



NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The Little River Chapter is already off to a great start in the new year. The Board of Directors has approved an \$8,000 donation to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park Fisheries Department. Almost \$6,000 of this donation is proceeds from the LRCTU Auction and the remaining amount is from the Chapter's general fund. Once again, thanks to everyone for supporting and participating in the auction.

The Chapter will be initiating a Volunteer Recognition Program to reward LRCTU volunteers for their contributions to Chapter sponsored volunteer activities. Details of this recognition program are forthcoming, but will apply to all Chapter volunteer activities, including but not limited to, GSMNP Fisheries Projects, Trout in the Classroom, John Thurman Smoky Mountain Trout Adventure Camp, and Pistol Creek just to name a few. Awards will be based on the number of volunteer hours by participant; so, please start keeping a log of your volunteer hours.

MEETING - JANUARY 26 @ BLUETICK TAVERN in DOWNTOWN MARYVILLE
Social hour starts at 6:00, Program starts at 7:00, Business Meeting follows

Rebecca Nichols is originally from Spokane, Washington. She received a BS in Wildlife Biology from Washington State University, an MS in Entomology from Texas Tech University, and a PhD in Entomology from University of Missouri. She's been the park Entomologist at Great Smoky Mountains National Park since 1997 where her primary responsibilities include long-term monitoring of aquatic macroinvertebrates, and works with park-partner Discover Life in America (DLIA) on the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory (ATBI), in an effort to identify all species in the park. She also helps implement the synchronous firefly event each year, and works on numerous other projects such as pollinator and monarch butterfly conservation. She plans on talking about aquatic monitoring, fireflies, and a little on pollinators.

GREAT NEWS!! WE WILL NOW BE ABLE TO ORDER OFF THE MENU AT OUR MEETING USING THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

- Kim Emery, our program chair, will be at the door to greet you and explain the procedure in case you don't remember or haven't read the newsletter.
- Ordering off the menu will be available from 6:15 to 6:30 with the server/cashier at the front of the meeting room. **You will be able to order at the bar if you arrive after 6:30.**
- Each table will have a number. You will have to select a table before getting in line to order.
- You will be required to pay for food at time of order. Water and soft drinks will be available in the meeting room. Adult beverages must be ordered and paid at the bar.
- When food is ready, a server will bring it to you based on table number, which won't interrupt the meeting.

Please remember to be patient and courteous as we try out this new process. Also, remember they are trying their best to accommodate all the Chapter's needs, so please show your love with a tip when paying for your food and/or bar tab. If the minimum tip for the server is not met, the Chapter will have to make up the difference.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mark your calendars for this year's meetings. We will be having June and August meetings again. Programs will be listed as they become available.

February 23 - Matt Kulp - State of the Park Address
In preparation for Matt's presentation to the chapter he would like members to take the following short survey to help determine which topics to be covered. Survey data will be collected until February 17.

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- March 23
- April 27
- May 25
- June 22
- July - Little River Chapter picnic at River John's, date to be determined
- August 24
- September 28
- October 26
- November - no meeting
- December - date tbd, auction focus

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

When opportunities with the Fisheries Department of the GSMNP are finalized, they will be listed here. Contact Richard Barnes (TN side of the Park) at canceler1@gmail.com or Mike Kesselring (NC side of the Park) at mikessel59@gmail.com for more information.

The Annual GSMNP Fisheries meeting will be held at the Twin Creeks Science Center February 18 at 9:00 am. The Center is located in the Park at 1316 Cherokee Orchard Rd. Anyone is welcome, however, please let Richard Barnes know if you plan to come so we can make sure there are enough refreshments. He can be reached at canceler1@gmail.com.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Spring season is here already! Tanks will be set up within the next 2 weeks in anticipation of the eggs being delivered on February 2.

If you'd like to be a part of this wonderful program, let me know at jmfrey@comcast.net.

TIE & LIE - MONDAY, JANUARY 30 @ CASUAL PINT, MARYVILLE - 6:30 - ?

This month's fly is the Sexy Walt. It's a tricked out version of the classic Walt's Worm and is a favorite of competition fly fishers. The following supplies will be needed:

- Hook:** Jig hook size 14
- Bead:** 3mm slotted silver tungsten
- Wire:** Worm -.015 lead-free wire. Sexy -.020 lead-free wire
- Thread:** Worm - Danville 6/0 in Olive. Sexy - UTC 70 in fluorescent orange
- Pearl Tinsel:** Sexy - Sulky Silver Metallic in opalescent (for example)
- Dubbing:** Natural hare's ear

If you'd like to join in and don't have a vice or supplies, contact Ernie Frey at ernest.frey@comcast.net.



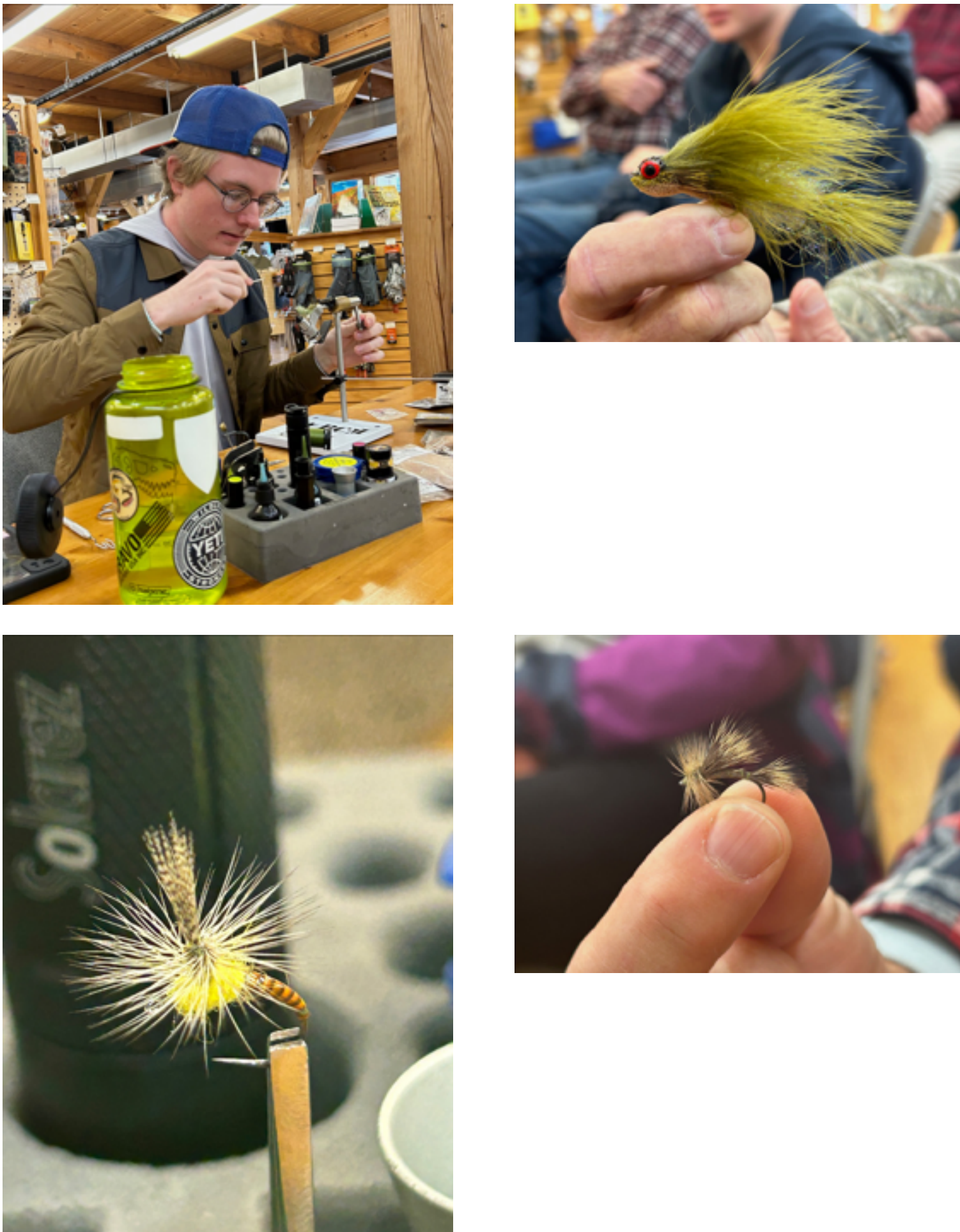
NEW MEMBERS

Tim Powell Jason Gattis Geromie Falk

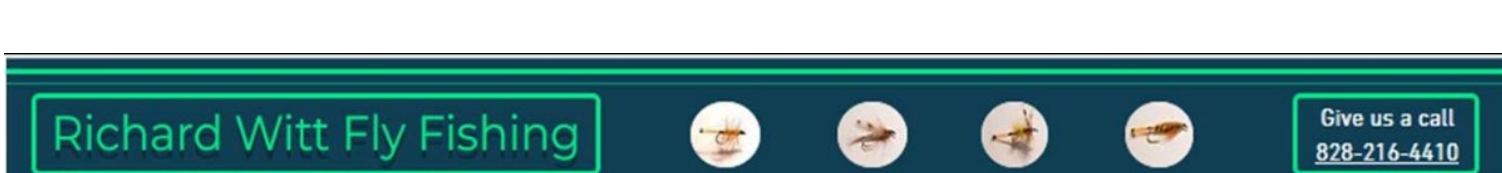
Welcome to the Little River Chapter of TU (LRCTU). Our Chapter was established years ago as a nonprofit volunteer organization committed to protecting and restoring cold water resources and watersheds in and around the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. We hope to be able to offer you plenty of activities to join us in our mission. As a member, you will receive our monthly newsletter issued around the 15th of each month, as well as email notifications of any activities that may be happening during the month. Our meeting is the 4th Thursday of the month (with the exception of July, November, and December) held at the Bluetick Tavern in Maryville. Social hour starts at 6:00 with month's program starting at 7:00 and the Chapter's business meeting immediately following. Feel free to visit our website at lrctu.org, contact me at lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com or any of the Board Members listed on the website for information.

MEMBERS OUT THERE

Will Davis was tying at Little River Outfitters January 15. Nice job!

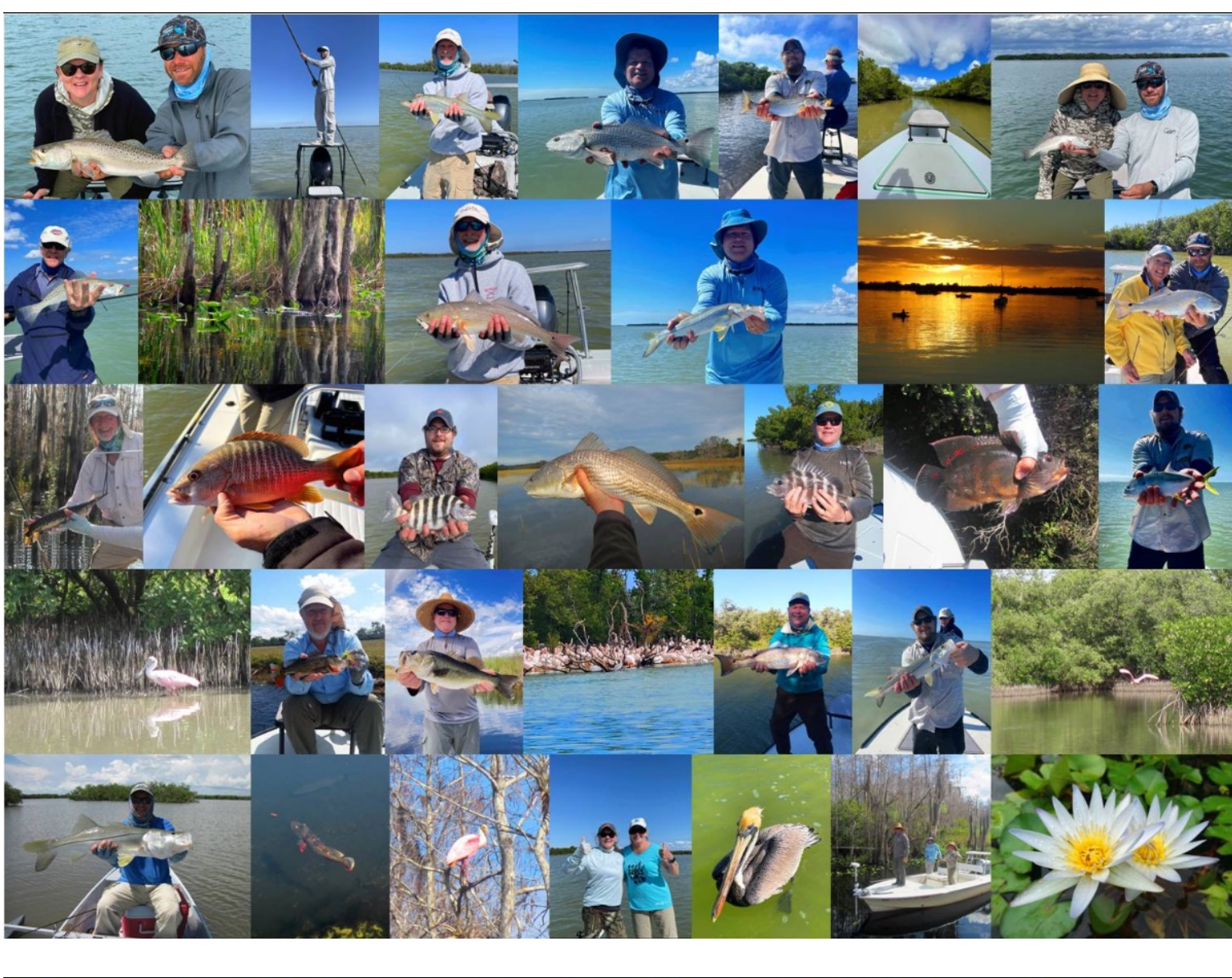


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A Hosted Fly Fishing Trip to Islamorada Florida and the Everglades with Richard Witt Fly Fishing

Join us this winter to experience the wonderful and authentic saltwater fly fishing opportunities that the Florida Keys area has to offer from a home base in Islamorada, Florida! We will be fly fishing the Mangrove and Sea Grass habitats for Snook, Redfish, Sea Trout and other species in the backcountry of the Everglades National Park and on the beautiful waters of Florida Bay.



Trip Dates:
Check-in on Sunday, February 5th, 2023 and check-out on Saturday, February 11th, 2023.

What's included:
Lodging – 6 nights in a beautiful vacation rental home right on Florida Bay with five bedrooms and four baths
All meals prepared by a gourmet personal chef
3 days of guided fly fishing on flats boats with a 4th day option
Florida fishing license

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We had four spots open up recently with pricing discounts down to \$2695.00 per person so let us know soon if you would like to join us.

Contact us at RichardWittFlyfishing.com

