

Little River Chapter

Newsletter

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Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the **Fourth Thursday** February 26, 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

We have a double header for this month! Steve Moore and Dr. Robinson will present the whys and where as behind the new acid deposition routes. PLUS we are fortunate to have Michael "Rocky" Cox from Fly Drifters River Guides. He operates a guide service on the Hiwassee, Clinch and other streams in North Georgia. His presentation will cover the Hiwassee Rivers and the flies they use. This will be a very informative presentation.

Stream work

Due to budgets cut there are some changes in the stream work schedule this year. Please take a look at the schedule attach with this month's newsletter. There are also changes in the Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Hikes which Steve Moore and Dr. Robinson will explain in this month meeting. There are a lot of opportunities to work and contribute .

March 6th - Acid Deposition Training
March 27th - Little River Clean-Up Day

Fishing Picks

By: Ian Rutter, In East Tennessee there is no month on the calendar as tough to predict as February. Some years we're shoveling snow and others we're rolling up our sleeves on warm days. Tailwaters might have low, wade-able flows or be full to the top of the banks. The best thing an antsy fisherman can do is keep a close eye on the weather as well as TVA generation schedules.

Warm spells of three or more days can bring the mountain streams to life and waters that seemed dead a few weeks ago can become productive. While nymph fishing is standard for February, the first hatches of the year might start by the end of the month. All the standard nymph patterns will work but I have to admit weakness for Pheasant Tails and Prince Nymphs. Anyone heading to the mountains should stick to the low to medium elevations. There's plenty of time in the heat of summer to go high. All three of Little River's prongs and Abrams Creek are good choices in the national park. In fact, Abrams Creek might be a top choice since this is the only time of year you can get there without horrendous traffic in Cades Cove. Tellico River, North River, and Citico Creek have always been good streams in the Cherokee National Forest during mild winter weather.

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Fishing Pick [FROM PAGE 1] This a great time of year to fish Tellico and Citico since permits aren't required and the creek is generally quiet compared to the typical Saturday morning assaults seen later in the year.

Tailwater fishermen have been hit particularly hard this winter since high lake levels have translated into continuous generation. The Clinch has had only mild hiccups in generation and doesn't seem to have any future for at least another month. The South Holston has been the best tailwater. While schedules haven't been perfect, there have been good windows to get on the river and excellent hatches of olives and midges have kept the fish rising. The Watauga has also had fishable conditions, but action is typically slow in the winter. The Hiwassee has run water almost continuously but the character of the river allows some fishing. Rumor has it that TVA will only use one turbine on the Hiwassee for several months. You can find a number of good spots to fish under these conditions. Beadhead nymphs are the best bet here, but you can expect to see some very small olives and maybe some winter stoneflies so keep a few dries in the box.

Ladies,

I have recently been fishing for Red Fish in Louisiana. It was a *great time* and I thought some of you might like to go fishing next fall as a group, six at a time....I am trying to arrange several consecutive trips "For Women Only" the last week of Oct. and the first week of Nov....I already have five women plus myself. Fall is the best time to catch big ones..... spring and summer if you want a better fight and smaller better eating reds (if you are so inclined) I possibly will be going in March. If

you are interested please contact me for the prices. The guides I use are very nice...no scolding...and the customer is always right. They have a lodge/camp right at the dock. I can hardly wait for my next trip to Louisiana!!!!!!!

This is the current information I have on the dates and prices for the "For Women Only" Red Fish Fishing trip to Louisiana. If any of you are interested please advise me as to when you would like to go... It will help me to know when you prefer to fish and how many days you are interested in fishing. I am just trying to set the dates for everyone and get the deposits in. These are the days I am suggesting but if you need to fish different days let me know..... remember there is a maximum of 6 women per day/night in the lodge and boats at a time. There are several world records waiting to be broken by women with a fly rod and that is what I hope some of us will do while we are having a great time fishing for Bull Reds!!!

These days are not set in stone...feel free to ask for any days you want....I am just trying to keep things straight....and keep the guides busy with women.

Weekday (s)

October...Mon. 25th and Tues. 26th

October... Wed 27th and Thursday.. 28th and/or Fri. 29th

Weekend

October... Sat. 30th and Sun. 31st.

Weekday (s)

November...Mon. 1st and Tues. 2nd

November...Wed. 3rd and/or Thursday. 4th and/or Fri. 5th

Weekend

November...Sat. 6th or Sun. 7th

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Ladies [FROM PAGE 2]

\$300.00 per person per day

two people per boat

two people per room

all meals and drinks included

BYOB

I just spoke to the guide and he recommends the fall. He says you can catch reds in March (I did) but the better opportunity would be the fall.

Any of us that are ready and waiting to catch reds need to send in our deposit.....50% of your total cost.....and let me know as soon as you do so I can keep the days filled with women. I believe it will be a great way to meet other women that fish, too.

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North Shore Road

From Ian Rutter: Great Smoky Mountains National Park is holding a series of workshops regarding the environmental impact statement that is being conducted with regard to the possibility of the North Shore Road being built. Many residents of North Carolina have been very vocal about the construction of such a road through the Smokies. This dates back to 1943 and the construction of Fontana Dam. Communities and a state road were flooded by the lake and the federal government promised to build a new road to the areas made inacces-

sible. Later land on the north shore of Fontana Lake was ceded to the national park.

Construction of a road linking Bryson City to Fontana Dam would cut through the park and cross Forney Creek, Hazel Creek, and Eagle Creek, cutting through as much as 34 miles of wilderness in the Smokies. The unearthing of acidic anakeesta shale is a certainty, and will have extreme adverse effects on these streams. The threat to these pristine wild trout fisheries is unthinkable. These streams are among the last best places in the eastern US.

Public meetings will be held in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. Meetings in Tennessee will be in Knoxville and Gatlinburg. The meeting in Knoxville is March 1 at the Marriott on Hill Avenue. The meeting in Gatlinburg will be on March 2 at Glenstone Lodge on Historic Nature Trail. Both meetings start at 6:00 and go until 8:00. Those parties that favor construction of a road through the Smokies are vocal so it is extremely important to attend in the interest of quality wild trout fisheries in Southern Appalachia. For more information go to www.NorthShoreRoad.info.

Please try to make one of the meeting to show you support against the road construction.

Townsend Trout Fest 2004

Things are starting to take shape thanks to the hard work of some dedicated members of our chapter. We are sending out letters to craft and food vendors. We will soon be sending sponsor letters. Members will be asked to join a committee for the Festival and Banquet. The Trout Fest will take a lot of dedication from all of us to make it work .

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Trout Fest 2004 [FROM PAGE 3]

The following committees need your help

BANQUET & AUCTION

Auction Committee: Dudley Shoemate & Maurice Ferguson

We need three to four people to help soliciting and picking up the Auction items.

Auctioneer - Steve Samples

Food Committee:

Jack Gregory & Joe Teffeteller

Ticket Sales Chair: Mike Stiehl

Townsend Trout Fest**Booth Rentals**

Vendor Booth Committee: Deborah Nye, Charity Rutter, Carol Bowles, Mary K. Jenkins and Debbie Lane

Food Vendors

Food Vendor Chair Person: Jim Eastman

Coke Stands

Melissa Nance-Richwine with Little River Watershed

There will be two coke stands one will be manned by the Little River Watershed members and the other will be manned by members of the Little River Chapter.

Port-O-Potties

Randy Parrish

Casting Contest

Casting Contest Chairs: Mary K & Pat Jenkins Gary & Wanda Taylor of Taylor & Taylor have been hired to judge the casting contest.

Educational Exhibitors Tent

Educational Booth Committee: John Skinner and Roy Hawk

TU will supply a VERY LARGE tent for the educational exhibitors to set up in.

MEDIA

Media Chair - Tom Eustis

TROUT RACE

Trout Race Chair: Joe Hatton

We will be needing about 200 3-4 inch long wooden trout

We need volunteers to;

cut out small fish shapes from scrap wood and man the kids booth, create more activities for kids at the festival, and put on waders and set up nets to catch the wooden trout in the river for the trout race.

The race is dependant on the state legislature passing a law that will allowing it in time.

The 5& 6 of June is not that far away so please sign up and help. The chapter has a great opportunity to make this a big fund raising event. It will also be a way to promote and support Steve, Matt and John's work in the park which we care so much about. Hopefully in the coming years we can expand out and help TWRA with their Brook trout work in the Cherokee national forest to our south. Please set-aside some time in your schedule to help with this project. There will be a signup sheet at the next meeting so signup and get involved.

Hatch chart

Its time to get back to some fishing here are some flies that should work for you the next two months.

Tiny winter black stone - flies 20-22 Henryville Special, 18-20 Griffith's Gnat, 20 Black Stone Nymph

Midges - flies 18-22 Black or Gray Midge, 18-20 Griffith's Gnat, 18-20 Midge Pupa

Early Black Stone - flies 18-22 Henryville Special, 16-18 Black Stone Nymph

Small Dun Caddis* - flies 18 Henryville Special, 18 Gray Caddis Pupa

Blue Winged Olive - flies 18 BWO in (emerger, wet, dry, para, pattern), Adam parachute, 16-18 BWO nymph or Pheasant tail nymph

In March make sure to carry some

Early Brown Stone - flies 12-14 Brown stone, 10-12 Brown stone nymph

Quill Gordon* - flies 12-14 Quill Gordon (wet, dry, emerger). 12 Quill Gordon nymph or herl Gordon

Blue Quill - flies 16-18 Blue Quill, Blue Dun or Dun variant, 16-18 Blue Quill nymph or Pheasant tail nymph

Cream Caddis - flies 12-14 Elk hair caddis (Dark Cream), 12-14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa

Hendrickson/ Red Quill - flies 14-16 Hen-

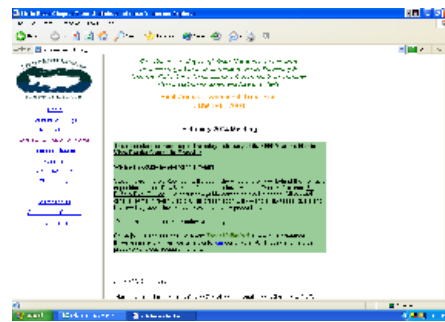
drickson & Red Quill dries, 14-16 Dark Hendrickson nymph, Pheasant tail nymph

Early Black Stone, Small Dun Caddis*, Blue Winged Olive, Midges, same patterns as February

Happy Fishing

Our Web Site

Make sure to check out our Web site for the latest information at our new domain <http://www.lrcctu.org>. Roy Hawk has been working vary hard at keeping it up to date.



Fly of the Month

Blue Dun Cut-Wing

Hook: Dry fly, size 18-22

Thread: Gray 6/0

Wing: Blue Dun hen hackles, Cut or burned to Shape

Tails: Blue Dun hackle fibers, split

Body: Muskrat fur or synthetic dubbing

Hackle: Blue Dun, wound over thorax, clipped on bottom





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