



APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER VICE-PRESIDENT

My first month as VP and I've been deserted while Bob and Sarah enjoy a very long and fabulous meandering trip. I hope we get great pictures when they return.

I had the choice of writing the President's notes or not for this month. I decided it was a good time to kind of introduce myself in my new capacity and explain a little about how I got here. I have been on many boards and committees. Some I have enjoyed and some I have not, but never have I felt so privileged and excited to have been asked to take on this role.

Fly fishing began when my brother Roy asked if I wanted to share a day with him on fly fishing instruction in the fall of 2012. Being up for anything, I said yes. We arrived at Headwaters Outfitters when it was a quiet place. We did all the beginner stuff, then went to the river. Very much like today when I go to the river, I didn't catch a thing.

The gentleman I was with informed me that fishermen never tell a lie, but they will tell a tall tale every now and then. It was then we hatched the plan to tell Roy I had caught a 14 inch rainbow. This made Roy a bit grumbly since we each had a bit of a competitive side. Didn't tell him any different until I headed off to bed.

My brother started me on an adventure that would eventually change my entire life. That day, something inside of me came to life. I had always loved the river, but now I was in love with it. I realized standing in the middle of a river any time was a great day. Going out to fish would always make for adventure!

As with rivers, my life took many turns over the years, with a few rapids and riffles, pools and runs. I found new friends and connected them with my old friends. I began attending Little River Chapter meetings and added even more new friends. I have found the people I encounter are anxious to share knowledge, supportive of any

learning process, and great to work with. I also learned that fishing was not the only thing I loved about water. There were bugs! Then there was fly tying, then.....well, you get the picture.

Now for current day! It's time for Trout in the Classroom releases. If you have never volunteered for this, it takes only a couple of hours of your morning and I can guarantee you will be really glad you did. We could use your help this spring. You can contact Joyce Frey jmfrey55@icloud.com and let her know when you are available.

Here's hoping your adventures are many!

Kim Emery
Rookie VP

APRIL 25 MEETING @ BLUETIK TAVERN IN MARYVILLE

Ordering will be done at the upstairs bar. You will be given a number to take back to your table. Please make sure you settle your bill before leaving.

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

Charity and Ian Rutter of R&R Fly Fishing will be introducing their new book "Fly Fishing Guide to Great Smoky Mountains National Park". Copies will be available for sale. Come by and get a signed copy.

They can be found at randrflyfishing.com, 865-448-0467, info@randrflyfishing.com, Facebook, X, and Instagram.



UPCOMING MEETING

Ben Fields, videographer for Dorsal Outdoors will be joining us May 23 to discuss Euro-nymping. Look for more information in the May newsletter.

2024 UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Matt Kulp, NPS Fisheries, has emphasized that we stay within the limit of volunteers requested. Too many people causes confusion and there's not enough work for everyone. Richard Barnes will fill in volunteer names as he is contacted. It's first come, first serve. Because it's possible to have cancellations as conditions may change between now and June/July he will schedule two more than requested to cover contingencies.

If you need more information regarding the activity, contact Richard Barnes or Mike Kesselring.

Richard Barnes, TN Coordinator, can be reached at canceler1@gmail.com or 949-212-8480. TN opportunity will be designated (RB).

Mike Kesselring, NC Coordinator, can be reached at mikessel59@gmail.com or 828-736-6929. NC opportunity will be designated (MK).

- 05/18 - Bi-monthly acid deposition Sampling (NC & TN) (RB and MK)
- 06/26 - 27 - Anthony Creek Brook Trout Restoration Evaluation (RB)
- 07/08 - Large Stream IBI Sample (Deep Creek) (MK)
- 07/09 - Large Stream IBI Sample (Oconaluftee) (MK)
- 07/10 - Large Stream IBI Sample (Middle Prong Little Pigeon River) (RB)
- 07/11 - Large Stream IBI Sample (East Prong Little River) (RB)
- 07/15 - 16 - Population Sampling - Cataloochee Creek tributaries (MK)
- 07/20 - Bi-monthly acid deposition Sampling (NC & TN) (RB and MK)
- 08/19 - 22 - Hazel Creek 3-Pass Depletion (Contact Matt Kulp at 865-436-12545)
- 08/26 - 27 - Bunches & Flat Creek Evaluation (MK)
- 09/21 - Bi-monthly acid deposition Sampling (NC & TN) (RB and MK)
- 10/05 - Trash pick-up Little River (RB)
- 11/16 - Bi-monthly acid deposition Sampling (NC & TN) (RB and MK)
- 01/18 - Bi-monthly acid deposition Sampling (NC & TN) (RB and MK)

**TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM RELEASES
STILL NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS**



Several members have already volunteered to help out with our TIC releases. Unfortunately there are a few positions still open. Descriptions of the volunteer positions are below, along with which days they are needed. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, send me an email at lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com. All releases will be done rain or shine.

Volunteer Descriptions:

- **Release** - assist students, teachers, aids, coordinators with releasing trout into the river
- **Bass Patrol** - Stand in the river at the release area to keep the small mouth bass away from the released trout
- **Bugs** (also knows as aquatic insects) - assisting in the collection of aquatic insects from the river prior to the students arriving
- **Water Quality** - assisting discussion on conservation, keeping water clean, comparison to their classroom aquariums (should be age appropriate)
- **Schedule Keeper** - keep groups of students moving between stations on time

**Wednesday, May 1 - 9:30 at Townsend KOA Campgroup
Episcopal of Knoxville 4th grade - 37 students**

Positions needed:

- 1 for bass patrol
- 1 to discuss bugs (should know aquatic insect identification)
- 1 water quality

**Thursday, May 2 - 9:00 at Townsend KOA Campground
Eagleton Academy 6th grade science - 60 students**

Positions needed:

- 1 or 2 for bass patrol
- 3 collect aquatic insects and discuss them with students (should know aquatic insect identification)
- 1 - Schedule Keeper

**Wednesday, May 8 - 9:45 at Townsend KOA Campground
Lenoir City High School 10th grade science - 20 students**

Position needed:

- 1 - Schedule Keeper

TREMONT INSTITUTE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR CLEANUP

The storm at the end of March took down dozens of trees on and around Tremont's campus. They need some help with the clean-up. They're holding Campus Clean-up days Friday, April 19, and Wednesday, April 24. If you're interested, check out their website at gsmit.org. Go to the **Get Involved** link and page down to their **Current Volunteer Opportunities - Post-Storm Campus Cleanup**. You can sign up online.

TIE AND LIE - APRIL 29 - CASUAL PINT, MARYVILLE - 6:30



RED FOX SQUIRREL NYMPH

Hook: #8 - #12 nymph hook 2x long

Bead: 1/8" gold or copper

Thread: 6/0 brown

Tail: Fox squirrel

Rib: medium Oval French tinsel
Abdomen: light colored dubbing
Wing: Fox Squirrel
Flashback: large Pearl tinsel
Thorax: Dark Brown dubbing
Legs: Brown or Root Beer Sili-legs
UV: Knot Sense or equivalent

This month's fly is the red fox squirrel nymph. Steve Brown from the Clinch River Chapter will be the guest tier, with our Chuck James assisting. Materials will be provided. If you plan to join in and don't have a vise or tying equipment, let Ernie Frey know at ernest.frey@comcast.net. He'll bring extras.

MEMBERS OUT THERE

Devin Ellis fishing some spring high water with Ian Rutter and John Giorgini with one of his rainbows last week before the storms moved in.



Kim Emery, our new VP, with a couple of nice ones while in Patagonia.



"Sharing the fun of fishing turns strangers into friends for a few hours" -
Eugenie Clark

Joyce Frey
Newsletter Editor



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