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Pisgah Chapter Trout Unlimited

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Chapter Events:

June 3, 2014 - 6:30 pm - PCTU Board of Directors Meeting – Kelseys Restaurant, Hendersonville

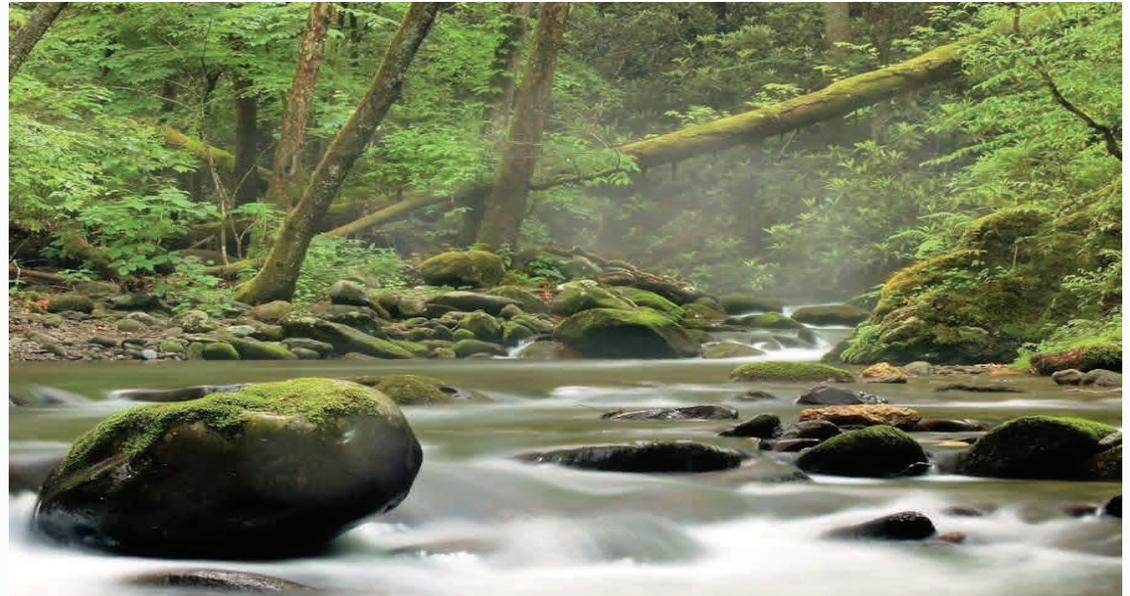
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6:45 – 9:00 pm - PCTU Chapter Meeting @ Pardee Center— Guest Speaker Bill Jackson, Air Resource Specialist USFS

[Directions to Pardee Center](#)

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President's Message

Little green worms

The little green worms are dropping out of the trees on their silken threads according to Joe Moore. Joe reported that he had great success on Looking Glass Creek with an inchworm pattern. But, make sure you play it safe this time of the year. Dodging the afternoon thunderstorms means you need to get out early in the morning. Also, keep your eye on the dead branches if you get caught out in the woods when the wind picks up in the afternoon. You can ask David Pierce about this. I also have word that ants are a good choice especially when the wind knocks some into the water.

Trout in the Class Room Student Fishing Day

With the support of Wildlife Education Center we sponsored a Fishing Day for 21 of our Trout in the Classroom (TIC) students from Edneyville Elementary at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Forest. Lorraine Thomas has an enthusiastic group of science student who have been raising trout and learning about them since last fall. In order to enhance their classroom training and to encourage them to become



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stake holders in coldwater conservation, we wanted them to experience fishing and possibly catch and eating trout.

Although a good number of trout were stocked the afternoon before the school, not many fish were caught. We will recommend stocking a few days before the fishing event next year. Also we may have larger and greater numbers of fish since the hatchery fish were reduced in number and size this year from heron predation.

Regardless, the students had a great time and were really casting effectively. The Chapter purchased 30 rod and reel outfits, and we gave these to the students along with bait and tackle put together by Clive Morris and Jim Czarneski. Everyone enjoyed the hotdog lunch and we hope they will use the rods and reels to continue fishing and staying connected to the outdoors.

Thanks to the DuPont State Forest administration, Hatchery folks, Lee Sherrill, and Matt Christian of the Wildlife Education Center for their support of this important annual chapter event.



Also thanks to the TU members who mentored the TIC students, Jim Czarneski, Clive Morris, Bob Daubert, Dick Schaad, Tom Kellner, David Vigue, Mike Dennis, Gordon Riedesel, David Pierce, Bob Engstrom, Bob Brogi, John Smith, Joe Moore, Chris Ellis, and Carole Deddy.

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Endowment committee 1st meeting

The endowment committee met on May 28 for the first time and elected Jack Hasting as the Committee Chairman. Kiki Matthews took minutes and the committee decided to meet monthly until we have addressed all the items brought up by the Committee. Stu Cohn gave a good outline for us to work from for the future. I want to thank Skip Shelton for initiating the Endowment process. We plan to help educate the membership to consider a future endowment to support Chapter work in the future.

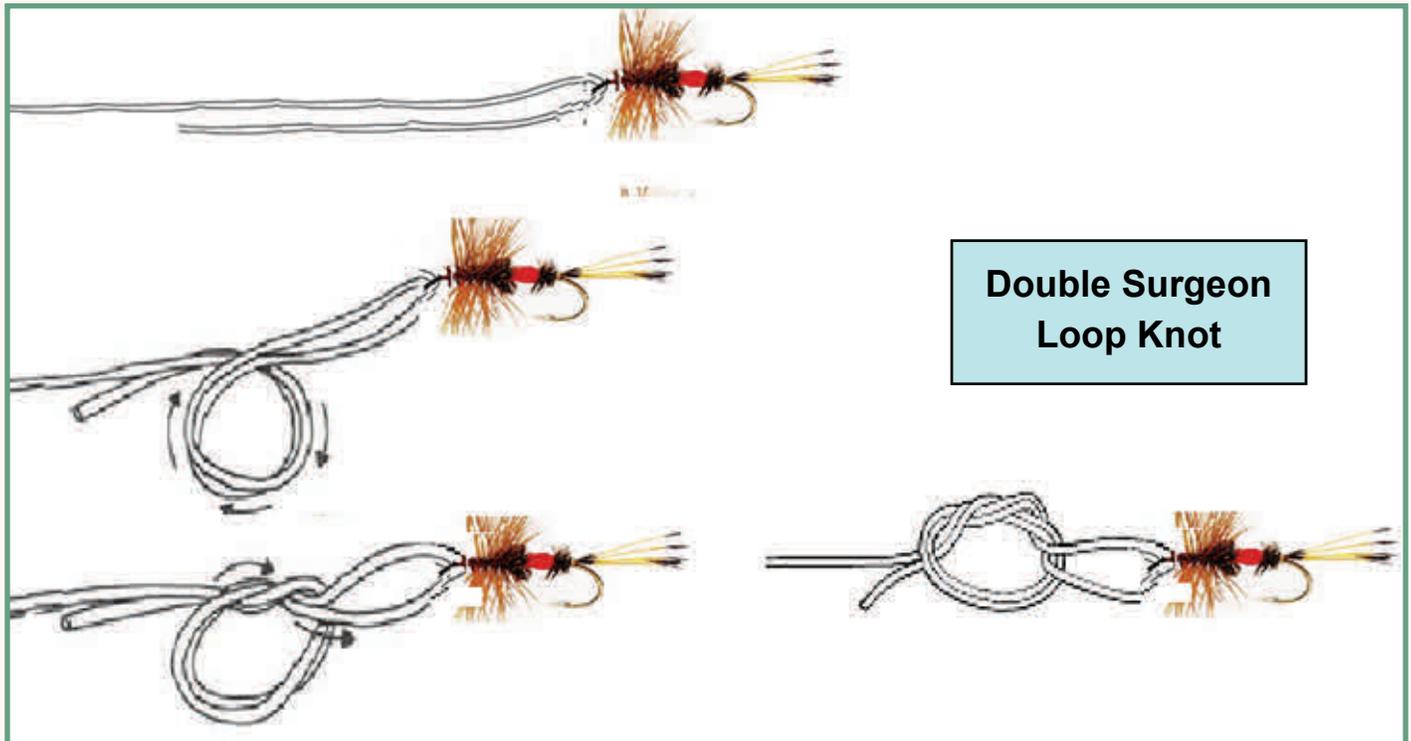
Quick loop knot method for Double Surgeon's loop knot and Terminal loop knot with fly

Fishing this spring in Cataloochee I became frustrated tying loop knots and dropper flies. I have been using them after Kevin Howell said he was using more loop knots to give his flies a more natural presentation. In my frustration, I came up with a very quick way to tie both a double surgeon loop to attach a fly and a quicker terminal loop knot.

Later, I had to search hard before I located the double surgeon loop for a fly, and I never found the adaption for the terminal loop knot on the internet. The advantage to this method for the terminal loop knot is once you have started the first overhand knot, you already have the tag through the knot and another overhand around the main line finishes the knot. Although this may have a smaller profile, the double surgeon loop is still the quickest.

Here is an example for tying a Quick Surgeon Loop Knot.

Moreover, if you leave a long tag end you can do another with a dropper fly. When you have looped your fly through twice, pinch the loop and pull the tag and main line to size the loop.



President's Message (continued)

Another quick way to tie the terminal loop knot is start the same way which results in your tag end already through the over hand knot.

Then instead of pulling the fly through the knot a second time as with the double surgeons loop, just tie an over hand knot with the tag line around the main line.

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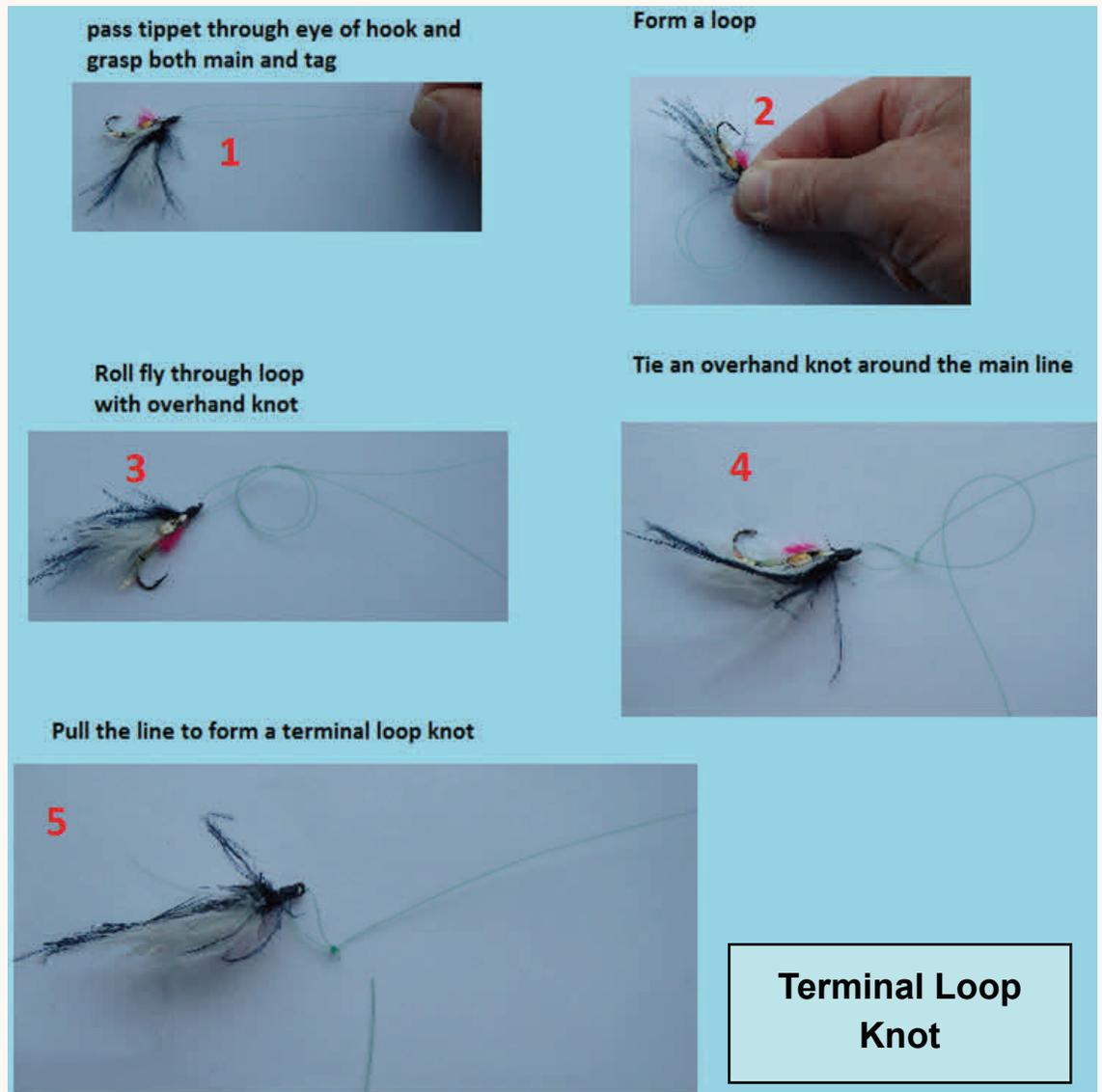
The spring is our big push until fall. Then we will have openings for directors and for a new Treasurer come October when Skip Shelton's term expires. This is a very important job although Skip insures me he doesn't spend a great amount of time on a monthly basis. We will be publishing an updated job and process description soon and will looking for a qualified individual for a two year term.

Thanks to Lou Dondero for agreeing to take the job as Membership Chairman. Also, I greatly appreciate our new Snags & Snarls Editor Bill Miller for taking on this important job. Please send your contributions to Bill at his email address: bill.miller@hdrinc.com.

We still have an opening for an Event Coordinator position. This is the single point of contact to obtain publicity, photographer, and route information to the editor, communication director, and treasurer.

Tight Lines

Chris Ellis



2014 Fly Fishing School

By: Chris Ellis

Fly fishing schools synopsis

We had another successful fly fishing school with 15 students. Some of us are still working on getting our students out for their ½ day on the water but we should be completed by early in June. I have many folks to thank for supporting the school this year. As usual Linda Byington made the arrangements for the Tryon facility and for the delicious BBQ lunch.



2014 Fly Fishing School Students and Instructors

Mark Byington took pictures. Linda and Mark helped also with printing and distribution of fliers. Kiki Mathews sent out advertisements of the school to local publications. Skip Shelton did the registration and accounting. Steve Fromholtz gave an exceptional equipment review. Joe Moore led the casting with the help of Clive Morris, John Kies, Jim Czarneski and Dick Schaad as casting instructors.

John Johnston led the line systems with help from Steve Herring, Lou Barlow, and new member - Gordon Riedesel. Lou Barlow, fly tier extraordinaire, presenting the art and craft of fly tying. Bob Daubert with my assistance in the water presented what trout eat, insect life cycles, and stream tactics.



Fly Tying Primer class (instructor Lou Barlow)

2014 Fly Fishing School

By: Chris Ellis

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Clive Morris, Dick Schaad, Lou Barlow, John Kies, Steve Herring, John Johnson, Dave Bender, Bob Daubert, Joe Moore, and I all volunteered to take students for their ½ day on the water. Clive Morris, Skip Shelton, Dick Schaad, and Tim Czarneski also supplied the morning crowd with coffee, pastries, and dry goods. As you can see The Pisgah Chapter puts a lot of effort into this school. This is rewarded by the many satisfied students. A number of past students have become major TU contributors as chapter members.



Stream Entomology and Fly Selection class (instructor Bob Daubert)

Results of surveys

Of the 12 surveys we received, where 1 was outstanding and 5 needs significant improvement, 80% were scored 1 outstanding and 20% has a score of 4, there were no scores for 3,4,or 5. We had good response from our advertisements with 70% learning about the school from newspaper or bulletins and 30% by word of mouth from TU members. I hope we can increase our percentage for the coming year by members making more personal contacts to interest students.

Student comments

Some of the comments were “Thanks!”, “Very Worthwhile Class”; “Excellent well organized”; “Excellent Learned a great deal on equipment available vs. need”; “Casting – Best, Thanks to Clive - returned my confidence and identified and corrected multiple bad habits”; knots – Very good, Stream Tactics – Very well presented”; Email –“ I attended last Saturdays fly fishing class at Harmon Field and want to let you know I thoroughly enjoyed it and learned a lot. I have been fly fishing off/ on since the '60s but have gotten a little rusty over the years when I didn't have access to wonderful trout waters. Thanks and keep up the wonderful work”; I enjoyed the course immensely. I especially liked the way the leaders fielded questions and allowed their fellow fishermen a chance to give their view. I now know more useful information on insects that I thought would ever matter. I enjoyed the casting instruction (but next time could you ease up on the wind?) I am now looking to collect gear and get on the stream.

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By: Chris Ellis

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Casting instruction (instructor John Kies)



Casting instruction (instructor Gordon Riedesel)



Stream Tactics class (instructors Bob Daubert and Chris Ellis)

Adopt-A-Highway Update

May 13, 2014

By: Tim Schubmehl



May 13 Roadside Cleanup

On Tuesday, May 13th we had our first road side cleanup for 2014. It was a little later than normal but our unusual winter weather and personal travel delayed our getting together for a few weeks.

Perhaps by waiting we were able to enjoy some perfect weather, cool and sunny but warming up by noon.

Litter was unusually light, everyone managed to fill or partially fill a bag. Not sure if another roadside cleanup beat us to it or if suddenly people are becoming more litter conscious. Either way the section of 276 along the river was looking pretty good!

We had (12) members participate; David Pierce, Dick Schaad, Lou Dondero, Dave Bender, Ross Fox, Clive Morris, John Rich, Lou Barlow, Alan McDonald, Gordon Riedesel, Norris McDowell and Tim Schubmehl.

As usual we all enjoyed coffee and scones provide by Bracken Mountain Bakery. (continued)

Roadside Cleanup

US 276

May 13, 2014

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Thanks to Norris McDowell for taking the pictures, he was able to capture Dick Schaad and Lou Dondero taking a break, probably telling fishing stories!!

Thanks to all that participated!

A Trip to the White River in Northern Arkansas

By Clive Morris

Going to Arkansas?

Friends asked us with a quizzical look.

The Ozarks elicited more understanding but few had heard of the White River. Needless to say we weren't talking to avid fishermen.

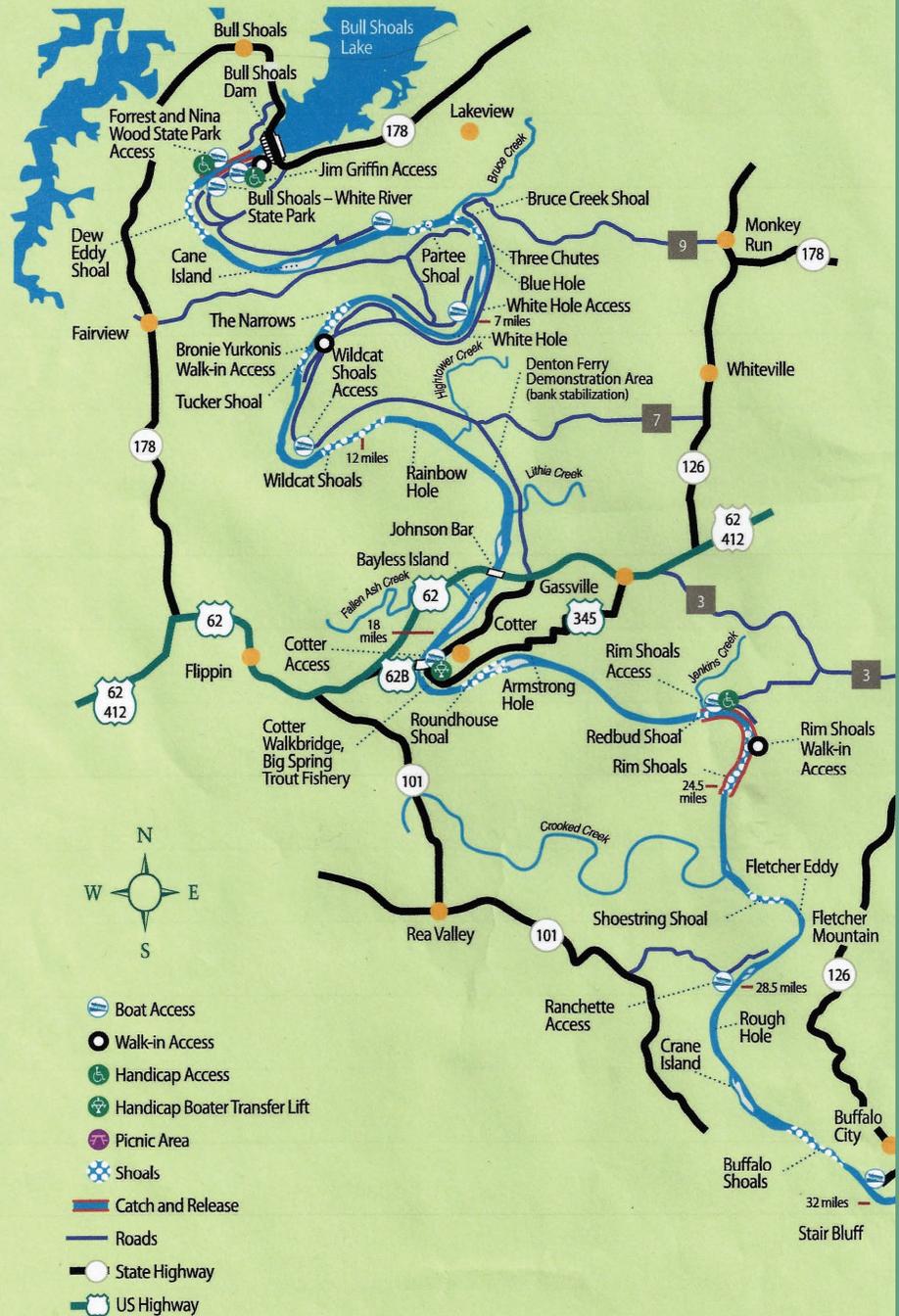


My wife, Judith and I did a tent camping trip across the country 3 years ago. The next year we upgraded, with a truck camper and again traversed the USA. Both times we planned to stop at the White River in Arkansas on our way home but on both occasions by the time we got within range the homing instinct overtook us. We decided we would need to make a special trip, and in late October last year, we finally did.

The White River rises in NW Arkansas, flows North into Missouri, then East and South back into Arkansas. There, in the late '40s and early 50s, it was dammed and the 45,000 acre Bull Shoals Lake was created. This was done primarily for flood control and power generation. However the economic spin off, like the growth of tourism with boating and fishing activities, has been exponential.

Prior to the construction of the dam, the White River was a warm water fishery. The dam changed the temperature of the downstream water drastically and a fabulous cold water fishery was created that stretches for some 90 miles, down river.

The Arkansas Game & Fish Commission stocks the White River with about 1.2 million rainbow trout annually throughout the year. Additionally browns, cutthroats and brook trout are put in in November and December each year. About 90% of these fish are caught each year.



Fishermen come from far and wide come to enjoy the scenery of The Ozarks and to fish this awesome river.

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A Trip to the White River in Northern Arkansas

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It was about a 700 mile trip from WNC to Mountain Home, just east of Bull Shoals Lake. By luck, we got one of the best camp sites in the Bull Shoals State Park, right on the left bank of the White River at the far end of the park, just 1 mile downstream of the dam.

Being tailwater, power generation mostly controls the level of the river and we quickly learned that the levels fluctuate considerably and in times of heavy power demand, dramatically. The river at the campground is wadeable during times of low generation. Under normal conditions that is generally during the middle of the day and into the afternoon and evening. Upstream for a mile to the base of the dam, it is a Catch and Release area. However the most popular and likely the most successful fishing strategy is to float the river. The standard rig is a long lean johnboat equipped with captain's chairs and a 9.9 hp motor.

That evening we enjoyed watching birdlife on a sandbank in the middle of the river. The next morning we woke to the sound of the siren. The water rose rapidly, swallowing the sandbank and flowing swiftly. We watched in amazement as dozens of johnboats roared up the river and then rapidly floated downstream, only to roar back up again. The fishermen were intent on their lines on the downstream float, sometimes stopping to linger in a promising spot. It was all action. Apparently there are some 32 outfitters in the area.

We had booked a guide and boat for the following day, so I tried wade fishing once the water level dropped. It was fishing, not catching, but as ever, I enjoyed exploring the river and the chase. It is always fun to try to read a new piece of water, to work out where the fish are likely to be hunting for their sustenance and what it is that will tempt them.

The forecast for the next day was not great. In fact after weeks of beautiful weather, it was suddenly

turning cold. Our luck which found us the great



campsite was running out! We elected to delay meeting our guide on the river till about 8.00am. We met him a couple of miles upstream of the town of Cotter. It was chilly and the wind blowing, so wrapped up well, we were quickly into the boat. The water was rising as it had done the previous morning but our guide was clearly concerned. The temperature was expected to plummet that night and he expected that the power co would be preparing for high demand. He was right. Normally 1 or 2 generators are working for a limited time. Well, they were turning on 4 that day and they would be working most of the day. A tidal wave was coming!

We headed downstream, trying to keep ahead of it, and travelled about 18 miles down the river to stay ahead. The wind made casting a challenge and as the current increased, it unleashed crud from the river bed, so we surely didn't have ideal conditions. However, the river was lovely. The sun was shining. Our guide entertained us with local stories and good jokes.

A Trip to the White River in Northern Arkansas

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We were fishing with nymphs, and an egg pattern, and were introduced to a (new for us) indicator, that I found was most effective in windy conditions. It was a small water balloon, with minimal amount of air blown into it and tied in a knot on the leader. (I subsequently bought a whole packet of these at the Dollar store for \$1!! It is my go to indicator).

I did catch a good number of rainbows, but nothing near the world record 40lb brown trout that was caught on 4lb test in the nearby Red River, back in the early nineties. Judith missed a number of fish, much to the guide's disappointment. She is easily distracted by scenery, birdlife and interesting plants but then she is more into fishing than catching and she did get a lot of practice at casting in windy conditions. Our guide assured us that his clients frequently catch upwards of 50 fish. Guess we were the exception that proved the rule! However it is noteworthy to add that spin and bait fishing is the norm on the White River. We were fly fishing.

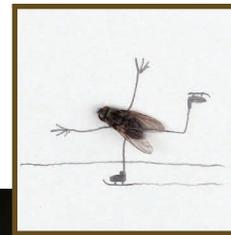
From there, we headed to the Buffalo River, America's First National River and one of the few undammed rivers in the lower 48. We would have enjoyed floating the river but the chilly weather deterred us and the water was low so there would have been a fair amount of portage. Next time! What we did see was a crystal clear river winding through massive limestone bluffs. 132 miles long, it flows freely through wilderness and beautiful, changing scenery, past historic sites of earlier civilizations and 19th century pioneers, until it empties into the White River.

Even if the catching wasn't the best, the fishing was fun, and it was definitely worth a visit. From all we have read and heard, fishing on the White River, and in the area, is internationally renowned and the trout fishing is considered to be world class.

By: Clive Davis



FLY OF THE MONTH



Yellow Sally (Stonefly)

submitted by
Clive Morris

I was down on highway 276 today, helping with the trash pick-up with a group of PCTU volunteers. While enjoying our coffee and doughnuts and shooting the breeze about fishing, a yellow stonefly settled on my shirt. It would not leave me alone, and kept coming back after flying off for a few seconds.

Dave Bender and Gordon Rediesel were there, and we were discussing what might work as a good imitation of this insect. Dave suggested his "Crackleback" which he had described in a recent article in S&S, and is his 'go to' fly.

I am new to tying flies, and plan to get started very soon in between building fly rods, and woodworking. I went online, and found this video of tying a yellow stonefly that might even get me going this week. It might almost be as easy to tie as Dave's "Crackleback"! If I can only begin to emulate some of you who produce these masterpieces, like Joey's minute midges, I will be happy.

<http://globalflyfisher.com/video/adult-yellow-sally-nymph>

Hook: #16 or #18 nymph
Thread: Yellow
Rib: Yellow and red copper wire
Wing: Yellow synthetic
Hackle: Yellow
Tying notes: wrap red wire first, then yellow



Little River Stocking - May 1, 2014



The Hatchery delivered their normal 785 fish with an average weight of 0.22 pounds. Brooks made up 4.1% of the total, 95.9% were Rainbows and there were no Browns. The fish immediately took to their new home and quickly dispersed into the deeper cooler pools at a river temperature of 58.1 F.

Finally after snow, sleet and rain during the past two stocking events, the third stocking of the Little River in the DuPont State Recreational Forest for 2014 took place on a bright sunny morning with blue skies and temperatures in the mid -60s F. It was a beautiful day and the level of water within the river was relatively high due to recent rain-falls.

We had a good turnout with 7 individuals to include: Eric Folk, Robert Pace and Chad Battle, DuPont State Recreational Forest Rangers; Greg Ditzler, Bobby N. Setzer Fish Hatchery; along with our chapter members Ken Voltz, Tim Schubmehl, Clive Morris, Ross Fox and Jack Soyak. The Forest Service provided a second All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and driver as a test to see if it would speed up the stocking activities along the Little River. It expedited the stocking and reduced the time by approximately an hour. The Forest Service has purchased a new and larger Polaris ATV that can transport the driver and four passengers. It will be used in all future stocking activities and will eliminate the need to restock the ATVs at the High Falls Pavilion. However, due to Forest Service regulations, TU volunteers will now need to wear hardhats, glasses or goggles, and gloves while riding in the ATVs. Hard hats will be provided by the Forest Service.



Little River Stocking - May 1, 2014 (continued)



The percentage of the trout mixture was different again for this stocking. Their weight was much less and their size smaller than normal. The colony of Great Blue Herons which had descended upon the forest around the hatchery this spring has had a devastating effect on the hatchery.

The hatchery has lost approximately 50% of their fish due to the voracious feeding habits of the Great Blue Herons. Each stocking a fun and enjoyable event. A number of our volunteers have requested removal from the stockings due to medical reasons or physical disabilities.

Our Little River TU volunteers are desperately in need of new members. We need about 6 volunteers to make each stocking a fun and enjoyable event. A number of our volunteers have requested removal from the stockings due to medical reasons or physical disabilities. Please consider volunteering by contacting Jack Soyak at jsoyak@morrisbb.net or by telephone at 692-5007. We meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Hooker Falls parking area in 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 the forest rangers for driving the vehicle. It is a near impossible task to carry the buckets of fish to the remote stocking points without their all-terrain vehicles to help with the stocking.



Wading Basics

by Dick Galland

illustration by Dave Hall



[This article is a re-print from the June 2009 Snags & Snarls, suggested by John Kies.](#)

[A great suggestion John... fishing is fun.. Falling into fast moving water is not!](#)

Excerpted from [1001 Fly-fishing Tips: Expert Advice, Hints, and Shortcuts from the World's Leading Fly-fishers](#), Headwater Books (January 2008), 219 pages, soft cover

Use your staff to check ahead for changes of depth or obstacles. Keep a wide stance. Feel along with each foot and find a secure spot before you commit your weight to it.

SMART WADING begins with common sense.

Don't wade unnecessarily. Wading is not appropriate in all waters. The fish are much less likely to be alerted to your presence if you stay out of the water. The pressure wave you create as you wade spooks fish, especially in slower pools.

Wade with respect for the fish and other anglers. Every step you take disturbs the aquatic ecosystem. Avoid weedbeds; they are the condos for the bugs. Avoid wading through spawning redds. Be mindful of how your wading affects nearby anglers. Your wading can stir up the bottom and impact the fishing downstream.

In big water, wade with a buddy. Have the strongest wader take the upstream side. Tuck your rod into your waders or vest. Lock arms, or, better yet, grab the collars of one another's vests with your inside hands and plant your staves with your outside hands. Talk to one another as you progress across the river.

Take appropriate safety precautions. A wader belt is as important as a seatbelt. Buckle up every time you go out and cinch it high on your chest in deeper water to trap as much air as possible and prevent water from coming in. Wear footwear that increases traction.

Use a wading staff. In rocky freestone water, with varying depths and current velocity, the angler with a staff will outfish the wader without a staff every time and will swim less.

Lean into the current. Always plant your staff upstream of your body, leaning into the current. Should you begin to lose your balance, the current will push you upright rather than downstream.

Keep your body sideways to the current. Facing directly upstream or down exposes you to the full force of the water and makes it difficult to maintain your balance.

Shuffle. Move your feet along the bottom as though you are blind. Use your staff to check ahead for changes of depth or obstacles. Keep a wide stance. Feel along with each foot and find a secure spot before you commit your weight to it.

Know your limits. When the water reaches your knees, wading becomes more difficult. If you have limited wading skills, don't go in above your knees in fast water. The deeper

Wading Basics

by Dick Galland

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the water, the more buoyant you become and the less traction you have. There is a point of no return, when you are at the mercy of the current, even if your feet are still touching the bottom. Learn to anticipate that point and to stop before you reach it.

Conserve energy. Cross on a slight downstream angle wherever possible. When fishing upstream, walk the bank or in the slow currents along the side and use the eddies created by rocks in the current to ease your passage. Move from eddy to eddy in a bouldery river. Those little pockets of still water below rocks give you moment's rest. Go around boulders, rather than up and over them. The less climbing the better.

Plan your route. Look downstream for obstacles and hazards you will have to deal with if you lose your footing. If there is particularly hazardous water below, consider crossing or wading elsewhere. Think about what you'll do if you're swept away. Look for the places where you might get into an eddy. Look for obstacles that might trap or injure you.

Don't die for your tackle. If you are swept off your feet, you might be able to tuck your rod butt down into the front of your waders or throw it to shore, but don't risk your life for a rod. Your recovery will be considerably easier with both hands free.

Practice swimming with your waders on — in a river or swimming pool. This helps to mentally prepare you in case you fall in. Have a friend nearby for safety.

Learn to self-rescue. If you fall in fast water, turn on your back and imagine that you're a drift boat: Your feet become the bow, your head the stern, and your arms the oars. Scan the water downstream, pointing your feet at the obstacles you want to avoid and backstroke into the current with your arms. Position your body at 45 degrees into the current and stroke toward the shore. Backstroking will move you away from any obstacle downstream and toward the shore in a relatively straight line. Wait until you are

in slow water before you try to stand. Get out of the cold water as fast as possible.

Remember the acronym WADER. Wear your wader belt. Assess the difficulty and anticipate the problems. Develop a plan. Execute that plan. Retreat if necessary.



Author Dick Galland is the former owner of Clearwater House on northern California's Hat Creek and is a frequent contributor to Fly Fisherman magazine

Editor's Note: there are also some good videos on safe wading on YouTube... here is a hyperlink to Part 1 of a series developed by Simms:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pNFU1-EEqU>

Enjoy, be safe, wear your wader belt.

Pisgah Chapter Trout Unlimited May Chapter Meeting By Mark Byington

May's chapter meeting featured our usual fare of fun, flair, and fellowship capped off with a healthy dose of education. Following a round of raucous chewing of fat, the meeting convened and Chris Ellis started the brief business portion of the meeting with a recap of the Fly Fishing School as well as a reminder of the Kids Fishing Day coming up mid-month.

Chris then introduced the incoming Newsletter Editor Bill Miller to a round of applause.

Following that Chris presented on behalf of the Chapter, a very surprised Yours Truly with an Alan Folger original print of a Brook Trout, in appreciation for serving as Interim Editor after the loss of Jim Hoskinson.

After the break, a raffle drawing for the last box of the late Al Rogers flies, completely caught John Kies off-guard, having gone 10 years without his name being called! Congratulations John!



Winner John Kies with a box of Al Rogers flies!

Pisgah Chapter Trout Unlimited May Chapter Meeting ... continued

Barriers and Brookies

The guest speaker was a familiar one to our chapter, as Trout Unlimited's Southeast Land Protection Coordinator Damon Hearne was on hand to present a status of his work including his newest project to reconnect native brook trout populations. The presentation was entitled "Barriers and Brookies", and in it he described that the primary issue facing segmented populations of brook trout is their inability to move freely within their stream systems.

The initiative entails an in-depth study and analysis of known Southeastern Brook Trout populations and their stream networks, and the known barriers preventing movement of trout within the stream system. The culprit in most cases being road culverts, ranging from high-ways to forest service road crossings.

Once identified, the project looks to fund and implement the removal of the barrier or the replacement of the culvert with an adequately sized pipe arch and a streambed and bank simulation to mimic the native conditions



(slope, channel width, bedform and bed materials). Damon mentioned three projects within our chapter region that have been identified for action.

Aside from funding assistance, Damon stated that TU chapters will be able to assist with boots on the ground



Culvert that would present difficulties for fish passage ... located on a road that would present difficulties for car passage!

after the heavy equipment is done, by working on streambank restoration and planting. He also stated that members should keep an eye out when fishing the back-country for potential uncharted barriers.

Lastly Damon stated that not all barriers are bad, especially if the barrier is preventing rainbows or browns from invading native brookie territory.

Editors Note: If you missed the meeting, here is a link to an article on the project that Damon discussed:

<http://www.nctu.org/documents/2013NovemberFlyline.pdf>

The article (and these photos) appeared in **The Flyline**, the eNewsletter of the NC State TU Council.

From The Editor

New guy...

Yup.... I am the new editor, **Bill Miller**, with not a lot of experience or history with the chapter. After looking at the previous newsletters, I'm looking at some large editorial shoes to fill and hoping for help from the great chapter members.

As Mark mentioned in the last Rant, I am a "working stiff". I'm blessed to live in the Mills River area but don't fish enough because of the day job. I'm employed as environmental engineer, working on mainly groundwater and surface water issues.

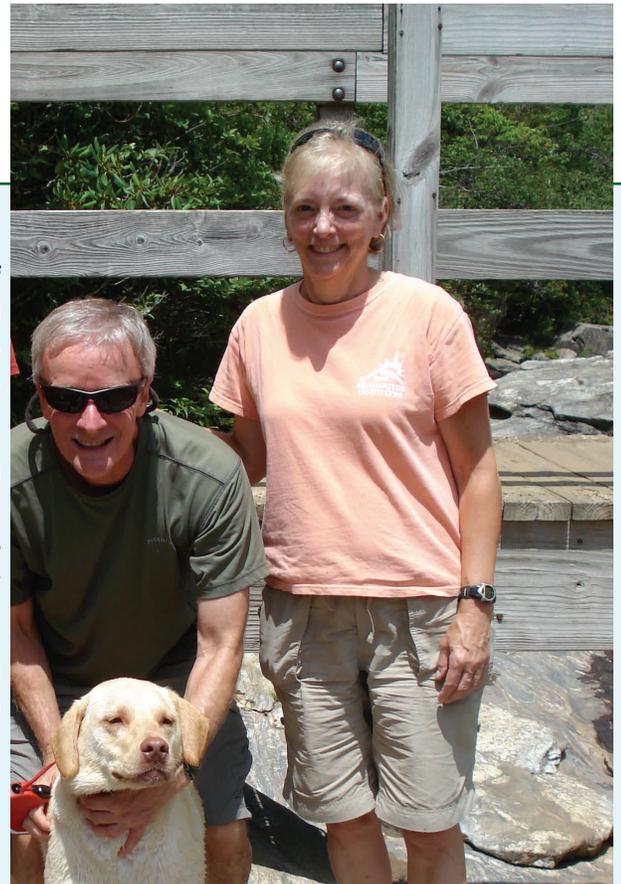
In a previous job I was involved with environmental resource issues. Through that job, I was fortunate enough to be asked to join TU by a guy named Ray Mortenson. I joined the Chattooga River Chapter, in Clemson, SC, where Ray was a member.

I served on the Board of Directors there, got a kid's fishing program started at Duke Energy's Bad Creek Project (Scout'n for Trout) and also served as the South Eastern co-rep for the Embrace-A-Stream committee for a three year stint in the early 1990's. The Embrace-A-Stream committee was quite a bit of work for short periods, but it was exciting to see what TU was doing to preserve and enhance the resource through the grass-roots efforts of chapters across the country.

I love trout and where they live. Prior to joining TU, the only fly fishing I had done was for bream or bass as a kid. I'm a pretty poor fly fisherman but do love the resource and see a critical role for the TU mission in conserving and protecting the fish and the watersheds.

For now, I work to much and fish to little...but I'm excited to be able to be involved and to serve.

...Bill



The Millers— my wife Patricia, Stevie (overly rambunctious Lab), and me

From the NC TU Council Newsletter -

Back the Brookie - **WE MADE IT!!**

Back the Brookie License Plate

NCTU is proud to announce that the Back the Brookie license plate is a reality for the residents of North Carolina ...order one today!

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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.

Bob Daubert	693-6262
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Steve Fromholtz	674-2450 *
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Dave Maxwell	894-0308
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Legend: * weekends only

Reference Phone Numbers

NC Wildlife Violations	800-662-7137
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Fish Biologist - Lorie Stroup	828-877-3265 ext 219
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Water discharges on the Green River	800-829-5253
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<http://www.boatingbeta.com/runs/flows/green>

Water discharges on the Nantahala River & Tuckaseegee River	866-332-5253
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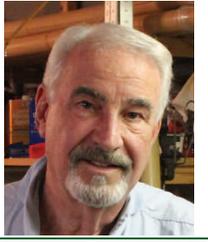
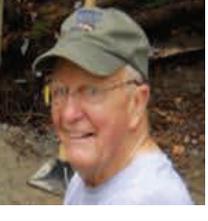
"No, I don't think your parents are responsible. I think the fish kicked your butt and you lost it."

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