***NEXT MEETING***

***April 1,2014***

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- All, Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 1st, at 6:30pm at Dahlonega Funeral Home
- ***Upcoming meetings***
- MAY – CAMP GLISON
- JUNE – FROG HOLLOW
- JULY- BIG CANOE
- AUGUST- FROG HOLLOW

MEETING PLACE

**We normally meet the first Tuesday of the month at Camp Gilson just north of Dahlonega.**

# WE WILL MEET IN April at :

## Dahlonega Funeral Home

## 20 Gibson Rd

## Dahlonega, Ga.

*See directions next page*

Dinner is served at 6:30 PM. while it lasts, and programs start around 7:00 PM. *All members and guest are welcome!*

***CAMP GLISON***

Program begins at 7 PM.

We also do “FLYSWATTERS” You bring two flies that you have tied or bought, one fly is donated to the chapter for a future raffle at the cookout; you will receive a ticket for the other fly which is placed on the FLYSWATTER. The Flyswatter Flies are raffled that night. Tickets may be purchased for $1.00. Also we do a 50/50 raffle.

Visitors are welcome.

# Directions

- **Dahlonega Funeral Home - Dahlonega**

  Features | Address and Map | Directions | Weather | Photos

- **Dahlonega Funeral Home**
  20 Gibson Road
  Dahlonega, Georgia 30533
  *Phone:* (706) 864-3683
  *Fax:* 706-864-0375
  **Division of McDonald Family Funeral Homes**

  *From East (Gainesville)*
  Take Hwy 60 north from Gainesville, cross over the intersection at GA 400 and Long Branch Rd., go 1 Mile Funeral Home is on the Left.*From North (Cleveland)*
  Take 115 south to Long Branch Rd., turn left on Long Branch, go to first redlight and turn right onto Hwy 60/19 north. Go one mile Funeral Home is on the left.

- *From South*
  Take GA 400 North to Hwy 60/19, Turn left at Redlight (Chevron, Waffle House on Corner) Go 1 Mile North on Hwy 60. Funeral Home is on the left.

- *From West (Downtown Dahlonega)*
  From downtown Dahlonega take Hwy 60 south towards Gainesville, after you cross the river you will see Achasta Golf Course on your left, go approx 1.5 miles Funeral Home will be on your Right.

# PROGRAM

**Joe Cook**

**I will give a presentation on the Etowah River Water Trail and efforts to improve access to the Etowah River from Lumpkin County to Floyd County as we create a 163-mile long water trail.**
**Here's some background information that you requested:**
**Joe has served CRBI as a board member since 1999, and began full time work with the organization in 2005. He currently serves as advocacy and communication coordinator. He is a nature/landscape photographer and writer whose work has been published in numerous national and regional magazines and is featured in four books, *Wildflowers of the Appalachian Trail, Wildflowers of the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains* and *River Song-A Journey Down the Chattahoochee and Apalachicola Rivers and the Etowah River User's Guide.* He has studied and reported extensively on water resource issues in Georgia since 1994. He and his daughter and her mother spent 26 days canoeing the 160-mile length of the Etowah River in 2002. In 2007, he was the recipient of a national River Hero award from River Network and in 2011 and 2013 was named to Georgia Trend's 100 Most Influential Georgians list. He is a 1988 graduate of Berry College where he studied communications and agriculture.**

# Presidents message

- It's spring and the weather is slowly warming up. That means the fishing will soon get good, ridiculously good. Spring is the time of the year when anybody can catch fish. It can make you forget all the times when you have been humbled by a creature with a brain the size of a pea. For some reason the fish many times get really stupid with the advent of warmer weather. So get your gear out, make sure your license is up to date, and go fishing.
- March was busy, and April promises to be the same. The big thing on the schedule is our after school program, as we partner with Lumpkin County Middle School. We will be providing four one hour programs from 5-6pm on April 10th, 15th, 24th, and 28th. Many of you have generously volunteered your time, but we still have some openings. If you haven't yet volunteered, come on out and join us. We need you.
- Our Chapter fishing trip on March 24th to the Tuck was postponed for two weeks due power generation. That puts the new date at April 4th. For a day of fun, come join us. The river is due to be stocked that Monday, so the fishing should be good.
- When you come to the meeting on April 1st, I want you to say "thank you'' to Ken Nichols. As I'm sure you know by now, Ken has constructed and donated a beautiful bamboo rod to the Chapter to raffle off. I will have the rod and case at the meeting. I will also have 200 tickets, which will be $10 a piece. We will have the raffle when all the tickets are sold. This is a wonderful and generous gesture by Ken to help our Chapter. It's also your chance to win a custom built rod which you can use for years.
- Ken is also heading up a project to treat the hemlock trees at Camp Glisson. This superb meeting place is furnished to us by Camp Glisson at no charge. In return, we offer to periodically perform projects they need done. One of these things is treatment of the hemlocks to control the aphid population that is devastating these beautiful trees around the country. We treated the majority of these trees two years ago, but the Camp has identified more to receive treatment. Ken has stepped forward to organize this effort on behalf of the Chapter. Many thanks, Ken.
- The meeting this month is again at the Dahlonega funeral Home. Mark your calendars for April 1st. See you there.
- Mike

# Fishing the “Tuck”

- DUE TO FISHING CONDITIONS THE TRIP HAS BEEN RESCHEDUALED FOR APRIL 4
- FISHING OUTINGS DATES
- : first trip to the Tuckaseagee in Sylva ( Webster)NC, , this will be a day trip we will meet up at the Wal-mart parking lot at 7:30 am and form up a car pool and be on the road shortly there after
- We will be fishing the DH section
- Be sure to have a fishing license from North Carolina
- A bag lunch is suggested but resturants are a 10 min drive away.
- We will arive back at Walmart by 7 or 8 pm, if you do not want to fish all day there is room to park your vehicle at the site.

- PLEASE RSVP IF YO PLAN TO ATTEND TO: wildturkeyflyer@gmail.com

# News and notes along with dates

- Lumpkin County after school program– 5 volunteers will be needed for 4- 2 hour sessions
- Dates are: April 10,15,24,28
- "University of North Georgia fly fishing class April 5 thru May 22 –see Pat Pattillo
- Trout camp June- We have our two great prospects for this years camp- If any one is interested in helping out at camp see Sherman for details beartooth@windstream.net
- Project Healing Waters- tentative start up in ***April- stay tuned coming soon***
- **Project Healing Waters** from Blue ridge and Cahutta Chapter are in need of volunteers to help out at the Rock Creek Hatchery on May 9 for a fishing outing for disabled Vets.
- **April 4** Tuck fishing Trip – see information elese where in this newsletter
- **April 5-** NGTO Spring Fling ant Beaufort Hatchery ( drift free seminar) and free lunch
- **May 10-** Council meeting held in Dahlonega Parks and Rec. hosted by Gold Rush
- **June 7** volunteers needed for kids fishing day at Lake Winfield Scott see Fred for details
- Kayak outing coming in April
- GOLD RUSH FLY FISHING FESTAVILE SATURDAY October 5 2014
- **June 21** Pretty Branch work day
- **July 19** Loving Good Creek –**Gold Rush lead chapter work day**
- Membership at 172 members

# Rod raffle

- Rod Info.
- Your rod was developed from an original taper by Jim Payne. Jim Payne was perhaps THE MOST RESPECTED BAMBOO BUILDER EVER. He built upon the work of many of the early builders and was still building Bamboo Rods into the 1950's. Your Rod (a Payne #200) copies the original taper Payne developed. A Taper refers to the exact set of measurements at 5" increments from Butt to Tip. Bamboo Rods are not just simple straight line tapers. They are compound tapers with certain areas of the rod deviating from a simple equal reduction at even distances from Butt to Tip. Those differences deliver a superior rod design and have been tested and perfected over time by the great builders. This rod is a wonderful 8ft, 3 piece rod built for a 5 weight line. I have attempted to maintain the excellent casting attributes of the original to the greatest extent possible. The cane (Bamboo) is from very small area of China and has been flamed to arrive at the strength and color as you experience it today.

- The rod tube is made from Curly Maple I bought in Northern Pennsylvania. The wooden hex tubes are a nice departure from the usual aluminum….or at least I think so. It will get some wear and tear over time (or at least I hope so). That adds character!

- You should consider the size of the fish you expect to fish for as well how you plan to fish. For example, you can catch some fairly good size fish with a Bamboo Rod but very large fish requiring lots of pressure can cause the rod to "take a set" or in laymen's terms get a semi-permanent bend in one or more of the sections. Care in fighting fish and being realistic about how big the fish are likely to be is probably a worthwhile consideration. If you do develop a set, it's not the end of the world as most sets can be coaxed back to proper alignment. I can do that if necessary. Worst case scenario, I build another section…..I've done it before!! Also, Bamboo Rods excel at casting the DRY FLY. That doesn't mean you can't fish a nymph but I would suggest that a rig with lots of big flies and added weight can over tax a Bamboo rod and again, cause a set. I loaned my 6'8" 3 weight to a guy one day because he broke his 5 weight. He built a 3 nymph rig with BIG flies and 2 big split shot and by the time I got the rod back it had taken a set. I straightened the rod and it fishes beautifully again. So, fish your rod, and don't worry about it being so fragile or that it's just for show. You'll find that you can fish the heck out of a Bamboo Rod and I trust you'll begin to really enjoy the very different action from those "plastic rods"!

- See next page for photo's

# Bamboo rod

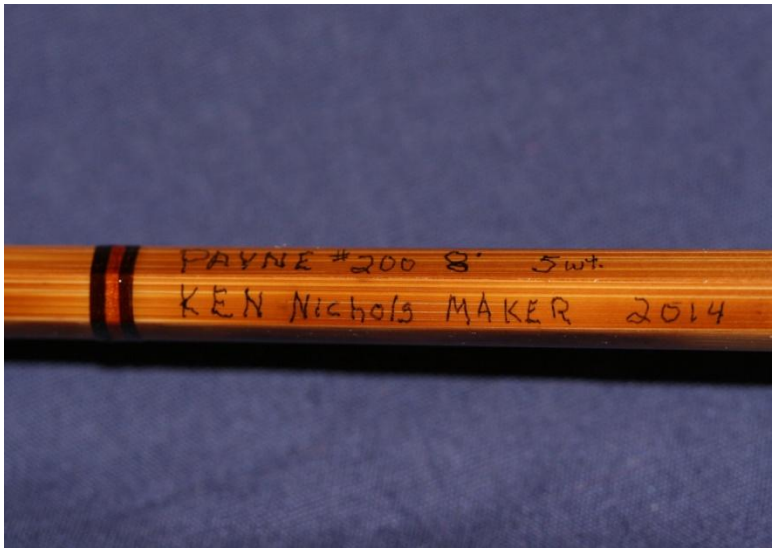
- Ken Nichols has lovingly constructed a custom bamboo rod and donated it to our Chapter. Starting at the next meeting we will be selling tickets for a raffle for this beautiful rod and custom wood case. We will be selling 200 tickets at $10 a piece, until they are gone.

- This  is a gorgeous 3 piece 5wt. If you have never fished bamboo before, this is your chance to get a beautiful rod, if you win. I promise you it will soon become the favorite rod in your collection.

- We all owe Ken a big " thank you" for spending the many hours it took to hand make this beautiful rod.

  I will bring it to the meeting on April 1st. I am attaching photos of the rod and case.

- See you there,
  Mike



# Fly tying 101

- Four members of Gold Rush traveled to Cresswind Country Club ( Gainesville )to hold a Introduction to Trout Unlimited and teach fly tying basics to 9 members , We tied a Zonker fly and invited all in attendance to come and visit our chapter at an upcoming meeting
- Mike Thornton, Fred Ruppel ,Sherman Head, and Ken McKinnon

# Tie one on

- All, We will be having our monthly fly tying class on Thursday April 10
- Tie one on was a great success with 60 + tires from around the state and a dozen tiers form Gold Rush
- Llink to photo's of tie one on:
- **https://www.dropbox.com/sh/p8w7mkf1qv6nuzc/AgSZBgFYyf**

Gold rush crew

Tie one on

**There was a great turn out at Bas Pro Shop on march 15.**
**With a group of Trout Unlimited tiers form around the state of Georgia**
**Marge Ruppel along with the following form Gold Rush were present,**

**Marge was the greeter and keeper of the Tootsie Rolls**

**Marge Ruppel**
**Frank Banks**
**Pat Patillo**
**Cole Landy**
**Win Cornnell**

**Fred Ruppel**
**Sherman Head**
**John Simmons**
**Ken McKinnon**
**Mike Thornton**

**All present received an engraved fly box**

# Photos

Jim Harvey

Mike Permenter

New member welcome gift of a fly box presented by Sherman

# Hoot on the Hooch

Gold Rush members having a goodtime at “Hoot on the Hooch”
Cheering on as Sam Johnson was the winner of one of the prized runner up prizes, also Warren went home with a Kayak

Any one interested in putting there heads together to come up with a comprehensive history of Gold Rush and submitting to national drop me an e mail at newsletter@goldrushtu.org

- **Chapter Origin Story Contest**
- We want to know the story of your Chapter! So, in the next few months, we'll be holding a contest, complete with great prizes, to highlight the fantastic TU chapters and how they came to be. Each chapter will be able to make a submission that tells their unique story. The winners will be chosen by a combination of TU judges and popular vote by members. We'll run the contest on the new website and it will involve the chapters' group pages. So get on the site and familiarize yourself with the new tools and start thinking about how you'd like to tell the story of your chapter. Don't forget to join your chapter's group page under the Connect button and stay tuned for more details. To find out more about hosted TU Chapter Sites for your Chapter, contact Doug Agee at dagee@tu.org

# T shirts now available

Earn a t shirt by showing up at the upcoming work days

Shirts can be ordered at regular club meetings
They are $16.oo each for short sleeve or can be earned by volunteering for a work day project
Long sleeve are $18.00 each

# LINKS AND SITES

***Of course the best place for information is our own web site goldrushtu.org***

***WE also have a facebook page:***

**Gold Rush Chapter-Trout Unlimited**

For those with a face book account :

- Federation of fly fishers
- R&R fly fishing
- Fisherman's handbook

- **Also U Tube ( fly fishing ) has great videos on fishing and tying**
- **The Itinerant Angler podcast**
- **askaboutflyfishing.com ( another pod cast)**
- **ngto.org ( North Georgia Trout On line)**
- **froghollowflyfishing.com (A special friend to Gold Rush)**
- **Thenewflyfisher.com (an online magazine free)**
- http://www.orvis.com/news/fly-fishing/tuesday-tip-how-to-tie-and-fish-tandem-rigs/#.UcnFXz44Vps

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