

# Little River Chapter

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## Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the **Fourth** Thursday February, 27 at 7:00 pm. We are meeting 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 BiLo and the Co-op Gas station.

## Program

Walter Babb, fly tier and guide from Little River Outfitters will discuss the basics of fly fishing equipment (Rods, Reels, Lines, and Leaders). Also we will have the **annual swap meet** since the January meeting was snowed out so bring all your extra gear to sell, swap or trade.

## Stream work

Dear Acid Deposition Team Members,  
Wanted to drop a line and let you know about the 2003 Acid Deposition Training Session. Given the other activities for March 2003, we scheduled the training session for Saturday morning MARCH 8, 2003. The session will start at 9 am and should take about 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Team leaders and team members please plan on attending the session to help plan dates and review sampling protocols. Don't forget the volunteer BBQ and banquet that night at the Maple Leaf Lodge in Townsend, TN (banquet starts at 5 pm).

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## Fishing Picks

After all the weather we've had this winter we're all ready for spring. Tailwater schedules have become favorable for fishing and warming temperatures will make the mountain trout a lot more cooperative.

Midge, scud and sow bug patterns will be the reliable choice on the Clinch but a few Sulphurs are showing up on sunny days so a Bead Head Pheasant Tail Nymph should also produce. Blue Wing Olives continue to hatch on the South Holston with surprisingly good hatches of Sulphurs mixed in on sunny days. River conditions have been really low since there are only pulses about every twelve hours. Expect slow and slick water. Rising fish often respond better to emergers or nymphs than strict dry fly patterns. The Hiwassee has also fished relatively well, although the generation schedules have not been as favorable for waders. Periods of one generator have allowed wading in the areas around Big Bend and Towee Creek. Brown stoneflies and Blue Wing Olives have been hatching along with midges. Patterns have not been an issue. #12 Prince Nymphs have worked as well as #16 Pheasant Tails. Risers will usually take a small Parachute BWO or Griffith's Gnat.

The mountains have become somewhat fishable after a long time in the deep freeze

**Stream work** (continued from page one)

The Univ. of TN and the GRSM fisheries staff are putting together some colorful, enlightening, educational, and memorable powerpoint presentations that will help you reminisce, learn and laugh, so please plan on attending, it will be a great time and include great food.

**Fishing Pick** (continued from page one)

Blue Wing Olives and caddis have been hatching somewhat reliably in some of the best dry fly runs on the bigger streams. However, don't leave your nymph box at home. Beadheads will be your best bet. Perhaps the best winter nymph method to try on Little River or the Tellico region is to fish a #8-#10 stonefly pattern in tandem with a #14-#16 beadhead. Be sure that stonefly is ticking bottom. You may not be able to fish a rig this heavy very effectively with a strike indicator. Go ahead and try a few dry flies in the sunniest runs in the afternoon. You may have an hour or two of good action.

This is the time when all of you fly tyers should be hard at work. Things should be great on most streams by this time next month.

**OH NO – SNOW**

These guys like to fish, a little snow isn't going to stop them so I better get to the meeting place by 6:30. Well I didn't make it, but not because of the snow. I was running late and on the way out the door a member called to tell me the church was dark, locked and not a car in site. Before he drove off a couple pulled up and asked about the meeting. I said to myself – I'd bet that was either a new or prospective member - worst case scenario.

My apologies to everyone who showed up for the January meeting. I don't think we have ever had a meeting snowed out, but a little

snow was no excuse for me not being there. The directors will discuss use a rule like when Maryville or Blount City schools close we will call off the meeting. Look for an announcement in the March newsletter. Again, my personal apologies to all that got out and drove to the meeting place.

**Plans for 2003**

It was 5 degrees outside and not much warmer in the pavilion at Maple Leaf Lodge. However, a big fire burning and a great group of committed officers and directors, both current and retired made for a terrific meeting. Kim Ryals, TU SE coordinator, came over from NC to join us as we reviewed last year and then talked about this year.

Last year was a good year for our chapter. Our membership was up slightly with about 20 new members. The bank account was a little over \$2500 of which almost all has already been planned for so we will need to raise some more funds in 2003. We have completed 80% of the projects we set out to do under the Mott mini-grant and wait until you see our new banner and brochure. We still need to complete a media guide and new member package which should be done by June. We have applied for a 2003 Embrace-a-Stream grant for work with Brookies on the NC side of the Park. We also applied for a second mini-grant to hold a workshop on public relations and awareness. Our volunteer hours were up almost 50% over 2001. It was a very good year.

Steve Moore reviewed the proposed schedule for work in the park. (continued on page three)

**Plans for 2003** (continued from page one)

We have a great opportunity to continue our volunteer work especially in light of the budget & head count reductions the Park has to deal with this year. Your directors will take what the park has planned and add other chapter events at the February board meeting. Then we will publish the 2003 event schedule in the newsletter and on the web site. We will have at least two meetings on the water including fish-with-a buddy and another visit to River John's Island. We will partner with the Little River Watershed Association. & Blount Beautiful to help out in Townsend with the Annual Little River Clean up on April 12<sup>th</sup>. We will also meet at Medcalf Bottoms for our Park clean up on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ken Jones reviewed both the Scouts merit Badge and TU's First Cast programs and we will start our youth work with a "First Cast Day" sometime during the year. June 7<sup>th</sup> at the National Kid's Fish Free day. If you have any interest in working with youth give Ken or Tom Eustis a call. We will also help out at the Alcoa Duck Pond That is a brief summary and you will get more details during the year in the newsletter and at our meetings. There is opportunity for all to contribute both in the field and behind the scenes. Let us know how you want to help and please continue to give us your ideas for our chapter.

## Fishing Show

I would like to thank all the T U members who helped out with the Fishing show. Without your help it would not have been successful. A special thanks go out to Joe Teffeteller getting us the booth and giving us the use of his tables. Mary Kay for letting us use her back drop and chairs. Ian and Charity Rutter for all the work they did with the display, brochures and posters. If you have not seen them they look great. And to Roy Hawk for all the pick-

ing up, running and hauling he did for me. Our chapter has some very gifted, talented and special people and I feel fortunate to get to spend some time with them.

Thanks again for your help!

Joe Hatton



## Fly of the month

### Henryville Special

#### MATERIALS

**Hook:** Mustad 94840, Tiemco 100 #10-20

**Thread:** Olive, or green

**Ribbing:** Dry fly quality grizzly hackle palmered

**Body:** Olive or green floss (poly dubbing is also an alternative - Red or reddish brown is used as well)

**Underwing:** Lemon barred wood duck flank fibers

**Wing:** Two duck quill sections tied down





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