

# Little River Chapter Newsletter

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## Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the fourth Thursday Oct. the 26th, 7:00 P.M. This meeting will be upstairs in the seminar room of the **Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World Hwy 66 Kodak Tn.**

## Program

Randy Ratliff of Troutfishers Guide Service will be giving a presentation on Fly fishing in East Tennessee. Randy is a experienced fly fishing and spin fishing guide. He provides float trips on the South Holston, Watauga, Holston below Kingsport, Lower Holston below Cherokee Dam, Clinch below Norris Dam, Nolichucky, Tuckasegee, Nantahala and New rivers. He also provides waded trips on streams and rivers of East Tennessee, Western North Carolina, and Southwestern Virginia and tailwaters if the generation schedule is in favor, or fish on the medium, stocked creeks or small, secluded wild trout streams. The secluded streams will require some hiking and additional gear may be needed. check out his website. <http://www.trout-fishers.net>

## Stream Work

November 18-19 Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample



## Fishing Report

It's cloudy and cold here in beautiful Townsend, Tennessee. I drove by the shop this morning on my way to the Park and the frost was thick on our roof. Dubbing, the shop cat spent the night outside last night. When I left the store at 7:30 last night he still had not come home. He was glad to see us this morning.

It was 34 degrees on my morning commute. We used to say, when I was a kid growing up on a farm in Kentucky "It would be a good morning to kill a hog". We never killed a hog, never owned any and I'm thankful for that. Our neighbors, the Wilsons did though. Their hogs would escape and end up in our front yard. I would chase them away on my go-cart armed with a BB Gun. The Wilsons also had a good looking daughter named Janie.

Fishing was better yesterday than I could have imagined. Walter had a student out on the water and he caught a couple. Chuck guided a couple and I don't know how they did. Patty and Jim MacMahon of Logan, Utah did pretty well on the Middle Prong. Jim caught several on a Parachute Adams and Patty caught an 11" Rainbow on a Prince Nymph. Rick Posey from Maryville reported that he lost a big one. And the "Big Ones" are out. The Brown Trout are performing their fall ritual, either spawning or getting ready to. The water is clear and fairly low so you should be able to see them. Believe it or not, there are Brown Trout in the 30" range in the Little River. They

are caught from time to time by the more seasoned anglers who have the patience and desire to stalk these large trout. We're telling customers to use light tippet because the water is so clear and fairly low. Use 6X and you should get more strikes.

The weather is looking pretty good for the next few days unless you don't like rain. We could use some. It's going to warm up some too. I noticed that last night it got down to 24 at Mount Leconte, 26 at Oconaluftee and about 30 at the other weather stations in the Park. We are expecting lows in the 50's next week and highs in the 60's and 70's here in the valley. That, coupled with the expected rain should turn on the fishing. Next weekend should be great.

Have a great day and thanks for your support.

Byron Begley  
October 15, 2006

## Sign of Things to Come?

By M. Gary Verholek

While exploring old haunts along a favorite boyhood trout stream in northwestern Pennsylvania this past summer, I came across a sign that gave me pause. It was quite unlike any I had ever seen along a heavily trafficked trout stream, or along any stream for that matter. It read, "Fishing Permitted - Courtesy of Landowner". My mouth dropped open and my eyes swelled. I was filled with awe.



Being all too familiar with the POSTED – NO TRESPASSING signs proliferating along our waterways, I never expected this one. I've seen many reasons why a landowner would restrict access. But here, along a trophy section of Neshannock Creek, this landowner issued an open invitation to enjoy the river. What feelings that sign left with me.

I grew up in northwestern Pennsylvania fishing a number of trout streams, including the likes of Oil Creek, Sandy Creek, French Creek, and the Neshannock, my favorite. In the ensuing 40- 50 years, I waded many more streams, walked many banks, crossed many meadows, and each trek has renewed my wonder of the outdoors. But that day, the landowner awakened in me more feelings of responsibility for ownership of the river, for all outdoors, than I had ever known before, and of deep gratitude for the right of passage bestowed on me as a voyager on the land. The sign was an open invitation to take better care of what God has given us; much as we do through Trout Unlimited.

## Passing of Joe Bogle

A Charter member of our Chapter, Joe Bogle passed away on September 30. Joe was a good friend to many of us in the Little River Chapter and he will be greatly missed by us all. Joe leaves his wife Linda Good who is also a trout unlimited member and three daughters Laura, Anna and Maggie. A memorial service for Joe was held Sunday October the eighth and many memories of Joe's warmth and humor were shared. The family ask that you remember Joe with support of two causes dear to him the

Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited Back  
the Brookie Campaign  
Joe Bogle Memorial Fund  
c/o George Lane  
1106 Melvin Avenue  
Maryville, TN 37803

The Nature Conservancy  
 Attn: Shady Valley Projects  
 2021 21st Ave. S., Suite C400  
 Nashville, TN 37212  
 (Please designate to Joe Bogle memorial)

<http://www.flyfishingclasses.net/>

## Paid to Fish

I was at Barnes & Noble this morning and came across two fly fishing magazines from England. One was Today's Flyfisher and the other was Fly Fishing and Fly Trying. I found both magazines interesting. There was a lot of articles on lake and pond fishing. Fishing with mainly wet flies, mixed in with some nymphs and a few dry flies look to be the preferred method of fishing. The biggest thing that stood out to me was that every article was on a paid to fish waters.

That got me thinking about back here in the United States. I remember several years back a big controversy about the Ruby River out in Montana. A lot of rich out-of-state people bought up the land and fenced and posted the stream access. This caused a big uproar with local hunter and fishermen that is still going on to this day.

We are starting to see land postings happening here in the south. I remember when I first took up fly fishing you could drive up and park at the park boundary at Hess Creek, hike up and fish. Now you would have to hike in several miles to get anywhere near that same stretch of water.

Over in North Carolina there are several fishing clubs that block access to fishing for non-members. There have been several streams in North East Georgia, that have opened up as pay to fish waters. I know of one stretch of North Carolina water that you have to be a local Trout Unlimited member to fish. There have been a few TU sponsor members only river access on the Clinch river.

It has always been my opinion that as Trout Unlimited members we should be working to open up access to all streams to all fisherman, not for the few that can afford it. Privatization of Trout waters is going to be an issue that we are going to be facing a lot more in our future. I hope we will be ready to fight the good fight.

Joe  
 Hatton

## Fly of the month

Coachman Nymph (Variation)

Hook: 10 to 14 2 / 3 XL

Thread: Black

Tail: Ginger fibers

Ribbing: Copper wire

Body: Peacock Herl

Wing case: Dark quill epoxied after fly finished



### HELP WANTED

**Sign- up for the exciting and rewarding position of Newsletter Editor You will have your hands on the pulse of the Chapter and keep up to date with the happening of our local fly fishing community.**

**This position must be fill by January of 2007.  
 All interested persons please contact  
 Joe Hatton at [jthatton@knology.net](mailto:jthatton@knology.net)**

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