



THE NUGGETS

Trout Unlimited – Gold Rush Chapter #733

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Gold Rush TU Chapter's Meeting Place

Camp Glisson, Ivie Lodge, Dahlonega, GA visit *their website* at www.campglisson.org

1st Tuesday of the Month 6:30 PM – Social & Dinner (\$8) 7:00 PM – Program & Meeting

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 3 November 2009 All Members and Visitors welcome.

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Directions: Camp Glisson is just two miles north of Dahlonega on Highway 60. Turn left onto Camp Glisson Road and continue about one mile through the camp to the bridge on your right. Cross the bridge and Ivie Lodge is 100 yards on the left. *See you there!*

NOTE: No Tuesday night meeting in December, Christmas Party on Saturday, 12 December

Gold Rush Chapter #733 Membership

Welcome New Members: Rick Cremering, Steven Hartman, Susan Knox, Warren Teague

Renewed/Contributed: William Faw, Larry Holmes, Henry Johnson, Jasper Keith, Maitland Laforce

Soon to Expire, **RENEW TODAY:** Rob Heath

Expired, **renew immediately:** Michael Asam, Lyndal Caldwell, William Clarida, Adam Graveno, Robert Marascalco, Nathan McClure

You can join/renew by logging on to www.tu.org or calling 1-800-834-2419

Note from the President

Welcome to a new year of the Gold Rush Chapter and the opportunity to continue our support of the TU mission. Our goal will be to also ensure that along the way we have fun and enjoy our sport and the outstanding fellowship we have created. With the leadership we have assembled, along with continued growth of our membership, we should have another successful year. We have identified all officers, board members and committee leads so we are ready to go. We all look forward to working together as well as fishing together as much as possible. Go fish when you can and take a friend.Thanks.... **Fred**

Fishing Report from Jones Creek

Last Wednesday, October 7, 2009, I got rained out in the middle of grass cutting & decided to make a quick trip to Jones Creek as I had not fished it this year.

I found the creek in great shape with the water a little high but clear. It appears that the recent heavy rains have "cleared" all the pools of any silt, etc., with mostly gravel & rocks left as it should be.

I saw no evidence that anyone had fished it lately & the fish seemed to confirm this as they were more than willing to cooperate. I caught 14 Browns between 3:30 & 6:30 with 3 being about 10 inches & the rest smaller. As usual, I stuck what I think was a good fish but it got off. (Sound familiar?)

The Browns are going into their spawning cycle & are really getting colored up nicely. The adipose fin on over half the fish I caught was blood red & the spots on the larger fish were circled with the halo. Absolutely beautiful!

For anyone not familiar with Jones Creek, it is on the Blue Ridge Wildlife Management area going toward Noontootla. Forest Service road 77A branches off FS 77 & takes you to the creek. It is approximately 3.5 miles from the time you leave FS 77. The road is fairly rough as it has not been maintained (budget?) & I had to use four wheel drive in one place.

All the fish are wild Browns & the creek has not been stocked in many years. This is seasonal water & is restricted to artificial lures only. It is a great place to test your skills!

Sherman Head

"Fish when you can, work when you have to."

May the holes in your net be no larger than the fish in it. Irish Blessing

FLY TYING



There is a great book out there for beginners. American Fly Tying Manual by Dave Hughes. It costs 9.95, I got mine up in PA at Uncle Joe's woodshed, but most fly shops and book stores should carry it. Here is a good resource and they have lots of other good stuff too, <http://www.jannsnecraft.com/fishing-books/066066004260.aspx>

I do believe my go to flies for November will be an Elk Hair Caddis and Pheasant Tail, maybe throw in a blue wing olive. Don't forget to try various sizes and dropper length. Fish ON!!

MENTORING



Meet, Sherman, he will be glad to hook you up with one of our members to get you started in both fly tying and/or fly fishing. We have volunteers that will work around your schedule who will take you fishing or work with you on fly tying and/or casting. Experts we are not, but we do know where to find some fish in



these north Georgia Mountains. We do have some awesome fly tiers, Mike Thornton and Pat Pattillo. Pat was third place winner of the 2009 Southern Appalachian Fly Tying Championship, with Ole Pat's Skittering Caddis. We have a fly tying class the second Thursday of every month at the American Legion in Dahlonega.



You can bet there is someone to go fishing with just about everyday of the week. Retired folks can do that, except when honey do's and yard work may interfere, but then there are priorities. One nice thing about fishing way up in those north Georgia mountains is your cell phone don't work!! You must always say, "I don't know when I will be home." Contact Sherman at beartooth@windstream.net or 706-864-6461

News on Stover Creek

Trout Need Trees Too

Date: Sep 1, 2009 Blairsville, GA Contact(s): [Jim Wentworth, \(706\) 745-6928](mailto:Jim.Wentworth@fannincountyga.gov) Fannin County, GA - Cold, clean water, adequate cover, plentiful food, and trees; these are just some of the requirements for good trout habitat. While many people probably don't spend a lot of time thinking about the living requirements for the brook trout, fortunately for the 'brookie,' as the fish is affectionately known amongst anglers, there are some people that do. They not only care about the fish's habitat needs, but they are willing to spend time doing something about it.

On August 1st, 27 volunteers spent the better part of their Saturday building structures in Stover Creek, a cold-water trout stream in Fannin County, to provide for the habitat needs of the brook trout. "This completes a two year brook trout enhancement project on Stover Creek that included the strengthening of a natural barrier and the installation of 45 habitat improvement structures," said Jim Wentworth, U.S. Forest Service Biologist for the Blue Ridge Ranger District out of Blairsville.

Stover Creek is a typical cold water stream winding for 1.5 miles through the Chattahoochee National Forest in Fannin County. Volunteers from Trout Unlimited worked with U.S. Forest Service and Georgia Wildlife Resources Division personnel to install wedge dams, cover logs, stream constrictors and channel deflectors within Stover Creek. "Each of these structures has a purpose," said Wentworth, "Some are designed to provide cover for the trout to hide from predators and some are designed to create pools and faster flowing water to improve feeding and reproduction."

Brook trout have declined across their range throughout the eastern United States for a number of reasons including poor land use practices, degraded habitat, and the introduction of non-native brown and rainbow trout which can often out-compete native brook trout. In Georgia almost all of the cold water trout streams are located on the Chattahoochee National Forest. In recent years the U.S. Forest Service in cooperation with the Georgia DNR and Trout Unlimited has worked to restore brook trout habitat on a number of these streams.

The Stover Creek project was a cooperative effort involving biologists from the state, the U.S. Forest Service and volunteers from several local chapters of Trout Unlimited. The project was funded by a Gold Rush and Oconee River Chapters of TU Embrace-a Stream grant and a U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture grant. Over the last two summers, Trout Unlimited volunteers provided over 700 hours of donated labor to the project. "Thanks to volunteers who are willing to give up their weekends to do hard physical labor in a cold, wet stream, we hope to improve the brook trout's chances and increase the population in this stretch of Stover Creek," Wentworth said.

Another aspect of providing for healthy habitat for the brook trout is to ensure proper management of the surrounding forest. Maintaining healthy stream-side forests prevents sediment and pollutants from entering the stream and also provides adequate shade to maintain cold water temperatures that brook trout require.

For additional information on trout populations in north Georgia, refer to the "[Management Indicator Species Population and Habitat Trends](#)" Report.

Link:

<http://fs.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/ s.7 0 A/7 0 RU6?ss=110803&navtype=BROWSEBYSUBJECT &cid=STELPRDB5087226&navid=18000000000000&pnavid=null&position=News&ttype=detail&pname=Chattahoochee-Oconee%20National%20Forest-%20News%20&%20Events>

Back the Brookie

Here is the URL for the BTB Update

<http://docs.google.com/fileview?id=0B5WTFf5TrUKnZTEzZGM0ODYtOTE1ZS00MTFjLTg4ZjMtZGM4NWixY2I4Y2Fk&hl=en>

Upcoming Events

November 3, 2009 - Chapter Meeting

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November 9, 2009 – Frog Hollow Clean Up Day

All volunteers needed for a Frog Hollow Clean-up Day to prepare for the Cup Challenge. From all the recent heavy rains, debris has found its way downstream. Bring gloves and waders. Clean up starts at 8am, fishing available after work is completed. Contact Fred Ruppel 706-864-0212

November 12, 2009 - Fly Tying Classes

Every second Thursday 4-9pm at the American Legion, located behind Chik-Fil-A on Legion Rd in Dahlonega, Ga. Beginners 4-6pm and Advanced 6-9pm. All tools and materials provided. Donations welcome. For more details contact: Deborah Scott littlebee7@yahoo.com 770-503-9373.

November 21, 2009 - Gold Rush Chapter Cup Challenge

We have planned a fly fishing challenge to be held on November 21st. We're looking for contestants who believe they can out fish other fly fisherman. The location will be at [Frog Hollow Fly Fishing's](#) trophy trout stream.

We are limiting entries to ten two man teams who will get an equal opportunity to fish different sections of the river. Prize money for the winning team will be \$1000 plus two custom rods. If you would like more details, click on Events/Cup Challenge in the navigation bar or click on the following:

[Gold Rush Cup Announcement](#)

[Gold Rush Cup Rules](#)

[Gold Rush Cup Poster](#)

December 1, 2009 – NO TUESDAY NIGHT MEETING, Christmas Party, Sat 12 Dec.

December 5, 2009 - Council Meeting

9am-1pm in Gainesville at Forest Service Office. Contact Fred Ruppel 706-864-0212

December 10, 2009 - Fly Tying Classes

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December 12, 2009 - Christmas Party

Low Country Boil at Deborah Scott's house. Food will be provided, you must bring your own drinks. BYOB Come when you want, food will be served at 5pm. You must RSVP by 8 Dec Deborah Scott 770-503-9373 Location: 5530 Williamson Dr. Gainesville, Ga 30506 Remember: BYOB with DD and RSVP by 8 Dec. Thanks

February 20-21, 2010 – Bass Pro

All twelve chapters of Georgia Trout Unlimited have been asked by council to be represented at the Bass Pro in Lawrenceville, Ga. We will set up a table to demonstrate who we are as the Gold Rush Chapter. Volunteers will be needed to operate the table during the two days. Mark your calendar.

Fall leaves may be hazardous to unsuspecting fly fisherman, phantom hits could cause frustration!

Frog Hollow Events

<http://froghollowflyfishing.com/index.html> , <http://www.thefroghollowcompany.com/>

* Think Pink!

Attagirl to the Georgia Women Flyfishers!

Check out the photos at this website and admire the "Crazy Charlotte."

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/article/24901/>

Breast cancer survivors introduced to fly fishing by women's club

Order This Image - Certified Casting Instructor Deb Bowen, left, gives

some pointers to Trudy Thompson during the Casting for Confidence event

Saturday for breast cancer survivors.

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Sure, fly fishing tends to be a sport loved by men, but don't say that to members of the Georgia Women Flyfishers.

These women gathered at Frog Hollow in Dahlonega early Saturday morning for the annual Casting for Confidence-North event, which introduces the sport of fly fishing to breast cancer survivors.

Female breast cancer survivors, especially those beginning to resume normal physical activity after surgery or chemotherapy, were welcome to apply to participate in this event. The equipment, supplies and food for the day were provided for the 28 participants.

The Casting for Confidence event began in 2002 in Macon and moved to North Georgia in 2004.

"We find someone who would like to donate their property for a day," said Julie Stalnaker, a volunteer and guide for Casting for Confidence. "It is usually a place that has a trout stream or some type of fish on the property."

This is the first year that the event was held at Frog Hollow, which left everyone in awe. "It is beautiful," said Eunice Lovell, president of Georgia Women Flyfishers. "For a fly fisherman, it is heaven."

The Georgia Women Flyfishers hold a fundraiser every year. The next one, a Mardi Gras party, is set for Feb. 20 at Sweetwater Brewery in Atlanta.

Lovell believes that fly fishing is a sport that is a good fit for cancer survivors.

"Yes, they may have just finished chemotherapy, they may have just had a surgery, but soon, they will be able to do these kinds of activities because fly fishing does not take a lot of upper body movement," Lovell said.

Volunteer Leslie Miller said that the exercise itself is a strong benefit for people with lymphedema.

"Fly fishing is not only helpful for regaining motion and structure, but the sport is very nonintrusive," Miller said. "It is not something that you have to do with a lot of interaction and things that would be obstructive to people who are in recovery."

Gloria Hall, a participant who was looking forward to learning about fly fishing, originally heard about Casting for Confidence from other cancer survivors.

"I've always been fascinated with fly fishing," Hall said. "I had a good friend tell me a few years ago that if I ever had a chance to learn, I should go fly fishing because it is so much fun and relaxing to be outdoors and to catch the trout and know the thrill of the chase."

Although the women didn't realize it, they all had a shot at getting an award by showing off their skills.

"In the late afternoon, as our closing event, we will recognize three women that have been picked

out based on today as the most improved anglers of the day, and those ladies will be given fly rods and reels, all set up and ready to really fish," Lovell said.

Other gifts included a scarf, bracelets, and earrings. Trina Gardner made three bracelets for the special event. She once had a bracelet given to her that was pink and white, and the gesture meant a lot to her.

"I had worn that thing until it fell off my arm," Gardner said. So many of the participants get so hooked on Casting for Confidence that they are eager to come back as volunteers.

"I get so much out of giving back," volunteer Beverly Booth said. "It is the most peaceful thing in the world to stand out in the middle of the river and cast." Dawn Cruce was a participant last year who decided to volunteer. Since her experience last year, Cruce has been in love with fly fishing.

"Being out on a stream, you forget about everything else," said Cruce. "It kind of makes the worries go away."

<http://www.georgiaflyfishing.com/Casting%20For%20Confidence/GWFFCastingForConfidence/index.html>

EBTJV News

URL:

http://ebtjv.googlegroups.com/web/EBTJV_SE_10.09.pdf?gda=4I0B4UQAAAB5SHCKTfITkRjk5TAMrFIUdzWJIn9p9AVwA1bDvaHFjfXNqE06qu7ZEHsI4d4YO1V6u9SiETdg0Q2ffAyHU-dzc4BZkLnSFWX59nr5BxGqA

Newsletters for other EBTJV area are available at <http://groups.google.com/group/ebtjv>

Unicoi Outfitters News

http://campaign.constantcontact.com/render?v=001g7xYn3eIW2OIJBg73LPWnjUMYZNRnKn3IBYsclLdWYq0-U490ABZaX5ccvThGnpb614PbeGVcMYUJ6MPvydZNx358iPtP_5VhgBBtEchxKHI%3D

ANNUAL COOKOUT

Hey Folks, What a great time we had at the family cookout on Saturday, 3 October, and what a big success it was. This was the first year we had the cookout at Pine Valley, what a wonderful place, plenty of parking and facilities all around, nestled beside the Etowah River. Pat did another fantastic job on the barbecue, plenty to go around! John, we did miss your beans, maybe next year! That slaw from the Wagon Wheel just can't be beat. Thanks to everyone who brought a dish to share, those desserts were a meal in itself! We decided to do silent auctions this year, and they were a big hit. Bucket raffles weren't too bad either. We had some really nice stuff, handcrafted fly tying desk, custom made rod holder, Intarsia wood fish art, Etowah Forged knife (Henry Knife), fishing trips (Frog Hollow, Unicoi Outfitters) and our very own Beartooth guide will be taking a crew out crappie fishing on Lake Lanier, also, jewelry, books, hats, and other various items. Our net is around \$1500.00. Great Job and thanks to all who participated with donations. The Tom Landreth raffle tickets brought in \$525.00 and the print went to Bill Dishart from Summerhill, Pa., Congratulations! Send all your photos to John Simmons johnsi@simmonstek.com to put on our website photo gallery.





METH TASK FORCE

For Dawson County

www.methtaskforcedawsoncounty.com

September 22, 2009



Deborah Scott
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29 August 2009 BIG Success for Trout Unlimited reaching our community. Healthy Lifestyle Fair held at Dawson County High School, where Gold Rush TU demonstrated fly tying and encouraged participants.

Dear Deborah:

The Meth Task Force would truly like to thank all participants of its' first annual Healthy Lifestyles Fair. This was an incredible event that inspired not only the participants of Dawson County Treatment Court, but many of the instructors and staff at the information tables as well.

The amount of enthusiasm and community sharing was remarkable. Our hope is that this eagerness to support, share and encourage others will be carried on to future events and spread throughout our community. The Meth Task Force organized this event; the volunteers, such as yourself inspired, gave confidence and created a spark in the participants.

Just a few of the comments we received were: "Trying new things is a way not to relapse." This was a great idea. I really enjoyed it." "I learned some good lessons." And the majority wanted each session to last longer! Many individuals specifically asked to have a fly fishing class the next time!

Again, thank you very much for your time and sincere enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

Doris Cook
Chair, Meth Task Force