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CASTING FOR RECOVERY 2008



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President's Corner

November is here already. We had a hard frost on the 22nd of October and I had to light a fire in my wood stove on the 23rd. Jack Miller gave a nice talk at the meeting on the 28th. It was all about Mossy Creek in Virginia. Jack did say that the creek was hard to fish but the trip was worth the trouble.

There is nothing new in November to do other than Fly Tying and the General Meeting. Gerald McDaniel will be the tier this month, fly will be Hopper Dropper. Gerald always has a good fly for us to tie. The general meeting is on the 25th. Ray Zavada will be the speaker this month and will talk about Dry Fly Fishing on the Cumberland River. I hope to see all of you there.

The 27th is Thanksgiving; a time for family and friends to get together and give thanks for all that we have. Gloria and I will be going to my son's home in Chicago this year. My Daughter and her husband will be coming. My oldest son that lives in Texas can not get away and my other son that lives in Great Britain, was just home for Gloria's birthday. Airfare is just too high and he will be in Thailand on vacation anyway. He really has it rough because he only gets 5 weeks and still needs more time to go every where he wants' to.

Fly Tying will be hosted in December by Roy Weeks. Roy is tying the CDC emerge. I know that will be a new fly for me to tie.

Fred Doyle is getting things ready for the Christmas Party on December 16th. The Party will be held at the Bank so plan on coming if you can. I hope to see everyone there. If not have a nice Thanksgiving and a Peaceful and Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

George Smith
President

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 **November 11**, Gerry McDaniel will show us the "Hopper Dropper"

On **December 9**, Roy Weeks will tie a "CDC Emerger"

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

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

November 25, 2008 Ray Zavada will speak on "Dry Flies on the Cumberland"

December 16, 2008 is our annual Christmas Party. Come join the fun.

CHECK THE WEB-SITE FOR DETAILS

2009
LOUISVILLE TROUT UNLIMITED
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

On Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at our Annual Meeting, we held election of Officers and Directors for 2009. Below are the people you voted in to serve you during 2009. Please feel free to contact any of these folks if you have questions or suggestion for the Chapter.

PRESIDENT: GEORGE SMITH

VICE-PRESIDENT: WALT ANDERSON

SECRETARY: VICKI LEWIS

TREASURER: LARRY LEWIS

DIRECTORS

BOB COFFMAN DELORIS CUMMINGS

STEVEN DARNELL FRED DOYLE

PATTI DOYLE JOHN SPENCE

LEE SQUIRES BARNEY SUTTON

Congratulations to all. We will be well represented.

2008 ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER?

The question, "ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER ?" is not about whether you are a native of the "Volunteer State", Tennessee. The question posed is a simple one that asks if you do any volunteering of yourself, your time, and maybe your heart. We often hear the expression, "IT TAKES A VILLAGE" applied to various situations like child-rearing, community charitable drives, old-fashioned barn raisings, pitching in to rebuild following a natural disaster, just to name a few. TU is all about volunteerism. Sure, we all like to go fishing, but we are so much more than that. Every meeting, every event, every project takes volunteers to make them become a success. With giving of yourself, comes a certain amount of satisfaction and usually we have fun in the process. Teaching another TU member a new fly pattern, helping another on the stream or by a pond, sharing your skills with a young boy scout so he can earn a merit badge, trout-tagging or fin clipping for KDFWR, stream restoration; these are but a few examples of who we are.

In 2008, a new era of accounting for volunteer efforts has been established by the IRS. Each hour of volunteering by our TU members is now accounted for. Each volunteer's hours, in kind, of community service is documented and to our credit as an organization. This helps to preserve our non-profit organization status. At this point, I wish to personally express a BIG THANK YOU to some of our members, and a few others as well. Without your time and efforts, this year's Casting For Recovery retreat (for breast cancer survivors) and Reel Recovery retreat (for men surviving any form of life-threatening cancer) would not have taken place and become so successful.

Casting For Recovery Sept. 19 - 21, 2008

Retreat Staff (Local): Deloris Cummings and Sharon Williams (from TU)

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008

River Helpers: Lee & Linda Squires, Barry & Glenda Morris, Roy Weeks, Pete Engley, John Spence, Ron Johnson, and myself all from TU, and Phil Kirkland, KimSmith, and Gary Dean from DCFF.

Gift Box Fly Tying: Roy Weeks, Barry Morris, Larry Lewis, and the Louisville Chapter of Trout Unlimited

In case you missed it, on Sunday, October 5th, the Courier-Journal's Features Section did a full front page expose' of this retreat . In the page-and-a-half article, were some great pics and various quotes from the participants highlighting how this retreat inspired them. This was some of the best coverage and PR that I have witnessed in a long time. My expectations, during the retreat, were that we would get maybe one picture and a brief paragraph. My only disappointment was their policy of not giving recognition to organizations like TU, DCFF, KY Cancer Program and others who also played very important parts in this retreat.

Reel Recovery May 19 - 21, 2008

Retreat Staff (Local) Mike Lubeach (TU) and Jarold Benson (NKFF)

Fishing Buddies (From TU, DCFF, Volunteer Talent Center , and prior retreat participants) Pete Engley, Don Cornett, Roy Weeks, Ron Johnson, Barry Morris, Bob Runyon, Ralph Walthall, Bob Howard, Pete Compise, John Brendemuehl, Joe Herrmann, Scott Schroering, Warren Lynch, Jack Miller, Charlie Mulligan, Roy Ricketts, and Kim Smith. (I hope I didn't leave anyone out.)

The retreat schedule for 2009, once again at Wooded Glen, is as follows:

Reel Recovery: May 18 - 20, 2009

Casting For Recovery: Sept. 11- 13, 2009

Be sure to mark your calendars now before you forget. Volunteers are needed for CFR on Sunday only. Volunteers for RR needed Tues. & Wed. I hope, with the current financial crisis throughout this country and the world, that funding will be available to keep these retreats alive. They are truly a life-changing experience for those participants who have gone through so much with their cancers.

Here is an excerpt from an email just received from the widow of a RR participant from the 2006 retreat. He will be truly missed: **"Marcus passed away on May 6th. Thank you so much for what you did for him. He so enjoyed fly fishing with you all. God bless you and yours for giving your time to help terminally ill men and women. God will bless each and every one of you."** Cassie Marcum (widow of Marcus Marcum)

Mike Lubeach

CASTING FOR RECOVERY

REEL RECOVERY

2008 CASTING FOR RECOVERY MEMORIES



Louisville Trout Unlimited Activities National Fish Hatchery at Wolf Creek Dam And The Salato Wildlife Center

In April, the Chapter was represented at the Earth Day celebration at the hatchery education center. Walt Anderson, Bob Coffman and George Smith participated in this endeavor. Visitors were shown fly tying and given information on Trout Unlimited.



June found us at the hatchery again to teach a group the basics of fly fishing. This included classroom instruction and a trip to Helm's Landing for some on the water lessons. This was handled by Walt Anderson, Bob Coffman, Steven Darnell and George Smith.

In July, we went back to the hatchery to teach a class in fly tying. The instructors were Steve Darnell, Larry Lewis and Ron Johnson.

We also conducted a fly tying class at the Salato Wildlife Center. Our instructors there were Steve Darnell, Larry Lewis, Lee Squires and coordinated by Tom Walsh.

George Smith visited the hatchery again in September to instruct school teachers from local schools in basics of fly tying. These teachers were then to take what they learned back to their own classrooms to introduce their students to the sport. This class and equipment was done with a Federal grant obtained by the Education Center at the hatchery. That same month, Walt Anderson, Bob Coffman, Larry Lewis and George Smith went to the Salato Center for Annual Hunting and Fishing Day activities. Larry and George had a booth where they demonstrated fly tying while Bob and Walt set up a casting demonstration, with hands on participation, on the front lawn.



Being part of these endeavors not only introduces people to fly fishing, it also makes them aware of the Chapter and maintains valuable relationships with the State and Federal Wildlife agencies. In addition to these activities in 2008, the Chapter also participated in local fly fishing seminars, conducted a casting clinic, held monthly fly tying classes, instructed a class in rod building, worked with cancer survivors through Casting For Recovery and Reel Recovery, held clean-ups on Otter Creek and held our Annual Banquet and picnic. We also went on several Chapter fishing outings. If you didn't get involved with these worthwhile events this year, make sure you sign up and take part next year. You will be glad you did!

Winter Tie-In

Louisville TU Members Only

Saturday, December 13, 2008

9:30AM to 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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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 cornerplac@aol.com

One Man Inflatable Creek Company ODC Sport Pontoon Boat
with motor/battery/anchor mount, pump, and rod holder.
Originally \$299.00, will sell for \$75.00
Call Barry Morris—664-3517 or wbmorris@insightbb.com

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Placing an ad will be simple.
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