

Next Meeting

When: March 26, 2009 at 7:00pm

(4th Thursday of the month)

Where: Monte Vista Baptist Church, Maryville.

Program: **VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!...** on the revised version of the Chapter By-laws. Need 5% of membership's vote to make them official.

Products for 2009

Just in time for Spring, Byron Begley (Little River Outfitters) and Kris Maurer (Orvis-Sevierville) will present new products for 2009. Plan to come out to see what's new and bring a friend!

Upcoming Events

Fly-Fishing Training: March 23-24th and March 30th. 8th grade fly fishing training in Gatlinburg. Tom Eustis tqtom@hughes.net will organize our chapter's support of this important event.

Little River Clean-Up: Saturday, April 25th - 9am Metcalf Bottoms picnic area.

TROUTFEST: May 15, 16 and 17



Newsletter Editor

I am asking everyone to please welcome our new newsletter editor, Dave Ezell. Dave will be taking over the LRCTU Newsletter starting with the April edition. I hope that you will support him with your ideas, stories, and fishing-related experiences as you have supported me.

I have enjoyed my stint as editor and it has been fun working with those who contributed material. I learned a lot more about LRCTU and the great work our chapter does. However, I must give up my editor position due to constraints on my time. In addition to my job, I am pursuing an MBA at UT.

I will continue to perform my Board duties and hope to make most meetings. But I feel the position of editor would better be served by someone who may actually go fishing this year. I am sure Dave will do a great job.

~ Mark Sebbby

Help Wanted!

Lynn Camp Brook Trout Restoration

With the removal of the rainbow trout from Lynn Camp Prong last year, the next phase of the project is beginning. This phase will involve electroshock sampling, capturing brook trout from other locations, and moving them to Lynn Camp. This work is very interesting but it will take place on week days. So if your schedule allows, please consider helping.

One or two volunteers are needed each day indicated:

- June 1 - 4 - Lynn Camp electroshock evaluations
- June 8 - 10 - Collecting and transporting brook trout

To sign up to help, please contact Charlie Chmielewski by phone at 865-661-7325 or internet at cchm@charter.net.

Bamboo for Brookies

The 'Bamboo for Brookies' rod door-prize has been a part of TroutFest, the Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited's annual fund raiser, since the beginning over five years ago. The past four 'Brookie' rods have helped raise tens of thousands of dollars. This money has been used for brook trout restoration and protection in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park.

This year's rod is a 6'9" 4WT rod made from "speckled" [blonde with flamed patches] bamboo. The 6" cork grip is partly wrapped in rattan with a birds-eye maple reel seat insert. The nickel silver ferrules and hardware are lightly blued, contrasting well with the grip and reel seat. The silk guide wraps are clear tipped in crimson. The snake guides are black, light wire. The rod is finished with four coats of dipped spar varnish and then hand rubbed.

The glass-topped display case and hexagonal wooden rod tube are made this year by world class woodworker Mike Bonfert. The beautiful hex case is birdseye maple and the gorgeous display case, which holds both the rod and tube is a combo of maple and cherry woods.

As in the past, "donations" toward "door prize" tickets are \$25 each and only 200 will be sold. The drawing will be held at the TroutFest banquet on Friday, May 15th, 2009. You do not need to be present to win.

Thanks as always for your support in this effort.

~ Charlie Downs

Tickets are available from:

Charlie Downs (859)327-2565
yallerhammer1@aol.com

Joe Hatton (865)567-0410

Little River Outfitters in Townsend (877)448-3474



"Bamboo for Brookies" Custom Bamboo Fly Rod

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2009 Free Seminars

April 12th, 19th and 26th
9:00 am to 10:30 am

Free Casting Clinics in April ■

Intimidated by the sport of fly fishing? Want to introduce your child to this great sport but haven't had the time? Come and learn to fly cast in a special early morning session away from the crowds. We'll teach you how to cast and make sure you have what you need to get started. Please call the store to sign up as space is limited. 865-774-4162

Saturday, April 18th
10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Yellow Sally Fly Tying Seminar ■

The Yellow Sally hatch is right around the corner. The trout in Great Smoky Mountain National Park feed heavily on this small yellow stone fly. It is a must have for anyone's fly box. Come learn to tie your own so that you never run short

Thursday, April 30th thru Sunday, May 10th
Spring Orvis Days ■

Store sales, promotions as well as great fly fishing seminars given by our professional fly fishing staff. Please call the store for more details about this great event. (865) 774-4162.

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May 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 23rd and 31st
9:00 am to 10:30 am

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Friday, May 15th thru Sunday May 17th
TROUTFEST 2009 ■

Troutfest is an outdoor festival that will be fun and entertaining for kids and adults of all ages. Stop by the store or visit www.troutfest.org for more information.





2009 Free Seminars

**June 6th, 14th 21st and 27th
9:00 am to 10:30 am**

Free Casting Clinics in June

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**Sunday, June 7th
9:30 am to 12:00 pm**

Free! On-stream Fly Fishing Clinic

Join our Fly Fishing Manager, Kris Maurer on a special on-stream fly fishing clinic on one of his favorite Smoky Mountain freestone Streams. Kris will demonstrate proper rigging, fly selection and stream strategy. Please call the store for more details and to reserve your spot, as they are limited. (865) 774-4162.

**Saturday, June 20th
10:30 am to 12:00 pm**

Ant and Beetle Fly Tying Seminar

Tresstrials are a top food source for the trout in Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Small ants, big beetles and the famous Green Weenie are on the top of the menu. Come learn some great techniques for tying summer terrestrials.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 865-774-4162



Orvis On-Stream Report

Fishing is getting good everywhere. The tailwaters in northeast Tennessee are flowing favorably for fishing and the others are hopefully not too far away from favorable conditions. Bugs are beginning to hatch in the park and the fish are looking up. At last, spring is here and we've got months of great fishing to look forward too.

The first week of March five friends and I rented a cabin in Elizabethton on the Watauga and fished for three days. We floated the trophy section each day. The first day started off cold and each day got warmer and warmer. We all also ended up getting our first raccoon sunburn of the year. Blue wing Olives were what was on the menu during our trip. When the bugs weren't hatching we fished Beadhead BWO Crystal Nymphs, similar to small Quasimodo Pheasant Tails with UV Ice Dubbing. When the bugs were on the water we threw AK's Quill Bodied BWO, and the Phase II Emerger BWO. Dust them up with Frogg's Fanny, get a good drift and you are golden.

The Watauga is one of my favorite rivers to float with a drift boat. I actually like being on the sticks as much as I like fishing. It has a just enough drops to keep it interesting and is loaded with fish.

Each day we boated a good number of fish and had a few in the 16 to 17 inch range. My personal best for the trip was a Rainbow pushing twenty inches that I stuck towards the end of the second day on a midge rig. He pulled hard and reminded me of the bows we caught on the Bighorn this past summer.

Orvis On-Stream Report (cont)

Once again our good friend and guide Steven "Bubba" Dark fished with us all three days. You can count on a good day when ever Bubba is around and I've never had a bad day on the water with him. He always amazes me with his knowledge of the river, fish and always seems to have the right combination.

I've also got to mention the place we stayed at was Meredith Valley cabins. They are located just off the water with great views and decent fishing right off your doorstep. There are three great cabins on the river right in Elizabethton which sleep up to 4 people plus a farmhouse that sleeps a bunch and the rates are great. Check them out at www.meredithvalleycabins.com. The owners are just plain good folk and super nice.

Store Events for March and April:

March 21st, 9:30 am – **Free Casting Clinic and 11am – GSMNP Nymph Tying Demo**

Apr. 4th and 5th, **Outdoor Sportsman's Event at Sevier Co. Fairgrounds**

Apr. 12th, 19th and 26th, **9:00am – Free Sunday Casting Lessons**

Apr. 18th, **10:30 am – Yellow Sally Fly Tying Seminar**

Apr. 30th thru May 10th, **Spring Orvis Days**

*The Casting Clinics are limited to eight people, so please call the store to reserve a space (865) 774-4162 or find out more about our seminars and events.

Tightlines,

*Kris Maurer, Orvis Fly Fishing Manager,
Orvis - Sevierville*

The Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited is a Non-Profit Volunteer Organization that is Committed to Protecting and Restoring Cold Water Resources and Watersheds In and Around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park



Thanks to all of you who worked on Troutfest. Great Job!

And thanks for attending, supporting and donating to Troutfest. Together we have made a difference that we can all be proud of forever.

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