

# Tight Lines

#### October 2013 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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"I look into my fly box and think about all the elements I should consider in choosing the perfect fly: water temperature, what stage of development the bugs are in, what the fish are eating right now. Then I remember what a guide told me: Ninety percent of what a trout eats is brown and fuzzy and about fiveeights of an inch long." Allison Moir

#### <u>RABUN TU CHAPTER'S NEW MEETING PLACE</u> The new TU/Scout Hut

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! 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Fly Tying is back for all ages !!

Bring your own equipment if you have it.

6:30 pm - 7:00 Social & Story telling (Truth or Lies),

Then at 7:00 – Program & Meeting.

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 email. Bring an item to donate and a dollar or two for raffle tickets You Might WIN something !



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#### WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

Good tips for fresh Delayed Harvest stockers :

http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/flyfishing-tips-technique/fly-fishing-tipsfor-stocked-trout/

**TROUT NEED OUR HELP !!** Click on the web site below to stay informed and notified about zones that need the public's help to stop destruction and loss.

Warning: Many watersheds in US failing 'stress test':

http://fw.to/oWroosE



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# WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON ???

#### **By: Terry Rivers**



#### RAINBOW WARRIOR

HOOK #12/14 SCUD HEAD: 1/8 SILVER BEAD

THORAX: RED THREAD AND RAINBOW DUBBING

TAIL: PHEASANT TAIL

BODY: RED THREAD COVERED WITH MYLAR TINSEL

THE DH HAS STARTED AND THIS IS A GREAT FLY TO HAVE IN YOUR BOX. THEY LOVE ANYTHING WITH FLASH. BUT IT WILL NOT LAST FOR LONG SO ENJOY BEFORE THEY GET SMART!!

**SEE YA ON THE RIVER !!** 

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# November Hatches

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

THE BUGS	TIME OF MONTH	TIME OF DAY	SUGGESTED FLIES
Small Dune Caddis	Early	Mid AM to late PM	18 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis or 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill	All month	Late AM & Mid PM	16-20 BWO Blue Quill or Adams Para- chute 16-20 BWO nymph or pheasant tail
Midges	All month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

To view a Hatch Chart for all month, click Hatch

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#### **Forward Casting** : Calendar of Important dates to Take Action & Have Fun

**Nov 9** (Sat) Upper Chattahoochee Chapter TU Autumn on the River Annual Banquet 6-10 Ippolito's in Roswell. More info at <u>http://www.ucctu.org</u>

Nov 14 (Thurs) Rabun TU BOD Meeting 6:30 at the TU/Scout Hut.

Nov 16 (Sat) Casting for Recovery Fund Raising event at the Chattahoochee Nature Center, Roswell, GA



Nov 21 (Thurs) Rabun TU monthly meeting. "Snagging more public trout waters" by Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest land acquisition specialist Al Foster. Learn about past, present, and future efforts to add Georgia trout stream acreage to the Forest Service inventory, and how we all can help this program! Fly Tying starts at 5:30, social 6:30 to 7:00. Meeting starts at 7:00. Don't miss out !!

Nov 23 (Sat) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! Trail Work Day at Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area. The group will be clearing the Chattooga River Trail from downed trees and protruding vegetation in the trail. Meet at 9:00am at the Stumphouse Ranger Station, Mountain Rest. More information and for the Volunteer Service Agreement to sign contact Randy McCoy <u>here</u>.

**Dec 10 (Tue)** Regular Meeting for our CHRISTMAS DINNER, Rabun Manor Inn, Dillard, GA. 6:00 PM \$25.00 per person. More details in a follow up Tight Lines supplement.



**January 25, 2014** (Sat) The 27th Annual Rabun Rendezvous at the Dillard House! Program Presenter: Shelia Humphrey: Wildlife

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Interpretive Specialist Education Coordinator at Smithgall Woods State Park & Conservation Center. Topic Title: "From the classroom to the stream"



Shelia Humphrey working with the 2013 Trout Camp kids at Smithgall Woods.

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# Make plans now !

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# Fishing Report



On Tuesday October 22, Broderick and I got to spend the afternoon fishing at Nachoochee Bend with Unicoi Outfitters. We had the winning bid on the trip Unicoi Outfitters donated to the Savannah River Chapter fundraising event back in August. Broderick caught 3 (one twice) and I caught 6 good un's. We were blessed to have the river to our selves and were later accompanied by Ron Thomas; President of the Foothills Chapter !!



Jim and Carolyn Kidd spent some time late this summer in the high mountains of Colorado. Based on Carolyn's photo looks likes the fishing was pretty good .



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Can you identify what kind of trout the image to the left is?

This is the second tip in Larry Walker's Who What and Where riddle from last month. The other tip is west of Hiawassee in a state known for these fish to the left and he says you all know the fisherman very well. Any guesses? We'll get it out of Larry next month no matter what.





# BACK CASTING

# Fall Campout was held Oct. 9 - 13 on the

property of Glenn English on the Tallulah River. We had excellent weather for fishing and evening campfires to sit around and fellowship with other Rabunites. Thanks to Glenn for the use of his property and the great fishing, to those who shared in the cooking and cleaning, and one SUPER SPECIAL THANKS TO CLAUDIA THOMPSON for the plates of hot fresh homemade biscuits every morning. She's definitely a keeper Glenn!! Photos by Peter Croes & Jeff Durniak















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If you see Charlie Breithaupt ask him about drowning vs. black powder and if you see Steve Perry ask him about getting locked in the privy and having to yell for help from the others.

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Shortly after arriving at Glen English's property on Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> he told several of us where the fish were . . . and I listened intently. He indicated that the big fish were up past the concrete bridge so I set out with my new 4wt rod rigged with a Woolly Bugger and

a San Juan trailer. After crossing several private properties thru the woods, all of whom Glen cleared our catch-and-release fishing I came to the bridge and crossed the Tallulah River to the open field and immediately viewed several jakes and hens as they scurried into the woods and I eagerly entered the 60F water and began wet wading in the honey hole.

On my second cast I hooked this fish, took a photo and released him for the future. I continued fishing and the only hits were on the San Juan worms and that held true regardless of the location up or down river. This fish was within a few yards where a landowner had previously caught a 23" rainbow ... where he fed them with regularity.

Every day thereafter I, and others, caught several fish . . . it was a great fellowship and a beautiful location; and our host Glen and Claudia went out of their way to make us feel at home.

Peter Croes

#### STREAM CLEAN UP PROJECT was

held on Saturday October 12 on the West Fork of the Chattooga River. Eleven members scoured this stream corridor on USFS land from the Warwoman Road Bridge up to the Overlook Road bridge to remove trash and other foreign debris discarded there. A large truck-load of "stuff" was collected from this two mile section of the river that annually receives extensive use from a variety of recreationers such as fishing, floating, camping and hik ing.

## THANKS RABUNITES !!!



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#### LADIES ONLY FLY FISHING CLINIC

was held on Saturday Oct. 19th. We teamed up with the Foothills Chapter to hold this event. The event was hosted by Soque river land owner Mark Lovell of Golden Trout Fly Fishing. Twenty lucky ladies converged on the Soque River about 11 am where they got into their waders and boots that were supplied by Unicoi Outiftters and river guide Ron Thomas. The ladies then partnered up with a mentor and hit the river for a few hours of great fishing.

Mean while back at camp we kept a nice camp fire going and our chef Broderick Crawford cooked on two weber grills a fine riparian lunch. The lunch also included 10 lbs of fresh Georgia shrimp donated by Rabunites Carl and Kathy Kleinsteuber.

After fishing the ladies dined and fellowshipped with all their new fishing buddies !! Several also won door prizes that were donated by The Foothills Chapter of TU, the Rabun TU chapter, Crawford Art Gallery and five autumn flower arrangements from Butler Galleries in Clayton.

The event was a great success!! A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all those who donated to make this event possible. Your dedication to support Trout Unlimited shines bright !! Also Thank You to all our mentors who worked with the ladies. Your time and knowledge donated was much appreciated from all the ladies.

Rabun Chapter mentors: Jeff Durniak, Steve Perry, Pat Hopton, Wayne Prosser, Terry Rivers and Charlie Breithaupt. Also thanks to Kathy Breithaupt for helping in organization !!

Foothills Chapter mentors: Jimmy Harris, Butch Martin, Ron Thomas, Parks Davis, Gregg Johnson, Roy Parks, John Shaw, Mark Baker, Mitch Whitmire and Doug Calvert.

Thank you also to Mark Nielsen and Carl Kleinsteuber for doing all the extra photos !

THANK YOU LADIES !!!

#### LOTS MORE PHOTOS AT THE LINKS BELOW:

http://michelecrawfordphotograph.smugmug.com/ Other/Ladies-Fly-Fishing-Clinic/33233172\_rLRNSP

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# BACK CASTING cont...

Our regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, October 17th at the new TU/Scout Hut. We began at 5:30 with fly tying. Several scouts along with their parents attended this beginning course with Terry Rivers leading. Social was held till 7:00 then our meeting began with our host Karl Eckberg from the Chattooga River fly shop over in Mountain Rest, SC. Karl gave us lots of good info on fishing the Delayed Harvest on the Chattooga River that started on Nov. 1, 2013. For more good info from Karl or for gear or guided trips go <u>here</u>. We held our bucket raffle afterwards raising \$92.00 to go towards getting the newsletter out to those without emails. Thanks for the donated items, Elizabeth Perry, Karl Eckberg and Peter Croes.







Jeff Durniak presents Karl Eckberg with a rainbow trout print.

The Rabun TU Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at the new TU/Scout Hut. Agenda items included Rabun Rendezvous, Fly tying workshops, chapter camp out reviews, ladies fly fishing event review, 2014 calendar of events and chapter property. We had 12 board members in attendance.

#### **LETTERS TO RABUN TU:**

Several letters of "Thank You" were received from the ladies who participated in the Ladies Only Fly Fishing Clinic. They all were grateful for TU offering such an event !!

#### To: Pat Hopton/ Rabun TU;

A big Thank You to the Rabun Chapter members from Savannah River Chapter for the "Jewel of the Smokies" framed painting print donated for our fundraiser.

The framed print was a great addition to helping us get the funds we needed for our agenda in 2014.

Thanks Friends, Pres. Jimmy Miller Savannah River Chapter

#### To: Patrick,

On behalf of the GoldRush Chapter, I would like to thank ya'll for the beautiful framed print. We had our annual fundraiser last weekend (Oct 5), and it was auctioned off for \$150.

Thanks again,

Mike Thornton

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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES



#### CD Launch

Allison's Great, Big CD Release Party! December 7, 2013 First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta 470 Candler Park Dr., NE Atlanta, GA 30307 Doors open at 7:00 pm Show starts at 7:30 Join me and several very dear friends who helped me make the recording for a special evening of music and celebration. Joining me onstage will be <u>Billy Gewin, Ashley Filip Hoffman,</u> John Cable, Jimmy Galloway and a few more special guests. AND look for a few surprises on the beverage table for the evening....

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#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALLISON ADAMS on her new music CD, "Songs from the Garden"!

It's finally here!

At long last, my recording *Songs from the Garden* is ready to be loosed upon the world. And I am so pleased with the results. Thanks to the extraordinary work and talent of many individuals, it looks and sounds exactly the way I had hoped for. It takes a village to do many things, but especially to birth a CD. And my village is the best one ever.

If you live far away or just can't wait until December 7 for the CD Release Party, **please mail-order one.** <u>Order on my website</u>, <u>here.</u> It's super-easy!

Digital downloads will be available in the not-too-distant future. Those processes take a little while. I'll keep you posted. And thank you, as always, for your support of live, local music! Allison

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**CONGRATULAIONS TO RABUN TU MEMBER DAVID NICHOLS** on completion of the new Nichols Center located behind Blue Ridge Music. The building is already home to great music concerts and it is also available to rent for parties or meetings. If you would like to be on their e-mail list - e-mail them at <u>nicholscenter@windstream.net</u>

For more information or to keep up with the schedule go to : http://blueridgemusicacademy.com/

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# **MEMBERSHIP NEWS &** UPDATES CONT.....

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Rabun TU members Dean English and Tom Nixon who host the Rabun Chapter of the Southeastern Bluegrass Association (SEBA). SEBA has voted the Rabun Chapter as SEBA's Chapter of the Year!! WAY TO GO DEAN & TOM !!

**CONGRATULATIONS to Rabun TU member Jimmy Whiten**, who was recently recognized for 45 years in the plumbing business serving the Toccoa -Stephens County area.

# East State to observe milestone

BY TOM LAW THE TOCCOA RECORD East State Plumbing is celebrating 45 years of serving Toccoa-Stephens County this month.

The company will ob-serve the anniversary with a customer appreciation event Thursday, Sept. 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East State facility at 95 Design Point off Rose Lane

Owner Jimmy Whiten, who has more than 50 years of experience as a plumber, started the busi-ness in September, 1968. "I started plumbing in the summer of 1961, work-ing part-time while I was in school and full time in the summer months," Whiten said. "I worked for Frank

whiten said. "I worked for Frank Payne of Toccoa Plumbing and Heating Works. Then I served two years in the Army, I opened East Army, I opened Luce Plumbing," he said. East State Plumbing is a full service operation

camera inspections, drain cleaning, back flow work and repair work. In the beginning, it was a one man operation. "It did not take me long to realize that I could not do it all my myself. I need-

commercial, new houses

do it all my myself. I need-ed help and I hired my first helper. Over the years I have had the help of a number of plumbers and helpers. Later on, I hired someone to work in the office, Still later I opened a plumbing store with the help of two women – Rita Cantrell and Karen Rog-ers – who have been work-

"Most people are fa-miliar with the changes in types of piping, from cast iron and galvanized to copper and plastics, but there are many more changes including the new power tools, special-



timmy Whiten of East State has been in the plumbing business for more than 50 years.

ty tools, all of the water saving devices, low con-sumption water closets, water saving faucets and more energy efficient wa-ter heaters." Whiten said. He also noted the many

code, the number of differ ent certificates a plumber must attain and the con-tinuing education needed to keep one's plumber's license updated. Whiten said there are a

Whiten said there are a few good people who have been the secret to his 45-year business success. "My wife, Doris, my daughter, Denise, good employees, loyal custom-ers and their support and understanding have all understanding have all been factors in my suc-cess," he said. all cess," he said. Whiten addressed a of-

"I have slowed down

some. I have good, quali-fied people working for me. Lots of our customers are third generation and I want to continue to fulfill their plumbing needs for the future. My wife and I have taken a number of six-week extended vaca-tions since 2005. I have no plans for full time retire-ment at this time," he said.

Speedy Recovery and Get Well Wishes go out to Fritz Vinson on his recent illness. \* Also wishing Doris Whiten the best while she continues her recovery from recent operations. \* Sending quick healing wishes for Jimmy Harris after some surgery on his ankle. The fish will of course be grateful unless the dredger takes on double time in the water. \* And just as our own Terry Rivers has got that new knee working good, he's now having shoulder surgery later this week. Wishing him the best also and another speedy recovery.

Rabun TU currently has 171 Members, 17 Stream Explorers and 24 Life Members.

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#### New definition of a hog...

From U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, this 19" Rainbow was caught part of a trout project. To read the story about the buffet of shrews this rainbow eat go here.

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#### MORE NEWS CONT.

**Congratulations** to Charlie Breithaupt on his article about our Georgia Trout Camp making the TU National Magazine in the Action line Section.



One of our campers, Ethan Scoggins (Coosa Valley Chapter) is a runner up in the National TU essay contest. Read all about Ethan and read his essay <u>here</u>.

Congratulations to Ethan and to all our Camp Mentors whose time and efforts are doing such great things for our Youth !! Passing It On !!



WHAAAA WHOOOOOOOO!!

FEAST YOUR EYES Chris Looney with GADNR with a 14-pound, 31-

inch brown trout collected during an electro fishing survey earlier today! This fish can be identified as a male due to the bright spawning coloration and the distinctive kype (hooked) jaw. For more info go <u>here</u>.

Now that's a good'un !!!!!



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Georgia State Parks is having a "Reelin' In the Prizes" Fishing Contest The fishing challenge event is from October 1 until December 1.

Several prizes to be awarded including Bass Pro Shops gift certify cates, fishing gear and the grand prize is a Big Green Egg.

For more information click here.

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The Big Pig Tournament for Vets is a fundraising event for the Fly Fishing For Vets FFFV. Our mission is to introduce 14 wounded warriors into the exciting world of competitive fly-fishing. Each Vet registered will team up with a sponsored angler to compete for the top honors and prizes. This event will be the kick-off tournament the day prior to the two-day 2013 Gold Cup Tournament. Georgia's most prestigious fly-fishing tournament.

For more information go to <u>froghollowflyfishing.com</u>



# Notes from the President

### **GEORGIA'S SECOND SEASON**

The changing from summer to autumn seasons bring many delights: colorful hardwood leaves, blooming wildflowers along fields and

roads, cool nights and warm days. And it starts a new and exciting time for trout fishing in Georgia, the Delayed Harvest season.

Delayed Harvest (DH) is a popular management strategy designed to provide a high quality catch-and-release trout fishery from fall through spring, after which the stream is opened for harvest under general regulations. Because each trout can be caught more than once, catch rates remain high over long periods of time. High catch rates are further assured by periodic restocking to replace trout lost to injury or natural mortality.

The Delayed Harvest season begins annually on Nov 1 (all day) and ends May 14 (all day). We are very fortunate that one of the DH streams is located on a section of the Chattooga River, from the GA Hwy 28 Bridge upstream to the mouth of Reed Creek. Other DH streams in Georgia include sections of Amicalola Creek, Smith Creek, the Chattahoochee River and the Toccoa River.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources is to be commended for this excellent program. I'll see you on the river!

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Pat Hopton Chapter Prez





## Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2014

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