



STREAMS OF THOUGHT - NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT  
SEPTEMBER 2022 SWAN SONG



Friend something better than chocolate ice cream... Maybe friend somebody  
you give up last cookie for. – 'Cookie Monster' from the Muppets

Although I have tried to keep the news from spreading too much and maybe sneak away, Richard and Bob would not allow it; so, some who attended the September meeting know what I am passing on now. This will be my last column as President (and active member of LRCTU); my wife and I are heading west following the Oregon Trail to be closer to our sons and other family. Not something that we had planned on so soon but we decided to make the move while we are still healthy and active and before all our grandchildren grow up.

The montage above really summarizes one of the main things I will cherish about our 10 years in east Tennessee; the many activities with my TU friends. When we came 'east' I didn't know how I would spend my time, but the Park would be a focus. From the first IBI at Elkmont to the last 3-pass IBI at Little River, from Charlie C to Richard B the volunteer work of the Little River Chapter has been a core activity to me. This led to my involvement with chapter members and involvement with other activities in the Park (including fishing!!). These are precious experiences which have provided great memories; thanks to all of you that helped make them.

The transition to the new leadership has been gradual. Bob Bishop agreed to be Vice President some 2 years ago and I told him of our moving plans 9 months ago. He readily agreed to stay on and replace me as Chapter President; he has enthusiastically embraced leadership roles in the Chapter, particularly working with Larry on the Auction. I know the Chapter is in good hands as y'all go forward. Also, our Board of Directors has been very instrumental in keeping the Chapter humming over the last two years, when I have looked over my shoulder they have been there supporting and leading—a rewarding feeling for me.

Finally, to all the members of Little River Chapter; while the activities we have participated in together have been rewarding, it has been the relationships that have developed through those times together that I will remember—and miss. Best wishes to all!

PS—from my early research on fishing in Oregon, 'Steelhead' will be become a major word in my vocabulary!

Tight Lines—Steve Y

MEETING - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 @ BLUETICK TAVERN, MARYVILLE  
Social hour starts at 6:00, Meeting starts at 7:00, Program follows

**Cody from Tellico Outfitters** will be here to talk about fishing and catching in this beautiful area. Located in Tellico Plains, this is the gateway to the Tellico River, Bald River Falls, North River, countless mountain trails and over 300 miles of wild and native trout streams

[Tellico Outfitters](#) is located at 109 Scott St. in Downtown Tellico Plains. 423-253-2231

**IF YOU HAVE ITEMS FOR THE ONLINE AUCTION, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE OCTOBER MEETING.** We can accept auction items after October 27, however, we are trying to do most of the photography in a single day.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November - no meeting  
December - Tuesday, December 13 at the Chilhowee Women's Club. Online Auction items will be available for viewing. More information will be available in the November newsletter.

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN FISHERIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Richard Barnes (TN side of the Park) at [canceler1@gmail.com](mailto:canceler1@gmail.com) or Mike Kesselring (NC side of the Park) at [mikesel59@gmail.com](mailto:mikesel59@gmail.com) for more information

Nov 19-20 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC & TN)  
Dec 10 - Pistol Creek Cleanup

ONLINE AUCTION

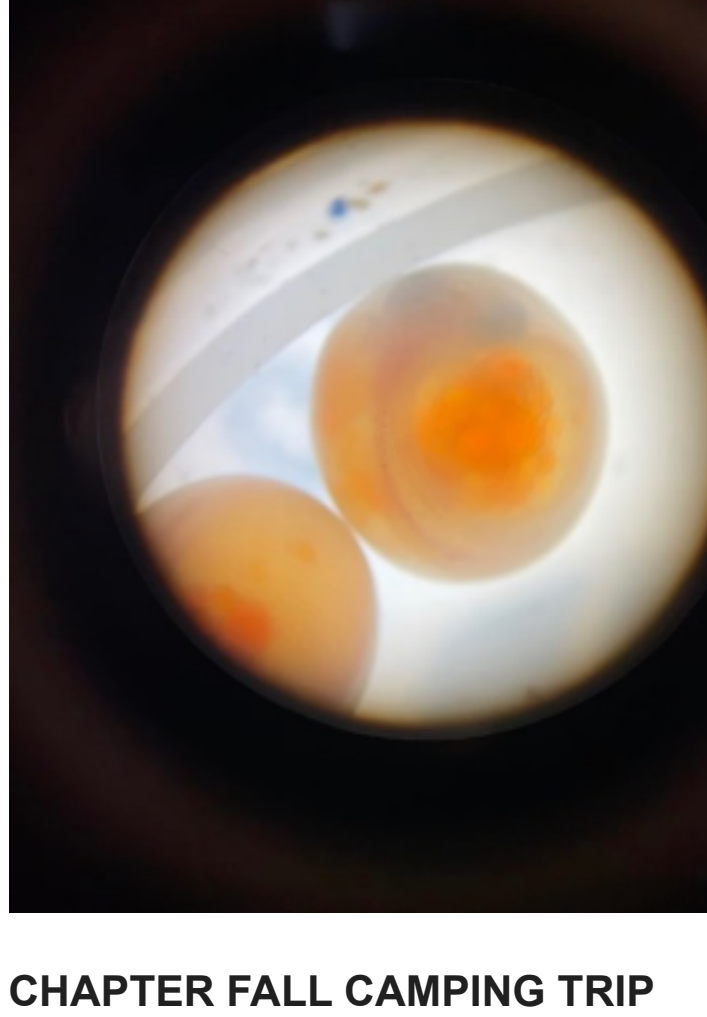
Don't forget we're still looking for donations for the Online Auction to be held in November/December. The auction will begin Monday, November 21 and run through Thursday, December 15. Most items will be available for viewing at the December 13 meeting to be held at the Chilhowee Women's Club. If you have items to donate, bring them to the October meeting on October 27.

If you have questions, contact Bob Bishop ([bishmoose@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bishmoose@sbcglobal.net)), or Larry Davis ([ledavis97@gmail.com](mailto:ledavis97@gmail.com)).

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

All the schools' eggs have hatched. Thanks to Dave Wietlisbach for the egg under the microscope. This was about a week prior to hatching. The other picture is of the alevis in the Clayton Bradley Academy egg basket which was taken last week.

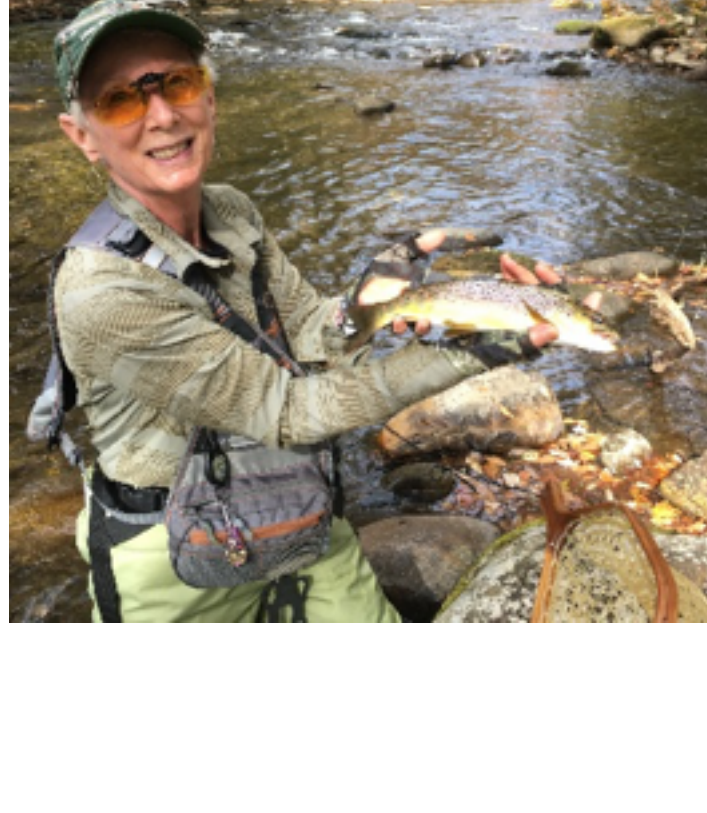
They will start being fed in the egg basket this week (did you know they don't know how to eat and have to be taught!). Within a week or so, they will be released into the tank.



CHAPTER FALL CAMPING TRIP

The fall camping trip was last weekend at Deep Creek Campground near Bryson City. Even though Ernie Frey picked the date (he's notorious for picking rainy weekends), the weather was beautiful. The water in both Deep Creek and Nolan Creek was REALLY low, making fishing a bit tough. We did catch fish though.

Joyce Frey with a 14" brown from Deep Creek in the campground, Larry Davis with a nice rainbow from Nolan Creek, and some fall color at the mouth of Nolan Creek and Fontana Lake.



LITTLE RIVER CHAPTER BY-LAWS

Ernie Frey has agreed to review the Chapter's by-laws and to present his findings to the Board for their approval. One of two Articles of the By-Laws will be presented in each month's newsletter for the Chapter Membership to review. If you wish to make any comments, please forward them to [lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com)

Article XII - Assets

**Section 1.** No part of the income or net earnings of the Chapter shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any member, director, or officer of the Chapter or to any private individual. Furthermore, as a non-profit, voluntary organization, the Chapter shall not compensate members for services rendered. Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses, however, may be made for any expenses incurred for or on behalf of the Chapter by any officer, director, agent, employee, member, or any other person or corporation, given corresponding receipts and pursuant to and upon authorization of the Board of Directors. No member, director, or officer of the Chapter, or any other private individual shall be entitled to share in the Chapter's funds or property in any dissolution of the Chapter or otherwise. All Chapter expenditures shall be broadly consistent with the mission of Trout Unlimited.

**Section 2.** The Chapter may not acquire or hold any new interest in real property, including easements, except with prior written approval from Trout Unlimited.

**Section 3.** No part of the assets of the Chapter shall inure to the benefit or be distributed to any organization whose income or net earnings or any part thereof inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or any other individual.

**Section 4.** Upon dissolution of the Chapter, all of its assets shall be paid over or transferred to the State Council or, if none exists, to Trout Unlimited.

Article XIII - Tax Exemption

Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the Chapter shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization that is tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended from time to time.

Article XIV - Perpetuity

The Chapter shall exist in perpetuity or until dissolved or dechartered.

TIE AND LIE - MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 @ CASUAL PINT, MARYVILLE - 6:30

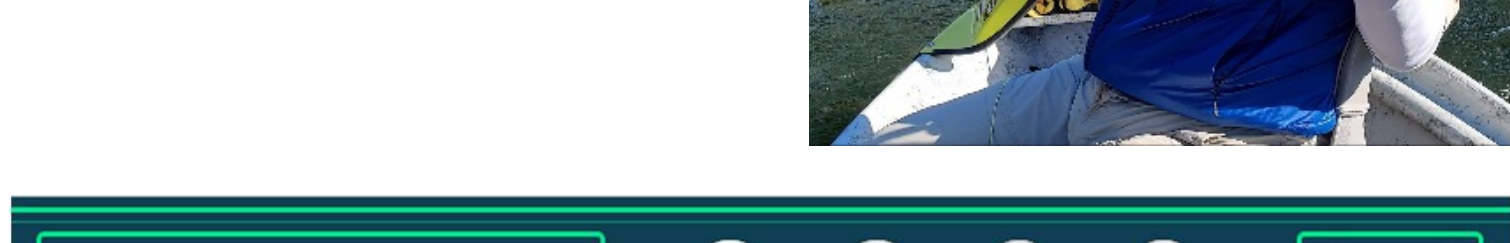
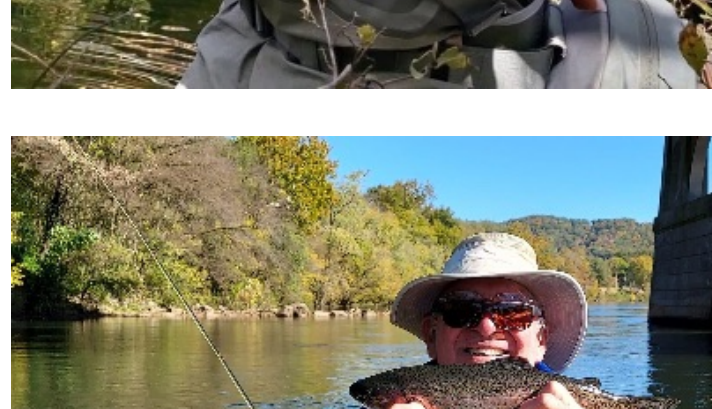
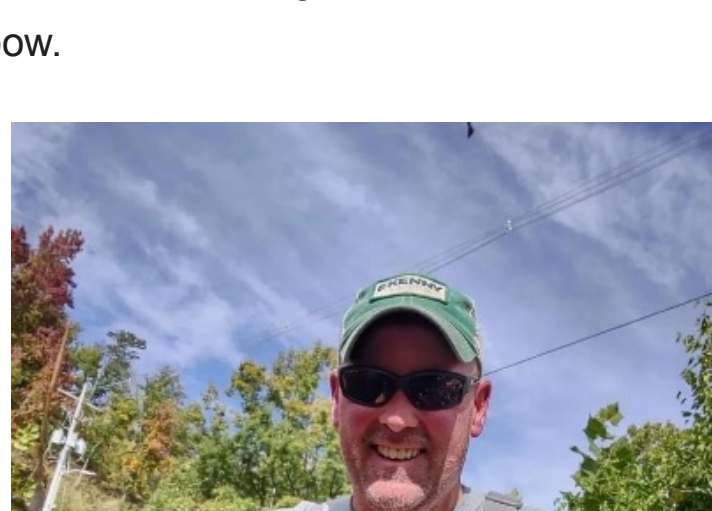
No specific fly has been identified for this month. Bring your tools and materials to tie with friends, exchange stories and have a good time. Enjoy!

NEW MEMBERS - Lisa Humphries

Welcome to the Little River Chapter of TU (LRCTU). Our Chapter was established years ago as a nonprofit volunteer organization committed to protecting and restoring cold water resources and watersheds in and around the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. We hope to be able to offer you plenty of activities to join us in our mission. As a member, you will receive our monthly newsletter issued around the 15th of each month, as well as email notifications of any activities that may be happening during the month. Our live meeting is the 4th Thursday of the month (with the exception of June, August and November) held at the Bluetick Tavern in Maryville. Social hour starts at 6:00 with Chapter business starting at 7:00 and the month's program immediately following. Feel free to visit our website at [lrctu.org](http://lrctu.org), contact me at [lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com) or any of the Board Members listed on the website for information.

MEMBERS OUT THERE FISHING

Dave Ezell with a nice Redfish in Arroyo City, TX, Tim Hurst with another big rainbow from the West Prong of the Pigeon, Will Davis with another big rainbow on the Hiwassee, and Rufus King with a nice rainbow.



Winter Fly Fishing Island Getaway  
A Hosted Fly Fishing Trip to Islamorada Florida and the Everglades  
with Richard Witt Fly Fishing

Join us this winter to experience the wonderful and amazing saltwater fly fishing opportunities that the Florida Keys area has to offer from a home base in Islamorada, Florida! We will be fly fishing the Mangrove and Sea Grass habitats for Snook, Redfish, Sea Trout and other species in the backcountry of the Everglades National Park and on the beautiful waters of Florida Bay.



Trip Dates:

Check-in on Sunday, February 5th, 2023 and check-out on Saturday, February 11th, 2023.

What's included:

Lodging – 6 nights in a beautiful vacation rental home right on Florida Bay with five bedrooms and four baths.

All meals prepared by a gourmet personal chef

3 days of guided fly fishing on flats boats with a 4th day option

Florida fishing license

[Read more...](#)

We still have spots left for this trip so let us know soon if you would like to join us.

[Contact us at RichardWittFlyfishing.com](http://RichardWittFlyfishing.com)

Happy fishing,  
Joyce Frey, Newsletter Editor

