

Little River Chapter Newsletter

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Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the second Thursday Dec. the 8th, 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

Scott Rogers owner of the Creel will be showing all his new gear which you might need to put on your Christmas wish list this year.

Stream work

January **21,22** Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample

Funds Needed

Monte Vista Baptist Church is raising donations for Chilhowee Baptist Center this Christmas so please bring some extra cash to the next meeting. As you may know the Church does not charge us for the use of their Building and we need to show them our appreciation and help them with this mission project.

New Address

We have a new mailing address
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Maryville, Tn 37802-6440

Fishing Picks

By Ian Rutter: It's been a pretty warm November up until now. Daytime temperatures have been over 70 degrees in the mountains. This has made for some pleasant conditions to get out on the water. The peak of fall color was about a week ago and the leaves have begun to fall. There's been a general lack of rain making for low water conditions as well. However, the combination of warm weather and low water has fish rising well to small flies. Most anglers expect to fish #14-16 dries when coming to the mountains, but those who use patterns in the range of #18-20 will do much better. Blue wing olives and midges have been the predominant hatches along with a few caddis and crane flies. Both brown trout and brookies have been spawning. The weeks following the spawn are some of the most productive of the year and the streams are relatively empty considering the great fishing. Large browns spend most of the year hiding under boulders but they venture into shallow riffles in the late fall. Spawning takes place over a period of about 2 weeks or so, but all that activity leads to active feeding in the month that follows. Expect good dry fly fishing to carry on for the next month with the best action between the hours of 11:00 and 3:00. 🐟

The dry weather has made for some excellent tailwater fishing as well. Rivers like the Clinch and South Holston are often unfishable at this time of year as TVA drains reservoirs to a low winter level. Since there isn't so much water to drain this year there have been plenty of chances to get out on the water. Black caddis have been hatching on the Clinch River, but the usual midge and sowbug patterns along with pheasant tail nymphs have been working great. Blue wing olive hatches along with black caddis on the South Holston are keeping fish looking up with consistently low flows. Watch for the olive hatches to only get better as fall progresses into winter. Delayed harvest streams are also fishing well. Here in Tennessee Tellico River is a favorite destination at this time of year. Catch and release regulations over the fall and winter months keep hold over stockers in the stream along with a prolific population of wild fish. North Carolina's Nantahala, Tuckaseegee, and Big Laurel are perennial favorites. Expect to catch a mix of rainbows, browns, and brookies in these rivers.

www.hipwader.com

Is a great resource for a Fly Fisherman or Fly Tyer, besides being one of my favorite sites. It has lots of fly patterns with detailed pictures and tying instructions. Last month's Fly of the Month, The Western Stonefly Nymph can be found on their site. The articles were written by Rob O'Reilly. He does a very good job of detailing each pattern. One of the web sites best features is that there is a five part On Line Fly Tying Course which is really good for a beginner (<http://hipwader.com/2004/fly-tying->

[course](#)). The Fly Fishing Gear & Equipment Reviews section has some really good articles on some gear you will not see any were else. This is a great site for someone just starting out Fly fishing and lots of great information and reading for the seasoned fisherman.

Chapter Election

At this month's meeting we will be electing a new President, Vice President and several new Board members. Up for your consideration is Steve Best for President, Jeff Hall for Vice President and Rufus King, Steve Head, Ross Shaver and Joe Teffeteller for Board Members. All are outstanding candidates and I feel we are fortunate for their willingness to serve.

Thanks

Its has been a honor to serve as Chapter President for the past two years. We have accomplished many great things as a chapter. With the help of our members the Chapter has grown to be a example to others in our area. How we as a volunteer organization took a project like Troutfest and turned it into a community event is a enormous accomplishment. Everyone stepped up to the plate and put in a lot of hard work and for that I am thankful. In the past two years we have given the Park Fishery over Twenty thousand dollars for Brook Trout restoration. We have also increased our budget enough to be able to start working with youth at the middle school level to introduce them to trout fishing and outdoor conservation. I will continue as a coordinator to make Troutfest even better. I will also be staying on as Newsletter Editor for one more year. Next year will be my eighth year as the Editor and I fill it is getting time to let someone else take over. 🐟

I hope to see everyone at the trash pickups and on the Park Fishery projects. For all the help I've had I am grateful. I would like to give a special thanks to the other out going Board Members Howard Kingsbury, Debra Lane, Mark Spanglar and Maurice Ferguson. All have been great examples and leaders in our Chapter. Each of them continually gives a lot of their time and hard work. I feel very fortunate to have served with them.

Thanks

Joe

Headwaters Project Part 1

There is something I have been thinking about doing for a couple of years now. As you know all of the Tennessee River's major tributaries in East Tennessee have their beginnings in either Virginia, North Carolina or Georgia. When I was fishing the Clinch River I started thinking about where the river began and how it would be cool to find and fish the headwaters or as close as there is, a trout stream near the headwaters of each River. Starting with the Powell river there are two streams that are stocked with trout, the North Fork of the Powell river and Martins Creek in Lee Co. Va. The Middle Fork of the Powell River near Norton Va. looks to be the only headwater stream that is stocked. The Clinch River has its beginning near Tazewell Va. as a wild trout stream, Maiden spring Creek. The North Fork of the Holston River, which is polluted as it crosses the Tennessee line starts out as three pristine trout streams two of them known for their brook trout, Roaring Fork, Laurel Creek and Lick Creek. The Middle Fork of the Holston River has trout in it above Marion. The South Fork of the Holston River has trout above Buller Fish

Cultural Station and is a special regulation area, plus there is trout in Cressy Creek, Dickey Creek, Comers Creek and Hurricane Creek at its headwaters. If you would like to help me by fishing a stream and writing a article for the Newsletter please let me know. Headwater Streams of North Carolina and Georgia next month.

Fly of the month

Sweeper BWO Emerger

Nymph Hook: Dry fly hook 12-18

Thread: Unithread 8/0, Black

Tail: Pheasant tail fibers

Ribbing: Copper wire

Abdomen: Pheasant tail fibers

Wing case: Pheasant tail fibers

Thorax: Peacock herl

Head: Black thread

Emerging Dun

Thread: Unithread 8/0, black

Underbody: Copper wire, plastic tubing, or monofilament

Body: Olive beaver dubbing

Wing: Blue dun CDC

Hackle: Blue dun

Head: Black thread





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