



NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The April Little River Chapter Meeting is our annual business meeting, but also includes a feature presentation by Larry Everett from the Water Resource Knoxville Environmental Field Office. The business portion of the meeting will be limited to election of officers and board members, a financial summary, and a brief overview of our Chapter's Annual Report to Trout Unlimited National. The number of volunteer hours logged during the past year will be revealed and the total is impressive. You will learn some interesting information about the Little River Chapter by attending this meeting. The point is, do not avoid the meeting because of the word "business."

LRCTU member Jimmy Jones was featured in the March edition of "On The Fly South" in an article entitled "Tying for the Smokies." The fly shown below was pictured in the article and has yet to be named. You will have the opportunity to name this fly at the April Chapter meeting. Check out his article at <https://ontheflysouth.com/jimmy-jones/>.

Bob Bishop
President



APRIL MEETING

Thursday, April 27 @ BLUETIK TAVERN IN MARYVILLE

Social hour starts at 6:00, program starts at 7:00, business meeting

Ordering from the menu will be in the meeting room from 6:15 to 6:30. After 6:30 you will need to order any food at the bar. Adult beverages must be ordered and paid at the bar.

Larry Everett with the Water Resources/Knoxville Environmental Field Office will speak on bugs, fish, and other topics regarding Little River.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 25 - Bill Stiver, Supervisor Wildlife Biologist with the Great Smoky Mountain National Park (the bear guy) will present the BearWise program.

June 22 - Rebecca Smith with the University of Tennessee will be speaking about the genetic work they are doing for Brook Trout restoration.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

May 20 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC & TN) *

Jun 13 - Rivercourse at Lake Logan on Big East Fork Pigeon River. Call Richard Barnes for details. See contact information below.

Jun 22 - Trout Camp electrofishing demo

Jun 26 :27 - Anthony Creek brook trout restoration evaluation. Meet at Anthony Creek Trailhead at Abrams Creek picnic area for transport at 8:30 am.

July 10 - Large stream IBI sampling at Cataloochee. Meet at USGS Gauge at Asbury Trail Bridge parking lot at 9:30 am.

Jul 11 - Large stream IBI sampling at Abrams Creek. Meet at Abrams Creek Campground Ranger Station at 9:00 am.

Jul 12 - Large stream IBI sampling at West Prong Little River and West Prong Little Pigeon (2 separate groups). WP Little River meet at junction of Tremont Rd. and Laurel Creek Rd. at 8:30 am. WP Little Pigeon River meet at NPS Headquarters 8:30 am.

Jul13 - Large stream IBI sampling at Nolan Creek. Meet at Nolan Creek Trailhead parking lot along Lakeview Dr. at 9:30 am.

Jul15 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC and TN) *

Jul 18 - 19 - Population sampling at Cataloochee Creek tributaries. Strenuous all day sampling efforts with long hikes possible. Meet at Cataloochee Group Campsite at 10:00 am.

Ongoing: Stream Barrier Surveys - contact Bernie Maloy at 52bazzman@gmail.com.

* For information on Bi-monthly acid depositions contact:

TN - Richard Barnes at canceler1@gmail.com or 949-212-8480

NC - Mike Kesselring at mikessel59@gmail.com or 828-736-6929

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM



Our TIC classes will begin releasing their rainbows starting May 2. As in past years, the release is being done at the Townsend KOA. There are 11 schools planning to participate in this event, so needless to say we're looking for volunteers. Some of the schools will be doing a release only, others will be doing what we call the full program. The full program includes water quality / conservation discussion, aquatic insect viewing, casting, and show and tell by the Fisheries Department from either GSMNP, TWRA, or TDEC. If you've never volunteered to help out with this event, you're missing a good time. The list of release dates, times, schools and number of volunteers needed is below. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, contact our TIC Release Coordinator Mike Kesselring at mikessel59@gmail.com or 828-736-6929. He can fill you in on all the particulars regarding what time and where to meet, parking, and any other information you'll need. All releases will be done rain or shine.

May 2 at 10:00 - Concord High School - 17 10, 11, and 12th graders for the full program. 4 volunteers are needed.

May 3 at 9:30 - Lonsdale Elementary - 41 5th graders for the full program. 4 volunteers are needed.

May 4 at 9:30 - Lenoir City High School - 25 12th graders for the full program. 3 volunteers are needed.

May 4 also at 9:30 - Tate School - 22 4th graders for the full program. 3 volunteers are needed.

May 8 at 9:30 - John Sevier Elementary - 21 2nd graders for release only. 3 volunteers are needed.

May 9 at 10:00 - Lenoir City Middle School - 125 6th graders for the full program. 5 volunteers are needed.

May 10 at 10:00 - Porter Elementary - 40 4th graders for the full program. 4 volunteers are needed.

May 11 at 9:30 - Episcopal School - 36 4th graders for the full program. 4 volunteers are needed.

May 16 at 9:00 - Eagleton Middle School - 240 5th and 6th graders. 6 volunteers are needed!!!

May 18 at 9:00 - Townsend Elementary - 18 3rd graders for release at KOA then programs at the Metcalf Bottoms picnic pavilion. 4 volunteers are needed at the Metcalf pavilion.

May 25 at 9:30 - Clayton Bradley Academy - 19 2nd graders for the full program. 3 volunteers needed.

TIE AND LIE - MONDAY, APRIL 24 @ CASUAL PINT, MARYVILLE - 6:30



This month's fly is the Parachute Sulphur

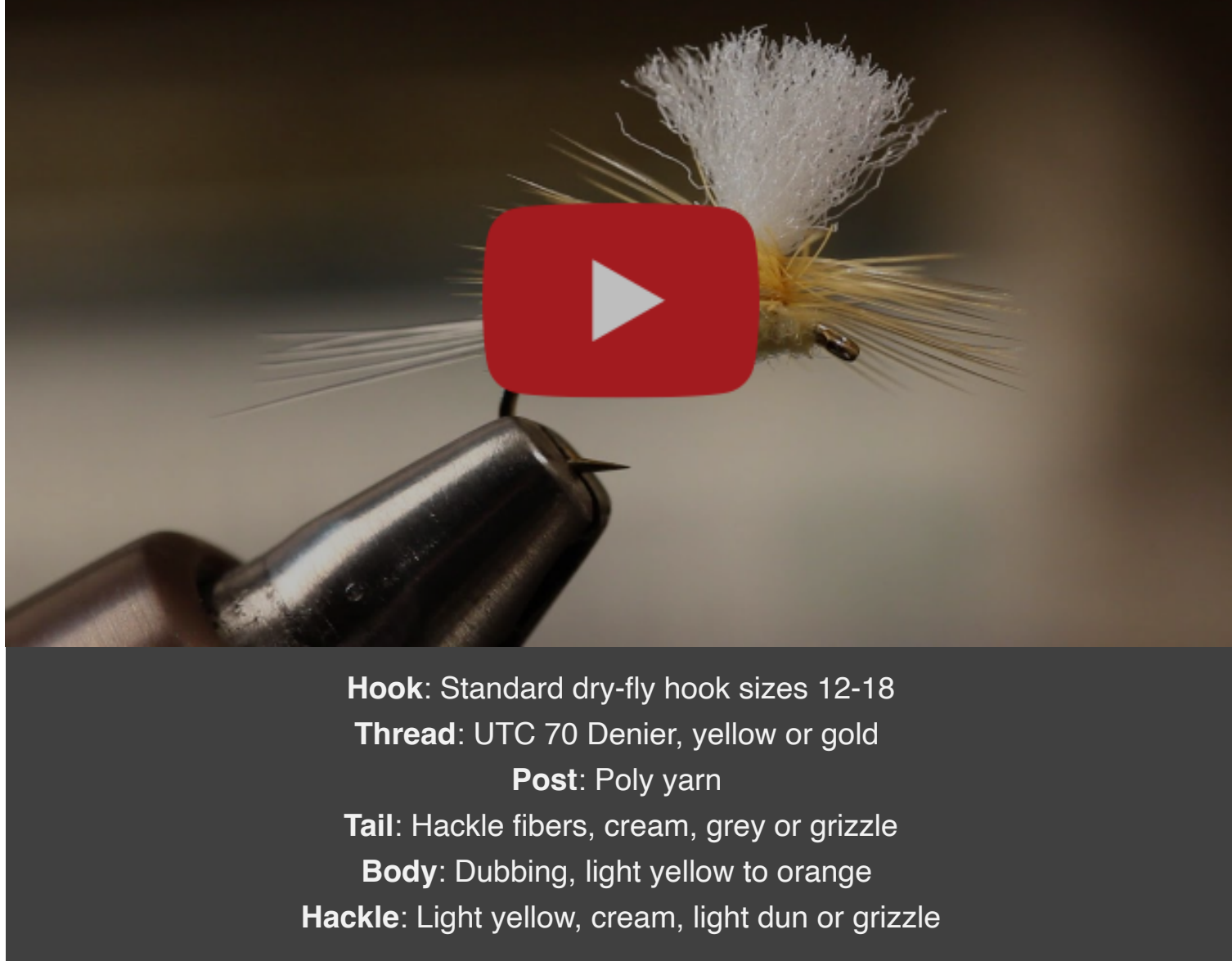
"Sulphur" is a generic term used to indicate the species of yellow mayflies that hatch in the evenings on most eastern US waters. These mayflies are delicate evening risers and therefore are also called Pale Evening Duns, counterparts to the west's Pale Morning Duns.

Most commonly when the term "sulphur" is used, reference is being made to the three species of *Ephemerella* that hatch in succession. *E. invaria* is the largest (#12-#14) and starts the ball rolling. The hatch progression finds the smaller *E. rotunda* coming off next (#14-#16) tagged along by the smallest, *E. dorothea* (#16-#18). Typically, nutrient-rich spring creeks have larger specimens than do freestone streams or tailwaters. It is also noteworthy to mention that some watersheds produce a sulphur that is strikingly orange in body color.

Although most sulphur activity is complete by the end of June, there will be some systems that entertain hatches all summer, the Delaware River is a prime example.

There are some other species that can be equally imitated by the generic sulphur patterns, most notably the *Epeorus vitreus* and some *Heptagenids*.

The video below is just one method of tying the Sulphur. There are also several others available. Ernie Frey will be teaching his method. If you plan on coming and need supplies, contact Ernie at Ernest.frey@comcast.net.



Hook: Standard dry-fly hook sizes 12-18
Thread: UTC 70 Denier, yellow or gold
Peak: Poly yarn

Tail: Hackle fibers, cream, grey or grizzle
Body: Dubbing, light yellow to orange

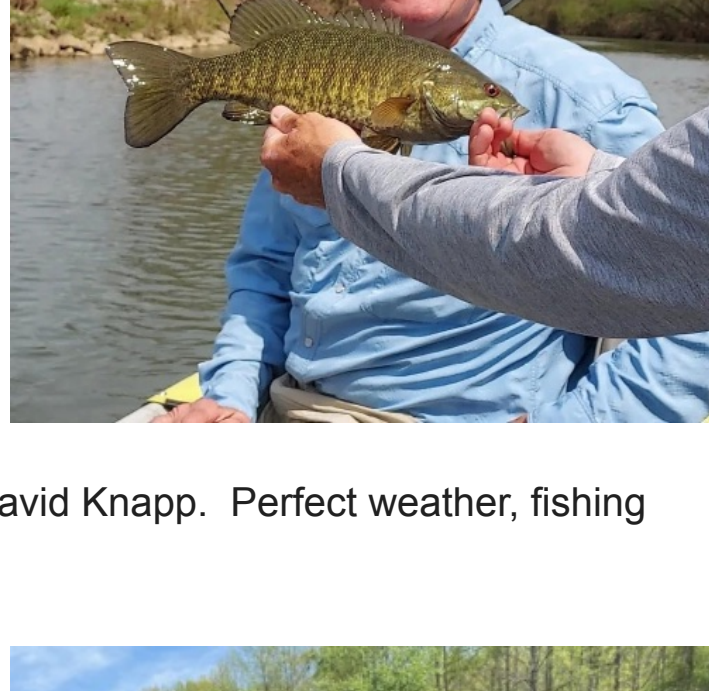
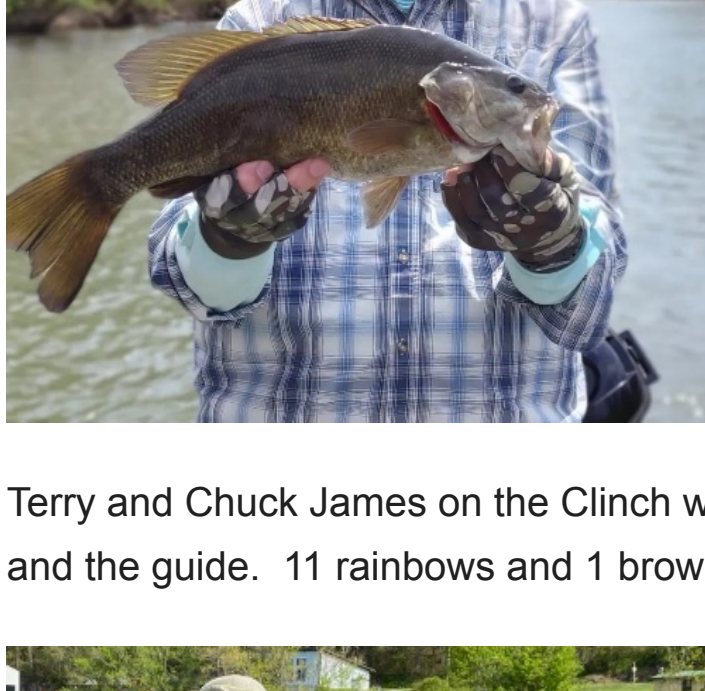
Hackle: Light yellow, cream, light dun or grizzle

NEW MEMBERS - Devin Marriott

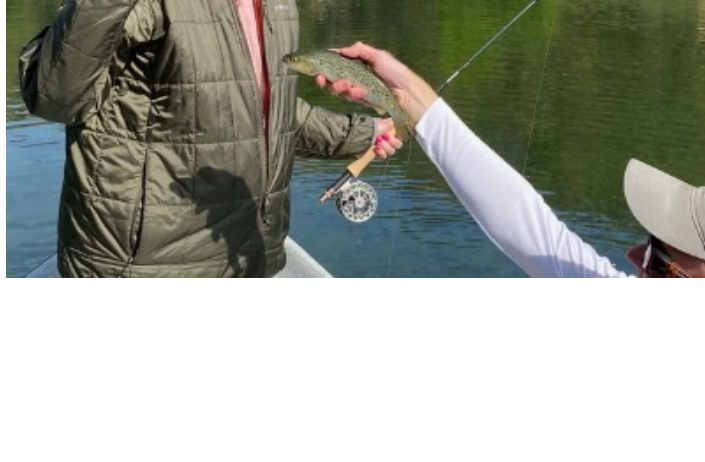
Welcome to the Little River Chapter of TU (LRCTU). Our Chapter was established years ago as a nonprofit volunteer organization committed to protecting and restoring cold water resources and watersheds in and around the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. We hope to be able to offer you plenty of activities to join us in our mission. As a member, you will receive our monthly newsletter issued around the 15th of each month, as well as email notifications of any activities that may be happening during the month. Our meeting is the 4th Thursday of the month (with the exception of July, November, and December) held at the Bluetick Tavern in Maryville. Social hour starts at 6:00 with month's program starting at 7:00 and the Chapter's business meeting immediately following. Feel free to visit our website at lrctu.org, contact me at jmfrey@cmcast.net or any of the Board Members listed on the website for information.

MEMBERS OUT THERE

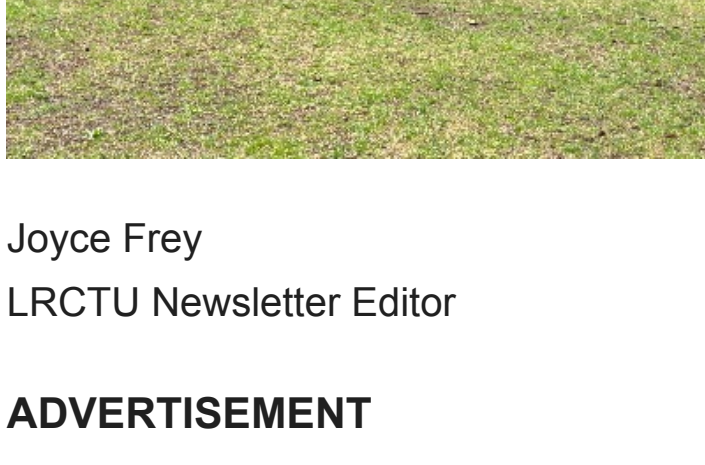
Dave Ezell and Rufus King catching smalles with Capt. Josh Pfeiffer.



Terry and Chuck James on the Clinch with David Knapp. Perfect weather, fishing and the guide. 11 rainbows and 1 brown!



Charlie Chmielewski, Sara and Bob Bishop, Joyce and Ernie Frey provided casting instruction and a presentation on the Chapter's work with GSMNP to a group of 20 students. They were from various universities, majoring in some type of outdoor related studies and staying at the Tremont Institute for the week.



Joyce Frey
LRCTU Newsletter Editor

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•Experience the Cherokee Trophy Water using nymphing techniques to get into a fight with large, acrobatic Rainbow Trout

•Catch the Sulphur Hatch on the South Holston River using dry flies for big Brown Trout

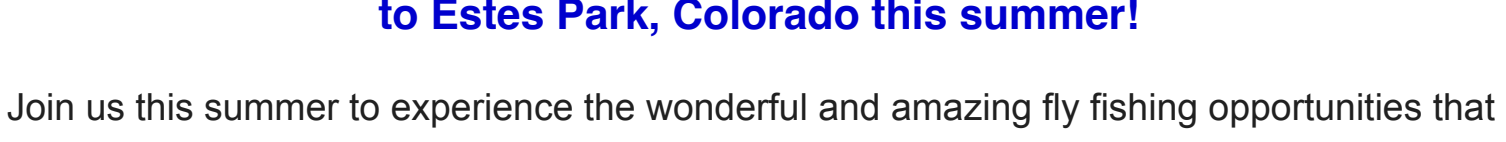
•Fly Fish for Smallmouth Bass on the French Broad River and other rivers in the area

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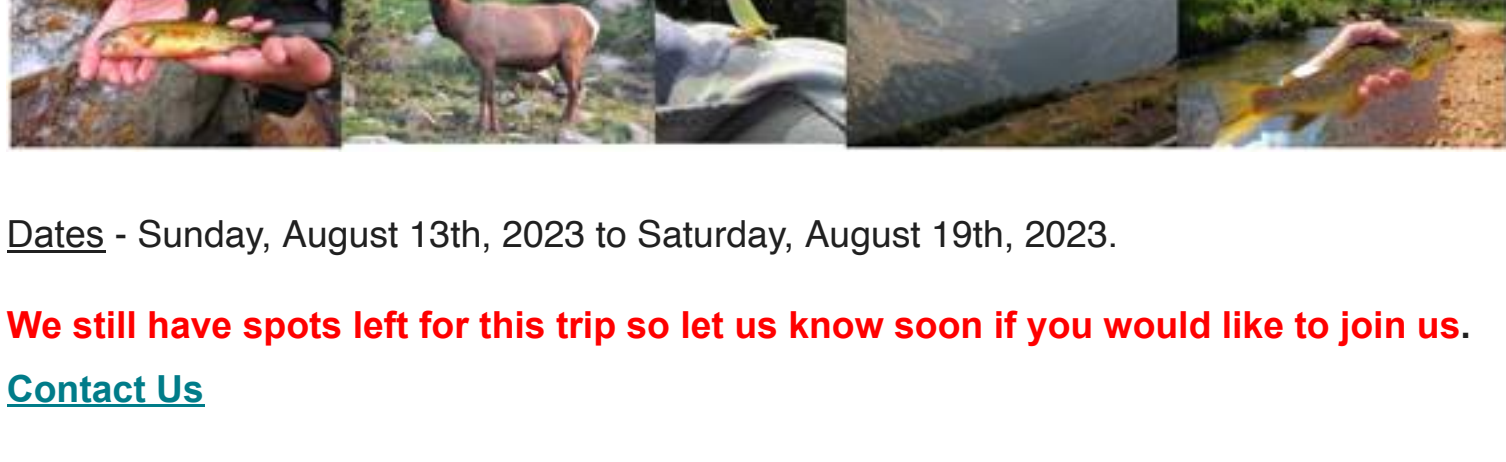
We still have dates available for April, May and June so give us a call to book a day on the river!



Join us on an all-inclusive Hosted Fly Fishing Vacation to Estes Park, Colorado this summer!

Join us this summer to experience the wonderful and amazing fly fishing opportunities that Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park has to offer from a home base in Estes Park, Colorado! We will be fly fishing for the native Greenback Cutthroat Trout, Colorado Cutthroat Trout, Brook Trout, Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout on the many beautiful rivers and streams in the greater Rocky Mountain National Park area.

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Dates - Sunday, August 13th, 2023 to Saturday, August 19th, 2023.

We still have spots left for this trip so let us know soon if you would like to join us. Contact Us

We would love to share a day on the river with you soon!

