

Snags & Snarls

Pisgah Chapter Trout Unlimited August 2008

*Name this Davidson River Pool
Answer on Page 2*

President's Letter

It's HOT!!!! I don't know where you live, but I live "down mountain" and all I want to do is get cool. It's a great time to take Bob Daubert's advice from a recent meeting and spend some time on a little wild trout stream up in the mountains. I recently had the opportunity to fish Cataloochee and Big Creek. We won't discuss body count, but Big Creek is one of the most beautiful places I have had the pleasure to fish. And for a few hours I forgot about the heat.



Last week was the annual picnic at Kellogg Center. Attendance was disappointing, but those who came had good food and a good time. I'm thinking that next year we might have

the picnic later in the day when it is cooler. Any comments would be appreciated.

The August general meeting will be on Thursday, August 14. Ryan Harman, a member of the North Carolina Fly Fishing Team, will talk about Czech nymphing techniques. This should be a fascinating program. (I didn't know they nymphed in the Czech Republic!)

The August meeting will be another opportunity to buy \$10 chances to win the Scott G-Series flyrod. The drawing will be held at the October meeting.

Monday, August 25, will be our annual workday with Brevard College freshmen on the Davidson. We will build 500 feet of fence and terracing for access above the hatchery. Work will begin at 9 AM, meet at the hatchery. Lunch will be provided.

In order to do this work, however, there has to be another prep day drilling fence rails (this is men's work). The previously scheduled prep day was cancelled due to *lack of volunteers*. The new date is **Tuesday, August 19**, 9AM at the working area near the Welcome Center. This work is too important not to do. Please show up and help, both days if you can.

Keep Saturday, October 18, open on your calendar. If you feel that you need to learn some advanced techniques, this is your chance. More later.

Tight lines,

Linda Campbell

Davidson River Project Work Days

There are going to be two Davidson River Project work days in August.

The first one will be held on **August 19 at 8:30 am** at the **Pisgah Forest Work Center**. The Work Center is located on NC 276 just before the Pisgah Forest Visitors Center. We will be drilling rails for the fence we will be using on our second work day. We would like six to eight workers for this project and we will work no later than 1:00 pm. Drinks will be provided.

The second work day will be held on **August 25 at 9:00 am** at the **Hatchery**. We will be building about 500 feet of split rail fence and an access point to the river. Brevard College Move A Mountain Day students will participate. We are looking for about twenty volunteers for this project. Lunch and drinks will be provided

To volunteer for either or both contact Bob Daubert at mjrldaub@bellsouth.net.

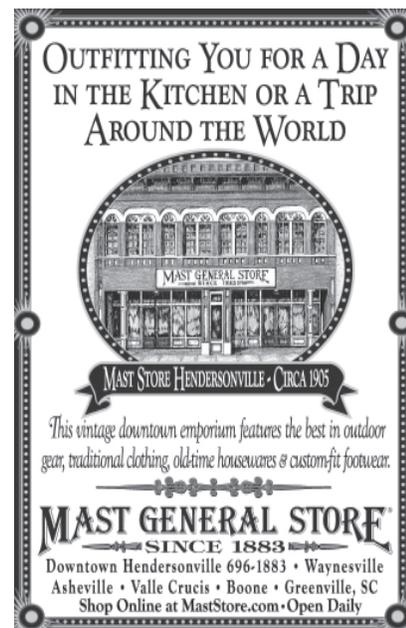
Name this Davidson River Pool Answer from Page 1

If you said **Roving Injin Joe's Pool** you are correct!

If you didn't know the answer -go to page 4 for a list of the names of the pools in the "Flies Only Section" of the river . (I did not include the "Hatchery Section" of the Davidson River).

Welcome New Members
Natalie Bernstadt
Walter Hawn
Ray Stadnick
Mike Williams

Notice to all members: Please report any changes (email, phone no., address etc) to Linda at pctupres@windstream.net and go to tu.org and change it in your profile.



Fly of the Month The Ant



There are three basic ant ties: (1) the so-called ant wet fly, that is fished subsurface, particularly effective in fast and/or deep water, (2) the "suspended" ant, with a fur body that is somewhat more buoyant than the wet ant so that the fly rides within the surface film... definitely not on top, and (3) the flying ant, to imitate the fall hatches that excite even the avid mayfly angler, which rides low in the water.

MATERIALS

Hook: Mustad 94840 or 94833 sizes 8-24

Thread: 6/0 black

Thorax: (1) wet ant: Wrapped and lacquered thread, (2) suspended ant: Dubbed fur, (3) winged ant: dubbed fur or poly. Note that deer hair (folded back and tied down) has also been used in ant patterns by Chauncy Lively and Paul Calcaterra, with legs from deer hair fibers that have been picked out.

Head: Same segment as thorax. Some tiers recommend creating a separate segment for the head (yielding two segments in front of the waist) in flies size 14 or larger.

Abdomen (also called the gaster): Same material as the thorax, but segmented from the thorax by a very thin waist.

Hackle: Dry fly hackle to match body color

Wings: (Only for flying ant) Hackle tips or a bunch of white poly, tied behind the thorax and pointing toward the rear.

TYING STEPS

1. Create the abdomen (gaster) with layers of tying thread (for the wet ant) or dubbed fur or poly (for the suspended or winged ant). With the wet ant abdomen, apply tying cement until the abdomen is smooth and shiny.

2. Tie in the wings (for the flying ant) and hackle (sparse dry fly style) for all three patterns.

3. Wind hackle around waist and trim the bottom so the fly rides down in the water.

4. Form the thorax in the same way as the abdomen with a separate segment for the head, if the fly is size 14 or larger. Apply tying cement until the thorax is smooth and shiny

5. Whip finish head, cement and go fishing.

Jack A. Frisch

Meeting Notice August 14, 2008

The August speaker will be Ryan Harman. Ryan is a member of the NC Fly Fishing Team and will be talking about Czech nymphing techniques, among other things.



*Largest Fly Selection In WNC.
Drift & Pontoon Boat Specialist.
Experienced Knowledgeable Staff
On The River & In The Shop.*

(828) 684-6262

Arden, North Carolina

Mon - Fri 10-7, Sat 9-6, Sun 1-5

Meeting Notice October 9, 2008

The October speaker will be John Vermont his topic "Fishing on your own in Alaska"

Pisgah TU has an exciting, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you to take a chance on acquiring a G Scott 3wt, 8'8" 3 piece rod. This particular rod is a collectable as well as a great fishing rod. This G Scott is a 5 digit serial number model, SN 66825.

The rod has been used a couple of times, but shows absolutely no sign of any use. You can see and try this rod at chapter meetings and at our annual picnic in July. So how can you get a shot at this rod? The Chapter is selling 100 raffle tickets for \$10 each. Tickets will be sold until all 100 are gone, or the beginning of the fall DH season -



a perfect time to use this rod! Chris Ellis will be selling tickets at the picnic and at all chapter meetings, plus, for this special rod, you can mail order raffle tickets! Send your \$10 cash or check per ticket to Chris at P.O. Box 396, Horse Shoe, NC 28742 and he will send you your ticket stub. If you could enclose a self-addressed and stamped return envelope that would be great. Be sure your order has your name and phone number so we can call you with the good news of your win unless you are at the October chapter meeting where the winning ticket will be drawn.

You are not limited to just one ticket, you may purchase as many as you like. With only 100 tickets being sold, you can improve your winning odds greatly with two or more tickets! Good luck and thanks for your participation. As you know, the funds raised go to Chapter projects like the Davidson River project, Trout in the Classroom, Rivercourse, Kids Fishing Days and all our other projects.

Paws Up! Thank you and good luck! Vinny the Pisgah Pooch

The Names of the pools on the Davidson River

By Jim Hoskinson

Technical Consultant - Kevin Howell



A while ago I was asked by a friend for directions to Horse Cove. My answer - "Go to the first pull-off after the hiking trail, bear left on the trail and you will come to a large pool." This I said is "Horse Cove". When I found out it wasn't - I started to ask more questions - I soon realized I knew very little about the names of the pools on the Davidson River. I have decided to share my new found knowledge.

The first pool with a name is the West Pool and is located 1.0 mile from Avery Creek heading west on Rt. 276 - the 5th pull off.



West Pool - 1.0 mile - 5th pull off

The next pull off is a pool where the Pisgah Chapter installed steps a few years ago. This pool has no name.



This old bridge abutment creates a run which also has no name. It can be reached by going downstream from Shut In pool.



The first picnic area is called Shut In and is located 1.5 miles from Avery. The area above is Shut In Ridge. Shut In Creek comes in at the lower part of the pool.



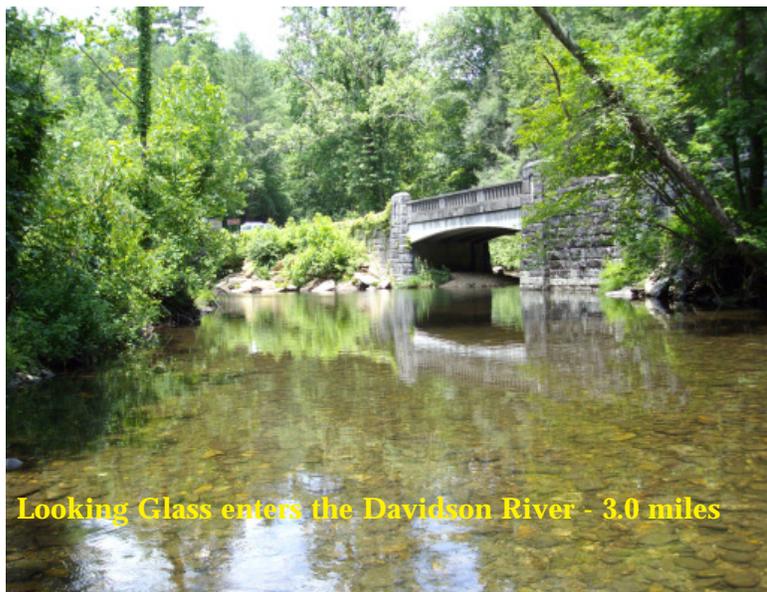
The second picnic area is Station 4 and is 2.2 miles from Avery Creek. The name Station 4 goes back to the time when they used to feed the fish - this was the fourth feeding station. The locations of the other feeding stations have been lost over time.



The third picnic area is Coon Tree and is well known to everyone, located 2.6 miles from Avery Creek. Since Coon Tree is such a large area there are several pools. The one pictured below is the largest.



The next large pool is located where Looking Glass Creek enters the Davidson, and is known as that.



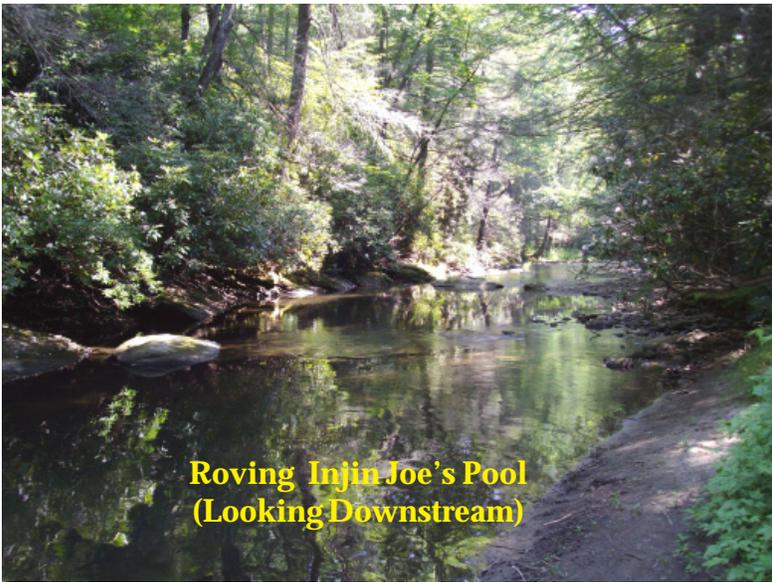
Cross the Looking Glass Bridge, turn left on NF 475 to Bobby Setzer Fish Hatchery. The second pull off will lead to the pool shown below, also has no name.



The first pull off after the hiking trail will lead to Horse Cove, Lake James, Sycamore Pool and Roving Injin Joe's Pool. Bearing left on the trail will lead to a large pool - Lake James. So named since its shape resembles Lake James.



A short hike upstream takes us to a pool which has a small dam formed by several large rocks. The pool above is “Roving Injin Joe’s Pool”. Roving Injin Joe was a large brown trout named by Don and Dwight Howell and discussed by Don in his book - *Tying & Fishing Southern Appalachian Trout Flies*. “Joe lived under an extremely large boulder in the middle of a large pool. Each afternoon just before dark, Joe would slip out of his home and cruise or “rove” the pool. If a hatch was occurring, he would take three flies off the surface as he cruised and then returned to his hiding spot.”



Horse Cove is an area - not a single pool, much like Coon Tree. If you look at a map you will see that the area above Roving Injin Joe’s pool forms a “horse-shoe”. This area is called Horse Cove.



A short walk from Horse Cove takes us to a pool known as Sycamore Pool. (Note: the sycamore on the right side of the photo.)



June Road Clean Up

On June 19, we had a road clean up with 7 hard working people in attendance.

- 1.Clive Morris
- 2.Frank Forrester
- 3.David Pierce
- 4.Jack Soyak
- 5.Milt Milner
- 6.Fred (last name is not on file.Sorry!!)
- 7.Ross Fox

We really had a good time with excellent coffee and muffins and the only thing lacking was more people to help.So I hope more of you will join us next time.

Thanks.
Ross Fox



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 the light at the intersection of Kanuga and Erkwood Drive (on left) the Hall is on the right approximately 1 mile from light

From Polk County - Exit I-26 at Upward Road. (Exit 55) Proceed west on Upward Road. Cross highway US 176 to US 25. Turn right at light, then 0.4 turn left on Erkwood Drive. Turn left at intersection of Erkwood Drive and Kanuga Road. the Hall is approximately 1 mile from light.

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

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

Conserve, protect and restore coldwater fisheries and their watersheds in the Western North Carolina region.

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.

8-6-08	Board Meeting Kelsey's 6:30
8-14-08	General Meeting UUF 7:00 Social 7:30 Meeting
8-19-08	DR Prep Day
8-25-08	DR Workday with Brevard College
9-3-08	Board Meeting Kelsey's 6:30
9-11-08	General Meeting UUF 7:00 Social 7:30 Meeting
10-1-08	Board Meeting Kelsey's 6:30
10-9-08	General Meeting UUF 7:00 Social 7:30 Meeting Drawing for G Series Scott Rod

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 *

Polk County

Dave Maxwell	894-0308
Don Sain	749-1245

Legend: * weekends only

Pisgah Chapter Directory

Officers and Board

President	Linda Campbell	828-817-2681	pctupres@windstream.net
Vice President	Kiki Matthews	828-696-1599	kikimatthews@bellsouth.net
Secretary	Chris Ellis	864-458-6240	chris.ellis@us.michelin.com
Treasurer	Mark Coffin	828-891-4969	Scirocco14qp@bellsouth.net
Past President	Dale Klug	828-243-6783	troutfish@bellsouth.net
Director (2008)			
Director (2008)			
Director (2009)	David Pierce	828-891-8991	piercefordp@yahoo.com
Director (2009)	Wai Syn	828-894-5524	wysman51@windstream.net
Director (2010)	John Kies	828-698-5207	johnkies@bellsouth.net
Director (2010)	Steve Herring	828-749-9352	castawaync@gmail.com
<u>Snags & Snarls</u>			
Publishing	Jim Hoskinson	828-891-8440	ifish2xs@bellsouth.net

Reference Phone Numbers

NC Wildlife Violations	800-662-7137
NC Wildlife Resource Comm. - Doug Bessler	828-659-8684
Fish Biologist - Lorie Stroup	828-645-6000
Silt Problems - Dennis Owenby	828-251-6208
Fish Hatchery Kiosk - Jim Medford	828-699-8593
Water discharges on the Green River	1-800-829-5253 NEW NUMBER
Water discharges on the Nantahala River	866-332-5253
Water discharges on the Tuckasegee River	866-332-5253
National Trout Unlimited	www.tu.org
Pisgah Chapter Trout Unlimited	www.main.nc.us/PCTU
Carolina trout fishing	www.wnctrout.com

29 Montford Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828)252-9266
www.hunterbanks.com

**Largest flyfishing inventory
in the Southeast**



Snags and Snarls is published eleven times a year by the Pisgah Chapter of Trout Unlimited, a non-profit organization for its members and supporters. Address comments to: *Snags and Snarls*
PO. Box 841 Hendersonville NC 28793-0841.