

# Leaders & Tippetts

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# Presidents Corner

Frank Elsen

It is hard to believe that two years have gone by since that ill fated lunch offer from Roger Shott gave me title to this corner. One could use that old saw that time goes by when you are having fun. Not exactly, although it has been enjoyable working with a great group of people, dedicated to continuing the tradition of Trout Unlimited. For the most part we were successful in meeting the challenging of our education and conservation goals. Our casting clinics have attracted over 100 people who became interested in learning more about fly fishing. Our fly tying classes continue to attract more fly tyers. Participating in the Casting For Recovery and Reel Recovery programs, though instructional, really demonstrated a compassionate spirit. Additionally, we now have an attractive and informative web-site up and running. In the conservation arena, most significant was our contribution to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Department of \$2,975.00 to purchase telemetry equipment to be used in a study of the trout fishery on the Cumberland River. Funds for this and other conservation grants are garnered through our successful banquets and raffles. We have recently joined the newly formed Kentucky Wildlife Conservation Partners, a group of concerned sportsman organizations who will bring a concerted effort toward raising conservation issues in Kentucky. The first of these issue will be the inclusion of a tax credit on conservation easements in the Governor's budget. Recently we presented the proposal to the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, the Secretary of Commerce and the State Budget Director and received a favorable response. Otter Creek restoration efforts have been frustrating. However, with the change of Fort Knox from an Armored to an Infantry installation and a new contact on the base, we are more hopeful of progress in the future. We continue to work with the Corps of Engineers on the Hatchery Creek Improvements and the Wolf Creek Dam repair project. When Governor Fletcher said that he would like to fly fish on the Cumberland, we agreed to arrange a float trip. On a picture perfect fall day in October we put him on fish while he experienced the scenic splendor of Kentucky's "trout treasure". In November, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Louisville Chapter of Trout Unlimited with the return of over a dozen charter members who shared with us their experiences in establishing and growing the Chapter. It was truly a memorable evening for all! It has been a worthwhile two years, none of which would have been possible without the dedicated work of the Board and many others who volunteered their help. The Chapter won't run if members are reluctant to step up and help. I was once a reluctant one. For years, I'd take a pass. Mister reluctance! Fearful of losing valuable fishing time until Roger caught me in a weakened state. Less time? I have wet a line more in the last two years than I have in a long time. At the same time, I have met and enjoyed the pleasure of working with some truly dedicated fly fishers. So the next time that sign-up sheet comes around or you are asked to serve in some position, why not sign on? You could find it more rewarding than you ever expected. That has been my experience. Until then, go have a fair day of fishing. Hopefully I will see you there!

Peace

## Free Fly Tying Classes

Classes are held the second Tuesday of the month at the

**Aero Club in Bowmen 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 January Tom Walsh will lead the class in tying a Prince Nymph**

**In February we will tie a Humpy dry fly**

## Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Our January meeting will have Steve Woodring making a presentation on the trip he took last year to Chile. This should be a fun and informative meeting.

In February we will have instructive seminars on the different aspects of fly fishing and fly tying. There will be several stations set up to demonstrate rod building, knots, fly tying and many other things that are basic to our beautiful obsession.

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Commonwealth Bank Building at 286 North Hubbards Lane

## “Board Member Bio”

### This issue we introduce Director: George Smith

I was born on March 6, 1940 in Chester, Pennsylvania. My mother was born in Watford, Canada. My father was from Hagerstown, Maryland. I have one younger brother and two older sisters. My father died when I was thirteen. He was a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason. Because of this I was given the chance to attend Thomas Rankin Patton Masonic School for Boys in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. This school offered both a trade and college prep course in a three year term. This was a great opportunity for my brother and I as there were only twenty-one boys in our class. This would turn out to be the largest class in the history of the school.

After graduation in 1959 I started college at Pennsylvania Institute of Technology. I enlisted in the Marines in December, 1959. After Boot Camp I was sent to Paris Island, South Carolina. I was then sent to Memphis, Tennessee for screening. After the screening process I attended Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida.

I married in September of 1960 to my first wife, Ellen. We raised four children. I was honorably discharged from the Marines in 1965. I took my family and went to Florida to work in the space industry. Within two weeks I was working with Chrysler Corporation on the Saturn I Program. After the fire on Saturn IB Program, I transferred to North American Corporation and started working on the Saturn V Moon Program. In July of 1969 the Apollo 11 landing ended the program for seventeen thousand men and I was one of them. I went looking for a job. I ended up at AT&T in Illinois working as an Electronic, Electrical Engineer.

My first wife passed away in 1981. I worked at AT&T until I was offered an early retirement in 1989. I married again to my wife, Gloria in December, 1990. Gloria and I lived in Montgomery, Illinois until she was laid off from AT&T. We had already planned on moving to Summersville, Kentucky. We have a log home on forty acres in Summersville, built in 1992.

I joined Trout Unlimited in March, 2000. I have been fly fishing since I was sixteen years old but never fished for trout until April, 2000. Since then I have fished in a dozen states and countless streams and rivers.

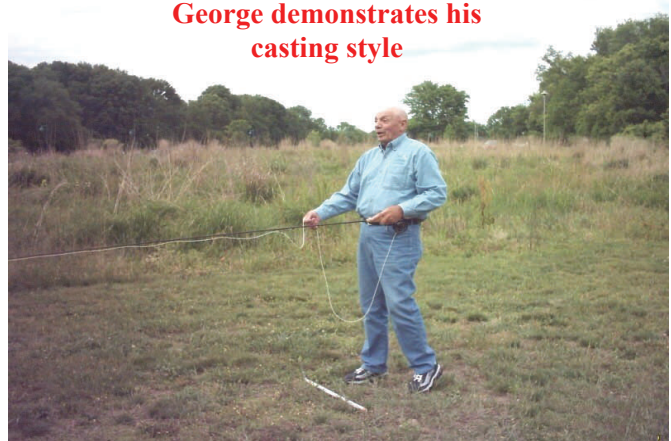
George teaching the tying class



Preparing for a day of Montana fishing



George demonstrates his casting style



# Jim Strader Hunting and Fishing Show

February 10, 11, and 12, 2006

We will have our booth at the show again this year.

If you are willing to volunteer to work the booth, contact Nancy Walsh.

Derby City Fly Fishers, Inc. will be hosting "The Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show" Saturday, January 28, 2006

NEW LOCATION FOR KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHING SHOW - [Indiana National Guard Armory](#), 2909 Grant Line Road, New Albany, Indiana. The Kentucky National Guard has been activated, so we have moved the show to the Indiana National Guard Armory. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you as an exhibitor or attendee.

We will charge a \$5 admission fee for anyone over 12.

Show hours will be 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*[Delores Cummings](#) will be handling the Louisville TU booth so stop by and see her.*

Some of their confirmed presenters and booths include Macauley Lord (Fly-casting seminar and book signing), Ian & Charity Rutter ([R&R Fly Fishing Smoky Mountain Guides](#), [Dick Walle](#) ("Soft Hackled Flies and How to Fish Them"), [Don Matthews](#) & [Greg Senyo](#) (Steelhead Presentation), [Dick Walle](#) ("Soft Hackled Flies and How to Fish Them"), Jerry Darkes (Smallmouth Bass), [Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife](#) (Dave Dreves), Steve Gillenwater (Gilly Minnow), Gerry McDaniel (Cumberland River Guide), Wildcat Creek Outfitters, Fred McLincotk (Guide), [John Stewart](#) (Cumberland River Guide), [Louisville chapter of Trout Unlimited](#), Bluegrass Trout Unlimited of Lexington, Kentucky, [Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers](#) (Tim Guilfoile), [Parallel 38](#) (Formerly Adventure Outfitters), [Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World](#), and [TroutBums](#) (The Fly Factory bamboo rods & AuSable River guides), and [Canoe Kentucky](#). See their web-site [www.derbycityflyfishers.com](http://www.derbycityflyfishers.com) for more details.

## Regional Clean Water Summit For Hunters and Anglers

**February 3-4, 2006**

**Hyatt Regency Louisville**

**320 West Jefferson**

**Louisville, KY 40202**

The future of hunting and fishing is dependent upon protection and appropriate management of wildlife habitat

Join us as we explore "hands on" and proven approaches to conserving, protecting and restoring our watersheds so that future generations may experience America's hunting and fishing heritage.

**Check out our web-site for details**

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

Deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter is February 20, 2006

## Future Outings

We plan on having several “Chapter Outings” this coming year so I thought I would give you a little teaser of what is to come.

As many of you know, I belong to several fishing organizations and I participate at different levels in these organizations.

One of my favorites, after Louisville TU of course, is the Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers. One of the great things about the group is their club organized fishing trips. I was lucky to get to attend their spring and fall North Carolina “Delayed Harvest” trips.

I am sure if you have been to any TU meetings since I was on these trips you have heard me go on about the experience. This is for the folks that haven’t heard the stories.

There are 7 “Delayed Harvest “ streams within an hour or so of Waynesville, NC. All are catch and release artificial only from October 1st until the first Saturday in June. They are each stocked with 7,000 fish a month in October, November, March, April and May. They are enforced strongly enough that most of the fish stay in the streams until June.

The NKFF group stays in Waynesville as it is pretty central to most of the streams, the lodging is good and fairly inexpensive, there are lots of excellent restaurants, and Roger Lowe’s fly shop is right there in town. This makes for an awesome trip when you add in the beautiful scenery.

The streams are the Big Laurel River, Shelton Laurel Creek, West Fork of the Pigeon, East Fork of the French Broad, The Tuckaseegee, North Mills River and my favorite the Nantahala River.

These streams provide diverse fishing opportunities and fish are readily available on any of them all the way through the “Delayed Harvest” period. Of course there is no guarantee that you will catch fish, but the odds are very much in your favor. I caught lots of fish on both trips so it can be done.

The Tuckaseegee is a tailwater (on a much smaller scale than the Cumberland) and the generation schedule dictates the fishability of the stream on a given day, but the rest are natural streams and are only effected by the weather.

The annual NC non-resident license including the trout stamp is \$30.00 and it is good for one year from the date purchased so you can get several trips in on one fee! This license is good in The Great Smokie Mountain National Park as well so you can skip the very expensive Tenn. License.

I can’t tell you just how much fun this trip can be, so come to the meetings for more details of the Louisville Chapter trip in the future.

We also plan a trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn. For their “Delayed Harvest” period this winter.

Barry Morris



## Newsletter Online at <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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