



## November 2020 Newsletter

### The Presidents Corner

The Holiday Season is upon us, the time when we turn our thoughts to our families our faith and let's not forget the food. All three of those items mean even more this year. We ponder even more how important our families are during these challenging times. Cling to those we love not so much with our arms but with our thoughts and prayers. We can hug them later when it's safer. Faith is also so important right now. We all need someone to lean on when there is more questions than answers. And lets not forget the food not only for ourselves but for those who are in need. Have a Wonderful Holiday Season, be safe, stay positive and test negative.

We need your input. We want to know what you want to see and want to do in 2021 while times are so challenging. Are you interested in learning new skills through Zoom meetings and if so, what do you want to learn? Are you interested in outdoor meetings and activities and if so, what would that activity be? Do you want to go fishing with a small group, hike a new stream, learn how to identify aquatic insects, or learn how to tie fishing knots? We really want to know how to engage with you. We have a lot to share with each other and if you want to be the instructor, that's great too! Just because we are, all about fishing doesn't mean that a group wouldn't be interested in photography. I love to take pictures of my fish but they could be much better pictures! Give us your thoughts and help us craft a 2021

program tailor made just for you.

We also need volunteers more than ever! I don't say this in desperation but because the more you invest in an organization the more you get out of the experience We want more people, and new people to be involved and engaged in making a vibrant program for our members. Be a part of something great.

Happy Holidays

Steve Darnell, President LRCTU

### From the Board

The Board is presenting the following nominations for the 2021 Officers:

**President: Steve Young**

**Vice President: Bob Bishop**

**Secretary: Stan Starkey**

**Treasure: Tristen Smith**

The Board is also looking for additional members. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else as an officer or board member, please respond to the Election Committee at [jmfrey@comcast.net](mailto:jmfrey@comcast.net) no later than end of day **November 30, 2020**. If you are nominating someone else, please be sure they agree with your nomination

We also need at least 2 more to serve on the Election Committee. If you'd like to serve on that committee, get your name and information to Joyce Frey at [jmfrey@comcast.net](mailto:jmfrey@comcast.net), also by end of

day **November 30, 2020.**

Once all nominations are received, the Election Committee will prepare the 2021 Ballot for Officers by **December 7, 2020.** That Ballot will then be sent to the membership on **December 8, 2020.** Since there will not be a December meeting, all votes should be sent to the Election Committee (address will be provided with the Ballot) no later than end of day **December 18, 2020.**

### **TROUT CAMP 2021—WITH A PERSPECTIVE FROM 2020**

This past year has become the "Lost Year" for Trout Camp 2020 like so many other activities. However we can only look forward and at this time Trout Camp along with The Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont (GSMIT) are planning to hold Trout Camp on June 21-16, 2021, meaning full activities with campers staying at GSMIT for the duration of camp. If you know of any youth who will be 12-15 years old at the start of Camp please encourage them to consider attending. They can learn more about camp at [tntroutadventure.org](http://tntroutadventure.org) along with completing the online application associated with the website. Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2021. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with Trout Camp in any way please contact Sean Fagen ([sp220f@aol.com](mailto:sp220f@aol.com) or 719-332-4486) who is the Assistant Camp Director and responsible for staffing camp activities; we are always looking for volunteers!

One note about the past and the future. If we have learned anything from 2020, flexibility is a key. Furthermore, we are committed to providing the safest environment for campers and staff. With those two concepts in mind we will be evaluating our plans for camp as time progresses toward June. Any changes in our plans will be posted on

the website and communicated directly to any camp applicants and volunteers.

### **Passing of John Thurman--One of the Founders of Trout Camp**

John Thurman, who along with Jack Betschick, devised, planned, and created Trout Camp, passed away this past October 2020 after a battle with cancer. Trout Camp represented John's commitment to the education and encouragement of young people in the joys of conservation and activities in the out of doors. As a lifelong fisherman, hunter, and etymologist John lived the activities he wished to pass on to future generations. His guidance and encouragement will be missed by all those involved in Trout Camp.

In his honor we have renamed Trout Camp the John Thurman Smoky Mountains Trout Adventure Camp. Those involved in Trout Camp look forward to continuing John's legacy of youth education through this program.

### **Pistol Creek Winter Stocking Program**

TWRA will be stocking rainbow trout into Pistol Creek again this winter. The first stocking event is December 18, 2020. This is a great opportunity to watch, and go fishing. The release time will most likely be in the afternoon depending on TWRA's schedule.

The Chapter wishes to present a good experience for everyone using the Greenway and fishing. We have scheduled a cleanup for the creek and ponds below the library for Saturday, December 5, 2020. The clean-up will start at 10:00 am at the old Courthouse parking lot and should end around 12:00 noon. Participants should bring gloves and masks. Feel free to bring your waders for the creek portion. We will provide graspers and plastic bags.