



MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited has grown significantly from the original seventeen (17) members who founded the Chapter in 1992 to over 270 members today. During this time, the mission of the Chapter to conserve, protect, and restore the coldwater fisheries and their watersheds in and around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park has remained constant. Accompanying this growth in membership has been an expansion in the diversity of our volunteer activities to include Trout in the Classroom, Pistol Creek Clean-up, and most recently Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Barrier Surveys.

In order to better support our increasing number of volunteer projects, the LRCTU Board of Directors has expanded the responsibilities of the Vice President, currently Bernie Maloy, to include the role of Director of Volunteer Operations. In this role, the Vice President will work directly with each Chapter Volunteer Coordinator to ensure frequent and consistent communication with our membership and volunteer base, and to provide a single point-of-contact for our new members to learn about volunteer opportunities. If you have any questions or interest in our volunteer opportunities, feel free to contact Bernie Maloy (52bazzman@gmail.com) or any of the volunteer coordinators listed below.

- Tennessee GSMNP Fisheries – Richard Barnes (canceleer1@gmail.com)
- Trout in the Classroom – Kim Emery (kim@topshelfedu.com)
- Pistol Creek Clean-Up – Ernie Frey (ernest.frey@comcast.net)
- AOP Barrier Surveys – Bernie Maloy (52bazzman@gmail.com)
- Norton Creek Projects – Daniel Spradlin (danielspradlin93@gmail.com)

The March Chapter Meeting is our annual business meeting and will include a feature presentation from Headwaters Outfitters on fishing small mountain streams. The business portion of the meeting will be brief and is limited to election of officers

and board members and a financial summary. The point is, do not avoid the Chapter meeting because of the word "business." Headwaters Outfitters, located on the banks of the North Fork of the French Broad River near Rosman, NC, was a significant contributor to our on-line auction and will give us the western North Carolina perspective on small stream fishing.

Bob Bishop

President

MARCH MEETING

THURSDAY MARCH 28 @ BLUETIK TAVERN IN MARYVILLE

Social hour starts at 6:00, program starts at 7:00, business meeting follows.

Ordering will be done at the upstairs bar. You will be given a number to take back to your table. Please make sure you settle your bill before leaving.

This month's program will be a presentation from Headwaters Outfitters located at 25 Parkway Rd., Rosman, NC. They will discuss fishing small streams in North Carolina and their destination trips coming up.

Check out their website at headwatersoutfitters.com.

APRIL 25 MEETING

Charity and Ian Rutter of R&R Fly Fishing will be introducing their new book "Fly Fishing Guide to Great Smoky Mountains National Park".



~ ~ ~ ~ IN MEMORIAL ~ ~ ~ ~

*Joe Teffeteller was a long time member of the Little River Chapter.
He served as a board member. If not for his and Jack Gregory's*

hard work Troutfest would not have happened. Joe and his wife Debbie were great supporters of the chapter. He will be deeply missed by those of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. Following is the information on his celebration of life.

Celebration of Life – March 30, 2024 – Louisville Point Park -We could think of no better way to honor the memory of Joe, than to have a barbeque with his friends and loved ones at the lake on his birthday. To make sure we have enough BBQ, Little Debbies, Donuts, Reese Cups, and Cokes for everyone, please let us know you are coming by calling or texting Dustin at 865-805-3395 or completing the RSVP below: <https://forms.gle/BCBatuVdxRQepKAU>

AUCTION FUNDS PRESENTED TO THE FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WITH GSMNP



Thanks again Bob to you and the whole chapter for all the effort on the auction and

generous donation. I look forward to putting the funds to use supporting a fisheries seasonal to help with all the efforts mentioned on Saturday. Hope to see y'all out in the field in 2024.

Thanks

Matt

Thank you very much, Bob, for the continued support for the GRSM Fisheries Program. I can assure the public that we're as judicious as possible in our spending, whether it's on equipment or funding for staffing, which is why we try to select the best folks possible for our internships and seasonal positions. One of the interns who will be benefiting from this continued support, Alonso Gonzales, was at the meeting on Saturday. Alonso is a student at Maryville College and came highly recommended from our colleagues at the Tennessee Aquarium Conservation Institute. We know he'll be a solid addition to our crew and we look forward to working with him.

Thank you for all the support.

Caleb





Rich Ashmore, John Giorgini, Connie Miller and Ron Miller recognized for their volunteer hours at February's meeting.

PISTOL CREEK CLEAN-UP LAST WEEKEND

Even though it rained all morning last Saturday, 19 brave members came out to meet our commitment to the City of Maryville to cleanup "our" mile of Pistol Creek from the SR321 bridge to the Blount County Library ponds. Everyone made the same comment that since we've been doing this twice a year, the area is being kept pretty clean. We received quite a few thank you's from the Pistol Creek Ultra runners who were also on the course.



OPT-OUT OF TU PAPER-BASED MAIL

by Harry Fetterman

Our Trout Unlimited national organization is sensitive to the needs and wants of TU members for paper-based mailings. TU Marketing has balanced many factors to arrive at the current optimal return on investment in their mailings, such as some members don't realize their subscription is expiring, and the dollar value that is actually gained by sending out requests for donations. At the same time TU is aware that some members do not want or need paper-based mailings.

Thus, if you do not want or need TU mail you can submit your request via email to the Member Services Team at trout@tu.org. In your email, describe if you want to be removed from specific campaigns like life membership offers or renewal reminders, or a more general request like "continue to receive TU "Trout" magazine and no other paper mail". Even Trout magazine can be obtained electronically at <https://www.tu.org/magazine/> if you choose. Be patient for the mail to stop. Some TU mailings are presorted and staged to send out 90 days in advance.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

From what I'm hearing, all the schools had a very good hatch of their rainbow trout eggs. Students and coordinators are concentrating to keep the fry healthy for their upcoming releases in April and May. If you're interested in helping out, the release schedule is listed below. Just drop me an email at jmfrey55@icloud.com.

- April 24 - Heritage High Special Needs at the Handicap dock in Townsend
- April 25 - John Sevier Elementary 1st graders at the Townsend KOA
- April 29 - Townsend Elementary 3rd graders at Metcalf Bottoms
- April 30 - Concord Christian 5th graders at the Townsend KOA
- May 1 - Episcopal of Knoxville 4th graders at the Townsend KOA
- May 7 - Lenior City Middle 6th grade science at the Townsend KOA
- May 8 - Lenior City High 10th grade science at the Townsend KOA
- May 9 - Lonsdale Elementary 5th graders at the Townsend KOA
- May 30 - Clayton Bradley Academy 1st graders at the Townsend KOA



On "Dress to Impress" day at Clayton Bradley Academy, "Mr. Ernie" explaining the nitrogen cycle to the 1st graders.

by Bernie Maloy

Please remember to use our LRCTU website tool to record ALL of your volunteer hours for various volunteer activities over the past 12 months (April 2023-March 2024 reporting period). These hours are important for TU National reporting that we are required to submit annually. In the previous year (April 2022-March 2023) we reported 3,457 volunteer hours and we hope to report even more this year.

NOTE: Even if you record your hours on the GSMNP Fisheries form for work in the GSMNP, or if you submit hours to your Team Leader for AOP Barrier Survey work, it is still necessary to also enter your hours using our LRCTU website tool.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 52bazzman@gmail.com, or your project coordinator if you have any questions.

Thanks for all of your time and efforts to make our LRCTU Chapter successful!

Bernie Maloy

VP and Director of Volunteer Operations

2024 UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Matt Kulp, NPS Fisheries, has emphasized that we stay within the limit of volunteers requested. Too many people causes confusion and there's not enough work for everyone. Richard Barnes will fill in volunteer names as he is contacted. It's first come, first serve. Because it's possible to have cancellations as conditions may change between now and June/July he will schedule two more than requested to cover contingencies.

If you need more information regarding the activity, contact Richard Barnes TN Coordinator, at canceleer1@gmail.com or 949-212-8480. TN opportunity will be designated (RB), or Mike Kesselring NC Coordinator, can be reached at mikessel59@gmail.com or 828-736-6929. NC opportunity will be designated (MK).

05/18 - Bi-monthly acid deposition Sampling (NC & TN) (RB and MK)

06/26 - 27 - Anthony Creek Brook Trout Restoration Evaluation (RB)

07/08 - Large Stream IBI Sample (Deep Creek) (MK)

07/09 - Large Stream IBI Sample (Oconaluftee) (MK)

07/10 - Large Stream IBI Sample (Middle Prong Little Pigeon River) (RB)
07/11 - Large Stream IBI Sample (East Prong Little River) (RB)
07/15 - 16 - Population Sampling - Cataloochee Creek tributaries (MK)
07/20 - Bi-monthly acid deposition Sampling (NC & TN) (RB and MK)
08/19 - 22 - Hazel Creek 3-Pass Depletion (Contact Matt Kulp at 865-436-12545)
08/26 - 27 - Bunches & Flat Creek Evaluation (MK)
09/21 - Bi-monthly acid deposition Sampling (NC & TN) (RB and MK)
10/05 - Trash pick-up Little River (RB)
11/16 - Bi-monthly acid deposition Sampling (NC & TN) (RB and MK)
01/18 - Bi-monthly acid deposition Sampling (NC & TN) (RB and MK)

TIE AND LIE - MONDAY, MARCH 25 @ CASUAL PINT, MARYVILLE - 6:30



This month's fly is the Neversink Caddis by Jimmy Jones. Jimmy will supply the foam, bubble wrap, elk hair, crystal flash and some hackle. Bring your tools and yellow or light Cahill thread and hooks of your choice. Jimmy likes to tie this on a size 14, 1X long. If you'd like to attend and need tying supplies, send an email to Ernie Frey at ernest.frey@comcast.net.

MATERIALS LIST:

Hook: Standard Dry Fly Hook 1X, Sizes 12 to 16
Thread: Yellow 8/0 (70 denier)
Flash: Krystal Flash (Root Beer/Pearl or Yellow)
Abdomen: 2 mm Craft Foam (Yellow)
 1 mm Dish Packing Bubble Wrap
Wing: Natural Elk Hair
Hackel: Barred Medium Ginger or Brown

TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Start by wrapping a single base layer of tying thread on the hook shank, starting 2-3 mm behind the hook eye, and ending at the location of the barb.
2. Cut a strip of the craft foam approximately 4 mm in width, square one end, and cut a score line 6-7 mm in length about half way through the foam.
3. Evenly spread a small drop of cyanoacrylate glue along the thread base. Position the score line in the strip of craft foam atop the hook shank, take a couple of loose thread wraps around the foam, then cinch the foam to the hook shank, folding the foam around the hook shank. Repeat the folding and cinching forward toward the eye.
4. Reduce the diameter of the craft foam tied to the hook shank by taking tight thread wraps over the area while compressing the foam with your finger nails. Trim any excess foam near the hook eye and leave the tying thread 2-3 mm behind the hook eye.
5. Cut a strip of the bubble wrap packing material approximately 4-5 mm in width, trim one end of the bubble wrap into a V-shaped point and tie it on top of the compressed craft foam. Add thread wraps along the hook shank to compress the bubble wrap about the same diameter as before the bubble wrap was tied onto the foam base. Leave the tying thread at the original tie-in point of the craft foam.
6. With a bodkin, evenly spread a drop of cyanoacrylate glue evenly along the top surface of the craft foam and position the 4-5 mm strip of bubble wrap on the top surface of the craft foam forming a craft foam/bubble wrap laminant.
7. Fold the laminated craft foam/bubble wrap strip back over itself to form the fly's abdomen that will be 12-15 mm in length. While holding the tag end of the laminant on top of the hook shank secure it with multiple thread wraps. Level and neaten-up the hook shank by trimming off any excess laminant and taking a few tight thread wraps over residual laminant while compressing it with your

finger nails.

8. Tie in a couple of strands of Krystal Flash that have been folded to create 4-8 individual strands of flash.
9. Select a bundle of elk hair, about the diameter of a pencil and align the tips using a medium sized hair stacker.
10. Tie the elk hair on top of the Krystal Flash distributing it around the upper half of the foam/bubble wrap body of the fly. Tips of the elk hair should extend just past the rear of the abdomen. Trim any elk hair that protrudes below the body of the fly.
11. Repeat Step #8 by tying in another couple of strands of Krystal Flash on top of the elk hair wing.
12. Tie the hackle feather onto the hook and wrap it forward over the exposed portion of the body to just behind the hook eye. Secure the hackle with a couple of thread wraps.
13. Trim any excess hackle , whip finish the fly and apply a drop of head cement or a drop of cyanoacrylate glue to finish the fly.



NORTON CREEK FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

by Harry Fetterman and Dan Spradlin

Earl and Margit Worsham have noticed and appreciated the great work that our Little

River Chapter does. Earl Worsham is a long-standing member of TU and our Chapter. Earl and Margit have been very generous in support of our Auction and contributions to the NPS. In appreciation for our collective efforts and communications, Earl and Margit have offered limited fishing opportunities on their private section of Norton Creek for members of our Chapter. They already have established similar relationships with other agencies by allowing scheduled fishing opportunities for Healing Waters, Veterans, Wounded Warriors, and Trout Camp.

Four members of our Board of Directors met with the Worsham's on March 10 to begin laying out groundwork and ground rules for how we can orchestrate our chances to fish this section of Norton Creek. The Board will finalize the plan, gain approval from the Worsham's, and launch the program in our April 25 Chapter meeting.



Margit and Earl Worsham

NEW MEMBERS

Jane Boring

Tom Rehrig

Al Caton

Welcome to the Little River Chapter of TU (LRCTU). 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 Mountain 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 newsletter issued around the 15th of each month, as well as email notifications of any activities that may be happening during the month. Our meeting is the 4th Thursday of the month (with the exception of July, November, and December) held at the Bluetick Tavern in Maryville. Social hour starts at 6:00 with month's program starting at 7:00 and the Chapter's business meeting immediately following. Feel free to visit our website at lrctu.org, contact me at lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com or any of the Board Members listed on the website for information.

MEMBERS OUT THERE

Walter Babb tying at Little River Outfitter's Winter Fly Tying Demonstration, my early spring rainbow from Abrams Creek and Harry Fetterman's spring rainbow from the Spur.





Sara and Bob Bishop manning the Chapter's exhibit at the Hidden Rivers film event held at the Townsend City Hall on March 13.



Spring fishing is here! Get out there and enjoy!

Joyce Frey
Newsletter Editor



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