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Our mission is to conserve, protect and restore coldwater fisheries and their watersheds in the Western North Carolina region.



## From the President

October is really a fine time to get on the water in Western North Carolina. The temperature has cooled off, the leaves are beginning to change and Delayed Harvest begins. Of course, Delayed Harvest means stocking, and we could use a few more volunteers on the Green, as we did not have any signups at the September meeting.

There is news from the NC State Council this month. Tim Wilhelm has stepped down and Rusty Barrier has stepped up as Council Chairman. Also, for those of you that have not visited the TU National or State websites in a while, there have been some interesting changes to the Back the Brookie section. See them at: [www.brookie.org](http://www.brookie.org).

Chuck Pressley is seeking mentors for each of the schools that are working the *Trout in the Classroom* project. I expect one will have to meet at the school once or twice a month as a mentor/liason. It would be nice to have a couple of people for each school. After all, we must pursue every opportunity to capture the imagination and interest of these kids if Trout Unlimited is going to be successful in the future. If you can assist in this program please contact Chuck at: 698-5782 or [capressley@yahoo.com](mailto:capressley@yahoo.com).

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## MEETING NOTICES

DATE/TIME: **Thursday, October 12, 2006**  
7:00 p.m. Social • 7:30 p.m. Meeting

PROGRAM: **Speaker:** Matt Kulp, Fishries Biologist - Great Smokey Mountains National Park  
**Topic:** Update on GSMNP programs

DATE/TIME: **Thursday, November 9, 2006**  
7:00 p.m. Social • 7:30 p.m. Meeting

PROGRAM: **Speaker:** Bob Daubert & Rivercourse Campers  
**Topic:** Rivercourse: What it is, and why it's important to PCTU and other chapters

A Chapter Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 4, 2006** at 6:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Kanuga Road. All members are invited.

## Welcome to our New Members

We are happy to welcome these new members to the Pisgah Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Sandra Hendley  
Nathan Whitmire

Kenneth Voltz  
Mark Tolano

Gregg Nelson  
Kenneth Janoski

## Are you getting PCTU e-mail?

*Chris Ellis*

Currently we have 133 e-mail addresses in our list server for PCTU. This is up 5 from last month. One member was un-subscribed because his mail bounced (George C.).

If you are not receiving [pisgahtu@list.nctu.org](mailto:pisgahtu@list.nctu.org) e-mail at least once a month, you are either not on our list, your registered address is not active or our address is being blocked.

Visit our PCTU web site (<http://main.nc.us/PCTU/>) to add yourself to the list with your correct email address.

PCTU e-mail is how we disseminate late-breaking news and schedule changes. If you have e-mail and haven't done so, sign up now to keep yourself up-to-date. ➤

**From the President - from page 1**

The grant proposal to the Trout and Salmon Foundation has been submitted and we expect notification regarding an award by the next regular meeting. Thanks to Bob and Skip for putting that proposal together.

Congratulation to Wai Syn and David Pierce on their election as directors. I certainly appreciate them stepping forward in support of the chapter. As well, thanks again to Art Smith and Woodley Murphy for their service this past year and I look forward to seeing them on the board again, soon. As a reminder (more like a plea) Jim Heller would like to be replaced as treasurer. Please contact me or any of the board members if you are even remotely interested in this position. Jim has served this chapter for a long time in a variety of capacities, and we should honor his request in wanting to step down as treasurer.

There will be a general meeting October 12th. This is slightly off of the usual schedule, as the banquet will be in the Spring of 2007. The chapter is in need of several volunteers to organize the event. The banquet is a major fund raising event for the chapter, so if you can help with this effort, please contact John Kies at johnkies@us.ibm.com or 698-5207 .

In other news, Lorie Stroup sent the following announcement to the chapter:

Attention all Pisgah Chapter TU folks:

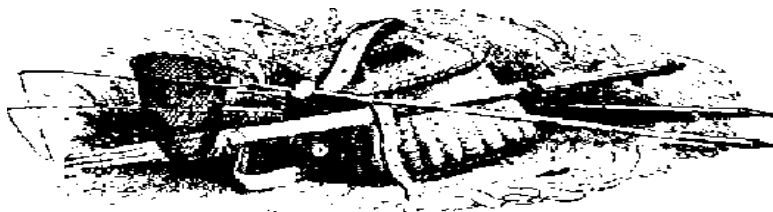
The US Forest Service is requesting your presence at the Cradle Of Forestry's Annual Fall Festival, October 7th, 2006. The festival needs a demonstration of fly tying and casting at the new cradle pond located on the Forest Festival Trail. The pond is used as a demonstration site for growing trout and is currently stocked. The demonstration would involve basic fly tying and casting techniques, maybe even some catch and release.

If you are interested, please coordinate through Dale Klug, flyfishing@diamondbrand.com, troutfish@bellsouth.net or 243-6783 so he can get us a list of people demonstrating. Please car pool if you can.

This is apparently an all day affair, 9 am – 5 pm, so if we have half-a-dozen people we can shorten the watch for each of us.

See you on the water!

Dale



Special thanks to  
**Al Rogers**  
for his donation  
of flies for the  
September meeting raffle.  
\$83 was raised  
for the PCTU.

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

**New Members:** You may join by accessing the national TU website at [www.tu.org/intro](http://www.tu.org/intro). Please specify our Pisgah Chapter number **034** in the the box for *Code/Chapter Number*. This will put you on our membership roster and mailing list. New members may take advantage of the special Introductory Member rate of **\$17.50**.

**Renewals:** Current Pisgah TU members may renew in two ways. You may simply complete and return the renewal form sent to you by TU Headquarters, or renew on-line at [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org) by accessing the *Join/Renewal* link. TU is encouraging use of the e-mail link and there may be some special promotional offers available. Your chapter affiliation will remain the same. If you are a renewing member transferring to the Pisgah Chapter, you will need to note this on the renewal form or send a separate e-mail to change to our Pisgah Chapter (**034**). There is a link on the **TU.ORG** webpage for this purpose. You will need to include your membership number (ID) for any actions.



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# Pisgah Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## *Founded 1969*

*Will Zapf*

*Even long-time members may not know how PCTU began, nor appreciate how much we've done to preserve cold water habitat in our area. In this two-part piece, Will Zapf relates the early years. – Ed.*

The Pisgah Chapter, the 34th in the nation and the third in North Carolina, was founded in June 1969. Earlier in 1969 copies of correspondence dated March 25 from Dwight Howell, NC Director of TU and Membership Chairman, stated the intention of organizing a chapter in Brevard. He mentioned that there were a total of eleven members, that the next meeting was scheduled for April 8, and asked for more application blanks. By April 29, Dwight Howell's letter, signed as president of the Pisgah TU Chapter, stated there were 18 members, enough to charter a chapter. Officers had been elected and 'Pisgah' chosen for the chapter name. In the same letter it was requested that the club be chartered in June and an order for printed stationery was placed. A May 20 letter from Dwight Howell furnished the necessary requirements for a chapter. The officers were:

Dwight Howell – President  
Robert Merrill – Vice-President  
Don Howell – Secretary/Treasurer  
William Hutchinson – Director  
Harold Owen – Director  
Mallory Pate – Director

The first newsletter was undated, but seems to have been issued sometime in late May. In Addition to listing officers, several committees and chairmen were named. They were:

Bob Merrill – Water Pollution  
Harold Owen – Program  
Mallory Pate – Timber and Waters Management  
Bill Hutchinson – Membership

The stationery arrived and a "Dear Trout Unlimited Member" letter of June 3, signed by Don R. Howell, announced that the trout fishermen in Transylvania County had organized the Pisgah Chapter of TU with 29 members. To raise working capital for planned projects chances were enclosed at the price of \$1. for an Orvis Madison seven-foot flyrod with matching reel and line – value \$102. The

first project planned was on an unnamed stream in the Pisgah National Forest in Transylvania County which received no stocking and very little attention from game officials. With approval and supervision from the Wildlife commission it was planned to add limestone to the stream and stock it with fingerling brown trout. A June 19 letter to TU's national office showed a membership of 47.

During its first year the Pisgah Chapter had plans for a stream project. Unfortunately files are missing for those early years. Although not complete, the files give a picture of the chapter and its activities. These generally include stream improvement, flyfishing schools, getting politicians and bureaucrats to act, public relations, picnics and other activities.

Regular meetings are an activity that a local organization such as the Pisgah Chapter undertake to conduct business and provide a program to keep members and guests informed and entertained. To get this done requires the planning and work of many, plus a lot of work by a few. The lists of officers and board members give a good idea of most of the active members. Reviewing the early files, two names constantly surface – Thomas J. Harshbarger and Wallace W. Lockwood.

Tom was the Southeast Aquatic Ecologist heading the Bent Creek Experiment Station for the National Forest Service and served as team leader of the Aquatic Habitat Research Group. Many programs of the Pisgah Chapter were presentations he made, and this vital Activity was performed until 1982, when he departed to the University of Idaho to pursue his doctoral studies. Shortly before leaving, Tom finished preparation of a sound/slide presentation, "Trout Fishing in the Appalachians, an Endangered Experience." The Pisgah Chapter funded the duplication of slides and recording to make sets available for nationwide distribution by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and TU Headquarters. In 1978, Tom was nominated by the Pisgah Chapter as a candidate for the TU Professional Conservationist Award, and this award was presented to him by Wally Lockwood at the 1979 annual TU meeting in

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Asheville. In 1974, with the aide of volunteers from the Pisgah Chapter, Tom led the fight against the reclassification of the Davidson River as a stocked category stream in its entirety. Throughout the summer, manpower was supplied doing shocking sampling and lab work requiring twice weekly trips. For Tryon members this meant a 100 mile round trip. The information prepared by Tom and other qualified fisheries biologists was presented to the District 9 Commissioner and resulted in the compromise that is still basically in effect today. It states that all of the stream capable of reproduction is to retain native status and the downstream section stocked. Ironically the District 9 biologist had earlier filed essentially the same data, but the NC Wildlife Commission had chosen to ignore it without the District 9 Commissioner's approval.

Tom continued with projects that needed volunteer manpower to supplement his budget. A 'Hundred Year' storm ravaged the South Mills River

watershed in 1976 and scoured the stream to bedrock leaving little for the propagation of aquatic insect life or trout. To remedy this situation, one million eyed brown trout eggs were promised for planting in the South Mills River and Bradley Creek, one of its major tributaries. Pisgah and Land of Sky (Asheville) chapters agreed to cooperate and furnish crews of at least 20 volunteers on a 24-hour notice as deliveries were made. From late November to late December after digging, shoveling, carrying properly sized stones in buckets, redds and fry traps were prepared, marked and recorded – some with Vibert boxes. Bad weather came soon after egg planting occurred with ten inches of ice forming. After the ice went out the project was estimated to be a near total loss but still left the stream with more fry than before. Other projects assisted by Pisgah Chapter manpower included distribution of several thousand fry in tributaries of the South Mills, and in 1980 seven thousand brown trout fingerlings were distributed in the South Mills – the most successful of these major efforts.

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## Fly of the Month

### BLUE WINGED OLIVE PARACHUTE

*Dale Klug*

- HOOK:** TMC 100, sizes 12-22
- THREAD:** Olive, 6/0
- WING:** Dark blue dun hen hackle tips
- TAIL:** Dark blue dun hackle fibers
- BODY:** Medium olive to brown olive dubbing
- HACKLE:** Dark blue dun



#### **Tying Instructions**

- 1 - Start the tying thread one head length behind the eye of the hook. Wind towards the bend, stopping directly over the barb of the hook.
- 2 - Select a dun hackle - the hackle barbs should be equal to the length of the hook shank, tie these hackle barbs in as a tail.
- 3 - Select two hen saddle hackles to use as wings, arrange the hackle tips so they are twice as long as the hook gap length. Tie the hackle tips in so they stand up straight from the hook shank.
- 4 - Dub the body in a nice taper stopping short of the wings.
- 5 - Select a blue dun cock hackle (the barbs should be equal to one - one and 1/2 times the gap length).
- 6 - Tie in the cock hackle and wind forward, create a nicely bunched hackle collar.
- 7 - Tie off and trim excess.
- 8 - Whip finish, apply head cement.

Wally Lockwood joined Trout Unlimited in 1972 shortly after his retirement and moving to Tryon. At that time the Pisgah Chapter had about 20 members and Wally Lockwood was just what the chapter needed. Being the only Tryon member at the time, he recruited others in the area and began a rebirth of the Pisgah Chapter. Wally received recognition in 1981 at the TU annual meeting held in Staunton, Virginia where he was presented the TU Distinguished Award for his fine work. George Griffity, a TU founder, personally Congratulated him after the presentation.

Wally's efforts and enthusiasm not only included work on the Davidson and South Mills Rivers mentioned earlier, but he also held several chapter offices and was a delegate to the North Carolina Council where he served as program chairman and secretary. Wally's chapter activities included leadership or vital participation in fishing clinics for 4-H clubs, the newsletter *Snags & Snarls*; several annual cleanups of the Davidson River; writing and placing publicity for the chapter; and reporting on the December 1978 Brown Trout Workshop held in Asheville. He wrote a report on the Brown Trout Workshop that was published in the Spring 1979 issue of Trout. *Snags & Snarls*, the Pisgah Chapter newsletter spawned by Wally, was predicted in the first issue to become a collector's item because it maybe the last, due to the high costs (remember that 6 cent stamp). There was at least one more issue and bankruptcy did not happen. Instead Wally, through his efforts in obtaining and reconditioning tackle and selling it for the benefit of the chapter, kept us solvent for many years. A final project to mention in conjunction with Wally Lockwood is the Pisgah Chapter Fly Fishing School, started in 1978.

Obviously, the Pisgah Chapter's endeavors were accomplished by a group of dedicated volunteers. A litany of those projects is most impressive. In 1974 a Davidson River cleanup from Sycamore Flats to the hatchery filled a large Forest Service truck plus a pickup. From the earliest information available, the Pisgah Chapter was for many years represented in a leadership role on the NCTU council. In May 1981, 20,000 steelhead smolt were clipped prior to planting. Funds were furnished to the NC Wildlife Commission to purchase and install feeders on the Looking Glass and other streams. In the area of the environment, the Chapter has been active with money, letters and direct intervention by members.

In 1976, the town of Saluda was dumping 30,000

gallons of untreated sewage daily into a tributary of the North Pacolet River. Contacting Saluda officials and Federal and State agencies continued for several years but no action was taken based on a plea of a lack of funds. Finally in 1983, a Federal grant to build a new system was received and this problem was solved. Protests about the Tellico, Horse Pasture and New Rivers, although somewhat afield, received members' support to help save them (or at least put off the day of their ruination). A 1975 mountain land use bill was protested because of lack of 'meat' (or should it have been 'fish'). Dredging silt at the dam on the North Mills by a contractor for the city of Hendersonville managed to destroy fishing for two years. For the South Mills the city of Asheville wanted to build a dam for its water supply. In the Pisgah National Forest timber sales have been monitored and run-offs cited. Currently, there is participation with the TU Grassroots Activist Network that writes letters on issues affecting the nation's coldwater fisheries resources.

In addition to projects directly improving the enjoyment of fishing, there were other activities related to fishing but more in the realm of public relations. This included library and Forest Service exhibits; Jack Burton showing the movie 'The Way of a Trout' at clubs, churches and schools throughout the chapter area, resulting in his receiving the NCTU Council conservationist of the Year Award; sponsoring annual flyfishing schools; participation in the annual kids fishing day led by Tom Harshbarger and the Forest Service; help in construction of a pier at Lake Balsam for disabled fishers; and the Adopt-A-Highway program begun in 1989 by Dale McKain. The flyfishing schools started in 1978 were for several years held both in Tryon and Hendersonville a week apart. Apparently the volunteers had a real supply of vigor. When reviewing minutes, I was constantly amazed at the amount of work accomplished in those years when membership was between 25 and 70. A total of 69 students attended the two schools in 1978. Some things seem to become 'Deja Vu All Over Again,' such as in 1975 the minutes reflected excessive siltation above the hatchery and that apparently cleanings were being dumped into the Davidson. However, this problem was to be corrected in 1976. Other recurring items include need for new blood of young people; get the "buddy" system working to help new residents and beginners; and, naturally, how to raise funds.

*Look for the conclusion next month*

## Calendar of Events

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.

October 3	Little River Stocking,
October 4	Board Meeting, UUF Log Cabin, 6:30 p.m.
October 5	Green River Stocking, Fish Tops, 10 a.m.
October 6	North Mills River Stocking, campground, 10 a.m.
October 7	Cradle of Forestry Fall Festival, pond, 9 a.m.
October 12	General Meeting, UUF, 7:00 p.m.
November 1	Board Meeting, UUF Log Cabin, 6:30 p.m.
November 1	North Mills River Stocking, campground, 10 a.m.
November 3	Little River Stocking,
November 6	Green River Stocking, Fish Tops, 10 a.m.
November 9	General Meeting, UUF, 7:00 p.m.

## Pisgah Chapter Directory

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Fish Biologist - Tom Harshbarger	828-645-6000
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Fish Hatchery Kiosk - Dale Klug	828-243-6783
Fish Outings - Skip Sheldon	828-891-3264
Water discharges on the Green River	828-698-2068
Water discharges on the Nantahala River	866-332-5253
Water discharges on the Tuckasegee 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

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## 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.

### Henderson County

Bob Daubert	693-6262
Steve Fromholtz	674-2450 *
Tim Lauffer	697-1496 *
Joe Whisnant	891-2784
John Barsotti	696-8292

### Polk County

Dave Maxwell	894-0308
Don Sain	749-1245

### Transylvania County

Jack Elmore	884-7197
Bob Cornelisen	862-8282

**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 mile 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.

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