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**Snags & Snarls**

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



## From the President

It appears that Winter has finally arrived in Western North Carolina, and it is a good time to catch up on some tying as well as go over some of the events the chapter has planned in for the year. The first stocking of the year will take place in March with the Little River, the Green and North Mills receiving fish on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

The fly fishing school has received little attention so far this year, but I anticipate a mid April date again this year. If you would like to participate in this effort, either as an instructor, mentor or student, please give me a call or drop me an e-mail: [troutfish@bellsouth.net](mailto:troutfish@bellsouth.net). The Kiosk dedication at Sycamore Flats will be sometime in April and when a firm date is known an e-mail notification will be sent to everyone.

The kid's fishing events at Stu's will be May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>. Lake Imaging will be held June 16<sup>th</sup>.

## MEETING NOTICES

**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, February 8  
7:00 p.m. Social • 7:30 p.m. Meeting

**PROGRAM:** Speaker: Karen Graham  
Topic: Karen was the hostess of a fly fishing show on ESPN2 "In Search Of Fly Water"

A chapter Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at Sinbad's. All members are invited.

The Kids fishing events at Stu's will be May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>. Lake Imaging will be held June 16<sup>th</sup>.

May is shaping up to be a busy month as the banquet is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> at Camp Wayfarer. For more information contact John Kies at [johnkies@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnkies@bellsouth.net).

Many thanks to Hal Hume for "volunteering" to fill a director position for the class of 08.

We are still in need of an additional person for that class, so if you are interested let me or one of the current board members know. As well, thanks to Syd Stern for taking the Treasurer position and to Jim Heller for his many years of service to the chapter.

The Charlotte Fly Fishing Show will be February 2-4 at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart. The next board meeting is January 31<sup>st</sup> at Sinbad's and the next regular meeting will be February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Stay warm, be safe and I'll see you on the water.

Dale

## **Respect the other angler's space.**

*Dale Klug*

As to how much space that is, a good rule of thumb is twice as far as you think. On a small stream it might be as far as a mile or more. On a big river, 100 feet is good. Distance can be your greatest ally on a stream.

If after that long drive and longer hike you find someone fishing the pool you came all this way to fish, feel free to be disappointed, but do not feel free to wade in. If you are determined to work that favorite stretch, sit down on the shore and wait till the other guy is done. Better yet, go elsewhere.

If some ignorant clod comes into the pool you're working; explain to him - politely - the error of his ways. If that fails and he (or she) decides their fishing is more important than yours, do not stoop to their level. Hard as it seems, it is recommended that you move on. First you're less likely to catch anything with another person in the pool. Second the stress of having to be around this kind of clod is not worth the trouble.

If you're working your way downstream and come across someone working upstream, yield to the angler working upstream. This is an old rule from the time of Hewitt and Gordon.

If you are working your way upstream, and come across someone working upstream only slower than you, get out of the water before entering their pool. Walk at least as far as you could fish in half an hour upstream. Give them plenty of undisturbed water to work. If you know, tell them how far up you expect to go. That way they cannot blame you for not having caught anything. They might also let you know if twenty other guys just traipsed through. They might be on their way out and tell you to go ahead and put in.

In the event you find yourself sharing a pool with one or more anglers, give yield to anyone fighting a fish.

Do not laugh at casting flubs, unless they are your own.

Never second guess another angler's selection of fly. Too many fish have been caught on a Royal Wulff for you to get cocky about your hatch matching skills.

Avoid using the stream as a path. Walk from pool to pool on the bank. Leave a pool as quietly as you entered it. This means the pool needs less rest for the next angler that comes to it. If you are lucky it may be you.

If you see someone working a fish, or waiting one out, give them a wide berth, preferably by going to the next pool.

Talking to another angler is acceptable, and quite proper.

Not talking to another angler is acceptable, and quite proper.

Do not litter, and do not tolerate litter around you. Pick it up!

If you smoke, take your matches and your butts out with you. Forest fires should happen on their own, not with your help so pay attention.

## Respect the other angler's space - *continued*

Respect fences, and close gates behind you.

Show the same respect to spin fishers as you do to fly fishers. Elitism has no place on our rivers and streams. If you really think fly fishers are better, prove it by living up to a high standard not by expecting less of others.

Offer advice only if asked, ask only if you're willing to listen.

No trespassing means no trespassing. If you really want to fish there, ask permission. You will be surprised how many folks say yes. But NO means NO.

Cellular phones, beepers, radios and television have no place on the water.

Be especially mindful of your manners and language around youngsters. They learn best by example.

*Excerpt from article by Agust Kr. Gudmundsson*

### Tip Of the Month

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## Are you getting PCTU e-mail?

*Chris Ellis*

Currently we have 142 e-mail addresses in our list server for PCTU. This is up 9 from last month. One member was unsubscribed due to bounces (Art H.). 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 back 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.

I tie a lot of flies, and use Zap-a-Gap on every fly. It's not uncommon for me to glue my fingers together. Most of the time I can pull them apart with no problem. Recently, I stuck my fingers together and couldn't get them apart. I found my X-ACTO knife and since it was my right thumb and forefinger (I'm right handed) I needed help. I asked my wife to steady the knife against the counter while I separated my fingers. Her response was "Why don't you just use nail polish remover?" The nail polish remover worked well and I was back tying flies again with no injuries. There's probably a moral here somewhere. Check with my wife.

*Name withheld for obvious reasons*



## Why Stock it if you can't fish it?

As many many of you know, our Pisgah TU Chapter has long been active in helping state fisheries workers stock for delayed harvest on the Green River. Some Chapter 34 members fish the Green (or try to), and are continually dismayed because Duke Power does not make known further in advance when and how much water they'll be releasing each day at the Tuxedo power station. They do so only with a recorded message that is not available until early each morning. That makes it iffy for anglers to plan a fishing trip ahead of time.

While it is understandable that some water release decisions must be made at the last moment, so to speak, are there not times when such decisions are made--and can be conveyed--by the night before? Even a hint from Duke Power would help anglers plan for the next day on the Green.

Furthermore, it was frustrating to some fly-casters that the great deal of water released every day in January of this year made delayed harvest fishing impossible, except from the riverbank. Was this just happenstance, or something that can be expected to occur more often than in past years?

If you have thoughts on this matter, please voice them at the February general meeting and/or e-mail them to Snags & Snarls Editor Jim Hoskinson for possible inclusion in the next issue.

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### 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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## **Banquet/Auction Tickets**

(Woodley Murphy)

Tickets for the Thursday, May 10, 2007 PCTU Banquet/Auction are now on sale and can be purchased at the monthly Chapter meetings or by contacting one of the "Ticket Officers" listed below:

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Tickets cost \$20 and include a catered BBQ Pork and Chicken meal as well as door prizes. The event will be held at Camp Wayfarer, just off HWY 176 approximately 5 miles south of Hendersonville and 3.5 miles north of Saluda. There will be lots of fun and entertainment as well as a silent and live auction. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert and BYOB. This casual social and fundraiser will start at 6:00 pm and end by 9:30 pm. Get your tickets early since there will be limited capacity!  
Anyone who would like to donate Auction items should contact John Kies, Chairman of Banquet/Auction, at 698-5207 or johnkies@bellsouth.net

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## **Welcome New Members**

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

**Dalton Padgett**

**Alyssa Adcock**

**Jerry Holloman**

**Joshua Hart**

**Joan Smith**

**Deborah Parsons**

# Adams Dry Fly Pattern

*Dale Klug*

If ever there was a dry fly that needed no introduction, it is the Adams. This American fly pattern (designed by Len Halladay of Michigan in 1922 at the request of his close friend Charles Adams) was believed to have originally been a down wing pattern that more closely imitated a caddis. Regardless of its origins, the Adams is considered by many anglers to be the best dry fly pattern ever conceived. Probably the first fly I memorized the name of, the Adams has always had a home in my fly boxes, and probably always will.

**Hook:** Tiemco 100 size #10-#20 (or any standard dry fly hook)

**Thread:** Grey or black 8/0

**Wing:** Grizzly hackle tips (hen)

**Tail:** Hackle fibers~grizzly/brown/grizzly

**Abdomen:** Muskrat underfur

**Hackle:** Grizzly and Brown (rooster/neck)

Select and align 2 grizzly hen hackle tips so that they flair away from one another. Measure them against the hook. The wings, when finished, should be approx. the length of the hook shank. Make 3-4 tight wraps of thread to tie them in. It's a good idea to make the first 1 or 2 wraps under light thread tension so that the feathers don't twist.

Trim the butt ends of the hackle tips and begin to wrap your thread back towards the bend in the hook. Select some spade hackle (the hackle found at the edges of the rooster neck with long, stiff fibers) from both the grizzly and brown. Tie in a small bunch of grizzly, followed by a small bunch of brown, and another small bunch of grizzly.

Less is more, it's easy to get the tail too bulky!

Dub a tapered abdomen of muskrat under-fur, stopping before you get to the tie in point of the hackle tip wings. Pinch the hackle tips together and pull them back.

Make 3-4 tight wraps of thread in front of the hackle tips to keep them upright. Trim the hackle barbs that got squashed in the process!

Behind the wing (and over that spot you left bare while dubbing the abdomen) tie in a prepared brown hackle, and a grizzly one over it.

The second hackle you tied on (the one on top) is the first one you wind forward~the grizzly. Make 1 or 2 wraps behind the wing, 2-3 in front of it. Try to keep the space between the wraps uniform. Tie it off.

Next, wind the brown hackle forward. Look closely at the hackle stem where it contacts the hook shank and try to position the wraps between the grizzly hackle. Tie off, trim off the remaining hackle. Small thread head, a bit of head cement...you're done!

Detailed illustrations of this recipe can be found at: <http://flies.hipwader.com/2005/adams-dry-fly>.

## Adams Dry Fly Pattern - *continued*





## 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.

- January 31 Board Meeting, Sinbads, 6:30 p.m.**  
**February 8 General Meeting UUF 7:00 Social, 7:30 Meeting**
- May 10 Banquet / Auction                      Camp Wayfarer**

## Pisgah Chapter Directory

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Fish Biologist - Lorie Stroup	828-645-6000
Silt Problems - Dennis Owenby	828-251-6208
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

## OUR VISION

Pursue a future where healthy populations of native and wild coldwater fish thrive in the Western North Carolina region for following generations to enjoy.

## OUR MISSION

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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 anglers.

### Henderson County

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

### 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.

**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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