

03-03-2009 - T.U. MINUTES – MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Gold Rush Chapter,  
Dahlonega Georgia

The Gold Rush Chapter, of Trout Unlimited, held their March meeting at Camp Glisson; presiding at the meeting was chapter president Deborah Scott. There were 29 persons in attendance; with four new attendees. Written copies of the minutes from the previous months meeting were made available to the membership for review; they were accepted by vote. Henry Bazella, membership chairperson, reported that there were 119 members on record with the national T.U. data base; one new member was recorded. He encouraged the membership to stay current; especially with renewals. It was announced that Gloria Pattillo, after a consensus vote, will be the new chapter treasurer and would be updating our accounts ledger and preparing a budget to be presented at a future meeting.

Orders of business included: a reminder to members to sign in each meeting night & to wear provided T.U. name tags during the meeting. Dream Ticket proceeds and/or tickets should have been turned in no later than this meeting night; the drawing will be held at the “Hoot on the Hooch”, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Members were invited to support a neighboring T.U. chapter by attending the “Hoot on the Hooch”. The quarterly Georgia Council meeting will be hosted by the Gold Rush Chapter on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>; volunteers are needed from the members-at-large to help host the event. A box of flies was being donated by the Gold Rush Chapter to support the Georgia Council. Member, Pat Pattillo will be conducting the March program: Graphite Rod Building. Kenny Simmons has volunteered for the July program. Kenny is a member of the Gold Rush Chapter and is a noted photographer & fishing guide.

The chapter will be continuing with the TFO youth fly fishing & mentoring program. A session is planned for Yahooola Park during March; the exact date, to be announced. Fred Ruppel asked members to review the photo display book documenting various chapter activities; the photo book is kept current and is an excellent visual history of the chapter. Volunteer hours to date are approximately 600 hours. The chapter will be traveling to the Toccoa River the upcoming Friday; all members were invited to participate.

A clean-up on the Chestatee River in the area of Frog Hollow was announced; exact date during April to be determined. The clean-up will focus on the river and the riparian area of Frog Hollow. It anticipated that the work would be ½ day or less; Kenny and John Simmons extended an invitation for members to fish the stream after completion.

The evening’s program was presented by noted fishing guide, fly designer, and tyer, Henry Cowen. Additionally, he has written numerous articles on light tackle fishing, fly fishing & tying techniques. He is an F.F.F. certified instructor & has made guest appearances at seminars as well as on nationally syndicated outdoor shows. Henry specializes in guiding trips for persons fishing with a fly rod or light tackle on Lake Lanier, and targets striped bass and spotted bass. ([www.henrycowenflyfishing.com](http://www.henrycowenflyfishing.com))

