

Next Meeting

When: October 23, 2008 at 7:00pm
(4th Thursday of the month)

Where: Bass Pro Shops, I-40 exit 407,
Sevierville.

Program: At this meeting, two North Carolina Trout Unlimited leaders from their annual "Rivercourse" will speak to the Chapter. Rivercourse stands as a "coldwater conservation and fly fishing youth camp" for youngsters ages 13-15. This past year, the Little River Chapter made a donation to Rivercourse that covered the cost for a local youth to attend the camp. This meeting provides an opportunity to learn more about the camp, and to hear from the young man that benefited from the Chapter's generosity. www.nctu.org

Also, interest exists at the State Council level about forming a Tennessee version of a youth trout camp. Perhaps that is a longer range endeavor in which the Little River Chapter can play a leading role. I encourage you to come out to Bass Pro Shops and hear more about how the North Carolina Chapters make such a camp happen each year.



Upcoming Events

When: November 15-16, 2008 ~ Bi-Monthly
Acid Deposition Sample

When: December 4, 2008 ~ November/
December Meeting @ Monte Vista
Baptist Church in Maryville.

Given that no meeting occurs in November (due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend), the remaining meeting for the year falls on Thursday December 4th. At this annual election meeting, the Chapter will nominate and elect officers and Board of Directors to cover vacancies for the coming year. This year, plans call for vice president Rufus King to take over as president of the Chapter, leaving a vacancy in the vice president's position.

Similarly, vacancies will come open on the Board of Directors, given that Dan Holloway, Joe Teffeteller, Tim Doyle, and Steve Head complete their three year terms. In short, please plan to attend this important election meeting in December. Moreover, if you are interested in serving the Chapter in one of the positions coming open, please contact a member of the recently formed nominating committee (me, Rufus King, Tom Eustis, and Joe Hatton) and make your interest known. The Chapter needs your service.

Best Regards,

Jeff Hall

On-Stream Report by Kris Maurer

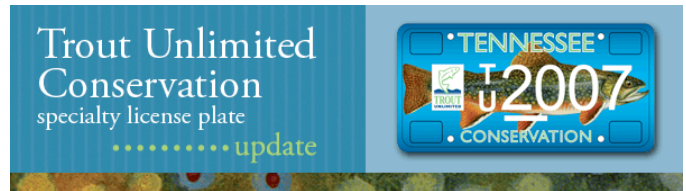
Well I can honestly say that I am very happy to be home, but am also ready for another trip to Montana as well. The west is absolutely amazing. It takes my breath away every time.

We had planned to fish the park for four and a half days. Due to a brisk cold front that slowed the fishing down we left a day early so that we could fish on the Bighorn River an extra day. This ended up being a great idea as it took a day to figure out the fishing there.

The fishing on the Bighorn is amazing. All of the outfitters tout 16 to 18 inch average fish and they are not kidding. These fish are also absolutely ready to do battle. All of them had shoulders like linebackers and knew how to use their massive size and the fast moving water to their advantage. Even the smaller fish were tough to get in and I've never had big fish that wanted to go airborne as much as these did. They would launch themselves three to four feet from the water. The crash that ensued was as if some one had dropped a bowling ball in the water. Everyone was able to land a fish between 19 and 21 inches. If you don't mind some crowds, it is well worth it.

Orvis Days are from October 2nd through the 13th. The Fly-of-the-Month for October 18th is the CDC Comparadun BWO and November 15th is the Lightning Bug! We also have one last fly fishing school on November 1st. Please call for details (865) 774-4162.

Tightlines,
Kris Maurer, Orvis Fly Fishing Manager,
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TU Plate Fever Keeps Raising... Only 25 Plates Remaining

October 14, 2008 – The pace of presold plates continues to accelerate to our goal of 1,000. This news comes as donated funds in the future will be harder to come by for conservation issues. As we approach the 1,000 TU plates pre-sold, many are realizing having a TU plate number under 1,000 will be a badge of honor. It will speak volumes about the driver who has taken the lead in supporting fishery conservation on Tennessee's lakes, rivers and streams. It truly is an honor to have a plate number under 1,000.

You can help by continuing to talk up the TU plate amongst conservation minded friends and help us obtain the remaining 25 plates sold. We are all anxiously awaiting to drive them on our cars! I know someone in McMinnville who is anxious to buy two more!

975 plates have been sold towards our goal of 1,000... 98% there!

When ordering don't forget to specify the Little River Chapter #644 by checking the appropriate box!

Townsend Clean-Up

If you missed the annual Little River cleanup inside the Park back in April, here's a second chance to make a difference along Little River. On Saturday 15 November, the Chapter will jointly hold a cleanup along Little River through Townsend. "Jointly" means other organizations will participate, including the East Tennessee Federation of Fly Fishers (headed by the our own Dave Carson and Hans Alstedt), the Little River Watershed Association, and the city of Townsend.

Chapter Secretary Tom Eustis secured a \$1,000 Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) grant in support of the cleanup, and that money will support supplies such as gloves, trash bags, bottled water, as well as lunch and (perhaps) t-shirts for participants. Please plan to come out on 15 November and help the Chapter make a strong showing in support of beautifying our namesake waterway. Plan to meet at the Townsend Visitors Center at 9:00a on that non-Tennessee football Saturday. I hope to see you there.

Thanks,

Jeff Hall
President

Trout Unlimited Asks Manufacturers to Eliminate Production of Felt-Soled Waders and Equipment by 2011

Effort will help prevent spread of aquatic nuisance species in America's rivers and streams.

SALT LAKE CITY –At its annual meeting today, Trout Unlimited (TU) asked fishing equipment manufacturers to stop producing felt-soled waders and wading shoes by 2011 to help stop the spread of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) by anglers in America's rivers and streams.

Many waders, wading boots and shoes used by anglers have felt-soled bottoms that are used to provide traction while walking in water. Felt is a material that transmits aquatic nuisance species such as New Zealand mud snails, the invasive algae called didymo and the parasite that causes whirling disease, a disease fatal to trout. Felt soles can very easily become impregnated with mud and other organic matter, and become difficult or impossible to clean and disinfect.

"While the elimination of felt soles on waders and boots will not entirely prevent the spread of ANS, this action will help reduce the risk and help protect our precious aquatic resources," said David Kumlien, executive director of the Whirling Disease Foundation. This action will also help make the public more aware of the threat of ANS and hopefully will motivate them to change their behavior and practices related to other aquatic recreational activities that may also contribute to the spread ANS."

New technology and materials provide viable alternatives to felt. Some manufacturers are already using these newer materials on wading shoes and angling products.

For more information about invasive species and what anglers can do to prevent the spread of ANS, go to www.tu.org.

The Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited is a nonprofit volunteer organization that is committed to Protecting & Restoring Cold Water Resources and Watersheds in and around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

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Great Job!**

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