

Next Meeting:

Where: Monte Vista Baptist Church
1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd
Maryville, TN 37803-5505
(enter the bldg. from the parking lot)

When: 7:00 p.m., Thurs., March 24
(BOARD MEETING: 6:30)

Program: Smallmouth, Carp & Fresh Water Fishing with Josh Pfeiffer, Frontier Anglers.

Josh Pfeiffer will talk about spring bass and carp fishing on the fly at this month's meeting. Josh, with his wife Ashley, and help from Tyler and Megan Hatcher, runs Frontier Anglers, a guide service out of Maryville, TN.

They spend most of their time in the Smoky Mountains, and on the Clinch, Holston, Little River and Little Pigeon River. They focus on trout year round and smallmouth in the spring, summer and early fall.



"Along with trout and smallmouth, we also love to fish for carp. Once considered a trash fish, it is now a sought after sport fish," he said. In addition to 20 years fly fishing experience, Josh has been tying flies for 15 years. Raised on conventional bass fishing, he has transferred that experience to tying surface and subsurface bugs for fly fishing. "This has to be one of my favorite things," he said.

Catching Trout Sneaky Business



Those members who attended LRCTU February meeting got a valuable reminder on one of the most important aspects to stalking native trout on mountain streams. It isn't the fly or the line or necessarily the cast, it's how stealthy you are in your approach.

Rob Fightmaster, with Fightmaster Fly Fishing, gave an excellent presentation on how to approach and thoroughly fish water with minimal chance of spooking fish.

"Approach includes everything you do before you make the cast," he explained. You've got to think like a predator, because you are one." Underwater sounds, such as bumping rocks, splashes, and staffs hitting rocks are more detectable by fish than above water sounds. And larger fish have more capability to detect this than smaller fish.

Trout have a large field of vision and increase this capability by using the reflection in the surface of the water above them to see nymphs floating by below them. On wardrobe, Rob advises leaving the Tennessee orange hats at home. "Dress in earth tones, no bright colors, and broken patterns are better."

"Remember, the worst fly pattern presented well will outfish the best pattern presented poorly," he said.



Warmer Waters Cause A Stir

Warmer air and water temperatures are causing fish to get more active in these parts. Heavy rains in early March brought us up on average annual rainfall for this year without washing out streams and rivers. A colder than normal January/February season evolved into a warmer than normal March... so far. High temperatures are predicted to be in the 70's for the next week, March 21-26.

Josh Pfeiffer of Frontier Anglers reported on Little River Outfitters web site that Tim Doyle and he fished with clients in the park and that Quill Gordons were everywhere and there were sheets of #18 tan caddis, with big brown stones mixed in. Byron Begley mentioned that Aquatic insects are hatching and on the surface laying eggs, hovering and eventually dying.

Rufus King and I were Lucky enough to spring Kris Maurer free from his duties as fishing manager at Orvis Sevierville on Feb. 19 and he was good enough to provide a drift boat and his expert oaring experience to take us down the Clinch.



Air temps stayed in the mid-to-high 60's and the water release schedule provided for a 9:00 a.m. put in at Miller's Island for the float down to Peach Orchard. The water was slightly colored so we figured on a good day. However, fish figured otherwise. We still managed to boat a dozen or so decent fish, using sz. 18-20 black and red zebra midges. We dropped jaws when a good sized brown came after a hooked rainbow on its way to the boat. If we hadn't been frozen in time watching this, it would have been a ideal time to drop in a large streamer... next time, eh.



Only Two Months Until TroutFest

At the most recent Trout Fest board meeting, it was reported that the first edition of the TroutFest journal was in the black with enough advertising revenue to cover expenses. The first edition of the journal will be sold for \$5 each at the banquet and during the event. Artwork has been chosen for the cover and the original art will be auctioned at the banquet.

Anyone with a good auction item should contact Rufus King by May 1 for that donation to be included in the auction. Reminder: these are tax deductible

Think about everything that happens on Troutfest weekend. People will be flying into Knoxville on Thursday and Friday. One travel company will come here from Bozeman, Montana. Headliners will arrive from Manchester, Vermont, Atlanta, Baltimore, State College, Pennsylvania and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The folks from Temple Fork will drive their booth here from Dallas, Texas. Over 300 people are fed Friday night.

Tens of thousands of dollars are raised at the auction. On Saturday morning at 7:00 am, vendors setup in the large tent that was used for the banquet the night before. That tent covers an area of 6,000 square feet. Other tents have been erected and vendors are moving in before opening time at 9:00 am. Fly tyers, special events and instruction is available from the most notable fly fishermen in the world. Volunteers, around 160 people will take care of their jobs which are diverse and specialized.

-Byron Begley

Two Chances To Help With Litter Pick Up

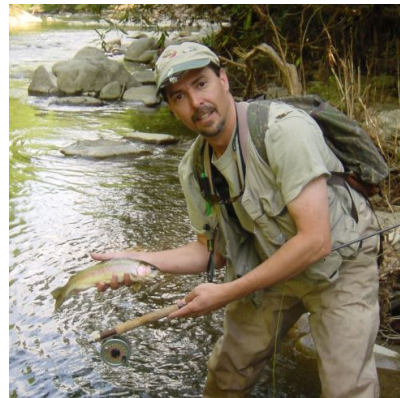
LRCTU plays a key role with TWO upcoming cleanup projects. Our chapter is one of several sponsors including, City of Townsend, TWRA, East Tennessee Federation of Fly Fisherman and Keep Blount Beautiful, who are organizing and managing the upcoming Great American Cleanup event in Townsend on Saturday April 9. The project will focus on both roadways and the river and the Little River and its banks through Townsend. SEE PAGE 4 OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

GSMNP Little River Clean Up

Our annual Little River Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 16. This is an event that everyone can enjoy some time outside, help the Park with some litter pick up, enjoy some good food and maybe even get a little fishing in.

We'll meet at Metcalf Bottoms at 9:00 a.m. and split into teams to cover as much of the River Road as possible. For those interested, bring along a rod and enjoy some fishing in the afternoon with a friend.

We'll enjoy some delicious hamburger and hot dog rewards for the hard work after the effort. give Rufus King a call at 865-414-2566



Doyle Shows TN Dapping Technique on New YouTube Video

On a new You Tube Video, local fly tier, guide and LRCTU member Tim Doyle demonstrates the age old method of dapping a fly for native brook trout in the GSMNP. You can check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CuVxFJ5j04>

Acid Deposition Underway

Acid deposition sampling has begun this month in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and will continue for coming months. The next scheduled sampling is May 21 (or 22, depending on weather). Charlie Chmielewski does a great job finding leaders and volunteer teams to help the park service sample four different sites. Check out the information posted on the chapter web site <http://www.lrctu.org/> and contact the team leader designated on the Acid Deposition Schedule or contact Charlie directly at charlieflyfish@gmail.com.

OOPS!

The web address mentioned in last months issue for the new website dedicated to fly fishing in Tennessee and coordinated by Kris Maurer is www.flyfishtennessee.com, not flyfishingtennessee, as stated in the last month's issue.

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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SPECIAL ON SAGE RODS

Ken Henderson, local rod builder for nearly 30 years, is offering a special 25% discount on all his 2010 model, 4-piece Sage Rods. Sage is the only manufacturer that guarantees blanks constructed by an authorized builder and provides a life-time guarantee to the original owner. Ken sticks with Sage rods because of the quality. "Out of the many rods I've built, I've only had one blank that the spine wasn't true on. The spine on a rod is like the sight on a gun. If it isn't true you won't cast where you're pointing."

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