

# Leaders and Tippets

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**The Lewis River  
Yellowstone National Park**

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# Presidents Corner

Frank Elsen

A lot of things are happening around South Central Kentucky and the Cumberland River that are of special interest to us as Trout fishers. Construction on the Visitors Center at the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery; serious leakage problems on the Wolf Creek Dam; expansion of Hatchery Creek at the Hatchery and the discovery of a rare mussel on the Green River were a few of the headline items. Some were the subject of meetings held in the past few weeks. V-P Roger Shott and I heard about them, buckled up our safety belts and headed south.

First stop was at a meeting called by the Corp of Engineers to stoke up the languishing 3 year old plan to expand Hatchery Creek from 300 feet to nearly a mile. The meeting was held in a conference room deep in the bowels of the dam. About thirty interested parties representing various federal and state agencies, county and city leaders from the Monroe, Cumberland and Russell counties, Tourism and Chamber of Commerce groups, business owners, guides and individuals attended. TU was the only fishing organization in attendance. The Corp announced that they had obtained funding to construct an additional 25 campsites in the Kendall Recreation Area beginning next year. Importantly, they announced their commitment to assist in obtaining funding for the project. The response was very positive, significant problems notwithstanding. The dream of a beautiful, meandering, sustainable, reproducing trout stream in southern Kentucky is alive.

Our next trip took us to a hearing on plans to fix Wolf Creek Dam which has a serious leakage problem that threatens the dam. The problem is in the karst foundation of the clay earthen embankment. An emergency grouting program in 1968 is generally believed to have saved the dam. In 1975 a concrete diaphragm wall through the earthen embankment was constructed to block further seepage. Recently however, monitoring detected more serious seepage conditions and a plan was instituted. Corp spokesman say that not addressing the problem now could increase the chances that the lake might be lowered in the future and could increase the risk of failure of the dam. To address the problem the Corp has prepared a Major Rehabilitation Project The current schedule calls for construction to begin in 2007 and, depending on funding, be completed by 2014. The cost is estimated at \$300 million. During the rehab efforts the Corp plans to maintain normal summer recreation levels and will attempt to keep early spring and winter levels from extreme rises. They also say that traffic on RT 127 across the dam may only experience some minor delays.

With this information in mind, we felt much more comfortable heading to the next meeting site. It was on a farm on the Green River near Munfordville near where a Ring Pink Mussel, thought to be near extinction, had been discovered. This was a meeting highlighting the success of the Conservation Reserve Program (CREP) on the Green River. CREP can pay thousands of dollars to farmers who agree to take segments of their land out of production and plant trees and native grasses along river banks. The Green River CREP has placed 10,000 acres in the program with a goal of 100,000 acres. On the day prior to this, we had floated the Cumberland and it was obvious that a CREP program would be very valuable if instituted there. We saw more cattle in the river than we saw fish. Easily done when each of you only land just one, but you get the idea. Several weeks before, wading at Helms' Landing the same wading cattle problem demonstrated the need for a CREP program. We did see and land a lot of trout there, however. Yes, trout fishers, there's a lot happening on the Cumberland and in South Central Kentucky. And much more that could be.

More information is available on our web site or on the Corp site:

<http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/pao/issues/wolcommo>

## Chapter Outings

If you have some place you would be interested in fishing or some place you are experienced at fishing that you would be willing to coordinate an outing to. Please contact Roy Weeks at,

[outings@louisvilletu.org](mailto:outings@louisvilletu.org)

We are trying to have more chapter outings, but if you don't tell us where you would like to go and you aren't willing to help coordinate some of these trips, we can't make them work.

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George Smith is coordinating a trip to West Virginia to fish the Elk Spring Creek and the Elk River on the weekend of September 9 - 11, 2005. Anyone interested in going on this trip should contact George at:

[gjs04s@peoplepc.com](mailto:gjs04s@peoplepc.com) as soon as you can so that he will know how many to expect.

# Louisville TU Annual Banquet

## DEAR MEMBER:

The Louisville Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its annual fund raising banquet on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall on River Rd. Items donated from various individuals, businesses and friends of trout are auctioned off during the banquet and the money raised is used to fund an array of projects our chapter participates in throughout the year. The following represents just some of the projects or activities our chapter is involved in now, in the past and into the future.

- \* **Casting for Recovery** – a fly fishing program for women breast cancer survivors
- \* **Reel Recovery** – a fly fishing program for men cancer survivors
- \* Rainbow & Brown trout tagging and stocking program on the Cumberland River
- \* Field studies of insect life on the Cumberland River
- \* Purchase of radio telemetry equipment for the Ky. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife to assist in trout migration studies in the Cumberland
- \* Wolf Creek Dam generation and flow studies and dissolved oxygen studies on the Cumberland River to improve water quality
- \* Lobbying efforts to protect cold-water fisheries in Kentucky
- \* Sponsoring monthly speakers who share information and expertise at meetings
- \* Fly casting & fly tying classes
- \* Boy Scout Fly Fishing merit badge instruction

As you can see, we have a very active chapter here and are doing what we can to improve the natural habitat for trout and to educate others about the environment. Trout Unlimited would appreciate any item you would care to donate to the auction. All donated items are tax deductible. If your item is in the form of a gift certificate, you can mail it to me or if you donate another item, I would be glad to pick it up. Let me know! Donations do not have to be fish related.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for helping The Louisville Chapter of Trout Unlimited restore and preserve our coldwater streams and rivers and the trout that swim in them.

Best regards,

Lee Squires

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## 2005 Louisville TU Banquet

**Date:** Tuesday, September 27, 2005

**Time:** Social Hour 6:00 PM

Dinner served at 7:30 PM

**Place:** Knights of Columbus Hall

4417 Upper River Road

**Cost:** \$30.00 with paid pre-registration

**\$35.00 at the door**

**We are asking that you pay when you make your reservations this year so that we can run more smoothly the night of the banquet. All the people that have paid reservations post-marked by September 13<sup>th</sup> will be placed in an early bird raffle for a really nice item the night of the banquet.**

**Reservation may be made by mailing your check and a list of people you are making reservation for to:**

Lee Squires

Annual Banquet Chairperson

701 Baxter Avenue

Louisville, KY 40202

## **Here are a few of the items that will be in the raffles and auctions**

Redington fly reel, rod case, binoculars, 4 pc. Orvis rod, 4 pc. rod blank, asst. books, string trimmer, wading bag, fly line, framed trout prints on paper and rocks, Nikon digital camera, Orvis luggage, hand tied flies, drinking glasses, firewood, fly tying materials, fly tying desk, Christmas ornaments, plants, fly vest, gift certificates, 3 Dell printers, etched bourbon bottle

**And we are looking for more!**

**Please contact Lee Squires with your donations so we can make this a successful fund raiser**



## **NOT YOUR ORDINARY FISHING TRIP**

Picture yourself fly fishing from the banks of a pond in 95+ degrees under a blazing sun with not a single cloud. Too hot, you say? Fishing won't be good? What if I told you that 28 very brave cancer survivors did just that, and caught a lot of fish, and in spite of the heat, did not want to quit fishing. They forgot about their pain and suffering, their medications and surgeries and just wanted to try out their new-found skills of fly fishing along with new-found friends during a FREE retreat weekend.

**CASTING FOR RECOVERY** held its 2nd Kentucky retreat (for 14 women who have or have had breast cancer) on July 22-24 at Wooded Glen Retreat & Conference Center in Henryville, Ind. During the weekend they had sessions of psychotherapy, physical therapy and other wellness issues. They also learned to fly fish as a therapy.

**REEL RECOVERY** held its 1st Kentucky retreat (for 14 men with life-threatening cancers) also at Wooded Glen Aug. 12-14. Unlike women, men don't usually talk about their illnesses and are often abandoned by even their closest friends. Their cancers are varied and many are multiple. Their battles are compounded by fights with insurers, misdiagnosis and complacency by some doctors, and ongoing treatments. Six professionally-led sessions of "Courageous Conversations" helped to give hope, knowledge, and peace of mind so that they could get on with their lives and no longer fear what the future held for them. They learned to be advocates for themselves and be more aware of the options of treatment they must choose. Oh yes, they also learned to fly fish....and caught many fish. I applaud the gallantry of these men as the bravest men I have ever met. Each man departed with RR's simple motto: "Be Well ! Fish On !" I give heartfelt thanks to each retreat's professional staff, volunteers, and donors who made these 2 retreats possible.

Mike Lubeach

### **CFR STAFF RR STAFF**

Starr Nolan - retreat leader (NC), Coy Thiobalt - retreat leader(CO) Trish Dumaine (NC), Tim O'Conner (CO), Candi Parrack - oncology physical therapist, Jarold Benson lead instructor (NKFF), Terri Cardwell - lead instructor, Mike Lubeach - program coordinator (Lou TU), Lisa Soler - fly fishing instructor, Kim Arrington - social worker/psychosocial), Barbara Steele - medical, JoAnn Morris - pastoral councilor, Mattie Pat Mills - hospitality (2004 alumna).

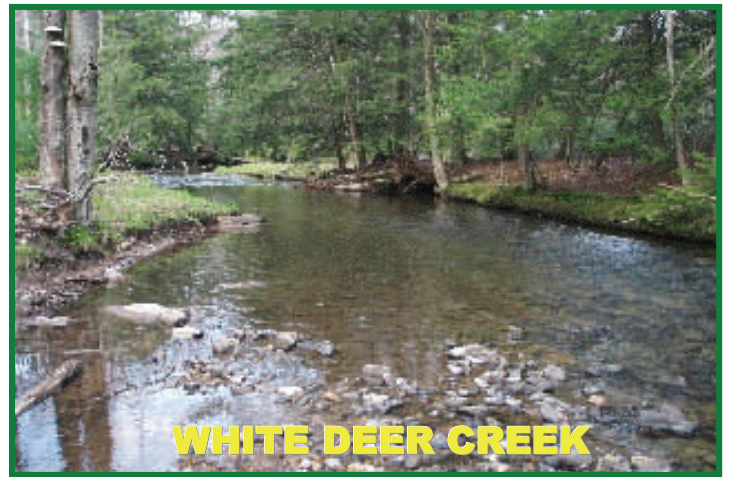
### **CFR RIVER HELPERS RR FISHING BUDDIES**

Mike Lubeach - leader (Lou. TU)

Sharon Brown, Frank Elsen, Roy Weeks, Roger Shott, Ron Johnson, Linda Yeager, Steve Woodring, Lee Squires and Ralph Walthall (all of Louisville TU).

Mike Arnold, Jarold Benson and Kevin Brennen from NKFF. Dick Haas and John Hadley from Adventure Anglers.

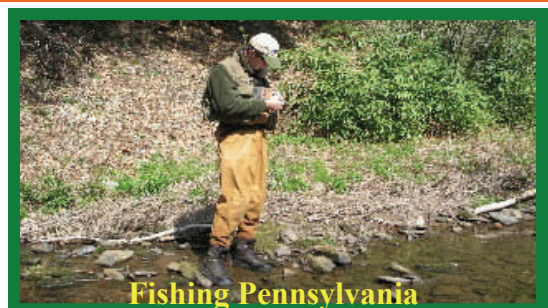
**A huge Thank You goes out to all these folks for their hard work and dedication in making this worthwhile program successful!**



## **Pennsylvania Trout**

By Harold Anderson

At the April TU meeting I won the one-day guided fishing trip provided by Rocco Rosamilia of Keystone Anglers, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. I called immediately to try to set up the trip for May 6, as I had other business in PA so I wanted to combine them if possible. It was not a good time for Rocco, as he had to be in England for a wedding that weekend, but he was able to provide a very fine local guide, Mr. George Daniels, for the day. I made arrangements to stay at the Keystone Lodge Thursday night, so when I found myself near State College PA just after noon on Thursday, I realized that there was a trout hatchery nearby, and a stream maintained by the state. I had obtained a three day PA license that started that day, so I fished that afternoon with only limited success, catching only a couple of smallish Rainbows on dry flies. I saw several very unusual trout in the stream that I later found out are called Palominos. I was told that this is an aberration that sometimes occurs. They do not appear to be Albinos, but rather are a very light tan color, with Rainbow type markings, without the color. After a pleasant night at the lodge, hosted by Rocco's brother, George Daniels arrived and we traveled about 10 miles to White Deer Creek. This is a smallish stream, with a lot of brush, deadfalls, etc, so I opted to use my 6'6", two weight rod. During the next 5 hours, under Mr. Daniels tutelage, using dry flies with a nymph dropper about 10" behind, I caught about 25 Rainbows in the 12'-15" range. After a quick lunch at a truck stop, we went in search of Brook Trout. After trying two different streams to no avail, we gave up and called it a day. I drove to Allentown that evening, where I spent the night, and after concluding my business the next morning I sped back to White Deer Creek where I was able to fish until dark. This ended my three fishing days in Pennsylvania.



## A Trip to Yellowstone

Robert Miller

Diane and I are ambling along the cut bank on Slough Creek, and in a dilatory manner casting to the casually swimming cutts that line the bank. A nice fish captures my attention and I get down to it, casting and changing flies, even changing tippets. As I cast I realize the fish has moved back under the cut of the bank and also under the sprigs of timothy hay that overhang the bank, and I can't see him. I notice a guide and his two sports eyeing the fish, and as I lift my line and fly, the guide calls out, "You took it right out of his mouth!" I think (but do not say), You #@%\$#\*%, why didn't you tell me sooner? But, true to our calling of the contemplative man's recreation, I am patient, and in about a half-hour I have my fish, a lovely cutt of a good 18+ inches.

Prior to our journey up the wagon path to Slough Creek, I had more or less decided that this would be my last trip, for at my age (67) I have no business pretending that those short huffs of breath and shaky legs aren't sending me a message. But, after the fish I caught, and the beautiful scenery, how could I not admit that I'd be chugging back up and over to Slough Creek next year? As Ahnold says, "I'll be back!"

Top Slough Creek honors go to Roy Weeks, though, who, in spite of some very tough fishing, managed to land several nice fish. Two large fish caught outside the Park: Tom Walsh boated a 20 inch fish on the Madison on a float trip, and I likewise caught a 20 inch cuttbow (first time for this hybrid) on a Yellowstone float. Tim Woodring took honors as the most adventurous, and probably the most successful, with productive trips to Hellroaring and a trek in to Cache Creek, among other places.

This year's visit to Yellowstone included Tom and Nancy Walsh, the Millers, Roy and Vicki Weeks, Janice and Jack Luce, Deloris Cummings, and Tim Woodring. Other than a slow morning on the Lamar (still caught 2 nice fish), I think I can say that this year was one of the most productive we've ever experienced. At least it was the most productive of the three vacations I've spent at Yellowstone. There were plenty of brookies from Tower and Straight creeks, and plenty of cutts from Soda Butte. Tim and Deloris made very successful trips down into Hellroaring Creek. Tom Walsh reported catches averaging 23 fish per hour, and others logged good catches of fish in the 12-16 inch limits. Although the fish seemed to get smarter as the days went by, there were still plenty of fish to be caught, and the good fishing lasted right up to our last day.

According to Nancy, who brought us up to date every morning, the wolf spotting was excellent this year, and I heard reports of several sightings of grizzlies, and of course the bison and elk were out in full display. Also saw several black bear, coyotes, and deer. After a night of rain, we all took a day off to do some visiting of local sites. The Millers and Walshes drove into Livingston and visited Dan Bailey's shop and the headquarters and museum of the Federation of Fly Fishers.

Interspersed with the good fishing and nature watching were group trips to Gardiner and Cooke City for some memorable food and drink at Outlaw's, Bear Tooth Café and other eateries. Thanks also to the gracious hospitality of Tom and Nancy, and the assistance of Roy and Vicki, we had some wonderful cookouts at Cabin #79, although Diane is still feeling the gastric effects of one bottle of the local micro-brew, Moose Drool. It sent her out in the middle of the night to run the grizzly gauntlet to the bathhouse.

We wound up the holiday with a lovely drive back through Paradise Valley to Livingston and then Bozeman, where we dropped a few bucks at Powder Horn Sporting Goods before catching our Northwest flight to L-ville.

We'll be back.



**Nominations for Officers and Directors of the Louisville Chapter of Trout Unlimited To Serve in 2006**

**Election Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2005**

**Officers:**

**President:** Roger Shott  
**Vice President:** George Smith  
**Secretary:** Barry Morris  
**Treasurer:** Tom Walsh  
**Sgt. at Arms:** Lee Squires

**Directors:**

Dwight Beall	Joe Bobrowski
Deloris Cummings	Glenda Morris
Bill Remaks	Mike Rogers
Steve Woodring	Tim Woodring

**Directors receiving the fewest number of votes will serve the remaining year of the terms of one director moving into an officer position and one resigning from the board**

**Directors with one year remaining on their two year terms**

Gerald Mc Daniel      Bob Miller  
Nancy Walsh      Roy Weeks

**If you wish to serve on the board and you are not on the slate yet, you should contact one of our nominating committee (Frank Elsen, Nancy Walsh or Barry Morris)**

**Free Fly Tying Classes**

Classes are held the second Tuesday of the month at the Aero Club in Bowman Field.

We meet at 7:00 PM and those who are beginners all the way up to the experienced tyer will be able to gain something from these sessions  
In September, Barry Morris will give a refresher on the Chicago Fly

In October, Steve Woodring will lead the class, in November George Smith will lead the class and in December Deloris Cummings will lead the class.

**Upcoming Chapter Meetings**

**September is our Banquet Meeting**

(Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter)

**October is our annual elections**

The slate of Officers and Directors is listed elsewhere in this letter. Please study it and attend the meeting and vote. It is important that everyone takes part in this process.

Also at this meeting, we will be honoring the Charter Members of our chapter in celebration of our 20th anniversary as a TU chapter.

**Kentucky Division of Fish & Wildlife names new commissioner**

On Friday, June 17, 2005, the Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Commission name Dr. Jon Gassett to the position of Commissioner of the Kentucky Division of Fish & Wildlife Resources. He is replacing retiring Commissioner, Tom Bennett. He had been filling the position in the interim since Bennett's retirement and had previously served for six years as the Big Game Coordinator and Director of the Wildlife division. He comes well qualified with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, a Master of Science degree and a Doctorate in forest resources

Dr. Gassett is a Certified Wildlife Biologist and is the author or co-author of more than twenty scientific papers on wildlife management, including articles on Kentucky's deer and elk restoration.

We at the Louisville Chapter of Trout Unlimited welcome Dr. Gassett and look forward to working with him in the future.



**Deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter is October 21, 2005**

## Newsletter Online

[www.louisvilletu.org](http://www.louisvilletu.org)

With the creation of our new website and the subsequent publishing of our newsletter on the site, we are going to give every member an opportunity to help the chapter save money so that we may better allocate our resources toward our mission of funding conservation projects. To accomplish this I would ask every member that has access to the Internet and email to send me his or her email address. When new issues of the newsletter are published on the website I will send out a notices to all members via email about the publication of the new issue and where to find it on the site. The benefits to those who wish to receive the newsletter via email notification will be color photos, print and background along with improved graphics.

If you don't have access to the Internet or you still require a hardcopy one will be sent to you. In order for me to find out who wants an email notification or a hardcopy, please fill out the following questionnaire and mail this page to:

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Or, if you wish you can email me with your preference to

[www.wbmorris@insightbb.com.com](mailto:www.wbmorris@insightbb.com.com)

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