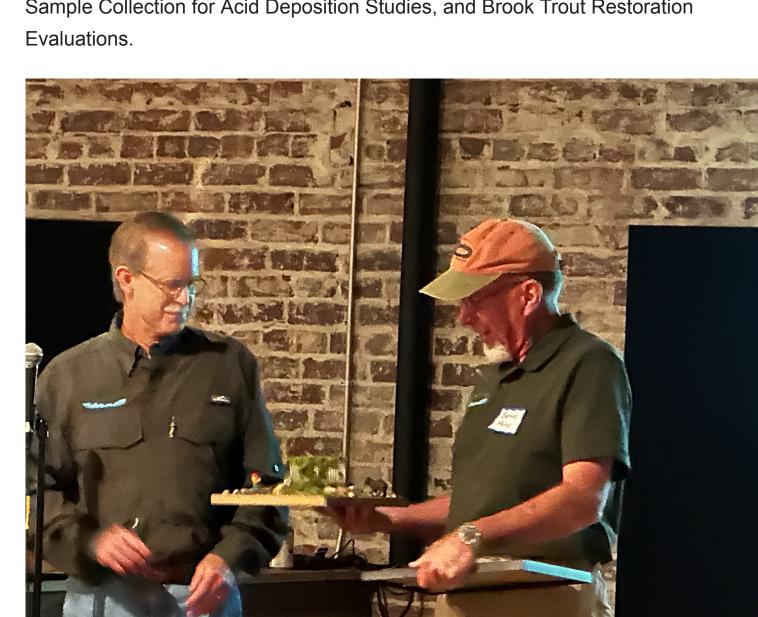


NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT Congratulations to Little River Chapter member Bernie Maloy who received the Eddy George Award for significant volunteer work supporting the Fisheries Department of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP). Bernie was instrumental in leading a team of LRCTU volunteers to successful completion of Phase I of the Stream Barrier Survey Project in GSMNP. Bernie participated in a number of other volunteer opportunities including Index of Biotic Integrity Assessments, Water Sample Collection for Acid Deposition Studies, and Brook Trout Restoration







The LRCTU Board of Directors unanimously approved implementation of a Volunteer Recognition Program. In addition to all GSMNP Fisheries Department activities, this expanded program recognizes Chapter members for participation in all volunteer efforts sponsored by our Chapter including, but not limited to, Trout in the Classroom, Trout Camp, Fundraising, Stream Clean-Ups, Community Science, and Service Projects. Details of the recognition program will be presented at the August Chapter meeting. To ensure all members are properly recognized for their accomplishments, be sure and enter your volunteer hours in the Chapter database accessed on the <u>LRCTU.org</u> website.

Speaking of our website, it is in the process of being updated. Although still a work in progress, recent updates have made the site more readable and user friendly. Other changes forthcoming will be updates to our Chapter overview, projects and upcoming events. If you are unable to attend monthly Chapter meetings, the slide presentation for each meeting is now included on the

website. Back on the subject of volunteers. Our Chapter has completed the majority of the more rigourous field work for this summer in GSMNP. It was encouraging to see several of our newer members participating in these events. We have a couple of major events scheduled for the fall. LRCTU has been selected as an exhibitor for the Townsend Fall Festival on September 29 -30. We will focus on the legacy of fly fishing in the Smokies and the importance of conserving our coldwater resources in and around GSMNP to preserve this fishery for future generations. The other event is our annual on-line auction scheduled from November 20 to December 3. Proceeds from the auction support the GSMNP Fisheries Department. Planning and supporting these events is a significant effort and is somewhat limited by our volunteer base. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity to assist with one or both of these events contact me at <a href="mailto:bishmoose@sbcglobal.net">bishmoose@sbcglobal.net</a> or talk to me at the picnic at River John's on July 20.

Bob Bishop, LRCTU President



MEETING - THURSDAY, JULY 20 @ RIVER JOHNS ON THE LITTLE RIVER July Picnic at River John's Outfitters is next week Thursday night the 20th of July. Social hour and/or FISHING will start at 5pm, dinner around 6-ish. Fishing for smallies in the Little River along with good food and conversation makes this a highlight of our Chapter's year. Bring yourself, a guest, a chair, a dish to share, and a rod if you wish and enjoy each other's company. I hope you can make it

Please let us know if you are planning to attend at <a href="mailto:letter@gmail.com">letter@gmail.com</a> by MONDAY, JULY 17, so we can get a head count for the Burgers, Hotdogs, and fixin's that the Chapter will be supplying. So far, I have only received 20 RSVP's. River John's is located at 4134 Cave Mill Rd, Maryville, TN.

**UPCOMING MEETING AUGUST 24 @ BLUETIK TAVERN IN MARYVILLE** Social hour starts at 6:00, program starts at 7:00, business meeting

Ordering from the menu will be in the meeting room from 6:15 to 6:30. After 6:30 you will need to order any food at the bar. Adult beverages must be ordered and paid at the bar.



August's program will be Charity Rutter from R&R Fly Fishing.

**UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** 

Matt Kulp, NPS Fisheries, has emphasized that we stay within the limit of volunteers requested. Too many people causes confusion and there's not enough work for everyone. Richard Barnes will fill in volunteer names as he is contacted. It's first come, first serve. Because it's possible to have cancellations as conditions may change between now and June/July he will schedule two more than requested to cover contingencies.

Richard Barnes, TN Coordinator, can be reached at <a href="mailto:canceleer1@gmail.com">canceleer1@gmail.com</a> or 949-

212-8480. TN opportunity will be designated (RB). Mike Kesselring, NC Coordinator, can be reached at <a href="mikessel59@gmail.com">mikessel59@gmail.com</a> or 828-736-6929. NC opportunity will be designated (MK). Jul 18 - 19 - Population sampling at Cataloochee Creek tributaries. Strenuous all

day sampling efforts with long hikes possible. #Vol. 5 - 7 (MK)

Meet at Cataloochee Group Campsite at 10:00 am. Aug 28 - 31 - Hazel Creek 3-pass depletion. Strenuous field work. #Vol. 2 (MK) Call Matt Kulp for details at GSMNP Headquarters.

(MK) Sep 23 - Little River Trash pickup. Meet at Metcalf Bottoms picnic area 9:00 am.

Sep 16 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC and TN) #Vol. 10 - 12 (RB) and

More information will be available in the August and September newsletters. Nov 18 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC and TN) #Vol. 10 - 12 (RB) and

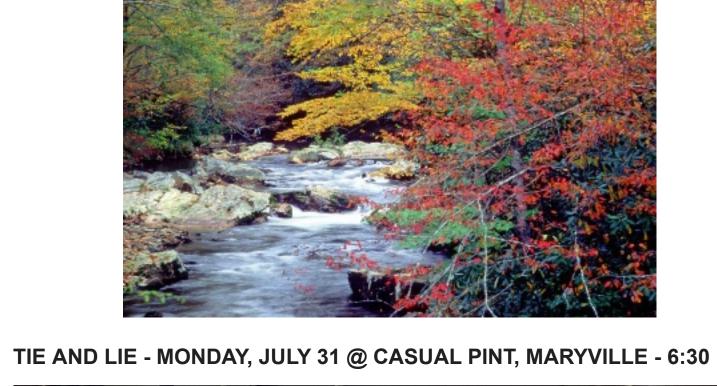
(MK) ONE OF OUR SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE GSMNP FISHERIES DEPARTMENT - INDEX OF BIOTIC INTEGRITY

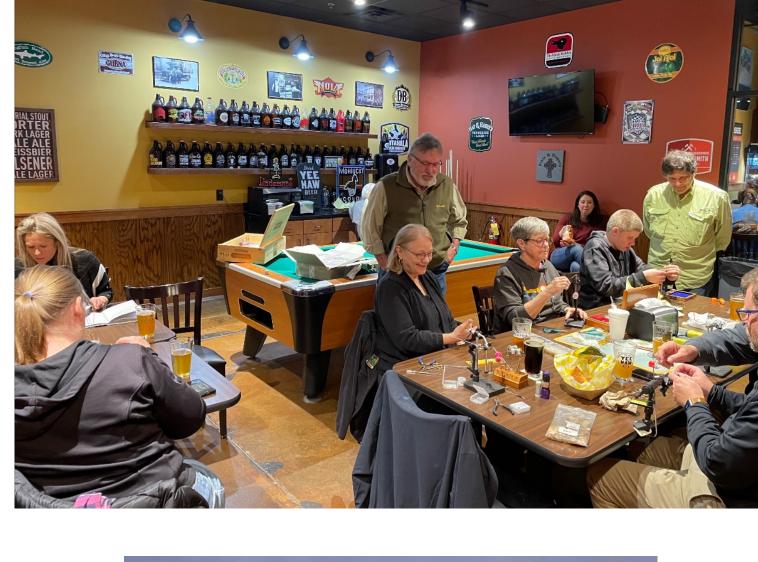
The Index of Biotic Integrity is the measurement of species richness, condition, distribution and relative abundance of native and non-native fish species at permanent aquatic monitoring sites. Fish data are analyzed using the Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI) method. The number, type and quality of species at these sampling locations gives an indication of stream health over time. The pictures below are from the large stream IBI on the West Prong of the Little Pigeon River on July 12. Watch for our Volunteer Opportunities the beginning of 2024 for the summer schedules.





**CHAPTER FALL CAMPING TRIP - SEPTEMBER 22 - 24** If you enjoy fall camping, save this date. We will be camping at the Cataloochee campground on the North Carolina side of the park. More information will be available in the August newsletter. In the meantime, check out this link to find information on this campground. cataloochee.htm







Valley, Idaho guide in the 1920's. Over years, different styles have been developed, including an emerger and "Royal" version. It's been said that the Renegade was one of Ernest Hemingway's favorite pattern. The Renegade is considered a "fore and aft" style fly, which means that the hackle is tied on at two different locations, one in the front (fore) and another at

the back (aft). The recipe follows. If you plan to attend and need a vise or materials, contact Ernie Frey at 865-403-2832. Hook: Standard dry fly hook, size 14 Thread: Black 8/0 (70 denier)

Tag: Gold holographic tinsel

Rear Hackle: Brown dry fly hackle

**Body:** Peacock Herl

Front Hackle: Cream or white dry fly hackle



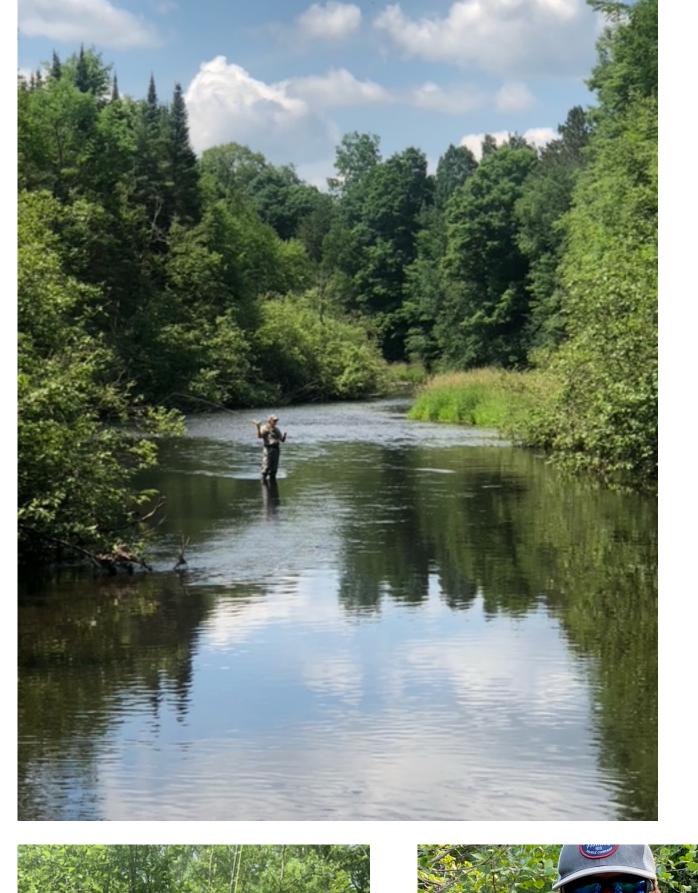
years ago as a nonprofit volunteer organization committed to protecting and restoring cold water resources and watersheds in and around the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. We hope to able to offer you plenty of activities to join us in our mission. As a member, you will receive our monthly newsletter 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 <a href="Irctu.org">Irctu.org</a>, contact me at <a href="mailto:lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com">lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com</a> or any of the Board Members listed on the website for information. **MEMBERS OUT THERE** Devin Marriott having a great time at last month's Trout Camp and Bernie Maloy on

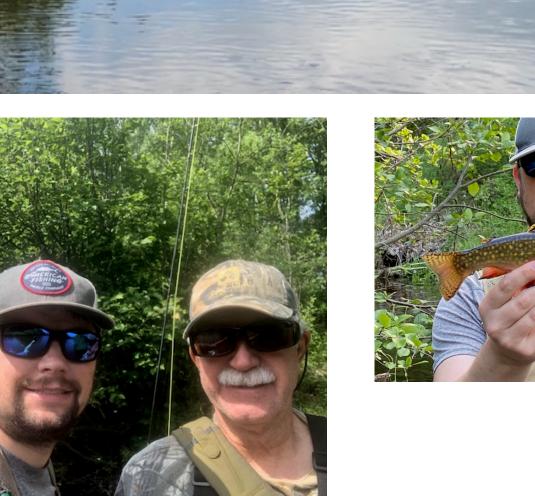
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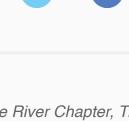


AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

ONLY 14 DAYS LEFT TO ENTER MONTANA DREAM TRIP SWEEPSTAKES

Take a shot at a dream trip to Montana at North Fork Crossing Lodge for 4 anglers for 3 days and 3 nights valued at \$11,000 while helping Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Every donation made using the link below goes to the Little River Chapter to support our LOCAL conservation, education, and community work. These donations will help LRCTU accomplish our mission to conserve, protect and restore the coldwater fisheries and their watersheds in and around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The sweepstakes expires on July 31 at 11:59. Drawing will be held on August 4 at 11:59. Make sure to check out the details for the Lodge and the package at the following link. https://go.tulocalevents.org/montanadreamtrip2023/m/littleriver

Joyce Frey Newsletter Editor



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