



STREAMS OF THOUGHT—NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

With the New Year often come resolutions. Some of us get 'into it' and write them down with intermediate goals and check boxes with plans to really do it. Others stick things in the back of our mind that we would like to, and may even, get to (and sometimes even complete!!). Whatever form of resolution person you are, I hope you add one or more of the volunteer activities in which the Little River Chapter is involved to your list of New Year's commitments. None of the projects originating in or coming thru LRCTU go anywhere without volunteer involvement; this means the Chapter, and these activities, need YOU!

One activity that sorely needs some extra help is our immensely successful Trout in the Classroom Program. We are at 13 tanks and could add a couple more if we had the volunteer manpower. We particularly need someone to step up and manage the program. Things like ordering materials, checking on eggs availability, setting up release days and their associated activities are among the things that need a leader to get done. None of it is rocket science, just requires some interest and energy. If you would like to help, contact Jim Jeswald (mjes711@gmail.com).

Another activity is our long running GSMNP Fisheries-related projects. As I write this, 'water sampling Saturday' for January is coming up. January is a pretty drab time of year; no leaves on the trees (excepting the Rhododendron and Evergreens!) mostly green-grey, brown-grey, and plain grey colors. But still it is a way to get outdoors, take a hike, and help the group the Chapter was chartered to support. Contact Richard Barnes (canceler1@gmail.com).

The next 10-day forecast is not super positive for mountain fishing conditions; high temps in the 30s and 40s with lows in the 20s and teens—b-r-r-@!! Maybe time to dig out my trout spey rod and try some tailwaters. How about you; do you have some cold weather alternative fishing spots?

Tight Lines!
Steve Y

MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 @ BLUETICK TAVERN

Our January meeting begins 2022 back at Bluetick Tavern in downtown Maryville. We'll begin gathering at 6:00 PM. Matt Culp, Supervisory Fishery Biologist at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is presenting this month's program. Matt will give us updates on fish and water quality in the park, discuss ongoing research and restoration projects, and future opportunities for our members to volunteer in 2022.

PISTOL CREEK

Next stocking is scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, January 20.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

The spring season is underway, with egg deliveries to the schools scheduled for January 27. Tanks are getting set up this week and last to ensure the ecosystem is established before eggs arrive and fish hatch. A new school, Concord Christian School in Knoxville has joined the program, bringing the number of schools/tanks participating to 13. Two of our normal schools have again chosen to wait for another season to participate. We'll be glad to have them back, hopefully in the fall.

If you are an organized person, or just someone that wants to get involved in this program, we REALLY need some help. We need an overall coordinator to help out with the materials ordering and logistics, arranging for eggs from the Buffalo Springs Hatchery, and arranging for school release dates and the various activities associated with those days (getting volunteers for aquatic insect gathering and demonstration, casting instruction, show and tell demonstrations by various agencies and crowd control). This person will not need to be a school/tank coordinator, and training will be provided. If you are interested, contact Jim Jeswald, at mjes711@gmail.com, Steve Young, at steve_y@earthlink.net or Joyce Frey at jmfrey@comcast.net.

TIE AND LIE - MONDAY, JANUARY 31 @ 6:30 - CASUAL PINT, MARYVILLE



Come join us at the Casual Pint in Maryville from 6:30 til 8:30 on Monday, January 31. Steve Darnell will be demonstrating and teaching the RS2 fringe Rim Chung. Everyone is welcome, even if you don't want to tie, but just want to join in the lyin'.

BUGS AND FLIES

I was having some trouble deciding on a fly this month, so decided to show the RS2 by Rim Chung. Steve Darnell will be tying this at Tye and Lie on the 30th.

This fly was created over forty years ago by Rim Chung. The RS2 stands for "Rim's Semblance 2" and will imitate a midge or mayfly. Since the original creation, which was tied with beaver fur for dubbing and saddle hackle for the wings, there has been many variations of this pattern. This video is by Tightlines, but Rim Chung's is out there in two versions, a short and long.

- RS2**
- Hook:** Straight eye, size 18
- Thread:** 6/0 olive
- Tail:** Microfib
- Abdomen:** Fine dubbing in olive
- Wing:** Standard CDC in white
- Thorax:** Fine dubbing in olive



NEW MEMBERS as of the 15th of the prior month

Jonathan Gillespie

Welcome to the Little River Chapter of TU. Our Chapter was established years ago as a nonprofit volunteer organization committed to protecting and restoring cold water resources and watersheds in and around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We hope to be able to offer you plenty of activities to join us in our mission. As a member you will receive our monthly newsletter issued around the 15th of each month. In addition, you will also receive email notifications of any activities that may be happening during the month. As you can see above, our live meeting is the 4th Thursday of each month, held at the Bluetick Tavern in Maryville. Social hour starts at 6:00 with chapter business and the month's program starting at 7:00. Feel free to visit our website at lrctu.org or contact any of the Board Members for information.

We welcome you once again to our Chapter and hope your contribution will help greatly in the success of our Chapter. Feel free to contact me at lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com for any information you need.

UPCOMING LITTLE RIVER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

January 15th Saturday—Water Sampling 'Beats' in GSMNP. Contact Richard Barnes (canceler1@gmail.com) for information

January 27th Thursday—LIVE Chapter Meeting at BlueTick Tavern in Maryville. Social Hour/Dinner starts a 6pm, program at 7pm. Matt Kulp, GSMNP Supervising Fisheries Biologist to present his 'annual report' of Park Fisheries activities and projects.

January 31st Monday—Tie and Lie at the Casual Pint in Maryville. Starts at 6.30pm

February 19th Saturday—Annual Review of GSMNP Water Sampling Program and sign-up for 2022 dates. Starts at 9am at Twin Creeks Research Center in GSMNP Park.

February 24th Thursday—LIVE Chapter Meeting at BlueTick Tavern in Maryville. Social Hour/Dinner starts a 6pm, program at 7pm.

February 28th Monday—Tie and Lie at the Casual Pint in Maryville. Starts at 6.30pm

March 19th Saturday—Water Sampling 'Beats' in GSMNP. Contact Richard Barnes (canceler1@gmail.com) for information.

March 24th Thursday—LIVE Chapter Meeting at Blue Tick Tavern in Maryville. Social Hour/Dinner starts a 6pm, program at 7pm.

March 26th Saturday—Pistol Creek Cleanup. Downtown Maryville; starts a 9.00am with meetup at Courthouse parking lot.

March 28th Monday—Tie and Lie at the Casual Pint in Maryville. Starts at 6.30pm

MEMBERS OUT THERE FISHING

- Top - Sara Bishop on the Kennebec River in Maine
- Left - Bob Bishop with a salmon on the Kennebec River
- Right - Tim Hurst on the West Prong of Pigeon

