



# TIGHT LINES June 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 have fished through fishless days that I remember happily without regret."*

Roderick Haig-Brown

## 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.

*"Most fishermen swiftly learn that it's a pretty good rule never to show a favorite spot to any fisherman you wouldn't trust with your wife"* John Voelker

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

**June 9 - 14 (Sun – Fri) Mentoring - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual GEORGIA TROUT CAMP** at RGNS <http://georgiatu.org/index.php?mid=education&iid=troutcamp2013&sid=>  
For details, contact Charlie Breithaupt [knc615@windstream.net](mailto:knc615@windstream.net) **Passing it on!**

**June 18 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program:** "From Two Inches to Ten Pounds, the Wild Browns of the Hooch Tailwater" By Patrick O'Rourke, Fisheries Biologist with the GA WRD.

**June 22 (Sat) River Clean-up Day, Tallulah River** **CANCELLED** because of lack of litter due to: encouragement by campground management, the efforts of most campers to police the area themselves and largely to the routine and thorough sweep of the area by a dedicated volunteer who removes all trash at least once a week.

**June 25 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Location - Chamber of Commerce office**

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

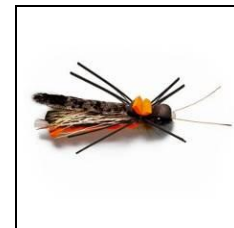
**July 16 (Tues) Annual Chapter Family Picnic, 6 PM, Kelly's Water Falls Park.** Custom rod raffle winner will be drawn (see page 2 of this newsletter).

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

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

## FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



**BROWN STONE FLY**

THIS IS A GREAT FLY FOR YOUR BOX IN JUNE;  
THEY ARE LAYING EGGS AND TROUT ARE  
KEYING IN ON THEM

**HOOK:** 8/10 2X DRY HOOK  
**BODY:** ORANGE/YELLOW/FOAM  
**UNDER WING:** BROWN DEER HAIR  
**WING:** TURKEY WING  
**LEGS:** BROWN RUBBER  
**ANTENNA:** PAINT BRUSH HAIR

*"Secret Places - - I learned you must fight to keep your secret spots secret.  
The world is full of brutal and uncaring people who if given a chance will deceive you and rob you and claim  
your favorite places as their own."*

From The River Home by Jerry Dennis

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## June Hatches

The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies
None at all	Any Day	Any Time	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Grey-Brown & Green Caddis	Early	Late PM	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/Green 14-16 Dun & Green Caddis Pupa
Speckled Grey-Brown Caddis	Early	Late PM	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/Yellow-Brown 14-16 Dun & Yellow Caddis Pupa
Small Dun Caddis	All Month	Mid AM	18 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Giant Black Stonefly	All Month	Dawn to early AM	4-6 Black Stonefly Nymph
Brown Stonefly	All Month	Early to Mid AM	10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Golden Stonefly	All Month	Early AM	6-10 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly	All Month	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Trico Mayfly	Mid to Late	Mid AM	20 Parachute Trico, Trico emerger
Trico Spinner Fall		Late 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, Etc			Various Times & Sizes

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

**Webpage-of-the-Month:** <http://midcurrent.com/techniques/when-drag-is-desirable/>

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](#)



**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.

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

By Prez Pat Hopton

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

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

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

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

## Letters to the Rabunites

April 24, 2013

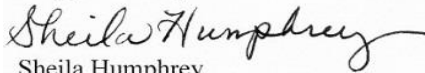
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Re: Donation for Smithgall Woods Youth Education

Dear Rabun TU members,

Again, with heartfelt gratitude, I thank you all for your very generous donation to our youth education program at Smithgall Woods. With your support we were able to buy the materials and equipment needed to refurbish our old kits and expand our program to include new activities. Stream Exploration continues to be the most requested onsite activity with 139 programs facilitated last year for approximately 3000 students. Of course, our outreach programming also utilizes the funds that you contribute, enabling us to offer programs to over 15,000 students. Again thank you for your continued encouragement and support in our ongoing effort to educate our most precious resource, our youth.

In appreciation,



Sheila Humphrey  
Wildlife Interpretive Specialist  
Education Coordinator  
Smithgall Woods Conservation Center



Prez Pat presents a \$2,500 Rabun TU Chapter donation check to Sheila Humphrey, for use in Smithgall Woods Conservation Area's Youth Education program.

March 21, 2013

Dear Madam or Sir,

Thank you and your colleagues at Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited for your contribution to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. The thoughtfulness of people such as you has allowed us to expand our efforts to over 140 programs nationwide that are serving our disabled active military service personnel and veterans.

Thank you for your support, please go to [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org) and click on "Sign up for email updates" for news about our activities.

Best regards,



Ed Nicholson

Thank you for your generous support of the Oconee River Chapter of Trout Unlimited and coldwater fishery conservation in Georgia. Through your thoughtful donations we are able to accomplish conservation-minded projects, education programs, and also support a scholarship and research at the University of Georgia's School of Natural Resources.

Your donation was very helpful in raising funds at ORCTU's Spring Banquet.

Regards,



Doug Brown  
President  
Oconee River Chapter of Trout Unlimited

PAT -  
Thanks to you + Rabun Chapter  
For The Framed Crawdaddy  
Print.

Dear Pat,

On behalf of Casting for Recovery - Georgia - thank you for the generous donation made by Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Your donation will be used to help fund our upcoming retreat.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, 14 women, selected at random from over 50 applicants, will join 10 staff at Smithgall Woods for Georgia's 2nd retreat. These women will be treated

to a week-end of pampering and fun, and to education + counseling - all combined with learning the art of fly-fishing. On Sunday each woman will have the opportunity to fish with her own guide.

All of our retreats depend on local funding. Trout Unlimited has been very generous in their donations - both at the state level and the local level.

Thank you again for your support.  
Sincerely - Beverly Booth



## Fishing Reports from THE RIVER

**Editor's Notes:** At the 2013 Rendezvous, Pat Hopton offered on Silent Auction to go DARK-30 fishing with one person in the Chattooga Upper Backcountry. Following are 3 reports (the trip sold 3 times at the high bid price) filed by Mr. Dark-30 (Pat Hopton).



**TRIP #1:** On Tuesday 5/14 Peter Croess and I went into the Chattooga Upper Backcountry for a "Dark Thirty" fishing trip. The fishing was great, the catching was slow. We both had one LDR, none brought to hand. We saw some rising fish, but could not fool them. Saw very small cream caddis and sporadic small light cahills. I fished the Yonah Shunga Pool and Peter fished the Side Pockets. Water temp was 54 and the level was still up, but wadable with caution. We saw no fairies on the hike out. The best part of the trip was the Cuban sandwiches that Peter brought! Although no fish were caught, it was still a good trip. I would fish with Peter any time. He's great company, full of stories, and I was especially impressed when he picked up trash on the hike out. Thanks, Peter, for the memories.



**TRIP #2:** On Wednesday 5/15 evening Neal McEwen and I went on our "Dark Thirty" fishing trip. Considering the slow catching from the previous evening, we decided not to make a long hike into the backcountry. We started at the Riffle Pool, where Neal promptly landed a nice rainbow trout. We worked our way up to the Yonah Shunga Pool, where Neal spent the evening while I fished the lower end of the Side Pockets. Unfortunately, that one rainbow was the only catching that happened. We saw very few insects coming off the water. A few light cahills and a few caddis, but not nearly what I would have expected. We had a brief 15-30 minute period of rising fish around 8:00 but it was very sporadic. I can't explain why the bugs and fish weren't seen, except that maybe someone forgot to turn the switch on last night. Three highlights of the trip: Neal and I both took a swim while crossing the river at dark. The river is still swift and the recent high water has changed the crossings somewhat. It made for a wet and cold walk out. The hike out was improved when we saw the fairies. And we were treated to seeing a nice black bear on Warwoman Road on the drive home! I had a great time, Neal. I wish the catching would have been better.





**TRIP #3:** On Sunday 5/19 evening Scott James and I went on our "Dark Thirty" fishing trip. Considering the high and murky water (340 cfs @ Burrell's Ford gauge), we decided not to make a long hike into the backcountry. We started at the Side Pockets, where Scott promptly landed a nice wild brown trout. We worked our way up to the Jay Bird Pool, where we spent the evening. The catching total was Scott 1 wild brown, Pat 2 wild browns and 1 wild chum. Scott got his on a 2 nymph rig under a strike indicator and I got mine on a small yellow stimulator. We saw a lot of insects coming off the water. A few light cahills and a few caddis, lots of yellow sallies and even a few sulphur mayflies. We had a brief 15-30 minute period of rising fish around 8:00 but it was very sporadic. No green drakes. There was no dark-30 action. I had a great time, Scott. I wish the catching would have been better.

## **"BACKCASTING"**

**April 20(Sat) Fly-Fishing for Vets -** East Palisades Park on the "Hooch".

More Pictures: [http://www.fastpitchpics.com/Events/FFFV-2013/29055075\\_bcrdzB#li=2472234468&k=Gm6cdMm](http://www.fastpitchpics.com/Events/FFFV-2013/29055075_bcrdzB#li=2472234468&k=Gm6cdMm)



**April 28 (Sun) Casting For Recovery** - Originally planned for Unicoi Outfitters to host on the Chattahoochee River, but rain and high water levels moved the event to the Delayed Harvest section of Smith Creek.



**May 8 – 12 (Wed - Sun) Spring Camping & Fishing Outing,** Location Cherry Hill C.G. High water...real high water...was the significant feature of the Rabun Chapter Campout at Cherry Hill. Fishing, wading and catching were all difficult but some Rabunites did prevail. Some smaller streams were explored and success was found there. Compared to previous chapter campouts the crowd was sparse. The most ever there around the fire was ten and that was for just one night. Since only three of us were there for the last night and rain was eminent, we broke camp early and headed for the house.

The chapter leadership needs to assess the chapter campouts and decide if there is enough interest and support to plan events in the future. A campout is a great way to build camaraderie and help new members learn to fish local waters. In years past there have been about 20 Rabunites around the fire with something good to drink and tall tales abounding. You didn't have to believe 'em if you didn't want to...I didn't believe. Those were good times.

Reported by Charlie Breithaupt & photos by Terry Rivers





**May 16 (Thurs) Mentoring - RCMS kids fishing at DNR catfish ponds** - No report was submitted for the newsletter

**May 18 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting** in Rome, 9 AM – Prez Pat Hopton participated. The agenda included a series of reports by various committees. 9 of the 13 Chapters in GA were represented.

**May 20 (Mon) Annual Spring Family Cookout**, Attendance was only about 40 people due to a terrible storm (wind, rain, hail and lightning). The food was delicious and plentiful. Every scout left with a fishing reel and a Rabun TU trinket. Our thanks to Rabun Gap – Nacoochee School for use of the facility, to Community Bank & Trust for use of the cooking grill, to Bass Pro Shops for donating the reels, to Burton Trout Hatchery for loan of the rods, and to Reeves Hardware - Dillard for donating the bait. Thank you to **Frank Patton** for organizing the event, to **Ray Gentry** for checking /repairing the reels and to all who donated dishes and desserts. And a special thanks to all the fishing mentors. **PASSING IT ON!**

Photos by Pat Hopton



**May 25 (Sat) Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up.** This workday was in memory of **Jim Darnell**. 12 adults and 3 Boy Scouts participated.

Photo by Kathy Breithaupt



**May 28 (Tues) BOD Meeting** – 12 members attended. The agenda included the Spring Campout discussion, move to Scout hut, Scout/Family cookout, 2014 Rendezvous program, Chapter strategic plan, Tallulah KFE, and Tallulah River stream clean-up.

**June 1 (Sat) Mentoring - Annual Kids Fishing Event**, 8 AM at Tallulah River with USFS & GA WRD. 12 Rabunites helped at the event. 125 kids signed up for fishing. Approximately 272 hot dogs with chips and drinks were served. The children were given gifts after lunch.  
Report by Rabun TU coordinator, Frank Patton.

### Summer is Redeye Bass Time on THE RIVER



Photo provided by Jeff Durniak

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to **Terry Seehorn**, Stephens County High School Envirothon Team Coach. His "Red" team recently won its third state title in the last six years and his "Black" team finished fourth in the state at the Georgia Envirothon State Championship held recently at Elachee Nature Center in Gainesville. Envirothon is a competition dealing with topics such as the environment and natural resources. Next up for the "Red" team is representing Georgia in the North American Envirothon this August in Montana.

Passing of much loved pets: **Molly** in the **Elizabeth and Steve Perry** family and **Trey** in the **Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt** family.

Check out page 53 in the current issue of your **TROUT** magazine. There is a nice write-up about the late **Bill Kelly** and the protection of a portion of Darnell Creek for public access. The 25 acres has now been transferred to US Forest Service ownership.

We offer our condolences to **Gail and Frank Tolbert** and their family. Gail's father recently passed away.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to 3 new members: **CADEN PERRY**, ROANOKE VA (SE) (transfer), **MR. JAMES WHITTUM**, 284 BANISTER DR UNIT 202, CLAYTON GA 30525 and **JIMMY COCHRAN**, 2018 JANET DRIVE, PHENIX CITY AL 36867

Thanks for re-upping: **Charles Mobley**, **Thomas West**, **Allison Adams**, **Charles Cawthon**, **June Landreth**, **Derek Porter**, **William Reno**, **Monte Seehorn**, **Russ Tyre**, **Stephen Weinelt**, **Peter Croes**, **Thomas Johnson III**, **Lewis Reeves Jr.**, **Joe Kitchens** and **John Ramsey**.

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

### Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2013

#### Voting Board of Directors Members:

**President - Pat Hopton** with Social Media, Awards, BOD Agenda, Budget

**Vice President - Steve Perry** with Membership Recruitment and Retention

**Treasurer - Tony Allred** with Reports, Budget, Entrance Table at Rabun Rendezvous

**Secretary - Wayne Prosser** with Correspondence, BOD minutes

**Past President - Larry Walker** with Rabun Co Middle School Mentoring, Print Media

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**Director through FY 2013 - Glenn English** with Name Tags, Campouts

**Director through FY 2014 - Tim McClure** with Meeting Refreshments, Meeting Raffle

**Director through FY 2014 - Michele Crawford** with Memorials, Donations

**Director through FY 2015 - Kent Wilson** with Rod Raffle

**Director through FY 2015 - Frank Patton** with Kids Fishing Events

**Director through FY 2016 - Jerry McFalls** with Scouts, Stream Projects,

**Director through FY 2016 - Ray King** with Rendezvous, Stream Clean-up, Directory

#### Non-voting committee leaders:

**Doug Adams** with Newsletter Editor

**Jimmy Whiten** with Dream Trip Raffle

**Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt** with Trout Camp, Fly Fishing 101

**Terri Allred** with Christmas Dinner

**Terry Rivers** with Fly Tying Workshops

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



## Notes from the Prez

### It's Dark Thirty Time Again!

After a long, cool spring we have finally arrived at "Dark Thirty" time again. What is Dark Thirty time, you ask?

It begins in that season of year when the river temperatures are getting up to the mid-60's... the long evenings are warm and dry.... and the bugs start hatching off in the evenings. Dark Thirty is the magical time of day when the sun goes down; it is late evening to after dark fishing. It is when the mayfly spinners come down to lay their eggs and the fish come out to feed.

The highlight of the Dark Thirty season is the Green Drake mayfly hatch. These bugs are huge! They are a mouthful for the fish and it is one of the few times of the year here in North Georgia when big brown trout make the mistake to come up to feed on the surface of the water.

If you've never experienced Dark Thirty fishing and want to learn more, visit the Rabun Chapter's award-winning website and read all about it under About Rabun TU > Education > Getting Started banner <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/for-beginners-a-rabunite-101-primer/> .

I hope to see you on "The River" at Dark Thirty!

Pat Hopton - Chapter Prez

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