

## Next Meeting:

**Where:** Monte Vista Baptist Church  
1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd  
Maryville, TN 37803-5505  
(enter the bldg. from the parking lot)

**When:** 7:00 p.m., Thurs., February 25

**Program:** Matt Kulp - Update on the GSMNP fisheries programs

Great Smoky Mountain National Park fisheries biologist Matt Kulp will speak at our February meeting. Matt will give us an update on the progress to restore Lynn Camp Prong to a brook trout habitat, and other programs that the park currently has underway or on the horizon.

## **EQUIPMENT SWAP**

Be sure to bring any of that old equipment that's lying around gathering dust so you have the opportunity to exchange it with something useful. Yep, this month's meeting includes an equipment swap, so take advantage.

These are usually pretty successful, so come prepared to wheel and deal. Please, once again, the outfitters who attend and bring their last years models have refused to accept livestock in trade, so leave the chickens and goats at home.

## **TIME RUNNING OUT TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 3429**

As a TU member in Tennessee, you should care about important conservation issues before the Tennessee General Assembly. As important specific bills appear before committee, you may receive an e-mail update and the ability to communicate your wishes to our legislatures via e-mail. Gone are the days of phone calls and snail mail. Administrative assistants to legislators provide real time sentiment to legislators about bills before committee and general sessions. Your voice is very important. The passage or rejection of important bills before committee happens very quickly. Conveying your sentiments about preservation of the watershed and conservation is valuable since many lobbyists exist on Capitol Hill to dissuade legislators from voting for their special interests and not the environment.

Please e-mail the members of House Government Operations Committee about your support for HB 3429. What is HB33429? Well are you tired of seeing bottles flowing down your favorite river or trout stream or laying on the bank. This legislation is aimed to reduce trash and provide funds for cleanup. It's an important bill and worth our support. *Insert your comments in the body of the e-mail being sure to sign with your full name, address, and e-mail at the end of your message. Those e-mails without contact information will be ignored.*

## Confluence Films Showing to benefit Casting for Recovery

A premier showing of the fly fishing films "Rise" and "Drift" will be presented at the Pollard Technology Conference Center in Oak Ridge Saturday March 6. The films are produced by Confluence Films and capture footage of exciting catches at many of the top fly fishing spots in the world.

Proceeds from a benefit premier of the Confluence Films, RISE and DRIFT will help the Casting for Recovery, East Tennessee Program provide a wellness weekend to women who have experienced breast cancer utilizing the sport of fly fishing on April 9-11, 2010, in Gatlinburg.

Pollard Conference Center is behind and between the Double Tree Hotel and the American Museum of Science and Energy.

Doors open at 5:30pm

DRIFT begins at 6:30pm

RISE begins at 8:00pm

The evening will include light hors d'oeuvres, beverages and door prizes.

Tickets are \$15



## 2010 LRCTU Programs Schedule

It's going to be another educational and fun year for Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited members. Here are the programs and scheduled events to date:

February 25: Monte Vista Baptist Church—Matt Kulp, Park Update—Swap Fest.

March 25: Monte Vista Baptist Church- Charity & Ian Rutter of R&R Trout Fishing— Eddie George Award

April 10: Little River Cleanup and Buddy Fishing

April 22: Monte Vista Baptist Church— Bamboo Fly Rods— Stan Smart

May 14-16: Townsend, TN—Troutfest 2010

June 22: River Johns— Picnic and Fishing/ Casting Clinic

July 22: Bass Pro Store, Sevierville—TBA

August 26: TWRA (tentative) Update on Tennessee Trout Fishing

September 23: River Johns— Picnic and Fishing

October 28: Monte Vista Baptist Church- Fly Tying Demonstrations

December 2: Monte Vista Baptist Church— Infamous Liar's Contest

## Weather Breaks, but Fish Freaked!

By Charity & Ian Rutter

The weather last weekend was absolutely beautiful here in East Tennessee. Even better, TVA cut generation back dramatically at Cherokee Dam. Charity and I hitched up the drift boat and headed for the Holston!

We should really know better by now, but I don't think we do. Here's the set up: It's been cold and snowy in the Smokies and the tailwaters have been running water non-stop for months. A few days of warm, sunny weather come along and TVA cuts generation so the tailwaters are fishable. We all run for the rivers, but the fishing just doesn't quite live up to our expectations.

Snow melt in the Smokies kept the streams as cold as ever and the fish were generally locked down. I did pick up a decent brown trout on a dry fly this Saturday and got cell phone video of the fish to prove it.

It was the first time in months that the water was off for any appreciable length of time on the Holston and I think the bugs and fish were just freaked out. I'm sure they got pretty used to holding in places at 14,000 cfs that were high and dry at 400 cfs. There were a few midging trout, but only a few seemed to be in a rhythm and even those fish shut it down if we put a fly anywhere near them. Here's a quick look... We picked up a few fish by keeping the fly in the water drifting into them with the boat. Late in the day we stripped streamers through a few favorite locations and had a real flurry of activity. None of the fish were very large but it was a great to feel the sun on your face and row the boat.

Of course, as the days go by we can expect the fishing to only get better. Nymphing in the Smokies should fish pretty good this week as temperatures will be moderate, yet still wintry.

Winter stoneflies and Early Brown Stoneflies should start to appear and we've seen plenty of cased caddis moving around. Blue Wing Olives, Blue Quills, and Quill Gordons are probably two weeks or less from hatching.

Right now the South Holston, Watauga, and Tuckasegee are the best big rivers to fish. Generation is favorable and the fish are eating.



*One of a few fish we picked up on a weekend float*

## Chef Paul's Pecan Trout

Take about a couple cups of pecans-chop them-then in a mortar grind them into a powder or flour. With a pestle-the pecan flour has a moist feel so add about 1 tsp corn meal and a little flour(1tsp) salt and pepper. Take the trout's head off. Coat the trout in the pecan flour mixture, then dip the floured trout in an egg wash, then dip in pecan flour mixture again. Cook till golden brown, it just takes a minute or two, in peanut oil 350 degrees. Honestly, the finished trout will look too good to eat, the pecans give it a slightly sweet taste. Those pesky 8-12 inch Smoky Mnt trout work perfectly, not to mention they are the best tasting trout known to man. If you marinate your cleaned trout in lemon juice for about an hour, they are even better. Serve up a mess of these golden brown trout, with new potatoes, cole slaw and corn bread.

—contributed by “lauxier” Little River Outfitters Message Board

The Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited is a Non-Profit Volunteer Organization that is Committed to Protecting and Restoring Cold Water Resources and Watersheds in and Around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park



**Thanks to all of you who worked on Troutfest. Great Job!**

And thanks for attending, supporting and donating to Troutfest. Together we have made a difference that we can all be proud of forever.

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