

Little River Chapter

Newsletter

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Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the **fourth** Thursday October : 24 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.

Program

Gary McCown will be giving a program on **Gar fishing with a Fly Rod** on the lower end of the Little River in the Maryville area.

Little River TU Directors

Please plan to attend a Board of Directors meeting beginning at 6 pm before this months chapter meeting.

Thanks, Tom E

Monte Vista Baptist Church

is having a **HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY** food drive that benefits Chilhowee Baptist Center. Bring some non-perishable food to the October meeting or you can make a monetary donation and we will get it to the proper person at the church. The church does not charge us for using their faculty and we need to help them out when we can !!!

Thanks Joe

Stream Work

November 16 - 17 Quarterly Acid Deposition Sample

Fishing Picks

By: Ian Rutter

October is the month that so many of us hard core trout fishermen wait for after several months of hot, dry weather. We should have the best water levels in the mountains this fall that we've had in several years thanks to rain brought in by tropical storms. This will provide a fishermen with a variety of methods to choose from.

Blue Wing Olives and midges will hatch during the afternoon so small dry flies will work well. One of my favorites is a #18 Parachute Blue Wing Olive tied with a bright orange wing. The small size allows for a somewhat accurate imitation of what's hatching and the bright wing helps with visibility in riffles and pocket water. I'll often switch to a fly tied with a gray wing for slower waters where fish will get a better look at the fly.

The higher water levels can make for some excellent nymph and wet fly fishing. Beadhead nymphs are always a good choice to catch some fish when water levels are up. My personal favorite setup is a #10 Prince Nymph with a #14 Beadhead Pheasant Tail fished above it. However, a variety of flies will work equally well. Be sure to carry Hare's Ears, Tellicos, George Nymphs, and Specks.

The most overlooked method in the mountains would have to be streamer fishing.
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The number of trout you catch on streamers will likely be far less than if you used a bead-head or parachute dry fly but the quality of the fish you hook should be better. While many fishermen are tempted to chunk really big streamers with big hooks, be aware that you may be limiting yourself to only large browns which are relatively rare. If you like a little more action fish size #8 streamers that can be easily eaten by more typical size fish. My personal favorites are Muddler Minnows and Double Bunnies. Clouser Minnows can really bring in some fish when conditions are right. Never count out the old tried and true Woolly Bugger.

October is also the time when brown trout and brookies begin their spawning rituals. Be careful when wading in shallow riffles because you may spook the best trout of the season. Little River is always a good choice to hope for a nice brown. Other destinations to consider might be Tellico River, Bald River near Holly Flats, the Oconaluftee River, and Deep Creek. Most of us are well acquainted with Walker Camp Prong for brookies. However, if you've got an itch for some brookies you might also try Beech Flats Prong, Rough Ridge Creek, Meadow Branch, or the Middle Prong of the Little Pigeon along the trail to Ramsey Cascades.

Ian Rutter has a new book coming out this month "Great Smoky Mountains National Park Angler's Companion". He will be speaking about his new book and his new projects at our November meeting.



TUTV

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park will be featured on an upcoming episode of Trout Unlimited Television at the times listed below. Please make a note of this and be sure to tune in..! Log on to their web site for other fine TUTV destinations, dates and times...

[The Smokies, Tennessee](#)

[Friday, November 15, 9:30 p.m. EST](#)

[Sunday, November 17, 12:30 p.m. EST](#)

TUTV is now airing on The Outdoor Life Network. Schedule is subject to change. Please verify airtimes with your local listings. We will be adding show descriptions throughout the season, so check this space for updates.

One at a Time

By: Tom Eustis

I have heard a few stories about getting hooked up with one on a dry and a second on a dropper, but by and large we catch them one at a time. I believe the same is true about new members. They come to us one at a time and we must get them involved as soon as possible one at a time.

One of the great things about our last meeting on River John's Island is that one of our newest members got connected with one of our long term members for some fishing. Now this new member is also new to fly fishing and asked for all the help he could get to get started. Even with help of more experienced members it has taken me several years before I would catch at least one trout every trip. (Continued on page three)

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But then some of you have pointed out that I have some particular handicaps, but that is another story. But to go out and try to learn by one's self can be real frustrating and I'll bet has turned off more than one excited beginners.

I have been contacted about twice a month by someone who looked up Little River Chapter on the web site and called me. Maybe half are just getting started and a few have been fly-fishing for many years but have just moved into our part of Tennessee and don't know where to get started. I would say that all have expressed interest in both fishing and in doing volunteer work. I do not think it makes any difference, which, work, or fishing, comes first; just as long as we get'em hook up and involved as soon as possible. I'll continue do my best to introduce prospective or new members at each meeting if you longer term or "old timers" or more experienced members will introduce yourselves to these new folks and make a date for some fishing.

I am sure that taking someone as inexperienced as I was, or still am, out on the stream may really slow down what could a great day of fishing. Not near as much fun as going with one or two long term fishing buddies. But what is one day when it comes to getting a new Little River TU member off to a great start. We committed to grow our chapter so we could expand the volunteer work that we do. Let's get the new folks involved early and often.

Their in

New Hats and Tee Shirts with the Little River T.U. logo. We have got some great looking Hats and Tee shirts with our new logo designed by Charity Rutter. They will be at the next meeting or if you can't wait, you can call

Roy Hawk (phone) 690-4795. Cost is \$15 each. We have tee shirts in three different colors, sizes M, L, XL, and XXL. The hats come in two styles and three colors, one size fits all. Roy has done a great job getting these in.

Tennessee T.U. State Council Meeting

By: Mark Spangler

Howard Kinsberry and I attend the Tennessee Council Leadership at Cumberland Mountain State Park in Crossville on Sept 27-29.

The Little River Chapter paid for one half of our expenses

The funds for the Tennessee Council Workshop were obtained by a Mott Grant. The leadership workshop was attended by 12 people throughout the 9 chapters in Tennessee. The workshop was led by an instructor from the National Conservation Institute. Kim Ryals and Russ Schnitzer from T. U. were there to assist in the workshop. The focus of the workshop was techniques to use to build an effective council. At the end of the workshop on Sunday committees were formed to build the basis of the council.

The following ad hoc committees were formed

Mission, Bylaws and Structure :

Steve Brown, Mark Spangler, Dick Geiger, and Tom Howard

Conservation Issue/Oversight, including perhaps one mechanism for firehouse issues and one for a proactive campaign:

Bill Haggard, Steve Fry, Trish Patterson, and Don Nalls

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Chapter relations mechanism, including potential website:

George Lane, Don Denney, and Howard Kingsbury

Summary Notes from Conference:
(Provided by Kim Ryals)

Snapshot - where are we right now? Let's take our "baseline" measurement, to watch our growth.

2002 - 4 Council meetings
8 Chapters, 1 in limbo
30 members in theory - about 12 attend Council meetings
2 leaders
6 volunteers
2800 members of TU in TN

Campaigns - none
Goals - none

2 T.U. / TVA meetings annually

Budget:
Chapter dues - 52%
EAS - 46%
Banquet donation - 2%

What do Councils Plan to DO?
Help chapters come to shared vision
Help with state issues, like fundraising, water rights, access
Work with TWRA and other agencies
Help chapters unite and focus their impact
Unified voice in lobbying the legislature
Monitor Chapter performance, elections, term limits

Advise National about state issues (linchpin function)

Plan - how to get from here to there

State level projects

Communicate lessons and data back to Chapters

The 6 keys to Council success - People, Conservation, Fundraising, Planning, Communications, Internal Process

1. People - volunteers, knowledge/truth, voices, skills, drive, desire, passion, selflessness, time
2. Conservation - successes, projects, science, magnet (the mission), the why??? - the "value proposition"
3. Fundraising - cash - steady and perhaps diverse resources
4. Planning - ideas, plans, leaders, agenda (not crusade), goals, vision, focus
5. Internal Process - leadership, negotiation, respect for others, good meetings (streamlined, decision-making process, well facilitated)
6. Communications - PR, external, internal, negotiations, public, to Chapters, to National

Council Revenue Sources

Grants - Mott, EAS, TVA

Events - state convention, trade show, banquets

Chapter support

TU membership rebate

Businesses - tourism, soft drink and beverage

Individuals - appeals and major donors

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Out of all non-profit revenue in the US (including churches), revenue usually breaks down like this:

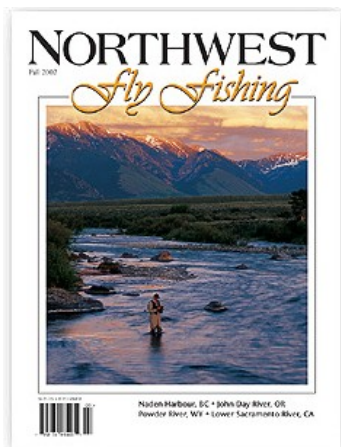
Foundations 9%
Corporations 6%
Individuals - 77%, and 8% bequests

Current budget for TCTU:

Income - \$2500 rebates, \$3500 Mott grant
Expenses - \$500 representation at national convention, \$1000 to other conservation orgs, \$1000 travel reimbursement
One time contribution to CWCF

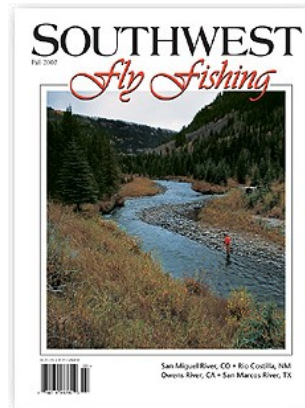
Going out west

I found two new magazines you might be interested in the first one is Northwest Fly Fishing.



The magazine features four Rivers each issue. The articles are pretty in depth with the how to, why, where and when. There is also a suggested fly pattern with picture and recipe. The Notebook part of the articles tell where to fish how much the fishing license are going to cost you, where to stay, useful fly patterns, Outfitter and guides and the appropriate gear. The rest of the magazine has different departments

that make interesting reading. The other magazine is the sister to the first one. Southwest Fly Fishing magazine, it is formatted like first magazine with a totally different set of articles so you can get both magazine and not read the same articles twice. You can find the magazines at Hastings Books in Maryville or at www.nwflyfishing.net



Fly of the month

Blue Winged Olive

Sizes: 14, 16, 18, 20, 22

Hook: Type Extra-fine dry fly

Thread: Olive-6/0 or 8/0

Tail: Dark dun hackle fibers

Body: Medium olive fur

Wing: Dark dun hackle tips

Hackle: Dark dun





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