
Georgia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

2001 Annual Meeting



**Holiday Inn
Athens, GA
January 30 - February 1
(706) 549-4433
(800) Holiday**

Accommodations

Single/double - \$84.00

T reservation deadline January 12, 2000

Please mention the code letters "CAF" to receive the
discounted room rate.

Meeting Registration

\$30.00 includes coffee breaks and social

\$20.00 student registration

Program Information

Will be available in early January

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Midyear Meeting 2000

The Georgia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society along with the South Carolina Chapter co-hosted the Southern Division Mid-Year meeting in Savannah, GA Feb 3-6, 2000. The meeting was very successful, with over 400 attendees and 140 presentations. Students were well represented at the meeting, due in part to a significant donation for student rooms. In conjunction with the Mid-Year meeting, the Georgia Chapter held their annual business meeting and we were joined by Marty Hale and Mike Meador from the Southern Division. A number of important awards were made at the meeting, including Fisheries Worker of the Year Award that went to Jerry Germann, Career Contribution Award to Dr. Robert Reinert, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Robert Phillips of the Georgia BASS Federation for his involvement in youth fishing activities and Jerry Ziewitz for his support of natural resources in the AL-GA-FL water compacts. In other business the chapter supported the formation of the University of Georgia Student Sub-Unit which was ratified by the Parent Society in April. The University of Georgia Fisheries Society, which has been very active for a number of years will help bring more students into the chapter's activities. The Chapter voted to establish an audit committee but no one has yet volunteered to head this new committee. The chapter also elected Rob Weller as the new president-elect. The chapter then thanked Matt Thomas (now past president) for all the work he has done for the chapter, especially on the mid-year meeting by awarding him the Past-President's Plaque.

New UGA Student Subunit Update

The new student sub-unit at the University of Georgia has several activities planned this fall. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Most meeting slots have been filled with guest speakers. They will host a Kid's Fishing Day with the United Way on September 30th at the School of Forest Resources' Whitehall Forest and they will have a Fall Fish Fry on October 20th as well. To learn more about the new Student Chapter check out their webpage at <http://www/uga.edu/ugafish>. The Student Chapter is also developing a webpage for the Georgia Chapter which will be on the SDAFS site soon.

President's Message

Greetings,

Another year has passed and much has happened within the world of fisheries and the Georgia Chapter. First of all, I'd like to welcome and congratulate the GA AFS Student Sub-Unit that has been formed at the University of Georgia. The students did all the necessary background work through AFS, and I'm glad the Chapter voted in favor of establishing the student sub-unit. These students are very active in the community with conservation, youth, and charity events, and they set a good example for us all. The student sub-unit maintains an excellent web site, and they are also developing a web site for the GA Chapter that will be usable prior to the 2001 meeting! Yes, it appears the students will lead us (or drag us kicking and screaming) into the future. Welcome students, we appreciate your hard work and dedication to this profession.

All of you are aware of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA (S2123)) that is now before the U.S. Congress. This legislation, if passed, will provide badly needed resources for a variety of wildlife and conservation programs in Georgia and other states. Please take a minute to write or phone Senators Cleland and Miller and express your support for CARA. This is positive wildlife history in the making!

I am excited to announce that Athens is the site of the 2001 meeting! I anticipate an excellent program as always with something for all interests, and there will be plenty of activities. A fish-fry banquet and outstanding door prizes will be highlighted by the famous Dr. Reinert door prize toss. The Athens atmosphere and hospitality will also compliment the program for a great meeting. So spare a few days from your busy calendars, and join me in Athens to share some science, swap stories, and see old friends.

Scott Hendricks

President

Chapter Standing Committees

Executive	Scott Hendricks	404/799-2159
Membership	Bruce Saul	706/667-4576
Nominating	Ed Betross	706/721-7409
Resolutions/		
Environ. Conc.	Gordon Rogers	912/778-3126
Local Arrang.	Cecil Jennings	706/542-4837
Awards	Scott Hendricks	404/799-2159
Newsletter	Rob Weller	912/426-5272

Please contact Scott Hendricks if you would like to chair a committee. Contact the chairperson if you would like to serve on a committee.

Call for Papers

The program for the annual meeting will contain five or six technical sessions. These sessions will be devoted to program updates, completed and ongoing research and short-term project findings. **Please submit titles and other information on this form ASAP, but no later than December 15, 2000.** Return this form to:

Cecil Jennings

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Athens, GA 30602-2152

Fax (706)542-8356 Phone (706)542-4837

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Agency: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

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Hotel Accommodations

The Holiday Inn is located in the heart of downtown Athens at Broad Street and Hull Street adjacent to the University of Georgia, near Sandy Creek Nature Center, and State Botanical Gardens. Other nearby attractions include the Taylor-Grady House, the Brumby House, and other historical homes. The hotel has been remodeled since our last meeting. Hotel facilities include the Ginkgo Tree restaurant, indoor pool, fitness centers, free parking, complimentary coffee and newspaper, and all rooms are equipped with high speed internet access.

Committee Reports

Membership (Bruce Saul): There will be a few free rooms available for out of town students. Please contact Bruce Saul at bsaul@aug.edu or (706) 667-4576 if interested.

Nominating (Ed Betross): The committee is currently accepting nominations for President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer. Please contact Ed Betross. (706) 595-1619.

Awards (Scott Hendricks): The 1999 awards were as follows: Robert Reinert, Career Contributions to Fisheries in Georgia; Jerry Germann, Fisheries Worker of the Year; and Matt Thomas, Past President's Plaque. Nominations are needed for the 2000 awards including Career Contribution, Fisheries Worker of the Year, and the Distinguished Service Award. Please contact Scott if you would like to nominate a deserving individual for an award.

Audit (vacant) We need a volunteer to examine the financial records of the Chapter.

Midyear meeting Update

The 2001 SDAFS midyear meeting will be held February 21-25, 2001 in Jacksonville, Florida. The normally excellent program will include numerous presentations and continuing education workshops, including an Urban Fishing Workshop sponsored by the Small Impoundment Committee.

2000 GA AFS Chapter Officers

President	Scott Hendricks	404/799-2159
President-elect	Rob Weller	912/426-5272
Past President	Matt Thomas	912/430-4256
Secretary/treas.	Bill Davin	706/290-2663
Student President	Troy Baker	706/542-5260