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NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The third annual LRCTU On-Line Auction Fundraiser is quickly approaching. At least 80% of the auction proceeds will be donated to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Fisheries Department. Please keep in mind the auction is more than just an opportunity to get a great deal. More importantly, it is a chance to make a significant contribution to the Fisheries Department while showing appreciation for the hard work involved by individuals donating their time and creating these one of a kind items. Auction bidding begins on November 20th.

At the September Chapter Meeting, thirty-seven (37) LRCTU members were recognized for their volunteer contributions. Our members have accomplished over 1,110 hours of volunteer labor since April 2023. Volunteers will continue to be recognized at each Chapter meeting as they reach key milestones. A special thanks to all of our members who supported the Little River Stream Clean-Up and the LRCTU Exhibit at the Townsend Fall Festival.

The LRCTU Exhibit at the Townsend Fall Festival allowed us to discuss the mission of the Little River Chapter with over 250 people. The enthusiasm of our members as they interacted with festival attendees was exceptional. Our fly tyers did a wonderful job of relating to people of all ages. My favorite memories from the festival were watching our fly tyers working with children and Jimmy Jones continuing to tie flies for a gentlemen as we were literally taking the exhibit down around him on Saturday evening.

Additional information on all of the above events is provided below.

Bob Bishop

President

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 @ BLUETIK TAVERN IN MARYVILLE

Social hour starts at 6:00, program starts at 7:00, business meeting to follow.

Ordering from the menu will be in the meeting room from 6:15 to 6:30. After

6:30 you will need to order any food at the bar. Adult beverages must be ordered and paid at the bar.



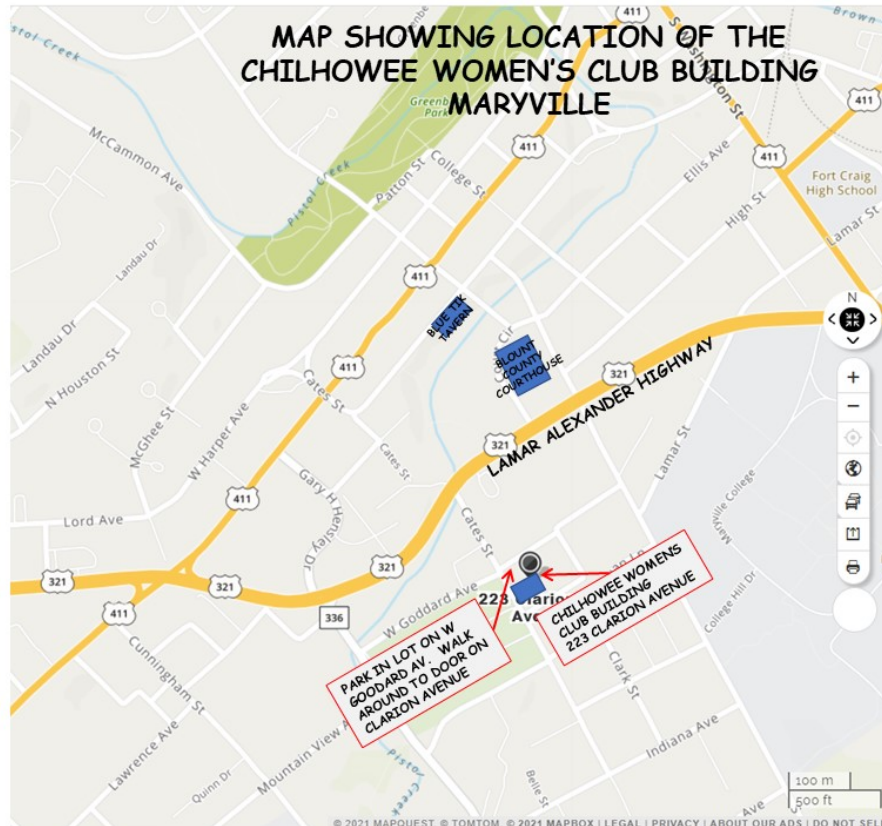
Ben Fields is an outdoor filmmaker who specializes in producing fly fishing films. Since 2019 Ben has had 5 films featured in the Fly Fishing Film Tour and International Fly Fishing Film Festival. In 2018 Ben partnered with Dorsal Outdoors to produce saltwater and freshwater films sponsored by brands like Orvis, Far Bank, Poncho Outdoors, TroutRoutes, Mayfly Outdoors, Fly Fusion Magazine and more. Ben is also a regular contributor to the Dorsal Outdoors YouTube channel which has become one of the fastest growing fly fishing content communities on the internet.

Ben will be speaking about his most recent international fly fishing shoot that took place on the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. Ben and a group of fly fishermen of various skill levels found a relatively unknown region in Quintana Roo, MX where Tarpon, Bonefish, and Permit are native and hungry. After finding a local guide as passionate about catching big fish as they are, Ben and the Dorsal outdoors team descended on the Yucatan for the second year in a row in pursuit of these mighty fish species. Ben will tell the story of the 2023 Yucatan trip and his tactics to catch

these notoriously picky fish.

NOVEMBER MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Our November meeting will focus on socializing with friends for the holidays, as well as an opportunity to view some of the online auction items up close and personal. The meeting will be held at the Chilhowee Women's Club, located at 223 Clarion Avenue in Maryville. The meeting will begin at 6:00, pizza and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring a dish to share.



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Matt Kulp, NPS Fisheries, has emphasized that we stay within the limit of volunteers requested. Too many people causes confusion and there's not enough work for everyone. Richard Barnes will fill in volunteer names as he is contacted. It's first come, first serve. Because it's possible to have cancellations as conditions may change between now and June/July he will schedule two more than requested to cover contingencies.

Richard Barnes, TN Coordinator, can be reached at canceler1@gmail.com or 949-212-8480. TN opportunity will be designated (RB).

Mike Kesselring, NC Coordinator, can be reached at mikessel59@gmail.com or 828-736-6929. NC opportunity will be designated (MK)

Nov 18 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC and TN) #Vol. 10 - 12 (RB) and (MK)

Dec 9 - Pistol Creek Cleanup - more information will be available in November newsletter

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION



LRCTU members have contributed over 1,100 hours of volunteer labor in support of LRCTU projects since April 2023. All volunteers in attendance at the October Chapter Meeting were presented with a Little River Chapter Decal and members contributing at least 25 hours were presented a LRCTU Volunteer Pin. The following LRCTU volunteers were recognized at the October Chapter Meeting.

> 125 HOURS

Bob Bishop Sara Bishop Harry Fetterman

> 75 HOURS

Kim Emery Joyce Frey Bernie Maloy

> 50 HOURS

Ernie Frey David Tolliver

> 25 HOURS

Rich Ashmore Richard Barnes Steve Croslin Lee Fowler Barbra Giorgina
John Giorgina Jim Jeswald Connie Miller Ron Miller Dan Spradlin

AT LEAST ONE EVENT

Keith Blanton Jim Davis Marcy Ellis Lizzie Johnson Miles Johnson
James Jollay Jimmy Jones Mike Kesselring Donna Maloy Devin Marriott
Lillian Marriott Gary Pickens Boone Rutter Charity Rutter Ian Rutter
Paul Rutter Willow Rutter Tristen Smith Ann Strange

LRCTU ON-LINE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

The Little River Chapter On-Line Auction Fundraiser opens for bids on November 20. At least 80% of the proceeds from the auction will be donated to the GSMNP Fisheries Department. Most of the auction items will be available for viewing at the November Chapter Meeting on November 30 at the Chilhowee Club on the Maryville College Campus. Bidding will close on December 3.

We currently have 48 items donated to the auction with a total value of over \$7,500. Last year we had 99 items donated to the auction and we would like to meet or exceed that donation level for this year's auction. If you would like to donate auction items, contact one of the regional captains listed below or bring the item(s) to the October Chapter Meeting on October 26.

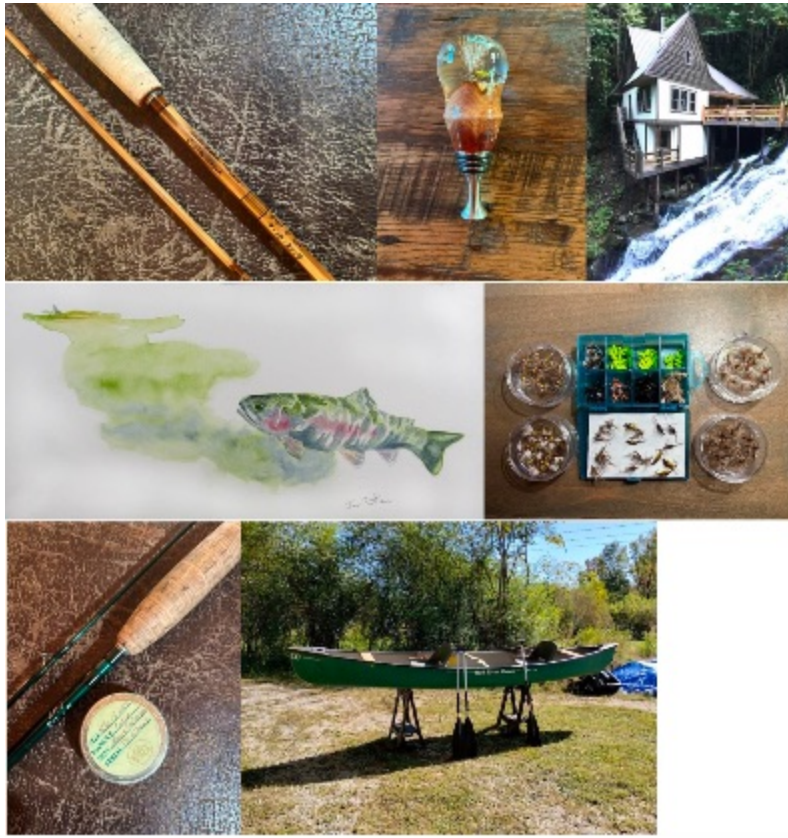
Regional Captains:

- South Blount County: Ernie & Joyce Frey (jmfrey@comcast.net)
- Maryville & Alcoa: Kim Emery (kim@topshelfedu.com)
- Townsend, Walland, & Wears Valley: Bob & Sara Bishop (bishmoose@sbcglobal.net)
- Pigeon Forge & Sevierville: John & Barbra Giorgini (jbggiorgini@gmail.com)
- Loudon County: Chuck James (chuck3185@gmail.com)
- Everywhere Else: Jim Jollay (jollayj@aol.com)

Chuck James has accepted the challenge to reach out to local businesses for donations of gift cards or merchandise. This is an area of emphasis this year that we hope will be appealing to our bidders. We already have commitments from the local businesses listed below.

- Headwaters Outfitters
- Leslie Ballard Art
- Little River Outfitters
- R & R Fly Fishing – Ian & Charity Rutter
- Richard Witt Fly Fishing
- Tellico River Rods & Flies – Walter Babb
- Trout Zone Anglers – Pat Tully

Some of the auction items.



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



John Giorgini will be demonstrating Uke's Brown Bug. He swears by this nymph, in all sizes, even unweighted. Join in to learn how to tie it, if you don't have a vise or supplies, let me know at lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com and we will bring extras.



Hook: Barbless jig hook (here, a Lightning Strike JF2), sizes 8-18.

Bead: Gold tungsten slotted bead, 7/64-inch.

Thread: Rusty brown, 6/0 or 140-denier.

Weight: Lead-free round wire, .020.

Tails: Medium Pardo Coq de Leon fibers.

Rib: Red Ultra Wire, small.

Body: Tying thread.

Head: Tying thread, colored with black permanent marker.

RECAP OF LITTLE RIVER CLEAN-UP ON SEPTEMBER

The Chapter conducted a stream-side and road-side clean-up on Saturday, September 23 along Little River Road in the vicinity of Metcalf Bottoms within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. LRCTU maintains its annual commitment to the National Park Service to lead this cleanup along Little River. Our cleanup team was a diverse population of 21 Chapter members and families, along with the guidance of Matt Kulp and Caleb Abramson from the National Park Service Fisheries. This year we covered approximately 10 miles along the Little River streamside and Little River Road and harvested 38 bags of trash. 70% of the trash will end up composted or recycled. Lunch was shared by the volunteers following the clean-up.

Our Chapter extends a huge thank you to TVA Natural Resources for their \$1,000 Reservoir and Community Cleanup (RCC) grant this year. Our Chapter has

dedicated these funds for safety vests, garbage bags, gloves, and lunch for the teams that come out to help. Thank you TVA for aligning with and supporting our Chapter's Mission to conserve, protect and restore the coldwater fisheries and their watersheds in and around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GMSNP).



MEMBERS OUT THERE

It was a very busy and extremely fun summer for Chapter members. Check out some of our activities and member fishing trips below.

SARA AND BOB BISHOP FISHING THE KENAI RIVER IN ALASKA

In order of the pictures:

Bob with a sockeye salmon, silver salmon and a rainbow trout that was 26 inches and approximately 10 lbs.

Sara with a rainbow and guide Jack Mister, fighting a large Dolly Varden, her UGLY sockeye salmon and another rainbow.





RECAP OF TOWNSEND FALL FESTIVAL

The Chapter was well represented at the Fall Festival the last weekend in September. In addition to fly casting and tying, several of our volunteer efforts were displayed. Thanks to everyone who participated:

- Ernie Frey, Joyce Frey, Bob Bishop, Tom Feil, and Bernie Maloy setting up
- Jim Jolley schmoozing with the crowd
- Ernie Frey, Kim Emery and Joyce Frey casting with some youngsters
- Charlie Chmielewski, Larry Gilbert, and John Giorgini tying flies

Unfortunately we didn't get pictures of everyone, but are grateful for their help:

- Chuck James and Jimmy Jones for fly tying
- Sara Bishop for her great work on the display boards
- Dan Spradlin, Barbara Giorgini, Mary Gilbert, Miles and Lizzie Johnson, Marcy Ellis, Devin and Lillian Marriott, and Keith Blanton for meeting and greeting







FALL CAMPING AT CATTALOOCHEE



Derrick Douthat from the Great Smoky Mountain TU Chapter caught a grand slam TWICE.



Harry Fetterman with a nice brookie on the Fall River and greenback cutthroat from Fern Lake, both in **Rocky Mountain National Park**. Harry says his son Jacob out-fished him by at least 5 to 1.



Devin Marriott with a rainbow from Little River in the Elkmont area.



KUDOS FROM DAVE EZELL



Talking with Charlie C. yesterday and he mentioned he'd seen me with a bonefish. Thanks for the promotion. Although I'd have to add that the fish was more photogenic than the participant on the other end of the line. Also - full disclosure - it

was pretty slim bones pickens there in July-August. In case anyone's interested, we fished off of Providenciales and off of North Island. I liked the trip off of North Island because we fished closeby waters of Bottle Creek. The trip off of Providenciales was a 20-mile run... and 20 miles is about 15 miles too long for me these days on a flats boat on open waters. If I were going back for fishing (we had the whole family of eight with us), I'd return in the spring or fall and stay somewhere on North Island to concentrate fishing on Bottle Creek.

Hope you and Ernie are doing well. I think you are nearing my 10-year tenure as newsletter editor. BRAVO!

Glad to see that LRCTU is doing well. Hello to B. Bishop and anyone else there who still has the potential to remember my name from 12 mos. back. Any visitors interested in trying to find trout in central VA (sometimes a hapless venture) are welcomed to give me a shoutout.

-EZ

"Sharing the fun of fishing turns strangers into friends for a few hours" -
Eugenie Clark

Joyce Frey
Newsletter Editor



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