

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 22th 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. Please bring a lawn chair or something to sit on. See the map to River Johns on our newsletter web page.

Stream Work

June 26-29 Bear Creek Evaluation & Brook Trout Transplant - re-sample monitoring sites & evaluate brook trout (26-28th) - Collect brook trout and transport to Bear Creek (29th)

July 10-13 Indian Flats Prong Evaluation & Brook trout Transplant - re-sample monitoring sites & evaluate brook trout (10-12th) restocking (13th)

July 15 - 16 Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample

August 8-11 Electrofishing Gear Comparison Study - Coop. research project on electro fishing gear (Roaring Fork)

Fishing Report

By: Ian Rutter, The weather has become somewhat more mild, but fly fishing is quickly moving into summer mode here in East Tennessee. Wet wading is now a viable option in the mountain streams, but lots of folks are keeping the waders on anyway. I floated Jim Andress 3 consecutive days on the Holston River and it was easily some of the best fishing we've had all year. Every day there were an extremely high number of fish brought to the boat. Early on the second day Jim hooked and landed a rainbow that was in the neighborhood of 17-18". We didn't measure it, but we did measure several fish that topped 16" that day as well as on day 3. Generation schedules are shifting around a little bit, so we're beginning to shift things up as far as which section of the river we'll float, but the extra flow will keep water temps nice as cool as we move into the warm months. Charity has been up on the park working the water and guided Elisabeth Funk to her first several trout on a fly rod. She has a little more to learn, but that will all come with experience on the water. Charity said she was a real quick learner and even missed on extra nice brown that was somewhere in the 12-14" range. We've got a few open days on the calendar over the next week so I expect we'll head over to Calderwood and Cheoah Lakes to gauge activity over there. These are both great lakes for trout fishing during the heat of the summer. Water in these lakes is anywhere →

from the mid-40's to the high 50's even during the dog days of summer. While there are some opportunities to cast at rising trout, the most action is had by casting Woolly Buggers to likely spots. Fish average 10-12", but there are plenty of larger fish. We've boated rainbows and browns that pushed the 20" mark. Brookies are also a possibility, particularly on Cheaoh.



Podcast

Is a new media that you can download episodes into iTunes or any mp3 player. Most computers have a mp3 player. If your computer doesn't you can easy download one at. http://www.mp3machine.com/win/GENERAL_PLAYERS/.

Mike Overton and Wylie Thomas do a great job in interviewing many of our Trout fishing icons. Their Podcast are very informative and easy to listen to, as I am writing this I'm listening to Episode 20: The San Juan River. This is really good stuff. They also have episodes that feature Lefty Kreh and Dave Whitlock so make sure to click the More Podcast link. Their web site is **www.flyfishradio.com**.

Other Flyfishing podcast website that I have found are **askaboutflyfishing.com** This site post coming up episodes to let listeners submit questions. Their previous guest have included Brian O'Keefe, A.K. Best and Mike Lawson. **www.globalflyfisher.com** which is one of my favorite websites. The Podcast was hard to find on the website and are based around tips, tactics and fly-tying. Try this webpage www.globalflyfisher.com/podcast/archive.php. Zach Matthews has six Podcast

on his site **www.itinerantangler.com/podcasts**.

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Fly Tying Bench

On the Global Fly Fisher website there are two woodworker projects for the Fly Tier. The first project is Flexible Fly Tying Bench. www.globalflyfisher.com/tiebetter/tying_bench/.



The site gives detailed instructions, broken down in to chapters to give the builder step by step directions. Construction drawings are (down loadable) pdf which give the side view, top and front view and top view with tools. The only problem that the measurements are in centimeters instead of inches.

The next project is one I am working on, the TV-tying station. www.globalflyfisher.com/tiebetter/tying_station. Which is really is just a portable tying station. You are given a detailed pdf as with the Flexible Fly Tying Bench, but you can download a centimeter or inch pdf version. →



This bench is more flexible than a larger bench. I can see using it on trips or maybe keeping one at work to tie flies during lunch. So plan on building a couple of benches, instead of just one.

Troutfest

I would like to offer a hearty thanks to all the members that were involved in this year's Troutfest. The festival kicked off with a delicious meal at the Lily Barn, followed by a wonderful auction with some great products to bid on. The weather was perfect (except for the rain on Sunday afternoon) for both days of the arts and crafts festival. This year so many members helped with the many tasks that it would be impossible to list everyone. Troutfest gives all of us a chance to work together to achieve a common goal whether your part was washing dishes, collecting auction items, working out the logistics of assembling the festival, or introducing someone to the art of fly rod casting or fly tying, we all play an important part in bringing this together each year. If you were unable to join us this year I hope that you will mark off your calendar for next year. Next month I'll have an update on the financial donation we will be presenting to the GSMNP. The money that is donated goes into the Brook Trout restoration account, not just to support park staff as you may have read in Trout Magazine. It is intended to be used for supply, equipment and staff that is needed each year to get the restoration project done. Working with Steve and Matt in the field.

I can say that our donations is being used wisely.

Fly of the Mouth

Trout Fin

As a way to celebrated the park opening more them a 150 miles of Brook trout waters, this months fly of the month is a wet pattern for brook trout that imitates one of the brook trout fins. In the fly description the author wrote that brook trout were quite territorial and how old timers would often clip the fin off a caught fish and use it for bait.

Hook: Mustad 3399, #8

Tail: Red

Rib: Oval Silver Tinsel

Body: Flat Silver Tinsel

Hackle: Badger

Wing: Red, married matched duck feathers to narrow strips of black and white.



HELP WANTED

Sign- up for the exciting and rewarding position of Newsletter Editor You will have your hands on the pulse of the Chapter and keep up to date with the happening of our local fly fishing community.

This position must be fill by January of 2007. All interested persons please contact Joe Hatton at jthatton@knology.net

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