

# Little River Chapter Newsletter

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## Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the Fourth Thursday Aug. the 25, 7:00 P.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

Ian Rutter will have a presentation on fishing Hazel Creek.

## Stream work

**September 6-10:** Indian Flats Prong Setup Week

**September 17-18:** Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample

## Board Meeting

There will be a Board meeting at 6:00 pm before the regular meeting. We need to look at setting up an election committee for the December election. We will have several members terms up this year. Everyone is welcome to join. If you are interested in becoming an officer in the chapter please let one of the board members know so they can pass it on. Your help is needed.

## Fishing Picks

By Ian Rutter:

August has been a decent month to fish depending on where you are. TVA has started to draw down reservoirs so flows on the tailwaters have started to pick up. Nowhere is this more noticeable than the Clinch. Currently there is still a good window to fish near Clinton in the mornings before the water rises. Recreational flows still allow wading on the weekends. The South Holston and Watauga still have flows to accommodate wading and the fishing continues to be good. The Hiwassee fishes best from a boat when flows are high, but pontoons can get you to some spots where you can wade. Right now the best fishing is between the powerhouse and Big Bend.

The mountains have received rain almost every day so water conditions are great in spite of the heat in Knoxville. You'll need to gain some elevation to find happy fish, but there are plenty of them. Waders are out of the question if you want to stay cool, but this allows for some great fishing in the back country since you can travel light. Hike a few miles upstream of Elkmont for some great fishing on Little River. This is one of the most popular hike-in fishing spots but there are plenty of others.

Over on the Carolina side of the park you might try Bradley Fork above Smokemont or Deep Creek a few miles upstream of the campground. These are all relatively large streams with great populations of nice trout. In the Cherokee National Forest you should try North and South Forks of Citico Creek, Sycamore Creek, or Bald River upstream of Holly Flats. These are smaller streams, but they all have a ton of greedy fish that see only a few fishermen. Be sure to pack a rain jacket. More than likely you'll need it.

## New Water Proof Camera

Using a Digital Camera for a few years now, I have been hesitant about taking it on the stream with me, knowing that if I dropped the camera it was ruined. The other day I came across an advertisement for a new 5 mega pix water proof camera from Pentax, the Optio WP Waterproof Digital Camera.

### Features

5 MP CCD captures enough detail for photo-quality 13 x 17-inch prints.

Waterproof body enables approximately 30 minutes of continuous underwater shooting at a depth of up to 1.5 meters.

3x optical zoom; recovery function makes it possible to reclaim images and audio files erased accidentally.

Large, 2.0-inch LCD monitor with low-reflection technology and a backlighting system.

And is powered by a long-life rechargeable Lithium-ion battery; stores images on SD memory cards and has

approximately 10.5MB of built-in memory

Prices start at the \$250 range on line. I have not had a chance to get my hands on one yet but it looks like something that would be worth looking into. Anyway it would be cool to be able to stick the camera underwater and click off a few pictures while reeling in your next fish.

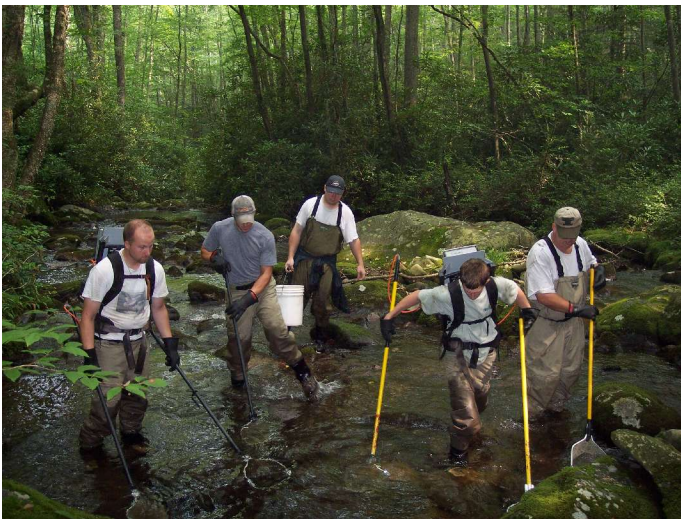


## The Passing away of a Member

Robert and wife Linda Lupa's long-time goal of relocating to Tennessee and taking up fly fishing was realized in 2001. Robert was instantly taken with the sport and immersed himself in all aspects of an avid fly fisherman; fly fishing in the Park and area tailwaters, fly tying and volunteering his time with the Little River Chapter's events. In his short time as a fly angler, he and Linda had already made the "pilgrimage" out west to fish the rivers of Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding area. On June 30, 2005, Robert was tragically killed while riding his motorcycle. He will be sorely missed by all of us in the fly fishing community.

## Indian flats Prong

The work weekend had some rain but I think that everyone who made it came away with a good experience. I didn't make it in to camp until Friday night. Steve and Matt were up at daybreak, after breakfast the crew split in to work groups. Me and Quintin Overocke worked with Steve's crew performing fish surveying below the bridge on Indian Flats Prong. Ross Shaver went with another crew up high on Indian Flats Prong measuring stream elevations. It came a hard rain mid-afternoon and put us out of business for the rest of the day.



We headed back to camp, ate then set by the fire and turned in for the night. The next morning there was more rain so we packed up and headed out. Matt and some of seasonal workers went back later in the week to finish what we didn't get done. The week of September 6-10 will be Indian Flats Prong Setup Week. They will be closing the area above the Tremont parking lot during stream treatment which may be the next week. I will try to let everybody know ahead of time. We should be restocking Indian Flats Prong with Southern Appalachian Brook Trout

next summer that are from the upper end of Lynn Camp Prong. We need to give Steve and his crew a big thanks for all the hard work they put in. I know that I could not trek up and down the Mountain all summer like they do. They are out in the woods for days at a time in some very rugged territory

## Classifieds

Do you have some fishing gear you would like to sale? Advertise it the newsletter ! Send me your ad the first week of the month and I will put it in the newsletter. This is a free service from the chapter for our members.

## Fly of the Month

### Tan - Sadge (Caddis)

**Hook:** sizes 14-18.

**Thread:** Tan 3/0, flat.

**Rib:** Gold wire, fine.

**Hackle:** Red, brown.

**Body:** Tan Superfine.

**Wing:** Golden pheasant tail fibers trimmed to caddis wing shape.

**Hackle:** Reddish brown.





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