

Snags & Snarls

Pisgah Chapter Trout Unlimited

November 2008



Hooker Falls

Photo by Hanesworth

President's Letter

Thank goodness the election is over and we can move on to more positive and constructive endeavors. Now if we can just get everyone to pick up their campaign signs...



Speaking of constructive endeavors, the Davidson River Project has a scheduled workday, the last for this year, scheduled for Monday, November 10, at 9 AM to build river access points at the hatchery. Let Bob or Skip know if you are able to help out.

...which leads me to the program scheduled for the general chapter meeting on November 13. John Murry, Superintendent of the Pisgah Fish Hatchery will present a talk on the hatchery operations, the state of trout fishing, (given the ongoing drought) and other issues relating to our sport. This should be an excellent program and I'm sure that you will want to meet John and get a chance to ask questions about the state of our streams in Western North Carolina.

This week marks the last of the delayed-harvest stockings for this fall. Hopefully we will get some much-needed rain to keep the fish happy through the winter and spring.

The chapter has been awarded a plaque of recognition for our 10 years of participation in the N.C. Adopt-A-Highway program. A huge "thank-you" goes out to Ross Fox who so capably coordinates our effort, along with all of you who help out.

We have added two classrooms at Brevard Middle School to our Trout-in-the Classroom program, bringing the total sponsored by Pisgah to six, which includes four in Henderson County. Because of our success with TIC, and thanks to David Pierce, coordinator for the project, State Council now has a website for TIC, and has purchased extra backup equipment for our use in emergencies.

As usual, there will be no general meeting in December, but be sure to come next week to hear John Murry speak. Enjoy DH and have a safe and happy holiday season.

Tight lines,
Linda

Davidson River Project Work Day November 10th

The last work day of the year will be held on Monday, November 10 starting at 9:00 am. We will meet at the Hatchery Parking Lot. We will be building three access points into the Davidson River where we built the fence in August. We currently have twelve people signed up to work and could use a few more. If you are interested in participating please contact Bob Daubert at mjrlaub@bellsouth.net or call him at 828-693-6262. If you signed up and can no longer help also contact Bob.

The Chapter will be providing drinks and lunch so it is important that we get an accurate number. Skip Sheldon and Bob Daubert want to thank all of you who have continued to support this important Chapter Project and improve our HOME WATER.

Have you ever been in the river, and those clouds roll in... then the hair on your arms stands up... then your rod starts to hum? That's a pretty good sign that you might want to drop the rod. This is what it looks like when a fly rod gets zapped.



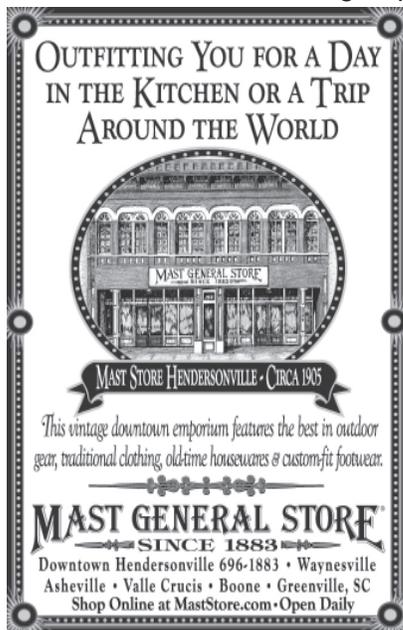
Fortunately Whit Hunter who found himself in a storm in Pennsylvania, was not hanging onto the cork end when Mother Nature lit this one up.



October Speakers

Venable Vermont Jr. John Vermont

Do It Yourself Alaska Fishing Trips



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Braznell Sr.
Bob Lockett
Richard Millonzi

Here is a **collection of obvious and not so obvious tips** from MidCurrent's 34 Simple Tips.

For more go to www.midcurrent.com

Lubricate Your Knots Always lubricate your knots before tightening them. Saliva works on monofilament, but lip balm or a commercial knot lubricant is better for tying knots in fluorocarbon.

Match Tippets to Flies To determine an appropriate tippet size for trout flies, divide the hook size by 3. The result equals the typical "X" rating of the appropriate tippet. Example: a hook size of 12, divided by 3, equals a 4X tippet.

Tippet Sizes The "X" designation of tippet size comes from a very old designation of wire size for watch parts, later applied to cat gut leaders (one size change equaled 0.001 inches in diameter). Lefty Kreh's general advice on what the numbers mean is helpful: subtract the "X" number from 9 to get an approximate line test rating. E.g. 6X tippet has a breaking strength of about 3 pounds.

Editor's Note: Subtract the "X" number from 11 to get the diameter in .001". e.g. 5X tippet is .006"

Leader Butt Sections When buying or making leaders make sure the butt section is heavy enough. A good rule of thumb is that the leader butt should be 70% of the diameter of the fly line. For most trout lines that means a leader butt of .021"-.023" works best, for heavier lines, .026"-.028."

Overlining Rods You can make a rod's action "slower" by overlining the rod with a fly line rated one size higher. Overlining rods often helps beginners get a better feel for when a rod loads and can also help experienced anglers throw oversized flies.

Watch Those Chemicals Keep sunscreen and bug repellent away from fly lines and flies. Most products will break down the PVC coating of fly lines, and most fish are very sensitive to smell.

Protecting Fly Reel Drag Systems Always back off the drag on reels after fishing, especially those that use compressible materials like cork. Cork drags perform best when lubricated on an annual or semi-annual basis. Always use the manufacturer's suggested lubricant.

Wading Belts Always wear a wading belt with waders. Every year anglers drown in relatively shallow water when water fills their waders.

Trout Unlimited Asks Manufacturers to Stop Making Felt Soles

September 13, 2008

Yesterday, just two days before the opening of the Fly Fishing Retailer Show in Denver, Trout Unlimited issued a press release asking manufacturers to cease production of felt-sole waders and boots by 2011. While several manufacturers have already begun the shift, it'll be very interesting to see whether felt soles disappear almost completely next year, given the weight of TU's support.

This Is Last Year for Felt Soles At Simms

September 17, 2008

At the Fly Fishing Retailer show on Tuesday **Simms** announced that its 2009 lineup would be the last to include any felt soles on wading boots. Instead, the super-sticky Vibram® Streamtread™ soles they will be using this year on six boots, a sandal and shoe — or one like it — will replace felt soles in their 2010 line

James Hoskinson



Green River Stocking October 7, 2008

Once again we had perfect weather for our first fall stocking (and keep in mind our next and last stocking for this year will be held on November 6) and we had really good attendance. This time we had only 1,000 pounds of fish and a lot of them were really small. The reason given by the driver of the hatchery truck was that there was a change in food and the fish aren't eating it the way they did the previous food. There fore the smaller size.

At any rate the guys that were there worked really hard to stock the fish that we did have and we really had a good time. I hope to see you all at the next stocking.

In attendance were:

John Barsotti, Yoshi Kinoshita, Dick Millonzi, John Spooner, Rusty Ammons, John Kocinski, Joe Moore, Charlie Dotson, David Pierce, Frank Forrester, Norris Mcdowell, Mike Hanesworth, Bob Yelverton, Ross Fox

Ross Fox

Green River Website

The website listed below provides the same information as the 800 number listed on page 11 except that it tells the number of units that are running. With the present low water conditions 1 unit might be considered fishable - while 2 units would probably not.

<http://www.duke-energy.com/lakes/scheduled-flow-releases.asp>

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Little River Stocking 10-1-08



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A few comments and photos from a recent fishing trip to Montana.

Dave Bender

Lou Barlow and I headed out from the Ashville airport early Saturday September 13th with plans to return Monday September 22nd. Our travel went as planned...no lost luggage with on time arrivals, both out and back.

Lou and I live in the same Etowah neighborhood, so he and I do a lot



of fishing together around the Brevard-Asheville area. This was my first trip to Montana but Lou has

been fishing the area for many years now and knows the rivers very well. It's a big plus to travel with someone who knows the area as well as Lou.

Our destination was the Rainbow Valley Lodge (www.rainbowvalley.com) in Ennis, Montana. Ennis is a small town located on the Madison River and loaded with fly shops, outfitters and watering holes. Ed and Jeanne Williams are the lodge owners and, if you go, you'll find them to be outstanding hosts. They'll feed you a continental breakfast every morning, set up guide trips if you like and they have a small, but well stocked, fly shop on site.



As I mentioned, Ennis is located directly on the Madison River 72 miles from West Yellowstone providing a great location to access the park and several outstanding trout rivers within a short drive...keeping in mind, a short drive in Montana may be 100 miles.

We did spend one day in Yellowstone National Park just observing nature. Other than that one day, we fished every day.

We were expecting the Madison River to be flowing around the 1,000 cfs range which would have been normal for September. As luck would have it, they were

having a problem with one of the gates on Hedgen Lake and it was flowing in the 3,000 cfs range which is springtime level.

We did two float trips on the Madison and one on the Yellowstone in the Livingston area. We managed to catch several nice trout and Lou caught a few cuts on the Yellowstone. The problem with the

Madison was, we were floating so fast you only got one shot at any likely trout holding spot, than you were on to the next spot. We found the trout to be holding behind large boulders and in soft water up close to the bank and large streamers fished in these areas seemed to produce best.



We also did two wade trips on the Madison River in the Bear Trap area below Ennis Lake. Even with the high water flow we had two outstanding days fishing this area with nymphs down deep. Actually the water flow was so high we couldn't safely wade so we had to fish from the bank.

We also wade fished the Big Hole for two days and although we did land several nice trout, especially Lou, I am now an expert on catching white fish. If you've never caught a white fish, I must say, they do fight hard



although I would have preferred catching trout, not white fish. We never did make it to the

Beaverhead or any of the many other rivers in the area, but there is always the next time.



Bear Trap Canyon

Dave Bender transferred to PCTU in Oct 2005 . He is a lifetime member of TU member joining us from Augusta, GA where he was guide in an Orvis Shop. Before that Dave was a long time member of the Cumberland Valley chapter in Carlisle Pennsylvania. This chapter had several famous fly fishermen such as Vince Marinaro, Charles Fox, Ed Shenk and Ed Koch. When you see Dave be sure and ask him about the many famous fly fishermen he has known and the many famous streams in the area...the Letort, Yellow Breeches, Big Spring, Falling Springs and Penns Creek to name a few."

Both Dave Bender & Lou Barlow are guides for Davidson River Outfitters.



Pisgah Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Books

A Fresh-Water Fisherman's Bible		Vlad Evanoff
A River Never Sleeps		Roderick Haig-Brown
A Study: Identifying the Genetic Origin of Wild Brook Trout	Copy 2	Lee Sherrill
A Study: Identifying the Genetic Origin of Wild Brook Trout	Copy 1	Lee Sherrill
Advanced Fishing Techniques		Lefty Kreh
American Masters Fly Fishing Symposium Pt 1		Lefty Kreh
American Masters Fly Fishing Symposium Pt 3		Lefty Kreh
Aquatic Insects and Oligochaetes of North-South Carolina		Allison R. Brigham Warren U. Brigham
Argentine Trout Fishing Guide to Patagonia		William C Leitch
Becoming a Fly Fisher from Brookie Days		John Randolph
Bent Poles and Tight Lines		Charles E. Salter
Fiishing the Flats		Mark Sosin and Lefty Kreh
Fishing Alaskan Waters		Marilyn Carter
Fishing the HeadWaters of the Missouri		Norman Strung
Fishing Yellowstone Waters Hard Copy		Charles E. Brooks
Fishing Yellowstone Waters Soft Copy		Charles E. Brooks
Fishless Days and Angling Nights		Sparse Grey Hackle
Fly Fishing for Bass		Lefty Kreh
Fly Fishing Techniques and Tactics		Lefty Kreh
Fly Fishing Through the Midlife Crisis		Howell Raines
Great Fishing Tackle Catalogs of the Golden Age		Samuel Melner and Herman Kessler
Lefty's Favorite Fly-Fishing Waters		Lefty Kreh
Oregon River Tours		John Garren
Reef Deep in Montana's Rivers		John Holt
Rivers of the Heart A Fly Fishing Memoir Copy 1		Steve Raymond
Rivers of the Heart A Fly Fishing Memoir Copy 2		Steve Raymond
Shupton's Fancy- A Tale of Fly Fishing Obsession		Paul Schullery
Standing in a River and Waving a Stick		John Gierach
Terrestrial Fishing		Ed Koch
The Art and Science of Fly Fishing		Lenox Dick
The Beartooth Fishing Guide		Pat Marcuson
The Bright Country A fisherman's Return to Trout		Harry Middleton
The Field and Stream Treasury of Trout Fishing		Leonard Wright
The Hook Book A Reference Guide For Fly Tyers		Dick Stewart
The Montanan's Fishing Guide Vol II		Dick Konizeski
The River Why		David James Duncan
Trout		Ray Bergman
Trout at Ten Thousand Feet		John Bailey
Trout Fishing The Southern Appalachians		J. Wayne Fears
Uncommon Waters Women Write about Fishing		Holly Morris
Upland Streams Notes on the Fishing Passion		W.D. Wetherell
What the Trout Said		Datus Proper
Yellowstone Fishing Guidw		Robert E. Charlton

Audio-Visual Media

Advanced Fly Casting with Doug Swisher		Doug Swisher
Better Trails Through Trail Runoff Control Copy1		TU
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FlyFishing For Bass with Dave Witlock		Dave Witlock
Nymphing		Gary Borger
Survival Of the Wild Trout and Salmon		
Taking a Second Look - Communities and Dam Removal		
The Anatomy of a Great Banquet		TU
Wading Safety 2000		Simms

New Additions

Trout Streams of Southern Appalachia		Jimmy Jacobs
Fly Fisherman's Blue Ridge		Christopher Camuto
The Complete Book of Fly Tying		Eric Leiser

The Alder Fly



The Alder wet fly is another classic wet fly pattern. It imitates the Alder Fly (*Sialis lutaria*), a variant of the Caddis fly. The recipe for the fly is quite simple.

- Hook: Mustad 3906 or equivalent
- Size: 10-14
- Thread: Black 6/0
- Tag: Flat Gold Tinsel or Mylar
- Body: Peacock Herl
- Hackle: Black or Brown Hen-Collar Style
- Wing: Oak Turkey or Speckled Hen Quill Segment

Jack Frisch

Davidson River Outfitters

Open Shop Night

Join DRO on November 19, 2008 for their second open shop night. Landon Lipke will talk about smallmouth fishing in western North Carolina. See what you've been missing when the trout waters are warm and low. The shop will be open on the Third Wednesday of each month with two or three of the guides on hand to help out or swap fish stories

Tip of the Month

Finally! After all these years I've found the best way to store my fly tying materials. It holds more than anything I've found yet and it's portable.



James Hoskinson

Davidson River Road Cleanup 10-2-08

Below are the names of the people that helped on the October Road Cleanup

Alan Frank, .Peter Lituinchyk, Frank Forrester, .Norris McDowell, Ken Voltz, .Skip Sheldon, .Lou Barlow, Dave Bender, .Jack Soyak, .Clive Morris, Jack Elmore, .Dave Maxwell, .Ross Fox

We had a nice turn out on a really beautiful morning. I should add that the wildflower Bakery in Saluda,NC did another great job with the muffins and along with the coffee that was donated by the Coffee House in Tryon,NC. seemed to make the task at hand seem to go a little easier. We really enjoyed ourselves and I hope if you could'nt make the fall trash pickup you'll try to make it for our Winter pickup which will be held in December. Normally the weather is still fairly nice ,so I hope to see you all then.
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.

Calendar of Events

- 11/3/08 North Mills Stocking
 11/4/08 Little River Stocking
 11/5/08 Board Meeting Kelseys 6:30
 11/6/08 Green River Stocking
 11/6/08 East Fork French Broad River Stocking
 11/10/08 Davidson Project Work Day
 9:00 Hatchery Parking Lot
 11/13/08 Genral Meeting UUF 7:00 Social 7:30 Meeting
 No December Meeting



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Reference Phone Numbers

NC Wildlife Violations	800-662-7137
NC Wildlife Resource Comm. - Doug Bessler	828-659-8684
Fish Biologist - Lorie Stroup	828-877-3265 ext.219
Silt Problems - Dennis Owenby	828-251-6208
Fish Hatchery Kiosk - Jim Medford	828-243-6783
Water discharges on the Green River	800-829-5253
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
Western North Carolina trout fishing	www.wnctrout.com

Mentors List

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.

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