

# Snags & Snarls July 2009



Celebrating 40 Years

## President's Letter

Where'd the rain go? Somebody turned on summer. I guess it was inevitable.



During the June meeting we had a presentation by a group of students from Rosman High as part of the TIME project. The group's hypothesis at the beginning of their project was that diploid (wild) trout have a lower mortality rate as water temperatures increase than triploid (hatchery) trout. While experiments did not support the hypothesis, the group concluded that more study was needed. It was truly amazing to see how mature and well prepared this group of teens was (one was only a ninth grader).

The program for the evening was presented by Karen Graham, former ESPN host of "In Search of Fly Water". Karen's program was about lake fishing for trout in Labrador. Also at the June meeting the hat was passed among attendees



to make up part of the shortfall in our William L. Arbuckle scholarship award for 2009. A generous member matched the collection dollar-for-dollar, and we will present another \$1000 scholarship at NC State this year.

Thanks go out to all of you who worked on the Davidson River Road Cleanup in June, Don't forget about the "drill" days for the DRP in July and the workday in August

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## President's Letter continued

(see the event calendar for exact dates and times.

Also, don't forget that we won't have a meeting in July. For our August 13 general meeting, we will meet in our new home, the Pardee Health Education Center inside Blue Ridge Mall (Four Seasons Blvd./US64 just west of I-26). The times are the same: social @7PM, meeting @7:30PM. This should be a good location, easy to find, and space, both inside and outside to get creative.

The August speaker will be Toby Jenkins, NCWRC wildlife officer. His presentations are always good, informative but hilarious.

Once again we're coming up on time for board nominations. Elections will be held in September. The board meets once a month, on the first Wednesday evening, and makes decisions that pursue the chapter's mission. Board members serve for two years, and are responsible for getting a speaker and submitting an article for S&S for one month of the year. Board service is a valuable contribution to the overall health and longevity of Pisgah Chapter. Please consider either the Treasurer's position or an at-large seat on our board. Also, please encourage anyone you think would make a good board member. We cannot move forward without your help.

Tight lines,  
Linda

New members: Notice the Mentors List on page 10. These folks want to take you fishing. Take advantage!



Wai Syn with Speaker Karen Graham whose topic was "Stillwater Fly Fishing for Trout in Labrador"



Rosman High School students Jared Voris, Fallon Newell, and Shaun Cammack present their study of the effects of temperature change on diploid and triploid trout. Their sponsor is Sara Cathey.

## New Regulations for "Bloody Saturday"

At 6:00 a.m., **June 6, 2009**, Delayed Harvest Waters open to fishing for youths under 16 years old under Hatchery Supported regulations At 12:00 p.m. on **June 6 2009**, these waters open for all anglers under Hatchery Supported regulations No bait restrictions No minimum length limit Seven (7) trout per day creel limit.

**O**n Saturday June 6 I went to the North Mills around 9:00 a.m. to observe the new Regulations.

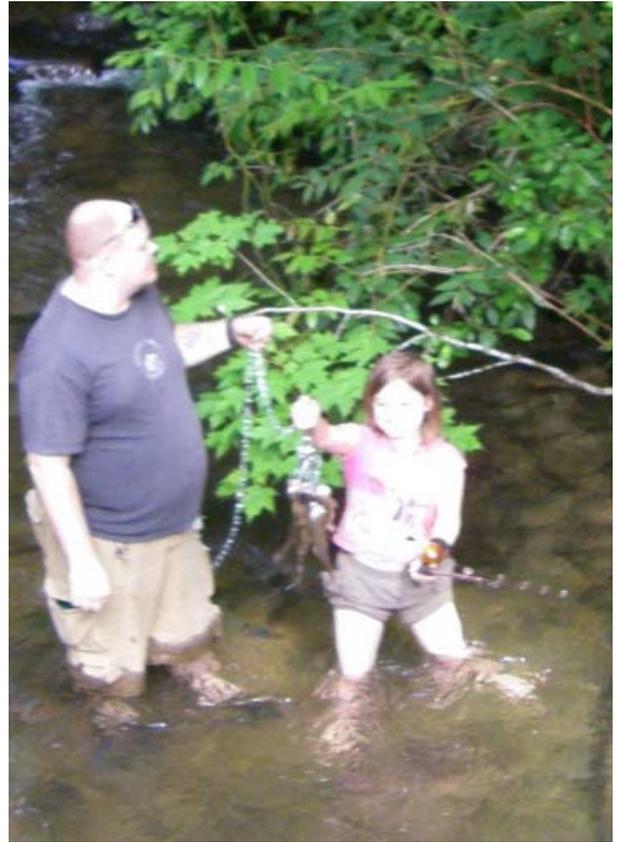
Wow! I was impressed!

Lots of happy kids. The campground area was lined with young boys and girls. Someone caught a fish and there was cheering. Then screaming as the fish flopped on the bank followed by laughter.

The two kids in pictures were having a great time.

If we're going to allow people to keep fish - then letting the kids go first is a good idea.

jh



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Marc Novell**

**David Walsh**

**Thomas McMahon**

### 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.

## Fly of the Month

### The Inchworm

This month's Trout Bum Times published by the Davidson River Outfitters recommends for Wild Trout Waters "inchworms, Inchworms, and more inchworms"

Here's the inchworm. I have never seen one an inch long. Most are less than a 1/2". But trout don't seem to care about length.



Jim Hoskinson



Tie like a San Juan worm and trim to stream conditions, use either worm green or chartreuse ultra chenille. Pretty simple and takes me about a minute to tie... use a small hook in my opinion, 14 to 16 works fine.



Dale Klug

## Inchworms by Joey



Size 16 Scud Hook, Brown Thread, Olive Ultra Chenille - Micro



Size 16 Long Shank Hook Wrapped with Olive Thread, and Green Ultra Wire - Small.



Size 16 Scud Hook, Black Thread, Chartreuse Ultra Chenille - Micro



Size 16 Long Shank Hook Wrapped with Chartreuse Thread then a strip of Latex.



Size 16 Scud Hook, Chartreuse Pearl Core Braid



Joe Moore

## State Council Update

I've been asked recently about what is happening with North Carolina State Council, so here is an update. We recently attended the Southeast Rally at Hungry Mother State Park near Marion Virginia. There were about 40 people from the region; North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia.

The first day of the event is a travel day for most attendees, which is more like a half day fishing for most and a social in the evening hosted by the Virginia Council. Saturday is when most of the "work" gets accomplished. The weekend was laid out slightly different than in years past, as we attended breakout sessions of our particular interest; which of course means the entire group was not subject to every exciting issue presented by various speakers. Matt Braughler (TU National) started us off with:

- The State of TU - where we are going.
- 2009 Strategic Plan - how it drives the conservation campaign.
- How councils can work with TU National to get major contributions.

The choices of breakout sessions:

- Raising money for chapter and council:
  - Identifying and soliciting large donations from individuals.
  - Cost effective events that really payoff.
- Conservation:
  - Protecting coldwaters in the face of residential/industrial development.
- Spring case study:
  - Feeding habits of Brook Trout, given by Shannon White (excellent!).
- Youth Programs:
  - Growing and sustaining Trout in the Classroom (VA has 65 schools!).
  - Getting the most for your youth camp.
- Engaging members and new friends:
  - Best practices for building engagement through effective communication and projects.
  - Serving those who serve our country - partnering with Project Healing Waters.
- Workshop for chapter and council treasurers (I believe they went fishing).

I hit the Trout in the Classroom and Project Healing Waters sessions, which were very good presentations, but in retrospect I should have went to the workshop for treasurers. Saturday evening is the traditional BBQ grip and grin with those who return late from fishing having buns and slaw.

Sunday starts with breakfast, during which there was a presentation regarding capitalizing on TU's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Michigan later this year. Following that, there were interesting discussions regarding whether chapter banquets have run their course as fund raisers and what are cost effective alternatives.

Next year's rally will likely be held in Townsend Tennessee during the Trout Festival, it will occur the second or third week of May.

One final note regarding NCTU, we are currently looking for someone who may be interested in the Vice Chair for NCTU, the position recently vacated by Sam Sticher. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, give me a call or drop me an e-mail.

See you on the water.

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This Large Brown Trout was caught by Jim Medford (aka 9 Fingers) in late May on a Size #20 Zebra Midge. Gee, I wonder where he caught it? (Sorry about the Yellow Color. jh)



On a recent trip to the Cherokee Trophy Waters I walked down the trail from the bridge parking lot and came face to face with this young bull elk. A very docile creature he looked at me and returned to eating vegetation. Eventually he strolled through the brush and across the road.. jh



## The Smith River

Jim Hoskinson

On Saturday June 20 my son and I went to the Smith River TU Outing to learn about the Smith River and lay the groundwork for when my two teenage grandsons would join my son on Sunday. The Smith River is located across the NC border in Virginia. It is a tail water fishery located below the Philpott Dam near the town of Bassett, VA. My son lives near Mt. Airy NC which is about an hour away. The Smith River TU Chapter sent out the following notice:

### **Fish the Smith River and Cookout Saturday June 20, 2009**

Sponsored by

Smith River Trout Unlimited

SRTU is hosting a day of fishing on the Smith River followed by a cookout. Members of SRTU will be glad to take newcomers to the Smith fishing with them or if you like we will merely point you in the right direction.

We will meet at the parking lot just past the Mirror Factory at 8:30am to begin fishing and then end up at the base of Philpott Dam at 3:30 p.m. for a cookout. Participants are encouraged to bring a covered dish to contribute to the table.

There will also be a raffle for door prizes at the cookout.

At the end of the cookout a meeting will be held to inform and discuss the health and future of the Smith River.

**This event is open to all.**

Some of the information that we were learned was that it is important to know where you can enter and exit the water. Over the years the Smith has created some high bank areas which are impossible to climb. There is a catch & release area as well as a stretch where the fish can be kept

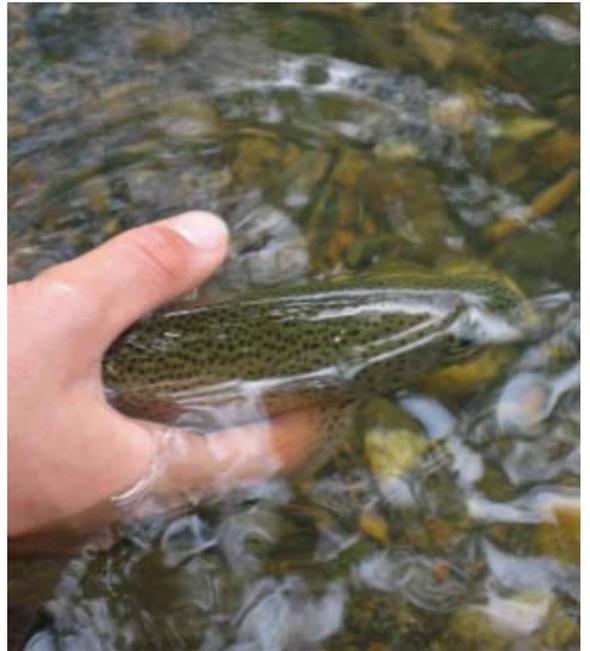
On most weekend days the discharge is 2:00. However, on this day it was scheduled for 12:00. It takes up to 4 hours for the water to reach where you are fishing. These times and locations are well known and documented.

John Hardy of the Greensboro TU Chapter volunteered to take my son around and show him good places to fish. We did not stay for the cookout.

On Sunday my son and grandsons headed for the Smith River knowing that the discharge would be at 2:00 and arrive where they were planning to fish at 4:00 – ample time for fishing. They arrived at the heat of the day, but since the Smith is a tail water the water temperature was 57 degrees. The fishing was great! All three caught around 10 fish. Some were small but many were 10-12".



Meeting at the Mirror Factory



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## Calendar of Events

All Meeting Times: 7:00 Social 7:30 Meeting

July 25 Board Retreat - Avery Creek  
10:00 am- 2:00 pm

Davidson River Workday Prep July 14

No August Board Meeting

August General Meeting August 13  
(NEW LOCATION)

## 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.

Bob Daubert	693-6263
Steve Fromholtz	674-2450*
Dave Maxwell	894-0308
Steve Herring	749-9352
Dale Klug	243-6783

Legend: \* weekends only

## 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 828-699-8593

Water discharges on the Green Rive 800-829-5253

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National Trout Unlimited [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org)

Pisgah Chapter Trout Unlimited [www.main.nc.us/PCTU](http://www.main.nc.us/PCTU)



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