

Little River Chapter

Newsletter

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Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the **fourth** Thursday June, 27 at 7:00 pm. We are meeting 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 BiLo and the Co-op Gas station

Program

Jim Parks will be giving a presentation on the trip that he, Randall Barnes, and Steve Head took to Yellowstone last October. He will be showing pictures he took of the Grand Tetons. This will be a great program for those of us who are interested in fishing out west.

Door prize One half Metz Grizzly fly tying neck and also one half Metz Brown fly tying neck. This is something that every fly fisherman always needs. Essential to tying the Adams fly and many others.

Stream Work

July 15 - 16 Sams Creek Brook Trout Transplant - collect/transplant brook trout from area streams

August 17 - 18 Quarterly Acid Deposition Sample

For more information call Ray Riciputi phone 988-8190 or Roy Hawk phone 690-4795

Fishing Picks

By: Ian Rutter, Summer weather is beginning to heat up. Most of the water levels have begun to drop from spring to summer time levels. We'll just have to cross our fingers that this summer will have better water conditions than the last few years.

Most of the best hatches are now dwindling in the mountains, but that doesn't mean an end to the good fishing. Larger roadside streams will still fish well with terrestrial patterns. Ants, beetles, yellowjackets, and inchworms are all effective and can sometimes work astonishingly well. Look for areas in the stream where insects might fall from overhanging branches. Sometimes the strike will happen just as the fly hits the water. Also, don't be concerned if these flies sink. They often work best fished wet.

Tailwater action continues to be good through the summer. The Clinch has been fishing very well with small pheasant tail nymphs. Sulphurs are still hatching and you may be lucky enough to find some risers. A #16 or #18 Sulphur Sparkle Dun works very well. While the sulphurs are winding down on the Clinch, they are really going on the South Holston. June is usually the best month to make the long drive up to Johnson City. There is a fair amount of public access that can be found along roads that follow the river. (continued on page two)

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You may want to make a drive over to Jefferson City to fish the Holston below Cherokee Dam as well. Midges and caddis hatch well and nice fish rise confidently. You may want to take a canoe or other small watercraft, though. Access is pretty limited and floating the river definitely puts you in the middle of the best water. The best wading access is at Nantz Ferry Road boat ramp. This spot is really a bit too far downstream to bother with in the warm months, though. If you're looking for a good place to float, the Hiwassee is another good option. Both generators usually come on about 11 AM. Dry fly fishing with attractor patterns like parachutes and stimulators can be good but nymph fishing with a prince nymph or pheasant tail can catch a lot of fish fast. Floating the Hiwassee is usually best during the week since the river is flooded with tubers and funyaks on the weekend. You'll find plenty of places where you can beach your boat and wade as well. Most of these places are on the side of the river with the train tracks.

Chapter News**Mott Grant**

Money, money, money! We have gotten a check from the Mott Grant and it looks like we earned about \$2000 from the cookout/auction. We need to send \$750 cash for the Embrace-a-Stream project, and we are going to need to keep up with a lot more information than before. We also got the largest check yet, \$130.00 from TU National for membership renewal and new members. We need to keep this source of funds growing, so remember to let Joe Hatton send in your membership renewal when the time comes so LRTU gets the credit. We will have a financial report ready for the June Chapter meeting and a plan for spending the funds.

Duck Pond Fishing**Derby for Kids**

Four Little River Chapter members helped with this event on Saturday June 8th. The Derby is part of National Boating and Fishing week and it was the first time that Little River TU helped with the event. Those who did not make it missed some fun. It was very interesting and we will definitely look into playing a bigger part in 2003.

TomE

Membership committee

Here is an opportunity to help our chapter. Board member Mike Stiehl has taken on the task of keeping up with new and prospective members. To sell the membership benefits, bug 'em until they join, take 'em fishing, and put them to work on a committee. We need 2 or 3 members working on the important part of the Chapter's development and Mike can use the help. Please contact Mike at home, 681-1605 or email, Stiehl@denso-diam.com.

TomE

Acid rain damages Smokies

Some long over due recognition was in the Sunday June 2, 2002 sport section of the News-Sentinel. Bob Hodge wrote a great article on the Little River Chapter and the hard work our members and the Great Smoky Mountains chapter members do on the Acid Deposition hikes. He also wrote about the plight of the Southern Appalachians Brook Trout, due to acid rain. Even though we have made great strides, there is more work to do. Already there has been high ozone readings in the Smoky Mountains eight times this year alone. Maybe with the government recognizing global warming is due to air pollution and the burning of fossil fuels, there is still hope. (continued page three)

Acid rain damages Smokies (continued from page two) One of the things that gives me the most pride is the way our members keep stepping up to take leadership roles in our chapter and on the stream work projects in the park. When we made the first hike back in 1993 I did not realize we would be heading into our tenth year of Acid Deposition Sampling in 2003. Steve Moore was quoted in the article,

"What you have is a group of guys that are trout-fishing fanatics. But because of the work they've done over the years, they've become dedicated to the overall ecosystem. Because of what they've done, we've been able to keep going forward with our brook trout restoration program." This compliment sums it all up.

Keep up the great work !!! You can read the article at http://www.knoxnews.com/kns/outdoors/article/0,1406,NS_326_1182874,00.html

or on our Newsletter web page.

Thanks on behalf of the chapter.

Joe Hatton

Brook Trout

The park service will open eight streams in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to brook trout fishing. At noon on July 1 the fishable part becomes a reality as four streams in Tennessee and four in North Carolina are opened for fishing. The streams to be opened in Tennessee are Cosby Creek above the Rock Creek confluence, all of Indian Creek inside the park, Walker Prong upstream of Alum Cave, and Fish Camp Prong upstream of Goshen Prong. In North Carolina, Beech Flats Creek above Kanati Branch Confluence, all of Bunches Creek within the Park, Hazel Creek upstream of Proctor Creek and Lost Bottom upstream of Palmer Creek. Remember you can not fish the tribe water on the lower end of Bunches Creek. You have to cross Cherokee

Indian reservation to get to the park water. Part of the creek on the trail is closed to public fishing. You can also hike down the Blue Ridge parkway from the Balsam Mountain campground. This might be the best way to reach this stream.

Fly of the month

Yellow Sallies

If you are like me and don't like to get out in the heat of the day. Or you don't feel like driving to Michigan to fish the Hex hatch. You can stay here and fish the next best thing, the evening hatch of Yellow Sallies. The flies start coming off the water right before dusk. So instead of getting up at 6 am, stay in bed and go fishing in the evening about 5 or 6 pm and fish till dark. This is one of the best chances of catching a big brown on a dry fly.

Hook: No. 10-16, 2X or 3X dry fly hook

Thread: Tan

Body: Pearle scent Lime green, Krystal Flash over the hook with yellow Chenille body with a tag made with a red marker

Thorax: Light Cahill or Tan dubbing

Wing: Yellow Swiss Straw

Under wing: Clear Antron yarn

Post: White calf tail

Hackle: Light ginger



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