

MARCH NEWSLETTER PRESIDENT'S COLUMN—SPRING IS COMING?! FISHING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Three-fourths of the earth's surface is water and one fourth is land. It is quite clear the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn—Chuck Clark

This little adage came to me while I was looking over my suddenly greening yard during the warming trend of the first week of March. The warming trend meant better fishing while the greening lawn meant necessary(?) yardwork to prepare for the accelerated growing patterns of spring. A dilemma!! Well, the 3-to-1 ratio rationale won and I had a long-awaited tilt with the fish in lower Greenbrier. My conscious was eased somewhat by me performing a check on my phenology plot behind the ranger house on lower Greenbrier on the way to fishing. From my Facebook Friends feed I saw that others took advantage of the warmup to at least get outside (way to go Joyce and Ernie!) if not to fish. Hopefully others of y'all were able to do the same. All is somewhat moot as I write this with 3 inches of snow on the ground on that once-greening yard. But because my daffodils have bloomed along with the Bradford Pears on the road to our house, I know that spring (and better fishing) will soon be here permanently.

With the warmup comes opportunities to do things for others outdoors. If you haven't gathered by now, I have a thing about pushing opportunities for volunteering in the outdoors, whether in the Park, associated with TU, or some cause. I find this volunteering for outdoor activities reviving, particularly now after a somewhat lengthy cold spell. I have highlighted several opportunities below and Richard Barnes will be adding more. I hope you can take some time, get out and be revived by one or more of these projects.

Tight Lines!
Steve Young

MEETING - THURSDAY, MARCH 24 @ BLUETICK TAVERN

**Charity and Ian Rutter from R&R Fly Fishing will present:
Catch More Fish: Fly Fish Like a Predator**

Successful fly fishers do many of the same things on small brook trout streams that are required on tarpon flats in the tropics. While many anglers are concerned about the length of their cast and the quality of their tackle, they often miss the most important element of angling success: the predatory thought process. Ian and Charity discuss the predatory state of mind that helps anglers use a fish's survival instincts against him. Whether you're stalking skittish spring creek trout or bonefish on shallow flats, the most basic elements are the same. Beautiful images of fly fishers in action will illustrate these lessons that apply to all forms of fly fishing. Think like a predator.

www.RandRFlyFishing.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR THE REST OF 2022

April 28 - Jim Parks, author of "Tails of the Smokies"

May 26 - Foothills Land Conservancy

June - Trout Camp - no meeting but you sure can volunteer to help out any time June 20 through June 25! Let us know if you want to help.

July 21 - Little River Chapter picnic at River John's!

August - No Meeting everybody's on vacation!

September 22 - Cody with Tellico Outfitters

October - tbd

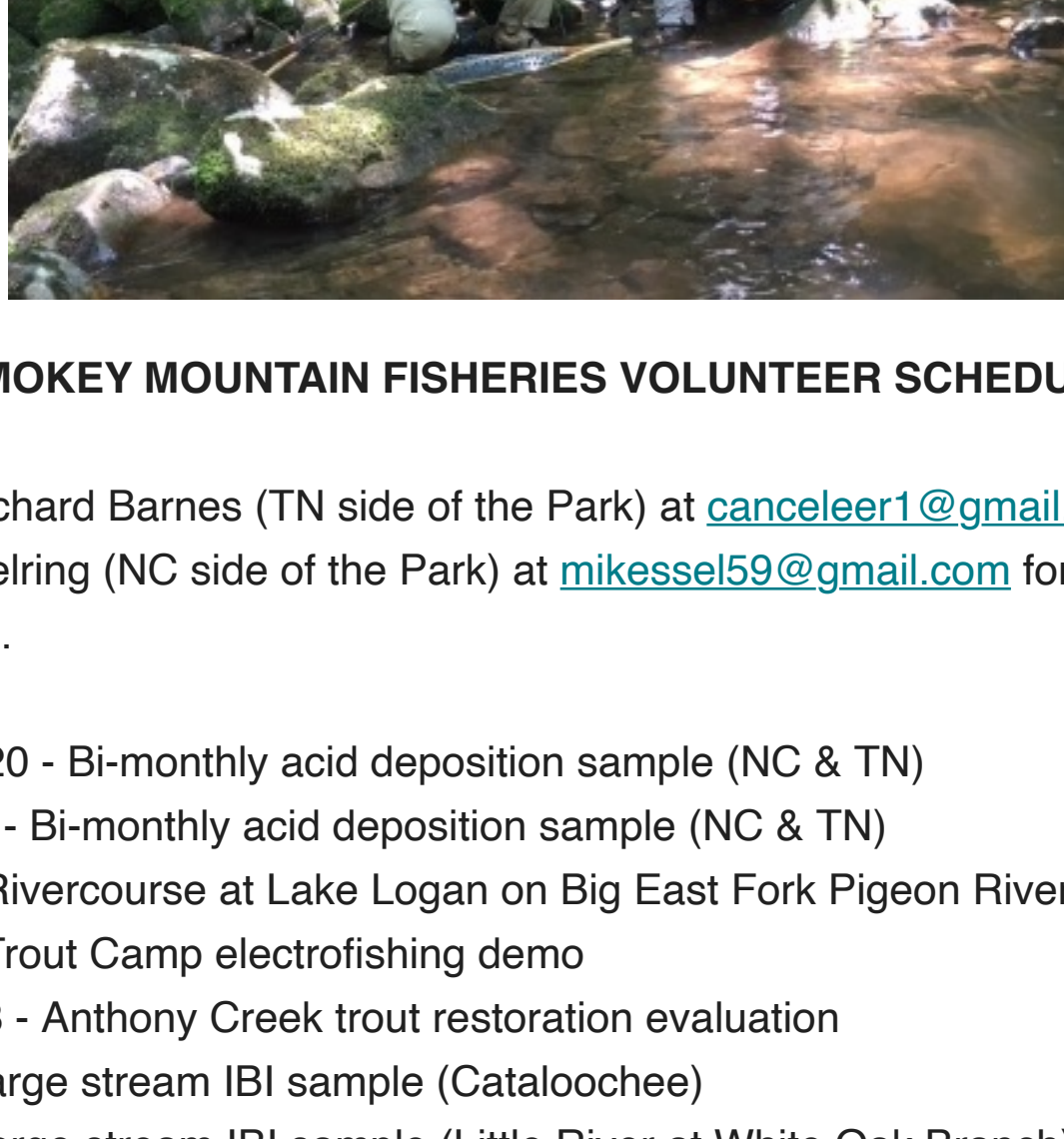
November - no meeting

December - date tbd, Auction focus

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PISTOL CREEK CLEANUP - MARCH 26

Our semiannual commitment to the City of Maryville to do a cleanup of "our" mile of Pistol Creek from the 321 Bridge to the pond dams following the winter trout stocking project of the TWRA comes up at the end of this month. The Little River Chapter will be partnering with the Keep Blount Beautiful and Little River Watershed Association non-profits to hopefully enlarge the number of people participating and cleanup more of our mile! The cleanup starts at 9:00 am when we meet in the Old Blount County Courthouse parking lot in downtown Maryville. We will have bags, gloves and 'grabbers', wear clothes and shoes you are willing get dirty! If you wish you can wear waders and wader boots to get a 'closer' stream experience. Come join us!



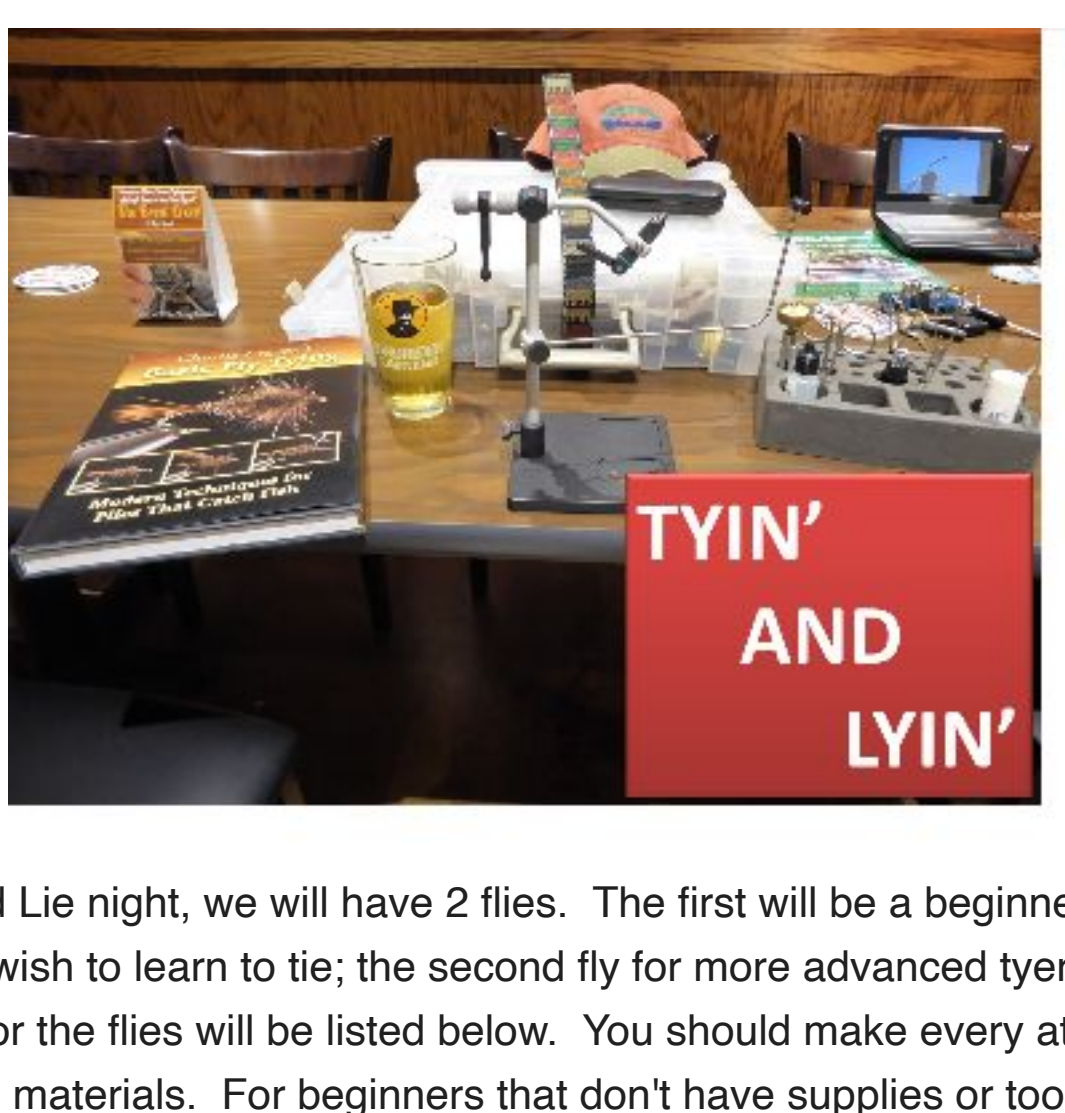
NORTON CREEK FISHING EVENT FOR VETERANS, ACTIVE MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS - APRIL 2nd

The Clinch River Chapter TU through their Trout Unlimited Service Partnership is hosting a fishing event on Norton Creek for Veterans, active duty military, and First Responders on Saturday, April 2nd. If you are a Veteran or First Responder (e.g., Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, HAZ MAT) you are invited at no cost. Norton Creek is a private stocked mountain stream just outside Gatlinburg, usually with a lot of catching. No experience necessary. Fishing gear, boots and waders will be provided to those who need them. Show time will be 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Directions to the site will be provided the week prior to the event.

If you are interested sign up as soon as possible with Sam Hodnett by email at shodnett@msn.com or text to 865-805-1507. Last day to sign up will be Monday, March 28th. Don't procrastinate!

The participants will require guides. If you have mountain fly fishing experience and are interested in helping the participants, please contact either Sam or Steve Burman at steveburman06@comcast.net.

Proof of Vaccination Required in Advance: You can submit your vaccination card or other proof of vaccination to Sam Hodnett by email at shodnett@msn.com or text to 865-805-1507. As an alternative to vaccination, proof of a negative COVID test within five days prior to the event will be accepted.



GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAIN FISHERIES VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR 2022

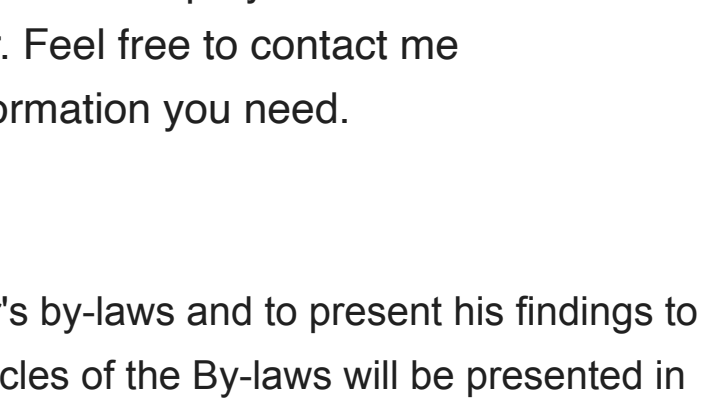
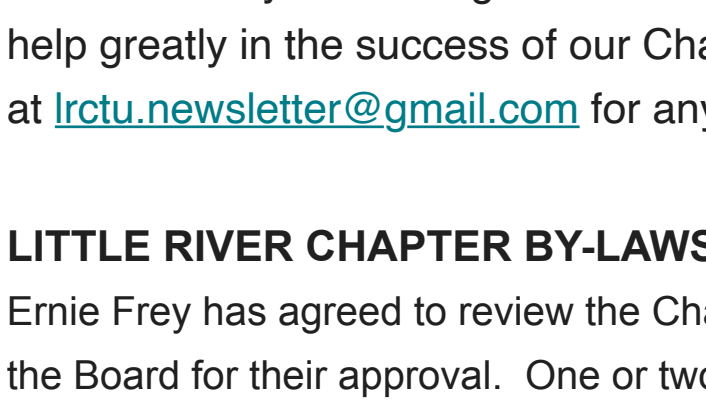
Contact Richard Barnes (TN side of the Park) at canceler1@gmail.com or Mike Kesselring (NC side of the Park) at mikesel59@gmail.com for more information.

- March 19-20 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC & TN)
- May 21-22 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC & TN)
- June 21 - Rivercourse at Lake Logan on Big East Fork Pigeon River
- June 24 - Trout Camp electrofishing demo
- June 27-28 - Anthony Creek trout restoration evaluation
- July 11 - Large stream IBI sample (Cataloochee)
- July 12 - Large stream IBI sample (Little River at White Oak Branch)
- July 13 - Large stream IBI sample (East Prong Little River/West Prong Little Pigeon)
- July 14 - Large stream IBI sample (West Prong Little Pigeon)
- July 16-17 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC & TN)
- July 18-20 - Population Sampling @ Little Cataloochee Creek
- Aug 17-18 - Bunches & Flat Creek Evaluation
- Sept 12 - Large stream 3-pass depletion Little River upstream of Metcalf Bottoms
- Aug 20 - Sept 1 - Hazel Creek 3-pass depletion and IBI sampling
- Sept 17-18 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC & TN)
- Nov 19-20 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC & TN)

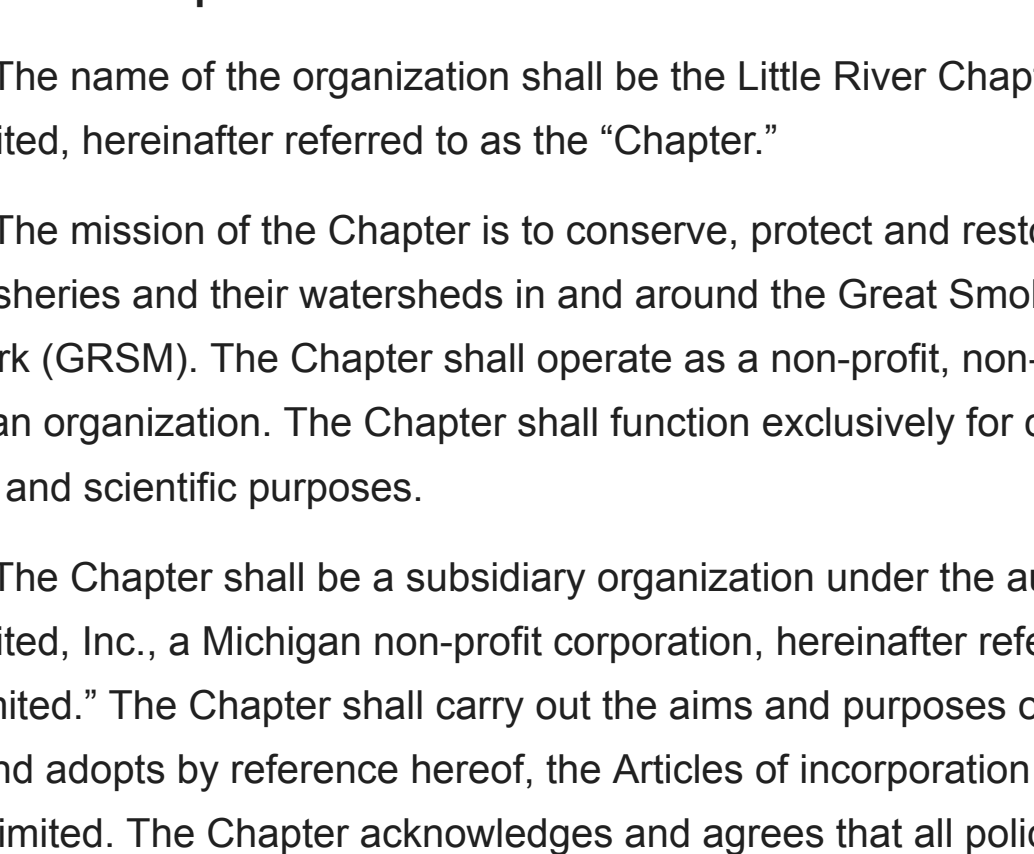
TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

With most schools currently on spring break, it becomes a somewhat precarious situation for the baby rainbows. There isn't anyone to feed them everyday or monitor the water! For the most part, teachers or coordinators will go into the schools every couple of days to feed and check on the water levels, temperatures and water quality.

Due to rising nitrite levels in the Clayton Bradley Academy tank, Ernie and I did a major water change right before the break. This gave the students a chance to learn about the water change process. Last season, we had one of the 2nd grade students ask us "how do the fish handle the pressure change when you take so much water out?" Needless to say, we were both dumbfounded. I don't know about you, but when I was a 2nd grader, this wasn't something I would have even thought about. During the water change, we take the level down to about 3 or 4 inches and then use a hose to refill the tank. This time though we couldn't find the faucet attachment and had to do a bucket refill, UGH!!



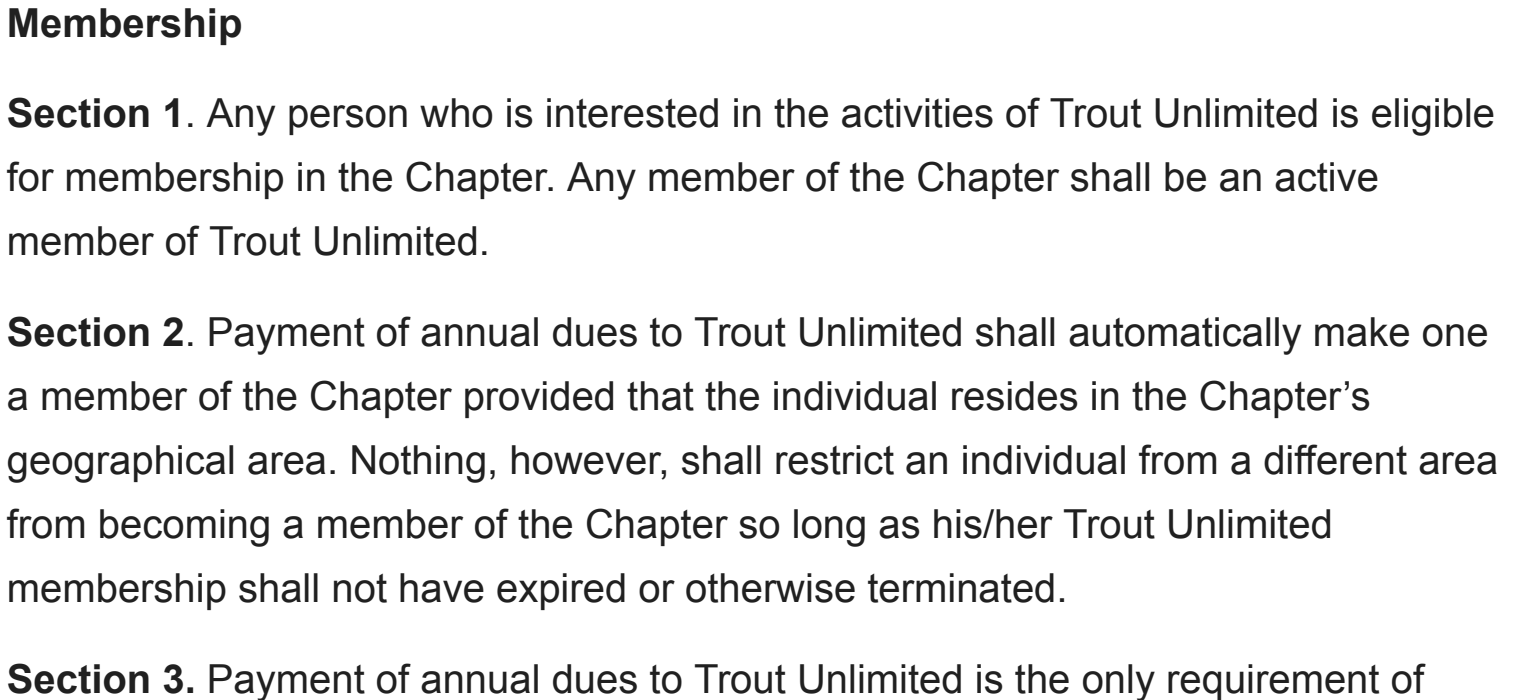
TIE AND LIE - MONDAY, MARCH 28 @ CASUAL PINT, MARYVILLE



For Tie and Lie night, we will have 2 flies. The first will be a beginner's fly for those that wish to learn to tie; the second fly for more advanced tyers. The materials for the flies will be listed below. You should make every attempt to bring those materials. For beginners that don't have supplies or tools, let us know at lctu.newsletter@gmail.com so extra supplies and tools will be available.

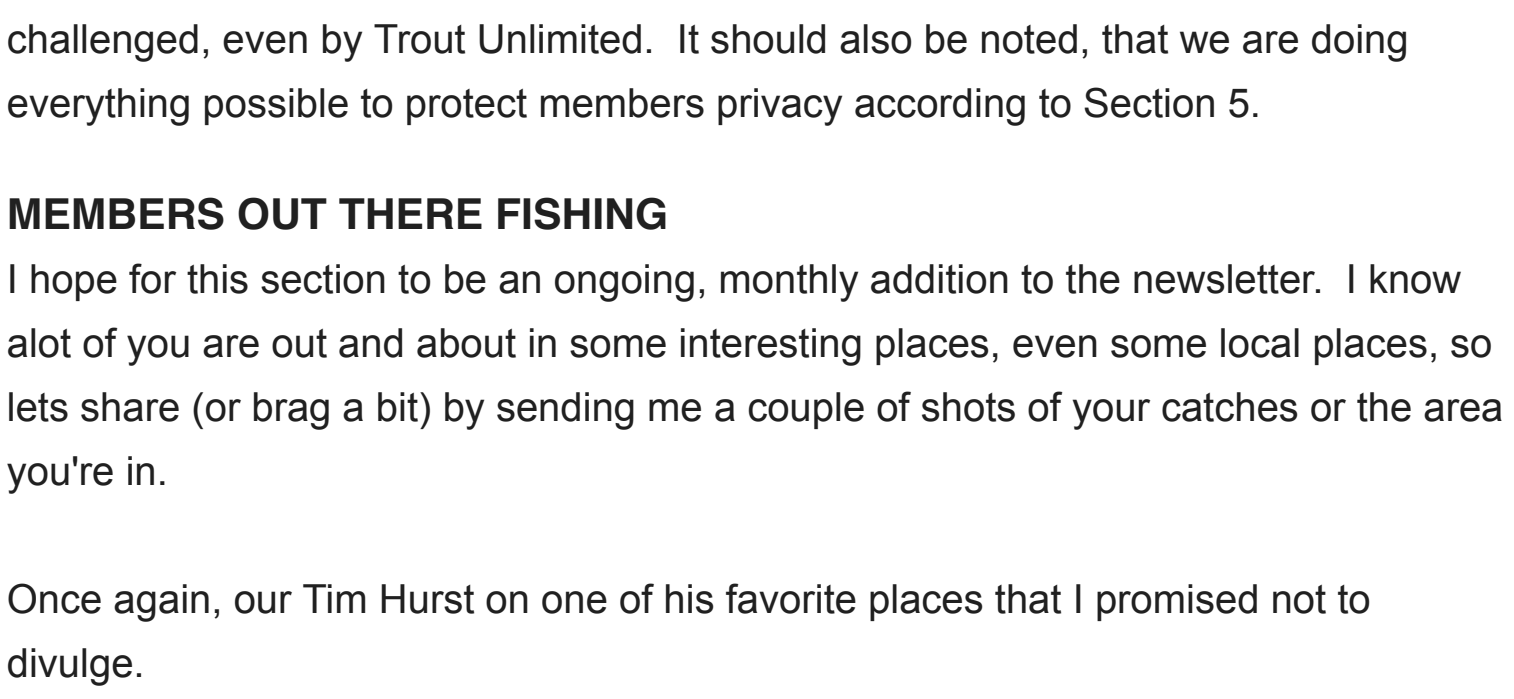
Beginners Fly - Beginner Marabou Nymph

- Recipe:** **Hook** - Size 14, either standard nymph or jig
- Bead** - Size 3.3 ml slotted bead for the jig hook or appropriate bead for the nymph hook
- Thread** - 8/0 olive, black, or brown to match the maribou feather
- Tail and Body** Marabou - olive, black, or brown to match the thread



Fly Number 2 - Generic Marabou Nymph

- Recipe:** **Hook** - Size 14 standard nymph
- Thread** - 8/0 olive, black, or brown to match the maribou feather
- Tail** - Marabou olive, black, or brown to match the thread
- Body:** Copper wire small .015 lead-like wire Marabou same as tail
- Wing Case:** Contrasting marabou for carapace



NEW MEMBERS as of the 15th of the prior month

Keith Rivard **John Lunn** **Garry Kahn**
Mark Spillane **Mark Hardiman** **Ron Miller**

Welcome to the Little River Chapter of TU. Our Chapter was established years ago as a nonprofit volunteer organization committed to protecting and restoring cold water resources and watersheds in and around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We hope to be able to offer you plenty of activities to join us in our mission. As a member you will receive our monthly digital newsletter issued around the 15th of each month. In addition, you will also receive email notifications of any activities that may be happening during the month. As you can see above, our live meeting is the 4th Thursday of each month, held at the Bluetick Tavern in Maryville. Social hour starts at 6:00 with chapter business and the month's program starting at 7:00. Feel free to visit our website at lctu.org or contact any of the Board Members for information.

We welcome you once again to our Chapter and hope your contribution will help greatly in the success of our Chapter. Feel free to contact me at lctu.newsletter@gmail.com for any information you need.

LITTLE RIVER CHAPTER BY-LAWS

Ernie Frey has agreed to review the Chapter's by-laws and to present his findings to the Board for their approval. One or two Articles of the By-laws will be presented in each month's newsletter for the Chapter Membership to review. If you wish to make any comments, please forward them to lctu.newsletter@gmail.com.

Article I

Organization and Purposes

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the Little River Chapter, Trout Unlimited, hereinafter referred to as the "Chapter."

Section 2. The mission of the Chapter is to conserve, protect and restore the coldwater fisheries and their watersheds in and around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GRSM). The Chapter shall operate as a non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian organization. The Chapter shall function exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes.

Section 3. The Chapter shall be a subsidiary organization under the authority of Trout Unlimited, Inc., a Michigan non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Trout Unlimited." The Chapter shall carry out the aims and purposes of Trout Unlimited and adopts by reference hereof, the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of Trout Unlimited. The Chapter acknowledges and agrees that all policies and objectives to be pursued by the Chapter, or by any member or members thereof will be in accordance with the policies, purposes and objectives of Trout Unlimited. The Chapter's use of the TU name, logo and Chapter affiliation with other organizations and businesses shall conform to TU policies.

Section 4. The Chapter shall not promote or oppose the candidacy of any person seeking election to public office and the Chapter shall not participate or intervene in any campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. No substantial part of the activities of the Chapter shall be in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Section 5. The Chapter shall do whatever is within its ability to promote the purposes set forth in Section 2.

Section 6. The Chapter shall conduct the activities described as "core chapter functions" in the Trout Unlimited Chapter/Council Handbook, as such handbook may be amended from time to time.

Comments on Article I

None

Article II

Membership

Section 1. Any person who is interested in the activities of Trout Unlimited is eligible for membership in the Chapter. Any member of the Chapter shall be an active member of Trout Unlimited.

Section 2. Payment of annual dues to Trout Unlimited shall automatically make one a member of the Chapter provided that the individual resides in the Chapter's geographical area. Nothing, however, shall restrict an individual from a different area from becoming a member of the Chapter so long as his/her Trout Unlimited membership shall not have expired or otherwise terminated.

Section 3. Payment of annual dues to Trout Unlimited is the only requirement of membership in Trout Unlimited and the Chapter. Separate Chapter dues or fees are prohibited. **Newsletters must be sent to all members as a matter of right.** Members of the Chapter shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership in the Chapter.

Section 4. The bylaws of Trout Unlimited govern the suspension or expulsion of members.

Section 5. No Chapter or chapter officer, director or member may transfer, sell, barter, or lease to any person or entity the membership list or the names, addresses, contact information or other personal information of the members.

Comments on Article II

Highlighted area to be amended to - "Digital newsletters will be sent to all members that have provided a valid email address. Members can unsubscribe from the newsletter at any time."

Members should be aware that Section 4 allows for your membership to be challenged, even by Trout Unlimited. It should also be noted, that we are doing everything possible to protect members privacy according to Section 5.

MEMBERS OUT THERE FISHING
I hope for this section to be an ongoing, monthly addition to the newsletter. I know alot of you are out and about in some interesting places, even some local places, so lets share (or brag a bit) by sending me a couple of shots of your catches or the area you're in.

Once again, our Tim Hurst on one of his favorite places that I promised not to divulge.

Kim Emery, Ernie Frey and yours truly teaching casting to some ladies from the Chilhowee Women's Club (it was only 35 degrees that morning!)

Enjoy Spring Fishing
Joyce Frey
Newsletter Editor

