

Little River Chapter Newsletter

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Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the Fourth Thursday July the 22, at 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

Walter Babb will be presenting a program on small streams fly fishing. Walter is a professional fly fishing guide at Little River Outfitters. He also tries most of the local trout patterns from the fly shop. Walter has more on stream experience than most of us put together. We always feel fortunate when he takes time to share his vast fishing knowledge with us.

Stream work

June -July: Brook Trout Monitoring Call Steve or Matt for time and places.

July 17-18th: Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Hikes

September 18-19th: Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Hikes

September 27-29th: Large Stream Sample - Straight Fork, NC

Fishing Picks

By: Ian Rutter

The heat of summer is upon us and so are pop up thunderstorms most afternoons. So far this has been a relatively wet summer. Trout like water so this has been a great summer thus far with water levels at or above typical levels on the mountain streams. Don't be deterred by high water, particularly if it's clear. Most fly fishermen prefer water levels that are actually lower than ideal. This is probably because most fly fishermen like to get out in the middle of streams and high water makes wading more difficult. Wade only along the edges or not at all and use roll casts to place the fly. It's also possible that a storm might blow out fishing on one stream while missing a neighboring watershed or tributary completely.

The largest roadside streams are the most crowded right now. Little River and Tellico River are frequented by swimmers and tubers in addition to fishermen this time of year. Look to smaller streams that are less desirable to swimmers and tubers. Middle Prong of Little River, North River, Bald River, and West Prong of Little Pigeon are great streams that are largely ignored by swimmers and tubers. Hike-in fishing can be at its seasonal peak right now in a number of locations. Upper Little River, Big Creek, Porters Creek, and Bald River have lightly fished sections that require a short hike.

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Fishing Picks [FROM PAGE 1] Fish see fewer fishermen and take well presented flies with enthusiasm.

Tailwater fishing has been excellent this summer and has something to offer almost any fly angler. The Hiwassee continues to have good schedules for waders. Show up early since water starts to run by noon. Wait until midday to launch a float here. There is also plenty of water to fish with up to two generators on the Hiwassee if you have a personal pontoon. The Clinch has had a mix of generation schedules, some accommodating waders and others too high to even bother with a drift boat. These schedules should even out somewhat as the summer wears on. The Watauga continues to have good schedules for those who wade. The trophy section usually stays low until late in the day. This is also a good stretch to use a personal pontoon and cover a lot of water. So far the South Holston has been the stand out tailwater this season. Sulphur hatches have been extraordinarily thick and fish are responding to dry flies. Expect generation to be at a minimum early in the day with high water in the afternoon. Waders can expect good fishing, but floaters have the upper hand. Swifter water doesn't allow fish to inspect a fly very long.

From Feathers to Bits

<http://globalflyfisher.com/gallery/digitizing/digital.html>



This is an article I came across by chance looking up Czech nymphs which is the Fly of the Month for July. When the article first opened up I thought of a couple of members in particular that would find this article interesting. After reading the article you will know everything needed to make excellent photos of your flies with a digital camera. This is one of the most useful articles I have read in many years of web surfing. Everything from the best camera to use to the highly useful lighting and backdrop setups. And all of the ideas will not break the bank. You will find out about how many megapixels camera you will need, the lens quality and zoom range, what type of memory and the amount. Learn the limits with the physical format and picture layout, also, battery type and capacity and my favorite of all, the



lighting setups. I have gotten a lot of great ideas from reading this article. One thing is it does not take that much to have professional looking photos of your flies.

Don't forget to read the article on Scanning Flies. I have used a scanner for the fly of the month articles many times. It is a quick way to get a picture of a fly on to paper. The home-made scanner bed fly frame is a great idea. [CONTINUED ON PAGE 3]

From Feathers to Bits [FROM PAGE 2] I have already made one for myself. You will find that this is a easy way to capture a fly to show your friends the latest and greatest killer fly that you have just created.

The Global FlyFisher is a web site that you can spend many hour clicking though the web pages. Just don't let it keep you up too late.

Joe

Road Trips

Keeping with the Internet theme, I have another web page to help when planning your fishing trip next fall to one of North Carolina's many Delayed Harvest Streams. The web page is part of High Country Outdoors Guide Service, Inc website . The web page is the North Carolina Trout Stocking Schedules, Maps & Regulations. It has a map of all the county of N. C. Just double click on one of the counties and the fishing Regulations and a list of all the major Trout streams of that counties open up. Plus a chart of the total number of fish stocked by streams for each calender year broken down by month. This should help out in picking a time for your trip. One of the best features is the pdf color maps of the counties that open up into another window. This is a detailed streams map of the county with the stream being color coded on the type of Regulations that cover each stream. One other advantage to having the map is when you get there and all the rocks are taken, you can look at the map and find a nearby stream to fish. Go to <http://www.highcountryoutdoors.net/countymap.html>

Happy fishing

Joe



Fly of the Month

Czech nymphs

<http://globalflyfisher.com/patterns/czech/>

Czech nymphs adhere to a few simple principles:

- They are heavy
- They are slim
- They sport some sort of shellback, usually darker in color than the abdomen
- They are tied on a curved "grub" style hook

Hook: Partridge K4A, #8

Underbody: Adhesive backed lead tape

Thread: Danville Flymaster 6/0, White

Shellback: Olive scud back, trimmed to 1/8"

Ribbing: Flat gold holographic tinsel and 5x mono tippet

Abdomen: Scintilla dubbing, golden olive

Thorax: Squirrel dubbing, dark olive

Marking pen: Edding 142 (Dark Brown)



All of the Internet links from the articles are posted on the Newsletter website.



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