

Trout Unlimited

Little River Chapter

UPCOMING MEETING: Tuesday, January 22nd
Barley's in Maryville

Next Mtgs: Feb 26th & Mar 26th



President's Corner

It is the start of a new year. I wasn't planning on being president this year but it looks like I am. This year we have a vice-president Steve Darnell who will be president next year. Steve and I will be working together this year to ease him into the presidency.

We have a lot of projects nominated for this year. To start the year LRCTU will sponsor a fly tying and fly casting classes with Blount County Parks and Recs Department. The tying class will start the first Saturday in March. The casting class will start later after it warms up a little. Another project we are working on with the City of Maryville is a delayed harvest



program for Pistol Creek. At this writing, TWRA is scheduling a survey for Pistol Creek to check on the viability of putting trout in the creek. We still want to do a clean-up in the Smoky Mountain National Park but the government shutdown has delayed those talks. There is also the Pistol Creek Adopt a Creek Program which we are in discussions with Maryville city engineers. Those are just the first quarter.

The meetings this year will be held at Barley's Maryville on the fourth Tuesday of the month. This month's meeting will be January 22 as usual 6 PM for the social hour and 7pm for the

business meeting. We don't know who the speaker will be yet. Matt Culp was scheduled but the shutdown may require a different speaker.

Come join us and start the New Year right!



Goal Setting for 2019

Only those who set goals achieve them!! I'm not quite sure who said it (or at least said something like it) but it remains as true now as when it was first stated. Goal setting is an integral part of success and yet many of us don't really set any. And regardless of where we are in life, having something to work toward reminds us of our worth and value and gives us additional purpose. Goals should be both optimistic and achievable. And they should be measurable. Before digging into goal setting, we should first brainstorm about what matters most and where we want to invest our energy. An excellent little exercise is drawing it out on paper I did. Give it a try and you'll be please with the results.

-JC





Trout camper fishes in a Smokies stream.

Fly fishing for trout in the Great Smoky Mountains is the focus of the ninth annual GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS TROUT ADVENTURE CAMP for middle school girls and boys, sponsored by the Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited.

Registration is open now for this year's camp, to be held June 17-22 at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Trout Camp is designed to give campers an appreciation of conservation of our coldwater resources through the sport of fly fishing. Participants learn about stream ecology, stream physics and water chemistry along with aquatic entomology and diversity of fish species in Smokies streams. Experienced mountain anglers teach the

campers fly casting, fly tying, stream etiquette and knot tying, and guide them on fishing expeditions to streams in and near the national park. Other activities include swimming and snorkeling in Little River.

Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont is a private, nonprofit environmental learning center on the Middle Prong of Little River. Facilities include dining hall, classrooms, outdoor meeting shelters, bookstore/gift shop and full-time professional staff.

Girls and boys who are interested in fishing and science and who will be 12 to 15 years old on June 16, 2019, are eligible to attend the camp—Tennessee residency is not required. Applications are being accepted from Jan. 1 to June 1; selections will begin April 1. Slots fill quickly, so apply early. Only 14 campers will be accepted, but others can be placed on a waiting list in case selected campers aren't able to attend. For girls to participate, at least two must be accepted.

Campers should be in good physical condition—able to wade in streams and hike to fishing areas. To ensure physical capabilities, campers must have had a complete physical examination within the past two years.

Tuition for the 2019 camp is \$530. Financial assistance may be available through a camper's area Trout Unlimited chapter—contact information for TU chapters in Tennessee is available on the Tennessee Council website, <http://tctu.org/tn-chapters.html>

For more information and to apply, families can visit the Trout Camp website, <https://www.tntroutadventure.org>, or contact Camp Director Steve Young at steve_y@earthlink.net or (832) 256-3228, or Assistant Director Sean Fagan, sp220f@aol.com or (719) 332-4486.

Trout in the Classroom

by Joyce Frey

The 2018 season ended with 6 schools releasing their trout at the KOA Campground in Townsend. The fish at the Little River Outfitters managed by the Homeschoolers did not get released because of the weather. Instead, some of their fish were released to a private pond in Walland. You should see the rest of the fish in the tank, though. They're huge!!

For the two seasons in 2018, there were almost 700 students that actually participated in releases with a total of approximately 3,000 rainbows released. Tates' School released only a portion of theirs so they can see how big the rest of them get before May. Townsend Elementary is holding theirs over until May. I've heard that Charity did manage to convince Ms. Ross to let her release some of them in December in hopes that it would be easier to take care of the water quality issues.

Our 2019 spring season is currently on hold due to the furlough of the staff at the U.S. Fish Hatchery in Erwin.

Who said this? *"Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."*

Tie 'n' Lie

I think we will start off the New Year by going back to the basics and tying the Woolly Bugger but moving down in size to 2X #14 for fish in our smaller streams. I think most of you know the recipe for this fly if you don't just show up at The Casual Pint in Maryville and bring your vise. If you don't have a vise, let me know and I will bring some extras.

We will meet on January 28 at 6 PM. Bring your supplies and I will bring some extras for beginners.



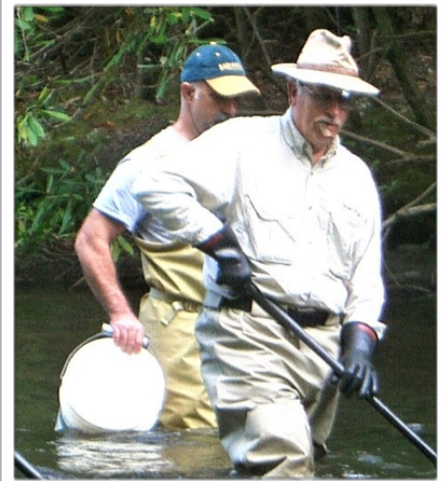
WHO ARE THESE FOLKS ANYWAY??!!

SOME ANSWERS AND MORE QUESTIONS

By Steve Young

Thanks to Jim Parks, Jeff Hall, Charity Rutter, Dan Munger, Jeff Lavender, John Skinner, and Earl Worsham for supplying names and some anecdotes for the 'mystery' Little River Chapter TU members shown in the previous newsletter. For those still 'in the dark' here are the identifications and some anecdotes about the 'first 4'.

1. Stan Smartt working a fish survey in the park. Is the cigar part of his mosquito repellent?



2. The late Ken Henderson. Several contributors noted he was a very active TU member and an outstanding rod maker—made the rods for the Eddie George Award until his passing.



3. Ray Ball; a one handed fly tier (lost other in a dynamite accident), mountain man extraordinary, and a teller of great tales, a true Smokies Legend.

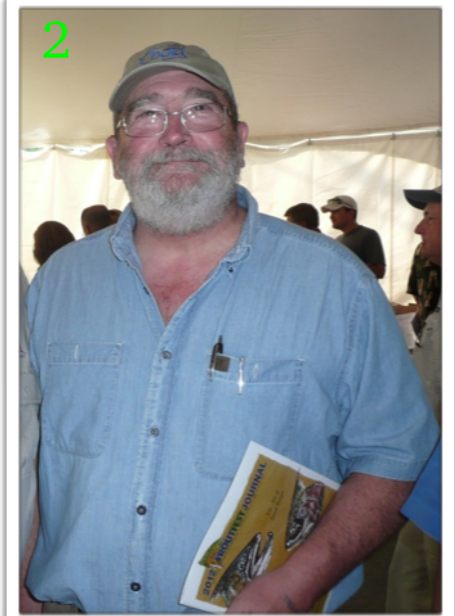


4. Bill Boyd Jr.; the younger half of the 'dubbin teasers' fly tiers.





Thanks for the responses to last month's mystery members 'quiz'. Here are some more! PS—I recognize that some of these unknowns may not be LRCTU members, but have participated at some event (i.e. Troutfest) and have been part of our larger TU 'family'. (e.g. the person in picture 1 may be Bob Clouser).



Thanks again for your help with this project. Please remember that if you have any pictures of LRCTU people or activities whether print, slide, or digital, let's get together to collect them into our archive files.

Keeping It Organized!!

Meeting Notes

Date: December 4, 2018

Location: Barley's Maryville

Meeting Type: General Meeting

Presiding Officer: Ernie Frey, President

Attendees: General Membership

Agenda: Membership Health, Visitors and New Members,
Fishing Stories, Newsletter Articles

Our club president, Ernie Frey, opened the meeting and brought members up to date on several issues that have come up since our last meeting.

- Alcoa, Maryville Parks and Rec Department has expressed an interest in a Fly Fishing Program. The program would include fly tying, fly casting, and fly fishing 101. A motion was presented, seconded and accepted by the membership to move forward on this activity.
- LRCTU has received a grant for \$2250 for the purchase of 15 fly rods for use at Trout Camp, TIC release events and Fly Fishing 101 programs.
- Maryville Pond. The City of Maryville has given us permission to use the pond for fly casting lessons and demonstrations.
- 2019 Meeting Location. Barleys of Maryville will continue to be the location for our 2019 general meetings.
- Pistol Creek. Pistol Creek is still under consideration for a clean up program and possible TWRA delayed harvest area. More information to follow as it becomes available.
- LRCTU By Laws. The chapter by laws will be posted on our web site and reviewed at our next meeting on January 22, 2019.
- The Water Sampling Meeting for 2019 will be held on February 9th. More detailed information will be sent in an email in the next few weeks. At the November BOD meeting funding was approved for the refreshments provide at that meeting.
- Volunteer Hours. Hours spent by LRCTU members in volunteer activities should be reported. Volunteer work done in the park is currently being

tracked by park employees. If you are doing other park volunteer work please report those hours to Ernie Frey. If you are involved in the Trout in the Classroom program please report those hours to Joyce Frey.

- Little River Cleanup. The possibility of a Little River Cleanup project is still be evaluated. A decision is expected in the next month.
- Trout in the Classroom. The release program for 2018 is underway. All schools will have released their trout by December 18th. A new batch of eggs will be available some time in mid January.

LRCTU Officers and BOD for 2019. The officers and Board Members for 2019 have been established.

They are as follows.

Ernie Frey	President
Steve Darnell	Vice President
Steve Young	Treasurer
Jim Jeswald	Secretary
Mike Bryant	Past President
Richard Barnes	Volunteer Coordinator
Jake Comstock	Communications
Joe Hatton	Webmaster and Merchandizing
Stan Starkey	Financial Review and Membership
Larry Davis	
Pat Tully Trip	Coordinator and Program Chair

The results of the silent auction were announced and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted by Jim Jeswald

Henry David Thoreau said,

"Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."
