

## Next Meeting

**When:** July 24, 2008 at 7:00pm

(4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)

**Where:** Bass Pro Shops, I-40 exit 407,  
Sevierville.

**Program:** Hugh Hartsell - "the need for good casting and mending techniques... Come on out to learn something and have a good time.

## Upcoming Events

- July 19-20 ~ Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample
- August 11-13 ~ Bunches & Flat Creek Evaluation - High elevation brook trout electrofishing - 436-1254
- September 2-6 ~ Lynn Camp Prong Restoration Prep Work - meet at Lynn Camp trailhead; call fisheries office for details 436-1254
- September 20-21 ~ Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample
- September 26 - 27 Large Stream Sample - Cataloochee Creek - call fisheries office for meeting times & locations - 436-1254
- November 15-16 ~ Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample



Our chapter has put forward another great effort in the making of the 2008 Troutfest. On Tuesday, July 1st, we handed a check to the Park Superintendent for \$14,000.00. This makes a grand total of \$60,000 given by our chapter for Brooktrout restoration projects in the GSMNP. The chapter has also donated \$2,000 to the Fisheries Scholarship Fund making a grand total of \$4,000. As you know this helps a local young adult to work with Matt and Steve over the summer to see if they are interested in a career as Fisheries Biologist.

All of this would not be possible if not for the effort put forward by all of the Chapter members that help out each year. I would like to thank,

- Tom Eustis for helping with sponsors and working with the Rocky Branch Community club at the Festival.
- Dan Calhoun and John Skinner for all their work in helping me to get the festival going.
- Jack Gregory and Joe Teffteller for their hard work on the banquet.
- Rufus King, Mike Shiehl, Terri Becker and Linda Head for taking charge of the Auction.

## 2008 TROUTFEST (continued)

- Ron Becker, Roy Hawk, Debbie Teffteller, Jeff Hall, Donna Gregory, Sam Wood, Steve Head, Becky Hatton, Allysun Hatton, Bill and Sheila Bolinger, Dan Holloway, Ross Shaver, Mike Shaver, Rhea Shaver, Rose Shiehl, Pat Jenkins, Charity Rutter, John Garrison, Paula Begley, Charlie Downs, Doug Pape, Mike McKinsey, and Gary Verholek.
- And once again an extra thanks to Jeff Hall and Rufus King our President and Vice President for their leadership and support.

If I left someone out please forgive me. As you will read in Byron's article he will be taking over as Chairman of Troutfest. I will still be involved with setting up the festival grounds. Byron has some great plans in the works that look to make Troutfest a bigger and more regional event.

I want to offer my thanks to all that have helped me in the past five years with Troutfest and I hope that as the festival grows more members will get the chance to be a part of this event. When you get a chance please thank our sponsors. Without them we could not have a successful Troutfest 2008. Start thinking about Troutfest 2009.

*Joe Hatton - TROUTFEST Chairman*



## Volunteer Spotlight

Thanks goes out to those members who worked the Lynn Camp creel station during the period June 2nd to 14th. The creel station supported the "catch and keep" period of rainbow trout removal from the stream, one of the steps in the brook trout restoration process. Volunteers worked a six hour shift. The list of Chapter participants follows:

- Bill Hey (new member, 3 shifts)
- Bill Bolinger
- Gary Verholek (2 shifts)
- Paula Begley
- Stan Smartt
- Jim Wharton
- Jeff Hall
- Dan & Nancy Gaubas (new members, 2 shifts)
- Dave Carson (2 shifts)
- Pete Czornohus
- Dan Calhoun
- JL Grillot

Other opportunities will arise to help out with the Lynn Camp restoration, so if you missed this chance, you can make up for it. Some of you may have helped during the July 7th to 10th preparation work. Another preparation work period will follow in September, with the restoration work culminating next year with the actual re-introduction of the brookies. So if you want to volunteer on Lynn Camp, you can choose from multiple periods to do so. Just check the Chapter's website ([www.lrcu.org](http://www.lrcu.org)) for the link to the Park's Fisheries work schedule.

Thanks to all!  
Jeff Hall - President

## On-Stream Report

Wow! June was an extremely busy month here in the shop and at home. It virtually flew by and I had very little time for fishing. I did manage some smallmouth fishing on both the Little Pigeon and Little River. In the evening, popping bugs in cast towards some structure did the trick. The new Boogle Bugs worked great.

Towards the end of the month I took my first trip to Charleston. Unfortunately it was a non-fishing trip. I won't lie, but in the back of my mind, while at Folly Beach, were all of the Redfish that I was passing. I have been dreaming about getting a couple of kayaks and running down to SC for the weekend to Redfish. I almost had all of the money saved when Doug and Brett convinced me to take another trip to Yellowstone. Seeing how I've never been there in September, I thought I ought to go just to make sure they don't get into trouble.

More recently I have been fishing the Holston River below Cherokee Dam. The fishing is phenomenal, granted you can get there during the small window of non-generation. I hope the fishing holds on for another month, before they run all of the cold water out. Most of my fish have come to small BH pheasant tails and zebra midges under a dry.

Also, Doug, Adam and Brett managed to get out for some night fishing on the South Holston. Unfortunately, it was while I was in Charleston, SC. They had a pretty good night and landed some really nice browns.

## On-Stream Report (continued)

Summer is a great time to night fish. However, you must know the area you are fishing extremely well! Also make sure that you know what the generation is and always, always have an exit! I used to do a good bit of night fishing in Missouri and having an exit if the water should come on is very important. I also make sure to always fish with a buddy.

Starting this month we are rolling out the Orvis Anglers Club. Part of the club is the Fly-of-the-Month. Every month you will get a free fly and on the morning of the third Saturday we will do fly tying demos on that fly and others. This month it will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> and we will tie some favorite Smoky Mountain Patterns.

Tightlines,  
*Kris Maurer - Orvis-Sevierville*

## TU Plate Update

*Updated 6/25/08* - The TU plate has gone into overtime! Good news is we've gotten an extension for the plate deadline beyond June 30, 2008. The bill became law on June 21, 2008 granting Trout Unlimited a time extension beyond our deadline to reach 1,000 TU plates presold.

We are currently at 850 plates with 150 left to presell before we can submit the 1,000 names of those who've believed in the TU plate and the benefits to fishery conservation in Tennessee. TU thanks you for your support.

## 2009 TROUTFEST

Thanks to everyone who made Troutfest 2008 a fun and successful event. I saw a lot of people taking on responsibility and making big things happen. As usual, my hat is off to Joe Hatton for all the hard work he has done for this event since its inception years ago. Without him it would not have happened. It has been and still is his vision. Joe has endured pain in his knee and kept on going and for that we will all be grateful forever.

Joe asked me to be Chairman of Troutfest. He needs a break. The Troutfest Committee voted in favor of that change for which I am honored. Joe and one other person will be Vice-Chairs. Each Vice-Chair will have a group of Coordinators who will work with us as a team to take Troutfest in a new direction. It is the wish of the committee of volunteers that Troutfest become a Fly Fishing Exposition.

The dates are set. The banquet will be held on Friday May 15, 2009. The Expo will be held on Saturday and Sunday the 16th and 17th. A large tent will be erected in the back parking lot of the Visitors Center in Townsend. In that tent and in the meeting room inside the visitors center will be a two day long fly-tying demonstration. There will be fly-tyers from all over our region. I expect there will be about 20 demonstrators tying at one time. Over the weekend you will have the opportunity to see up to 60 different fly-tyers. We did this here at the shop for a couple of years. It was very successful.

## 2009 TROUTFEST (continued)

There will be a large tent for manufacturers. I talked to Raz Reid, our Sales Representative for Sage, Simms, Umpqua, Rio, Tibor and other companies to be here. He said to count him in. I talked to Dave Hayward our Orvis Business Manager today. I asked that Orvis make a large donation and that Dave and other people from Orvis be here next year. Other companies will be contacted. And we will be asking all of them for donations for our banquet.

Fly Shops and Guide Services will have the opportunity to rent booth space under another tent. We will have the usual music, food and casting competition that we've had in the past. There will be activities for children as we have had in the past.

I have asked Joe Humphreys to be here for the banquet and give demonstrations at the Expo. Our company will pay for that as a donation. Joe is excited to be coming back to Townsend to see all of his old friends here. Our chapter will be selling his books at the Expo. I expect to sell several thousand dollars worth of his books based on our past here at the shop when Joe or Lefty Kreh made their appearances. Any books that don't sell can be sent back to the publisher so there is no risk to the Chapter except for shipping charges. We will only buy what we sell.

I will be contacting many of you soon to be Coordinators or volunteers. Several people who have never served before have asked to help.

## 2009 TROUTFEST (continued)

I have already asked a couple of people to serve as Coordinators and they have agreed. Thank you.

Herb Handly of the Smoky Mountain Convention and Visitors Bureau will be a consultant and use his marketing help to take Troutfest to those who have never heard of it. It is my hope that all details will be worked out by year's end. That way we won't have to scramble next year. I want it to be fun to serve on this project and leave all the stress to another part of our lives.

I would like to ask all of you to think of a donation that you can make or find one company or person who can make one. If you are a fly-tyer, tie some flies. If you make fly-tying desks, make one. If you own a home in a nice area, donate it's use for a week. And think about this, we don't have to raffle or auction everything the night of the banquet. We can do it during the Exposition as well.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

*Byron Begley, 2009 TROUTFEST Chairman*



## From the Editor

I would like to ask and remind everyone to please share any fishing/TU related experiences to include in our newsletter. More contributors will lead to a more interesting newsletter overall. I hope everyone likes the new newsletter format. I switched away from Windows to Mac and decided to lay it out a little differently. I hope it is still very readable for everyone.

I got a chance over the week of July 4th to take the family trout fishing. We went to the Clinch when the water was up and fished off of the platform where the Grist Mill creek flows into the river. I fished there often when I was a kid. It was a beautiful day in the 80s with low humidity. There were plenty of small browns in the water and occasionally a nice rainbow would come cruising through.

It has been a long time since I fished "normally" (not fly-fishing). Even so, for some reason I was the only one who caught any fish. I remember being the one who got skunked when I was a kid, so my boys got to experience that too. But I put enough stockers on the stringer to take home and have a fish fry. A little summer squall blew through causing us to pack everything back in the Jeep. We got soaked. It was a good time and we cannot wait to go back.





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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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