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## UGA Student Subunit

The *UGA Fisheries Society* held their first meeting on August 16. 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 7 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 will be held in April. Members will host 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 Don Harrison (Don\_Harrison@dnr.state.ga.us) or (912) 285-6094 if interested.

## Chapter Standing Committees

Executive	Steven Patrick	706/754-2318
Student Affairs	Don Harrison	912/285-6094
Nominating	Scott Robinson	770/918-6418
Local Arrang.	Steven Patrick	706/754-2318
Program	Steven Patrick	706/754-2318
Awards	Craig Robbins	229/430-4256
Newsletter	David Higginbotham	706/542-0025

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

## 2003 GA AFS Officers

President	Steven Patrick	706/754-2318
Pres-elect	Ted Will	912/685-6424
Past Pres	Bill Davin	706/290-2663
Sec/Treas	Don Harrison	912/285-6094
UGA Student		
President	Jeff Ziegewied	706/542-1159

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## President's Message

Leaves are changing here in Clarkesville so that means it's time for you to start thinking about the upcoming GA-AFS annual meeting in January. I hope your year has been as productive and as eventful as mine has. Our meeting will be hosted in Gainesville, GA this year during the peak of striper time for all you cold weather fishermen. The Quality Inn Conference Center on Jesse Jewell Parkway will be our host for the week. The facility is located very close to downtown Gainesville for food, nightlife, golf, bait shacks and of course boat ramps. At this years meeting we're hoping to feature sessions highlighting the tremendous fisheries in this area as well as in other parts of the state so give some thought to showing the membership how your work has made a difference in a local fishery. Don't forget Ted Will is also wanting some big fish photos from you for break time slide shows.

This year we look forward to continuing to use pre-registration as a means to building a strong conference agenda. We need an accurate count of who's coming to the conference and who's speaking so that we can put together a great agenda that flows well for you to enjoy. Pre-registration also helps us save our association money which we should all strive for. We're also going to continue the idea of publishing abstracts for your papers. Abstracts are not mandatory for each presentation, but take the opportunity to take advantage of this added bonus for your resume or vitae.

I'd also like to take this time to thank our student sub-unit for all it's hard work over the past year. The UGA chapter has come along way since Ted Will and I helped to start things up almost ten years ago. I can remember sitting up in building one with Stephen Norris, Dorsch, Nate, Feltman, Ted, Wheels & Titus. From what I've seen they have a hard working group and a good leader guiding their activities. They'll be at the meeting hosting our social and selling some items to boost their group. Give them the support and encouragement they deserve. I'd also like to highlight North Georgia Technical College for their efforts over the year. Their associates programs in fisheries and wildlife are both taking off. This past quarter a new student sub-unit at NGT was formed. We look forward to seeing their group grow. This will be the third year they've participated with our group.

This year's annual meeting will host something for everyone. I encourage you to mark your calendar for Jan 24-26th and prepare your slides. You never know how your routine work can spark an idea or new method for a coworker. The meeting is always a great place to learn new ideas, to network and to catch up with friends. If you have any questions or ideas about the conference or AFS feel free to call 706 754 2318 or email [stevep@uga.edu](mailto:stevep@uga.edu).

Look forward to seeing you in Gainesville!

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## 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, 2005.** Return this form by **email (preferred)**, fax, or regular mail to:

Steven Patrick  
Habersham County Extension Service  
555 Monroe St., Unit 50, Box 13  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
(Ph) 706-754-2318  
(Fax) 706-754-5611  
**email: [stevep@uga.edu](mailto:stevep@uga.edu)**

**ABSTRACTS are encouraged but not required!!**

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Presentation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Wish to Participate in Best Student Paper Award :**  
Yes  No

**Submit ASAP but no later than  
December 21, 2005**

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**Awards** Craig Robbins *craig\_robbins@dnr.state.ga.us*  
Submissions are needed for the 2006 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 below, and on our web page [www.uga.edu/ugafish/ga-afs](http://www.uga.edu/ugafish/ga-afs).

*DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD* - This award may be presented to an individual or organization in recognition of outstanding contributions of time and energy for special projects or activities in service to the Chapter.

*FISHERY WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD* - This award may be presented to an individual in recognition of recent, exceptional accomplishment(s) in fisheries science and/or management.

*CAREER CONTRIBUTIONS TO FISHERIES IN GEORGIA AWARD* - This award may be presented to an individual in recognition of significant, long-term, professional contributions to fisheries science and/or management in the State of Georgia.

*CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION* - Certificates of Appreciation may be presented to individuals, organizations, or companies to recognize outstanding accomplishments, service, conservation, or educational efforts that benefit fisheries and other aquatic resources.

*DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD* - This award may be presented to an individual or organization in recognition of outstanding contributions of time and energy for special projects or activities in service to the Chapter.

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

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Georgia Chapter  
American Fisheries Society  
c/o David Higginbotham  
UGA - School of Forest Resources  
Athens, GA 30602

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## Georgia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

### *2006 Annual Meeting*

### Quality Inn Suites & Conference Center Gainesville, GA

726 Jesse Jewel Parkway

**January 24-26**

*Accommodations: 770-536-4451*  
*Room Rate - \$65.00 mention GA AFS*  
*Reservation deadline: Jan. 16, 2006*

**Meeting Pre-registration**  
*\$40.00 before Jan. 7-\$45.00 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](http://www.uga.edu/ugafish/ga-afs)*

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

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