

President's Message

UGA Student Subunit

The *UGA Fisheries Society* held their first meeting on August 18. They will continue to have monthly meetings typically featuring a guest speaker discussing issues related to aquatic resources. Their major fund raising event, the Fall Fish Fry, was held on October 9 and was well attended. The money raised at that event will allow the subunit to continue their involvement in a long list of community service events such as 'Fishing with the Kids' in cooperation with the United Way of NE Georgia. This years event was held on September 25. Members hosted youths from the Boys & Girls Club of Athens and seniors from the Athens Council on the Aging for a day of angling. Check out their website at <http://www.uga.edu/ugafish>.

Free Student Rooms

There will be two free rooms available for out of town students. Please contact Bruce Saul at bsaul@aug.edu or (706) 737-1539 if interested.

Chapter Standing Committees

Executive	Bill Davin	706/290-2663
Student Affairs	Bruce Saul	706/737-1539
Nominating	Scott Robinson	770/918-6418
Local Arrang.	Rob Weller	229-430-4256
Program	Bill Davin	706/290-2663
Awards	Scott Hendricks	404/506-2392
Newsletter	David Higginbotham	706/542-0025

Please contact the chairperson if you would like to serve on a committee.

2003 GA AFS Officers

President	Bill Davin	706/290-2663
Pres-elect	Steven Patrick	706/754-2318
Past Pres	Anthony Rabern	706/947-3112
Sec/Treas	Jim Hakala	706/857-3394
UGA Student President	Bob Carlson	706/542-9726

Now that the weather (and the water) is finally cooling down and much of our work has been moved indoors (report writing, etc), it is time to think about our upcoming annual meeting. This years meeting will be held at Bagby State Park on the shores of Lake Walter F. George (48,000 acre lake). The dates are January 25, 26, and 27, 2005. The lodge has recently been renovated and 30 rooms have been added (they now have 60 rooms) along with the Pilot House Grill. In addition to the potential aquatic activities available (fishing, boating, etc), the area has an 18-hole golf course and tennis courts. You certainly don't want to miss this meeting and you might want to consider staying longer (a little vacation never hurt) or bringing a significant other. The executive committee has decided to try a few new things this year. First, we want to promote pre-registration (that way we will have a better idea of how many folks to plan on for the various activities), so you will see that we have restructured the registration fees (it is cheaper if you pre-register). Next, we are going to attempt to publish (our own internal publication) the abstracts for the papers. Not submitting an abstract will by no means prevent you from presenting a paper (it is hard enough to get papers – we do not want to add another obstacle). This is just intended to be a bonus for those that can get an abstract to us by the deadline. We also are planning an instructional seminar at the beginning of the meeting. The seminar will be dealing with the use of GIS in Fisheries Biology. All the information for this meeting, as well as pre-registration forms, will be available on the GA- AFS web site (www.uga.edu/ugafish/ga-afs). This should be another great meeting, so I urge you to attend and bring a friend – Also **please pre-register if you can.**

In other chapter news, I recently attended the Southern Division Executive Meeting at Hilton Head and the Chapter was complemented on its work, especially the activities of the student subunit. The Chapter has made a donation to the student subunit again this year to help them out with some of their activities. Our student sub-chapter has done a lot of great things this past year and I am sure everyone will enjoy hearing all about their work.

I hope you will put Jan 25 -27 on your calendar for the annual meeting and remember we need a number of papers for this meeting, so please finish up with your data analysis and plan to present a paper.

Bill

Call for Papers

The program for the annual meeting will contain five or six technical sessions devoted to program updates, completed and ongoing research and short-term project findings. Students, both graduate and undergraduate, are encouraged to present their work and compete for the Best Student Paper award. Presentations must be in PowerPoint. **Please submit the information below ASAP but no later than December 21, 2004.** Return this form by **email (preferred)**, fax, or regular mail to:

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ABSTRACTS are encouraged but not required!!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Agency: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

Wish to Participate in Best Student Paper Award :
Yes ____ No ____

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December 21, 2004**

Committee Reports

Student Affairs (Bruce Saul): There will be two free rooms available for out of town students. Please contact Bruce Saul at bsaul@aug.edu or (706) 737-1539 if interested.

Nominating (Scott Robinson): The committee needs nominations for President-Elect. If you wish to nominate someone for this position, please contact Scott Robinson at (770) 918-6418

Awards (Scott Hendricks): Submissions are needed for the 2005 Chapter awards. Nominations should consist of 2-3 paragraphs of text that describes the individuals accomplishments and worthiness for the specific award. Award descriptions can be found on our web page www.uga.edu/ugafish/ga-afs.

Audit (Vacant): The audit committee will examine our financial records at the annual meeting. Anyone interested in serving on this committee contact Bill Davin at bdavin@berry.edu

Raffle: This year we ask that every member bring at least one door prize to the banquet for the raffle.

AFS Southern Division Spring Meeting Update

The Virginia Chapter, Tidewater Chapter, and the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society invite you to join them in Virginia Beach, VA at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center for the 2005 Southern Division Spring Meeting February 10-13, 2005. Meeting highlights include technical committee meetings, workshops for both students and professionals, technical sessions for symposia and contributed papers, and socials. See more details at <http://faculty.virginia.edu/vcafsm/meetings.html#TW>

**Georgia Chapter
American Fisheries Society
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UGA - School of Forest Resources
Athens, GA 30602**

**Georgia Chapter of the
American Fisheries Society**

2005 Annual Meeting

**George Bagby State Park
at Lake Walter F. George
Fort Gaines, GA
January 25-27**

<http://gastateparks.org/info/georgetb/>

Accommodations: 877-591-5575
Room Rate - \$55.00 mention GA AFS
Reservation deadline: Dec.21, 2004
Parking pass: \$2.00/cars \$20.00/large vans

Meeting Pre-registration
\$35.00 before Jan. 7-\$40.00 at the door
\$20.00 for student and retired members
before Jan. 7 - \$25.00 at the door

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER - forms
located at our website www.uga.edu/ugafish/ga-afs**

Program Information
*Will be available in early January - visit
our website for updates.*