



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



President's Corner by Steve Darnell

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

As we embark into 2021, I would like to congratulate Steve Young as President Elect of the Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Steve is not a stranger to our membership; he has been our Vice President for 2020 and the coordinator for the Trout Camp for many years. Steve is a steeped GSMNP Fisheries Volunteer and served as a Team Leader for the Acid Deposition Sampling Program as well. His experiences within Trout Unlimited on the local level as well as the regional level will serve us well. Congratulations to our other officers; Vice President Bob Bishop, Treasure Stan Starkey and Secretary Tristen Smith. I am confident that the future of LRCTU is in good hands.

On a personal note, thanks to Ernie Frey for mentoring me as President this past year. 2020 has been an unprecedented year, and I thank you for your support and patience. We all look forward to 2021 as we try new methods of

engagement with each other in the interim and anticipate life returning to normal in the future. Be safe and stay healthy. Thanks for all you do!

Sincerely,

Steven Darnell, 2020 President LRCTU

From the Board

We are pleased to present the Officers and Board Members for 2021.

Officers:

President - Steve Young

Vice President - Bob Bishop

Secretary - Tristen Smith

Treasurer - Stan Starkey

Board Members:

Trout in the Classroom Coordinator - Jim Jeswald

Volunteer Coordinator / Financial Reviewer - Richard Barnes

Programs Coordinator - **NEED A VOLUNTEER**

Trips Coordinator / Membership - Larry Davis

Webmaster - Joe Hatton

Communications / Newsletter - Joyce Frey

Past President - Steve Darnell

At Large: Chantelle Fortier

Jim Jollay

Jimmy Jones

Pistol Creek by Ernie Frey

In preparation for the December stocking, a cleanup of Pistol Creek from US321 to the ponds below the Blount County library was done on December 5. This was the first time we received approval from the City of Maryville to use a canoe in the ponds. There were 16 people for a total of 48 volunteer hours. Approximately 150 pounds of trash was collected.

The first stocking of TWRA's winter stocking program took place on December 18 with 900 rainbow trout. The trout were split between the ponds and the stream. Another stocking will take place in January and February.



Trout in the Classroom by Jim Jeswald and Joyce Frey

Little River Chapter conducted a Christmas Giving Program in December. The program was designed to support our TIC teachers who contribute much of their time and money to ensure the success of our program.

Chapter members contributed \$1,000 to the program. Those contributions will allow us to provide approximately \$125 to each of the public school teachers so they can fund whatever supplies or activities they may need for their classrooms. Thank you very much for your support of this effort.

Due to COVID, only three schools decided to participate in the fall season,

Clayton Bradley Academy 4th grade, Heritage High School science class, and Townsend Elementary 4th grade. 250 eggs were delivered to the schools the beginning of October. Eggs were also delivered to the community tank at the Little River Outfitters in Townsend. What a hatch we had.

Clayton Bradley Academy released their rainbows at the Townsend KOA on December 15. Parents and 15 of the 30 students arrived at the KOA after school. Due to the lateness of the day, we only did the release activity. Needless to say, there were plenty of fish to go around.

Heritage High and Townsend have elected to hold their fish over and do a release in May. Hopefully we can hear how their tanks are doing in the next newsletter.



Clayton Bradley Release at the KOA Townsend Campground

Bugs and Flies by Joyce and Ernie Frey

Smokey Mountain Hatch Chart for the 1st quarter of 2021 has been provided by **David Knapp of Trout Zone Anglers.**

January - March			
Hatch	January	February	March
Blue-winged Olives	All Month	All Month	All Month
Blue Quills		2nd Half	All Month
Quill Gordons		Last Week	All Month
Hendrickson and Red Quill			Last Week
Little Black Caddis		2nd Half	All Month
Winter Black Stoneflies	All Month	All Month	All Month
Early Brown Stoneflies		2nd Half	All Month
Midges	All Month	All Month	All Month

Fly of the Month - Little Winter Black Stone Fly



Scientific name *Capniidae Allocapnia Fumosa*. They are 6 to 8 mm in length with an elongated (narrow) body and can be found in leaf packets and debris near stream banks and in slow riffles. They should be tied as a size 18 or sparse size 16.



Little Black Stone Fly Nymph

Hook: Nymph hook, 3x long size 16 or 18

Thread: Black (70 denier)

Antennae and Legs: Mini Centipede Legs in black

Abdomen: Microsize Black stretch tubing

Wing Case: Pheasant Tail

Thorax: Dark Hare Mask

Since there is more than one fly in February, if you have a preference for next months newsletter, let us know.



[How to Tie a Little Black Stonefly Nymph | MidCurrent](#)



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