

Little River Chapter Newsletter

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Next Meeting

It's time for some R&R. We are moving the location & **time** of this month's meeting to **6:00 P.M.** on June 23th at River John's Island at 4134 Cave Mill Road, just off Wildwood Road as you cross the Little River. At this month's meeting we will have hamburgers, hot-dogs and chips so bring your appetite! Also pack your fly rod for some casting lessons. Soft drinks will be provided, members need to bring their own extra refreshment. Bring a lawn chair or something to sit on.

The casting demonstration and clinic starts at **6:30P.M.** so don't be late.

Stream work

June - July: Brook Trout Monitoring
Due to weather & schedules, call GRSM for dates/locations, phone 436-1254

July 16 – 17: Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample

July 19 - 20: Bear Creek Brook Trout Re-Stock

August 5 - 7: Indian Flats Prong Preliminary Work Weekend

Fishing Picks

By: Ian Rutter

The heat of summer has arrived. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were wearing jackets all day long, but here we are wading wet. The mountain streams in the park and national forest are all fishing great. Short afternoon thunderstorms are keeping water levels and temperatures ideal. All the usual dry flies are bring fish to the surface, even in light rain. As good as the dry fly fishing has been, nymph fishing has been even better. Again, pretty standard stuff gets the job done. I've been using more Pheasant Tails and Pat's Nymphs than anything, but that's just because I can crank a dozen or two out real fast. Fish your nymph about 2-3 feet under an indicator and work the rough water and the head of a pool or anywhere in a stretch of rough pocket water.

This is an ideal time of year to get out and do a hike-in trip since you don't have to walk in bulky waders or lug them along in backpack. There are plenty of places for this type of fishing. In fact there are more places to walk in than there are places to drive up to. In the Smokies you might consider Little River upstream of Elkmont, Porters Creek, Abrams Creek, Bradley Fork, or Lynn Camp Prong.
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Fishing Picks: (Continued from page one) In the Cherokee National Forest south of the park you should try Bald River, Sycamore Creek, and North and South Forks of Citico Creek. You should have plenty of water all to yourself on any of these streams.

Tailwater activity continues to come on strong through the summer. The Hiwassee will usually run 2 generators and a boat is a necessity, but you can wade around Reliance until about noon before the water rises. Caddis patterns and a variety of beadheads always get a bite. Generation schedules have been pretty good for wading on the Clinch, but fishing has been inconsistent. Some days have been superb while others have been less than stellar. Sulphur activity was minimal this season, so stick with the usual array of midges and scuds. The Watauga and South Holston are the hot tickets in the summer. Sulphur hatches on the South Holston are among the best anywhere and generation schedules will usually accommodate boaters and wade fishermen depending on where you get on the water. The Watauga is my vote for the best river to use your pontoon. You can float the trophy section and wade plenty of shoals when there is a minimum flow. In fact, you might only float a short section since fishing is often so good it's hard to make your take out spot on time.

Troutfest 2005

What can I say but what a great job everybody did this year. If we just go by the amount of money raised, we were up by 50% over last year. That was way more than I expected and we should be able to accomplish great things with it. Roy Hawk

is going over the proceeds and expenditures and should have the final total by this month's meeting. But the money is not what I think was the most important improvement. The amount of participation from members this year goes to show just how great this chapter is. Not only did we have lots of help with the festival and banquet but a lot of members were there all three days of the festival and some also worked to help set up on Thursday. The "Gang" that helps Joe and Jack with the banquet put in some very long hours that week too. The TroutFest really started back in January. The coordinators start planning and sending letters to the sponsors, food vendors and arts and crafts vendors. Tom Eustis and Dan Holloway did a great job helping with Sponsors and Food vendors and Tom also worked on Musical groups for the festival.



John Skinner coordinate the Educational Tent and Ken Jones coordinated Kid's programs. Jeff Hall was the grounds coordinator. Gary Verholek was the person responsible for getting all the great ads in the newspaper and on TV this year. I think they really added to how the chapter is perceived in our area. (Continued on page three)

Troutfest: (Continued from page two) Charity Rutter was responsible for all our printed advertisements. She and Carol Bowles coordinate the art and craft vendors. Rufus King and Dan Halloway handled the Pepsi booth and lined up all the workers for it.



Joe Teffeteller and Jack Gregory handled the banquet food and setup. Mike Stiehl and Steve Best coordinated the auction items. All of them need to be given a big hand. But not one of the coordinators would have gotten anything accomplished without the help from members and nonmembers alike. Lots of members worked more than one job and contributed a lot of their time, money and items for the festival and auction. Without our Sponsors and vendors we could not even begin to try something as big as Troutfest. The money given and trade-outs made it possible to pay for the tents, advertisement, musical sound equipment, postages and all of the printing and advertisement and tee-shirts for the Festival. Without them it would not be possible to raise as much money for the Park and our chapter. Please show the sponsors and vendors your support and thanks for their help. Our members from

Kentucky, Charlie Downs and Doug Pape with the help of David Maxey and friends in the bamboo rod building community came through with the Bamboo for Brookie Fly Rod. It was a great success and wonderful addition to Troutfest this year. In listing members who gave their time, money and talents to the Banquet and Festival someone may be missed if so, it was not intentional so please forgive us.

The "Gang" that helps Joe and Jack with the Banquet. What a great job. Was Debbie Teffeteller, Donna Gregory, Ronnie & Terri Becker, Steve & Linda Head, Bill & Shelly Bolinger, Roger & Cathern Elliot, Paula Begley, Dustin Teffeteller, Selena Hamm, Steve Samples – Autioneer, Morton Massey – Auction Software, Roy Hawk tickets sales.

The TroutFest crew was John Olsen, Ken Henderson, Tim Doyle, Hal Manas, Brad Parrent, Jeremy Kwasney, Mike Shaver, Ross Shaver, David Jazwiecki, Wayne Everbach, Powell Partridge, Roger Sederberg, Dudley Shumate, Joe Bogle, Gary Ramsey, Albert Hill, Dennis Weeter, Mike Bates, David Ezell, Ken Kant, Beccie King, Bob Lupa, Jeff Lavender. Paula Begley with the help of Tee Culp and Linda Good judged the casting contest.

Thanks
Joe

Fishing the Salmon Run in North Carolina

Yes you have read this right. I was reading this month's Eastern Fly Fishing and came across an article on the Nantahala River. (Continued on page four)

Salmon Run: (Continued from page three) Beside being a whitewater rafting destination it has a really good Delayed-Harvest section that is catch and release only from October thru May and Brown, Rainbow and Brook trout are in it headwater above the lake. In the article it talked briefly about the Kakanee Salmon and big Rainbow that make a run every winter out of the lake into the headwaters. I have know for sometime that there been rainbows making winter runs into the headwaters of Ceoah and Fontana lake and that they are thought to look a lot like a Steelhead out west. But a Salmon run this close to home was just to much not to look into. First what was a Kakanee Salmon. Well it turns out that Kakanee is a landlocked Sockeye Salmon that lives most of its adult life in a lake instead of the ocean, otherwise their not any different. I also found out in the N. C. creel and size regulations that there was no limit on how many you can catch but their was a 7" size limit. After more in-depth search I found out that in the 1950's, the state of North Carolina stocked northern pike in Nantahala Lake, fearing that the pike would decimate the rainbow trout population they stocked kokanee salmon as food for the pike. The Salmon survived but the Pike did not. But there is a problem. As I remembered from my earlier travels and confirmed by web research most of the upper lake and part of the river upstream is posted by a landowners' association. By not knowing how far upstream the kokanee salmon will travel to spawn, you may not be able to fish for them without knowing someone. But I feel more in-depth field research is needed. I am going to have to make a couple of

trips this fall to look into it, hopefully I will have some more information to report back in the November newsletter. It's a hard job but someones got to do it. By the way the salmon in the picture was 21" long.

Joe



Fly of the month

Prince Nymph

Hook: Mustad 9671 or 3906b size 10-16

Thread: 6/0 brown or black

Rib: fine gold tinsel

Hackle: brown hen

Tail: brown goose biots for tail

Topping: a crossed pair of white goose biots.

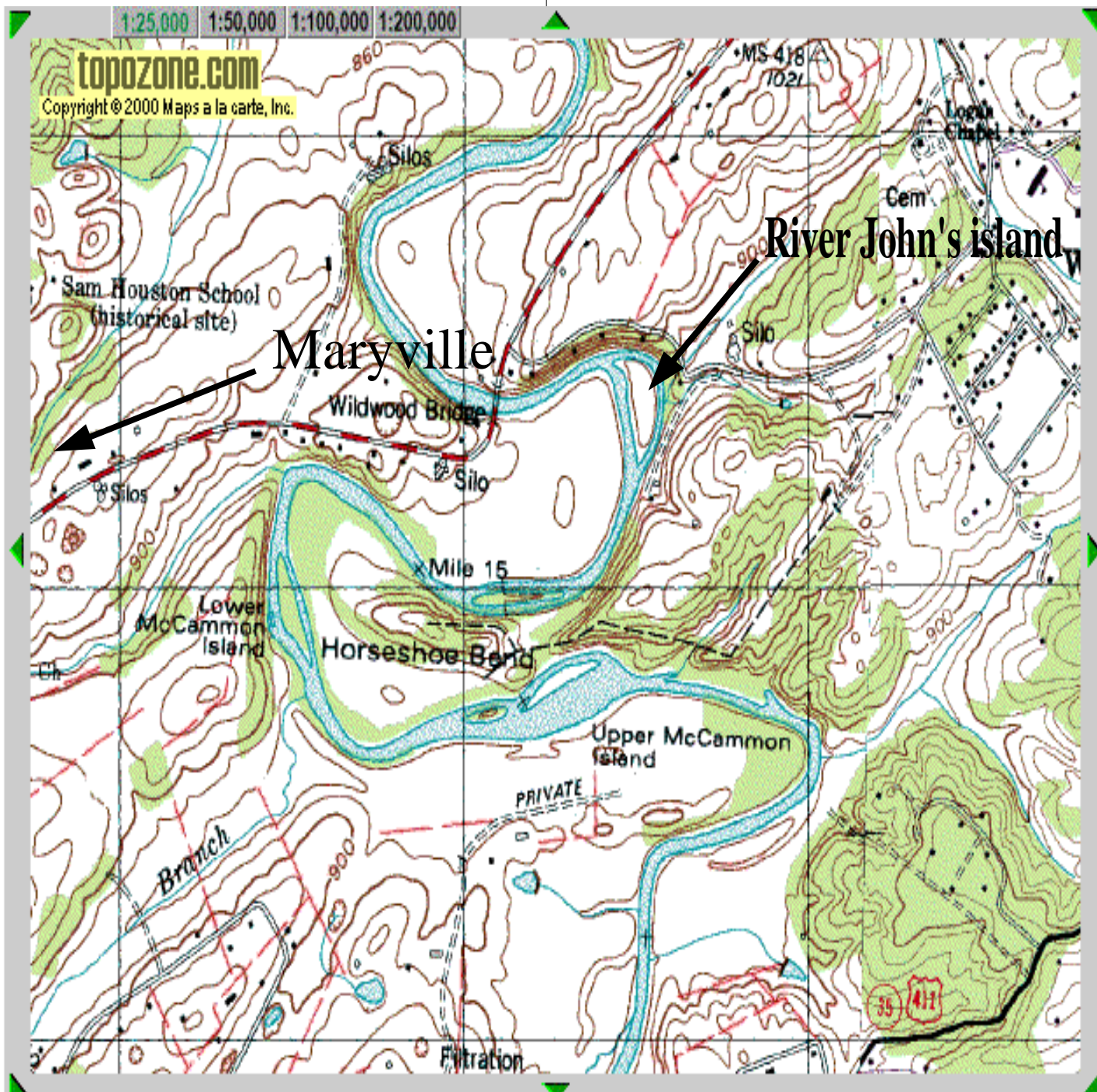
Body: Peacock herl



Directions To River John's

From Maryville you can turn left on Wildwood Road at the intersection of East Broadway and Lincoln Road go about 3 1/2 miles until you get to Wildwood bridge. After crossing Wildwood bridge take the first right on to Cave Mill Road which is almost immediately after the bridge. River John's is the 7th house on the right. There is a small cabin and then John's house is on the right in a

sharp bend in the road. The street address is 4134 Cave Mill Rd. The island is behind his house. I will put up our chapter sign on the fence at the interest to the drive leading to the back.





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