505

Thanks for re-upping: **Laurel Smith (SE)**, **William Chase**, **Tom Shirley**, **Eugene Pipkin**, **Wesley Hopper**, **Ray Kearns**, **Chuck Breithaupt** and **Dale Powell**

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

Keep in mind GA WRD's raffle of a free lifetime license. Gotta friend their Facebook page.

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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 April 15, 2013 the judge issued her 42-page opinion completely in favor of the Forest Service.

A Legal Precedent: The federal court opinion confirmed that a federal agency (i.e. FS, NPS, BLM, FWS, etc.) can zone boating on recreational waters to protect backcountry solitude or the quality of experiences of other visitors; including zoning by section of stream, by time of year, by time of day, by water flow level, by type of craft and/or by size of boating group.

The following are excerpts from a Greenville News article published on June 20th:

"Paddlers vow to press fight over year-round access to Chattooga"

"This week, a collection of paddlers demanding year-round access to the remote and sometimes treacherous 21-mile stretch of the river filed its intention to appeal an Upstate federal judge's dismissal earlier this year of the group's legal actions." "If the plea to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals — and, possibly later, the U.S. Supreme Court — " - - said Nathan Galbreath, a Greenville attorney who has represented the paddling advocacy group American Whitewater in its lawsuit alleging the U.S. Forest Service has violated boaters' constitutional rights to access the public resource - - " Read more:

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130620/NEWS07/306190091/Paddlers-vow-press-fight-over-year-round-access-Chattooga>

Editor's Notes: I believe that the unrestricted access demand to the Chattooga North Fork is just a legal precedent issue for the boaters. I believe it is all about gaining boating access to the streams in Yellowstone, Tetons, Yosemite, etc.

See <http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Article/view/articleid/31696/>

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.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Bob Larsen recently suffered a stroke. His recovery is progressing nicely.

THANK YOU

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Claude Dillard for use of the beautiful facilities at the Kelly Waterfalls Picnic Area.

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

The Board of Directors offers the following nominations for Rabun TU Chapter's F/Y2014 Officers and Directors:

President – [Pat Hopton](#); Vice President – [Steve Perry](#); Treasurer – [Elizabeth Perry](#); Secretary – [Wayne Prosser](#);

(The Chapter by-laws requires annual election of officers and 3-year term limits)

Directors thru F/Y 2017: [Tony Allred](#) and [Ray Gentry](#) (replacing retiring Directors [Jeff Durniak](#) and [Glenn English](#));

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Aug. & Sept. Chapter meetings.

Election will be at the September Chapter meeting. F/Y 2014 begins October 1, 2013

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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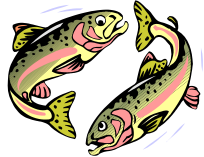
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Notes from the Prez

Making Memories

We often hear the refrain "Thanks for the memories!" between Rabunites when they are concluding a fishing trip, camping trip, TU project, or some other activity. It's just one way we have to tell each other that the times we had together were good and that we will savor the memories in the days following.

The memories we each have is unique to our own experience of that activity. Haven't you heard stories told around the campfire, and thought "That's not how I remember it?" Yet that's part of the appeal of memories; they tend to grow and their stories evolve over time, and you don't have to believe that if you don't want!

A dear friend once told me "Make lots of memories. Because one day when you are old that's all you will have to carry you through." I have made many great memories with Rabun TU... the fish caught, the stream structures built, the beautiful places visited. But most of all, I treasure the memories of the people that I was with at the time. You, the men and women of Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited, are what make the memories great. And for that I am so appreciative. I look forward to making many, many more memories with you.

Pat Hopton - Chapter Prez

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