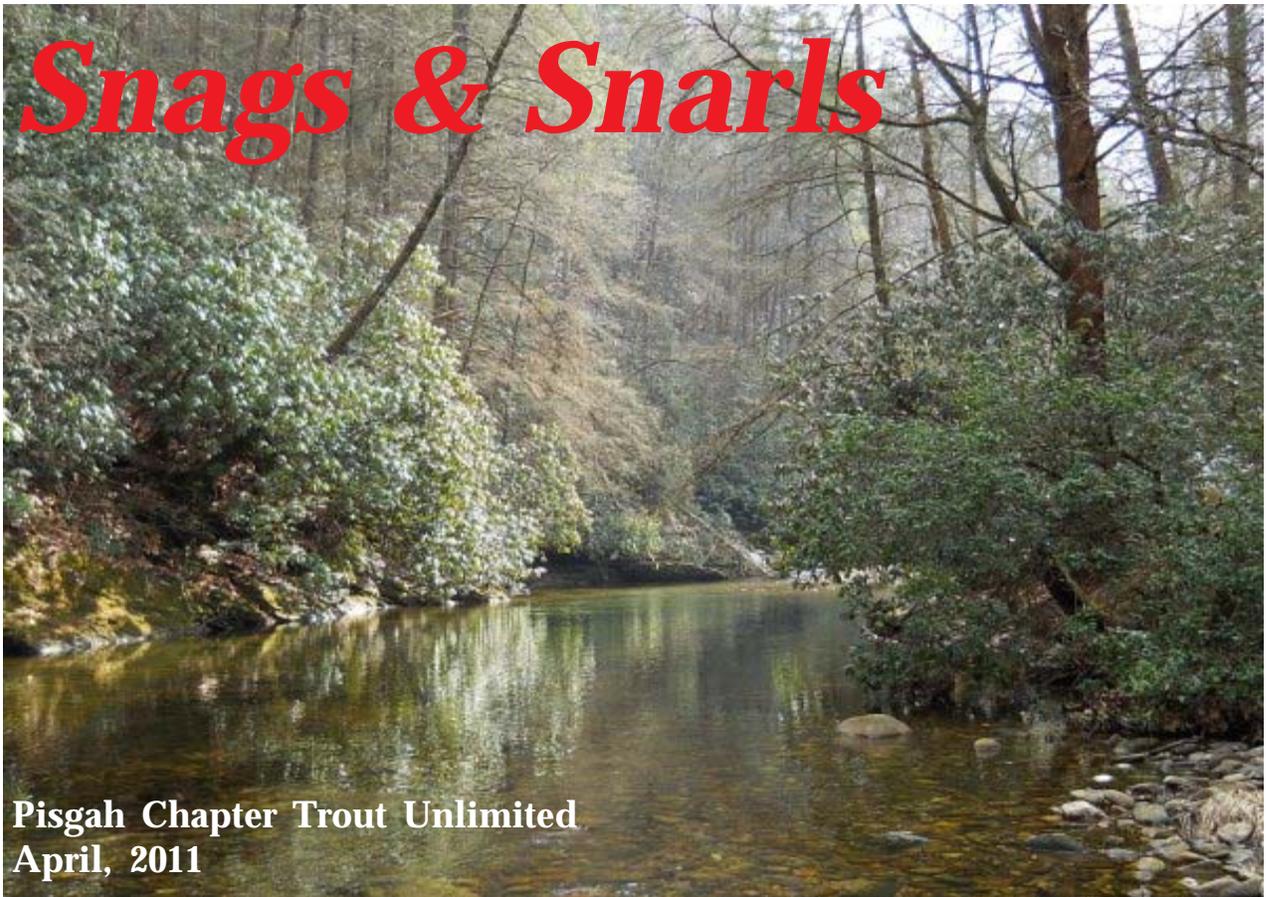


Snags & Snarls



Pisgah Chapter Trout Unlimited
April, 2011

April 2011 PCTU President's Letter

We have had plenty of rain, sun, and warmer temperatures to make the arrival of spring all that much better for our area.....and the fishing of course.



As I mentioned in last month's letter, the spring and particularly the months of April and May bring lots of activities. There are multiple delayed harvest fish stockings scheduled over the next two months. As many of you know, participating in one of these stockings is a terrific way for a new member to not only get involved with a project, but it also serves as a great social introduction to our fun group. If you are interested in volunteering or just want more information, here are the key contacts for each event:

Green River: Ross Fox rossmfox@hotmail.com or 859-9979

Little River: Jack Soyak jsoyak@morrisbb.net or 692-5007

North Mills River: Don Bellm (LOS Chapter) dgbamb@charter.net
or 687-1004

East Fork of the French Broad River: Tony Brooks (Fly Fishing Fed.

Brevard) shelton1011@aol.com

In addition to the fish stockings, just another reminder that the annual Fly Fishing School is scheduled for April 30th from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm at Harmon Field in Tryon. In order to continue to make this the great event that it has become, we still everyone's assistance in securing students. If you would still like to volunteer for the school or can assist in any way, please contact Brandon Apodaca at 674-5161 or brandona52@hotmail.com.

Many thanks to Jeff Curtis for his terrific presentation about Rivercourse at last month's meeting. It was also great to have two alums from this terrific youth program in attendance to tell us firsthand how much they valued their experiences with this unique camp. **Note:** Similar to last year, Randy Ratliff (www.trout-fishers.net) who has spoken to our chapter in the past is repeating his offer to donate \$50 of every guided tour he gives to a PCTU member back to our chapter to support Rivercourse.

And the April program should be terrific as well. Our very own John Johnson will be giving a talk about safety and fishing. Speaking of April, in case you are wondering what would be a special way to spend some of your tax refund, please consider a donation to the PCTU 2011 Gift Campaign. Remember that any gift is 100% tax deductible and the monies will be put to great use in supporting the programs long associated with our chapter.

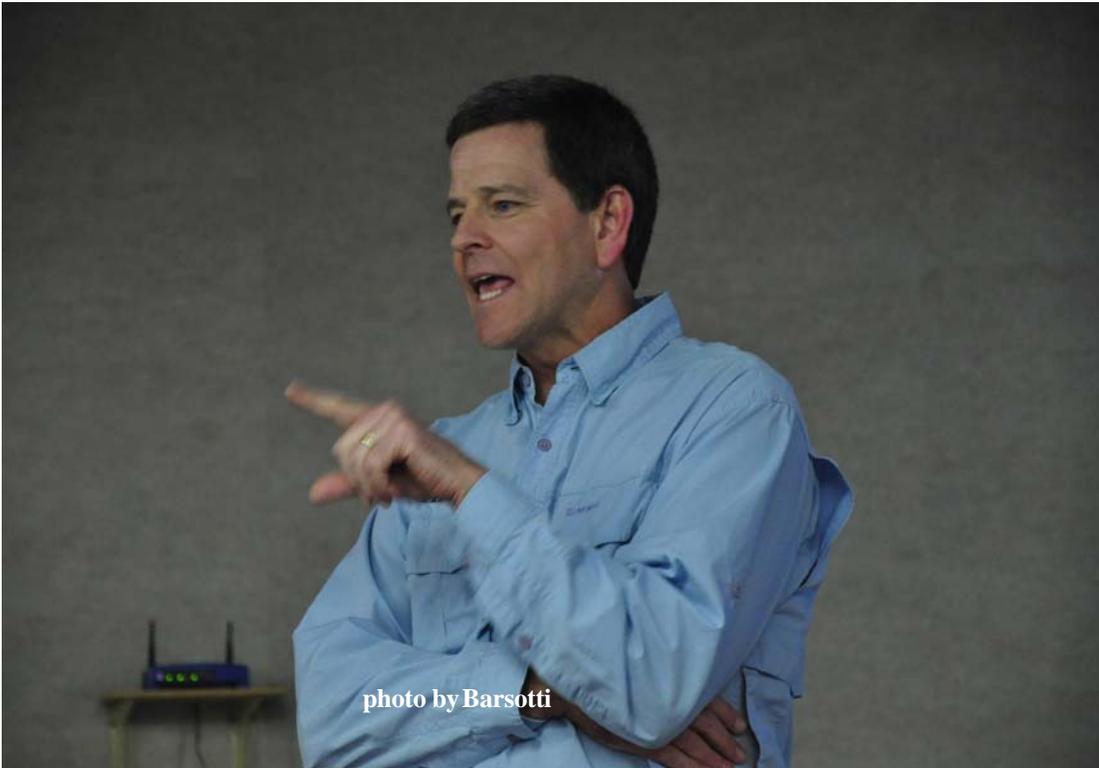
Thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support and involvement with the chapter. On behalf of the entire Board, please know that it is greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you soon either at a meeting, a chapter event, or on the water.

Tight Lines.

Kiki

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Dennis Miller
Matthew Whitmire



Jeff Curtis talks about Rivercourse at the March Meeting



Joe Moore and Jesse Morando discuss their upcoming Steelhead Fishing Trip



PCTU Board Member, David Pierce, presents Meghan Conley, Science Dept. Chair with the PCTU donation to cover the cost of the KIC program at Rugby Middle School for all eighth graders. Science teachers, Cari Kennedy and Derek Dennis look on.

Kids-in-the-Creek (KIC) @ Rugby Middle School

Kids-in-the-Creek (KIC) is an active, hands-on, water quality education program for 8th grade science students. Students participate in a four-hour field experience in which they conduct real scientific work in the field under the guidance of professional scientists and educators from natural resource management agencies. Students learn how field scientists assess and monitor water quality. They conduct macro invertebrate sampling, fish sampling, water chemistry, and an evaluation of the riparian corridor. In the process, they gain knowledge of watershed ecology, biology, and chemistry.

KIC, similar to Trout in the Classroom, are both excellent educational initiatives long supported by our chapter. As many of you know, North Carolina has made some significant cutbacks in the educational area; which jeopardizes programs such as these. This year, as a direct result of the 2011 PCTU Gift Campaign, the chapter was able to make a donation to Rugby Middle School, the original KIC program, to defray the cost that each student would have had to pay to participate in this program.

From The Editor

This month's feature article is by Bob Daubert, and originally appeared in Snags & Snarls in 2002. Bob's interesting article answers the question "Why Do I Fish" and the question most of us have been asked - "Why do you go fishing when you don't keep the fish?"

Extra! Extra! this month features Jack Frisch. Wow! He lived alot of places and did alot! His biggest accomplishment for Western North Carolina anglers isn't mentioned - Jack was responsible for getting the East Fork of the French Broad designated Delayed Harvest. I, for one, have spent many happy hours fishing the East Fork. Thanks Jack

On page 8 is last month's photo of the Davidson River Cleanup Crew. Technical difficulties prevented us from running it last month.

This month's cover photo was taken by Tim Schubmehl, Davidson River Project Leader. "Upstream from Looking Glass Rock Trail Head."

A few have asked me if I changed my e-mail address. Actually, I have 2. and since "I don't fish to excess" anymore I've stopped using ifish2xs@bellsouth.net I've switched to jimhosk@bellsouth.net - both work.

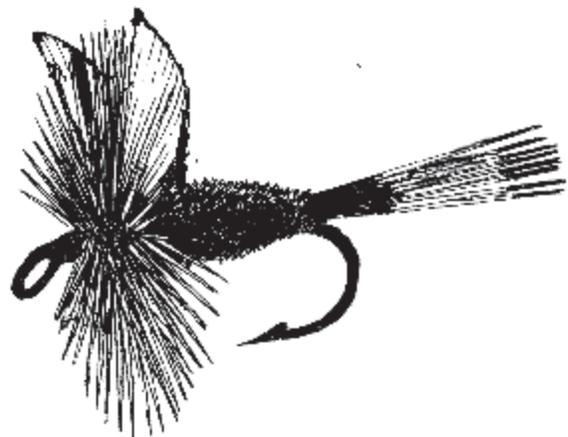
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SNAGS & SNARLS NEEDS ARTICLES / PHOTOS

This newsletter is your newsletter. We are always looking for interesting articles of fishing trips, a special fly, photos of fish or streams. Anything that you think our membership would be interested in. I once wrote an article, (with the help of friends) that included a rating system of restrauants where we ate breakfast before fishing. Instead of stars, we awarded 1 trout for poor up to 4 trout for very good.
jh

The Coachman

Here is one of the all time classic dry flies. It is probably at least 200 years old and forms the basis of many other dry flies that followed it.



Hook: Mustad 94840, Partridge L3A, or Tiemco 100 (sizes 8-20)
Wings: White quill, tied double divided.
Tail: Brown cock hackle fibers.
Body: Green peacock herl.
Hackle: brown cock hackle

Jack Frisch
The Classic Fly Tier

Why Do I Fish?

Bob Daubert

When I started fishing at about age five my prime objective, like any small child, was to catch fish. My fishing start was on a small brook trout stream across from my grandfather's home in the Catskills in New York State where I spent the month of July every summer. With my grandfather being a country preacher life was pretty simple, even for back then, and the small stream across the road became the center of the universe to me. Worms could be dug in the garden, grasshoppers and crickets could be caught in the fields, so fishing and the preparation to go could take a large part of the day as well as being exiting for a young child. Once bait was obtained, then across the road to fish in the pool that was created by a bridge abutment. Brook trout then, as now, were quite cooperative and I could catch them often enough to keep bringing me back day after day with my metal rod and reel. My grandmother would occasionally clean and cook them for a meal but I never really liked to eat them and still don't.



One summer evening I was on the stream when I saw a man fishing with a long rod and he was catching a lot of fish. Being young and curious I ran down the stream toward him splashing and yelling "What are you catching all those fish with?" Of course, I put down the fish as well as upset the man. He was very man at me and told me that I was bad and should not be allowed on the stream doing things like that. I ran back to my grandfather and told him what I had done. I described the man and several days later my grandfather contacted him and apologized for my actions. He also got the man to talk to me and show me the equipment needed to fly fish. He told me that I should wait until I was twelve years old before trying to fish. I took his word and the summer that I was twelve I worked picking beans and cutting broccoli for a farmer and earned enough to buy some fly fishing equipment. In the Fall I got the only book on fly fishing out of the school library, read it several times and became hooked on a different way to fish. My objective was to catch as many trout as I could. Every one that was legal was brought home. Many were eaten and many were not. Who wants to eat a fish that has been in a creel for many hours on a hot summer day? Looking back, what a waste of natural resource was taking place by a boy whose only objective was to stop in the general store to show and brag about the fish he had caught. As I matured in my fishing it became clear to me that what I was really out there fishing for was the experience of catching the fish and, once caught, they had little value to me.

But if I had carefully returned them, I might be able to catch them again. I also started to become more observant of what made up the environment in which I was fishing. The clear water, the noise of the stream as it moves over the rocks, the color of the vegetation, animal and insect life around the river, the light and its impact on how things look. Fishing became a vehicle to allow me to become a part of what nature has blessed us with. When you first start fly fishing you cannot become engrossed in the total environment because you are intent on fishing but, as long as you mature in the sport, the big picture gradually comes into view if you let it. This does not diminish one's desire to catch fish and when I am out there fishing, my primary goal is to catch fish but a close secondary goal is to become part of the surroundings that make up the beautiful world in which trout live.

Here are a couple of vivid memories that are alive in my mind from the trips from the last couple of years. The first was my first fishing trip to Grassy Creek in the DuPont State Forest. Grassy Creek is a small stream with a very tight canopy. This, of course, makes fishing a real challenge. I had been fishing for about an hour and had caught several rainbow trout in the eight to ten inch range when I waded into a pool about fifty feet long with a Laurel canopy so low that I was almost on my knees. This, if you know my knees, put me in a very uncomfortable situation. After several short casts into the pool I observed some movement near the top of the pool. After several minutes two rainbow trout over fifteen inches came down the pool around where I was crouching. This was a real delight even though I did not catch them. While this movement was going on I again saw movement at the top of the pool. Trying not to spook the trout I carefully looked up and above the pool in a riffle were a doe and her spring fawn. A great picture has been etched in my mind; a beautiful small stream, two beautiful large trout, a doe and her fawn, and me, all tied together for a short period of time on a wild trout stream. Although I caught a couple of additional trout that day the importance of the day was made for me in that couple of minutes of being part of something special.

The other similar occasion took place in the North Mills River in the fall. The stocking had a good number of big brook trout, and being fall, they were in full spawning color with the fins bright Chinese red and their spots vivid yellow and orange. A time when the coloration of a brook trout, in my opinion, cannot be duplicated by any other trout. The foliage was also at its peak of color and the sun was shining through the leaves making them exceptionally bright red, orange and gold, just like the color of the brook trout. The water was low and with its color gin clear it brings out the stream bed like no other time of year. Everything in the stream becomes exposed and makes fishing more of a challenge.

I was engrossed in attempting to catch these beautiful trout when I became aware that I was not alone. I started to look around to see if another fisherman was nearby but none was visible. I stood in the stream looking at several trout surface feeding when down off the bank, about 25 feet from me, came three deer into the water. They seemed unaware of me being there and spent about five minutes drinking and taking in the beauty of the moment, just as I was. It was a delightful sight and one that will stay with me for many years. I caught quite a few fish that day but the real significance was being on the stream for those five minutes when I became part of the forest.

People ask "Why do you go fishing when you don't keep the fish?" and my comment is the challenge they present in catching them and spending a day with nature in a way that the majority of people have never experienced. If you have not tried it, you should, as you will also grow to like it and for a moment in time become part of nature. This will happen each time you go but during the year you will, like me, have those special moments that stick with you forever. Go fishing, catch fish and most importantly, become part of the environment in which trout live.

Davidson River Road Clean-up February 2011



photo by Barsotti

Extra! Extra!

Jack Frisch

Jack was born in Glen Cove, NY, his parents moved back to Brooklyn, NY in 1942 and that is where he “grew up”. He graduated from James Madison HS in 1958 and counts among his classmates Carol King (the singer) and Bernie Sanders (the Senator from VT). He lettered in Cross-Country and Track in both High School and College. He attended Northeastern University and graduated with a BA in Sociology. Jack then attended Indiana



University where he earned both a MA and PhD in Anthropology. He went on to teach Anthropology and SUNY-Plattsburgh, Wayne State University, Washington State University and Utica College. He left teaching and accepted a position as the Executive Director of the Clearfield Co. (PA) Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (a not-for profit NGO). After moving to Florida, Jack became the President and CEO of Archways Behavioral Care System. He retired in 1998 from the latter position.

Jack started fishing at an early age using a drop line and a safety pin, catching Sun Fish and Bream. His uncle, a NYC fireman bought him his first Saltwater rod and reel (a Penn Long Beach with 35lb test braided nylon line and a split bamboo boat rod). While in High School he bought himself a bait casting rod and a Shakespeare President reel equipped with 9 lb test braided line and fished for smallmouth bass in Westchester County, NY. Upon graduation from High School, he found himself working in Adirondack Mountains for the summer. Under the tutelage of one his co-workers (local school teacher) he was introduced to fly-fishing. He still owns that 71/2 foot fiberglass rod. The rest is history.

Jack moved to Brevard as a seasonal resident in 1996 and then full-time after retirement in 1998. He moved to Hendersonville in 2002 shortly after becoming the President of PCTU. He joined PCTU in 1996, serving as President from 2002-04 and again for a brief time after the untimely death of Craig Larson. He began fly tying in 1996, starting with saltwater flies and then moving to freshwater trout flies. He built his first rod in 1998 and it has become his standard trout rod. Jack became a guide for Brookside Guides in 2001, although he considers himself retired from active guiding due to both neck and back problems.

Jack is a 62 year veteran member of the Boy Scouts. He is an Eagle Scout, Explorer Silver Award and Silver Beaver. He is currently a member of the National Council and serves as the Vice-President for Administration of the Daniel Boone Council. He is currently the Water Quality Director for the North Carolina State Council of Trout Unlimited. He was the founding President of the French Broad Fly Fishers (a FFF charter club).

Green River Stocking

March 1, 2011

The club had its first Green River stocking of the year on March first and it was a good one. There were eleven members present; it turned out to be the perfect number of volunteers to get the job done. So everyone had something to do and everyone enjoyed themselves. We started off the morning with muffins (provided by Mike Dennis) and coffee. We were also lucky to have Toby Jenkins show up, along with his wife Kristie and their youngest daughter Lindsey. They hung around long enough to get in our photograph (Toby offered to take the photo but I asked him to stay with us. He agreed only because his presence, he said, would make the photograph official). Our first stop was right there at Fish Top. David Maxwell got Tobys daughter, Lindsey, to help him take a bucket of fish down to the river. She's the one that released the fish and I'm certain that was the high light of her day.

Further on down the river at one of our usual stops we encountered a "Posted Sign" that we had not seen before. We debated whether we should stock fish there or not. We finally did and In the mean time John Barsotti and David Maxwell decded to go to the owners house and ask if this posted sign was meant for fly fishermen. It seemed like for ever, but they came back and said the lady would have to talk with her husband. They had a lot of trouble with fishermen and others leaving a mess. You'll have to wait for the next news letter to find out there decision!

Our thanks to John and David for starting the conversation!! The ollowing are the names of our helpers: Buddy Kimora, Charlie Dotson, Ken Brady, John Johnson, John Spooner Steve Osterhaus, Rich Foster, John Barsotti, Michael Delmonico, David Maxwell, Ross Fox, Toby Jenkins Kristie Jenkins, and L Lindsey Jjenkins

Ross Fox





Little River Stocking

March 3, 2011

We had a great turn out for the March 3rd stocking of the Little River. Everybody enjoyed viewing the beauty of DuPont State Forest. It was interesting to note that the water temperature within the Little River was at 49 F and the trout took immediately to their new environment.

The following individuals were present for the stocking: Eric Folk, DuPont State Forest Ranger; Greg Ditzler, Setzer Hatchery; and our chapter members John Kocinski, Tim Schubmehl, Ken Voltz, E. J. Oleksiak, Clive Morris, Dick Milonzi, Jack Soyak and our new volunteers Frank Askew and Steve Osterhaus.

The Pisgah Hatchery delivered 291 pounds of trout that equaled approximately 785 fish with an average weight of 0.37 pounds each. Brooks made up 40% of the total, 20% were Browns and 40% were Rainbows.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our dedicated chapter volunteers who turned out to stock the Little River. I would also like to thank DuPont State Forest for providing the trusty "Ranger" and a forest ranger for transporting the fish along the river trails. It would be a near impossible task to carry the buckets of fish to the remote stocking points without the trusty "Ranger". Jack Soyak







PISGAH FLY MASTERS FLY-FISHING TOURNAMENT



Dave Pierce helping officiate



Bob Dauber t coaching a youth participant



Joe Moore manning the registration table



PCTU Table

The 4th annual Pisgah Fly Masters was held on Saturday morning at Davidson River Outfitters in Brevard. First place in the fisherman division went to Ross Hall. First place in the professional division went to Michael Sprouse.



Paul Thompson



Simons Welter

Simons Welter, of Spartanburg, SC, was the only female to compete in Saturday's competition.

A significant amount of trout fishing opportunities in western North Carolina are located on private property. These landowners have generously allowed for public access for fishing. Please respect their property. Show your appreciation to these landowners by removing your trash and being respectful of their property. Your cooperation is needed to protect fishing opportunities for future generations. The Commission conspicuously marks Public Mountain Trout Waters with regulation signs that indicate locations for public access. When anglers encounter “posted against trespass” signs along these designated sections on private lands, they should respect the property owner’s rights and choose another location along that stream to fish.



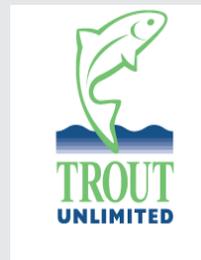
Signs Along The Green River



Board Member Shirley stands next to the Hatchey Kiosk . She has updated the information and will keep the kiosk current.

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Fly Fishing Tour - Asheville Fly Fishing Film

April 9, 2011 6:00 Doors - 7:30 Show Highland Brewing Company Tickets available at Hunter Banks & [Online](#) The 3rd Annual Fly Fishing Film Tour will make a stop in Asheville on April 9th. Join us for an evening of short films on the fly fishing lifestyle and exciting fly fishing destinations. The film is sponsored by Hunter Banks and will be held at the Highland Brewing Company's Tasting Room. The doors open at 6:00 and the show starts at 7:30. Enjoy a fun-filled evening and relax with a cold, locally brewed pint. Call Hunter Banks at 1-800-227-6732 for more information. For information on the film, visit www.flyfishingfilmtour.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

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

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Event Calender

March 2	Board Meeting - Kelseys
March 10	General Meeting
April 6	Board Meeting - Kelseys
April 14	General Meeting
April 30	Fly Fishing School Harmon Field, Tryon NC

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

Fish Hatchery Kiosk - Shirley Johnson horse lady294@gmail.com

Water discharges on the Green River 800-829-5253

Water discharges on the Nantahala River & Tuckasegee River 866-332-5253

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STOCKING SCHEDULE

Little River

April 1st

May 2nd

Green River

April 6th

May 5th

North Mills

April 6th

May 3rd

East Fork/French

Broad

April 4th

May 5th

10 AM at the kiosk near
the lower cascade

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

693-6262

Alan Frank

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Steve Fromholtz

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