

Next Meeting

When: February 26, 2009 at 7:00pm
(4th Thursday of the month)

Where: Monte Vista Baptist Church, Maryville.

Program: Roy HawkRoy Hawk will give a presentation on "the new technology" that he has using to catch trout as he fishes East Tennessee.

Upcoming Events

- Fly fishing training: March 23-24th and March 30th. 8th grade fly fishing training in Gatlinburg. Tom Eustis tqtom@hughes.net will organize our chapter's support of this important event.
- Little River Clean Up: Saturday, April 25th - 9am Metcalf Bottoms picnic area
- TROUTFEST 2009 : [May 15th Banquet - Cookout & Auction](#)
- [TROUTFEST 2009](#) : May 16-17 ~ Fly Fishing Exposition and Fundraiser held in Townsend, Tennessee in the Great Smoky Mountains. All profits earned from this event minus some seed money for next year's event are donated to Great Smoky Mountains National Park Fisheries Department for brook trout restoration and other fisheries projects in the park.
- June 8-11: Collect and re-introduce ~ 1,000 brook trout into Lynn Camp Prong - [Contact Steve Moore](#) for details @ 865-436-1250

Spring's Just Around the Corner!

Only about another month of winter and I can't wait. I'm tired of the cold weather, though I have enjoyed seeing some snow this year. Looking through our website I found Joe Hatton's East Tennessee Hatch Chart. For March, it shows the following. Looks like I need to buy some flies.

Early Black Stone

Size: 16-18

Best fishing times: Middle of the day

Suggested patterns: Henryville Special,
Black Stone Nymph

Small Dun Caddis

Size: 18

Best fishing times: Middle of the day

Suggested patterns: Henryville Special, Gray
Caddis pupa

Blue Wing Olive

Size: Drys 18, Nymphs 16-18

Best fishing times: Mid morning to early
evening

Suggested patterns: BWO (dry, wet,
emerger, para), Adams, Pheasant Tail Nymph

Early Brown Stone

Size: Drys 12-14, Nymphs 10-12

Best fishing times: Middle of the day

Suggested patterns: Brown Stone, Brown
Stone Nymph

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On-Stream Report by Kris Maurer

I can't wait until the spring hatches start in the Smokies. I'm really excited about getting up for the Quill Gordon Hatch, which may be here earlier than we think. So far this year we've had to deal with high water and of lately a very brisk cold snap and snow. Although we haven't been able to fish too much, this may prove to help our water conditions out for the year to come.

On January 29th Brett Romer, Doug Moore and myself managed to get up to the South Holston for a little wade fishing. On the way up we stopped by the Fly Shop of Tennessee to talk to Eddie and see how the fishing had been. While there I met Todd the inventor of Todd's Wiggle Minnow. We talked about his fly a little, how and why he designed it. He was great to talk to and it is always interesting to talk to the designer of a fly and get a little insight on things. That fly has produced some great smallmouth and browns for myself and others in the last few years, kudos to Todd.



By the time we got out of the fly shop it was almost noon. We fished up near the weir dam and tried out one of Brett's regular spots. I started with a #14 CDC Comparadun Sulphur w/ a Split Back Sulphur dropper in some riffles and picked up fish fairly consistently. Later in the afternoon Brett and Doug were sight casting to the risers with a #20 Deer Hair Comparadun BWO and were catching fish way too easily. It was obvious that there were just a few BWO's emerging and the fish were looking for them. The big fish of the day was a 16 inch rainbow that was surprisingly enough caught on the big Sulphur dry, but we landed some decent numbers and it is always great to get on the water with friends.



We should continue to see more BWO's hatching on both the South Holston and Watauga, make sure to have both emerger patterns and adults. My favorites are the Phase II BWO Emerger, CDC and Deer Hair Comparaduns, as well as small Quasimodo Pheasant Tails and Split Back BWO nymphs.

Store Events for February and March:

Feb. 28th, 9:30 am – Free Casting Clinic and 11am – Spring GSMNP Tying Demo

Mar. 14th, 9:30 am – Free Casting Clinic and 11am – GSMNP Quill Gordon Seminar

Mar. 21st, 9:30 am – Free Casting Clinic and 11am – GSMNP Nymph Tying Demo

*The Casting Clinics are limited to eight people, so please call the store to reserve a space (865) 774-4162 or find out more about our seminars and events.

Tightlines,
Kris Maurer, Orvis Fly Fishing Manager, Orvis - Sevierville

From the Editor

I apologize for the lateness of the newsletters this year. Due to personal conflicts (primarily graduate school), I am having to give up the newsletter editing for a while. If anyone would like to try their hand at putting together a newsletter, please let me or Rufus King know that you are interested. We have some great contributors, so there is not a lot of writing involved. It doesn't take much time, but more than I have. So again, if you are interested just drop us a line.

Thanks,
Mark

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Quill Gordon

Size: Drys 12-14, Nymphs 10-12

Best fishing times: Middle of the day

Suggested patterns: Quill Gordon (dry, wet, emerger), Quill Gordon Nymph or Herl Gordon

Blue Quill

Size: Drys 16-18, Nymphs 16-18

Best fishing times: Middle of the day

Suggested patterns: Blue Quill, Blue Dun, Dun Variant;

Blue Quill Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph

Cream Caddis

Size: 12-14

Best fishing times: Middle of the day

Suggested patterns: Elk Hair Caddis (Dark Cream), Dark Cream Caddis pupa

Red Quill / Hendrickson

Size: 14-16

Best fishing times: Middle of the day

Suggested patterns: Hendrickson, Red Quill, Dark Hendrickson Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph

Midge

Size: 18-22

Best fishing times: Middle of the day into the evening

Suggested patterns: Black or Gray Midge, Griffith's Gnat, Midge Pupa

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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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