

# Little River Chapter

Newsletter

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## Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the **Fourth Thursday** April the 22, at 7:00P.M. at Monte Vista Baptist Church at 1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd. in Maryville. The church has an entrance on the opposite side of Hwy 129 between the Bi-Lo and the Co-op Gas station.

### Program

"Rocky" Cox from Fly Drifters River Guides will be with us to give an informative presentation on the Clinch river tailwater, tying the flies that he uses, and how to best fish the river. Please make your plans now to attend this meeting.

## Stream Work

**Little River Clean-Up** there we be a sign up booth in Townsend that our Chapter members will man. We need to have a good turnout for this event. There is a lot of our members that live along or around the River between Townsend and Maryville and we all have a great interest in keeping the river clean.

**April 24** Blount County Little River Clean-Up Day

**May 24-26** Bear Creek Evaluation

**May 15 - 16** Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample

## Fishing Picks

**By: Ian Rutter**, April is here and so is spring fly fishing. Weather is becoming more stable but still unpredictable in the Smokies. In fact, I guided a trip during a snow storm at Elkmont on March 31. Fish were still eating in spite of the conditions. April 2 saw Newfound Gap Road closed with 6 inches of snow on the ground and 13 inches on Mt Leconte. Great hatches of Blue Quills and Quill Gordons still came off that afternoon in the lower elevations and dry fly fishing was superb. The Quill Gordon hatch will begin to taper off on many streams but will be replaced by Hendricksons and March Browns. Yellow Sallies will also begin to appear by the end of this month. Fish can become finicky at times, but this is that great time of year when a lot of different patterns are effective. You can use traditional March Brown and Hendrickson patterns but may be able to see other patterns like parachutes better in the swift pocket water.

Tailwater fishing has been just as good. The Clinch has had the best generation schedules we've seen in months. Midges are hatching some days and not on others. Sow bug patterns have proven consistent. It's still early but the first sulphurs of the year have already hatched. The Hiwassee is currently in the best generation phase for wading of the year.

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**Fishing Pick** [ FROM PAGE 1] There is an alternating schedule of three hours off followed by one hour of one generator. Dry fly fishing is excellent with hatches of caddis, BWO's, and Hendricksons. The South Holston and Watauga are still having good wading schedules, but the South Holston is usually better until things warm up a little more.

**The Third Annual TU Regional Rally** is Friday April 30, to Sunday May 2, 2004 at Camp Ton A Wandah near Hendersonville, North Carolina. Mark your calendars and send in your reservations now. This year features the Regional Kick-Off for the "Back The Brookies" campaign already underway in North Carolina. Those attending this event the last two years know this weekend to be loaded with information benefiting TU and TU chapters, the opportunity to meet and mingle with TU members in the surrounding states of Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina, and, to have one great weekend in the mountains. Just check the agenda for "fishing hours", "Welcome Social" and "Pickin' & Grinnin'! - Of course we have a band!

The fee for the entire weekend is just \$60 and I encourage each chapter to fund the attendance of at least two members, and encourage all others who wish to attend. Sixty bucks? I have spent more than that on a bad meal served by an ugly waiter. I attended the first two Regional Rallies and feel it's the best \$60 I ever spent. Make your checks out to Camp Ton A Wandah and mail them to Kim Ryals - - all the details are in the attachments. This year has an adjunct function sponsored by the Rocky River Chapter of TU, and the Chesapeake Women Anglers; a Ladies Only weekend session on fly casting, entomology

and gear . The cost for the ladies' event is \$75 and includes instruction plus camp lodging and meals. This may be a great opportunity to introduce wives, girl friends and significant others to fly fishing in a friendly "Ladies Only" atmosphere. We can accommodate some couples and the local area has ample art, culture and shopping to make everyone happy.

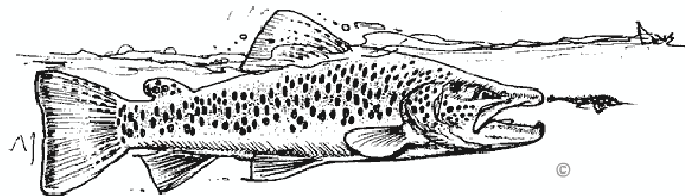
And finally, this year we are having a few contests to show off your casting and angling skills and win some prizes!

If you have questions or want more information on this event, feel free to call me or send me a note and I will be happy to answer your questions. This is a great event and a lot of fun. This is my personal invitation to you! Come join us!

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The dead line for signing up is coming up soon. So please send reservations and entry fee soon.



## Fishing Personalities

**By: Jim Park**

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to meet many individuals in the pursuit of fish as a hobby in many locations. During this time, I have observed a myriad of traits among various fishermen. Looking into my past, I realize that I have been afflicted with some abnormal personalities. I've even succumbed to unusual behavioral types almost to the point of being possessed by the sport. Below is a list of fishing personality types I have encountered over the years. I'm sure you can think of others, and you may see yourself in one or more of these.

**Gadget Man**- This individual has every gadget available to the sport of fly fishing. If they do not possess it, it is on order. (You know who you are)

**Obsessive-Compulsive**- (aka purist) They are preoccupied with structure, order, perfectionism and control. They catch fish "the way it is supposed to be done". It doesn't matter if they get skunked. But when they do catch a fish, it was supposed to happen.

**Predator**- (aka hunter, gatherer) This individual can be seen crawling along the stream bank in heavy camouflage, often mistaken for a rock or tree. Their livelihood depends on their success.

**Fashion Police**- Ultimate goal is to look like the magazine covers. If they do catch a fish, they're ready for that perfect snapshot. If not, well, they look good anyway. Their motto is, "It's better to look good than to fish good."

**Lurker**- (aka the rooter) (follows other fishermen to find the "best spots" and then joins them. This individual roots out other fishermen. They are clueless as to where to fish, and don't care to share the creek. They drive around until they see one or two fishermen in one small spot surrounded by 10 miles of open

stream. They typically wind up about an arm's length away without so much as a word.

**Paranoid**- Perpetually unhappy. When they pull up to a likely spot, they assume that if nobody is there, the fish aren't biting. If the stream is crowded, the fishing must be great, but the day is ruined because they hate to fish around crowds. They also believe everyone is out to get them, even the fish.

**Clueless**- No one knows why this person is out there. They don't know themselves.

One year while fishing Yellowstone, I came across a gentleman from New England that fit this category. I last saw him awaiting a wrecker to pull his car away from a tree on the side of the road. We nicknamed him squirrel. Perhaps he was a bit nutty.

**Passive-Aggressive**- (aka Jo Excuse) These individuals will forget their polarized glasses, on purpose, and blame their inability to catch fish on the sun being in their eye.

An extreme case would be someone who intentionally forgets his/her flies and blames their fishing buddy for not having the fly du jour.

**Conformer**- This one just wants to be one of the gang, often talks a lot without saying anything.

**Schizoid**- loners. They always fish by themselves as a self-protective measure. By doing so, they can keep all their secret patterns and techniques. They would rather fish a dried up stream bed than fish with another person.

**Antisocial**- You've met these. They believe the water is theirs and that includes the fish. They use bait in the Park and believe they are perfectly within their rights, since it all belongs to them. Once, I met a guy fishing just below the wye. He was really catching them. [CONTINUED ON PAGE 4]

**Fishing Personalities** [ FROM PAGE 3] I observed the Styrofoam container of worms and informed him of the artificial only regulations in the Park. His reply was “Oh am I in the Park?” As I walked by his car, I noticed he had local plates.

**Elitist**- knows all, tells nothing.

**Starved for attention**- knows nothing, tells all.

**Dependent**- These tend to be nice because they are always soliciting support from others. They tend to be clingy and low in confidence. These individuals always want their “hand held”. They refuse to take their first step alone into the fishing world without someone telling them where to cast and what fly to use even though they’ve been fishing 5 or more years!

**Analytical**- These focuses so much on conditions and hatches, they forgets to fish. If the conditions are not just right, they wait for the right day.

**Spontaneous**- These jump right in without first checking water temperature. After the sudden attack of hypothermia, they begin fishing while standing in the middle of the best run of the best pool. Often, they are in such a hurry, they arrive on the river and realize they forgot their rod. Not to be confused with memory loss due to old age. Victims of senility not only forget their rod, they also arrive in their pajamas, having forgotten to dress.

**Introspective**- These experience deep emotional feelings in everything they see and feel. They’re overwhelmed by the beauty of the laurel bloom, the flutter of the butterfly and depressed over the changing of the leaves signifying colder weather just around the corner.

**Professor**- This one knows the scientific names and life cycles of most insects and fish species, but never catches anything except by accident. In high school, we called this guy Marvin.

**Bushwhacker** – doesn’t enjoy the experience unless they have fought their way through miles of mountainous terrain, jungles of rhododendron thickets, and climbed down steep banks. All this effort in order to be the first and/or only one on the stream.

**Joe Organized**- every pocket has a purpose, every fly has it’s own specific cubicle in the fly box. The world is not right and thus fishing cannot commence until everything is in its place.

**Insane**- This one does the same thing over and over again, expecting different results. I’ve seen these cast the same fly all day without a bite, excluding that trout with suicidal tendencies.

**Gambler**- Fishes with the perpetual belief the next cast will be the big one.

**Split Personality**- One week this person is trout fishing with a fly rod, the next week they’re bass fishing on the lake.

**Multiple Personality**- One week this person is trout fishing with a fly rod, the next their bass fishing, the next they’re golfing.

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### Trout Fest News

Everybody is working hard on the Townsend Trout Fest. We have had write-ups in the New Sentinel and The Daily Times. Thanks to Charity, Tom, Roy, Steve, and Matt for making that happen. We will have a billboard for the month of May. It will be right pass the Foothills Parkway on Hwy 321 on the right heading towards Townsend where the Road narrow to two lanes. Also we will have posters to put in Supermarkets, Wal-Mart, Target and other high foot traffic stores in our area. Plus we will be putting them in all the Fly Shops and other Outdoors stores . If you are taking a trip to the Johnson city area, Hiwassee, Chattanooga area or Nashville later this month let us know so we can give you some posters to hang. They have more of a chance to find window space if we deliver them in person. It looks like we are going to have room for 160 people for the Festival Banquet with fact we have over 200 members tickets will be going fast. We are needing Auctions items large and small for the Banquet. If you have something to donate get with Dudley Shumate or Maurice Ferguson . Several members have already made donations.

If you know a craft vendor see us about a brochure and registration form to give them. There are booths still available for crafters. April 13 is the next Trout Fest meeting. I will give a update at our monthly T.U. meeting .

### International Wild Trout Symposium

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/wildtrout8/>

With all the budget cuts in our National Park, the Fishery Department was not spared. Steve Moore is the **Wild Trout Symposium Chair** this year. With the cuts, his travel expense account is nonexistent. As T. U. members it would be beneficial to us to make sure Steve and Matt attend this event. We need to raise money for this cause. It's going to take 2,600 dollars to make this happen. I know it seems like a lot of money, but if everybody chips in it will not be that much for each of us. I will be asking members for donations over the next few weeks so please be generous.

Thanks Joe Hatton

### Fly of the Month

Caddis Humpy

**Sizes:** 12-18 Hook

**Type:** Extra-fine dry

**Thread:** Black 6/0

**Tail:** Bleached Elk

**Body:** Yellow Floss

**Wing:** Overwing:  
Bleached Elk Wing-case: Bleached Elk pulled over the abdomen "Humpy" style.

**Hackle:** Grizzly, or mix Grizzly/Brown wrapped thick.





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