

Little River Chapter

Newsletter

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Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the **Fourth** Thursday September, 27 at 7:00 pm. We are meeting 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 BiLo and the Co-op Gas station

Program

Stan Smartt, will present and discuss his salt-water fishing trip off the North Carolina coast. Along with his presentation Stan will also show a video of his trip.

Door Prize, hand-made line winder made by Stan Smartt. This device is very handy for cleaning your line and/or for respooling your reels.

Stream Work

September 25 Sam's Creek Control Sites Electrofishing

November 17 - 18 Quarterly Acid Deposition Sample

Board Meeting

There will be a Board meeting on September, 27 at 6:00 pm right before the regular meeting, all board member and newly elected officers are encouraged to attend. This meeting is to give everyone a chance to get to know each other and discuss the future of the chapter and the new challenges ahead of us. As always the meeting is open to all members.

Fishing Picks

By: Ian Rutter

The weather is cooling off and fall is in the air. The mountain streams are running a little low and extremely clear. There is no reason for worry, though. September and October are traditionally the driest months of the year and temperatures are low enough to keep the trout healthy. Terrestrial flies like ants and beetles are still working well. They work best on the sunniest days. Trout are rising well to very small dry flies right now. Midges and small blue wing olives are hatching right now. #18 blue wing olive parachutes are a great choice in long runs. A few fishermen truly enjoy fishing extremely small midge patterns. While they are not entirely necessary, this is the time to bring them out if that's what you like.

New delayed harvest regulations are taking effect on Tellico River. Good size rainbows have been stocked in Tellico River downstream of Turkey Creek all the way down to the canoe access at Oosterneck Creek. Regulations will be single hook, artificial only, catch and release only until spring. Rules will revert to general trout regulations in the spring. This program has been a big hit in North Carolina and in Gatlinburg. Tellico is far more scenic than downtown Gatlinburg so give it a try.

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Fishing Pick (continued from page one)

The popular delayed harvest streams in North Carolina start up on October 1. Laurel Fork, Tuckasegee River, and Nantahala River are a good day trip and big fish are a definite possibility. Rainbow, brown, and brook trout are all stocked and are somewhat more cooperative than the smaller wild trout in Little River. Even brook trout over 15" are not uncommon in these streams so it is definitely a different fishing experience. However, remember these trout are stockers and don't usually fight with the same gusto as wild trout.

Mott Initiative

By: Kim Ryals, Southeast Coordinator
 "New Directions in Coldwater Conservation":
 The Mott Initiative Gets Underway in Tennessee!

Trout Unlimited has embarked on an exciting new pilot program made possible by a generous grant from the C.S. Mott Foundation. Our charge is to select, implement and manage a conservation campaign, while building and strengthening the organization. At an issue selection meeting for TN on July 21, the council chose watershed protection and restoration. This issue will act as a flag for participating chapters to carry while undertaking activities that will strengthen their groups.

It was also determined, in order to maximize our potential for success, that the effort should be focused on a limited number of chapters as prioritized by the council. Three chapters were chosen as a function of organizational readiness or need, demographic importance, geographical proximity to coldwater resources, and other selection criteria. They are the Cumberland Chapter, the Little River Chapter, and the Clinch River Chapter. So that chapters could make informed decisions on

whether or not they'd like to participate, an outline of what the future holds for involved chapters was distributed to their boards:

- (1) A strategical plan will be developed for a watershed campaign for each chapter. This will include both conservation and organizational goals, and time frames in which we'd like them to occur. The plan will be watershed-specific, and goals may include things like watershed assessment and inventory, water quality monitoring, conducting meetings, involving local decision makers, business owners, agencies, user groups, etc.
- (2) Each chapter will participate in workshops, trainings and other personalized coaching to enable them to take ownership of their watershed project, to help them develop as leaders, and to put into place mechanisms by which organizational development can be passed on to future volunteers.
- (3) The watershed plan and campaign will be implemented
- (4) The conservation campaign (watershed protection and restoration), along with the developmental mission (strengthening the chapter by increasing members, leaders, and its ability to effectively carry out coldwater conservation) will be evaluated periodically by the council and myself, to determine what areas we are making progress on, and what areas we can improve upon.

Increased visibility and financial support will be available for activities that build councils and chapters (mini-grants may be applied for throughout the Southeast). In return, a minimum of a 2 year commitment is asked of chapters involved in the Mott Program. (continued on page three)

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Enrolled councils and chapters will need to agree to implement and manage a watershed project, and participate in organizational workshops and programs designed for their campaign.

This is a pilot project, a model, an experiment...that if successful, may change the way Trout Unlimited operates forever. The human resources of Trout Unlimited, particularly its passionate and dedicated volunteers, are the most fragile yet essential ingredient in the organization's ability to accomplish its mission. Recruiting new leaders will be most effective if the grassroots network has the tools to educate and inspire current and potential members. The Mott Initiative supports us in developing and implementing deliberate, concrete plans to recruit new members, engage fresh leaders, train the incoming and plan for the future. In doing so, we ensure our success as the nation's leading coldwater conservation organization well into the 21st century.

For more information on the Mott Initiative, contact Kim Ryals, Southeast Coordinator, at 828-275-3346. For information on applying for a capacity-building mini-grant, contact Russ Schnitzer in Volunteer Operations at 608-252-8404.

To all Members of the Little River Chapter

I am proud to be part of a group that has performed outstanding service to the GSMNP fishery group and I am humbled having been elected your new president. I hope this is the last time I use the term president; as I see my role to be part of the Little River's Leadership Team made up the officers. A big thank you to thank David Maxey and other out-going of-

ficers and board members for their dedication and hard work.; but don't go too far guys we need your continued help.

I am looking forward to learning the expectations of our Board of Directors for our chapter. I know we have not only the opportunity to continue many of the past projects, but there are some exciting opportunities such as getting more youth involved in fishing and cold water preservation. We have a unique opportunity coming up in November to be part of a statewide workshop on chapter and leadership development. You will hear more about it later, but please mark your calendars for February 8-10.

As I get up to speed on what has been happening and what needs to happen, hearing your ideas, thoughts, needs for improvement will be very helpful. Please let me hear from you: my email is tqtom@ixc.net and tele is 865-681-2688. Respectfully, Tom Eustis

Fly of the month

Golden Improved Sofa Pillow

Hook: 3X or 4X long, sizes 6, 8, 10, 12

Thread: Pale yellow 6/0

Tail: Bleached yearling elk hair

Rib: Fine gold wire. counterwound over body hackle

Body hackle: Light ginger, undersize

Body: Cream fur or synthetic dubbing

Wing: Bleached yearling elk hair

Hackle: Light ginger



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