



Gold Rush Newsletter MAY. 2015

at

Camp Glison

Tuesday May 5, 2015

6:30 PM till 8:30 PM



WE ARE BACK AT IVEY LODGE

MEETING PLACE

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

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

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

MEETING PLACE/ PROGRAM

- We will be having our monthly Chapter meeting next Tuesday, March 3, 6:30pm, at the
- **IVEY LODGE**, Camp Glison. This is the same place we met last month and is a wonderful venue.
- The May program is;
- Council President Carl Riggs and he will speak on volunteerism
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- Here is a link to the map of Camp Glison; the Cagle Program Center is denoted as "B" on the map.
<http://tour.mapsalive.com/22372/page1.htm>
- Call a friend and have him come with you. We'll see you there.

Presidents Message

- As summer approaches, I am getting excited about the opportunities Gold Rush Chapter will have over the next few months on Jones Creek. This season is usually the busiest time of year for our service projects, but this is a little different. This year presents us with newfound opportunities to help improve our little corner of the universe.
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- Each year the Council partners with the US Forest Service in several stream improvement projects. Many of these are ongoing, and progress is slow. Tiny brook trout streams are the norm, and generally a stream is worked on once a year. Sometimes it feels like that we're moving at a glacial pace.
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- This past winter, our Board of Directors decided that starting our own conservation project would be a good idea. I talked with you last month about the great job done by our Conservation Committee. Bill Hess is the chair, and Warren Martin volunteered to head the project up. Warren has been joined by Fred and Sherman to coordinate with Jim Wentworth, the local USFS Fisheries Biologist.
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- I am proud to report to you that with this group's efforts, Gold Rush will have its first major work day on Jones Creek on Saturday, May 30th from 9am-12 noon. We also will be hosting a Council workday on Jones Saturday, June 13th, from 9am-12 noon. On both days, we will be serving lunch.
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- Jones Creek is a small brown trout stream in northern Lumpkin County. It was worked on approximately 30 years ago, but since that time, the forces of nature have taken a toll. The stream structures placed in the 1980's have fallen into disrepair. Our job over the next few seasons will be to repair existing structures and fabricate new ones. At the end, Jones Creek should once again be a fun stream to fish with a healthy population of wild brown trout.
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- This is a great opportunity for our Chapter to make a difference in our environment. Instead of seeing a stream once a year, we will be able to have multiple workdays in one season, and can make a larger impact more quickly. The workdays I mentioned are both on Saturdays and will involve many people. There will also be the opportunity for smaller groups to go during the week. Warren is working closely with Jim to identify the most pressing needs, and come up with a schedule to stage the project in the most effective manner. I will be in touch with you as that becomes more clear.
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- In order for this to work, we're going to need widespread support from the Chapter. Some of this can be hard labor, but much of it is not. There will be something for everybody, even for people like myself with a bad back. So, please come help us. As a wise one once said, "It takes a village."
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- In closing, I just want to say once again how much I appreciate you. After having been to a recent TU Regional Meeting, I'm even more convinced of the greatness of this Chapter. We have a special group of individuals who continue to work together to further our mission. It is truly inspiring to work with you.
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- Thanks to all.
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- Mike

Council meeting notes

- The 2015 Southeast Regional Meeting meeting was held in Asheville, NC on Sat April 18. Chapters and Councils where represented from Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and TU National staff. Over 90 people attended with 19 folks representing 7 chapters in Georgia and our council. This was an opportunity to network with other chapters that all experience similar challenges, such as how to grow membership, participation and leadership. Workshops were held to share ideas and solutions. The meeting was very interesting and informative and provided a lot of great tools and ideas to help build better, stronger and successful chapters and councils.

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- Fred Ruppel
- Council Rep.
- Cell - [678-520-4378](tel:678-520-4378)
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Trout Camp

- I am happy to announce that we have chosen two candidates to attend Trout Camp this summer. The two chosen are both daughters of Gold Rush members.
- The first is Ally Jones. Ally is the daughter of Gary Jones, and has attended our last two Chapter meetings.

The second is Sydney Grant, daughter of Kevin Grant. Those of you who attend fly tying may remember Sydney from one of our recent classes.

I would like to congratulate both of these young ladies. They turned in strong applications, and I am sure they will make us all proud as they represent Gold Rush Chapter at this nationally recognized camp. Well done ladies!

PROJECT HEALING WATERS

- All are reminder that we have a need for volunteers for our Project Healing Waters program at the Oakwood VA Clinic in Beaufort.
- *As the weather will warm* (eventually) more volunteers will be needed as we expand to more casting and field trips for one on one help on the water.
- OUR PROGRAM RUNS THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

- **Our Chapter is sponsoring a Trout in the Classroom project this year at Lumpkin County High School. We placed an aquarium in a science classroom in September and placed trout eggs in it in October. These eggs soon hatched and baby trout have been growing ever since. In late April these trout fry will have reached a length of two to three inches and will be ready for release into a local stream.**
- **We have chosen to release the trout in Cane Creek at Camp Glison . We will be able to keep an eye on them for the next couple years**
- **We plan to have a small ceremony with a few students and newspaper coverage. With all club members welcome to this ceremony on Camp property. Lunch will be served .**

Camping at Appletree

- FYI relative to the Nantahala trip. We had unusually heavy rain just prior to this planned event. As a result the 6 guys who had planned to rent a cabin cancelled on the advice of the cabin owner. Also, as you know Jay Miller who had booked the cabin but had to withdraw even before the weather issue due to some health issues. He mentioned problems with his knees and fluid.....
I know he has had more than his share if health issues.

Campers who did go were John Mann, Cliff Buckelew and his friend Dan (?). Rick (former Goldrush pres) also camped one night. It was 39 degrees on Wed am and Rick brought his summer sleeping bag!!!
Burrrrrr!

The water was higher than I've ever seen it but the fish cooperated on Tuesday afternoon. We all caught at least a couple. By Wed the water was beginning to come down but was still a long way from " normal". But the fish were more cooperative. Rick and Ken had a very good day.

In addition to the campers , Gordon Brand and Greg Grover fished both Tuesday and Wed. They were staying at Gordon's condo in Sky Valley and making the drive to the Nanty. Both Gordon and Greg are great nymphers and caught good numbers.

So, of the 18 people who committed to participate on 5 camped out of 9 and only 2 others, Gordon and Greg found their way to the Nanty. Obviously the weather was "sub-optimal" but for those of us who went anyway it was a lot of fun!!!

Ken

Fishing and facebook

- As most folks today have a face book account which is a great way to keep up with all aspects of fly fishing.
- [Gold Rush chapter-trout unlimited](#)
- The chapter has a face book page along with neighboring clubs ,Foot Hills.
- I for one will start posting : when I plan to go fishing so any one that wants to tag along with me or would like company to tag along with them can post up.
- You can also post your fishing report with or without pictures, follow TIC ,

Fly tying

- NEXT TYING SESSION WILL BE
 - May 14th AT THE AMERICAN LEGION IN DAHLONEGA
 - On the hill behind Chic-fil-ly
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- The pattern is a Boe's Caddis. Here's a link to the first one I did tonight. If I have time tomorrow, I'll do another one.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiCyugN_TGA&feature=youtu.be

- Mike's videos are available to be viewed at :
 - [You tube Gold Rush TU Fly Tying videos](#)
 - Or
- [Go to the gold Rush web site and drop down Fish'n and click on videos](#)

Up coming events

- **May:** VETERANS APPRECIATION FISHING RODEO (May 8, 2015) – All U.S. Military Veterans are invited to attend. Rock Creek is stocked with beautiful Rainbow Trout for great fishing. Registration begins at 9 a
- **May:** SPECIAL KIDS FISHING RODEO (May 13, 2015) -- These events, held in May each year, are for special needs youth from area schools. Volunteers work with the children to share the joys of fishing and the natural world. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND NUMBERS ARE LIMITED.
- **June:** SENIORS FISHING RODEO (June 5, 2015) -- Adults age 55 and older are invited to the hatchery each year to enjoy great trout fishing opportunities and prizes. Registration begins at 9 a.m.
- **June:** FAMILY FISHING FESTIVAL (June 6, 2015) -- Youth ages 16 and under have excellent trout fishing opportunities, along with expert demonstrations, free food, educational exhibits, fun activities and prizes
- **THE ABOVE HAVE BEEN CANCELED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AT THE HATCHERY**

More upcoming

- May 16 Council Meeting Clayton
- May 23 Work Day Sarah's Creek
- June 6 Kid's Fishing Rodeo Lake Winfield Scott
- June 7-12 Trout Camp
- June 20 Work Day Jones Creek, Gold Rush Lead
- July 18 Work Day Lovinggood Creek, Gold Rush support
- July 25 Work Day Martin's Branch
- August 22 Work Day Boggs Creek
- September 12 Council Meeting Cabelas
- September 26 Outdoor Adventure Day
- **October 3 Fly fishing Festival at Frog Hollow**
- October 16-18 Project Healing Waters Blue Ridge
- December 5 Council Meeting Gainesville

Fishing with Clyde



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- Clyde Edwards, long time member of Gold Rush TU, was recently recognized
- by our chapter for his generous support of Trout Unlimited. With Clyde being
- passionate about fishing and our group having a like mindset, it is easy to see which
- direction we headed. It was decided that we would look into either a float trip
- on the Toccoa, or perhaps a walk & wade trip on the Soque. We opted for the latter.
- Working with Clyde's wonderful wife, Maxine, (and without Clyde's knowledge) we put
- together a trip to private water on the Soque. We thought this would be do-able when
- considering all factors.
- The scheduling of this trip took some doing. Knowing what a fine gentleman Clyde is,
- my son Charles offered to guide at no charge. So, we first looked at days that Clyde
- could go, when Charles was available and then when the water was not already
- booked. With the weather being an unknown, the opportunity to pull this off was
- very limited. Thursday, April 16th was the only day that all these things came
- together and the weather was not looking too good! We decided to go ahead and take a
- chance on the wind and rain as this would be the only day available in the near future.
- It worked out PERFECTLY!!!

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Rest of the story

- Charles & I met Clyde & Maxine at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant at 10:00 am and they
- followed us to the private water on the Soque River that we had reserved for the day.
- Maxine assisted Clyde in getting geared up and ready for action. I must say that Clyde
- looked very “professional” in his attire (see photos).
- We were able to drive to within a few feet of the river and a short walk later we were at a
- spot where Charles decided we should start. He had a fly rod and reel rigged up with
- flies that he thought would be productive and we got situated on a sandy spot of the
- river bank with a folding chair about two feet behind Clyde for him to rest in after the
- anticipated action.
- On the second cast, Clyde hooked into a real trophy and after an excellent effort from
- both the fish and fisherman and excellent instruction from the guide, the monster was
- landed, photographed and released unharmed. It was just shy of 27 inches and weighed
- an estimated eight pounds!
- This scene played out several more times with Maxine photographing and videoing the
- complete sequence of events. Clyde caught and released fish until he was exhausted.
- After leaving this place, we traveled a short distance to the Batesville General Store
- and had a great lunch and relived the day.
- In summing up the day, I would give it at least 5 stars! It was perfect in every way. No
- wind, no rain, no cell phones, no people and plenty of huge hungry fish!
- A great day with great people. Something I will always remember and cherish.

- Sherman

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 \$16.00 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](http://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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