

# Little River Chapter Newsletter

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## Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the Fourth Thursday May the 26, at 7:00 P.M. 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 Bi-Lo and the Co-op Gas station.

### Program

Ian and Charity Rutter will have a presentation on fly fishing for bonefish and permit in Belize. The program will feature their trip to the Turneffe Islands in November 2004.

## Stream work

May 21 – 22: Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample

June 13 – 16: Sams Creek Evaluation re-sample monitoring sites & evaluate brook trout (13-15<sup>th</sup>)

Collect brook trout and transport to Sams Creek (16<sup>th</sup>)

## Troutfest / Board Meeting

Thursday May the 28 at 6:00 P.M. before the regular meeting. This meeting is for a Troutfest update and final planning. All Board Members and Troutfest coordinators need to attend.

## Fishing Picks

By: Ian Rutter

May probably has more good fishing in east Tennessee than any other month. Tailwater flows are generally great and the mountain streams are often at their peak. This has certainly been true this year.

Flows on the Clinch have been somewhat erratic with no reliable pattern of generation to count on. However, we have entered the season of recreation flows which usually provides schedules on the weekends which work out well of wading fishermen as well as floaters. Sulphur hatches have been relatively light compared with the glory days of old, but hatches are coming off. Probably the worst news for most anglers is that the best hatches seem to be during flows too high to wade. This is probably more a result of high flows in the afternoon most days rather than any planning on the part of mayflies. Try to get on the river late in the day when the hatches reach their peak.

The Hiwassee is currently on the spring time "pulse" schedule which provides superb wade fishing. About half a generator runs every three hours. The river remains fishable throughout the day with bursts of insect activity as the flow picks up. (Continued on page two)

**Fishing Picks:** (Continued from page one) Caddis are the main hatch, but expect a smattering of varied bugs to show up. A variety of beadhead nymphs will fish well, but many anglers show up for the great dry fly fishing.

The worst part about fishing in the mountain streams right now is trying to pick one. All streams are fishing extremely well. Large streams like Little River and Tellico River are fishing. Now that the weather has warmed up the high elevation streams are also fishing well. Hatches of Light Cahills, sulphurs, and March Browns can be expected along with Yellow Sallies and a variety of caddis. You will likely find heavy hatches or spinner falls late in the evening that may cause fish to become selective. However you should probably focus on general patterns like Parachute Adams and Elk Caddis through the bulk of the day. Almost any pattern in a #14 should draw attention if presented properly.

## Bambo for Brookies

A highlight of this year's TROUTFEST banquet will be a hand-planed, split bamboo fly rod with a hand sewn leather covered rod tube to be given as an end of festivities door prize.

The rod, made by Little River Chapter members Charlie Downs and Doug Pape, is a 6'9" 4 wt., 2 piece, 2 tip darkly flamed bamboo rod with black guides and blued nickel silver hardware – wraps are gossamer silk, deep orange, tipped in claret. – dipped gloss spar varnish completes this elegant rod.

The rod will be presented in a handsome hand sewn leather covered tube made by Little River Chapter member

David Maxey.

The PlaningForm editor Ron Barch donated bamboo for the rod. Golden Witch Technologies donated the reel seat. All other components, including nickel silver ferrules, light wire guides, flor grade cork grip, Pearsall's silk thread, etc. were donated by local angler's, Little River Outfitters.

A \$25 donation will make you eligible to win this lovely rod and tube. Only 100 donations will be accepted. You need not be present to win. To see more pictures go to our web site [www.lrcctu.org](http://www.lrcctu.org)

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## Banquet Tickets

There are still some Banquet Tickets left. Call Roy Hawk and reserve your's today. We also should have the new TROUTFEST tee-shirts at the next meeting.

## TROUTFEST

We are in the final weeks of the 2005 TROUTFEST planning and we need to start lining up volunteer's to work the Festival. There has been a lot of planning and hard work put in to Troutfest by many dedicated T.U. members. But we are still need more help. Rufus King is looking for members to help work the coke booth and we also need members to man our Chapter booth in the Educational tent and to help with parking and handing out pamphlets to our guest. Jeff Hall and I will be needing some help with the grounds setup on Friday morning and the cleanup on Sunday night. Steve Best and Mike Stiehl are looking for much needed Auction Items and will be needing help with the Auction on Saturday night. I know with everyones busy schedule it's sometimes hard to find time to volunteer, but we really need you to make time for the festival and banquet. Not every member can physically do stream work or pick-up trash along stream banks, but every member can shake hands and tell people about being a Little River Chapter Trout Unlimited member. A lot of us make this a family event and put our whole family to work. Its a good way to spend the day with a son or daughter and help support our chapter and raise money for a good cause. Some of you maybe wandering why we put so much work in to raising money for a little fish that most of the members don't even fish for? The Southern Appalachian Brook Trout is the parks only native trout. Unlike the Rainbow and the Brown Trout that was imported into the park, the Southern Appalachian Brook Trout was here during the Ice Age and lost most of their natural

range during the logging of the early 1900. The Rainbows and Browns were introduced to fill in the void. The park's fishery department can only restore the Southern Appalachian Brook Trout with our help to a few of the higher mountain stream to help ensure their survival. Some of the money raised will also be used to support this newsletter, other chapter projects and educational programs. As you can see TROUTFEST is not only important for the Brook Trout but also our Chapter's survival . Its time for you to step up to the plate and lend your chapter a hand.

Thanks  
Joe

## Fly of the Month

### Little Yellow Stonefly

**Hook:** TMC 100, sizes 12-16.

**Thread:** Yellow, 6/0.

**Tail:** Bright yellow deer or elk.

**Butt:** Fluorescent fire orange thread or Antron.

**Rib:** Fine gold wire.

**Body:** Yellow poly dubbing palmered with light dun or ginger hackle.

**Wing:** Bright yellow deer or elk tied downwing style and trimmed.

**Hackle:** Light dun or ginger.





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