



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

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

This is my 103rd and final issue as Editor of TIGHT LINES. In the beginning I found the monthly newsletter to be a fun challenge; but now it has become a monthly chore. It is time to "Pass it On." Fortunately for all of us, Michele Crawford, an energetic, qualified young lady with a "get it done" attitude and love of the outdoors, has volunteered to be the next newsletter Editor. I'm looking forward to her new and fresh viewpoint. I want to thank those that over the years have sent me comments, suggestions, encouragements, photos and articles for the newsletter.

Keep it up for Michele crawfordart@windstream.net.

Editor – Doug Adams edadams1@windstream.net

Previous TIGHT LINES Editors were Tom Landreth, Sharon Wilson and Kathy Breithaupt.

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S NEW MEETING PLACE

NEW> Clayton Boy Scout Troop 6 Scout Hut <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.

"These were the guys who came before us, who fished here before we were even born, and of course the times were very different then but the people were not." From The River Home by Jerry Dennis

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates See you there!

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.** See page 4 of this newsletter for details.

Oct 9 – 13 (Wed – Sun) Fall Camping and Fishing Outing, Tallulah River. See page 5 of this newsletter for details.

Oct 12 (Sat) Fall Stream Clean-up on the West Fork of the Chattooga River. **Volunteers needed.** We will carpool from the campout and meet at the Overflow Camping Area/Canoe Launch off Forest Service Road 86 at 9:00 am. For more information, contact Wayne Prosser at (706) 746-6293 or by email at wp0968@windstream.net. This workday will be in memory of **John Starinchuck**.

Oct 17 (Thurs) Meeting, 6:30 PM, Troop 6 Scout Hut. **Program:** Karl Eckberg (Chattooga River Fly Shop) Tips for Fishing the Chattooga DH

Oct 19 (Sat) Ladies Fly Fishing Clinic, 11 to 3 PM, hosted by Foothills & Rabun TU Chapters on private waters of the Soque Rivers, limited to 20 ladies @ \$50 each. **Volunteer Mentors needed** to help with roll casting instruction and fish landing. For details, contact Michele Crawford (706) 490-4574 or by email crawfordart@windstream.net

Oct 24 (Thurs) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Location – Troop 6 Scout Hut

January 25, 2014 – 27th Annual Rabun Rendezvous

Program presenter: Sheila Humphrey – Wildlife Interpretive Specialist
Education Coordinator, Smithgall Woods Conservation Center

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



OCTOBER CADDIS

START TYING SOME OF THESE. THEY WILL START SHOWING UP IN LATE SEPTEMBER ON THE WESTERN STREAMS. SEE YA ON THE RIVER.

HOOK: #12 2X LONG NYMPH HOOK
BODY: ORANGE DUBBING
WING: DEER HAIR
THORAX: BROWN HACKLE
ANTENNA: RUBBER OR MICRO FIBBETS

"There should be little doubt as to the finest trout stream. It flows through paper birches and fern; through lodgepole pines and sagebrush; through the sounds of the drumming grouse and smells of a tamarack swamp. You drive there after work; you fly there every summer. It is where you caught your first trout, it's where your children will catch theirs. It is your stream, and it's the best trout stream in America." Lawrence Sheehan

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September 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 #14 Parachute Adams is always a good searching pattern
Small Dun Caddis	All Month	Mid AM to Late PM	8 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Speckled Grey-Brown Caddis	Late	Late PM	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/Yellow-Brown 14-16 Dun & Yellow Caddis Pupa
Large October Caddis	Late	Early AM and Late PM	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill (important)	Late	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail
Trico Mayfly	Early	AM	20 Parachute Trico
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, Yellow Jackets, Etc.			Various Times & Sizes

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

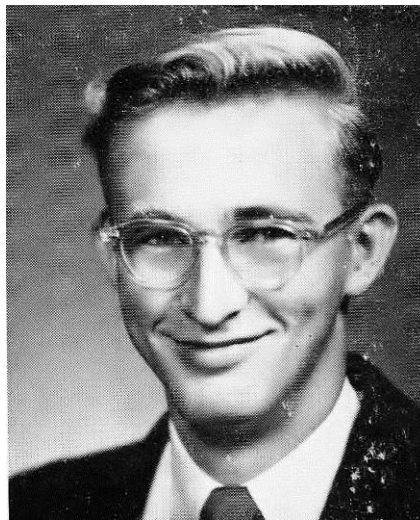
Webpage-of-the-Month: <http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20130720/COLUMNISTS01/307200019/For-trout-habitat-wood-good> **For trout habitat, wood is good**

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](#)

This (my final) Issue of TIGHT LINES is dedicated to the memory of Reginald "Sonny" Covington (1936 – 1959)



Sonny with a GA trout – 1955



Sonny in the HS yearbook - 1954



Sonny in CO - 1958

You might say Eedee and I moved to Rabun County because of my friendship with Sonny. I met Sonny in the 8th grade at Decatur Boys High School. We soon learned that we shared a love of stream fishing for hornyheads, sunfish, warmouth and catfish. We made frequent outings to Shoal, Snapfinger and Peachtree Creeks in DeKalb County. Then Sonny's older brother took him trout fishing in the North Georgia Mountains. Almost immediately Sonny led me to the mountains of Lumpkin County where I caught my first trout, an 8 inch wild rainbow. It was a beautiful fish in the prettiest stream I had ever fished. That day my life was changed forever. After that, Sonny and I took off for the Georgia Mountains almost every weekend to camp and fish the streams from the Cohuttas in the west to Rabun in the east. Sonny was with me in 1955 when we made our first trip to the most beautiful trout stream of all at Burrell's Ford. And he was with me in 1957 and 1958 when we made road trips to camp and fish streams in the Colorado Rockies.

Sonny died in 1959 while in service for his country (US Army). His mother placed his favorite fly rod beside him in the casket. Eedee and I married in 1960 and in 1965 we came to Rabun County to live and raise our family near the Chattooga River. Thank you, Sonny, for introducing me to the joys of trout and helping me find my way to THE RIVER. Happy Trails, Doug

"Catchin' Corner" - Troutng Tips

The following article is reprinted with permission from the Fly Shack Newsletter <http://www.flyshack.com/>

An Emerging Consensus We've all been there. Trout rising in easy casting range, plenty of easily identifiable mayflies floating on the surface, perfect imitations of those flies on our tippets, good casts directly over eagerly feeding trout - for nothing.

Occasionally we'll see a trout eat one of the floating mayflies. Many times, however, we see a rise where there was no floating fly. That's the first clue. Very, very often, the trout aren't eating those floating flies, or at least not in a serious way. They are instead pigging out on mayflies or caddis that haven't yet made it to the surface. They're eating emergers.

It's old news to fly-fishers that trout just love to eat mayflies or caddis when they're wiggling out of their nymphal shucks and striving to burst through the surface film to start their new lives as winged adults.

The insects are utterly helpless at that point. It's reasonable to think that at an early age, trout get a little disgusted with lunging for floating mayflies ("duns") only to find their snack has lifted off into the safety of the air. (Safe from trout, at any rate. Swallows and bats are another story.) But those messy, confused, struggling insects caught in the act of metamorphosis - now that's more like it: a solid bite of bug-meat protein that won't get away at the last second.

Then again, maybe it's a stretch to think that pea-brained trout understand an adult insect's ability to fly away, or an emerger's inability to do so. It may just be that trout eat emergers because they are at least partly under water and therefore easier to see from below.

Much is known and many words have been written about the importance of emerging aquatic insects. And yet the fly-fishing brain is so hard-wired to dry flies that emergers are often Plan B, or even a last resort. We'd rather run through every Catskill-style, parachute or Comparadun in our boxes before reaching for something that's meant to be fished half-sunk.



BH Bubble Back Emerger - Pheasant



BH Caddis Poopah - Brown



Black Gnat Wet Fly



CDC Loopwing Emerger - Trico



Emerger Pheasant Tail



Foam Post Emerger - Adams



Foam Post Emerger - Hendrickson



Green Drake Emerger



Klinkhammer - Adams



Klinkhammer - Brown



Klinkhammer - BWO



Leadwing Coachman Wet Fly

In fact, we would probably all catch just as many rising trout if there were no dry flies in the world and all we had to fish with were emergers. (OK, emergers and spinners, for those happy times when the spent-winged mayfly is the Blue Plate Special.)

It's likely that old-timey winged wet flies and soft hackles were (and are) playing the role of the emerger when fished just under the surface. The wing is unfurled but not yet exposed to the air, there's often something hanging off the back that the fly-tyer thought was a tail but may look like a shuck, and there are hackle fibers emanating from the front that sure could look like brand-new adult-fly legs stretching out for the first time.

The Leadwing Coachman may in fact be one of the best emergers ever made, even if that's not what it was considered at the time.

Modern fly-fishers reach for well-known patterns like the RS2, a slim, simple, straight-bodied fly that suggests an emerging Blue Winged Olive; the Usual, an even simpler fly, or the emergiest emerger of them all - the Klinkhammer Special. The Klink has a revolutionary design that causes its wing to poke through the surface, its hackle to be trapped in the film and its curved body to hang below the surface. It has the posture of an emerging fly and it's easy to see. Even if it's not a perfect match for what's hatching, fish will often take it instead of dry flies that are in fact perfect matches.

By the way, something to keep in mind about emergers, especially mayfly emergers: While the adult fly that crawls out of the nymph shuck might be any number of colors - yellow, tan, green etc. - the nymphs themselves are usually brown. That's why a Klinkhammer with a body of brown pheasant tail can be a great choice during a hatch of lemony sulfurs, for example.

Size is important. You might get a bite if you fish a big honking size 12 emerger when the flies on the water are 16s and 18s, but you'll get more bites if you match the size of the hatch. (Of course, if nothing is hatching, but something tells you that you might be able to pound up a trout with a surface fly, let your intuition take over and fish the fly that looks right to you.)

Other than that, fish the emerger just like a dry fly: Cast upstream of the rising trout and let it drift naturally down to the fish. And do it with confidence, because that's how trout eat emergers.

It's that time of the year again! Unicoi OAD 2013 - Call for Volunteers on 9/28

Interested volunteers should reply to my secretary, Olivia McClure (Olivia.McClure@dnr.state.ga.us). She drafts the roster for me to edit as appropriate. Her phone: 770-535-5498, and fax 5953.

Please consider volunteering to help us at Unicoi State Park's Outdoor Adventure Day to celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day on Saturday, 9/28/13. You don't have to be an expert outdoorsman or woman to play a vital role in the day's success. Can you help at registration or direct parking? There's a niche for everyone.

<http://www.gastateparks.org/event/6006?locationid=98&p=98&c=4343826>

Unicoi State Park staff hosts us, Game Management Supervisor Ken handles the budget, and I handle event staffing. We (DNR) need a hundred or so volunteers to make this event happen. Many of you are OAD veterans, but the following info may help prospective volunteers to understand the roles they could play and to make the decision to join our ranks. To fill out my roster and to ensure good communications with volunteers, I would like the following info from each volunteer:

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM

- 1) Your name: _____
- 2) Your affiliation (if you'd like me to credit your group or club): _____
- 3) email address: _____
- 4) phone number: _____
- 5) first choice of venue: _____
- 6) second choice of venue: _____
- 7) are you willing to work anywhere I need somebody (y/n)? _____

First come, first served. Below is the narrative from previous years' volunteer instructions to help you understand the duties. Thanks for your consideration. We can't pull off this event without an army of vols!

Venue Info:

1. The event will be held in the big field along Smith Creek just downstream from Unicoi Lake Dam.
2. Registration & Raffle tents. These workers will greet visitors and get signed liability release forms and pens back from them in exchange for raffle tickets. Detailed instructions will be provided to you on Saturday (9/28), as Kim trains you. Visitors will put one copy of the raffle ticket into the raffle bucket of their choice and keep the other copy. They will use that copy as proof of signing the release form (so they can shoot or canoe) and as proof of a winning raffle ticket number. The raffle will start at 1 PM for free prizes. I have a small, separate work force assigned to the raffle. Volunteers on my roster are eligible for prizes, also!
3. Parking. State Parks staff will guide visitor vehicles to orderly parking in the big field. Parks staff also have a plan for overflow parking, if needed. They may need a few helpers.
4. Archery. Hands-on.



One-on-one instruction by WRD and Traditional Bowhunters Association. Note that this venue is on far side of Smith Creek, next to the laundry building. Some of you may be asked to provide security. Just stand at edge of venue and prevent visitors from straying into the line of fire.

5. Airgun. Hands on by WRD, 4-H Club, and other volunteers. Same as #4, and located next to it. Again, a few of you may secure the perimeter.

6. Skeet. Handled mainly by well trained DNR and USFS Rangers and Game Management Technicians. It's 500 yards downstream from the main event (safety, safety). A few of you may simply help at the sign-in tent and keep waiting guests away from the shooting area (no experience needed).

7. Fishing tent. This is where visitors can exchange a driver's license for a loaner fishing pole and bait. Biologists, fishing guides, TU'ers, and other fibbers can answer questions and give fishing tips. Fisheries staff will need at least 5 helpers to stay at the tent to handle loaner rod untangling, knot-tying, bait distribution, and rod checkout. This is a busy tent.

8. Fly casting. Part of the field will be set aside for casting instruction. I suggest that volunteers bring a rod that they don't mind visitors tinkering with (DON'T BRING YOUR GOOD SAGE OR WINSTON!!!). I am venue leader for casting and tying. If you tie, bring your tying stuff with you, too.

9. Fly tying. Bring your supplies and an extra vise if you have one. Let visitors sit down at the table and tie his/her own fly to take home. Variations of the woolly worm (W. bugger, Anytime/Anywhere, etc.) or San Juan worm have worked well for me in the past. Kids love a gold bead and a big, gaudy fly. Girls love pink flies. Beads from craft store, yarn from Wal-Mart. Cheap, easy, and fun for visitor. Many visitors are shy, so you may have to speak up and encourage youngsters to come over and tie their own fly. We will try to have power to the tent (if generator is not too loud), so consider bringing a small lamp.

10. Fishing - onstream helpers. Grab a pocket fishing kit (hooks and shot) and some bait (corn) that WRD will supply and go help people fishing on stream. Search them out - look at stringers, tackle used, and forlorn faces. Find a kid and work with him/her for an hour or so on reading water, casting, setting hook, etc. Mentoring! Fishing is NOT restricted to kids only (parent has the driver's license, so they must be hooked, too). Feel free to bring some of your favorite baits to help your reputation as an awesome fishing guide. We will have about 100 loaner poles available, but feel free to bring an extra Zebco outfit if you have one to loan to your "student," since we made more than 300 loans at our last event. (See item #9). Some of you can help WRD staff stock creek around 10-11 AM. Get some kids to help too - we're bringing buckets to get them involved.

11. Wildlife and Camping venues. The experts pretty much run their own shows. Volunteers here will mainly help Smithgall Woods Education Specialist Sheila Humphrey (Wildlife) with logistics needed by the demonstrators (tables, chairs, PR, food and water, etc.).

Thanks for considering the donation of your Saturday to preserve the future of your sport! Please provide your information to Olivia if you are interested in helping DNR to promote outdoor recreation and plant some seeds of conservation. Olivia McClure Olivia.McClure@dnr.state.ga.us. Her phone: 770-535-5498, and fax 5953.

Sincerely, Jeff Durniak - Regional Fisheries Supervisor, WRD

Come join the Rabun Chapter at our annual Fall Campout!

The campout will be held from October 9-13 at **Glenn English's** property on the Tallulah River, off the Cat Gap Road in Persimmon, GA. Camping will be primitive: water and toilets will be available but no electricity or showers. There is space for tents, campers, and travel trailers. Fishing is available in the adjacent private waters of the Tallulah River, and nearby waters of the Tallulah River, Coleman River, and other area streams. The meals will be provided by the Chapter at a nominal cost. In order to purchase food and supplies, we must have a head count of who will be attending. If you are planning on coming to the campout, please contact **Michele Crawford** at (706) 490-4574 or by email at crawfordart@windstream.net and tell her what days and for what meals you will be present.

On Saturday, October 12, the Chapter will conduct a Stream Clean-Up Project on the West Fork of the Chattooga River. We will carpool from the campout and meet at the Overflow Camping Area/Canoe Launch off Forest Service Road 86 at 9:00 am. **This Workday is in memory of John Starinchuck.** For more information, contact **Wayne Prosser** at (706) 746-6293 or by email at wp0968@windstream.net.

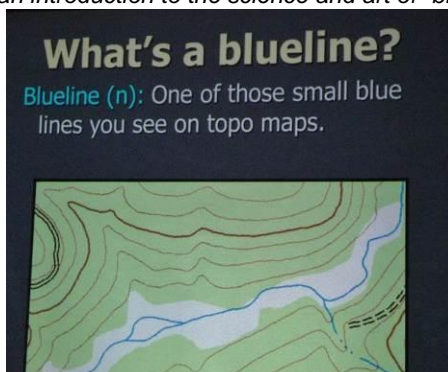
"BACKCASTING"



Aug 15 (Thurs) Meeting, at the Troop 6 Scout Hut – 31 folks attended including several Boy Scouts. We thank **Jerry McFalls** and the other scout leaders for having the Scout Hut ready for the Rabun TU Chapter monthly meeting. We also thank **Ray King** for procuring the new projector and screen.



Program: Steve Hudson – *Blue-lining 101* -- an introduction to the science and art of "blue-lining" (hitting headwater streams).



Steve's PowerPoint presentation included how to read topo maps to locate those seldom visited headwater trout streams. You know, the streams with those native brookies, wild rainbows or wild browns. These are the streams that you have to hike into because they don't have road access. These are the streams that may become your "secret places." We are fortunate because Rabun County has a lot of blue-line trout stream. Steve also discussed the equipment, flies and tactics that work on these headwater streams.



Blue-lining photos by Jim Kidd

Doug "Banker" Hickman doing some "blue-lining" in the Smokies. Where in the Smokies? I.D.B.I.S

In appreciation for the program, **Michele Crawford** presented **Steve Hudson** with a LE brook trout print by **Broderick Crawford**, artist. [HERE](#)

The Meeting Raffle had 12 buckets with 2 fly assortments, a trout tee shirt, 2 gift certificated for Fly Tying Journal magazine, a fly reel with line, a head lamp and much more. Our thanks go to **June Landreth, Peter Croes, Jeff Durniak, Charlie Breithaupt, Bill Kelly Estate, Michele and Broderick Crawford** who donated the items and to **Tim McClure** for conducting the raffle. The raffle raised \$63 to cover the newsletter cost for members without E-mail.

Aug 22 (Thurs) BOD Meeting - 11 members attended. The agenda included the following items: Call to Order, Is a quorum present? Review and approve July BOD Minutes OLD BUSINESS, 2014 Rendezvous NEW BUSINESS, Scout Hut Needs, Scout Merit Badge Program, Fall Stream Clean-Up, Women's Fly Fishing Event, Handicap Fishing Pier Scoping Response UPCOMING CALENDAR, GA Council Meeting 9/7, Chapter meeting 9/19, BOD meeting 9/26, Outdoor Adventure Day 9/28, Chapter Fall Campout and Stream Clean-up, 10/9-13, REPORTS, Treasurer, Membership

FOUR MID-AUGUST FISHING REPORTS BY RABUNITES WAaahWHOO!

From: Jeff Durniak

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013

Subject: Always learning sumpin' new!

Dear Self,

Now you know the value of those croakies things. They'll hold your eyeglasses to your head when you decide to flip the kayak in the high, stained hooch above Hwy 115, rather than have 170 bucks worth of prescription eyesight sink to the bottom. At least you saw that green "debris" floating along once you recovered yourself and paddled down to your launch site. Indeed, recovery of the five dollar Cabelas cap was a fitting consolation prize to your dumbass cut across the current.

Hope you learned. At least you had your PFD on and could stand up after your swan dive. Rabunites might give you an eight. The score would have been higher, but the judges deducted two points for stupidity, Mr. Lone Ranger.

That one 12-inch shoal bass was a fun, but expensive little bugger tonight. And the half-blind drive home was exciting, too, wasn't it???

PS- take a friend with you next time to bail you out and to take pictures!!!

Sincerely, Your Better Judgment (Sidelined tonight)

From: Pat Hopton

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013

Subject: 8/14 Trip Report

I finally got the right combination of being able to get off work early enough to fish and having fishable water levels. Drove out to the Burrell's Ford Campground parking area, one other vehicle there. Walked down to the Black Hole, fished up through the In Betweens, and ended the evening at the Ford Pool.

Hooked 10-12, landed 5. All rainbows, all fat and healthy. Kept those 5 fish for supper tomorrow night. Caught 1 on a green wooly booger, and caught 4 on the trailing San Juan worm.

Saw no rising fish, no insect activity. Water temp was 65, clear, and was wadable but I did go belly deep a few times. Saw no other people. No pictures, left my camera at home.

It was good to be back on the water. Prez Pat

From: Jim Kidd

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013

Subject: Chattooga River

Thought you might enjoy an update on the Chattooga. Made my first trip below Burrell's Ford today. The water temp was in the high 60s. (Middle of August!!!) The water is running at 1.4 but has a very strong flow. Still difficult to wade and caution is needed. Took a couple of unexpected dips today. The water is great and the river is the best I have seen it look in many years. Put in at the sawmill hole and fished up to hog wallow. Took most of the fish on nymphs, but a few in hog wallow on a dry. The river is full of bright, strong and healthy rainbows. Caught a lot in the 10 + range. They were on fire from about 12 to 3 and then slowed down a little. The fish of the day came just up from the bend above the pool. It is a deep run where the river widens and is fairly straight. While using a stonefly nymph, I set the hook into a torpedo that jumped at least two feet out of the water. Fought like crazy and turned out to be a solid fat 16 inch wild brown trout. I have not caught a wild brown in this area in years. It was two in the afternoon. I caught several other nice

wild browns on my way to hog wallow and one in the wallow. The browns seem to be responding to a river full of cold water. The fish are healthy and fat and a lot of them. I have simply not been able to get into the river due to the high water and this was my first trip. We should see some outstanding holdovers this year if the weather holds until fall. If anyone wants to catch some nice trout, I suggest that they make the effort to get down in this area. my next trip will be into the Simms field to see what is cooking down there. I don't think I can make it around the bend, due to the high water and strong flow. It would be tough. Next spring should be outstanding... JK

PS - Sorry - I did not take my camera due to a full vest - had I only know what the day would be like!!

From: Peter Croes

Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2013

Subject: Saturday August 17th Fishing Report

Saturday August 17th Jeff Durniak and I traveled to the Little Tennessee -Needmore Road- for my first trip to fish that area with small mouth bass as our quarry. The river was high and fast with no sun poking thru clouds in the overcast sky's threatening eminent rain at a moment's notice.

The Dredger felt, and I agreed, that waders and staff were absolutely necessary to wade the ridiculously high levels. Jeff gave me several pointers and we both started out with a Mike's Mohair Leach, split shot and a small strike indicator. As I climbed and descended my way both across and up the river I could not get a strike, even from the suckers!

Finally Jeff got me to high-stick and that worked very well, under the flow and weather conditions, once I changed to Kent's Stealth Bomber and dropped the anchor. I caught a few rocks that were in the wrong place, landed two smallmouths and achieved one long-line release with no intention of inviting any catch to dinner . . . if they were trout they would have gold and platinum wings!



Jeff threw everything he had and caught one . . . even with a tractor-trailer rig. As a predator we were both frustrated although I had a blast with Jeff as my mentor!

We fished late morning until 14:00 before we broke for Bar-B-Que in Franklin.

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

The boaters filed a federal court case demanding year-round unrestricted access to the entire section upstream of the Highway 28 Bridge at any flow. On April 15, 2013 the judge issued her 42-page opinion completely in favor of the Forest Service plan. In June the boaters entered a plea to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The Forest Service and GA ForestWatch attorneys have again returned to court to present the Agency position and management decision. More [HERE](#)

OFFICIAL RABUN TU CHAPTER LOGO

Rabunites: Here is the new logo for our chapter approved by the Chapter Board of Directors. This can be embroidered on caps, shirts and other garments.

If you want to have something done, go to:

Garment Imprints
621 Hwy 441 South
Suite #1
Clayton, GA

They have this approved logo on E-file there. That location is about 100 yards north of RE/Max..

You may take your own shirts, caps, etc. and/or purchase garments there. There are a lot of choices available through Garment Imprints. You are on your own for pricing.

Submitted by Charlie Breithaupt



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We wish **Don Atkinson** a speedy and complete recovery from a recent knee replacement.

We wish **Polly Greene** (Cecil's wife) a speedy and complete recovery from a recent double knee replacement.

We wish **Doris Whiten** (Jimmy's wife), **Joyce Vinson** (Fritz's wife) and **Frank Patton** speedy and complete recoveries from their recent surgeries.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Rabun TU Chapter has 169 current memberships which includes 25 Life memberships and 11 Stream Explorers.

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to 5 **new members** this month: **CODY STORY (SE)**, MOUNTAIN BROOK AL 35223; **SPENCER TALLEY (SE)**, OTTO NC 28763; **AL STORY**, 3868 SPRING VALLEY ROAD, MOUNTAIN BROOK AL 35223; **CHANDLER PATTERSON**, 1601 MAPLE STREET #12320, CARROLLTON GA 30118; and **JAMES BRATT**, 491 EAST WOLF CREEK RD, LAKEMONT GA 30552

Thanks for re-upping: **Jim Nixon**, **Gary Deal**, **Lyle Phillips**, **Charlie & Kathy Breithaupt**, **Marie Dunkle**, **Max Gates**, **David Jordan**, **Charles Pennington** and **Frank Patton**.

It is time to renew your membership: **Bo Anderson (SE)**, **G. B. Anderson (SE)**, **Caden Perry (SE)**, **Mike Fuller**, **Ralph Morgan**, **William Candy**, **Bob Collins**, **Dave Schmidt**, **Quinnie Desimone**, **Phillip Koch**, **Robert Marshall**, **Thomas Stroud**, **Kyle English**, **Don Kinser** and **Devin Anderson**.

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 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, Stream Clean-up,

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 Newsletter, 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, Directory

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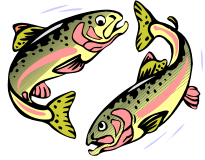
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Notes from the Prez

Good Times Ahead!

Unless you've been out of the country for the past 3 months, you already know this has been a very rainy and cool summer season in Northeast Georgia. Since May 1, the rain gauge at Burrell's Ford has recorded over 40" of rain. During every day of this same time period the river has been above the statistical mean average flow. And for only a handful of days did the water temperature get above 67 degrees Fahrenheit.

What does all this mean for us trout fishers? After several years of drought and warm water temperatures, the fish have gotten a reprieve. The high water flow has dispersed the fish throughout the river. The silt and sand have been washed out and the stream beds are showing clean cobble stone bottoms. Plenty of food has been washed into the water making the fish fat and healthy. And the cool temperatures and high waters have kept other fishermen away allowing the populations to stay up.

This fall is shaping up to go on record as having the best fishing (and catching!) in a long time. So grab a young person, a newbie, or your best buddy and go out and enjoy a day on THE RIVER. I hope to see you there.

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

Pat Hopton - Chapter Prez

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