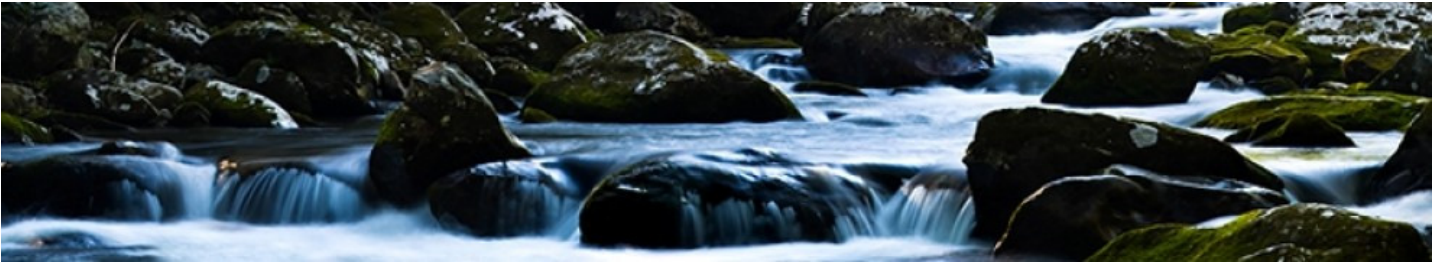


# Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited

January 2013 Newsletter



## President's Corner

Mike Bryant ([mjbryant1954@hotmail.com](mailto:mjbryant1954@hotmail.com))



I am excited and honored to be serving as President of the Little River Chapter of TU in 2013. LRCTU is a great chapter with great folks. We live in an incredible part of the world with great natural resources and members who are willing to give their time and talents to preserve these beautiful resources for our kids, grandkids and generations to come.

### A Short Bio

Given I have only lived in east Tennessee for the past 4-5 years, I thought sharing some personal information might be helpful. I've been married to my wife, Jan for nearly 37 years. She's still my best friend. We were both born and raised in Cincinnati. Both of our kids are grown and leading active adult lives. Jan and I have been empty nesters for quite a while. Before retiring two years ago, I worked at Procter & Gamble for nearly 33 years. As an engineer and manager, I worked in a variety of assignments in Engineering, Manufacturing and R&D. I was blessed to have a great career at P&G. I was also blessed to be able to retire at a relatively young age. I view early retirement as a gift of time. At P&G, long hours and significant travel requirements limited my free time. Now I am attempting to give back, focusing on opportunities to help others and preserve our great natural resources. I am actively involved with Blount County Habitat for Humanity and Trout Unlimited.

While in living and working in Cincinnati, I was active in the local fly fishing club – Buckeye United Fly Fishers. I had the opportunity to lead the club as President for three years, chaired the club sponsored Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show for ten years, and served as editor for a couple of years. It is a great and active club with great folks.

I've been flyfishing for about fifteen years. I have the opportunity to fish for trout, salmon, bass, bluegill, steelhead, tarpon, and bonefish. I've fished in the Midwest, South and out West. But there's something about fishing for trout in the mountains. Trout sure do live in some beautiful places. In my earlier years, I did enjoy fly fishing for tarpon in the Keys for ten years, but the costs became

prohibitive. Like the mountains, there is something special and beautiful about the crystal clear waters in the Keys.

## **Looking Forward**

By now most of you know that the Board decided not to conduct Troutfest in 2013. The Board believed that Troutfest had become too large to manage, the volunteer base had become tired and that we needed to refocus our efforts back on the membership. We have a great Board this year that will be responsible for developing our focus areas and plans over the next several years. One area of focus that will not change will be the volunteering our resources for conservation in the GSMNP. What a blessing to have such a great natural resource in our backyard. What a great opportunity and responsibility to help preserve it.

We have a great group of folks who have stepped up to lead our Chapter. But we cannot do it alone. We will need your help. We will need your ideas and feedback. I welcome your communications, please feel free to email or call me. I want to serve you, the Chapter and the GSMNP to the best of my abilities.

I hope you will plan to come to the January meeting. I'm looking forward to meeting you!!

## **Current Park Fisheries Projects Status Overview on Tap for January 24 Meeting**



We have a great January 24 meeting planned. Steve Moore and Matt Kulp from the GSMNP will share a program on upcoming conservation efforts that are near and dear to our hearts. This will set the stage for our volunteer efforts for the park over the next year. Please plan on attending to learn more and have your questions answered.

Members of the Little River Chapter have assisted Smokies fishery staff with the collection of water quality samples for over 15 years. The data from this effort have allowed us to monitor trends in water chemistry through time and relate this information to changes in acid deposition. A major result of this effort is that in 2006 TN Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) listed 41 miles of 12 streams in the TN portion on the states 303d list. The pH values in these streams violated Clean Water Act standards for fish and aquatic life. Since that time Park staff has worked with staff from TDEC and EPA to produce a TMDL for these streams. This document shows what the acid neutralizing capacity that must be reached if the streams are to be removed from the 303d list. Additionally we contracted with Dr. Charles Driscoll, Syracuse University to run the Dynamic Watershed Biogeochemical Model (PnET-BGC) to evaluate the recovery of sensitive aquatic resources in Great Smoky Mountains National Park from the effects of acidic deposition. The program will provide an overview of this process to date and plans for the future.

Additionally, a brief update on the Lynn Camp project will be provided. Plans for the summer sampling season and changes to the fisheries monitoring program will also be discussed.

Steve Moore is Supervisory Fishery Biologist for Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He received his B. S. degree in biology from Western Carolina University in 1976 and his M.S. degree in Fisheries Science from Tennessee Technological University in 1979. His graduate research focused on the use of electrofishing to restore brook streams in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In September 1985 he assumed his current position. The Park's fishery research and management programs have focused on the development and implementation of standardized monitoring protocols for stream fish communities, the restoration of native fish populations and water quality monitoring. During his tenure in Great Smoky Mountains National Park he has served as an advisor for 20 graduate students conducting research in the Park. His work has resulted in the development of partnerships with many state and federal agencies as well as universities and angler groups. These partnerships have helped him raise about 2.5 million dollars for fisheries and aquatics projects in the Smokies.

Please note that we will meet at the Monte Vista Baptist Church as usual, but will meet in Room 343 instead of the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will start at 7:00pm.

Address: Monte Vista Baptist Church  
1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd  
Maryville, TN 37803-5505

## **Member Profile**

*(In an effort to help us get to know each other better, we will occasionally include Member Profiles in our newsletters and on the website. This month, we're profiling Joe McGroom. Joe is a bright, energetic guy. Joe is serving as our Chapter VP and Troutfest Strategic Planning. We're grateful for Joe's leadership.)*

### **LRCTU Member Profile - Joe McGroom**

Name: **Joe McGroom**

Nickname: **Pretty much just "Joe"**

City / County Residence: **Knoxville, TN**

General Family Info: **I've been married to my wife, Erica, for almost 4 years. My brother, Ethan, is also an active LRCTU member and avid fly fisherman. Both of my parents (Sam & Stan) have been a huge help at past TroutFest events. My Mom has hiked all of the trails within GSMNP.**



Years Fly Fishing: **15**

Years Tying Flies: **12**

History of Fly Fishing:

- Mentors: **Jack Gregory, Ronnie Becker, Ross Shaver, & Walter Babb**
- Key Memories: **I've been fortunate enough to learn from the best. I have great friends, and I've been blessed to spend so much time on the water with them. Here are some of my most memorable experiences with my mentors:**

**Jack Gregory: Ross Shaver & I had the privilege of watching Jack hook a 26 inch Brown on Little River one cold, winter day.**

**Ronnie Becker: I'll never forget fishing up Middle Prong with Jack & Ronnie with almost a foot of snow covering the ground.**

**Ross Shaver: "Weirdo Willie" – It's the nickname of a fish Ross caught, but if you want the full story, you'll just have to ask him yourself.**

**Walter Babb: I was fortunate enough to fish a stream in the Tellico drainage with Walter on an early spring day. The fishing was good, but the company was better.**

Favorite Places to Fly Fish:

- Locally: **Little River**
- Outside the Local Area: **Yellowstone National Park**

Favorite Fly to Tie: **Any terrestrial or streamer patterns**

Best Fly Fishing / Tying Story: **I have a lot of memorable fishing moments, but one of my favorites came when I wasn't even the angler. I was with Ross Shaver when he caught a 26 inch Brown from Little River. The most memorable part of that experience was watching Ross chase the fish downstream through several runs before finally landing it.**

## **Free Offer For Women Anglers**

Trout Unlimited is offering a full year's introductory membership for women anglers. The free one-year membership comes with all the benefits offered to current members. This is a great opportunity to introduce TU and our own Little River Chapter to local female anglers who currently fish or are interested in fishing. This offer is available to new female members only.

The links for an online membership application can be found on our Little River Chapter website ([www.lrcctu.org](http://www.lrcctu.org)). Make sure to identify the Little River Chapter (#644) as the local Chapter.

## Whole Lotta Tying Goin On... at the December Meeting



A good crowd materialized at Monte Vista Baptist Church last month to hear the latest in club activity and to see Walter Babb and Jack Gregory tie some of their infamous trout and bass attractors. Both Babb and Gregory drew a rapt audience who watched the skills of these noted anglers at the tying bench and were treated to several tales (tall and otherwise) of fishing on our local streams. Thanks to both Jack and Walter for their participation.



Outgoing President Rufus King noted that LRCTU had presented GSMNP officials with a check of the proceeds from 2012 Troutfest totaling \$20,000. In addition, another \$5,000 in Troutfest proceeds was donated to Friends of the Smokies that is earmarked for the Fisheries Department internship. King also presented the good news that our chapter was able to secure a \$10,000 grant from the

Tennessee TU state council for the GSMNP Fisheries Department for conservation projects. This money was made available through the vehicle licensing donations on our Tennessee Trout Unlimited license plates.

Bill Bollinger presented King with a gift certificate to Foothills Milling Company on behalf of LRCTU members



for his many years of service to the Little River Chapter. King will preside over his last meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> when the slate of new officers is voted upon by the general membership.



Incoming president Mike Bryant presented a slate of board members and chapter officers for the upcoming year. They are:

President: Mike Bryant  
Vice President: Joe McGroom



Treasurer: Sheila Bolinger  
Secretary: (Open Position)  
Communications (Newsletter): Dave Ezell  
Communications (Website): Joe Hatton  
Membership: Wayne Everbach  
Monthly Programs: Caleb Abramson  
Troutfest/Large Event Planning: Joe McGroom

### **Non-Board Positions**

Volunteers/Resources: Charlie Chmielewski  
Advisor: Rufus King  
Advisor: Byron Begley  
Education: (Open Position)

## **A Big “Howdy” To Some New Members**

LRCTU is pleased to welcome aboard these new members. These folks joined our chapter within the last 60 days. When you see a new face at our meetings, please say “Hello” and make them feel welcome. It may very well be one of these new members.

Jessica & Joshua Callihan  
2570 Black Rd.  
Greenback, TN 37742

Larry Norton  
161 Portland Dr.  
Lenoir City, TN 37771

Ryan Dixon  
416 Spencer Clack Ln.  
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1016 William St.  
Maryville, TN 37803

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Seymour, TN 37865

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Nancy Moon  
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Maryville, TN 37804

Zach Wilson  
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Lenoir City, TN 37771

## News From St. Claire Mapping

Hi, Folks –

For information and instructions, please check out this brand new LRO Forum thread...

<http://littleriveroutfitters.com/forum/showthread.php?t=16574>

or

[www.smokystreams.com/maps](http://www.smokystreams.com/maps)

I thought you would be interested in the download, even if just on your PC.

Soon a high resolution, *printable* set product with link-heavy bonus park and regional information will be available on a nifty USB Flash Drive for around \$50 . Many of you have contributed to or been a positive influence on work leading up to this over the past three years. Some are credited on the "Fishing the Great Smoky Mountains" page of that product. Let me know if you wish to be notified when the product is available for purchase.

Fred Turner

**Saint Clair Mapping**

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[SmokyStreams.com](http://SmokyStreams.com)

[Facebook](#)

## Park Acid Sampling in 2013

Charlie Chmielewski, chapter volunteer/resources chairman, wishes everyone a good new year and reminds us to volunteer for one of the upcoming acid sampling trips. This program monitors the effects of acid rain in our Great Smoky Mountain National Park streams and is heavily dependent on volunteers for sampling. The scheduled trips are managed by Team Leaders. The next sampling takes place the weekend of Jan. 19/20. Inclement weather may force a date change.

Team Members – Check the attached schedule. if you are scheduled to sample this month, please contact your assigned Team Leader as soon as possible. Let him know if you will or will not participate, and obtain meeting times and locations.

Team Leaders – 1) If an alternate team leader will be filling in, ensure the alternate is aware of the need for Park Service driver training and submission to Matt required to gain authorization to drive a government vehicle.

2) As soon as possible, let me know which day your team will be sampling and who will pick up the keys and radio. This allows the Park Service employee to know who to meet with the keys and radios between 8:00 - 9:00 AM on the morning you are sampling.

3) Communicate arrangement information to your Team Members and make any needed arrangements for use of a van for large teams.

4) Please also train new volunteers on all aspects of the process.

5) Contact the list floaters if you need team members or call me for help.

This is the time of year when weather may affect access to the Park roads. I will give the team Leaders as much notice as I can get if the sampling has to be postponed due to road closings.

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**2012 GSMNP Acid Deposition Sampling Schedule prepared 5-03-12**

Sample Route	Mar 17 (or 18)	May 19 (or 20)	Jul 21 (or 22)	Sept 15 (or 16)	Nov 17 (or 18)	Jan 19 (or 20) 2013
Cosby Creek Team Leader Dave Carson	Dave Carson (L) Josh Carson Buzz Buffington Dick Geiger Chase Hively	Dave Carson (L) Josh Carson Jeff & Sam Hall Buzz Buffington	Dave Carson (L) Rich Ashmore Josh Carson Jeff & Sam Hall Buzz Buffington Dick Geiger	Dave Carson (L) Rich Ashmore Josh Carson Jeff & Sam Hall	Dave Carson (L) Josh Carson Jeff & Sam Hall Justin Swann George Upton	Dave Carson (L) Josh Carson Rich Ashmore Jeff & Sam Hall Dustin Russell
Little River / Abrams Team Leader Dan Holloway	Dan Holloway (L) Jim Callaway & Tyler Harwell John Janulis Dustin Russell Justin Swann	Dan Holloway (L) Jim Callaway & Tyler Harwell John Janulis Chase Hively	Dan Holloway (L) Jim Callaway & Tyler Harwell John Janulis Justin Swann George Upton	John Janulis (L) Jim Callaway & Tyler Harwell Buzz Buffington Dick Geiger	Dan Holloway (L) Jim Callaway & Tyler Harwell John Janulis Buzz Buffington Dick Geiger	Dan Holloway (L) Jim Callaway & Tyler Harwell John Janulis Buzz Buffington Dick Geiger
Oconaluftee River Team Leader Caleb Abramson	Rich Ashmore (L) Bubba Allen Mike Bryant Ken Walton	Caleb Abramson (L) Rich Ashmore Bubba Allen George Upton <b>David Smith</b>	Caleb Abramson (L) Bubba Allen Mike Bryant Chase Hively Dustin Russell	Caleb Abramson (L) Bubba Allen Chase Hively Dustin Russell Justin Swann	Caleb Abramson (L) Bubba Allen Rich Ashmore Dustin Russell <b>David Smith</b>	Caleb Abramson (L) Bubba Allen Trey Coleman Chase Hively Justin Swann <b>David Smith</b>
Alum Cave / Road Prong Team Leader Steve Darnell	Steve Darnell (L) Dan Gaubas James Looker George Upton	Steve Darnell (L) Charlie Barton James Looker Justin Swann	Steve Darnell (L) Charlie Barton Dan Gaubas James Looker <b>David Smith</b>	Steve Darnell (L) Charlie Barton Mike Bryant Dan Gaubas George Upton	Steve Darnell (L) Charlie Barton Mike Bryant James Looker Chase Hively	Steve Darnell (L) Dan Gaubas Charlie Barton Mike Bryant James Looker
Floaters (will fill in when called)	Charlie Chmielewski Joe Hatton Mike McKinsey	Joe Hatton	Charlie Chmielewski Joe Hatton Mike McKinsey	Charlie Chmielewski Joe Hatton Mike McKinsey	Joe Hatton	Charlie Chmielewski Joe Hatton Mike McKinsey

(L) = Leader for the sample date indicated

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