



# SNAGS & SNARLS



Pisgah Chapter **TROUT UNLIMITED** May, 2013

Serving Henderson, Transylvania, and Polk counties in Western North Carolina

## President's Message

**April Showers Brings chilly May Rain**

**It Fills the Creeks and Rivers**

**And Makes Wet Wading A Pain.**



**B**ut the weather was just fine for the PCTU Fly Fishing School. A great big “Thank You” goes out to all who helped plan, organize, manage, promote, instruct and mentor. A special thanks also to the 28 wonderfully attentive and enthusiastic students who made it all worthwhile!

Chapter volunteers will be working with somewhat younger students on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the annual Kids Fishing Day, sponsored by Stu Cohn and Scott Shafer. Students will also be the topic of this month’s chapter meeting on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, as we focus on PCTU sponsored Trout-in-the-Classroom programs. This is a great opportunity to see how PCTU dollars for coldwater conservation are utilized to help schools expose kids to the delicate world of salmonids.



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The chapter meeting will be returning to the *New & Improved Pardee Health Education Center location in the Blue Ridge Mall, and will include the usual mix of camaraderie and lie swapping, rumor milling and secret spilling discourses on fish and fishing, along with a good chance to go home with a box of flies.*

Hope to see you all back at Pardee on Thursday!

Dragless Drifts

Mark Byington

## Directions to Pardee Center

<http://www.pisgahchaptertu.org/New-Meeting-information.html>



## PCTU Chapter Meeting - April 11, 2013 @ Dixie Diner

Presenters—Landon Lipke Guide Davidson River Outfitters

David Brown Forest Supervisor DuPont State Forest





Landon Lipke's talk was about Tenkara fishing.



David Brown, Forest Supervisor at DuPont State Forest was our second speaker of the night.

We had three raffles. Kiki (who never wins) won—twice—a fly box and gift certificate. Tim Schubmehl won a fly box.



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## Kids Fishing Day

Saturday May 18

### Date changed to Saturday May 18

The Kids Fishing Day has changed from May 4 to May 18 due to a Teacher's conflict. The Students have been notified and are very excited.

These are Third Graders that participate in or Trout in the Class Room program, and most have never been fishing before.

Please confirm your availability and I will send a map to the event.

Thanks for supporting the education efforts of the Pisgah Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Kids Fishing day at Stu Cohn's Pond - Mentors needed to help Students fish

The fish have been stocked and are awaiting for the kids.

We need about 10 mentors to assist 3rd graders get geared up and land their trout.

The kids will arrive at 9:00 AM and leave by 3:00 PM.

This year we will have an elementary school Science class that is involved with Trout in the Classroom to round out their experience.

Please bring one or two spinning rods, hooks, floats, bait, cooler and ice, filet knife, and a net.

To volunteer, please contact Chris Ellis at email [chris.ellis\\_pctu@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.ellis_pctu@yahoo.com) or call at 828 891 5175 or sign-up at the General meeting this Thursday.

Lunch will be provided. A map will be provided for volunteers.

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## From the Editor

Special thanks to John Barsotti for photographs of the Fly Fishing School, and April Chapter Meeting, and to Jack Soyak for the Little River stocking report. The cover photo is of the Pacolet River between Pearson Falls and Saluda (photo by Barsotti).

On Monday 4/29/13 I had the pleasure of having lunch at Mayberry's Soups & Sandwiches in Brevard with Gordon and Pat Riedesel. Why was this such a special event for me? Well, Gordon is a fly fisherman, fly tier, and TU newsletter editor. We certainly had a lot to talk about. Gordon is the editor of the Basil W. Woods Chapter of Trout Unlimited located in Concord, New Hampshire.

<http://concordtu.org/> Gordon and Pat are in the area scouting for retirement locations and will be attending our May meeting if the rain hasn't driven them home.



**John Barsotti. No, he's not always this happy. In the photo I cropped for his picture he's holding a big fish.**



## Welcome New Members

**Bret Bourgeois**

**William Byrum**

**Bob Engstrom**

**Steven Koslowski**

**Jillian Schuller**

**Michael Sprouse**

**Ray Wojcikewych**

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## Little River Stocking April 1, 2013

Jack Soyak



The second stocking of the Little River in the DuPont State Recreational Forest for 2013 took place on a bright sunny morning with a clear blue sky. It started with a bit of confusion when approximately 10 NC Forest Service personnel appeared in our Hooker Falls assembly area to evaluate and discuss adding additional parking spaces. This is due to the increase of visitors and the danger of cars parking along the road side. The posted speed limit on Staton Road is 45 miles per hour but few drivers pay any attention to the speed limit to include most truck drivers. To add to the confusion, our traffic safety vests were absent without permission due to forgetfulness.

However, we had a good turnout of 7 TU volunteers for the stocking and everyone enjoyed the beauty of the forest. The following individuals were present for the stocking: Eric Folk and Jeremy Waldrop, DuPont State Recreational Forest Rangers; Scott Marsh, Setzer Fish Hatchery; and our chapter members Ken Voltz, Clive Morris, Peter Greko, Ross Fox, Ed Stumpff, Jack Soyak and our first time stocker Frank Cocciolillo. Two of our regular



personnel, Bill Wearmouth and Tim Schubmehl, were absent due to family medical emergencies. Jeremy Waldrop is a new Forest Ranger at DuPont having transferred from the Asheville region and was going through orientation training.

The Hatchery delivered their normal 785 fish with an average weight of 0.36 pounds. Brooks made up 40% of the total, 20% were Browns and 40% were Rainbows. The fish immediately took to their new home and quickly disappeared into the deeper pools.

Much to my astonishment due to the accelerated speed of this project, the pedestrian bridge over the Little River from the Hooker Falls road will be under construction and will last for approximately 2 – 3 months. The new pedestrian bridge will be the main access to Triple and High Falls without having to climb over the traffic barriers and cross Staton Road.

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New volunteers are always welcome and we need about 8 volunteers to make each stocking a fun and enjoyable event. Please consider volunteering by contacting Jack Soyak at [jsoyak@morrisbb.net](mailto:jsoyak@morrisbb.net) or by telephone at 692-5007. We meet at 9:30 a.m. at the DuPont State Recreational Forest. E-mails are sent out to volunteers approximately 2 weeks prior to each stocking event asking who is available to participate.

I would like to thank DuPont State Recreational Forest for providing the means to transport the fish along the river trails and a forest ranger for driving the vehicle. It would be a near impossible task to carry the buckets of fish to the remote stocking points without their all-terrain vehicles.

The new Visitors Center adjacent to the High Falls Forest parking area is slated to have a grand opening in early July providing assistance and educational information to the more than the 385,000 visitors who annually visit the forest.

Jack Soyak



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## Pisgah Chapter Fly Fishing School 2013

Chris Ellis



**H**armon Field was the site of the Pisgah Chapter's annual Fly Fishing School held Saturday April 20. 28 students from the western Carolinas and as far east as Cary NC attended the School. The weather, although a little windy, was warm and rain free.



With 17  
instruc-  
tors and

coaches we were well staffed. Students received a packet that included a CD of our ever evolving Introduction to Fly Fishing Guide. Skip Shelton, one of the reviewers, stated that the manual was worth the price of the school on its' own. We received a number of emails that expressed satisfaction with the school and Guide for example:

Don Hunycutt wrote " I enjoy going into wilderness areas for hiking, camping and now hope to do the same fly fishing. The CD (very good by the way) from the recent Tryon fly fishing school...".

Paulo De Sousa wrote "I had a great day with my mentor Dick Schadd. He is a very patient teacher and he shared his extensive knowledge, experience and love for the sport. I caught several trout (brook and rainbow) at the East Fork of the French Broad River. It was a beautiful day and overall a great experience. The Fly Fishing School was also very informative and enjoyable. My thanks to everyone.".

Our Student Survey results gave the school excellent ratings, and comments from the Students indicated that all our methods of communicating the school (fliers, publications, newspapers, word of mouth) produced students.

About a third of the Students and Mentors have had their ½ day on the water so far, we hope the weather will improve so we can complete the school in May. With warming weather and a few rain free days the fishing should be optimal. The recent stockings of delayed harvest streams and small caterpillars dropping form the

on their silken threads, should provide for an excellent fishing experience for our Fly Fishing School students.

We are grateful to all the instructors and coaches that made this years' school a success. Bob Daubert has provided an informative and colorful session on equipment fully decked out as the complete fly fisherman. Bob however explained that with warm weather and wet wading and more selective choices for flies (6 boxes of flies down to 1) and reduction other non-essential gear, it is possible to fish much lighter.



Joe Moore did a great job of explaining the mechanics of fly casting with a demonstration on the Pacolet River that runs through the Harmon Field Park.



Joe rotated the students among different casting coaches. One of the students recorded on the survey that this tactic was really good and very helpful to get a variation on instruction.

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We want to extend thanks to Al Rodgers, Clive Morris, David Pierce, Dick Schaad, Jesse Conner, Joe Castaldo, Mark Byington, Linda Byington, and Joe Moore for providing their casting expertise in coaching students at the School.



Wai Syn has taught the Line system and knots for many years and provided the foundation of backing, line, tippet, and knots required for delivery of flies to the water. The knot coaches helped students to successfully tie the clinch, double surgeons, Midge Magic, and perfection loop. We are grateful for the help of Wai Syn, John Johnson, Dave Bender, Christian Englehart, and Bob Huey who served as Knot Coaches.

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Each Year Bob Daubert provided his extensive knowledge of the life cycle of insects and other critters that trout feed on. Bob related these to the artificial flies fishermen use to trick trout into biting. He explained the tactics for approaching the water, how to “read” the water, and described fishing tactics to the students while Chris Ellis demonstrated techniques in stream below the boardwalk.

After a good catered BBQ lunch Students were introduced to the fishing Mentors

who were present to make arrangement for the ½ day of fishing on area streams.

We wish to extend many thanks to the students and Instructors who made this a successful event.

Thanks also to John Barsotti for the photographs. Also thanks to Linda Byington for arranging the catering and reserving the Harmon Field facility. We want to thank all the mentors who volunteered to take one or two students on the water: Dale Klug, Norris McDowell, Steve Fromholtz, Chuck Sabolovic, Bill Miller, Clive Mooris, David Pierce John Johnson, Dick Schaad, Jesse Conner, Joe Castaldo, Skip Sheldon, Mark Byington, Linda Byington, Chris Ellis, Bob Daubert, John Kies, Christian Engleshart, and Joe Moore.



We hope through the School, we will gain new Trout Unlimited Members to help us in our cause to provide education and help to preserve and restore our cold water environments. As many of us can attest, fly fishing is more than a sport. It brings awareness of our fragile ecosystems and connects us intimately with wild areas in a way that few activates can. The ever changing seasons, water conditions, types of water and emerging insects provide a lifetime of challenging fishing experiences. We invite you to join us through our website, newsletters, and in our monthly meetings to share in our Chapter activates.

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## Mentor's 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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Steve Fromholtz	674-2450*
Dave Maxwell	894-0308
Steve Herring	749-9352
Dale Klug	243-6783

Legend: \* weekends only

## NC Wildlife Stocking Information

### Delayed Harvest Stocking Schedule of NC Streams

[http://www.newildlife.org/Portals/0/Fishing/documents/TROUT\\_MAP.PDF](http://www.newildlife.org/Portals/0/Fishing/documents/TROUT_MAP.PDF)

## Mountain Heritage Trout Waters

[http://216.27.39.101/WebRedesign/Mountain\\_Heritage\\_TROUT\\_Waters.htm](http://216.27.39.101/WebRedesign/Mountain_Heritage_TROUT_Waters.htm)

## Reference Phone Numbers

NC Wildlife Violations 800-662-7137

Fish Biologist - Lorie Stroup 828-877-3265 ext 219

Water discharges on the Green River 800-829-5253

<http://www.boatingbeta.com/runs/flows/green>

Water discharges on the Nantahala River & Tuckasegee River

866-332-5253

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