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Tristan Smith working a Smokies Stream in the Fall

FISHING THOUGHT OF THE MONTH
I'M SO GLAD I LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE THERE ARE OCTOBERS. —
L.M. Montgomery

FALL RUMINATIONS, NO LACK OF LRCTU FALL ACTIVITIES

Like many of us, I can't wait for this fall in the Smokies. This is partly because at the time of this writing I am trapped in dusty, brown California with my wife; she suffered a nasty fall and is recovering enough so we can get home.

But who isn't excited about the beautiful colors in our mountains, along with the fishing that improves with the scenery (and the catching usually gets better too!)? For me, fall becomes a time for streamside reflections; either a floating leaf has trapped my fly one too many times, or I realize I can't look up at the changing leaves and rock hop safely along a mountain stream at the same time! I am more prone to pause and relish memories of past falls more than other seasons. The blaze of

colors reminds me that, despite old man winter (and 'olderness') being just around the corner, there is plenty of reason to keep actively living an outdoor life, particularly in the natural sanctuary we have at our doorstep. Whatever season inspires you the most, I hope you take time, not only to let the water tell you where to cast a fly but revel in pleasant memories that setting can spawn.

LRCTU has plenty of activities this fall that can enliven your outdoor life. We will be having a **live meeting** at the Bluetik Tavern, Thursday, October 28th, the Online Auction opens November 1st, the bimonthly water sampling program will be happening the third Saturday in November (the 20th), and the pre-stocking cleanup of Pistol Creek will be December 4th. Also we are planning to have a live meeting in early December, time and topic TBD.

Tight Lines!

Steve Y

LITTLE RIVER CHAPTER GARNERS GRANT FOR GSMNP FISHERIES

The Little River Chapter successfully applied for a \$20,000 grant from the Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited for the upcoming GSMNP Brook Trout Census and distribution study. The grant represents a portion of the costs of the total program and will be spread over 2 years. Shown here are LRCTU members and family presenting the check to Matt Kulp during the Little River Cleanup in September.



LITTLE RIVER CLEAN UP SEPTEMBER 25



Little River Chapter participated in the Public Lands Day held September 25 by cleaning up litter along the Little River Road in the Great Smoky National Park. Along with Matt Kulp and Caleb Abramson from the Fisheries Department, 13 members from the Chapter collected over 20 bags of trash from Metcalf Bottoms to the Elkmont turn off. A couple of the more unusual items found were LOTS of face masks, a purse (no money or id), and a door and step from a RV that took a curve too close to the trees.

Public Lands Day is the nation's largest single-day event for public lands. Established in 1994 and held annually on the 4th Saturday in September, this celebration brings out thousands of volunteers around the country. There were other portions of the Park being cleaned up by other TU chapters and environmental groups.



OCTOBER LIVE MEETING - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 @ BLUETIK TAVERN MARYVILLE

We're going to try for another live meeting this month in the upstairs room at Bluetik Tavern in downtown Maryville. Since the Tavern still has staffing issues, the chapter will provide pizza. You will need to get your drinks at the bar. Social hour will start at 6:00, the program will begin at 7:00. Hope to see you there!



Our program will be presented by Pat Rakes, Co-Director of Conservation Fisheries.

Pat has been studying rare fishes since he began his master's degree project at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in 1982 studying the distribution and life history of the Barrens Topminnow. This work laid the foundation for efforts that continue today with ark maintenance of BTM populations at CFI. Pat and J.R. founded CFI just after finishing graduate school projects and both are in awe of how it has grown since then.

Years of maintaining aquaria have led to an appreciation of the art and science (the "wet thumb") involved in keeping fish alive and healthy (and interested in sex). The rewards of co-directing CFI have not been monetary, but rich in constant learning, studying the life history, ecology, reproductive biology, distribution, and taxonomy of rare fish in Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. And the snorkeling that was a novel technique for monitoring rare fish 30 years ago never gets old.

Conservation Fisheries, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization in Knoxville, Tennessee. Founded in 1986 and incorporated in 1992, CFI is dedicated to the preservation of aquatic biodiversity in our streams and rivers. Over nearly 30 years they have developed techniques to propagate more than 65 non-game fish, including some of the most imperiled species in the southeastern United States. They were the first facility in the Southeast to propagate rare, non-game fishes for recovery work.

The primary goal of CFI is to restore fish populations that have been eliminated because of pollution or habitat destruction. However, they also produce many rare or difficult-to-collect species for other purposes related to aquatic conservation.

<https://www.conservationfisheries.org>

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

We have trout. All of our schools and Little River Outfitters are reporting that the eggs have hatched and we have alevin in the hatching baskets. As they consume their egg sacks they will become much more active. When they are ready they will be released into the tank.

The students will then get involved in taking care of the trout, testing and maintaining the water quality of the tank and learning more about the life cycle of a rainbow trout and protecting our water resources.

A special thanks to John Skinner and Josh Williamson who have volunteered to take on the role of TIC Coordinators for the Eagleton College & Career Academy.

As I have mentioned before, if you would like to learn more about our Trout in the Classroom program or get involved with helping to take care of a school tank please contact me at jmjes711@gmail.com or 724-612-2166.

Jim Jeswald



TIE AND LIE - MONDAY, OCTOBER 25



Tie and Lie will be held the last Monday of the month, October 25 at the Casual Pint in Maryville. Come out and tie between 6:30 and 8:30. Steve Darnell will be tying a black stonefly nymph.

BUGS AND FLIES

According to the hatch chart at Troutzone Anglers, the following flies are good for November:

- Blue Wing Olives - all month in sizes 18 - 20
- Slate Drake - 1st half of the month, best size 10
- Yellow Quills - all month in best size 16
- October Caddis - all month in sizes 10 - 14
- Needle stoneflies - all month in best size 18

Since we've already tied, blue wing olives, October caddis and little black stonefly patterns, I've selected another stonefly nymph that's quite different from the little black stonefly. Hope you enjoy!

Beginner Fly Tying - Little Black Stonefly

Hook: Std / 2xl #10 #14

Thread: Black

Body: Black Dubbing

Wing: Grizzly Hackle Hackle: Black / Dark Brown



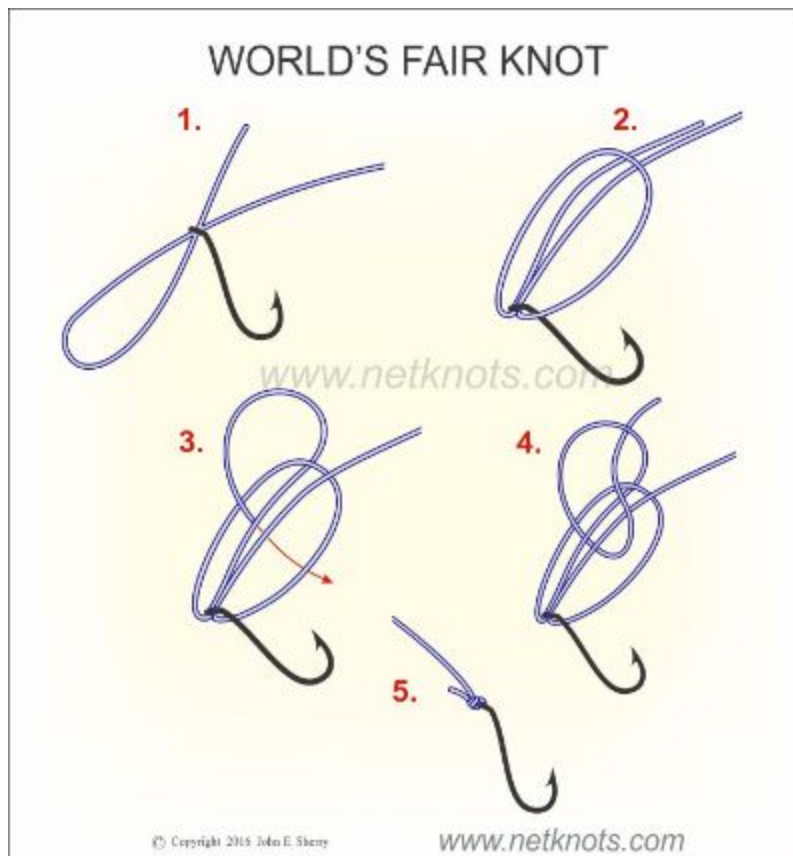
KNOTS

This will be the last in the series of knots. I've shown you several different knots common to fly fishing, however, probably only 2 or 3 are really needed. Below is the World's Fair knot, named after the Knoxville World's Fair in 1982. Thanks to Dave Ezell for the suggestion!

World Fair Knot

This knot was created by Gary L. Martin of Lafayette, Indiana. He was the winner of Dupont's "Best New Knot" from 498 entries. Dependable and easy to tie in monofilament or fluorocarbon line this terminal tackle knot was selected by a panel of outdoor writers as the best new, easy to tie, all-purpose fishing knot in Dupont Corp's Great Knot Search. He named it the World's Fair Knot because he first demonstrated it at the 1982 Knoxville World's Fair. Fishermen use this knot to tie drop shot rigs by leaving the tag end as long as desired for attaching the weight.

Other "Contest" knot winners are the [Fish N' Fool Knot](#) and the [Orvis Knot](#).



NEED WEBSITE COORDINATOR! IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION TOOL!

We are still in need of a website guru to replace Joe Hatton. This important communication tool needs someone. Many folks go to websites to learn about an organization like ours, not Facebook, Twitter, or other social platforms. If this seems like a broken record—it is!! We need someone to step up! Contact Steve Young, Bob Bishop, or Joe Hatton if interested.

MEMBERS OUT THERE FISHING

I hope for this section to be an ongoing, monthly addition to the newsletter. I know a lot of you are out and about in some interesting places, even some local places, so let's share (or brag a bit) by sending me a couple of shots of your catches or the area you're in.

Charlie Chmielewski, Mike Bryant, Dave Ezell, and James Dendy on the Missouri River in September.



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