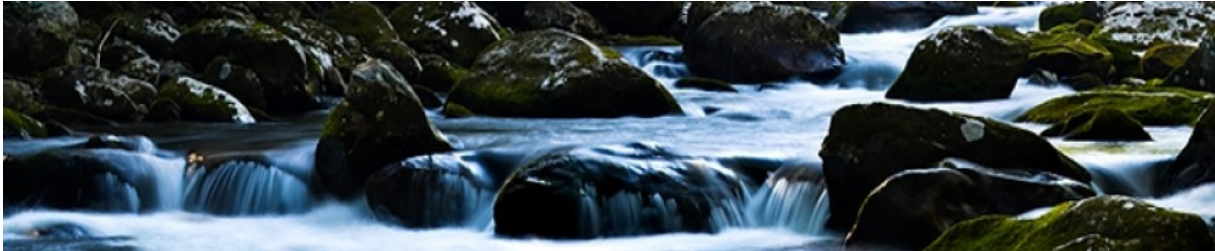


Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited

OCTOBER 2014 Newsletter



President's Corner

Jan and I recently returned home after a month long trip to Alaska. The trip was phenomenal and met all of our expectations. It's hard to describe the beauty of Alaska. I was struck by the scale and magnitude of the state – it's huge, and we only saw a tiny fraction of the place. The fishing was excellent as well. We caught coho salmon (silvers), pink salmon (humpies), rainbows, dolly vardens, and arctic char. I had a personal goal of landing a large (>24") rainbow. I hooked and fought four very large rainbows but lost all of them. The scenery was incredible, but it was eye opening to see how much the glaciers have retreated, especially over the past several decades. It's one thing to hear and read about a warming climate, but seeing how much the glaciers have shrunk in a very short time brought it home to me.

Many thanks to Roger Lowe for his discussion at last month's chapter meeting. I have known Roger since the mid-90's and have fished with Roger and his dad numerous times. Roger has been fishing and tying flies since he was a kid and is known as one of our regional fishing experts. It was great to see him again.

The week after we returned from Alaska, Jan and I headed down to the **Smokemont** Campground to join other chapter members and friends for our second annual Smokemont outing.

The fishing was slower than in the past. While we did catch trout, none of the fish were gimme's. You really had to work to bring a fish to hand. Though I didn't count fish, it did seem like I caught more browns



than rainbows, especially on the Oconoluftee. Overall, it was another great trip, Ernie Frey did a great job organizing the event and he even ordered up perfect weather for the weekend. And once again, Outdoor Chef Extraordinaire Mike McKinsey prepared another fabulous meal on Saturday. Thanks Ernie and Mike!



I'm truly excited about our **Trout-in-the-Classroom (TIC)** efforts that have started this year. TIC is an important element in our chapter's youth education program. Check out Ernie Frey's update in this newsletter. Many thanks to Ernie for his leadership and efforts in TIC. I can't wait to see the long-term results.

Our speaker at the October meeting (Thursday, October 23) will be Dr. Jen Jones, President & CEO of Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont. Dr. Jones will discuss the critical role that Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont plays in positively transforming individuals and the larger community through programs that encourage immersive experiences in the Smokies. The folks at the **Tremont Institute** and our TU chapters share a common goal of conservation and youth education.



We are looking forward to opportunities to network together.

The Chapter meeting in October will be at Calhoun's in Maryville. Remember you do not need to order dinner to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Finally, here's your chance to give back and help your chapter. The 2015 Board of Directors will be elected at the December chapter meeting. If you are interest in serving on the Board or volunteering in any other way, please let me know. I will again be running for the President's position and we have a great Board. We are always looking for fresh ideas and we will keep the burden light.

I hope to see you at the October meeting. As always, if you have a question or need, don't hesitate to contact me.

Be safe.

Mike Bryant (mjbryant1954@hotmail.com)

OHIO STEELHEAD TRIP ON TAP

As of October 11, there has been a big drop in water temperature in the Ohio streams of about 8 degrees to the mid 50's and the water levels are up because of the rainfall on October 4. The water temperature needs to come down another 8 to 10 degrees to get the fish moving up the streams. This is a breeding migration. Unlike Lake Michigan and Lake Ontario, in Lake Erie there are no salmon for them to follow for a feeding opportunity.



According to the blogs, the steelhead are gathering at the mouths of the streams in anticipation of lower temps but I haven't seen any discussion of catching them in the rivers. The last week in October is still looking promising.

I am suggesting that we use Mentor, OH as our base of operation. It is a centrally located town in relation to the steelhead rivers which are all easily accessible using Interstate 90.

<http://fishsteelheadalley.com/>

If you are interested in going on the trip, please let me know at ernest.frey@comast.net or 403-2832.

GSMNP Tremont Institute President to Speak at October Meeting

Please join us for our meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at Calhoun's Restaurant in Maryville. The meeting starts at 7PM. If you can join us for dinner we meet at 6pm for fellowship (Fish Stories) and dinner.

As members of Trout Unlimited we are interested in conservation and our environment. What other organizations in our area have the same agenda? How many of us fish the

Middle Prong of the Little River and see the Tremont Institute and all the activity but really don't know much about the organization.

The 21st century poses unique challenges for human and environmental health. With rapidly urbanizing lifestyles and decreased outdoor recreation, there is an urgent need to both educate people about nature as well as create lasting bonds between people and nature. Dr. Jones will discuss the critical role that Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont plays in positively transforming individuals and the larger community through programs that encourage immersive experiences in the Smokies.

Our speaker will be **Dr. Jennifer Jones**. She is an educator, practitioner, and academic who focuses on the relationships between people and nature, including conservation, global food sustainability, and environmental governance. She currently serves as the President & CEO of Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont. Previously, she was a Program Director for the International Honors Program, part of World Learning, where she managed comparative college-level study abroad program on five continents and she has also served as a Visiting Professor at Williams College. She spent five years in South Africa studying the relationship between protected areas and



neighboring communities and has taught, researched, and traveled in more than 30 countries. Additionally, Dr. Jones served in the United States Army for five years as a military police officer where she worked in drug suppression. Dr. Jones received a Ph.D. and an MS in Environment and Society from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, and a B.S. from the University of Florida.

We will see you on at Calhoun's.

-- Chuck James, Program Chair

Fly Tyers Nov. 8-9 at Townsend Tremont Lodge & Resort

A fly tying event is being planned at the Tremont Lodge and Resort in Townsend on November 8 & 9. The event will be free and will showcase great local, regional and national renown fly tyers demonstrating their fly tying skills, while telling you how they fly fish with these particular patterns. Our Little River Chapter will have a booth as well. The event will run from 9:00am – 5:00pm both days. Tremont Lodge and Resort along with Little River Outfitters are sponsoring the event.



Fly Tyers who have committed so far: Mike Adams, Walter Babb, Brandon Bailes, Jeff Barrett, Gene Barrington, Reid Benton, Mike Bone, Bill Boyd Jr., Bill Boyd Sr., Phil Brandt, Mike Bryant, Buzz Buffington, Dean Campbell, Dave Carson, Michael (Rocky) Cox, Jack Cummings, Rob Fightmaster, Clayton Gist, Paul Gruver, Anthony Hipps, Tim Ivey, Denise Jenkins, Gary Jones, David Knapp, Tyler Legg, Roger Lowe, David Macburnie, Shawn Madison, Stacy McDaniel, Allen McGee, Jack Patterson, Josh Pfeiffer, Larry Rogers, Scott Sanchez, Brad Sprinkle, Gary Troutman, Jeff Wilkins, Josh Williams, Rex Wilson, Steve Yates.

Cherokee Benefit to Raise Fly Fishing Museum Money

A benefit to raise money for a FLY FISHING MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS will be held at the Oak Room of Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, NC November 1, starting at 5 p.m. The event will include dinner, as well as raffles, live and silent auctions.

Donations to the Southeastern Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, designated to the Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians, are designed to reach a goal of \$50,000. The Southeastern Council, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is accepting donations on behalf of the Museum until it receives its own 501(c)(3) designation.

RSVP by October 24 to info@cherokeesmokies.com or 828.788.0034.

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