



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

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

*"A good fishing trip, like a well-cooked meal or a well-lived life, always ends a little too soon."*

Anonymous

## RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

**RE/MAX Office, Clayton, GA**

US 441S, just south of MAMA G's restaurant

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 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.

*"Fishing is the chance to wash one's soul with pure air, with the rush of a brook or with the shimmer of the sun on blue water."* Herbert Hoover

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

**Apr 6 (Sat Morning) Mentoring** – Clayton Baptist Church youth & parents (CANCELLED, they are going deep sea fishing instead)

**Apr 6 (Sat Evening) Oconee River TU Chapter Banquet.** Details [HERE](#)

**Apr 13 (Sat) Instream Workday – Heddon Creek.** **Volunteers needed** Location – Go 5 miles in the Burrell's Ford Rd, turn left on road up Reed Creek Rd for 1/4 mile. 8:30 AM to 1 PM, Saturday morning workday with USFS & GA DNR leading work w/Boy Scouts, FHTUC & SRTUC. Bring waders & work gloves, all tools provided. Lunch is provided. Jerry McFalls coordinating for TU.

**Apr 16 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office** **Program:** "Fishing the Smokies" by longtime outdoors writer Don Kirk, who also publishes the recently launched "Southern Trout" e-magazine: <http://www.southerntrout.com/mag/#/1/>

**Apr 20 (Sat) Fly-Fishing for Vets, **Volunteers needed**** 8 AM at Paces Mill, East Palisades Park on the "Hooch". Details: <http://flyfishingforvets.com/>

**Apr 23 (Tues) BOD Meeting** 6:30 PM, Chamber of Commerce.

**May 4 (Sat) 9<sup>th</sup> Annual High Country Boil Fundraiser;** BRMTUC 5:30 PM, For details contact: Carl Riggs at [7turns@tds.net](mailto:7turns@tds.net)

**May 8 – 12 (Wed - Sun) Spring Camping & Fishing Outing,** Location Cherry Hill C.G., All meals are the responsibility of each camper. Coordinator Glenn English

**May 16 (Thurs) Rabun County Middle School,** Larry Walker Coordinating

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

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

**May 20 (Mon) Annual Spring Family Cookout, **Volunteers needed**** 4 PM at Indian Lake, with Boy & Girl Scout Troops as our guests. Frank Patton Coordinating.

**May 25 (Sat) Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up, **Volunteers needed**** 9 AM in preparation for GA Trout Camp, support from SRTUC. Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt Coordinating

**May 28 (Tues) BOD Meeting,** Time & Location TBD.

**2013 GA Trout Camp; June 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

## FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



### MARCH BROWN

THIS IS A GREAT FLY TO HAVE IN YOUR BOX THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, FROM MARCH THRU APRIL. WHILE FISHING LOCAL RIVERS DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF MARCH, I SAW A FEW OF THESE COMING OFF BUT NOT ENOUGH TO EXCITE THE FISH INTO A FEEDING FRENZY. A FEW FISH WERE CAUGHT ON THE DRY EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE NOT RISING.

**HOOK:** #12-16 2X OR 3X DRY FLY

**TAIL:** BROWN&GRIZZLY HACKLE FIBERS

**WING:** WOOD DUCK

**THORAX:** BROWN&GRIZZLY HACKLE

*"A good beer is the proper finish to a day of fishing with my brothers. When you're done, you can say the fishing was great, the catching was lousy, and the beer was cold."*

Dean Schemenauer of Leinenkugel's Tenth Street Brewery in Milwaukee

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## April Hatches

The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies
None at all	All Month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Quill Gordon Mayfly	Early	L am to M pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12-14 Quill Gordon Nymph
Blue Quill Mayfly	Early	L am to M pm	16-18 Blue Quill, BWO, or Blue Dun 16-18 Prince or Pheasant Tail
Small Dun Caddis (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm L pm to dark	16-18 Gray Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 16-18 Gray Caddis Pupa
Hendrickson Mayfly	All Month	L am to M pm	12-14 Hendrickson or Adams Parachute
March Brown Mayfly (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm	12-14 March Brown or Adams Parachute 10-14 March Brown Nymph, Dark Hare's Ear, or Pheasant Tail
Cream Caddis (Very important)	All Month	M day to L pm	12-14 Elk Hair Caddis 12-14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
Yellow Stonefly	Late	E to L am L pm to dark	14-16 Yellow Stimulator or Elk Hair Caddis (Yellow) 14-16 Yellow Stone Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly (Important)	Late	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Speckled Gray Caddis	Late	M to L pm	12-14 Dark Elk Hair or Deer Hair Caddis 12-14 Dun & Yel/Brn Caddis Pupa
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

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

**Website-of-the-Month:** <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/738>

**2013 Georgia Trout Stocking Information**

For more information on fishing opportunities in Georgia, visit <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/fishing/opportunities>

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

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](#)

### RABUN TU CHAPTER 522 – MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address; \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number – Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number – Cell; \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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 have filed a federal court case **demanding year-round unrestricted access to the entire section upstream of the bridge at any flow.**

**Editor's Notes:** *The following excerpt is from an essay titled "Balancing Recreation with Conservation" by Mary Topa – Executive Director of Georgia ForestWatch. The essay appeared in the Georgia ForestWatch Quarterly Newsletter, Spring 2013*  
For the complete essay [http://www.gafw.org/news\\_archive.html](http://www.gafw.org/news_archive.html)

"I attended the U.S. District Court hearing on Upper Chattooga boating that occurred on February 27th, 2013, in Spartanburg, SC. American Whitewater and other boater groups sued the Forest Service, seeking boating on the entire Upper Chattooga, without flow or season limits. They have argued that boating is an ORV (outstanding remarkable value) on the Wild and Scenic-designated sections of the Chattooga River, and as such, boating should be both protected and enhanced. They have also argued that the seasonal and river flow restrictions are discriminatory, infringing on their Constitutionally protected right to boat on the Chattooga headwaters, upstream of Highway 28.

This hearing was a great opportunity for me to learn more about the arguments from the boating groups, Forest Service and intervenors (Georgia ForestWatch, the Rust Family and Whiteside Cove Association), particularly since the lawyers had to present their arguments to a new judge unfamiliar with the case's long history and nuances. The judge gave the boaters ample opportunity to justify their argument of why boating should be a protected ORV with no restrictions, and why it should be prioritized over other ORV descriptors for the Wild and Scenic designation and other recreational activities. Although recreation is considered an ORV, the boating groups failed to present solid evidence suggesting that a particular recreational use (in this case, whitewater boating) can be an ORV. Throughout the hearing, the subject of balance kept coming up, and the Forest Service's right to manage the area and set restrictions in order to protect the resource. The judge questioned on numerous occasions whether one user group should have priority over the others, and wasn't it the Forest Service's job to maintain balance and protect the resource?

Georgia ForestWatch's presence in this court case is important for conservation of the Upper Chattooga because American Whitewater's arguments challenge the Forest Service's ability to regulate recreation. The court's decision could result in placing the management of particular recreational pursuits above conservation as a priority on Wild and Scenic Rivers and in wilderness areas – not just on the Chattooga and in the Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area, but nationwide. That is one reason why our lawyers from Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Atlanta and Greenfire Law in Berkeley, California, pushed for Georgia ForestWatch to have intervenor status in the boaters' court case. As a result, Georgia ForestWatch was able to present the broader policy concerns that the boaters' petition raises and bring up resource protection issues that otherwise would not have been discussed, such as erosion of the user created access trails that the Forest Service is relying on for boater access.

It may take months before the judge files her opinion on the boaters' court case, - - "

**Beware of the camel's nose! [HERE](#) Help safeguard and conserve the backcountry ORVs (outstanding remarkable values) of solitude and remoteness.** Please Observe and Report violations [HERE](#) so future generations will have the opportunity to experience the backcountry solitude and remoteness during the prime months of March and April.



**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.

## **“BACKCASTING”**

**Mar 2 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting** was hosted by the Gold Rush TU Chapter. 3 Rabun TU members attended. The agenda included: Introductions, roll call, special guests & opening remarks; 3 Special Presentations - Jerry McCollum, who retired from GA Wildlife Foundation in December; Ken Griffin for Fly Fishing for Vets & Alex Watson for eight years of conservation work with the Back the Brookie; Approval December 1, 2012 Council Minutes; Treasurer's Report; Blue Ridge Chapter Report on Trout Adventure Trail and Casting for Recovery; TU Auto Tags Status Report; Rod raffle/R L Winston presentation & TU National website; Fund Raising Committee Report - Dream Trip & "Tie One On" events; Matching Funds Committee Report; Education Committee Report; Conservation Committee Report; Advocacy Committee Report; CEI/Chapter Bylaws ; Cold Water Discharge Issue; Fly Fishing for Vets; Supplemental accident insurance for chapters; 2014 Envirothon; New/Old Business; Adjournment at 11:38 pm.

**Mar 9 (Sat) Tie-1-On at Bass Pro Shops.** The Rabun TU Chapter tiers were **Terry Rivers, Kyle Burrell, Doug Hickman & Charlie Breithaupt**. They took turns tying and produced a total of 131 flies. The total pledge amount was \$291.52 by the following 13 members: **Ray King, Kent Wilson, Crawford Art Gallery, Sid Berkstresser, Wayne Prosser, Steve Perry, Glen English, Larry Walker, Tim McClure, Mike Fuller, Jerry Webb, Doug Adams & Pat Hopton**. Funds raised go 30% to our chapter and all the flies we will be use for bucket raffle at the chapter meetings. The remainder 70% of the funds will go to charities through the GA TU Council.

Report filed by Terry Rivers



Of course the "blur" hands explains why Kyle tied more flies than anyone else who participated.

Photo provided by Mack Martin

**Mar 16 (Sat) Hoot on the Hooch.** The winner of the 2013 Dream Trip is: **Jim Simons – Ticket # 01661 - sold by Jim Harvey of the UCCTU**. We called Jim from the Hoot on the Hooch on Saturday and everyone in the room congratulated him on his answering machine – (big crowd)

### **Runner up prizes:**

1. Custom made Temple Fork fly rod. (9' 4 piece, Professional series or TiCr, 4, 5 or 6 wt). Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School. **Jerry Seymour #476 - Coosa Valley Chapter**
2. Six dozen flies in nice fly box. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School. **Jimmy Jacobs #262 – Coosa Valley Chapter**
3. Five day trip to Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada for one person. Trip is set up for two people for 5 days. Winner or partner must pay for second person @ \$3695 individual rate. Dates are open for selection at [www.kasba.com](http://www.kasba.com). Donated by the Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada. **Jim Kidd #1816 - Rabun Chapter**
4. Certificate to Fly Fishing Class or Fly Casting Class at the Atlanta Fly Fishing School. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School. **David Collins #482 – Coosa Valley Chapter**
5. Custom made Temple Fork fly rod of winner's choice. (Professional series, TiCr or TiCrX). Donated by Garland Stewart. **Steve McDaniel #419 - Coosa Valley Chapter**
6. Full day guided float trip on the Chattahoochee River for 2 people. Includes lunch and soft drinks. Donated by River Through Atlanta Guide Service. Gordon Walker will be the guide. **Warren Martin #886 – Gold Rush Chapter**
7. Half day guided fishing trip with Henry Cowan on the Chattahoochee for carp, Lake Lanier for stripers or Lake Allatoona. (Anglers' choice.) **Ben Werner #1252 - Savannah River Chapter**
8. One half-day unguided fishing for two people at Nacoochee Bend. Donated by Jimmy Harris, Unicoi Outfitters. **Gerald Seigler #1269 – Savannah River Chapter**
9. Fly Box with 6 dozen flies, donated by the 13 Georgia TU Chapters. **Josh Hargrave #1740 – Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter**
10. Surprise gift **Must be present to win! – Nippers and Chattahoochee Flies DVD (a collector's item!)** **Ken McKinnon #871 Gold Rush Chapter**

Dream Trip Raffle Report filed by Kathy Breithaupt



**Mar 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting** - 18 attended. **Program:** Bob Pledger and Donna Shearer, of Save Georgia's Hemlocks, gave a presentation on the plight of the hemlock tree and the hemlock wooly adelgid. According to Bob and Donna, it is Save Georgia's Hemlocks vision that through their efforts of preservation, conservation, and restoration, there will be a healthy population of hemlocks in Georgia for future generations. Save Georgia's Hemlocks is a 100% volunteer, nonprofit organization of concerned citizens dedicated to saving endangered hemlocks through education and charitable service. To achieve the mission, their Hemlock Help Program focuses on three goals:

- **Educate** -- Enhance public awareness of the hemlock wooly adelgid crisis, current practical solutions, and emerging control technologies.
- **Enable** -- Ensure easy access to information, advice regarding economical solutions, and direct assistance for property owners.
- **Encourage** -- Establish a clear understanding of the aesthetic, economic, and environmental reasons for property owners to take timely and effective action to save their hemlocks.

For more information, visit their web page at <http://www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org/>



Michele Crawford presented Bob & Donna with a LE rainbow trout print in appreciation for the program.

**Meeting Raffle:** The raffle was conducted that had eleven items donated by the Tom Landreth Estate, the Bill Kelly Estate, Michelle Crawford, Glenn English, Molly Vinson, Frank Patton, Tim McClure, Jeff Durniak, and Terry Rivers. A total of \$60 was raised by the raffle. Thanks to **Tim McClure** for conducting the raffle!

Meeting report and pictures provided by Pat Hopton.

**Mar 23 (Sat Morning) Rabunite 101, 1/2-day fly-fishing workshop.** We had 23 sign up – and 22 came – the 23<sup>rd</sup> person called and left me a message that they were ill so I voided their check. I would not have bought any less food for one more or less and they did not get their packet or book. I feel like this is the right thing to do – this is not a money maker for us.. just a way to share the love of the sport. I hope you agree! Financial Report: 22 participants x \$25 = \$550 & \$338 expenses. Report filed by Kathy Breithaupt



Photos provided by Jeff Durniak and Ray King

**Mar 23 (Sat) SE Regional Rally** in WV, Charlie Breithaupt attended (after spending time on the South Holston).

**Mar 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting**, 12 members attended. Agenda items included: Call to Order, Quorum present, Review and approve January BOD Minutes OLD BUSINESS: Status Update on Web Site Updates, Status Update on Chapter Gift Guide, Status Update on BOD Duties, Statues Update of Fourth "Trout Camper" NEW BUSINESS: Clayton Baptist Church Mentoring – Cancelled, Heddon Creek Work Project, Spring Campout- Meals REVIEW UPCOMING CALENDAR: Chapter Meeting 4/16, Spring Campout 5/8-12, Family Cookout @ Indian Lake 5/20, Bettys Creek Stream Trimming REPORTS: Treasurer, Membership

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### Letters to the Rabunites

**From:** Bob Pledger - Save Georgia's Hemlocks  
**To:** Pat Hopton & Jeff Durniak  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013  
**Subject:** Rabun Trout Unlimited  
Pat & Jeff-

It was a pleasure to meet both of you yesterday. Thank you so much for hosting both Donna & I for dinner prior to your Rabun TU chapter meeting.

We are especially thankful that you have similar interests to ours in the conservation and preservation of our north Georgia environs and were interested enough to invite us to present and share information about our organization and programs with your chapter. I hope we met your expectations in regard to the program and that it was informative for your members.

We are readily available thru the Hemlock Help Line at 706-429-8010 and resource is available on our web site, <http://www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org/>. As you will remember, I am also local and can be reached directly at 706-212-2833 (h) or 706-982-9357 (c) and via email at [bobpledger@windstream.net](mailto:bobpledger@windstream.net). Please feel free to refer any members who may have further interest or needs as appropriate.

Thank you as well for the presentation of the Broderick Crawford trout print. It was a very unexpected recognition and valued way of saying thanks. I will hang it prominently in our home.

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March 5, 2013

522 - Rabun  
205 Scotts Creek Road  
Clayton, GA 30525

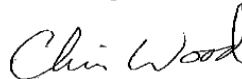
Dear 522 - Rabun:

I am writing to thank you for the generous gift of \$1,000.00 (received February 14, 2013) to Trout Unlimited.

As specified, this gift will support TU's Youth Education Program. Contributors like you recognize the need to protect our coldwater fisheries for today and for future generations. From over 20 watershed-scale restoration projects to large dam removals and abandoned mine mitigation, TU is working to make a lasting difference on the ground. Your steadfast generosity enables us to increase the size and number of these important initiatives, meeting the many challenges that stand between trout, salmon and clean water.

Thank you again for sharing our commitment to cold, clean, fishable water.

Sincerely,



Chris Wood

President & CEO of Trout Unlimited

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### What's New Elsewhere

#### RICK LINT NAMED SUPERVISOR OF FRANCIS AND MARION SUMTER NATIONAL FORESTS

ATLANTA (March 18, 2013) – Rick Lint has been named Forest Supervisor of the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests in South Carolina. Lint, currently the Deputy Forest Supervisor for the National Forests in Mississippi in Jackson, said he is looking forward to his move to South Carolina. "I am excited about this great opportunity, and I am looking forward to working with our employees and many partners to continue restoring and managing the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests," he said.

Lint has been working for the Forest Service for 23 years, the last three years in Mississippi. His career has focused on forest management, fire-maintained ecosystems, and endangered species recovery. He has developed partnerships, worked with military use on national forest system lands, and solved resources and public use issues on national forests.



## Rabun TU Chapter Donates to Kid's Fishing Event

Pat Hopton, Chapter Prez, presents a \$300 donation from the Rabun Chapter TU to David Vinson, Wildlife Technician from the US Forest Service, in support of the Kid's Fishing Event; to be held Saturday, June 1 at the Tallulah River Campground, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

## Rabun Chapter has 4 campers for the 2013 Georgia Trout Camp, June 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

<http://rabuntu.org/site/youth/trout-camp/>

The two Rabun Chapter 2013 Trout Campers will be **Charles Bonnette** and **Justin Bonnette** from Long Creek, SC. The Flint River TU Chapter passed on one of their slots at Trout Camp to **Morgan Tolbert** from Monroe, GA. The Kanooka TU Chapter passed on one of their slots at Trout Camp to **Chandler Dinofrio** from Lakemont, GA.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## THANK YOU

**Mack Martin** of **North Georgia Custom Rods** and **Atlanta Fly Fishing School** for donating the beautiful custom-made SAGE fly rod and reel for the Rabun TU fundraising raffle.  
**Steve Raeber** for your recent cash donation.

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

## OUR CONDOLENCES

**Martin Smith** (age 24) was killed in a motor vehicle accident on 3/21 in Alabama. Martin was the only child of **Harlin and Lori Smith**. The Smith family has always been big supporters of the Rabun TU Chapter.  
The Smith residence: 515 Winder Trail, Canton, GA 30114

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to a **new member** this month: **DAVID WICKER**, 535 W. CLOVERHURST AVE, ATHENS GA 30606

Thanks for re-upping: **Kent Wilson** (Kent re-upped as a LIFE member), **Allen Koleff**, **Yong Kim**, **Bill Setzer**, **Ray Hannah**, **Eugene Nolte**, **Bradley Tucker**, **Perry Thompson**, **Philip Upchurch**, **Brooks Adams**, **Bill Thompson** & **Jimmy Whiten**.

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

## Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2013

### Voting Board of Directors Members:

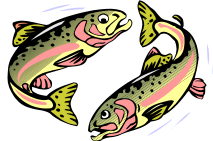
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<b>Director through FY 2016 - Jerry McFalls</b> with Scouts, Stream Projects,	(706) 782-8357	<a href="mailto:threeforksadventures@hotmail.com">threeforksadventures@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Director through FY 2016 - Ray King</b> with Rendezvous, Stream Clean-up, Directory	(828) 349-2786	<a href="mailto:rayking@frontier.com">rayking@frontier.com</a>

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





## Notes from the Prez

### Water Again!

It looks like after surviving several drought years we finally have the water table back up to where it should be. If you've been to "The River" lately you know what I mean; it is running full, clear, and fast. It surely is good to have the river back up normal flows.

But with the good flows come some concerns. After several years of low water, we may have gotten slack in our wading skills. Therefore a couple of wading safety tips, courtesy of Fly Fisherman Magazine, may be a good reminder:

Carry a wading staff. A staff can be used as a probe to feel for ledges, drop-offs, or slick boulders. It is invaluable when used as a brace or third leg when crossing unstable terrain.

Expensive wading boots and waders are nice, but it is the ten-dollar belt that will save your life. When you fall in the water without a belt, the waders fill up quickly. A wading belt can delay or even completely prevent water from filling the waders. The belt should be snug and preferably have a slight amount of stretch to follow your contours. A good belt should have a buckle that can be popped open even when under a load. The last thing you need is to take a swim, get your belt hung on a willow branch, and drown simply because you can't release the buckle.

You can read more wading safety tips at <http://www.flyfisherman.com/2012/01/24/the-big-swim/#ixzz2OIHKDQUy>

Have fun but be safe! I'll see you on "The River".

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