

# Little River Chapter Newsletter

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## Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the Fourth Thursday Sept the 23, at 7:00 P.M. at Monte Vista Baptist Church at 1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd. in Maryville. The church has an entrance on the opposite side of Hwy 129 between the Bi-Lo and the Co-op Gas station.

## Program

Mike Bone, Clinch River Outfitters, will speak at our meeting on fishing the Clinch. Mike is the premiere guide on the Clinch and other tailwater streams. He has been guiding on the Clinch longer than anybody else. It is a great honor to have Mike come talk to us at our meeting.

## Stream work

**September 18-19<sup>th</sup>:** Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Hikes

**September 27-29<sup>th</sup>:** Large Stream Sample - Straight Fork, NC

## TU Volunteer Hours

If you did not get with Jim Parks at last month's meeting to update your manhours please see him at this month's meeting. It is important that we turn in all of our man hours so that the Parks Fishery department can use them for matching grants. This is an important source of funds the Park can use for stream projects.

## Fishing Picks

By: Ian Rutter

Summer has come and gone and September is now upon us. Most of the crowds are gone from Great Smoky Mountains National Park, but will be back next month when the autumn colors provide an attraction. Weather has been a bit unusual here this summer, but then again, it has been everywhere. Rain from Hurricane Francis got stream levels unfishably high for a few days, but streams are in superb shape for this time of year. Judging by water levels and mild afternoon temperatures you might be fooled into thinking that it's April. Dry fly fishing is excellent in smaller streams but nymphs are producing better in larger mountain rivers like Little River, the Oconaluftee, and Tellico River. Hatches of blue wing olives and caddis will get fish in the large streams looking up again in a few weeks. Wet wading is still a viable option in the mountains but those unaccustomed to the water might prefer waders. Intensive stocking is done for the year on Tellico River and Citico Creek. The daily permits for these streams are not required after September 15 and won't be needed again until March 15. These are both great streams and this is a good time of year to have them more or less to yourself. [CONTINUED ON PAGE 2]

## Fishing Pick [ FROM PAGE 1]

Tailwater action is spotty. The Clinch has good schedules on Saturdays through October, but is unpredictable otherwise. If TVA sticks to their plan we can count on no generation until 10:00 AM, one generator from 10:00 until 1:00 and two generators after that. That gives a decent amount of time to wade the river and provides an ideal situation for a float. The Hiwassee remains in good shape, but is tough for folks without a boat. However, the wet year has kept water temperatures cool enough so trout weren't stressed this year. Next season should be even better there. The South Holston continues to have decent sulphur hatches, though not so heavy as earlier in the summer. Most weekends have good schedules to wade. Look for the sulphurs in the afternoon. A few olives might begin to turn up as well along with some little black caddis. The Watauga probably has the most reliable schedules for the most people. Those wading the trophy section at the lower end of the river should be able to get a full day in. Anyone that prefers to float will usually have water between 11:00 and 1:00. Caddis and crane flies are the predominant hatches up there.

## Election

We have several chapter positions coming open this year. The election committee will be asking members over the next few meetings to fill the open positions. We need dedicated people to help us in taking a leadership roll in the operation and running of our chapter. Please be thinking about a place where you can become involved in our chapter .

## Troutfest

We are starting to put together committees to start working on the trout festival for next spring. Coordinators will be looking for team members over the next few weeks to help them with the festival. There are many jobs and every member has a chance to be involved.

## MEMBERSHIP SERVICES:

We have simplified the new member assignment system for The "new member chapter rebate" program. It has been in effect since October 1st, 2003. Upon the inception of this program we overlooked one important aspect, the new acquisitions made by the chapters were not being assigned to that chapter, they were being processed through our business rule of zip code assignment. Once we identified that error, we worked with our data entry and database vendors to fix the problem. After much time and many chapter requests we finally have the programming completed to fix the problem. Here is the final solution: We asked our database vendor to use a new business rule to assign each of the new chapter acquired members to the chapter that recruited them using the chapter source code (3 digit chapter number). As of this week all new members who came on board through the chapter during this last fiscal year have now been reassigned to the chapter that acquired them.

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 In this process we may have overruled a few members who had a specific chapter request to one that is neither the zip code assignment nor the new chapter member business rule; we may have to have those members call our customer service department at 1-800-834-2419 to reassign them to a chapter of their choice. This process will not affect the rebate portion of this promotion that was correctly done for the rebates given out in April and the ones that will be done in October. It will, however, make a difference to the end of year rebates given to chapters and councils for financial report submissions in the amount of \$2.50 per member. This new system is completely reliable and a much more accurate method of new member assignment. For those few members that were recruited by a chapter outside of their home area and wish to be assigned locally, a simple one minute phone call to our toll free number can put you into any chapter of your choosing. No more zip code problems, no more misunderstandings, and no more guessing. You can report with confidence that new members will be assigned to the recruiting chapter until the new member says otherwise. If you have questions concerning membership assignment, please contact Wendy Reed at [wreed@tu.org](mailto:wreed@tu.org) or call 703-284-9421.

## E-mail Newsletter

As a money saving effort of the Chapter we have been encouraging members to opt for receiving your Newsletter by e-mail. By snail mail it cost the chapter 50 cents a Newsletter per month for each

member. All you have to do is send your e-mail address to me and I will add it to the chapter's e-mail list; All newsletters are sent with members e-mail addresses anonymously and we do not share addresses with other organizations. Please send your address to [jthatton@knology.net](mailto:jthatton@knology.net). write e-mail only in the body. And your name will be added to the list. If you have changed your address please send me your new e-mail address  
 Thanks for your help  
 Joe

## Fly of the Month

### **Dropper Royal Wulff**

**Popular sizes** 10, 12, 14, 16

**Hook:** Extra-fine dry

**Thread:** Black 6/0

**Tail:** Brown bucktail

**Body:** In three sections: front and rear third of peacock herl, middle third red floss

**Wing:** White calf tail, upright and divided

**Hackle:** Brown saddle, heavy

**Other Materials:** A short loop made of 3X tippet material is tied in first, under the tail.

**Notes:** The tippet loop is used to tie a piece of tippet material with a small dry fly or nymph dropper. The Royal Wulff doubles as a strike indicator.





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