

Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited

November/December, 2016 Newsletter



Monthly Meeting

THURSDAY, Dec. 1 - at Calhoun's

Maryville

President's Corner

Craig, Montana – A small town that has a law office, one restaurant, one bar and three fly shops. A town that has more drift boats than citizens. But it all makes sense when you realize Craig sits on the Missouri River, an incredible river full of trout and lots of big trout. Five of us made the journey to Montana for a couple days fishing on the Smith River followed by a week on the Missouri. We had a great time despite the lousy weather complete with cold wind and snow. But the fishing was great. Dave and I did a float trip with guide Ben Hardy from Holter Dam to Craig on the best weather day of the week. The fish were happy and eating. Scuds and sow bugs fooled more fish than we could count and we lost track of the number of double hook-ups we had.



Missouri River Rod Test

On the other days, we either waded or used personal pontoon boats. Midges, scuds and sowbugs were the ticket most of the time, though I did catch 18" brown on #12 Purple Haze parachute fly that I was using as an indicator. Go figure!! If you ever have the opportunity to fish the Missouri River, I highly recommend it.

Closer to home, low clear water along with sunny skies (or smoky skies) only heightened the need to be very stealthy in the Park. In the fall, I can't resist trying to fool bigger rainbows feeding on midges. This is a time when these fish

can be very selective. I usually pull my hair out when a good size rainbow still refuses my #26 midge pattern on a 12 foot, 7X leader. I love it. On the tailwater scene, Bill, David and I have been chasing large browns and rainbows on the Caney Fork. The Caney has fished very well this year.

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Well, it's that time of the year to elect the Little River Chapter Board of Directors at the December 1 meeting. After four years as Chapter president, I will be rotating out



Caney Fork Bow

of the role. Ernie Frey has agreed to take on the President's role next year. I will serve a past president, supporting Ernie and the BOD as needed. It's been a great ride. I truly appreciate all of your support. We have a great chapter and I'm very proud of what you all have (and will) accomplish. Many Thanks!!

Remember that the combined November – December meeting will be held on the first Thursday in December (December 1). We will meet at Calhoun's in Maryville (you do not need to buy dinner to attend). Social hour starts at 6:00pm, followed with a short meeting and presentation at 7:00pm.

-Mike



The South Holston River - the Southeast's Premier Tailwater

December 1 Program to Feature Patrick Fulkrod owner/guide of South Holston River Co.

Our next program is a big one, 2014 Orvis Endorsed Guide of the Year Patrick Fulkrod, owner of the South Holston River Company, is coming to give a presentation on his home water, the South Holston.

Patrick is a local to Bristol and has been fly fishing since age ten. This year also marks Patrick's 10th year of guiding. In addition to the 2014 Orvis honors, he was in the running for the same honor as a finalist in 2012, 2013 and 2015. Patrick is a 2007 Graduate of the Western Rivers Professional Guide School, Orvis-Endorsed Fly-Fishing Guide since 2007, and a Clackacraft Drift Boat's Pro Staff Member. Patrick's favorite method to catch a trout is on a #20 midge.

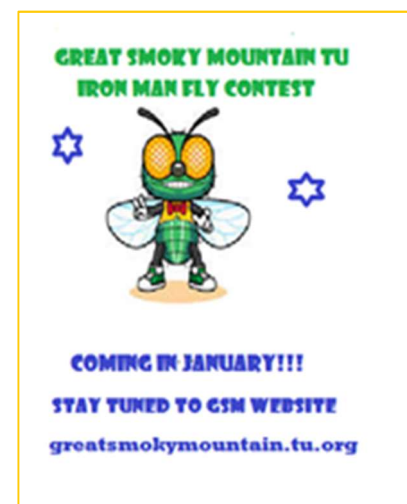
Patrick's December presentation will focus on an in-depth comparison of the South Holston River with 10 other major trout fisheries which is designed to leave us with the impression that the South Holston river is "as good as it gets."

The meeting will be held at Calhoun's Maryville, located in the same complex as Target. Social hour starts at 6:00 p.m. with the business/program beginning at 7:00 p.m. You do not have to eat dinner to attend.

Smokey Mountain Chapter Iron Man II Fly Tying Contest Slated for January 19th

Can you tie from a mystery bag of materials? How about blindfolded? You the idea, big fun for a good cause! Join us as you tie or just watch as the tiers try to "BEAT the FLY" for prizes and bragging rights!

This event is open to all our local TU chapters and has limited openings for entries. Registration starts in December if you want to tie, your \$30 dollar entry fee will give you a shot to win some great stuff and help TU at the same time. Entry fees will go towards sponsoring a child this summer to the Great Smokies Trout Camp!



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Oh!... and don't forget to those just watching, yes audience participation is strongly encouraged! Cheer or jeer in good natured fun as our competitors rise to the occasion. If you are a pro or beginner makes no difference this contest levels the field for everyone!

The "IRON MAN FLY CONTEST" is like no event we have ever had in this area! Come out Thursday January 19th, 2017 at 6PM at the Blackhorse Pub & Brewery for a rollicking night of fun, food and fine craft beer!



TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

By Joyce Frey

This last month and until release in December is the most taxing time for the fish, the tank, the teachers and their students. It's a balancing act between getting the fish enough food and the loss of water quality. A basic thought on fish feeding is that they should receive enough nourishment from their food that they can consume in 2 minutes. We should try not to over feed, but feed enough for the fish to grow and get stronger. Over feeding can lead to increased levels of ammonia and eventually nitrite-nitrate. The only real way to reduce nitrate and in some cases ammonia is to do water changes.

The Chipperfields from the Townsend KOA have again let us use their facility for our release program. The schedule for the schools to release is as follows:

December 8

Lonsdale Elementary 2nd graders and Clayton Bradley 3rd graders – 9:30

In addition to releasing the trout, the Park Service will be providing a show and tell of shocked fish, along with discussions of stream habitats and water resources. Chapter volunteers will work with the students on a water quality testing station, and a bug identification station.

We will need 3 to 4 volunteers an hour prior to the school's arrival to help NPS with the shocking and our water quality and bug stations.

December 9

John Sevier Elementary 3rd graders – 10:00

TWRA will be helping with the show and tell portion of the program. We will also provide the water quality testing and bug identification stations. The teachers and students will then have lunch at the KOA's pavilion.

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Little River Montessori School 4:00

Due to the time of day, only a release will be done.

December 12

Tate's School 5th graders – 9:30

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December 19

Episcopal School 6th and 7th grade science

Ms. Teffeteller and our coordinator Steve Darnell will be taking the students on a field trip to the Buffalo Springs Hatchery. Their fish will be released into Buffalo Springs near the Hatchery. If you'd like to join them, let me know and I'll get you in contact with Steve.

Also, we are in need a coordinator for the Alcoa Middle School to start in January/ February. This is a nearby locale, perfect for a volunteer in the Maryville/Alcoa area.

Porter Elementary and Townsend Elementary schools have decided to hold their fish over until the May release. They will be releasing a portion of their rainbows soon because as they grow, the tank will be too small for 100 plus fish.

Due to budgetary issues, Heritage Middle School and Lenoir City Middle School will not be able to do a release field trip. The TIC coordinators will release the fish sometime prior to the holidays.

If you'd like to join us in any part of this program, let me know. You can email me at jmfrey@comcast.net. I will also be sending around a sign-up sheet at the December 1 meeting.

Little Black Stonefly on the bench for
DECEMBER TIE & LIE



Because of the holidays, Tie and Lie will be on **December 5** at the Casual Pint in Maryville from 6 to 8 pm. We will be tying the little black stonefly nymph. This is a good nymph for the cooler season. Take a break from the holiday madness and come join us.

2017 Little River Chapter TU Nominated Officers

Ernie Frey	President
Jim Jeswald	Secretary
Hannah Tully	Treasurer
Dave Anderson	Director / PR
Charlie Chmielewski	Director / Volunteers
Jake Comstock	Director
Steve Darnell	Director
Joe Hatton	Director / Website
Dan Munger	Director / Programs
Stan Starkey	Director
Pat Tully	Director
Steve Young	Director / Trout Camp
Mike Bryant	Past President (non-voting)

Vacancies:

- VP
- Newsletter

Rotating Off the Board:

Bill Bolinger
Dave Ezell

The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Still trying to figure out that perfect Christmas gift or stocking stuffer? You might want to consider giving a membership to Trout Unlimited! TU is offering a New Introductory Membership for the low introductory price of \$17.50 for the first year (half off the annual single membership rate).

Your friend or family member will receive all the benefits of being a TU member. And a cool benefit is that \$15 (of the \$17.50) will be rebated back to our local Little River Chapter to support our on-going conservation efforts!

It's easy to give a New Introductory Membership:

- Going Online:
 - **tu.org/intro**
 - or go to **LRCTU.org** {"Join Our Chapter" link on the right hand side of the screen, then click on **www.tu.org/intro**
- By Mail (print out the form found on the same page as the LRCTU.org on-line information)
- **Remember #644 for the Little River Chapter**

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