



Tight Lines

August 2016 Newsletter of the
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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"I salute the gallantry and uncompromising standards of wild trout, and their tastes in landscapes. "

John Madson

**Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Join us for our regular monthly meetings
every third Tuesday of the month.
This month the date is August 16!!**

**Our Meeting Place is at Rabun
Gap Presbyterian church Fellowship Hall
Social & Story telling (Truth or Lies) starts
At 6:30 pm, then at 7:00 – Program & Meeting.
The church is located just past
Rabun Gap Nachoochee School
at 8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA 30568.**

**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 and to raise money to
pay for our storage building. Bring an item to donate
and a dollar or two for raffle tickets.
You Might WIN something !**

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Notes from the President



Can you believe- It's August! The heat and low water in our streams makes me think it's time to head "west of ____". If you missed the June meeting, you missed a good one- very appropriate for fishing in this kind of weather. Jake Darling from Unicoi Outfitters talked about fishing small water at higher elevations for trout during the heat of summer. I feel sure he would be willing to give you a demonstration on a guide trip. Meanwhile, big things are happening in the Chapter.

First, this month we will announce the nominations for our officers and directors for the coming year. If you would like to have a say in the direction our Chapter is moving, we would love to add your name to the list of nominees for either officer, director, or committee chair. Please contact me as soon as possible. The first announcement of the slate of nominees took place at the Annual Family Picnic on July 14th.

Next, at the July Board meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed the Chapter's revised Strategic Plan. The purpose is to more clearly focus on the Chapter priorities, and where we spend our time, effort, and money. The revised Strategic Plan will be presented to the Chapter membership at this month's meeting. In addition, change is happening for "Tight Lines", as Charlie Breithaupt is going to begin assisting Michelle in hunting and gathering articles each month. Don't be surprised if you get a call from Charlie to write an article! They promise a bigger and better monthly newsletter. And, Sid Berkstresser, our Membership Chairman, is looking for an assistant as well, as his task is growing, as is our membership.

As I mentioned before, the Annual Rabun TU Family Picnic was July 14th at Kelly's Waterfall Park (Estatoah Falls Park). The Chapter provided the fried chicken, and attendees brought a covered dishes and desserts. As usual, we ate very well! There was lots of fun and fellowship. And, Kent Wilson did not have to buy any Mack Martin Rod Raffle tickets, as we sold a record number of tickets and raised over \$1500.00- a record! Thank you, Kent, for your salesmanship; Thank you to everyone who bought tickets; And, THANK YOU , Mack Martin, for your continued support of our fund-raising efforts to accomplish our Chapter goals. Most of all, JUSTIN ENGLISH THANKS EVERYONE!

Finally, hopefully, your July 4th celebration was with friends, family, and, was safe. As you celebrated, I hope you remembered that our independence was not granted. It was earned with blood, sweat, and tears. We cannot remain a free nation without a continuation of sacrifice to ensure the longevity of "We the People.....".

Thank you all. Steve



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Rabun TU Strategic Plan 2016-2018

Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited (#522) Strategic Plan - Draft 2016-2018

Mission - To aid in the conservation, protection and restoration of North America's coldwater fisheries and their corresponding watersheds both within our area as well as on a state and national level. Our mission will be achieved by providing services and educational opportunities to a wide range of individuals and or groups such as youth and military veterans. We will also partner with other non-profit and/or public sector organizations in achieving mutually beneficial goals.

Strategy

Conservation - Improve the quality of coldwater fisheries and watersheds within our chapter's area of operation through leadership, advocacy, financial support and stream improvement projects.

Tactics

1. Identify existing or potential threats to local rivers/streams and partner with other affected organizations to negate and/or minimize adverse impact.
2. Monitor and advocate for/against existing or proposed legislation and/or regulations at both the state and federal level that could impact local watersheds.
3. Partner with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other affected agencies and/or organizations on stream restoration and conservation projects.

Service - Work within the local community to provide youth and other targeted groups with the opportunity to experience firsthand the rewards of conservation/restoration efforts as well as the enjoyment of learning to fish for and safeguard our resident trout population.

Tactics

1. Continue the chapter's leadership and participation with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, the Georgia Council's Trout Camp, Project Healing Waters and Casting for Recovery.
2. Seek to identify and partner with other affected community groups to provide new avenues of community service.

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Education - Strive to increase the awareness of youth and adults regarding the value of and threats to our local watersheds through programs which include fishing and other social events such as cookouts and camping trips.

Tactics

1. Continue our chapter's leadership and/or participation in Trout in the Classroom, Georgia Trout Camp, the USFS Tallulah River Kid's Fishing Event, and the Spring Family Cookout.
2. Continue to mentor interested youth/adults through the Rabunite 101 training program.
3. Continue to provide access to the Trout Unlimited Trout Magazine to appropriate institutions and/or organizations.
4. Partner with local educational institutions to organize and support trout fishing clubs.

Membership - Strive to grow the chapter's membership and improve the engagement of new and existing members.

Tactics

1. Increase the chapter's membership by 10/0 over the next three years.
2. Improve overall member participation by increasing chapter activities separate and apart from the monthly chapter meetings to include periodic member fishing trips, social events and other opportunities for interaction.

Communication - Strive to improve overall communications between chapter leadership, chapter members and the local community.

Tactics

1. Enhance the monthly chapter newsletter by increasing the articles or interest and/or photographs submitted by chapter leaders and members.
2. Increase the utilization of social media to reach a broader audience. Increase/expand internal communications among/between chapter leaders.
3. Continue working to enhance relationships with local media outlets thereby increasing the chapter's visibility.

Collaboration - Focus on enhancing current professional/business relationships with other organizations and/or individuals who can enhance our chapter's overall effectiveness.

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Tactics

1. Strive to strengthen existing coalitions with the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited Council, Trout Unlimited National, Boy/Girl Scouts of America, and applicable state and federal agencies.
2. Seek to build new coalitions with those whose business interests overlap with our chapter's mission to include fishing retailers, outfitters/fishing guides and other businesses.

Chapter Management - Improve the business practices of the chapter so as to increase efficiency/effectiveness and maximize available funding and manpower.

Tactics

1. Improve the overall management of chapter sponsored events through effective planning to include the implementation of checklists and resource utilization.
2. Identify and recruit future chapter officers and event chairs.
3. Seek to obtain input/volunteers from a broader spectrum of chapter members.

Fundraising - Seek to grow the chapter's available funds by increasing the effectiveness of fundraising efforts and identifying possible new funding sources.

Tactics

1. Intensify efforts to increase donations of merchandise, guided trips and other highly sought after items for the Rabun Rendezvous.
2. Increase efforts to identify projects that qualify for matching grants from the Georgia Council and/or TU National.



The boys from Anglers and Appetites were here in Rabun County back in June doing some trout fishing and some seriously good eating. Anglers and Appetites is a fishing and eating show hosted by

Dave, the fisherman and Phil, the chef. By day Dave fished local streams with some of our best Rabunites and in the evenings Phil was hanging out with some of our top local chefs and restaurants cooking up some awesome entrees. The Angler and Appetites show is shown on Fox Sports South. The week long series filmed in Rabun County is suppose to air in September. We'll get you the date as soon as we find out. Mean while, you can catch some of their other shows on U-Tube. They have been all in our neck of the woods before so enjoy some of their previous work!! Click [here](#) for an episode they did in the western NC trout streams.

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Forward Casting Calendar of Events

Aug. 13 (Sat): Annual Savannah River TU Chapter Banquet. Doors open at 5 pm. The banquet is held at the Flat Shoals Baptist Church Gym on Hwy 51. They will have a live and silent auction. Food choice of great BBQ or fried trout. \$35.00 couple and \$20.00 single. Cash or checks. For more info call Jimmy Miller at 706-247-3846. A great group of fellow TU folks to help out!! The photo is the Savannah River Chapter folks at our Rabun Rendezvous this past January.



Aug. 16 (Tues): Regular monthly meeting of the Rabun TU Chapter. Our guest speaker will be Kathy Church. Kathy is the new Education Coordinator at Smithgall Woods State Park. She replaced retired coordinator Shelia Humphrey. Kathy will be sharing with us what all she is planning for youth outreach for the future. A great chance to learn about how all state TU Chapters contribute to education, conservation and passing it on to Georgia kids. Social time begins at 6:30 with the speaker and meeting starting at 7 pm. See you there!!



Carl Riggs, chairman of the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited, presented a check for \$6,676 to Smithgall Woods education coordinator Kathy Church. The funds were raised during the recent "Tie 1 On" Tie-Athlon at the Bass Pro Shops. They will be used to support the youth education programs at Smithgall Woods.

Aug. 23 (Tues): Monthly BOD Meeting. All are welcome. Meeting starts promptly at 6:30.

Sept 17 (Sat): Georgia State Council TU quarterly meeting. Meeting starts at 9:00 AM and is being held at the Rome Eco Center.

Sept 20 (Tues): Regular monthly meeting of the Rabun TU Chapter.

Sept 27 (Tues): Monthly BOD Meeting. All are welcome. Meeting starts promptly at 6:30.

Sept 29 – October 1 (Thursday–Sat): Trout Unlimited National Meeting in Bozeman, MT.

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Matching the Hatch: brought to you from many ole Rabunites who have spent countless hours fishing and trudging along river banks, tying flies, casting, overcoming weather, bugs, and no telling what else to bring you this recorded, tried and true valued information.

August fly of the month: By: Terry Rivers

HOOK: # 4
HEAD: DUMB BELL EYES
TAIL: 4/5 RUBBER LEGS
BODY: ZONKER STRIPS PALMERED



Hairy Fodder

WITH WATER LOW AND HOT HAVE SOME OF THESE TIED IN BLACK OR BROWN AND TAKE A DAY TRIP TO LITTLE TENNESSEE OR DEEP WATER POOLS ON THE CHATTOOGA.

THANKS JEFF FOR THIS ONE.

SEE YA ON THE RIVER!!

To view a Hatch Chart for all month click [Hatch Chart](#)

More tips and helpful information from Dredger and other Georgia DNR fisheries staff. Click [here](#) for the latest reports.



How's the river? Click on the name of the river to check water levels.

[Chattooga Level](#)

[Tallulah River Level](#)

[Nantahala](#)

[Little Tennessee](#)



August Hatches

THE BUGS	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested flies
None at all	All year	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT #14 Parachute Adams is always a good searching pattern
Midges	All year	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes
Golden Stonefly	All month	Early AM	8 - 12 Ginger Stimulator 6 - 10 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly	All month	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Trico Mayfly Trico Spinner Fall	Mid to Late	Mid AM to Late PM	20 Parachute Trico, Trico emerger 20-22 Poly Wing Black Spin- ner
Brown Stonefly	All month	Early to Mid AM	10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph



Not quiet ready to be a fly fisher-
man? Try these alternatives for
catching trout.



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Rabun chapter Donates to TU National

This past May TU members from all across the south-east gathered in Roanoke, VA for the annual SE Rally. Amid work sessions and group discussions concerning TU plans and procedures Chris Wood, President and CEO of TU, addressed the crowd. Just prior to his address, Kathy Breithaupt, Secretary of the Rabun Chapter, made a presentation to Chris. She delivered four checks, each for \$1000, to support Youth Education, Embrace-A-Stream, SE Lands Acquisition and the Cold Water Conservation Fund. These four programs are vital to TU and help carry on its mission. Chris expressed his sincere thanks to the Rabun Chapter for their unselfish and generous support for Trout Unlimited. Well done Rabunites!!



Annual USFS, GA WRD and TU Fishing Rodeo

The annual Tallulah River kids fishing rodeo was held on June 4, 2016. All the volunteers hosted over 150 kids for the event.



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Betty Creek Clean up for Trout Camp

Stuff sure grows fast in Rabun County, especially if it grows along Betty's Creek. Every year, just before Trout Camp, the Rabunites descend on the creek with loppers, clippers and the much heralded gas operated pole trimmers to groom the stream so the campers flies will spend more time in the water and less time in the trees. This year the Rabunites included Terry Rivers, Frank Tolbert, Jerry McFalls, Justin English, Jim Kidd, Wayne Prosser, Larry Walker, Kent Wilson, Frank Patton, Pat Hopton, Peter Croes, Fritz Vinson, Steve Perry and Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt.



Thanks everyone and the campers and mentors thank you also. As for the fish, they had just as soon had more limbs to hide under.



Fritz Vinson recycling trout

Every year we stock a good many trout in Betty Creek for our Georgia Trout Camp and each year we leave most of the fish right there. A few get taken home on the last day to grace a frying pan somewhere probably miles from Rabun County. The rest are left to fin (no pun intended) for themselves with the poachers, otters and others who would do them in. Long time Rabunite and close-by resident of Betty Creek Fritz Vinson has found a better way to "recycle" these fish. After all the campers are long gone and back home telling about the big one that got away, Fritz just eases back over to the creek and catches a nice mess of TCT...Trout Camp Trout. But the important story is what Fritz does with those fish. He takes them to his cousin Alan Vinson who is wheelchair bound due to a four-wheeler accident about 20 years ago. Fritz says those fish always bring a big smile to Alan and his dad Tommy.

Now that is a great way to "recycle" the trout. Way to go Fritz!! We all need to do good for Trout Unlimited and for each other. And Alan, we hope you enjoy the trout. WHAaaaaaaa WHOooooooooo!!!!



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TROUT CAMP 2016

This year the number of graduates from Trout Camp went over the “300” mark. As we closed up our thirteenth camp, we reflected on all the years and realized that some of our graduates are approaching 30 years old and some of our campers this year weren’t even born when we held our first camp. Time flies and it goes faster each day!!

The weather was as good as it gets with cool mornings, mild afternoons and no rain. However, we need rain so now that camp is over...bring it on!! The campers all seemed focused on what they were learning and picked up the skills quickly. The trout cooperated and, by the second day, every camper had caught a fish. We didn’t break a single rod this year and only one person got hooked and that was a mentor so it doesn’t really count. We had a happy, bright bunch of young folks who were interested in fly fishing and also in TU’s mission with clean, cold water. This year we enjoyed a visit from Tara Granke, Headwaters Youth Program Coordinator, who spent a day interacting with the campers and staff. Her enthusiasm and good nature were a boost to all and we hope she’ll return often.

About two-thirds of the chapters in Georgia sent volunteers to mentor the campers. That wide spread support has been the strength of our camp from the beginning. We even had three college-age mentors, along with our four “Young Mentors,” who added much to the camp and bodes well for the future. Those guys sure have more energy than some of the rest of us.

As always our agency partners, Georgia DNR and the Forest Service, supported our activities and helped the youngsters understand more about the fish and the importance of the quality of their habitat. Our campers always enjoy the day of toting logs, shoveling rock and driving re-bar. And...their efforts make a difference in a stream.

We would also like to thank Rabun Gap-Nachoochee School for allowing us to use their wonderful facility for these 13 years, and that includes great food and a trout stream on campus!

While we like to talk about “over 300 campers,” what we really like to see are young folks with the heart and mind to carry on the mission of Trout Unlimited. We can give them some skills and ideas and information and then hope it all comes together for the good of trout and water and the sport that we all love. We know our efforts are making a difference.

Gotta start getting ready for 2017.....

Charlie & Kathy



Rabunites at Trout Camp: As usual, the Rabunites stepped up and led the way at Trout Camp. Many (Jimmy Whiten, Frank Patton, Mike Fuller, Wayne Prosser and Peter Croes) mentored the campers as they fished and tied flies. Other brave souls (Jim Kidd and Gary Sowell) drove busses and some (Larry Walker and Kent Wilson) took charge of the stocking of Betty Creek. Terry Rivers continued in his leadership of the fly tying sessions and even drove his “Gator” hauling fishermen on the creek. Fritz Vinson added his 4 wheeler to the shuttle service. Before camp even started Emmilyn Rivers had sewed Trout Camp patches on all the vests for the campers.

Jeff Durniak and Steve Perry displayed their questionable acting skills as they conveyed to the campers the right and wrong ways to behave on a trout stream. Michele Crawford was everywhere recording it all on film...actually on a “chip”, whatever that is.

Before the first camper arrived Kathy Breithaupt had camp more organized than the Normandy invasion. Her tireless effort and attention to detail are the main reasons the camp runs so smoothly.

We got through camp this year without our mainstay of many years, Frank Tolbert. Even though he tried valiantly to come, a serious case of pneumonia, which would have sent most to the hospital, slowed down the “Iron Man”. Big Frank...there’s always next year and we know you’ll be there.

Thanks to all for “passing it on” and building the future of TU.

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June Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was held at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in the Social Hall, and was attended by over 35 members, including our newest members Colby Nichols and Dennis Williams. John Slater brought his three grandsons. We were excited to see some non-bald/non-grey haired young people in attendance. Our program was presented by Jake Darling (Dah-ling!) who is guide and Assistant Manager with Unicoi Outfitters. His topic was "Summer Fishing Small Streams". His first point: During the heat of summer, head for the smaller streams at higher elevations. Next, stealth is important. He then proceeded to explain his reasons for using a shorter (under 7'6") fly rod,



by explaining the four kinds of casts most appropriate for small streams and tight areas. Jake then shared his selection of flies- all in one fly box, maybe a total of a dozen flies! Finally, he explained his reasoning for using 3X tippet instead of 5 or 6X, and also discussed leader length. All this was followed by lots of questions, and now we are all ready to hike into GSMNP! Great presentation and a big THANK YOU to Jake. A Broderick Crawford rainbow trout print was presented to Jake by Chapter President Steve.

Our regular meeting raffle was held and raised over \$65.00 with donations from June Landreth, Mack Martin (Atlanta Fly Fishing School), and the grand prize was Justin English' donation of two dozen fresh eggs! Thanks to all who contributed, and to all who participated.

And if YOU weren't there, you missed a real good'un!!!! Maybe we'll see you at the next chapter meeting.

PS - congrats to Unicoi Outfitters, named by the Orvis Company as one of the top three finalists for that company's "Dealer of the Year" award. Jimmy, David, Jake, and John are most deserving of this honor. Rabun TU is proud to call them our friends!

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Annual Rabun TU Family Picnic was held July 14, 2016

The Rabun TU family had gathered for the annual picnic. The chicken (fried, of course) had been eaten, with lots of sides, and the dessert was being assaulted. Now was the time for the drawing for the coveted "Mack Martin Fly Rod", a 9 foot, 5 wt that will let even the clumsiest of anglers cast perfectly to any rising trout anywhere.

The winning ticket was drawn and held in secret while a runner-up was drawn to receive an Umpqua Sling Pack. Rabun member Tom Matthews, while not present, won the pack.

Now, as Chapter VP and previous multiple winner Kent Wilson took the previously drawn winner from its secret place, he noted that "the winner is here tonight." Then, with great fanfare, Kent announced...The winner is **JUSTIN ENGLISH!!!**

The crowd went crazy! Hands covered in chicken grease applauded wildly. Old men (what else?) climbed on the



tables



and let out the Rabunite
yell....WAAAHOOOOOOOO!!!

As the dust settled, Justin moved forward with joy and pride to accept his prize from Chapter Prez Steve Perry. Another successful raffle from our friend and loyal supporter Mack Martin, a member of the Cohutta Chapter and an honorary Rabunite.



Thanks to all who supported our Chapter. Now we gotta go get those old men off the tables.....

Charlie Breithaupt
Reporter - author -
man about town..



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2016 Rod Raffle Fundraising

Once again those selling tickets and those buying tickets helped the Rabun TU Chapter raise \$1542.00. All those funds will be put to good use in supporting the mission of our chapter. Can't wait till the winner Justin English gets to put his new rod and reel to good use. We also want to give a big "Thank You" to Mack Martin.



Mack Martin

Without his generosity of donating the rod and reel these extra funds would not be possible.

So Thank you Mack Martin...our constant friend and supporter!!

And Thank you to everyone who either bought and or sold tick-



L-R Vice President and Rod Raffle chairman Kent Wilson. Winner of the Rod Raffle Justin English and Rabun TU President Steve Perry.

Annual Chattooga River Stream Shocking

Conditions were perfect this year for the annual Chattooga River stream shocking held in early July. The advantage of low water creates hydrologic conditions that allows for high sampling efficiency, which is what DNR always hopes for. Sampling covered just one hundred yards of the total river length in Georgia. The sampling this year will add to the river monitoring database that keeps creating long term benefits for the Chattooga River.



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Chapter News

Tallulah River Handicap Fishing Pier is now under construction!!

WHAaaaaaaa WHOOooooooooooooo!!!!!!!

Construction began on the pier this past month. There will work days ahead that volunteers will be needed. So keep an eye on your emails and Rabun TU Facebook page so you can participate in this welcome addition to Tallulah River. The pier is being constructed currently by USFS personnel. The funds for the pier were donated by Rabun TU and the Georgia State TU Council. Each donated \$2500.00 Additional funds will be needed down the road. Our friends at Reeves Building Supply are suppling the lumber for the job at contractor's price along with other items that they are just donating outright. **If you would like to make a donation you can go by Reeves Building Supply and make a donation to be applied to the Handicap Pier fund. A plaque will be placed on the pier acknowledging everyone that helped bring to the pier to a reality.**



The Board of Directors offers the following nominations for Rabun TU Chapter's F/Y2017 Officers and Directors: President - Kent Wilson; Vice President - Wayne Prosser; Past President - Steve Perry; Treasurer - Joel Wise; Secretary - Kathy Breithaupt; (The Chapter by-laws requires annual election of officers) Nominees for Directors thru F/Y 2020: Tony Allred, Brian Weeks and Colby Nichols (replacing retiring Directors Jerry McFalls and Ray King); Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Aug. & Sept. Chapter meetings. Election will be at the September Chapter meeting. F/Y 2020 begins October 1, 2016.

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News & Noteworthy

COLLINS PROTECTS NORTHEAST GEORGIA ECONOMY FROM OBAMA ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL

(From Sky 96.3 News Room)

The House of Representatives passed the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2017, which funds the Department of the Interior and its related projects and agencies for the coming year. Congressman Collins worked to have language included in the bill that prohibits any funds from being used to close any United States Fish and Wildlife Service fish hatchery, or to reduce production at those hatcheries. The following statement was issued by Congressman Collins on the victory for fish hatchery programs that draw economic activity to rural places around the country, especially Northeast Georgia:

“Under the Obama Administration, hatchery programs—including the Chattahoochee National Fish Hatchery, have been among the lowest funding priorities. The Chattahoochee National Fish Hatchery is a major economic driver in the mountain town of Suches, Georgia and the surrounding area. Because of its critical importance to Northeast Georgia, I fought for the inclusion of this language to ensure the continued viability of the Chattahoochee National Fish Hatchery and other hatcheries across the country. The language in the bill rejects the Administration’s proposal to close certain hatcheries, and prohibits production from being slowed or stopped. I know what an important investment these hatcheries are – the hatchery in Fannin County has generated millions in economic output for the area, and has a \$40 dollar return on investment for every dollar spent. In addition to drawing anglers from all over the country to bring economic activity to a rural place, the hatchery keeps the river responsibly stocked with enough trout to keep the habitat in order and maintain ecological balance. I thank my colleagues who have been supportive of this measure, and I am glad to see that the bill will preserve the economic, educational, and recreational benefits that come along with them.”

Georgia TU State Council recently made a donation to the Smithgall Woods Education program. Various chapter members participated in this years Tie One On at Bass Pro Shop to make this donation possible.

Carl Riggs, chairman of the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited, presented a check for \$6,676 to Smithgall Woods education coordinator Kathy Church. (See this photo on page 6)

In the photo you can see our own Rabunite Frank Tolbert in deep thought as he tied his flies at Bass Pro Shop earlier this year. Frank along with several other Rabunites participated in the Tie One On event this year.



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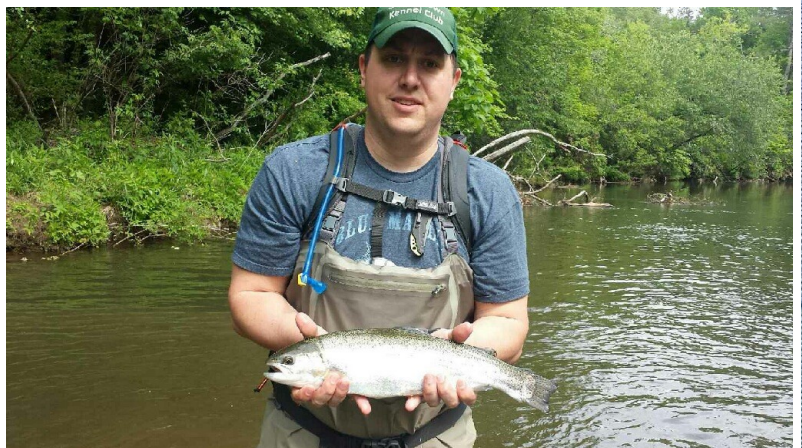
Fishing Reports

Fishing Birthday Story: by Michele Crawford... Back in early May, my old man was ready to celebrate his 60th birthday. Not till the last minute did he know it was going to be even better than he thought. I had talked his youngest son Daniel into coming down from Rhode Island to do some fishing and hanging out for a few days. It had been a while since the two had got to do some serious fishing together. When I told him what I had arranged Broderick was elated.

Daniel arrived and the two of them got to fishing. Fishing by day, great food, spirits and a fire in the outdoor fireplace every evening. They hit a small stream or two, the Chattooga DH during the last week and on his last full day in Georgia they enjoyed a half day at Nachoochee Bend over at Unicoi Outfitters. I had arranged for Ron Thomas to do the guiding. When I was telling him how special this was he said he would do his best to see that they had a good time. I told him he better make sure they had a great time. He said, "Oh, dear don't put that on my shoulders."



Well, Ron must be magical, both Broderick and Daniel caught 19 trout. Ron said they competed back and forth on who caught the most. But in the end it was a tie. Ron said it had been a while since he seen a day like that on the river. Needless to say they came home laughing and smiling and recounting the day over and over. We had some big thick steaks on the grill that night and as the sun was setting Broderick and Daniel were having a drink of good scotch on the deck, Broderick said to Daniel, "son, you were a lot of fun growing up, but after a day like we had today then sittin' here on the porch together enjoying a fine expensive scotch, that you bought, well that's pretty darn awesome too!"



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Fishing Reports

Ray Gentry fishes the Lake Kasba: Back last October when the rest of us were waiting for all the Delayed Harvest sections to open Ray was home, packing and planning. According to Patsy he had numerous planning pages that like Santa Clause he checked and doubled checked. Finally on June 26, he set out with Rabunite friend Mack Martin, and two other long time buddies, Ted Nixon and Bob Beck on his way to Yellowknife, Northern Territory. They flew to Winnipeg



then took a private charter 500 more miles north to get to the lodge on Lake Kasba. The lodge is only open from June 15th to August 15th.

Ray and the other men set out to catch Lake Trout, Pike and some Grayling. Weather was great for most of



the week they were there. They had a guide and fished from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm. Part of the deal with the lodge is to fix you a nice cooked meal during the day, but Ray and the other men wanted to fish so they always opted to rotate turns for a 15 minute break with a sandwich. Ray's best day hauled in 28 pike. His biggest that day were 35, 36 inches. On one of the other days Ray landed two 38" pikes.

Ray returned home on July 7th. Patsy Gentry said he walked in the door with the biggest smile on his face. Both felt extra blessed that Ray got to go on the trip and blessed to have such a great time with friends!! WHAaaaa WHOooooooooo!!



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Membership News & Updates

Current membership: 183 members, 26 life members, and 8 stream explorers.

Welcome New Members: Transfer in: Karen Weaver & Ryan Perry. New Members Allyn Stockton & Scott Low!! Hope to see you on the river soon. WELCOME!

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Doug Adams, Patrick Crawford, Mike Fuller, Arthur Guthas, Thomas Johnson, Leroy Powell and Hugh Thompson.

Time to renew your membership: Emil Leum, LeRoy Powell, Charles Cawthon, June Landreth, Doug Mansfield, Derek Porter, Ron Wilson and Lewis Reeves.

Congratulations to our fishing friend and mentor of many rookie anglers Rabunite member Brian Weeks and his wife Angela on their new baby girl Katherine that they welcomed into the world back in July.



Visit us on
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Don't forget to keep up with the Foxfire Boys and all their happenings at the Nichols Center by visiting their face book page. Click [here](#) to check out the calendar of events.

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Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2016

Voting Board

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