

Trout Unlimited

Little River Chapter



NEXT MEETING

Thursday
December 7th

Calhoun's
Maryville

President's Corner

Because of the holidays, the end of the year meeting will be held early this month on December 7th. Social hour starts between 5:30 and 6:00 and the meeting will start at 7:00 at Calhoun's in Maryville. This meeting will be a silent auction with the proceeds going to the Chapter. So dig in your closets in the coming week and contribute the stuff you don't use anymore. It doesn't have to be fishing related. Remember to bring cash or a check.

On a personal level, I have discovered the Clinch River. What a fun place to fish! But when I want to get away from people, I will still be fishing in the Park.

December is the month to put forward the board nomination for the officers of the chapter.



HoHoHo! I
know it's not a
trout but it'll
do!

Here are the folks willing to volunteer time to support the chapter's efforts:

The board nominations for officers are:

- President - Ernest Frey
- Vice-president - vacant
- Secretary - Jim Jeswald
- Treasurer – Derrick White

The board for 2018 will be:

- Richard Barnes – Volunteer Coordinator
- Mike Bryant – Past President
- Jake Comstock – Communications
- Steve Darnell
- Joseph Hatton – Webmaster and Merchandizing
- Joyce Frey – Membership & Trout in the Classroom Coordinator
- Dan Munger – Programs and Meeting Coordinator
- Stan Starkey
- Pat Tully - Trip Coordinator
- Steve Young – Financial Reviewer

The Vice-president position needs to be filled by a person who will be willing to move into the president position in 2019 and will be trained during the 2018 session. I am term limited out after 2018.

TIE 'N LIE: CHRISTMAS TREE FLY

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/409757266075350021/>

We will be meeting at The Casual Pint in Maryville at 6:00 on January 22, 2018. Little black stonefly is the requested fly. More information in the next newsletter.



Trout in the Classroom

by Joyce Frey

Our fall season has flown by. Fish will start being released in another couple of weeks. Most of the schools culled their fish by either putting them in Norton Creek, Little River, or giving them to another school that had lost quite a few due to not being fed enough. It's a delicate balance between feeding them enough and taking care of the water quality through water changes or chemicals

The Chipperfields from the Townsend KOA will again let us use their facility for our release program. Once again, NPS or TWRA will provide a show and tell of shocked fish, discussions of stream habitats and water resources. **For each release date, we will need 3 to 4 volunteers an hour prior to the schools arrival to help NPS or TWRA with the shocking and our water quality and bug stations.**

The schedule for the schools to release is as follows:

December 4 - 10:00 to 12:00

St. Johns Newman 6th graders and Tates' School 5th graders.

December 5 – 10:00 to 12:00

Clayton Bradley Academy kindergartners.

December 7 – 10:00 to 12:00

Lonsdale Elementary 5th graders.

December 12 – 10:00 to 12:00

John Sevier Elementary 1st graders.

December 14 – 10:00 to 12:00

Porter Elementary 4th graders

The Episcopal School has decided to release half of their fish sometime during the Christmas break and then hold the remaining over for a May release. Looking forward to some big fish! The coordinators from the rest of the schools will release the fish because those schools don't have the budget for a field trip.



Come out and help us with this very worthwhile program. It's only a couple of hours and the entertainment is priceless!

TROUT CAMP IS ON!!

MARK JUNE 18-23, 2018 ON YOUR CALENDARS!

We have booked Great Smoky Institute at Tremont for June 18-23 2018 as our base for the activities of the Great Smoky Mountain Trout Adventure Camp. We will be looking for campers of both genders who will be 12-15 years old by that time and preferably, although not necessarily, from Tennessee. The application process will start January 1 2018 and the initial population of campers will be selected starting April 1 2018 although applications will be accepted through the end of May. For more information on camp including pictures of activities, a schedule, and an on line application, please go or refer inquiries to our webpage tntroutadventure.org.



We also need volunteers, particularly someone (one woman and one man) to act as camp counselors whose primary job is to stay in the tents overnight with the campers. Other needs are chaperones (who 'herd the cats' during the course of day), fly tiers, fly casting mentors, and mountain fly fishing mentors. Contact Steve Young at steve_y@earthlink.net or 832-256-3228 if interested.

Also this year we are adding a new wrinkle. We are asking local fly tiers to tie 14 flies of one size of one pattern that we can put in a fly box to give as a little 'swag' to each camper. If interested contact Dick Geiger at geiger3892@gmail.com for more information and get on the list.

Trout Camp is under the auspices of Trout Unlimited and sponsored in part by the Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited Chapters.

The New Great Smoky Mountains National Park Fisheries Newsletter

Stream Guardian

Fighting for Brook Trout

Grant Woodard

The Southern Appalachian Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) is an iconic native species found in Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GRSM) and is the only trout species native to this region. While once distributed throughout the majority of the park's streams, habitat degradation from logging and competition from non-native species, like Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*), reduced the current distribution of Brook Trout by 75% since the early 1900s. In order to preserve this species, the National Park Service has been restoring streams around the park to regain portions of the native Brook Trout range.

GRSM uses two methods to restore Brook Trout streams: Electrofishing and piscicide application. Electrofishing involves the use of backpack electrofishing units which send electricity into the water to stun the fish. Through electrofishing, fisheries employees systematically work through sections of a restoration site, manually shocking and removing non-native Rainbow Trout. Once the non-native fish are removed, native Brook Trout can then be reintroduced to the area, thus completing the restoration. During the summer of 2016, a restoration effort on 2.1 miles (3.4 km) of Anthony Creek involved the removal of 2,384 individual Rainbow Trout through electroshocking. In the following year, fisheries employees removed remaining Rainbow Trout and 269 Brook Trout were reintroduced to Anthony Creek as of the fall of 2017.

The second method used by GRSM to restore Brook Trout is piscicide application, which uses EPA-approved pesticides that target fish. This method was used to restore Little Cataloochee Creek during the summer of 2017. Prior to treatment, crews used electrofishing to survey the distribution of Rainbow Trout and retain any native Brook Trout found in the treatment zone for reintroduction following the treatment. Once the piscicide was applied and all non-native Rainbow Trout were effectively removed from the treatment zone, Brook Trout were reintroduced to the site.

These restoration efforts added 4.0 miles (6.4 km) of stream to the Brook Trout's current range in the park. These efforts will provide additional opportunities for anglers to target these beautiful species in the GRSM. Thus, the Brook Trout restoration projects of 2016 and 2017 enable the NPS to embody its mission of preserving and protecting native species, while providing additional opportunities for the public to enjoy the native trout of the Smokies.



Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)
(Photo Credit: Grant Woodard)

OCTOBER MEETING NOTES

Date and Time: October 26, 2017

Location: Calhoun's Maryville

Meeting Type: Chapter Meeting

Presiding officer: Ernie Frey, president

Attendees: General Membership

Agenda:: Membership Health, Visitors / New Members, Newsletter - send articles and highlights to Jake Comstock at lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com, Fishing stories

Club president Ernie Frey opened the meeting with a review of the agenda and reminded all of us of the volunteer opportunities that are available for club members. They are all listed on the Little River TU web site www.lrctu.org

Steve Young gave us an overview of a trip he took with Charity and Ian Rutter of R&R Fly Fishing to Idaho's Henry's Fork. As expected he had a fantastic time and caught some great trout.

Trout the Classroom. All of the tanks had a excellent trout hatch and the fish are now out of the hatching basket and in the tank. As mentioned in earlier meeting notes, we received more eggs than the tank can manage so pre release culling will be necessary. More specific information to follow. If you would like more information or to become involved in this fantastic program please contact Joyce Frey at jmfrey@comcast.net.

Tie and Lie will be held on November 27th at The Casual Pint in Maryville.

Fly Tyers Weekend will be held on Saturday November 4th and Sunday 5th at Little River Outfitters in Townsend. More than 40 of the southeast's best fly tyers will be on hand demonstrating everything from tiny midges to large saltwater patterns. This is going to be our premier event of the year. For more information see the link on the Little River Outfitters web site.

LRCTU volunteer hours were reported as follows: 1264 volunteer hours to the GSMNP and 778 hours to Trout in the Classroom.

The next LRTCTU meeting will be on December 7th at Calhouns in Maryville.

A special election was held at this months meeting. As a result of that election Derek White was elected Treasurer replacing Hanna Tully, Steve Young was elected as the chapters Financial Reviewer. Ernie Frey and Steve Young were also elected to represent the LTCTU chapter at Tennessee Council, Trout Unlimited meetings.

Tonights Program:

Steve Thompson, Project Healing Waters, Knoxville Chapter.

Steve Thompson gave us an excellent overview of Project Healing Waters. They are dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings.

They are located in all 50 states, have offered over 210 programs to 7514 veterans since their inception.

The Knoxville Chapter was started in 2012 and has become one of the most highly recognized programs in the country. Their major activities include:

- ¥ Fly tying and rod building events
- ¥ Eight outings per year: Four at Norton Creek and Four on the Clinch River
- ¥ National Trips and Tournaments
- ¥ Fish with a Hero event every year
- ¥ Smoky Mountain Grand Slam Challenge

For more information on Project Healing Waters in the Knoxville area you can attend a monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at the American Red Cross, 6921 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville Tennessee

or

contact Steve at steve.thompson@projecthealingwaters.org

submitted by: Jim Jeswald, October 27, 2017