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STREAMS OF THOUGHT—NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Light a campfire and everyone's a storyteller - John Geddes

Camping Cataloochee, live indoor meetings on hold, and Little River Cleanup

Little River Chapter held our fall fish camp at the Cataloochee area of GSMNP this past weekend. It is our favorite place among many good places. And yes, the evening campfire was a stage where all were players and audience with many shared stories and laughs. Weather was sunny, forest beautiful, daytime temperatures mild, and nighttime temps cool to a little cold. If after reading this you are saying “I bet he didn’t catch many fish”—you’d be right. I won the fewest catch award while Ernie and Joyce did very well, and Dave and Larry good. Our near-professional and Trout Camp Alumni Will out did us all. I had the pleasure of watching some of his success while fishing with him and realizing that I, as Trout Camp Director, played a small role in starting him down this road that he is now traveling with great enthusiasm and commitment. Frankly, this weekend reminded me that getting out, sharing with fellow anglers, and fishing has many more rewards than just catching fish.

Indoor meetings continue to be frustrated. Our normal venue, the Blue Tick Tavern in Maryville has been having staffing problems, both with numbers and COVID infections. The former limited their menu offerings and the latter forced them to shut their doors for our planned August meeting and then forced us to cancel the September meeting because of uncertainty of whether they would be open, as well as uncertainty around the current COVID surge in Blount County. At last glance they appear to be open on a limited basis. We have been trying to find reasonably priced and easily accessed alternative venues without much success. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to hold a live meeting in October.

Our, at one time, annual **cleanup of the Little River in the Park** is back! It will be held **Saturday, the 25th of September**. Please come and join us if you are able. There is more in separate articles below. Also, the Pistol Creek Cleanup is in the future. We are working to coordinate with Keep Blount County Beautiful and agree on a date either in November or early December.

Tight Lines!

Steve Y

Little River Cleanup in the Great Smoky National Park - September 25



Come join us to clean up along a portion of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park that we all (as well as trout fisherman the world over) treasure. We will meet at 9am at Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area, spread out to do our cleanup thing, and then return to the picnic area. We will provide drinks, feel free to bring your own lunch or snacks.

Pistol Creek

We are again working with TWRA for the winter stocking program of Pistol Creek. They will be making a decision on the schedule for stocking and the amount of fish shortly. We should know something by the beginning of October, but are anticipating it will be similar to last year. If there are any questions, let me know at ernest.frey@comcast.net.

Pistol Creek Cleanup - December 4



As part of the Pistol Creek and Ponds Stocking Program by the TWRA the Little River Chapter has committed to the City of Maryville to lead 2 cleanup efforts each year; one before the stocking season and one after. This year our before stocking cleanup will be on December 4th; please mark it on your calendar. Also, this year we will be teaming with Keep Blount County Beautiful to add more people to our program! More information will be forthcoming.

Trout in the Classroom

Our Trout in the Classroom activities are well underway for the Fall session. We have nine schools and Little River Outfitters preparing their tanks for trout eggs. The eggs will be available from the Buffalo Springs Hatchery on September 22nd.

The tanks needed a little more effort this time because they had not been used for a while. A special "thank you" to all the TIC Coordinators for their extra efforts in getting the tanks ready.

If you would like to learn more about our Trout in the Classroom program or get involved with helping to take care of a school tank please contact me at jmjes711@gmail.com or 724-612-2166.

Jim Jeswald

Below is Tim Hurst, TIC Coordinator and Jennifer Childers, Porter Elementary 4th grade teacher. Both have been involved in the TIC program for 7 years!!



Tie and Lie - September 27



Steve Darnell will host the next Tie and Lie on Monday, September 27 at Casual Pint in Maryville. Come join him between 6:30 and 8:30 for a good time.

Online Auction Coming in November

Instead of our 'silent auction' meeting held in December, we are collecting articles to put on an online auction that will begin November 1st. The gains from this event will be split

between the Great Smoky Mountain National Park Fisheries Department and the Operating Fund of the Chapter, with the bulk of the gains going to the Fisheries Department. If you have any unused new or gently used fishing gear, holiday items, or any other items you'd like to contribute, please contact either Larry Davis (ledavis97@gmail.com) or Bob Bishop (bishmoose@sbcglobal.net) to arrange for the items to be put in the auction. The idea is to reach more people (in this case all the people on our Newsletter mailing list) to hopefully bring more interest to the sale. More information will be available in the October newsletter.

Bugs and Flies

Thanks again to David Knapp for letting us use his hatch chart. It was a chore trying to decide which fly to tie this month, but I decided on the Little Yellow Sallies. Per David's website, there are several flies that can be used to mimic this hatch - Yellow Stimulators, Yellow Sallies, Yellow Neversink Caddis, Tellico Nymph, Little Yellow Stone Nymph. This hatch gets progressively smaller through the summer. The video below is David's Super Easy Yellow Sallie. Give it a try.

October - December			
Hatch	October	November	December
Blue-winged Olives	All Month	All Month	All Month
Isonychia or Slate Drakes	All Month	1st Half	
Mahogany Duns	1st Half		
Yellow Quills	All Month	All Month	
October Caddis	All Month	All Month	1st Half
Little Yellow Sallies	First Half		
Needle Stoneflies	All Month	All Month	1st Half
Midges	All Month	All Month	All Month
Craneflies	All Month		
Ants and Inchworms	All Month		
Beetles	All Month		

Super Easy Yellow Sallie

Hook - TMC #100 #12 to 16

Thread - 8/0 Yellow of choice

Body - Yellow Poly Yarn

Wing - Yellow Poly Yarn

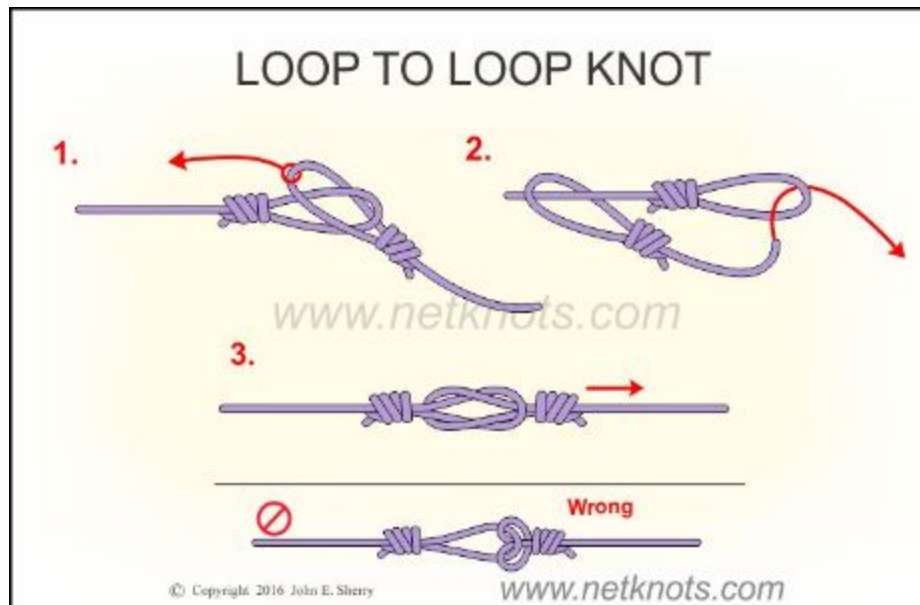
Hackle - Light Dun



Knots from NetKnot.com

Loop To Loop Knot

The Loop to Loop Knot is not really a knot per se. It is a method of joining or interconnecting two loops and is often referred to as interlocking loops. The method is simple enough but there is one pitfall to be avoided. That is where one loop folds the wrong way making a girth hitch. See illustration "Wrong" to avoid that. The loop to loop connection is exceptionally strong. Many fly lines now come with pre-made loops on their ends. Just tie a loop at the end of the leader you are attaching (Perfection Loop, Surgeon's End Loop, etc.) and use the Loop to Loop knot to join the two lines.



Cattaloochee camping trip the weekend of September 10 - 12.



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