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YELLOWSTONE IN SPRING

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George Smith

First, let me thank everyone for their trust in myself and the new board members, Walt Anderson, Vicki Lewis and Larry Lewis, Bob Coffman and Steven Darnell. I look forward to the year ahead with great enthusiasm and that we can live up to that trust. Having said that I would like everyone to share some of that enthusiasm and use it to improve the organization. We can accomplish this by being actively involved in the events listed below. The board feels these endeavors are worthy of our involvement and support.

We have obtained a Post Office Box #6451, zip code 40206 at the St. Matthews Branch. This gives us a permanent address. This address will be printed on our new checks, which have been changed to require two signatures, further enhancing our internal financial controls.

We have made commitments to Amanda Patrick at Wolf Creek Dam Education Center to take part in four programs on the following dates:

April 19th, 2008 10am to 3.30pm (Earth Day) we will need 4 to 6 volunteers.

June 28th, 2008 - Getaway Day at Wolf Creek Dam from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

This day could require as many as 15 volunteers,
T.U. will only be involved from 12pm till 3:30pm

July 19th, 2008 - Intro to Fly Tying, 9 am to 12 noon - we will need 4 to 6 volunteers.

August 23rd, 2008, - Intro to Fly Fishing, 9 am to 12 noon - we will need 15 volunteers.

These dates are an opportunity for Louisville Chapter to get our message to the public about what we are all about.

We also have the casting class coming up in April or May. This also will require volunteers, to help with teaching the students.

I know it seems like this is a lot for us to accomplish but our involvement in these activities will show the community that we are alive and well, and maybe bring in some new "converts" to the sport we all love.

George

Fly Tying Night

The group meets the second Tuesday of the month at The Aero Club in Bowman Field.

We meet at 7:00 PM in the upstairs room

These sessions are geared more for the intermediate tiers to come and learn new patterns and share techniques, but beginners are always welcome and there are always extra helpers there to assist first timers.

Guest Tyers will be

On January 8th, Tom Walsh will tie a "Stimulator"

On February 12th, Steve Woodring will tie a "Crazy Charlie"

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Commonwealth Bank Building at

286 North Hubbards Lane

In **January** Dr Art Parola Director of the Stream Institute at U of L will talk about stream restoration with perhaps special attention to siltation.

In **February** Kentucky Fish and Wildlife biologist, Kerry Prather will talk about the fishery at Dix River.

CHECK THE WEB-SITE FOR DETAILS

www.louisvilletu.org

January 6, 2008

TODAY-----TOMORROW-----FUTURE

As I look back to the end of my 2nd term as your fearless leader, several news items have appeared on TV and radio to start my thinking about the future. The future is now beginning to define where we are, where we are going to go and some of the problems that we are going to face in the process. The first of these problems is the increasing number of states that are facing water shortages. No longer is this problem confined to the southwestern part of our country. Now the southeastern United States is in an extended drought and the water supply of the city of Atlanta (Lake Lanier) is almost exhausted with less than a 70 day supply of drinking water left. Moreover, ground water has been over utilized and many wells in the southeast are dry as a result of the drought and increasing utilization.

The Mayor of Atlanta and others want to completely stop all flow out of Lake Lanier and withhold all water supplies from the lower river. This of course would spell almost certain extinction for strains of fresh water mussels, and some species of Darters and other minnows and the southern sturgeon in the waters of the Chattahoochee River. Most of these are on the endangered species list. When asked about the “water rights” of Alabama and Florida thru which the Chattahoochee flows, the Mayor said, “It’s Georgia Water” a reference apparently to the Georgia origin of the Chattahoochee.

This new water squabble is added to those of California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada and Colorado about the Colorado River and the states of New Mexico, Colorado, and Texas over the Rio Grande water.

The inescapable conclusion is that the demand for fresh water has outstripped supply in many areas of the country. It is unlikely that the future holds much hope of a near term solution of this dilemma. We in this country are usually unable to act unless the problem or dilemma places the public between a rock and a hard place. It looks like we are there right now.

The first question to be answered in the search for a solution is “Whose water is it?” It becomes obvious that water is a commodity that is owned by all of us. No one state has total ownership of the water that flows through and out of their state. Therefore water in most cases becomes at least a regional natural resource.

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The second inescapable conclusion is that the most readily available corrective measure to insure an adequate water supply is through conservation i.e. reducing our water usage. This sounds easy but it has proven very difficult to do. In order to do this we will have to change our water usage habits permanently. We are no longer in a climate of occasional drought, we are constantly on the edge of water shortages in many areas of the country due to expansion of use.

For trout unlimited this means more dams, and more water drawn from the headwaters of many of our favorite streams and rivers. Lower water flows mean increased water temperatures and therefore increasingly inhospitable conditions for trout. With increased development in those areas with adequate water (Kentucky) the strain on our cold water fisheries will become immense. We have to ensure longevity to the Cold water resource that we have now. It will take a large amount of effort in stream restoration, and preservation on our part to ensure ourselves and our children the opportunity to enjoy fishing for trout. We need to get started now. All streams especially those that are spring fed and are capable of supporting trout at least part of the year need to have stream bank work done to try to control (minimize) the temperature rate increase as late as possible into the summer months. The tail waters below dams that have cold outflow and support trout fisheries mismanaged to maximize the conditions conducive to trout fishing.

The first step on the path is to strengthen and make more formal the relationship with the Division of Fish and Wildlife. It occurs to me that it would be a good idea if the two chapters of Trout Unlimited in the state would have representatives meet with the Director of the Division and the head of the division of fisheries and the cold water biologists on an annual or semi-annual basis to discuss topics of mutual concern and to find ways that T.U. could be of more help in cold water projects designed to maintain and further the development of the cold water environment for trout. The second step is to collect and organize as much data on our Kentucky cold water streams in a data base for use in directing our efforts to maintain and improve the cold water habitats for trout in the state.

I believe that this is a start to preserving our trout fishing.

Without a substantial effort from all of us, the forces of development, mineral extraction, agricultural use, and climate change will steadily decrease the quantity, and quality of our cold water habitats and sadly our trout fishing. The canary in our mine is warning us of cold water habitat loss now and in the future. Let us be sure that the vision of "trout fishing to come" stays just that, a nightmare that we did not allow to happen.

**Sincerely,
Roger Shott**

Winter Tie-In

Louisville TU Members Only

Saturday, February 16, 2008

3:00PM

***Commonwealth Bank Building**

286 N. Hubbards Lane

(We will be in the basement where we hold our regular monthly meetings)

This event is designed expressly for Louisville TU fly tiers of all skill levels to gather and tie flies of their choice. It will be a time for an exchange of ideas, skills, and fishing stories. Participants should bring a vise, materials for their flies, and a tying light. A light lunch will be served at noon.

Tiers can participate for the entire session or only a part, as their schedule allows.

***Tie-in participants must park behind the bank on Saturday morning due to the fact that the bank is open for business until noon.**

Questions, call: Roy Weeks (502)845-8081

Barry Morris 664-3517



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TROUT UNLIMITED NATIONAL UPDATE

From: Steve Moyer and Sara Tucker

Holiday Greetings, TU volunteer leaders. Sara Tucker, our new government affairs director and I would like to update you briefly on some of the major end of the year legislative events. A number of these are benchmark events on which TU, and many of you, have invested considerable time and energy. As ever here in Washington, DC, some have turned out well, and some have not. We'll mention three items on this e-mail, Energy Bill, Farm Bill, and the 1872 Mining Law Reform bill, and then we'll highlight Climate Change legislation and the big Omnibus Appropriations bill in the next e-mail.

Energy Bill: A major disappointment for our efforts to restore some balance on the overheated pace of oil and gas development on federal lands. Good provisions were dropped from the final version of the Energy Bill which passed and was signed into law on December 19, and thus there is nothing in the Energy Bill that will help improve regulation of oil and gas development on public lands. We will try again to get good legislation next year. Many thanks to Bill Schudlich (NM TU), Ken Neubecker (CO TU), and all others who have come to Congress to lobby and have given much of themselves on this issue. To paraphrase General MacArthur: we will return on this issue. For more, see one of our State Council Representatives at the General Meetings.

Farm Bill: Good news here. At long last, the Senate broke a stalemate and passed its version of the Farm Bill on December 14th. The Senate bill has a number of the key items we were seeking, although several of them are not as strong as the House's version of the bill. The House bill also has somewhat more conservation funding in its bill. The important thing is that House/Senate Conference to reconcile the two bills will occur in January, and if all goes well, a new Farm Bill will be passed into law in February, and provisions and funding in the new bill should start providing us with new conservation opportunities in 2008. Many thanks to Dan Wisniewski (WI TU), the NLC's Farm Bill workgroup, and many many of you who have helped lobby for the Farm Bill over the past two years. For more, see one of our State Council Representatives at the General Meetings .

1872 Mining Law Reform: This old law, which gives hardrock mining dominance over all other uses of our federal lands, is undergoing a strong Congressional review and overhaul process. The House passed a good reform bill in November (see attached press release for more), and the Senate is holding hearings in preparation for drafting its own bill. If all goes well, the Senate will approve its version early in the year, a House/Senate Conference will reconcile their bills, and the President will sign the first significant overhaul of the legislation in 130 years. Many thanks to all of you, especially you TU westerners, who have worked hard on this issue. We'll have a lot of work to do in the coming year to make it happen.

That's it for now. More later.

Regards, Steve and Sara

2008 KENTUCKIANA Fly Fishing Show

Presented by the
Derby City Fly Fishers, Inc.
Louisville, Kentucky



Saturday, January 26, 2008

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Holiday Inn Airport South
2715 Fern Valley Rd. (I-65 to exit 128)
Louisville, Kentucky 40213

Featuring:

- Dave & Emily Whitlock
- Macauley Lord
- Fly Tying & Casting Demonstrations
- Exhibits and Presentations
- Guides and Outfitters
- Fish & Wildlife Agencies
- Kid's Corner, and more

Admission: \$6
kids 12 & under, free



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Everyone Is
Invited!!

Only \$6.00 Per Person

Children 12 and Under Are Free
Parking Is Still Free!

Saturday, February 9, 2008
9:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Receptions Conference Ctr.
Cincinnati, Ohio

www.buckeyeflyfishers.com

The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™ (sponsored by Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Inc.) is presented every year to promote the sport of fly fishing. It is an opportunity for anyone (men, women and children) interested in fly fishing, from the novice who has never fly fished to those who have developed a passion for the sport, to spend the day learning about fly fishing, techniques, resources, and places to visit.

Everyone is invited.

PROGRAMS

9:00 Registration Opens

9:00 - 4:30 Exhibits Open

10:00 Presentation #1- Randy Ratliff
"Eastern Tennessee Flyfishing"

11:00 Fly Tying Demonstration #1

12:00 Presentation #2 - Capt. Brian Meszaros
"Fly Fishing Lake St. Clair"

1:00 Fly Tying Demonstration #2

2:00 Presentation #3 - Nathan Depenbrock
"Kayak Fishing: Do's & Don'ts in the Bluegrass"

4:30 Doors Close

Programs subject to change without notice

Featured Presentations & Speakers

Eastern Tennessee Fly Fishing - Randy Ratliff

Join Randy as he presents fly fishing opportunities for trout and smallmouth bass in the beautiful waters in eastern Tennessee. Randy will share an overview of the various waters in the region as well as basic tips and techniques. Check out the great fishing all within a short distance of our region.

Randy Ratliff is the owner of Troutfishers Guide Service. He guides on the rivers and streams of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina including the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Randy is a featured guide for the "Outdoors with Joey Mines".

Fly Fishing Lake St. Clair -

Capt. Brian Meszaros

Guide/Author Capt. Brian Meszaros' presentation will cover one of the greatest fly fishing venues / destinations in the world. He will focus on species indicative to the fishery and tactics/techniques implemented towards their pursuit. He also discusses recent environmental events and it's impact.

Capt. Brian began his guide career and conducting seminars in 1992. Being an innovator in the sport he became the original fly fishing guide on Lake St. Clair developing the "St. Clair Slam" and tactics/techniques in the pursuit of warm water species of the region.

Kayak Fishing: Do's & Don'ts in the Bluegrass- Nathan Depenbrock

Nathan will cover kayak fly fishing in the State of Kentucky. This presentation will educate you on what kind of kayaks work best for kayak fishing, as well as how to rig them. It will also go over the best places in the state to take your new kayak for fishing.

Nathan has paddled a canoe on everything from flat lakes to adrenaline pumping whitewater rivers. Nathan is also an avid outdoorsman, spending time in the deer and turkey woods, and a lot of his summers on the streams of Kentucky. He is one of the owners of Canoe Kentucky.

Getting to the Receptions Conference Center is easy. It's located off of Rt. 4 in Fairfield (northern Cincinnati). Traveling on I-275, take Exit 41 and travel approximately 2 miles north on Rt. 4. Turn left at Boymel (there is a stoplight at the intersection and a McDonalds on the corner). Travel approximately 0.2 miles.

The Receptions is located on the right side.

Parking is free.

www.buckeyeflyfishers.com

THE FLOATING MIDGE PUPA
PHOTOS AND DIRECTIONS BY KOICHI KAWAI
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Fly Fishing with Pookie

Written By Dean Reiner of Hatch Finders Fly Shop

The Floating Midge Pupa is one of the most devastating patterns to be presented to rising trout. This fly when fished to rising trout on our area spring creeks will give you hours of non-stop action.

This fly is primarily a wintertime pattern, but can be fished all year long when the trout are on midges. It is easy to tie but difficult to fish because of its size, it's hard to see. When fishing this pattern for those who are visually impaired, like me, I would attach a small stick on strike indicator a few feet above the fly to make it easier to see.

If you are suffering cabin fever this winter, tie up a few of these floating midge pupa's, find a piece of water without drifting ice, and a few noses sticking up and have some fun!



FROM THE FLY BOX OF KOICHI KAWAI
TYING DIRECTIONS FOR THE FLOATING MIDGE PUPA

Abdomen: Stripped Peacock eye

Thorax: Super fine dubbing (black or mahogany)

Wing: CDC (natural dun)

Hook: TMC 2488(#18 ~ #30), Mustad C49S (#18 ~ #28)

Thread: TMC 16/0(gray or dark brown) or any 10/0 ~ 16/0

Coating: Zap-A-Gap

Photo 1:Choose a hurl from the peacock eye.

Photo 2:Put some powder floating on your fingers, and scrape the hurl using your fingertips (nail) to remove the flue.

Photo 3:Put thread on the hook shank, tie in the stripped peacock eye, and wind thread rearward to bend.

Photo 4:Wrap the stripped peacock. Photo6: Pluck some CDC fibers, and tie them in the hook shank.(bottom part toward to front)

Photo5: Fold them together to front.

Photo 6:Trim CDC fibers and put a few raps of dubbing on the base of CDC.

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PHOTO #1



PHOTO #2



PHOTO #3

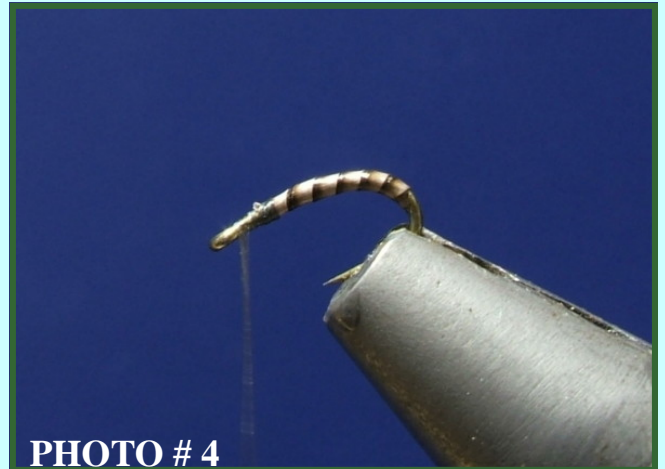


PHOTO #4



PHOTO #5



PHOTO #6



PHOTO #7

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