

Little River Chapter Newsletter

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Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the fourth Thursday Jan. the 26th, 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

Powell Partridge will give a slideshow presentation on fly fishing for Redfish in Louisiana. See more details on our website. We will also have a swap meet after the presentation, so bring all of your extra gear.

Stream work

January **21,22** Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample

February **11** The 2006 training and planning session will be Saturday at 9:00am at Park Headquarters

Troutfest

Is hitting full speed. Sponsor letters have been mailed. Tom Eustis is working to signing up food vendors, Mary K Jenkins is heading up the Arts and Crafts committee, Mike Stiehl will be in charge of the auction committee and Joe Teffeteller and Jack Gregory are in charge of the Banquet committee. If you know of an arts and craft vendor or someone who would be interested in being a Sponsor please let me or one of the coordinators know. Mike is also looking for donations for the auction.

Fishing Picks

By: Ian Rutter The New Year is off to a roller coaster of a start as far as weather has been concerned. Within a week we've seen rain, snow, and sunny 60 degree days. Fishing has been varied, but easily workable in all venues.

The Smokies have been very cold in the highest elevations. Snow is on the ground along the crest of the range. Water levels are essentially right down the middle, not too high and not too low. Nymphing with beadheads is the text book way to get into a few fish in these streams. However, keep your eyes peeled and you might find a few risers. Blue Wing Olives along with a few small caddis and midges have been making mid-day appearances. Abrams Creek in Cades Cove always seems to fish a bit better than most streams in the winter. There is a strong spring creek influence which keeps the water here from getting lower the the high 40's.

North Carolina's delayed harvest streams are the best place to get into some fish in the cold weather. The Nantahala and Big Laurel are among the best to visit. The Tuckaseegee is another great river, but probably a tad high to wade right now.

The tailwater scene has been pretty active, with favorable generation schedules. Fish have been midging on the Clinch. This has been maddening for anyone who feels obligated to cast a dry fly at rise rings. The best flies are midge pupa imitations fished ▶

under the surface. Sow bug patterns can also fool plenty of fish. The South Holston is probably the hottest tailwater ticket going. Reliable hatches of Olives and even Sulphurs are keeping fish eating on top and generation schedules have been great. Pheasant Tail Nymphs are a must since dry flies are nice, but only effective for a few hours most days. The Watauga is fishing pretty good, but not getting as much attention. The Watauga suffers from being too close to the South Holston. Otherwise it would probably be just as popular.

Line from our President



Happy New Year fellow members. I hope this year brings you adventures filled with memorable catches and fellowship. This chapter has a lot of talent, experience and enthusiasm. Thanks for choosing me as president I will try to the best of my ability to serve you well. We are privileged to have a great board and officers. Let's all work together to make each year better. A special thanks goes out to our parting board members and officers. Joe has done a commendable job as president, newsletter editor, and Troutfest chairman. We can help Joe by submitting stories or adventures to freshen up the newsletter. Volunteer for a committee or to give time to Troutfest. Everyone is talented in some area so that can be exercised for the common good of the chapter! Here are a few areas we can envision for our chapter this year. We could increase our meeting attendance by inviting someone who is a non-member or inactive member. Youth education in fishing and conservation should be emphasized. These boys and girls are the future and present of our organization. They will be the guardians of our wild places and keepers of our watersheds. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park

needs our continued support in man hours and funding thru Troutfest. We also need exposure to our community thru Troutfest and other events. We need to be a positive voice for change to protect our shrinking wild spaces. We need to write our concerns or attend the meetings in order to stop the Northshore Road along Fontana Lake. We need to take a stand on siltation in the Tellico River which I have observed over the last three years. I couldn't help but wonder about distressed species of fish while fishing there January 2nd. The water ran the color of cappuccino for seven miles below Bald River Falls. Last, but not least, litter seems to be more prevalent each year everywhere! Together we can make a difference in our community. Thanks again for being an awesome chapter. I look forward to this year

Steve Best

North Shore Road

The North Shore Road Draft Environmental Impact Statement can be found on line, go to the project website to view/download the document on-line at

http://www.northshoreroad.info/draft_eis.htm

The Public Hearing Dates are as follows

(All meetings begin at 4:30 PM):

February 2, Thursday - Swain County High School, Center for the Arts Auditorium

February 6, Monday - Robbinsville High School, Auditorium

February 7, Tuesday – Asheville Renaissance Hotel, Salon B

February 9, Thursday - Knoxville Marriott, Kentucky Room

February 13, Monday - Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, Auditorium

*Interpreters available for the hearing impaired at all locations. The public viewing locations for the document include Park HQ and the Oconaluftee VC ▶

Also other DEIS Public Viewing Locations with full hard copy sets and in electronic format:

Anna Porter Public Library, 207 Cherokee Orchard Road, Gatlinburg, TN

GSMNP Headquarters, 107 Park Headquarters Road, Gatlinburg, TN

Lawson-McGee Library, 500 West Church Avenue, Knoxville, TN

The meetings do not involve a presentation but are actual hearings in which the public is invited to speak/comment on the DEIS or the overall project; Individuals who wish to speak will be allotted 3 minutes. All T.U. members are encouraged to read the North Shore Road Draft Environmental Impact Statement and go to one of the meetings and let your opinion be known. There is also a download link on the Newsletter webpage.

Resource Director

Jim Parks will be taking over the Resource position. He will be working closely with Steve and Matt to help the chapter provide man power for Stream projects , Acid Deposition Samples and Brook trout restoration. If you would like to volunteer you can reach Jim by phone at 932-2511 or email jim_parks@comcast.net Jim is a hard working member of our chapter and will do a excellent job. We would also like to thank Roy Hawk for the great job he did as the previous Resource Director.

Bass Pro Shop

The Bass Pro Shop has given us a opportunity for the chapter to raise money and awareness for our chapter projects and Troutfest. March 11 and 12 the Chapter will be selling hotdogs, brats and cokes during the Spring Fishing Classic. This will be on Saturday and Sunday. Joe Teffeteller and myself will be working out the details. If you would like to volunteer,

there will be a sign up sheet at the next two meetings or contact me at (Phone 558-8782) or email jthatton@knology.net. On another note the Pro Bass Shop has agreed to let our chapter use thier meeting room for some chapter meetings. The March, July, and October meetings will be held at the Pro Bass Shop. This a great opportunities for our Sevier County members to make it to a T. U. meeting.

East Tenn Hatch Chart

Can be found on the Newsletter Web-page. The information was derived from one of the oldest out of print hatch charts for our area. The chart starts in February and ends in October. If you would like to help update the chart with hatches and fly pattens please send them to me at jthatton@knology.net. Hopefully we can one day print a up to date chart as a fund raiser for a special project.

Headwaters Project part II

I will continue the Headwaters Project next month with the North Carolina streams.

Fly of the Month

Mad BWO Emerger

Hook: Dry fly hook sized to match bead head

Thread: Unithread 6/0, Black

Head: Plastic bead head gold bead 3mm for #12 hook

Body: Olive beaver dubbing

Wing: Dun colored CDC





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