

# Little River Chapter

Newsletter

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## Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the **fourth** Thursday May, 23 at 7:00 pm. We are meeting at Monte Vista Baptist Church at 1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd. in Maryville. The church has an entrance on the opposite side of Hwy 129 between the BiLo and the Co-op Gas station

## Programs

Our guest speakers for the May meeting are from the Little River Watershed Association (LRWSA). Mellissa Nance-Richwine and Phil Mumert will give us the background and objectives of the association. The Little River Chapter had an information table at the River Round up organized by the LRWSA and we met several prospective TU members. Hopefully they can also provide some details of a grant that our Little River Chapter will be a partner on to see what can be done about Short Creek. This grant, if received, should be an opportunity to apply some of the skills we have learned on acid deposition. The Little River is so very important in so many different ways to us and future generations. It should be a very interesting program.

We are also looking forward to details on two programs that you members can help with: Creel Counts and the Biodiversity Inventory. See you all there and bring a friend along.

## Fishing Picks

By: Ian Rutter If you've been putting off your spring fishing, don't wait any longer! Almost anywhere you could trout fish in East Tennessee is at its peak right now. The mountain streams are having good hatches of Light Cahills and Little Yellow Stoneflies in the evenings with Hendricksons and March Browns in the mix. Sulphurs are hatching on the Clinch while caddis and olives are hatching on the Hiwassee.

Generation schedules are still good for wading on the tailwaters. The reservoirs are approaching their summer pool, though, so it won't be long before TVA keeps water flowing to keep our air conditioners running. While nymphs are usually the safe way to go on the tailwaters, this is the best time of year for consistent dry fly fishing. #16 Sulphur Sparkle Duns seem to be a top pattern on the Clinch. However, Pheasant Tail Nymphs will continue to work on rising fish. Tan or cream caddis patterns in a size #16 always work well this time of year on the Hiwassee. Keep your eyes open, though. Brief hatches of Blue Wing Olives or Hendricksons can switch the bite off of caddis. Most bead head nymph patterns work consistently as well in a variety of sizes.

Dry fly fishing has been spotty during the day on the larger mountain streams like Little River and Tellico River. .

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**May fishing pick** (continue from page one)

It has been spectacular in the evenings, though Light Cahill patterns are working well but don't neglect common patterns such as Parachute Adams and Elk Caddis. The slightly high water conditions can be excellent for dry fly fishing, especially if you use a larger fly in a size #10 or #12. Bead heads continue to do well throughout the day. If you head to smaller streams like North River or Thunderhead Prong you can typically expect the fish to respond to dries throughout the day.

**Stream Work**

**May 18 - 19** Quarterly Acid Deposition Sample

**May 25** North Carolina Trout Festival (Waynesville, NC)

**June 10 - 11** Leconte Creek Brook Trout Sample - brook trout monitoring and evaluation

**June 12 - 13** Sams Creek Evaluation - verify removal of all rainbow trout

**July 15 - 16** Sams Creek Brook Trout Transplant - collect/transplant brook trout from area streams

**To: Little River Trash Pick-up Volunteers**

From: Great Smoky Mtns. Nat. Park Fisheries Crew

We would like to say, "**Thank You!**" for a job well done with the Little River trash pickup. We managed to pick up 66 bags of garbage ranging from drink containers to hubcaps. Also, most of us probably picked up some stuff that we didn't want to pick up. Your chapter logged 140 hours of volunteer labor for this project, using 24 volunteers. We

would also like to say a special thanks to the Little River chapter and the Teffetellers, for supplying and preparing lunch for everyone. It was delicious. Hopefully, no one injured anything but their pride with Joe's hotter than \_ \_ \_ \_ sauce! As always, we would like to say thanks for your continued support of the Park's fisheries program and keep up the good work.

Steve Moore  
Matt Kulp  
John Hammonds

**A Big Thank You to the Senior Transition Class at Maryville High School.**

The following young men teamed up to accomplish several things for the Little River Chapter: Ty Brock, Barrett Dennis, Curry McCall and Eric Weatherbee. These guys created a handout and a poster which were distributed to area shops, created and mailed a letter to past members, and contacted local businesses for donations to support our conservation activities. We supplied some information, letter heads & envelopes, and postage but they did the rest. A win-win project that actually began over a year ago by Randall Barnes and a presentation by Ken Henderson and Gary Ramsey early this year. Thank you everyone from the Little River Chapter.

## Mott Grant

We got it and the check's in the mail. Mark Spangler has reported that The Little River Chapter was awarded a Mott Grant for the purposes of Chapter Development. The grant will provide about \$1500 which matches the volunteer hours plus \$290 from our bank account. The work plan we submitted includes working on: a slide presentation for presentations to groups in our communities, a welcome package of information for visitors and new members, creation of a formal media guide, and creation of posters, etc to go in area shops. So we got the funds and now we can go to work. There will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to make it happen and we will need help in many different ways. More information at the next meetings.

## Embrace a Stream

The verdict is in, Tennessee came in big on Embrace a Stream grants this year. Not only did we and the NC and TN councils receive one for the Brook Trout Restoration Sam's Creek in the Park. Elk/Duck River Chapter, received one for Improving air circulation below Tim Ford dam, and the Cherokee Chapter received one for upper East Tennessee Stream improvement. A big thanks go out to Mark Spangler, Steve Moore, Matt Kulp and Mark Sollenberger for the hard work they did, that really payed off in a big way.

## Fly of the month

Bead Head Pheasant Tail

Sizes 14, 16, 18

**Hook Type** Short-shank curved nymph.

**Thread** Dark Green 6/0 or 8/0

**Tail** 4-8 fibers ringneck pheasant tail fibers green.

**Body** Ringneck pheasant tail fibers green

**Ribbing** Copper wire

**Head** Dark metal bead

**The Tennessee Brookies**

**AND**

**Trout Unlimited**

**Cookout /Auction**

**Saturday, May 18th**

**6:30PM**

**Heritage Park Pavilion**

**Townsend, Tennessee**

**For Information And Tickets**

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