

NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT The Little River Chapter was recognized at the TU Tennessee Council Coldwater Resources Meeting by Jeff Wright, Trout Unlimited Southeast Project Coordinator, for their accomplishments on Stream Barrier Surveys in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This project quantifies and ranks the severity of stream barriers associated with culverts, bridges, and fords; and the barriers effect on aquatic organism passage. This is the first project of its kind conducted in a National Park by Trout Unlimited and the first-time volunteers have been granted authority by Trout Unlimited to train team leads. The stream barrier assessments which support the Aquatic Organism Passage Study is one of three high priority projects for the TU Southeast Region this year. For more information or if you are interested in participating in this program, see Bernie Maloy's article in this newsletter.

If you would like to learn about opportunities to support the GSMNP Fisheries Department, please attend the annual volunteers meeting lead by Matt Kulp at Twin Creeks Science Center on February 18 at 9:00 a.m. Matt will present a summary of last year's accomplishments and the plan for volunteer support this year. Matt is also the featured speaker at our Chapter Meeting on February 23.

A link has been added to our Chapter website (Irctu.org) that provides an easy and consistent method for reporting your volunteer hours. Please start entering your volunteer hours including those performed in January 2023. For additional information and details see Harry Fetterman's article in this newsletter.

Bob Bishop

MEETING - Thursday, February 23 @ BLUETICK TAVERN in Downtown Maryville

Social hour starts at 6:00, Meeting starts at 7:00, Program follows

Ordering from the menu will be in the meeting room from 6:15 to 6:30. After 6:30 you will need to order any food at the bar. Adult beverages must be ordered and paid at the bar.

Matt Kulp, Supervisory Fishery Biologist with the Great Smoky Mountain National Park will present the State of the Park Address. This is a meeting you don't want to

March 23 - Jaimie Matzo, Biodiversity Program Specialist from Discover Life in America (DLia).

miss. **UPCOMING MEETING**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 18: GSMNP Fisheries Department Volunteers Meeting Feb. 23: Chapter Meeting – Matt Kulp Mar. 10 -12: TU Southeast Regional Rendezvous

Mar. 11: Pistol Creek Clean-Up Mar 18: Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Water Sampling Mar 23: Chapter Meeting – Discover Life in America Ongoing: Stream Barrier Surveys

Center February 18 at 9:00 am. The Center is located in the Park at 1316 Cherokee Orchard Rd. Anyone is welcome, however, please let Richard Barnes know if you plan to come so we can make sure there are enough refreshments. He can be reached at canceleer1@gmail.com. When opportunities with the Fisheries Department of the GSMNP are finalized, they

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN FISHERIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

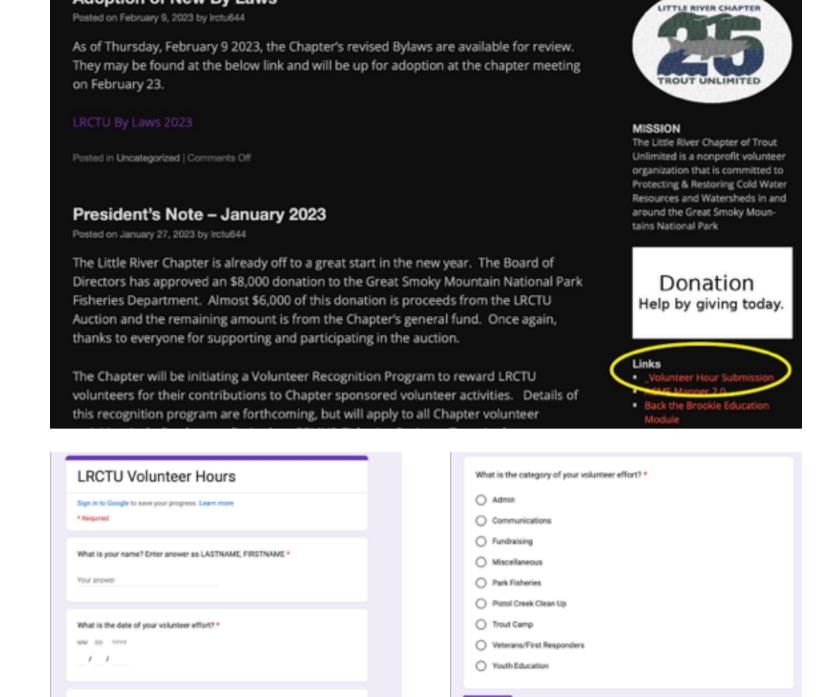
The Annual GSMNP Fisheries meeting will be held at the Twin Creeks Science

will be listed here. **RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS by Harry Fetterman**

We have a new tool to record your Volunteer Hours in support of all we do with the

Little River Chapter of TU. It is conveniently located on our <u>LRCTU.org</u> website on the right side of the page, and very easy to use. See the screen shot below. _Volunteer Hour Submission is the first link under the "Links" section located on the right-hand side of the page.

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Once you click on the link, the above screen shots will actually open as 1 page. Follow the directions in each box with the exception of the first box titled Google. DO NOT SIGN INTO GOOGLE, EVEN THOUGH IT SAYS REQUIRED!!

Clear form

Input the following: 1. Your name

Your answer

2. Date of your volunteer effort

What was the duration of your volunteer effort? Use decimal format as your

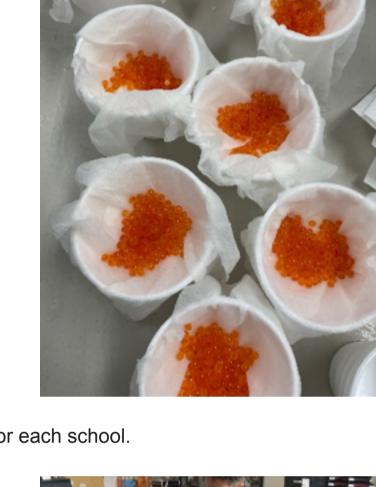
- 3. Number of hours to the nearest 1/4 hour (0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 1.0, etc.) 4. Select the category of your effort
- 5. Click "Submit" to enter And you're all done

We would like everyone to use this record keeping tool starting now. If you know you have any hours from January 2023, please input them as well. Our volunteer hours are significant in the number of hours we provide and in the quality of work we offer to our communities and the National Park Service. We supply this information to TU National and TN TU Council every year as part of our Annual Activity Report. If you forget to enter your data, or choose not to input this information through your computing devices, we will also have a paper version of it at each of our Chapter meetings for you to report your Volunteer Hours. Most of all THANK YOU for all you do. Our Chapter is very well known for our accomplishments, and this tool will help us tell an even more impressive and accurate story. TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

to 11 tanks on February 2. The Hatchery provided us a package of 3,000 eggs. Several volunteers were on hand to split them into the packages going to the schools. Needless to say, students were over-excited to see their School Coordinators arrive with their eggs!

Rainbow trout eggs were picked up from the Buffalo Springs Hatchery and delivered





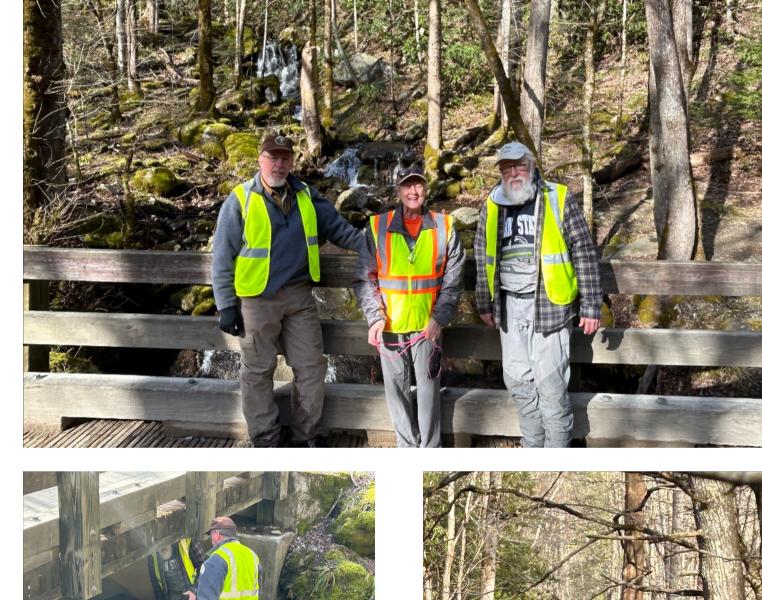


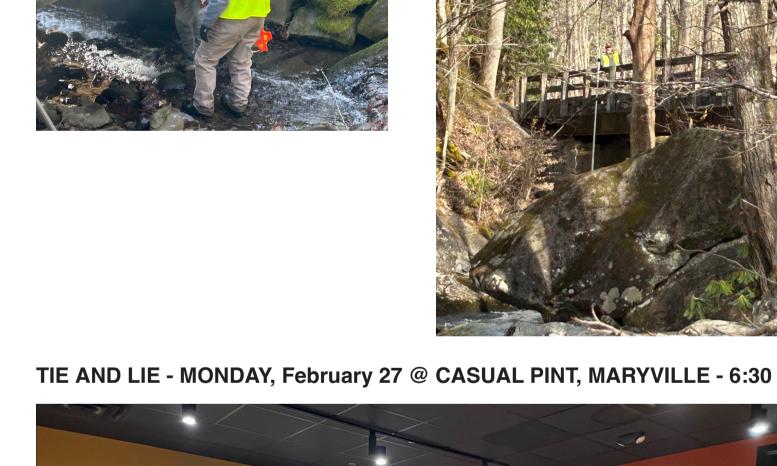


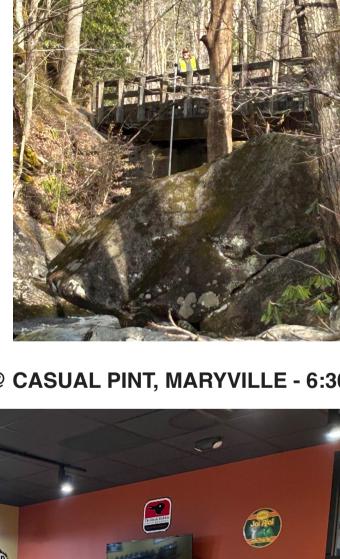
STREAM BARRIER ACTIVITY by Bernie Maloy Recent nice weather and relatively low stream flows enabled the Bishops, Rich Ashmore and I to get out this week. We completed all 7 sites in the Elkmont area

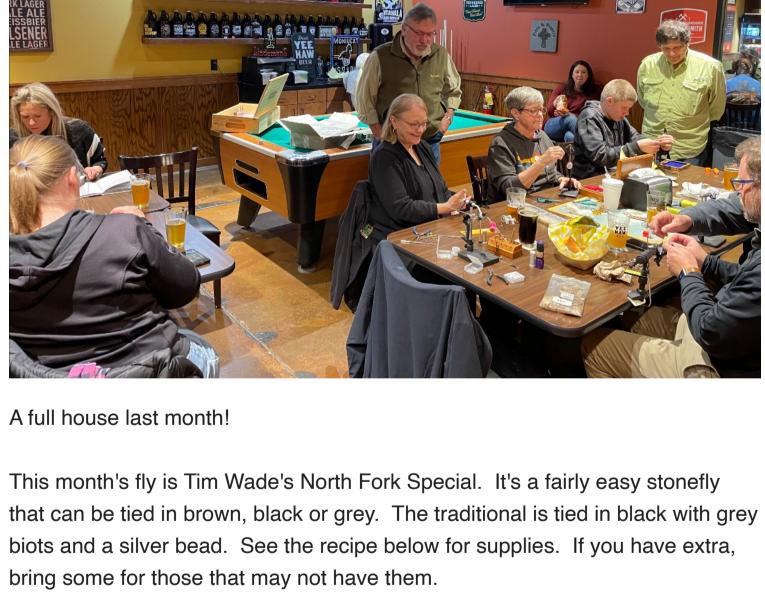
will become to be in the streams on a beautiful day with survey tools instead of fly rods! Please be on the lookout for requests for assistance from Team Leaders, and don't hesitate to reach out to them to express your interest in helping with this important project. The attached photos attest to the fun that can be had. If you'd like more information, contact me at 52bazzman@gmail.com.

and I expect more workdays in the next few weeks. The warmer it gets the harder it









If you'd like to join in and don't have a vice or supplies, contact Ernie Frey at ernest.frey@comcast.net.

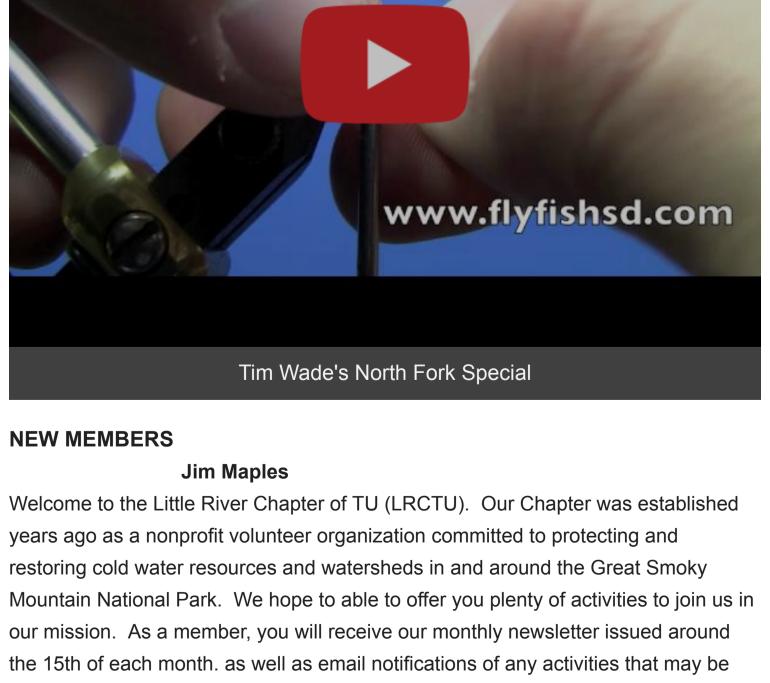
Hook: Curved Hook, Size 12

Bead: 5/32 or 1/8 slotted bead in Silver or Gold

Dubbing: Black hare

Legs 2 Pair: Matched pair of Goose Biots in same color as tail

Wire: .015 lead-free wire Thread: Denier 140 in Black Tail: Matched pair of Goose Biots in Black or Brown Rib: Ultra Wire size BR in Red, Copper or Silver



happening during the month. Our meeting is the 4th Thursday of the month (with the exception of July, November, and December) held at the Bluetick Tavern in Maryville. Social hour starts at 6:00 with month's program starting at 7:00 and the Chapter's business meeting immediately following. Feel free to visit our website at Irctu.org, contact me at lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com or any of the Board Members listed on the website for information. MEMBERS OUT THERE Richard Barnes, yours truly, Ernie Frey, Bob Bishop, Sara Bishop, Will Davis, and Larry Davis at the Atlanta Fly Fishing Expo.

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