



TIGHT LINES

November 2023 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) Trout Unlimited

The mission of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to conserve, protect, and restore Northeast Georgia's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

[CLICK HERE](#)

to visit our Award Winning Website!



Rabun Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, November 21

Fellowship Hall of Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church

8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA

Fellowship starts at 6:30 pm, Program starts at 7:00 pm

“Rendezvous Prep School” and “Fall Delayed Harvest Fishing Tips”

**Presented by Ray King, Rabun Rendezvous Director, and
Jeff Durniak aka Dedger, Rabun Chapter Past President**

Ray will start us off with an update on Rendezvous Preparations. Learn how you can help him with our January 20th fundraising banquet plans. He's done a lot of homework already, but needs a hand from all members with prize collection, advertising, and banquet help on the 20th.

Dredger will follow Ray and prepare you for instream success with “Fall Delayed Harvest Fishing Tips.” He'll cover the “who, where, what, and how” to enhance your instream success. Newer fly anglers will really benefit from these tips, while veterans may pick up a few nuggets of wisdom, too.

Plan to join us on Tuesday, Nov 21st, as we continue our chapter's resurgence. Bring a friend, too. We'll help Ray to refill our chapter bank account for '24 and net a few hot fishing tips, as well. What a deal! See y'all there!



Important Upcoming Dates Mark Your Calendars Now!

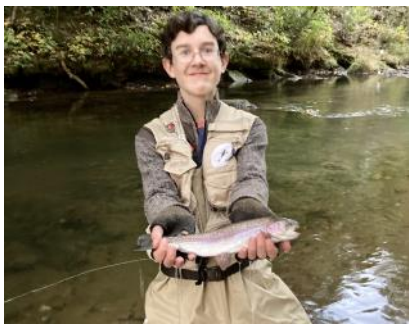
- Wednesday, Nov 1. **Georgia Delayed Harvest Trout Season begins.** [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.
- Wednesday, Nov 1. **South Carolina Delayed Harvest Trout Season begins.** [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.
- Friday, Nov 3 to Sunday, Nov 5. **Becoming an Outdoors Woman.** Hosted by GA Department of Natural Resources, with volunteers from Trout Unlimited assisting. Held at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center near Mansfield, GA. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.
- Wednesday, Nov 8 to Sunday, Nov 12. **Annual Rabun Chapter Fall Campout.** [Oconee State Park](#). Make your own campsite reservations. Meals will be communal at Campsite 91. Contact [Terry Rivers](#) to sign up to cook a meal. See page 4 for more information.
- Saturday, Nov 11. **Streamside Clean-Up Conservation Project.** Meet at GA Hwy 28 bridge (Russell Bridge) at the South Carolina side parking lot at 8:00 am. Stay and fish the Delayed Harvest Section of the Chattooga River afterwards. See page 6 or contact Tammy Hopton for more information.
- Tuesday, Nov 21. **November Monthly Rabun Chapter meeting.** Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Social starts at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Ray King and Jeff Durniak will present the program. Contact [Tammy Hopton](#) for more information.
- Tuesday, Nov 28. **November Monthly Chapter Board of Directors Meeting.** Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Starts at 7:00 pm. Anyone can attend. Contact [Tammy Hopton](#) for more information.
- Saturday, Dec 2. **Quarterly Georgia Council Trout Unlimited Meeting.** Anyone can attend. 9:00 am. US Forest Service office, Gainesville, GA. Contact [Tammy Hopton](#) for more information.
- Tuesday, Dec 19. **Annual Rabun Chapter Christmas Dinner.** 6:00-8:00 pm. The Rock House at the Dillard House in Dillard, GA. Everyone is invited! Meal cost is \$43.00 per person. See page 5 or contact [Pat Hopton](#) for more information.
- **There will be no monthly Chapter meeting in December.**
- Saturday, Jan 20, 2024. **37th Annual Rabun Rendezvous.** Dillard House Conference Center, Dillard, GA.

Recap—October Chapter Meeting—”Rabunite 201”

Our October meeting, “Rabunite 201” at Hatch Camp and Art Farm, was a big hit. The perfect complement of new fly anglers joined our half-dozen Rabunite veterans for an instructional evening on beautiful Warwoman Creek. Despite the low flow, all of our students had a big time learning fly selection, tight quarters casting, the drag-free drift, and hooking fish. Many bows were landed, too! Enjoy a few grip-n-grin moments. That’s “photos” for any flat-land readers.

Chapter emeritus members held down the fort. They huddled around Scott’s campfire and guarded the chapter snack table against varmints. Some great stories were swapped among them.

Event organizers extend our big thanks to Tammy for the snacks and drinks, to our guest anglers who came from as far as Dillard and Atlanta for free Rabunite secrets, and to volunteer fishing guides Trey M, Pat and Tammy H, Big Mike, Ken K, and Dredger. Biggest thanks goes to Scott Lowe at [Hatch Camp](#) for the cold stream and warm campfire!



Fall Chapter Campout!

The Rabun Chapter will hold its annual Fall Chapter Campout on Nov 8 -12, 2023 at Oconee State Park, just across the SC line from Rabun County. It's sure to be a great time for fishing and fellowship.

The Georgia Delayed Harvest trout season begins Nov 1 and the Chattooga River should be well-stocked by the time of our campout. Yee Haa!!!

Campsite #91 (note that this is different than in years past) in the "Wooded Loop" will be the official gathering site. Bring your own chair to sit around the fire! Campsites fill up fast this time of year, so don't delay in making your campsite reservations.

We will cook and eat breakfast and supper together every day and you are on your own for your noon meal. If you volunteer to cook a meal, then all meals are free for you. If you don't cook a meal, then you pay \$5 for each meal you eat to the cook. Now that's a deal! Let Terry Rivers know of the meal you wish to cook, and what meals you plan to eat so the cooks can plan the meals. And hey! - if you don't want to camp, just come by for a meal or sit by the fire! Wednesday supper is *"Bring Your Own Steak"* night!

If you have questions or plan to eat a meal, contact your camp host by email [Terry Rivers](mailto:Terry.Rivers@troutunlimited.org) or at 706-782-7419.

To make campsite reservations, [CLICK HERE](#).

Let's have a big turnout.... see you there!





Annual Rabun Chapter Christmas Dinner

Who: All Chapter members and guests!

When: Tuesday, Dec 19

**Where: The Rock House, located at the Dillard House,
Dillard, GA**

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$43 per person

Make checks payable to Rabun Chapter TU

Please RSVP to [Pat Hopton](#) by 12/16/23



Stream Clean-Up Opportunity!

The Rabun Chapter will have a stream clean-up work project on Saturday, November 11th. We will meet up at the Highway 28 bridge across the Chattooga River, also known as the Russell Bridge at 8:00 am. There we will separate into teams and pick up trash up and down stream on both sides of the Chattooga River and along Highway 28.

Trash bags will be provided, but we suggest you bring thick gloves to protect your hands. Contact Tammy by phone or text at (706) 982-1315 or by email at teajatee@gmail.com if you have questions. See you there!



GA Delayed Harvest Trout Fishing Streams: Open Nov. 1

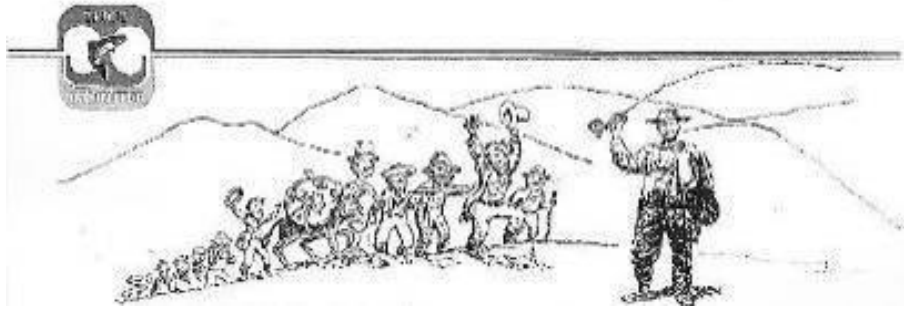
Are you ready to Go TROUT Fish Georgia? Beautiful weather and fantastic scenery await you in the northern part of the state, and beginning in November, trout fishing on Georgia's delayed harvest trout streams will be in full swing, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (WRD).

While trout fishing can be found year-round in Georgia, there are five trout streams that are seasonally managed under special regulations called Delayed Harvest (DH) to increase angler success. These streams have catch-and-release regulations from November 1-May 14 and are stocked monthly by WRD and other partner agencies like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and South Carolina DNR. This combination of stocking and catch/release allows for good trout catch rates and high angler satisfaction.

Between November 1 - May 14, anglers on all delayed harvest streams are restricted to single hook, artificial lures. Beginning May 15, the general regulations to designated trout waters then apply to those streams.

This year, five delayed harvest streams will be stocked with trout. These streams include:

- **Chattahoochee River** from Sope Creek to US Highway 41 (Cobb Parkway).
- **Toccoa River** located on U.S. Forest Service land upstream of Lake Blue Ridge in Fannin County (from 0.4 miles above Shallowford Bridge to 450 feet above the Sandy Bottom Canoe Access).
- **Amicalola Creek** on the Dawson Forest Wildlife Management Area (from Steele Bridge Road downstream to Georgia Hwy. 53).
- **Smith Creek** downstream of Unicoi Lake (Unicoi State Park).
- A portion of the **Chattooga River** (from Ga. Hwy. 28 upstream to the mouth of Reed Creek) on U.S. Forest Service land bordering South Carolina.



The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited proudly presents
A Celebration of Rivers, Streams, Trout, and Trout Fishing!

Please join us for the 37th Annual **RABUN RENDEZVOUS**

*"The Rendezvous was unlike anything before or since, a gathering of uninhibited men down from the mountains. The event attracted perhaps a hundred mountain men, their Indian wives, and assorted visiting tribesmen. Amusements included gambling, drinking, storytelling – continuing day and night." Quote from [*The Mountain Men*](#), by George Laycock.*

WHEN: Saturday, January 20, 2024.

WHERE: The Dillard House Conference Center, located behind the Dillard House Restaurant in Dillard, GA.

WHO: Everyone! The more the better! Anyone interested in conserving and protecting our cold-water resources, including their families, friends, and all who love cold streams, trout, and trout fishing.

SOCIAL: Doors open at 3:00 pm. Around 4:30 pm folks will start gathering to "pick the pig" and enjoy the rocking chairs on the porch of the Conference Center. There will snack trays of cheese, crackers, veggies with dip, and fruit. Soft drinks and ice will available. There will be a nice fire inside to warm your buns.

The Foxfire Boys will again provide their 'down home' style of bluegrass picking and singing for your enjoyment from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. CD's will be available for purchase.

Raffle and silent auction items will be available for your chance of purchase. We welcome donations of raffle and auction items!

DINNER: Fish, chicken, beef, and pork with all the side dishes and desserts that have made the Dillard House famous will be served at 6:30 pm. It is a serve yourself buffet and you will not leave hungry!

COST: \$45 for adults and \$25 for youth age 15 and younger. Cash, check, VISA or MasterCard are accepted. Pay at the door when you arrive, no online advance tickets this year.

LODGING: The Dillard House has set special rates for rooms starting at \$99 (plus tax) for those that make reservation and say they are attending the Trout Unlimited Rabun Rendezvous.

The 2023 Rabun Rendezvous provided financial support for the following: GA Council Youth Trout Camp; Sponsoring youth to attend Trout Camp; GA Department of Natural Resources Smithgall Woods Conservation Education Program; US Forest Service Kid's Fishing Event at Tallulah River; Fly-Fishing 101 educational event; Helicopter stocking program; In-stream habitat improvement on a brook trout stream; Casting for Recovery; Fly Fishing for Vets; National TU's Youth Education, First Cast, Embrace-A-Stream, Griffiths Circle, and Southeast Lands program; and GA Council Conservation fund.

Fishing Reports

Alaska 08/20/23, by Kent Wilson

On August 30, 2023, Rabunite and veteran Alaska fisherman Frank Patton along with his son, Jay, and son-in-law, Nathan Stanaway, and I along with first timers Michael Evans and his son Conner departed for a Coho (silver salmon) fishing trip to Orca Adventure Lodge in scenic Cordova, Alaska. After an overnight stay in Anchorage and a great meal at Humphy's Ale House, the group departed for a short flight down to Cordova. The anticipated forty-five-minute flight turned quite interesting due to exceptionally high winds which delayed the takeoff by an hour. The initial approach into the Merle K. (Mudhole) Smith airport resulted in an aborted landing on the first attempt due to heavy rains and winds gusting at better than 70 MPH. The second attempt was much less exciting, and we claimed our luggage for the short trip to the lodge. The lodge has hosted our group numerous times before, and we were greeted by some very familiar faces. After settling into our rooms, the group enjoyed a delicious dinner in the New England Café which is the lodge's dining facility.

Our first day of fishing was spent on the salt water as most of the freshwater rivers were unfishable due to exceptionally high rains, which had been almost a daily occurrence throughout the summer. Although not what we had planned, we managed to wrangle eight halibut for the fish box which will result in some excellent eating after our return home.

Day two found us traveling about an hour up the coast via the Storm Prince which is one of four offshore fishing vessels operated by the lodge. Upon arrival, we disembarked and were ferried to shore two or three at a time via a small zodiac raft due to the low tide. We then hiked into one of my favorite fishing destinations which is known simply as Hell's Hole. The bite was on and spinning gear and fly rods both proved to be highly effective. No one really kept an accurate count, but many fish were caught and released after we reached our limit of three fish per person.

Day three found the group fishing in a windy, cold rain on the Eyak River. High water still covered virtually all the gravel bars which are the usual fishing spots. This necessitated us splitting into two groups with each group taking a turn fishing from a boat while casting to slower water. Despite the adverse conditions we managed to add a total of nine fish to the stringer. A long hot shower and a couple of adult beverages aided in our regaining a normal body temperature at the end of the day.

Day four found us shuttling from the airport to the Martin River in small groups using both a Cessna float plane as well as a Bell Jet Ranger helicopter where we then boarded a jet boat. After a short run down the river, we split up between two gravel bars where we quickly discovered that this would be an unforgettable day of fishing to which few could compare. The feisty silvers were equally receptive to Dolly Llamas fished on fly rods as well as Pixies and Vibrax spinners fished on medium action rods. After limiting out, we pinched the barbs on our tackle and continued to land one fish after another.

Fishing Reports, cont. Alaska 08/20/23, by Kent Wilson

As an experiment, I fished every type of lure in my tackle box and caught fish on every one of them. My biggest surprise came when I tied on a Kodiak Custom Skirted Spinner. Although it had never fished well on prior trips, I was catching a fish on virtually every cast. There were so many fish landed on that lure that the paint was worn off in places.

Day five was our final day of fishing and once again we made the journey up the coast to Hell's Hole. There was a negative tide that day so there were no fresh schools of fish pushing into the lagoon. While there were still quite a few fish already there the bite turned off after a time and we had to fish hard to reach our limit. Persistence paid off and we returned to the lodge once again with a full fish box.

The next morning, we enjoyed a leisurely breakfast along with extra coffee as we prepared for the long flight home. As we departed for the airport, we said our goodbyes with thoughts already in our minds of what next season might hold.



Fishing Reports West Fork 10/14/23, by Jared Walker

Ken and I had a great time, it was a gorgeous morning and the fish were biting the egg patterns we were casting.



Fishing Reports Nantahala River DH 10/31/23, by Mike Fuller

First let me say that this Fishing and Fellowship outing was a fun and satisfying outing for the chapter. Nine Rabunites participated and the weather was dry and the temps were not too bad. We met in Dillard and we motorcaded over the mountain. When we arrived at the river, we got together and decided where we wanted to start fishing and then scattered like a covey of quail. Bob Larson and I fished the lower end of the DH section. Our first fishing choice was not fruitful so we moved on upstream. The next spot was better, and we both had some short strikes but no netters. The morning was melting away and our fishing luck had to change so we moved to the next spot. I was hoping the trout would be not sluggish since the water was warming up. Here I caught a 12 inch rainbow trout. Big smile time. Several casts later, a beautiful brookie wanted to meet me and after saying hello, I said thank you Mr. Trout. After we had spent time at this spot I landed a small rainbow. Bob's most memorable action of the day was hooking into a 16 inch rainbow trout. Jeff gave all of us some good tips on fishing the Nantahala DH. We had a great time and I personally want to thank Peter Croes for the great Cuban sandwich.



EDITORIALS & OPINION

Rome News-Tribune

OUR 180TH YEAR OF SERVICE: 1843-2023

Otis A. Brumby III, President Lee B. Garrett, General Manager

John Bailey, Executive Editor

Doug Crow, VP of Operations

TALKING TROUT ■ PAUL DIPRIMA

Is it 'fishing rights' or 'access rights'?

I have seen articles about the House Study Committee on Fishing Access to Freshwater Resources and most of them seem to be alarmist. The study committee is not about your right to fish. It is about whether you can legally fish a creek or river on property owned by another without their permission. The heart of the issue is the definition of navigability.

Under Georgia law, navigable streams are those "capable of transporting boats loaded with freight in the regular course of trade either for the whole or a part of the year. The mere rafting of timber or the transporting of wood in small boats shall not make a stream navigable."

Senate Bill 115, which was signed by the governor, guarantees Georgians' right to fish in navigable portions of the state's rivers and streams. This didn't become an issue until a property owner on the Flint River stated he had the right to control fishing from the bank on his side to the center of the stream and banned fishing there. By definition in Georgia, the Flint is not navigable. Some fishermen want the Georgia definition of navigable changed to include navigable by small watercraft.

Big Cedar, Armuchee and Amicalola creeks as well as the Etowah, Oostanaula and Toccoa rivers are not navigable. There are anglers who feel that if you can ride a small boat down a stream it has to be navigable and therefore open to fishermen on foot or in a small watercraft. Are you trespassing as soon as you leave the water? Are you trespassing when standing in the water? Are you trespassing when in the boat?

How are landowners affected if the definition of navigable is changed? Currently, landowners own to the middle of the stream if they own land on one side, and own the full stream bottom if they own land on both sides. Will the state refund taxes paid and also pay the landowner for the property taken from him? Will catch and release trout fishing sites such as Nontootla Creek Farms be a thing of the past and will they be compensated for loss of income? How will the changes be enforced?

There are many questions unanswered and the public hearings are your chance to speak your mind. I will update as things progress. The next two hearings are Tuesday (time TBD) in The Tavern at Old Toccoa Farm in Blue Ridge and Oct. 25 at noon at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro.

RABUN TU

From time to time I will feature other TU chapters around the state. This week:

A Brief History of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited by Tammy Hopton, Rabun chapter president:

The Rabun chapter's birthplace was at a dispersed campsite near Burrells Ford on the Chattooga River nicknamed Double Bit after an ax found there. A group of local guys who loved to fish had become friends over the years and regularly fished and camped together at Double Bit. They called themselves the Klondikers and their annual May trips were called Klondikes. Doug Adams was an integral part of this group.

During a 1986 spring Klondike, Doug suggested to his fishing buddies that they consider becoming a chapter of Trout Unlimited. No one there had heard of TU and thought it was for city folks.

At the time there were pressures from folks outside the area to change the fishing regulations of the Chattooga River. The Klondikers believed that if they became a part of Trout Unlimited they would have better support when decisions were being made about the river.

They voted yes during the campout and applied for a charter and it was granted the next year. Doug Adams was the first president and Tom Landreth was the first Tighlines editor. Seven founding members are still active in the Rabun chapter. There were probably about 12 or 14 founding members at that Klondike when the vote was held.

Since its formation, the Rabun chapter has steadfastly worked to keep the Chattooga River open for a variety of fishing opportunities, supported stocking the river in the backcountry as well as for delayed harvest, fought against overuse and defended the prime fishing seasons from paddlers. We built a handicap accessible fishing pier on the Tallulah River.

As with all other chapters, we support the USFS and GA DNR in their endeavors to promote fishing and clean waters through improving fish habitat, protecting and stabilizing stream banks, education and cleanups. We have a Fly Fishing 101 class every spring and support Project Healing Waters and Casting for Recovery.

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited currently has 168 members from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Texas, Illinois, North and South Carolina, Alaska, Alabama and, of course, Georgia.

Paul DiPrima of the Trout Unlimited Cohutta Chapter can be reached at PaulDiPrima@out.com.



THE DRAWING BOARD



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS:

EMAIL: RomeNewsTribune@RN-T.com WEBSITE: RN-T.com

MAIL: Letters to the Editor, Rome News-Tribune
P.O. Box 1633, Rome, GA 30162

The Rome News-Tribune encourages letters to the editor on topics of general interest, but reserves the right to edit them for content and length. Letters should be no longer than 400 words and must include the writer's name, address and daytime phone number for verification purposes.



Rome Mural CoLab's Xavier Ringer (left) and Ellie Borromeo pose on the restyled hood of the Speakcheesy food bus coming soon.

AROUND TOWN

THERE'S NOTHING CHEESY ABOUT SPEAKCHEESY'S NEW BUS. 'AMATEUR NIGHT IN DIXIE'

For nine years, Speakcheesy has been a player in the ever-changing mobile dining craze, if not a local pioneer.

Hilary Sawyer took a concept to bring stylized grilled cheese to Rome and later to just about everywhere. She's truly weathered storms, different approaches, put a toe in brick-and-mortar, hit the road and more.

As year 10 ticks closer, Speakcheesy is going back to school — actually, going to a school bus. They're busy retrofitting a 37-foot-long bus and adding a new look, working with Rome Mural CoLab on custom painting the exterior.

Major work continues inside that Sawyer says is designed "for festivals and feeding groups of 300 or more quickly."

That's a lot of cheese. Once finished, you'll see it on many of Speakcheesy's multiple stops across Northwest Georgia.

For now, the traditional food truck is due at River Kennedy Brewing Co. off Glenn Milner Boulevard today from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. as part of Food Truck Friday, this edition benefiting the Rome chapter of PFLAG: Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Also due: Roanna Pizza, Shelby's Coffee and several others.

BUSINESS, INC.

Rockmart's turn to boom — nearly 500 new homes proposed: For several years, we've heard about the rampant growth in Paulding County spilling into Polk County. Here's another sign that it is a reality. Two residential developments, one with 198 single-family homes and 88 townhomes, and another with 203 homes, are targeting the city of Rockmart at the same time. That's 489 residences between them. We'll share an expanded story soon from our colleagues at the Polk County Standard Journal.

On the grow: The Italy-based company that owns Profile Custom Extrusion is growing again. Metra, the extruded aluminum company of KPS Capital Partners, has purchased Holding Machinery and Equipment Leasing. The move gives Metra a strong regional base with two sites in Michigan. KPS Capital Partners purchased Profile more than two years ago. Profile opened in Rome more than six decades ago as part of the V.E. Anderson Manufacturing. It changed hands several times before the KPS/Metra deal.

POPCORN & POLITICS

Low-hanging fruit edition: Perhaps it is fitting the Mark Cochrane witch hunt ends in October — but there are more tricks, not treats, in the aftermath.

So now the city attorney can vet initial ethics complaints, a move that if implemented before might have saved taxpayers more than \$75,000 (and counting) in the politics-fueled Cochran attack.

Even odder: It took less than 48 hours for the latest politically driven attacks — against Sundai Stevenson, Bill Collins and Craig McDaniel — to vanish. We've seen further reviews of disputed plays in a football game almost last longer.

This new vetting process came about during a City Commission session that also saw an attempt to put a 90-day (read post-election) freeze on new ethics complaints while allowing the ones against Collins and Stevenson to continue. Nothing unethical about that, right?

The blatant politics of all the complaints filed thus far exposes a city government election that appears weaponized. The continuing fumbles remind us



David Cochran/WRGA News

During Monday's caucus, Rome City Commissioner Mark Cochran reacts to hearing that the city attorney will vet ethics complaints before they move forward. Cochran and the city had just dismissed a similar case against him. That's Commissioner Jim Bago on the right.



The Profile Custom Extrusion campus is off U.S. 27 south of Rome.

of what our late junior varsity coach used to call "amateur night in Dixie" after we messed up a play. The legendary Swamp Bear was right.

Finally, the voters' turn: A political race that has churned since January (in Rome, at least) finally goes to the voters next week. Advance voting for six Rome City Commission seats, a \$110 million countywide extra-penny sales tax and two seats on the Cave Spring City Council begins Monday.

Rome voters can vote for candidates in both wards as well as on the extra-penny tax. County residents only have the tax vote while Cave Spring residents have that as well as the council seats.

Advance voting ends Nov. 3; the precincts are open Nov. 7 to finally decide it all.

PEAKS & VALLEYS

The highs and lows of Northwest Georgia

Peak to the Floyd County Commission for adopting a spay/neuter ordinance: It was a close vote, 9-2, but the right decision was made. While the stray epidemic is significant, killing animals should be the last resort. Maybe we need to look at cutting some "pet" projects and divert those funds to a more aggressive plan to make up for the problem caused by lax owners.

Valley to the continuing shortage among high school football officials: The latest casualty is Darlington's homecoming game against Arnette. It will now be played Oct. 19, a day earlier than scheduled. Homecoming is a big deal and should be the last game considered for rescheduling. It is far easier for out-of-town alums to attend on a weekend night. This issue has stretched across several seasons and needs to be fixed.

Around Town publishes each Tuesday and Friday in the Rome News-Tribune. Comments and news tips can be shared by sending an email to jdruckmiller@RN-T.com.

November Hatch Chart

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
Small Dun Caddis	All month	Mid am to Late pm	18 Brown or Grey Elk Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Blue Wing Olive and Blue Quill	All month	Late am to Mid pm	16-18 BWO, Blue Quill, Adams Parachute 16 BWO Nymph, Pheasant Tail
Midges	All month	All day	18-22 Griffiths Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
None at all	All month	All day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, Pheasant Tail

Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

Mylar Prince Nymph

HOOK: #12x Scud

HEAD: Gold Bead

TAIL: Brown Goose Biots

BODY: Peral Mylar and Copper Wire Palmered

THORAX: Peacock Hearl

WING : White Goose Biots



Great attractor fly to use during the Delayed Harvest season! Drop it behind a dry fly or fish it under a strike indicator.

See you on The River! Terry

Click on the Images and Visit the Websites of our Sponsors



*Thank you, Sponsors! We appreciate your support of the Rabun Chapter!
All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c)3 non-profit) are tax deductible.*

Rabun Chapter Leadership Contacts

Voting Leaders

[Tammy Hopton](#)
[Trey McFalls](#)
[Peter Croes](#)
[David Ruth](#)
[Jeff Durniak](#)
[Ray King](#)
[Kent Wilson](#)
[Steve Perry](#)
[Mike Anderson](#)
[Rick O'Hara](#)

Chapter President
Chapter Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Past President
Rendezvous Chair
Director thru 03/24
Director thru 03/25
Director thru 03/26
Director thru 03/27

Non-Voting Leaders

[Michele Crawford](#) Women's Outreach
[Jerry McFalls](#) Scouts Liaison
[Pat Hopton](#) Tight Lines Editor
Vacant Memorials

You are Invited to Join Trout Unlimited!

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the membership page of Trout Unlimited. Once you join, TU will assign you to the nearest Chapter according to your Zip Code. If you wish to be a member of the Rabun Chapter regardless of your Zip Code, specify Chapter 522 in your application.

If you have any questions, contact the Chapter Prez [Tammy Hopton](#).

We look forward to having you in our Chapter!

Rabun Chapter Membership Update

Welcome new member Eldon Meeks, from Dillard, GA!

Current Chapter membership: 168 adult members and 4 youth members.

Prez Notes

November is the month for Thanksgiving. I must say I am feeling very grateful for all my TU friends.

You may not realize what is happening behind the scenes. We have TU leaders that are thoughtfully putting into action conservation and recruitment events which move forward our agenda of advancing clean, cold water habitat for trout. We have volunteers that have taken time out of their busy lives to pick up trash and dig holes for plants all in the name of conservation.

A huge “thank you” to Jeff Durniak for planning and implementing the Helen Hooch stream stabilization project. You missed out if you weren’t there. Participants included folks from at least 12 different agencies and groups, totally about 64 people. Personally, I had a blast doing two of my favorite things: 1- talking and meeting new people. 2-playing in the dirt planting trees. I wish all of you had been there!

We also had a very successful Rabunite 201 event at the Hatch Camp! Thank you to Scott Lowe for graciously letting us hold this event at his camp along Warwoman Creek. It was a perfect location for participants to get a little more experience.

This event just reminds me that people want to join and be involved. I heard over and over of folks wanting to give back to their community as well as to encourage their children the value of volunteering. The more events we do like this one, the more people we reach and get new members.

If you have been waiting in the side lines for the right opportunity to be more actively involved in Trout Unlimited... now is the time. Jump in and get your feet wet!

The Rabun Rendezvous is January 20th and we need all hands on deck for gathering items to include in the silent auction and bucket raffles. Ask Ray King how you can help! The Rendezvous is our main fundraiser for our entire years expenses. The money will be used for education, conservation and supporting organizations such as Project Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery, and many, many others.

Have a safe and grateful November!

Prez Tammy