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# Snags & Snarls

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## Newsletter of the Pisgah Chapter of Trout Unlimited

### From the President

Delayed harvest water is now open to catch and keep, so it appears it is time to search for the red & gold or purple & gold water for the thrill of the strike. Before I head out, I'd like to take a moment to thank some folks for their contribution to the chapter so far this year; plus, a few reminders regarding up-coming events.

To everyone that pitched in on the stocking days, thanks. The question always seems to be: how many people is too few? At the end of the day, all the fish fit to stock, we're stocked. The next DH stocking will not be until the first week in October.

Thanks to Art and Connie Smith for their quarterly 'muffin meetings' and river clean-up. Contact Art by e-mail at [artconsmith@mindspring.com](mailto:artconsmith@mindspring.com)

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### MEETING NOTICES

DATE/TIME: **Thursday, June 8, 2006**  
**7:00 p.m. Social • 7:30 p.m. Meeting**  
PROGRAM: **Speaker:** Karen Cragolin  
Director of Riverlink  
**Topic:** Riverlink and TU Partnering

DATE/TIME: **Saturday, July 22, 2006**  
**12:00 to 3:00 (or so)**  
PROGRAM: **Picnic at the Kellogg Center**  
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**There will NOT be a general meeting in July**

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A Chapter Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 7, 2006** at 6:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Kanuga Road. All members are invited.

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### Welcome to our New Members

**W**e are happy to welcome these new members to the Pisgah Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

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|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| T.C. Thompson | Danny Elmer     | Lia Hanley       |
| Ken Browning  | William Every   | Matthew Browning |
| Danny Elmer   | Darren Moore    | Milton Milner    |
|               | Kristina Hanley |                  |



*Art Smith teaches a kid to fish at Stu Cohn's pond.  
More photos on page 3*

# Fly of the Month - Elk Hair Caddis

*Dale Klug*

**Hook:** Standard dry fly; Mustad 94840, Tiemco 100, Eagle Claw L059, Daiichi 1180. Size 10-20 For a longer fly, try a hook that's one length longer than the standard

**Thread:** 6/0 Gudebrod or equivalent, black or colored to match the body

**Tail:** None, or if desired, some folks tie a short tag of red or orange poly yarn or antron.

**Body:** Anglers Choice Llama dubbing, any other dubbing that is designed for dry flies. Color to match the body of the natural (usually brown, tan, olive or black).

**Wing:** Elk hair, tied to flare slightly.

**Hackle:** Brown, tan or cree saddle or neck hackle, wrapped "palmer style" over the body and ribbed down with fine gold wire.

**Rib:** Fine gold wire.

## **Tying steps:**

1. Start the thread and tie in a ribbing wire to the hook bend.
2. Dub a body of Angler's Choice



Llama dubbing. I suggest this dubbing because it is microscopically hollow and floats naturally. You can use any other dubbing you like in place of the Llama dubbing.

3. Tie in a prepared hackle at the front of the body, curvature facing up or forward.

4. Wrap the hackle back to the hook bend keeping the curvature of the hackle facing forward.

5. Rib the hackle down to the hook with the ribbing wire. You used this same method in the woolly bugger and woolly worm.

6. Tie the wire off and trim the hackle and wire close to the body of the fly.

7. Select a clump of elk hair, remove the short hairs and fuzz, even the tips of the hair in a hair stacker and measure for length.

8. Hold the hair firmly in place and secure with a few loose wraps of thread behind the hook eye. Add a couple of tighter wraps of thread while holding the hair in place to cause the hair to flare a little.

9. Note the length of the wing and how it has flared out over the body.

10. Trim short the hair that extends over the hook eye.

11. Whip finish and thoroughly cement the head and hair where it is tied down.

Palmering the hackle in the manner shown will result in a hackle that skitters easily over the water's surface without driving the fly under the water. Some tyers wrap the hackle from the back to the front of the body. This doesn't allow the fly to skitter properly and often drives the fly below the water's surface. ➤

## Thank you, Carol Ten Broek...

I'd like to take some space in this month's newsletter to thank Carol Ten Broek for her hard work and dedication in publishing the newsletter. She has done an excellent job, and we will all miss the creativity and flair she puts into our newsletter. Thanks, Carol!

As most of you know, Carol is turning over the editing duties to Sam Davis. Sam is also doing the mailing and needs assistance in this effort. Please give him a call if you can see your way clear to help out. Sam's contact information is on the back of this newsletter.

Special thanks to  
**Al Rogers**  
for his donation  
of flies for the  
May meeting raffle.  
\$91 was raised  
for the PCTU.

Dale ➤

## Kid's Fishing at Stu's pond

These photos are from the May 20 Chapter 34 kids fishing day at our Stu Cohn's country pond. Many thanks to Stu for hosting such kids each spring, giving them an outdoors experience to cherish. Thanks also to the spirited Pisgah Chapter members who coached, rigged lines, baited hooks, untangled snarls, and cleaned fish. Thirteen youngsters--many who'd never fished before--shouted with delight while hooking and reeling in about 100 trout. They took time out for a fine shore lunch prepared by Chapter 34 chef extraordinaire Jim Dore.

There's another kid's fishing day coming up--this one sponsored by Pisgah Chapter and Wal-Mart--Saturday, June 3, at Lake Imaging in the Dupont State Forest. The event will begin at 9 a.m. Chapter members are urged to come out and lend a hand.

Norris 🐾



*Wai and Dale with a happy student*

## Summer Picnic

Our annual Chapter 34 family picnic will be Saturday, July 22, from noon to 3 p.m. or so at the Kellogg Center on Broyles Road, between Hendersonville and Horseshoe off Highway 64.

There's plenty of table room on the broad patio and there'll be some fine prizes again this year, topped by a \$600 T&T fly rod that will go to the holder of a lucky \$5 raffle ticket. Get yours at the June Chapter meeting or at the picnic itself.

Speaking of fly rods, if some of our folks will kindly bring theirs it could mean a great exhi-

bition. There's also room in the big backyard for croquet or other lawn games. Bring 'em if you got 'em! That goes double for guitars, banjos, harmonicas, etc. An impromptu jam session just might result.

Please bring a dish to pass, and will the folks who brought grills and charcoal for last year's picnic kindly lug 'em again this year? Pisgah Chapter will provide sizzling hot dogs, hamburgers and cool, cool beverages.

See you there!

Norris 🐾

# Rainbow Trout

*Dale Klug*

One might call it the trout of the people. No cold water game fish is more widely sought than the rainbow trout. No trout is more widely distributed in the U.S. Probably no fish is more recognizable. And the similitude of rainbow trout angled in say, the Southeast, and those caught in the Intermountain West is deceiving. Not all rainbow trout are equal, and those trout raised in the National Fish Hatchery System embody experience, efficiency, science and technology.

The rainbow trout is native to the Northwest Pacific Coast drainages, and it was in the oddest of places that they were first cultured in captivity: in the basement of the San Francisco City Hall in 1870. The California Acclimatization Society, a group of citizens, used that public property to keep a rainbow trout hatchery until the California Fish Commission, which was created the same year, could take over. In 1871, following the suit of many state governments, Congress created the U.S. Fish Commission, the origin of today's National Fish Hatchery System within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Now, 135 years later, 14 of the 70 National Fish Hatcheries produce rainbows for stocking in modified habitats, mostly tail-waters and reservoirs, to create quality fish for quality fishing. Today's biologists stand in the presence of the past, bolstered by many years of experience.

Experience breeds success in this case. Three federal hatcheries hold rainbow trout brood stock: Ennis, Erwin, and White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatcheries are the primary brood stock facilities where eggs are fertilized and kept until eyed when they are mature enough to be shipped. The eggs go to any one of 11 National Fish Hatcheries where they are raised to stocking size. Not all the eggs go to federal facilities, as many are sent to state fish and game agency hatcheries or to Indian tribes. Not all the rainbows are meant to see a hook covered in bird fur either. They are used for re-

search in bioassays and water quality assessments, drug registration research, genetics and diet studies, and for future brood stock.

All the brood stocks were created for specific fish management needs, like fast growth, large maximum size, or for quick put and take fishing. The Ennis hatchery in Montana cultures eight strains of rainbow trout year around. The Arlee and Shasta strains, named for waters from which they were developed, are the biggest of the rainbows, and can reach 30 pounds in four years! The Harrison Lake strain shows great promise in resistance to Whirling Disease and is also "under development" at Ennis.



Where the various are kept, where they go, and how they perform are documented with the National Brood Stock Coordinator. The National Fish Hatchery System's nine Fish Health Centers located across the country closely monitor the hatcheries for diseases to prevent sickness and avoid spreading disease pathogens. The fish health scientists also monitor fish in the wild as part of the National Wild Fish Health Survey. Only certified disease free fish are moved anywhere.

What's been learned from over a century of rainbow trout culture has been applied to imperiled trout culture. Fish that have faced extinction, like the Lahontan and greenback cutthroat, the Gila and Apache have all benefited from lessons learned. Fish management practices have changed, and the science and technology have advanced. Past management practices involving the rainbow have created problems for many native trout. Rainbow trout are not welcome everywhere, and that is why there is a management plan in place for every trout coming from National Fish Hatcheries.

Not only do quality rainbow trout make for quality fishing, but trout fisheries create a signifi-

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## From the President

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for information about the next clean-up day.

I have received many phone calls and e-mails regarding the Fly Fishing School, every one of them positive... the majority of the responses came after their experience on the water with their mentor. As a result of the class, we had five new members attend the May meeting, and I'm sure more will follow. So many thanks to Karl Kaufman for organizing the school, and to all the instructors, administrators and mentors that contributed to making the school a positive experience for the students.

The Davidson River work day with Brevard College students is planned for August: Contact Skip Sheldon at 891-3264 for more information on the exact date and time. At the May meeting both Skip and Bob Daubert were given certificates of appreciation from the Forest Service for their hard work and dedication to the Davidson River Project. The certificates were signed by Lorie Stoup, and I had the honor of presenting them. Well done gentleman.

Norris McDowell has been busy pulling together the kid's fishing day at Lake Imaging, and he is also coordinating the picnic. The kid's fishing day is June 3<sup>rd</sup> and the picnic is July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Kellog Center. Should you be able to assist with either event, please give Norris a call at 891-7317.

Thanks to Stu Cohn for hosting the kid's fishing days at his pond. There were plenty of fish to be caught... but the day was spent mostly fishing, not catching. On the upside, it did not rain!

Carol has turned the newsletter publishing over to Sam Davis. If you can contribute to publishing the newsletter, please give Sam a call at 859-0345.

Looking ahead just a bit, we need to begin pulling together plans for the banquet. It will be in October in place of the regular meeting. If you would like to help organize this function please contact any of the board members.

See you on the water.

Dale 🐟

## Rainbow Trout

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cant economic stimulus. Economist Dr. James Caudill of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service studied what happens in the economy when you fish for trout produced by the National Fish Hatchery System. Spending on rainbow trout fishing does for the economy what fertilizer does for the garden - it makes it grow.

Based on information from 2004, Dr. Caudill learned that the 11 rainbow trout production hatcheries, those that raise the fish to stockable size, raised 9.4 million rainbow trout and provided nearly 4 million angle-days on the water. Retail sales on things associated with fishing for rainbow trout, food, gas, lodging, bait and tackle amounted to \$172.7 million. Those wage earners contributed back to public treasuries, \$2.9 million in state income taxes, and \$10.6 million in federal income taxes. The bottom line is that fishing for rainbow trout generated a total economic output of \$325.1 million in one year.

Taxpayers who fund the National Fish Hatchery System paid \$5.4 million to produce rainbow trout. This means that for every dollar spent on rainbow production, it rises up through the economy fueling \$32.20 in retail sales and \$36.88 in net economic value. This is not a cost benefit analysis, but it is clear that rainbow trout coming from the National Fish Hatcheries provide significant economic stimulus.

A lot of water has gone under the bridge since rainbows were first cultured in the basement of San Francisco City Hall 136 years ago. But the primary reasons for doing it then and for doing it now remain the same: because people like to fish. To learn more visit [www.fws.gov/species/rainbowtrout](http://www.fws.gov/species/rainbowtrout). 🐟



## Calendar of Events

### Upcoming Schedule of Events for the Pisgah Chapter

The following schedule lists the upcoming programs and events that have been approved and have been assigned dates. More details will be provided for each event as it approaches.

May 1	Little River Stocking
May 1	North Mills River Stocking
May 1	Big / Shelton River Stocking
May 2	Green River Stocking
May 2	East Fork, French Broad Stocking
May 3	Tuckaseegee River Stocking
May 3	Board Meeting, UUF Log Cabin, 6:30 p.m.
May 4	West Fork, French Broad Stocking
May 4	Nantahala River Stocking
May 6	Kid's Fishing Days at Stu Cohn's
May 11	General Meeting, UUF, 7:00 p.m.
May 12-14	Casting for Recovery at Lake Logan Center
May 20	Kid's Fishing Days at Stu Cohn's
June 7	Board Meeting, UUF Log Cabin, 6:30 p.m.
June 8	General Meeting, UUF, 7:00 p.m.
June 18-23	Rivercourse
July 22	Picnic

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Water discharges on the Green River	828-698-2068
Water discharges on the Nantahala River	866-332-5253
Water discharges on the Tuckaseegee River	866-332-5253

### Reference Web Sites

National Trout Unlimited	www.tu.org
Pisgah Chapter Trout Unlimited	www.main.nc.us/PCTU
Western North Carolina trout fishing	www.wnctrout.com

## Fishing Mentors

Chapter members listed below are available to accompany one or two members who would like to learn more about fly fishing in our streams. If you are just beginning to fly fish, here's an opportunity to get help from some knowledgeable fishermen.

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Steve Fromholtz	674-2450 *
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Dave Maxwell	894-0308
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### Transylvania County

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**Legend:** \* weekends only



## General Meeting

### Location and Directions

**LOCATION:** Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall at the intersection of Kanuga Road and Price Road, Hendersonville.

### DIRECTIONS:

**From downtown Hendersonville** - From intersection of Church Street and Kanuga Street proceed on Kanuga past light at intersection of Kanuga and Erkwood Drive (on left). Hall is on right approximately 1 mile from light.

**From Polk County** - Exit I-26 at Upward Road (Exit 53). Proceed west on Upward Road. Cross highway US 176 to US 25. Turn right at light, then 0.4 miles turn left on Erkwood Drive. Turn left at light at intersection of Erkwood Drive and Kanuga Road. Hall is on right approximately 1 mile from light.

**From Transylvania County** - Take US 64 east. Turn right on Crab Creek Road and follow toward Hendersonville. Road name changes to Kanuga Road at intersection with Little River Road. Hall is on left less than 2 miles from intersection. ➤

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