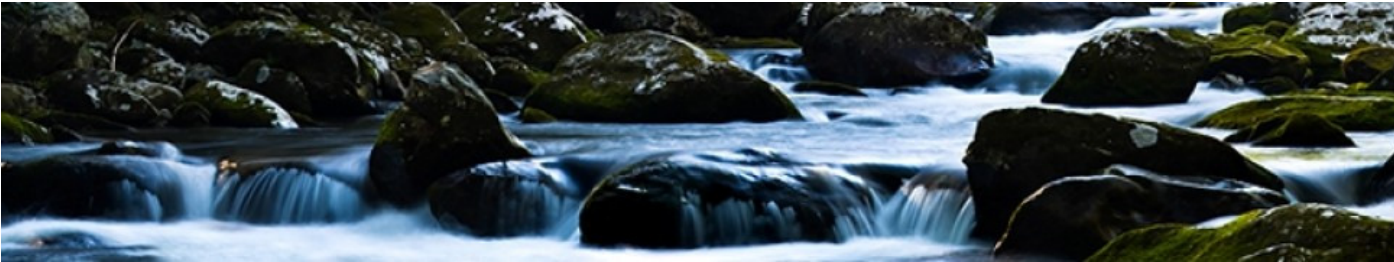


Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited

June 2013 Newsletter



President's Corner

Mike Bryant (mjbryant1954@hotmail.com)

A break in the rain in late May enabled river levels in the Park to return to normal flows. Warming waters helped increase the insect activity. All of which led to happy trout, making me one happy camper. I love fishing this time of the year. My confidence always gets a boost after being humbled every winter. The rainbows on Middle Prong seem to be returning to their normal holds and are taking dry flies and nymphs with abandon.

Our friends from Phoenix were in town in late May, so Tom and I headed to Greenbrier to chase brookies. I finally was able to use my new bamboo rod that I built to catch some beautiful specks. Check out the picture of a nice 9-10" brookie I caught. I love fishing Greenbrier for brookies. There's no path, no people. Just nature at its best. But those who haven't fished some of the upper stretches of Greenbrier, do note that it's some very physical fishing (after a thirty minute hike up the mountain). Many of the rocks are the size of my truck. I have injured my knee and shoulder in the past. It's one of those streams that I will only fish with a buddy.



As I write this, I'm currently fishing for largemouth bass up in Ohio. The bass right now are happy as well and are eager to take buss bugs on the surface. It's great fun catching bunch of two pound bass on a five weight rod!

Conservation

Many thanks to Damon Hearne for a great presentation about TU's southeastern brook trout restoration projects. Damon is the TU Southeast Conservation Coordinator. We are blessed to have a National Park in our backyard. The Park designation provides protections to the land and watersheds that other areas in the region and country do not have. TU's work and partnerships with other like-minded conservation groups will have a positive impact on future generations.

While we act and work on a local level, it's important to understand what's going on at a national level. Most of you are probably aware of the ongoing battle over Bristol Bay in Alaska. TU is working closely with other conservation groups to stop a proposed Peeble Mine (would be the largest open pit mine in the world). The mine would be located in the heart of the world's largest runs of wild salmon, trophy

rainbow trout, and other wildlife. I personally support the organized opposition. In my way of thinking, there has to be some type of balance between mankind's development and preservation of our important natural resources. You can learn more about the on-going struggles at www.savebristolbay.org.

Volunteers

Make sure to check on remaining volunteer opportunities / needs to the Park this summer. In July, there is a need for volunteers to assist in brook trout genetic studies as well as sampling on the East Prong of the Little River. Also the Clinch River Chapter is conducting a Clinch River Clean-up and Breakfast on Saturday, July 20. It's a great way to help preserve a great tailwater and learn from those who fish this river all the time.

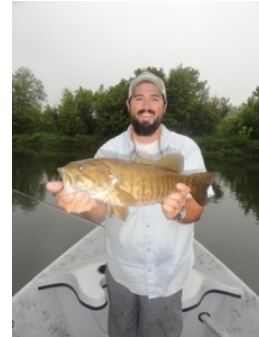
Our joint fundraiser last month with the Federation of Fly Fishers – Southeast Council was a success. We sold out of dinner tickets for the Friday night BBQ. All the profits will be used for brook trout restoration efforts in the Park. Congratulations to Marvin and the FFF-SEC team for a successful show and for asking us to participate in the fundraiser.

I hope you are having a great summer and take the opportunity to enjoy the natural resources.

Thanks,
Mike

PFEIFFER TO DEMONSTRATE BASS FLIES AT JUNE MEETING

At the June Meeting (June 27), Josh Pfeiffer will provide a tying demonstration for smallmouth bass fly patterns. Josh is the owner / guide of Frontier Anglers <http://frontieranglerstn.com/> located in Maryville. He is an accomplished and skillful guide for trout and smallmouth bass. Josh will be sharing techniques and tying multiple patterns that are very effective on smallmouth bass. We hope to be using our new video camera / projector setup that will enable everyone to watch Josh tie from the comfort of your seat.



Please note that we will meet at the Monte Vista Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
The meeting will start at 7:00pm.

Address: Monte Vista Baptist Church
1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd
Maryville, TN 37803-5505

RIVER JOHNS TO HOST JULY MEETING

Our July meeting will be held at River Johns in Maryville. A great place for fishing and a free dinner – what's not to like! So mark your calendars for July 25 for a great opportunity to have a great meal, meet fellow Chapter members, fish and relax on a great summer evening.

Float to Johns: Feel like a float? Bring your kayaks, canoes, driftboats, washtubs, or flotilla and fish/float your way to River Johns for the July meeting. Pack those Pfeiffer small mouth patterns learned at the June meeting and try them out. Allow about 4 hours (with fishing) to make the trip from Hitch Road put in (just above the water plant) down to John's. Contact me (Dave Ezell) at 865-567-1479 or ezop@charter.net for more information and to arrange transportation. River Johns also rents kayaks and canoes that can be used for the trip.

LRCTU RECOGNIZED FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS

On Wednesday June 12 LRCTU was recognized for its support of Park fisheries efforts at a reception hosted by the GSMNP at Park Headquarters. The chapter has now donated over 10,000 hours of volunteer labor to various projects and joins a prestigious group of volunteers recognized by a plaque displayed outside the Park Superintendent's office. Representing LRCTU at the reception were chapter members Dan Holloway, Sheila and Bill Bolinger. Attached are some photos from the event.



Lynn Camp Prong Rumor Opening Dispelled

Under the "Loose Lips" category, Steve Moore, head fisheries biologist for GSMNP, has asked that we communicate to our membership that the rumor about Lynn Camp Prong being opened in June for fishing are **not true**.

Studies are still in progress regarding the health of this fishery. While most of us are anxious to fish Lynn Camp again, we just have to wait. Please pass on this information to you friends and fellow members.

BIG SHOUT OUT TO NEW MEMEBERS!

The Little River Chapter continues to attract new members, some from as far away as Florida! We want to welcome the new members who have joined since January through the first part of June 2013. Look for these new members at our meetings and functions and maybe you'll find a new fishing buddy!

Marvin Adkins, Rodney Horner, Rebecca Tatum, Jayson Alexander, James Jones, John Templeton, Sarah Barhorst, Michael Manis, Claude Weeks, Zack Cate, Larry Norton, Robby Woockmar, Grayson Goebel, Alex Quick, Bryan Young, Kirk Harris, Will Roberts, Duane Zigler.

Also, thanks to all who have renewed their membership and commitment to cold water fisheries through their continued support of Trout Unlimited

LRCTU MEMBER PROFILE

(In an effort to help us get to know each other better, we will occasionally include Member Profiles in our newsletters and on the website. This month, we're profiling Joe Hatton, a long-time LRCTU member who serves on the current board, manages the LRCTU web site and has held or helped with every job within the chapter, including managing TroutFest and newsletter editor!)

Name: Joe Hatton

City / County Residence: Knoxville, Knox County

General Family Info: I am married to my wife, Becky, who has put up with me for almost 32 years. My daughter Allysun who has grown up helping me at Troutfest.

Years Fly Fishing: 27 years

Years Fly Tying: 22 years



History of Fly Fishing:

- **Mentors:** When first started fishing I was in the GSM chapter, Eddie George, Walter Babb and Vick Coplien would always take time to help me with my questions. When I moved to the Little River chapter. Jack Gregory and Joe Bogle (who I still miss) helped me a lot.
- **Key Memories?** The first trip I made to Yellowstone National Park, I went by myself. I decided to go on short notice late in the summer. I spent the whole week fishing and exploring park. It was the four years after the big fire. I caught some nice browns at Madison

Junction and spent three days fishing the Firehole, but the best fishing I had was on Fan creek. Fan creek is a tributary of the Gallatin River. I was fishing a hopper to Cutthroat under undercut banks for about four miles up the meadow. The creek meanders back and forth with a fish at almost at every bend. It is still the best day of fishing that I have had during my four trips to Yellowstone.

Favorite Places to Fly Fish:

- **Locally:** Bald River (Holly Flats area)
- **Outside The Local Area:** Yellowstone National Park.

Favorite Fly to Tie: Hatton Caddis. I came up with after reading a article on how the Adams fly came about. I tied a fly to match the Caddis pictured here. But used Coachman Brown hackle to make it more Thunderhead-es, which I have always thought it was meant to imitate a Gray and Brown Caddis.



GSMNP Volunteer Opportunites

Brook Trout Genetics General Information –

Several years ago, it was discovered that the brook trout moved from one stream for some of the restoration work did not seem to breed with brook trout moved from a different stream. A Penn State

University graduate student has been investigating the brook trout to see if there are genetic differences.

The work continues again this year. Since the brook trout are found in remote high elevation areas, this work in July will require long hikes carrying some gear and camping at back country sites for 3 nights each trip. Work gear will be packed in on horses as will some of the cook gear and food. However, some gear will have to be carried in. It should be a great experience but obviously this work is not for everybody.

July 8 – 11 – East Prong Little River Brook Trout Genetics Collections: Assist with electro-fish collection of brook trout from remote areas in upper Little River. Camp three nights at back country site 30 (Three Forks) . Can use 2 – 3 helpers.

July 22 – 25 – Goshen/Fish Camp Prong Brook Trout Genetics Collections: Assist with electro-fish collection of brook trout from remote areas in upper Little River. Camp three nights at back country site 23 (Goshen/Fish Camp split) . Can use 2 – 3 helpers.

July 30 – Large Stream Sample East Prong of Little River just above the Wye: Assist with the electro- fish evaluation to monitor fish population. New technique should finish early afternoon. Need 5 – 7 helpers.

If you want to help with any of the work shown below, please contact Charlie Chmielewski (charlieflyfish@gmail.com or 865-661-7325).

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Note: Anyone with news, such as an event or account of a fishing trip, etc., please send it along to newsletter editor, Dave Ezell ezop@charter.net

Also, keep up with current events and find valuable information sources at our website www.lrctu.org