

## Next Meeting

**When:** January 22, 2009 at 7:00pm  
(4th Thursday of the month)

**Where:** Monte Vista Baptist Church, Maryville.

**Program:** Steve Moore, head fisheries biologist with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, will be making the presentation on Thursday January the 22nd at Monte Vista Baptist church at 7:00 p.m. His presentation is entitled "Lynn Camp Prong Trout Restoration: a review and the future."

## Upcoming Events

- February 7-8, 10am to 3pm - Bass Pro Shop Fundraiser - We will be selling brats, hot dogs and soft drinks again this year. Steve Head is overseeing the event this year. He and his group of volunteers will be there Sunday. Mike Stiehl is supervising the event on Saturday. Mike is **in need of volunteers for Saturday**. Contact Mike at 681-1605 [mlstiehl@charter.net](mailto:mlstiehl@charter.net) or Steve at 977-8967 [sahead@bellsouth.net](mailto:sahead@bellsouth.net). Please help this important fundraiser.
- February 21st, 9:00am - 2009 GSMNP Acid Deposition Volunteer Meeting at National Park Headquarters. You can also contact Charlie Chimielewski at [cchm@charter.net](mailto:cchm@charter.net) or call (865)661-7325.

## Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and got 2009 off to a good start. It has been really wet and cold this winter. With the holiday reprieve from work and school, I got a chance to do some fishing. The Little River looks very healthy with all of the rain. Either I was a little rusty or the fish a little picky... they were few and far between. I did much better at the Clinch. The stocked brook trout are now pan-sized and very plentiful. I caught more of them than the expected rainbows or browns. I am really looking forward to the warmer days of spring.

Since the last newsletter, we had our chapter elections. I want to thank outgoing president Jeff Hall and the other outgoing officers. The new and current officers are as follows:

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## 2009 GSMNP Acid Deposition Sampling - Volunteers Needed

TU has been assisting the GSMNP with monitoring the stream effects of acid deposition (rain, snow, fog) since 1993. Volunteers are needed to keep up this important program for 2009.

### Why is this monitoring important?

- The equivalent of about 190 railroad tank cars of sulfuric acid is deposited in the GSMNP each year.
- About 20 % of the sites being monitored have had measured acidity at a point where harmful effects on trout may start to appear.
- Data actually showing the acidity in the streams cannot be dismissed as just opinion.
- The data can help shape public policy. In fact, TVA is bringing better sulfur scrubbers on line at some coal plants.
- Even as efforts are being made to clean up the air, the value of those improvements needs to be measured.

### Why is your help important?

- The Park Service cannot afford the labor cost to gather all the samples needed.
- TU has accepted responsibility for sampling 4 routes containing representative streams.
- The sampling is easy, but at least 2 volunteers are needed each route for safety reasons.
- Due to last minute conflicts that often occur, teams of at least 3 are needed for each route.

- The samples are gathered every other month but very few volunteers go that often. So we want to have lots of volunteers even if you can go only a few times a year.

### What is required of volunteers?

- Commit to at least two or more samples per year.
- The samples are on the third weekend of every other month usually on Saturday.
- Sampling generally takes about a half a day plus travel time.
- Contact your team leader to confirm your participation prior to your scheduled date.
- Have fun, meet new people and go fishing after the sampling.

### How to sign up and learn more about the routes and results of the data gathered so far?

- Breakfast and planning meeting at: Park Headquarters (building behind Sugarlands) at 9:00 AM Saturday, February 21
- [The meeting will include a summary of their recent findings presented by Dr. John Schwartz of the University of Tennessee and his staff.](#)
- Please confirm your attendance or sign up by contacting:

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**Cell 865-661-7325**

## Orvis Sevierville On-Stream Report (by Kris Maurer)

I hate to see the holidays go, but am glad just the same. The retail holiday season is absolutely crazy. It is a dead sprint to the finish and you have to make every step count. I'd like to thank everyone for helping to make this holiday season a great one and I hope everyone's was equally as great.

I also hope everyone was able to make it out, more than I did. However I did fish the Cherokee trophy water with Chad McFall the week before Christmas. Chad played hooky from work on a Tuesday; I mean he was really sick!!!!

The water on the new Trophy stream was howling, which made the sight fishing a bit tough. Big streamers and deep nymph rigs were the name of the game. I started with a size 6 white Zuddler (my favorite streamer) and picked up a few fish right off of the bat. Chad started with a big nymph rig (lighting bug, I think) and also caught fish at our first location. Neither of us stuck anything huge at first, so we decided to do some exploring.

We proceeded down stream to where the Blue Ridge Parkway starts and fished a couple of holes and side channels. Chad picked up fish just along an eddy line right up from the bridge. I however found my first Golden Trout! At first glance, I thought, what is a dang koi/goldfish doing in this water and then it dawned on me

that it was a Golden Trout. They stuck out like a sore thumb and I kind of thought they were a little silly looking. Really come on, where is the sport in that! However I did spend almost an hour trying to stick one of them and got schooled of course. Oh well there is always next time.

Still, we had yet to stick one of those giants that I'd seen on YouTube, so we went exploring again. Chad pulled over at a little non-descript pull off and I hopped down to the stream before he could even get out of the car. We had struck gold and I spotted three pigs in a little side channel just hanging out. Fortunately for me Chad had to retie so I got first shot. On my second cast I was doubled up and yelling for McFall to bring the net, we'd hit pay dirt!



After we let the pool rest for 20 minutes or so, Chad was up and the pressure was on. Again, second cast and it was fish on, however after a brief battle the fish managed to throw the hook. I thought it was over, but we still had one more fish and after resting the pool for a third time Chad hit it again. Bingo, fish on and he actually came out of the water twice and each time my heart sunk as I did not want to see him loose another, but we prevailed and Chad landed his biggest Rainbow to date!

## Orvis Sevierville On-Stream Report (continued)



I must say I was pleasantly surprised by how nice the area that the trophy stream is and hopefully it will be managed properly. I hear it

is very crowded on nice days and on weekends, so my advice is to look for rain and go during the week!

The next upcoming Fly Tying Seminar will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 am to 12:30pm. In March we will start free casting lessons before the tying demo. Please call the store for details as we will be limiting them to only 8 people. (865) 274-8695.

## TU Plate... Waiting to Get on the Road

*December 22, 2008* – the word is out. We made our number, 1000+ presold TU plates. It was a hard fought battle, but after 15 months, those individuals dedicated to fishery conservation in Tennessee stepped forward and pushed us over the required 1,000 plates to reach our goal. Again, many thanks to those of you who believed in the TU plate; bought one or more and convinced others to do likewise. Finally, we will have statewide funds derived for conservation raised within our own state borders. We applaud your support and foresight.







Make Your Reservations Now!  
Townsend is filling up!  
Notice Date: 01/14/09

Troutfest is a 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. The Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited sponsors this event as their major fundraiser and annual festival. This year the event will be one of the largest venues for fly anglers in the Southeast United States. In 2009 Great Smoky Mountains National Park is celebrating its 75th anniversary, and the park has sanctioned Troutfest 2009 as a special 75th event.

Townsend and Great Smoky Mountains National Park offers you the most beautiful place on earth to fly fish for trout with 800 miles of streams holding rainbow, brook and brown trout. And of course, the Little River runs right through town. The month of May is prime time for fishing in the Smokies so you will want to set aside some time to be on the streams.

Located in Tuckaleechee Cove, Townsend is known as the "Peaceful Side of the Smokies." Townsend offers motels, lodges, campgrounds and rental cabins for your lodging. Though not a huge tourist destination, the town does have some great great restaurants and special accommodations.

The Fly Tying Tent will be one of the most popular attractions at the Exposition. There will be ten or more fly tyers demonstrating their skills at one time. They will tie in shifts as the weekend progresses. The tent will feature both famous and talented, local tyers for your enjoyment. A nominal fee of \$10 will provide you access to the tent for the entire weekend.

There will also be plenty of free seminars on casting, fishing and other activities and programs to round out your Fly Fishing Exposition experience. You will learn about fly fishing and fly tying from experts like Lefty Kreh, Joe Humphreys, Bob Clouser and others. Get to know these fly fishing legends and learn from their vast experience and knowledge. Come join us!

Dates:  
Banquet: Friday May 15th, 2009  
Exposition: Saturday and Sunday  
May 16 & 17, 2009



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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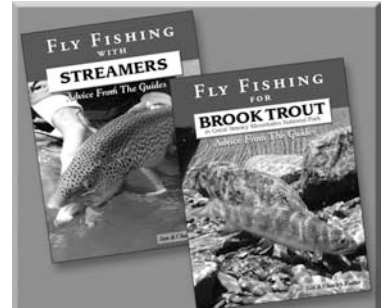
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