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President's Corner

George Smith

Well June is almost over, just a few more days and we will be in July. We held the Casting Clinic on the 19th because of rain in May, Steven Darnell did an outstanding job on everything. There were twenty students and 12 to 15 instructors depending on whom you talked to. Steven did such an outstanding job we should ask him if he is available for next year.

May 29th and away to Waynesville North Carolina, there were 12 members and two guests. All arrived on Thursday, Friday morning breakfast and then to the water. Some went West and others went South most of us had a good day of fishing others had a great day of fishing. Saturday morning breakfast, there was quite a discussion about Corned Beef Hash (Walt Anderson) and another about Cream of Wheat and Grits (Fred Doyle) the waitress was the winner! Back to the water. Everyone had a great day, but Steven and his son Tony had a super day. Everyone caught fish and had a good time

June 28th was the Get Away Day at Wolf Creek Dam with Amanda Patrick. This was fly casting and tour of the Wolf Creek Dam Hatchery.

July 19th is the Introduction to Fly Tying Class at Wolf Creek Dam. This class is limited to 10 guests and will be held in the new Education building from 9:00 to 12:00 pm Central time. We will need 4 to 6 volunteers for helpers.

Since our picnic was rained out in May the board has changed the annual picnic from May to July. It will be held on the 22nd at Cherokee Park under Hogan's Fountain pavilion. All are invited, you may come at any time and stay as late as you would like, We will have dinner at 6pm; there will be a casting contest and a raffle.

It is getting late in the year and before you can blink it will be time for the banquet. It is time to start thinking about what you are going to do to help raise money for the chapter. After that is the election for new officers, there are six and maybe seven openings on the board this year so the nominating committee will be looking for volunteer's.

Have a safe and fun filled Summer.

George.

Fly Tying Night

The group meets the second Tuesday of the month at The Aero Club in Bowmen 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 August 12**, Larry Lewis will tie a "Royal Coachman"
- **On September 9**, Dick Haas, owner of the Forward Cast Fly Shop, will be our instructor

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

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

In July we have rescheduled our "Annual Picnic" to be held at Hogan's Fountain Shelter in Cherokee Park

In August Barry Morris will speak on Louisville TU fishing in Western North Carolina

CHECK THE WEB-SITE FOR DETAILS

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ATTENTION

RESCHEDULED DATE

Annual Louisville TU Picnic

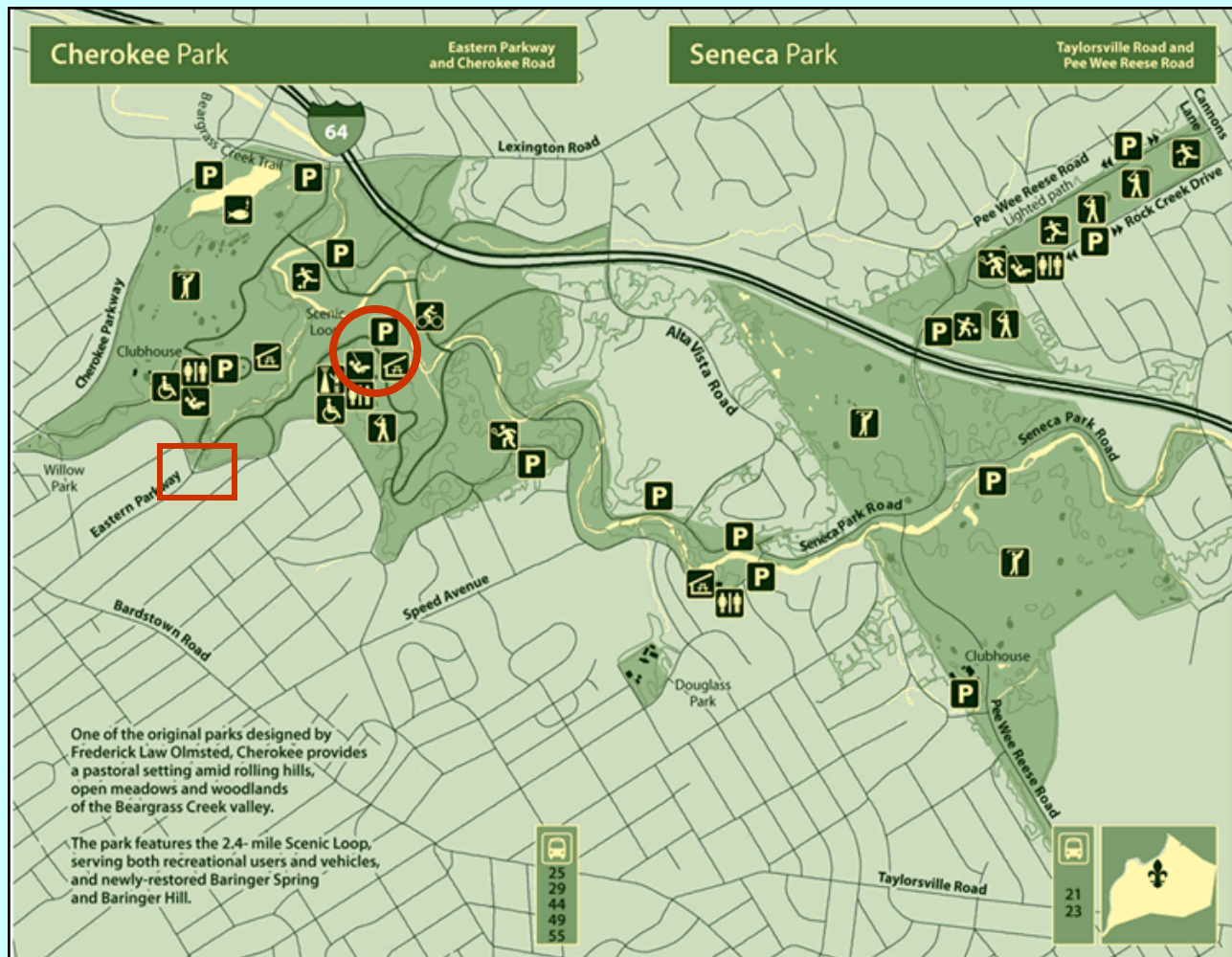
When: Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Where: Hogan's Fountain Shelter in Cherokee Park

There will be good food and non-alcoholic drinks, good friends, a casting contest, the regular raffle and if you really want to fish, Beargrass Creek runs through the park just a little ways down the hill!

There is always time to sit around and share lies, *I mean fishing stories*, with your friends.
You can come early or late, but the food will be ready at 6:00 PM.

The easiest way I know to get to the shelter is to enter the park at Eastern Parkway and Cherokee Road (**in the red rectangle**) and follow the Scenic Loop Road (one way road). The shelter parking will be on your right just past the fountain (**in the red circle**).
Hope to see you there!



2008 CASTING 101 CLINIC



Steven Darnell, Casting Chairperson, would like to thank all the folks that volunteered to help this year. All the hard work paid off with a successful clinic. The 20 or so participants had a great time and learned some basics. Hopefully they will take what they learned there and build on it to become as excited about our sport as we are. Hope we see them on the water soon and maybe, just maybe, at a regular meeting.



RESCEDULED OTTER CREEK CLEAN-UP 2008

June 21 found Trout Unlimited cleaning up Otter Creek. Our last scheduled clean up was literally washed out, and that would include the parking lot at Garnettsville Picnic area. Tim Woodring, Steve Darnell, Fred Doyle, Joe Bobrowski, Lee Squires, Ron Johnson, Roger Shott, and Tom and Nancy Walsh collected over a truck load of trash and empty bottles. Our efforts happened to coincide with "River Sweep" and participants were given River Sweep tee shirts.

It did not surprise me to find a number of empty beer bottles around the picnic area. But what did surprise me was how far some people will carry cold/iced beer so that they can find a beautiful place to drink the beer, and then are too lazy to carry the empty, and obviously lighter, beer bottles back to the trash drums.

Fishing followed lunch, and my sweetie kicked my backside, her four smallmouth to my Zip, Zero, Nada, Nothing. She was using a big beetle pattern with orange crystal chenille that I tied (guess I did something right), because when she lost the one and only fly we had with us there was no other fish caught.

I want to thank all those participating in the clean up and invite all other members to come to the next clean up.

Tom Walsh



REEL RECOVERY 2008



This was my first time to actually get to help at one of the retreats. I had tied flies every year, but schedules always seemed to conflict when it came time to get down to business. Let me tell you, I will make sure to set my calendar early for next year. The experience was hard to describe, but one of the most fulfilling things I have ever been associated with. The administrators did an unbelievable job making sure each of the participants was taken care of. We can be proud that one of our Louisville TU members, Mike Lubeach, has a big hand in making these retreats happen. Along with Stu Golug, Coy Theobaldt (Reel Recovery) and Jerold Benson (NKFF) he was there every step of the way to make the experience the most comfortable and enriching it could possibly be for each of these brave men. I was overwhelmed by the courage of those guys. All of them in different stages of treatment, recovery or remission, took to the fishing with excitement and enthusiasm and whether they could get it right or not, they just loved doing it. The fishing was great, but the camaraderie was even better! The stories these guys had were awesome! A lot were of their experiences with the disease, but a lot were just about life and how much they loved it! There were laughs and tears, hand shakes and hugs and I, as I am sure all of us did, went away with a all together different outlook at life and what is important and what isn't. I guess I understand Mike a little better now when he goes on and on and on and on! I will be a little more forgiving next meeting when he has "one more thing" to say! Here is a quote from a past retreat participant that they use in their letterhead. It says it all.

"I discovered that while fly-fishing, I was in another place. In this place there was no cancer, no pain and no fear"

The Louisville TU member that volunteered were:

Mike Lubeach, Roy Weeks, Don Cornett, Ron Johnson, Pete Engley and Barry Morris

Barry Morris

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COMING SOON

2008 CASTING FOR RECOVERY

WATCH THE WEB-SITE FOR DETAILS.

THEY WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS AS WELL.

YOU WON'T BE SORRY YOU VOLUNTEERED!

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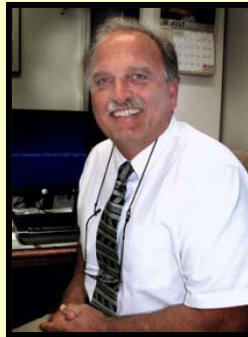
REEL RECOVERY 2008

MEMORIES



June Meeting Highlights

Our June Regular Meeting program was presented to us by Dave Dreves who is a Fisheries Biologist for The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife. Dave gave us a rundown of what happened on the Cumberland River in 2007 due to the effects of the ongoing Wolf Creek Dam repair project and what we can expect in 2008. We appreciate Dave's straight forward style in explaining what we can expect and his hard work coordinating with the Corps of Engineers to look out for the fishery as best he can with the circumstances. There were lots of questions at the end and Dave didn't have the answers for all of them, but we came away with a better understanding of the situation. Thanks Dave for an interesting and informative meeting.



BENJY KENMAN PROMOTED TO DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

By Tim Guilfoile, President, Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers

Please join me in congratulating Benjy Kinman for his acceptance of the position of Deputy Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources. This promotion happens after having served as Fisheries Director since 2001. Benjy replaces Deputy Commissioner Mark Cramer who retired from the Department on May 31. Benjy began his career with us as a Fisheries Biologist in 1976. He was promoted to Fisheries Research Biologist in 1984 and then to Fish and Wildlife Program Coordinator in 1986. I have had many opportunities to work with Benjy over the years and he was a tremendous Fisheries Director. We should all be thankful to have had such a dedicated and talented individual serving the fishing community in Kentucky. Benjy will continue to contribute to the Department in this new role as he takes on broader responsibilities on behalf of our fish and wildlife resources.

Our Visit with Mary Dette

This year we decided not to make the trip to Yellowstone and instead go to the “Cradle of fly fishing in America”. We fished Spring Creek in Pennsylvania, The Battenkill in Arlington, VT, The Beaverhead, the Willowemoc, and The West Branch and main stem of the Delaware River all located at Roscoe, NY.

In all of this fishing we were able to meet and talk to Mary Dette. Mary is the daughter of the famous fly tying pair of Walt and Winne Dette of Roscoe, NY. Walt started his shop in the 1920's in their house. In those early times Walt raised chickens in the back yard for a source of eggs and what else ... a source of hackle. Mary was born on April 6, 1931. As a young girl, one of Mary's first responsibilities was to sit at a back window with a .22 caliber rifle and shoot the rats that were raiding the chicken house.

As Mary grew up she became an important part of the fly business. The shop located in the front room of the house in Roscoe, was very small, probably not any bigger than 12-foot square. In this small area the three Dettas tied their flies and had a small retail area. The area allotted for tying was perhaps four feet by twelve feet. There was Walt on one end, Winnie on the other end, and Mary in the middle. Walt would travel with his sample cases of flies and go the metropolitan fly shops in New York and the eastern U.S. and sport conventions and shows. Walt would take orders for flies of his own design and special order flies of fishermen, then come home, tie the flies, and ship to their customers.

We had the opportunity to talk with Mary for about an hour with out anyone else coming in to interrupt the conversation. At 77 years old she was a very pleasant and engaging person. All the time she was talking about how some patterns came to be, and the old times with her family. The house that she lives in is the same frame house with a small sign in the front yard saying “ Dette Fly Shop”, which was not much larger than a “Yard Sale” sign. At 77 years old she doesn't tie as many flies maybe only 3-4 dozen each week. However many nights will find her with her butterfly net chasing the bugs along the Willowemoc and the Beaverhead so she can keep her customers with up to the minute information on hatch conditions.

Many people had worried as to what will happen to the Dette Fly Shop when Mary retires. No Problem.... Mary now has her grandson, Joe Fox, tying along side of her. While Mary would rather have Joe going to college and getting a real job, he has been bitten by the fly tying bug and looks like he is there to stay.

Mary tied a Catskill assortment of four flies that will be auctioned off at our banquet. With out any doubt these flies are already collector flies, and they will be combined with a DVD of Mary tying flies at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center.

Tom and Nancy Walsh



LOUISVILLE TROUT UNLIMITED ANNUAL BANQUET

Tuesday, September 23, 2008
Knights of Columbus Hall

Calling all TU members, spouses, family members, friends and special guests to attend our Louisville Trout Unlimited Fund Raising Banquet. We will be having the banquet at the K of C Hall at 4417 Upper River Rd. This is a fun event sponsored by the chapter and an excellent dinner is planned. Many interesting and useful items have been donated for the raffles and silent auction so bring plenty of cash to make that outstanding purchase. This is a great time to socialize with some of your TU buddies and friends.

Our goal this year is to raise \$3,000.00 to help fund our many projects and help the coldwater fisheries and trout in Kentucky. We are still in need of donations of any type. They do not have to be fishing related. We have had leaf blowers, teeth whitening procedures, Blue Spruce shrubs and jewelry donated in the past. You, personally, are encouraged to donate but, I'm sure, you have many friends and business associates that could donate an item as well. Just ask them ! I have attached two forms that can be used for donation and tax purposes. You can mail or e-mail your donation to me for inclusion in the program.

6:00 Attitude Adjustment

7:30 Dinner

8:30 Raffles and Silent Auction

Please call me with your reservations A.S.A.P.

\$30.00 per person with reservations paid by September 16th

or.....

\$35.00 at the door

Lee Squires, Banquet Chair

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Check the web-site for updates : www.louisvilletu.org

“BE THERE OR BE SQUARE”



2008 LOUISVILLE TROUT UNLIMITED BANQUET

The Louisville Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its annual fund raising banquet on September 23rd 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
- * **Adopt a Park Program** - our chapter has adopted Otter Creek as our “home stream” and will assist Metro Parks in cleanup ventures and conservation efforts to improve stream habitat and environment
- * **Cumberland River Action:**
 - Rainbow & Brown trout tagging and stocking with the KDFW
 - Studies of insect life
 - Purchase of radio telemetry equipment for the KY. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife to assist in trout migration studies
 - Wolf Creek Dam generation and flow studies and dissolved oxygen studies to improve water quality
- * **Boy Scout** Fly Fishing merit badge instruction
- * **Lobbying efforts** to protect cold water fisheries in Kentucky
- * Sponsoring monthly speakers who share information and expertise at meetings
- * Fly casting & fly tying classes

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 conservation of our fisheries 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 TU restore and preserve our cold water streams and rivers and the trout that swim in them.

Best regards,

Lee Squires
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July 2008

Dear Friend of Trout Unlimited:

The Louisville Chapter of Trout Unlimited gratefully acknowledges your generous donation to our annual 2008 fundraising banquet. This chapter is a non-profit organization devoted to the restoration and preservation of cold-water fisheries in Kentucky. This chapter has participated in various activities during the past year aimed at improving water quality and trout populations across the state. Your donation helps fund our conservation efforts. We sincerely appreciate your help.

Again, thank you for your donation of:

Valued at \$_____.

We are a section 501(c) 3 organization making all donations tax deductible. Please forward this form to me for inclusion in the program and **make a copy for your records**. Thanks very much for your interest and donation.

Sincerely,

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LOUISVILLE TU CLASSIFIED ADS

**Hodgman Lakestream Lite Stocking Foot Waders, Size-Large. Used twice
New price \$79.99, will take \$50.00. Call Walt Anderson 426-1597 or (Cell)
558-1558**

**Scott Fly Rod, Model SES, 3 piece, 9 ft. 5 wt. Originally \$545.00, will sell for
\$250.00**

Call Roy Weeks - (502)845-8081 or rweeks@louisvilletu.org

**Scott Fly Rod, Model STS, 3 piece, 9 ft, 8 wt. Originally \$565.00, will sell for
\$250.00**

Call Roy Weeks - (502)845-8081 or rweeks@louisvilletu.org

**One Man Inflatable Creek Company ODC Sport Pontoon Boat. With motor/
battery/anchor mount, pump, and rod holder. Originally \$299.00, will sell for
\$100.00**

Call Barry Morris—664-3517 or bmorris@louisvilletu.org



This page is designed to be a vehicle for Louisville TU members to sell, buy and trade surplus fishing equipment to other members. It is not intended for use by dealers, “yard sellers”, or “e-bayers” to buy and resell merchandise for profit.

No commercial dealer, guide or real estate ads will be accepted

Placing an ad will be simple. Just e-mail your ad to (with a picture if you want) to either :

Barry Morris

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Roy Weeks

rweeks@louisvilletu.org

Louisville TU Video Library

The following is a list of video and DVD titles in our Video Library. They are available for check-out to any Louisville TU member. Usually, the item is checked out at a monthly meeting and returned to the next. If you are interested in a video or DVD, see Roy Weeks at the meeting.

Casting & Rod Building

Joan Wulff's **Dynamics of Fly Casting**
Flex Coat Rod Building **How We Do It**

How to Fish and Stream Specifics

Jack Dennis' **Learning to Fly Fish for Trout**
LaFontaine & Sharon **Successful Fly Fishing with Strategies, Vol. 1 & 11**
Scientific Anglers **Anatomy of a Trout Stream**
Landon Mayer's **Landing the Trout of your Life**
Ian & Charity Rutter's **Catching the Grand Slam**
Davy Wotton's **White River**
TU's **Great American Trout Streams - Western Rivers**
Three Days in the Gunnison Gorge
Lani Waller's **Fly Fishing for Pacific Steelhead**

Fly Tying

Jack Dennis' **Getting Started Fly Tying**
Jack Dennis' **Tying Copper John's Favorites**
Sylvester Nemes' **Soft Hackles**
A.K.Best's **Tying Dry Flies**
A.K.Best's **Tying Nymphs**
A.K.Best's **Tying Terrestrials, Caddis and Midges**
A.K.Best's **Tying Saltwater Flies**
Chris Halm's **Hair Trout Flies**
Dave Whitlock Originals Vol. 1
Lawson & Dennis' **Tying Western Dry Flies**
Rene Harrop's **Harrop Family Ties**
LaFontaine's **Originals Vol. 1, 11, 111, 1V, V, V1, & V11**
LaFontaine's **Tying and Fishing Caddis Flies**
LaFontaine's **Tying & Fishing Attractors**
Roger Lowe's **Smokey Mountain Fly Patterns**

New Videos in Library

Trout Unlimited recently sent LTU some videos from the old **GREAT AMERICAN TROUT STREAMS** tv program. These are now in the library and available for your viewing pleasure!

Season III

Western Rivers
Northeast Rivers
Southeast & Midwest Rivers

Season IV

Rocky Mountain Rivers
Midwest Rivers
Northeast Rivers