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Trout Unlimited

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**Louisville TU Banquet
Tuesday, September 23, 2008**



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President's Corner

George Smith

September and summer is just about gone, the Annual Banquet is on the 23rd of September. I hope everyone is looking forward to that event. There are already a lot of nice things in Lee Squires bag of goodies and more to come.

The annual election of officers is on October 28th. Walt Anderson and I are looking for five (5) new board members. Any one who would like to help in the administration of our organization is welcome to apply for a position. This is a once a month commitment that involves dinner and a meeting which usually lasts 1½ hours. Walt and I would like to talk to anyone that might be interested in helping out.

The 19th of September is a special day at Wolf Creek Dam. Walt Anderson and I will be involved in the basic introduction to fly fishing to a group of elementary school teachers, who will then pass along what they learned to their 1st through 6th grade students. Hopefully, we will generate interest in the next generation with the same passion for the sport that we are privileged to have.

Fall is just around the corner and its time to get ready for winter. Getting ready for me means clean the wood stove and chimney and cut three or more cords of wood. When you come in from being out in the cold all day, there is nothing like the warmth of a wood fire. The wood fire does create a lot of work for the user but the work of carrying in the wood and taking out the ashes somehow just doesn't seem like work when you sit and enjoy the warmth from your labor. Henry Ford once said, "When you cut your own wood, it warms you twice," and the second time around is well worth it.

Have a nice Fall and I hope to see you all at the Banquet on September 23rd.

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.

On **September 9**, Dick Haas, owner of the Forward Cast Fly Shop, will be our instructor.

On **October 14**, Tom Walsh will tie a "Spun Dun."

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

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

September 23, 2008 is our Annual Banquet .
See details in this newsletter

October 28, 2008 is our Annual meeting. Election of Officers and Directors for 2009 will be held that night.

The program will be presented by Jack Miller on Virginia's Mossy Creek

CHECK THE WEB-SITE FOR DETAILS

www.louisvilletu.org

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 Barry Morris 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 T. U. restore and preserve our cold water streams and rivers and the trout that swim in them.

Best regards,

Lee Squires
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JUST SOME OF THE ITEMS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR

assorted flies	fly rods	fly tying desk	clothing	Plants	gardening supplies
hand blower	Lights	wood carvings	Jewelry	Books	Mary Dette flies
Sunglasses	Nets	gift certificates	Firewood	Gloves	a chronograph watch
fleece jacket	Vests	string trimmer	Bourbon	waders	Yellowstone gift pack
teeth whitening procedure	Woodford Reserve	Barn Coat	Macauley Lord	casting lessons	

and some items yet to be purchased.....or donated



September 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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CASTING FOR RECOVERY 2008

SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2008

Once again, Casting For Recovery will convene at Wooded Glen Retreat and Conference Center in Henryville, Indiana. This will be its 5th Kentucky retreat.

Thanks to the support of our local affiliate of Susan G. Komen For The Cure (formerly known as Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation), Louisville Trout Unlimited, Kentucky Cancer Program, and others, we are able to again bring this beneficial weekend retreat program to 14 ladies surviving breast cancer. This will bring our total of participants over 5 years to nearly 70 women. It is but a small number in relationship to the many applicants who have applied. Numbers are limited to only 14 per retreat to give a quality program that focuses on some very deep and personal subject matters. Of course, fly fishing is also part of the curriculum since it has therapeutic benefits, both physical and psychological, to their healing process. Through the combined effort of CFR staffers and local volunteers, the retreat is staffed with a retreat leader, professionals in psychotherapy, physical therapy, and other wellness professionals as well as fly fishing instructors.

On Sunday, the last day of the retreat, the participants go to the water's edge to ply their new-found pastime, fly fishing. There they are joined by a team of volunteer instructors, most whom come from Louisville TU, and get one-on-one instruction and guidance. At this time, they take great delight in (hopefully) catching a few fish. Most do catch some. For a few brief hours, they forget about their pain and suffering, their surgeries, their radiation and chemotherapy, and imbibe in something they have long missed; they have **FUN**. They laugh and squeal with delight at catching even the smallest of fish. After they have fished for a while, everyone adjourns back to the conference center's main dining room for a delightful luncheon followed by a graduation ceremony.

Nationwide, CFR has served over 3000 women dealing with various forms and stages of breast cancer. Although this program has been an uplifting and educational experience to all, there is also a downside. A small percentage of the participants may experience a reoccurrence of cancer. Some do not survive to see another year. To these brave women, the retreat experience gives them the knowledge and courage to look ahead and make some really educated choices in their healthcare needs, even to the end. One other asset comes from the retreat. In dealing with their plight, they learn that their family needs to become closer and more involved in their day-to-day life. This disease doesn't just affect the patient, it affects the whole family in many ways.

For more information about CFR, log on to: www.castingforrecovery.org

For more information on any form of cancer, contact:

Kentucky Cancer Program (502) 852-6318

(KCP is affiliated with the J. Graham Brown Cancer Center)

-Mike Lubeach

Fall Fly Tie-In

for

Louisville TU Members

Saturday, September 20, 2008 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

***Commonwealth Bank Building**

286 N. Hubbards Lane

This event is designed expressly for 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.**

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Barry Morris 664-3517



2008 Louisville TU Yellowstone National Park Summer Trip

by: Roy Weeks

The LTU contingent arrived at Roosevelt Lodge in Yellowstone NP on July 22. We all traveled by car from different starting points this year. I know, a lot of people would never consider a car trip like this and would opt for the convenience of a plane. We just enjoy driving through the West, looking at it through the windshield with the ability to stop and explore when we want. To each his own!

The group this year consisted of Deloris Cummings, Sharon Williams, Deloris' brother David (from Lexington TU), my wife Vicki, and I. Those of you who participated in the Ohio Steelhead trip last Spring will remember David from that outing. Sharon and David had only been in Yellowstone Park a few times, the others would probably qualify as "old hands."

We found the Park in a strange condition when we arrived. The West experienced a "normal" snow pack last winter, the first they had seen in years. The drought we read about in the West manifests itself first through a lack of snow and then later a lack of rain. The great snows they had last Winter had delayed the spring run-off and pushed the season back several weeks. On the other hand, the park was much greener than usual and the hills were covered in yellow wildflowers. Also, we saw more grizzlies (at a distance!) than usual as well as bighorn sheep and antelope.

The fishing season begins in Yellowstone NP on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and extends through the first Sunday in November. Normally, by the time we get there in July, the water is beginning a time of low flow and has begun to warm up some. We always thought that was normal, but we were wrong! In years past, we were looking at the drought conditions. 2008 was actually a normal year. When we got

there, other fisherman were bemoaning the fact that the water was cold and a little dingy and they had only begun to fish around July 1, and it was hard fishing.

This is what they told us in the Cody fly shops as

we were driving to the Park. This is what they told us when we bought our licenses in the Park, too. Everyone was just hoping the water would begin to warm and come down a little. Well, I guess it did!

We usually begin our fishing on Soda Butte Creek in the northeast corner of the Park. I've fished there so much, I

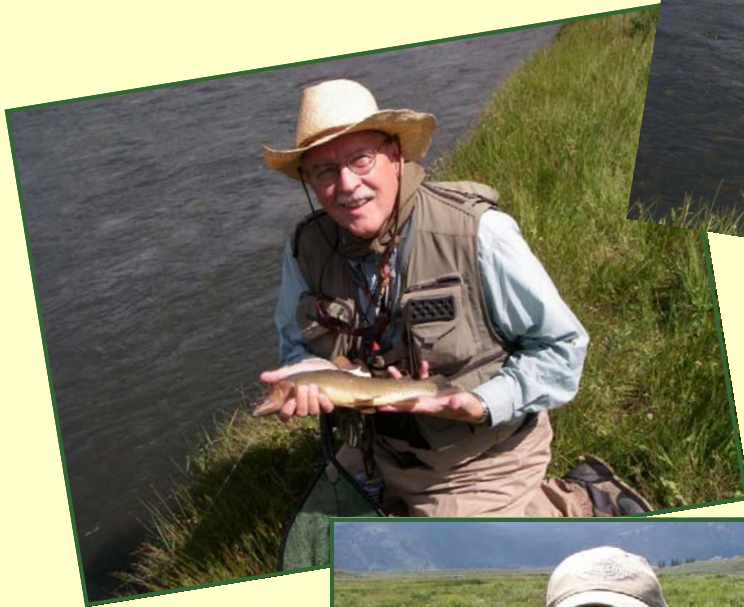
would call it my "home water", it's just a long way from home. We found the water higher than we had ever seen it. It was cold and still a bit off-color. However, the only real difference I saw was the hatch of PMD's that usually began at 10:30 in years past, was delayed to 11:00 this year! At 11 o'clock the little gray bugs began to come off and the cutthroat trout hit my CDC emerger with abandon. Vicki and I caught a bunch of them between 12 and 16 inches long. **That's** why we go to Yellowstone every Summer! We fished Soda Butte five of the ten days we were in the Park, and the fish were there every day. They were getting wiser by the last day, but the hatch was still coming off and you could catch fish on a dry fly. In fact, I only fished dry flies the entire ten days we fished in the Park.

We fished other waters, too. Deloris' group made the hike back to Hell Roaring Creek, one of her favorite "pocket water" streams. Again, they found the water higher than she had ever seen it, and colder than usual. The fish were right there though, and they all caught fish. The high water was easier fishing than past trips. They all seemed satisfied when they returned, though a bit tired. It's a long pull out of there.



YELLOWSTONE

I talked to a fellow fisherman one morning at Roosevelt (there is a lot of that, probably half the cabins in Roosevelt are filled with fishermen. You can hear a lot of stories!!) and he told me about a trip he had made back to Grebe Lake the week before and the damsel flies he had found hatching. So, when Deloris and her group were searching for a new spot to fish, I trotted out this story. I had seen the lake some years before and knew it was an easy



don't mind paying off on that kind of wager!! The rest of the day was hard fishing and during most of the day tan bellied Chernobyl ants and a club sandwich fly proved the best bet. Slough Creek is always tough, but the fish are usually all 14+ and give a good accounting of themselves. It was a good day.

We fished other areas of the park with varying degrees of success. Vicki and I fished the Gibbon River in the Norris Basin area and the fishing was as hard as usual. Deloris' group also fished for Brookies several times in the smaller streams and we had a fish fry one night! We also spent some time

hike (everything is easier than the Hell Roaring Death March!) I sweetened the pot with the fact that Grebe Lake is considered the best place in the Park to encounter a grayling. I even gave them some damsel flies to use. Well, they went, they found the damsels hatching and they caught grayling and rainbows! Sending someone to a new spot with the proper flies and then hearing about their success is almost as satisfying as being there!



looking at the "wonders" of Yellowstone. I think this was my 11th trip to the park and there were still some roadside attractions to be seen.

Late in the trip, four of us made the hike back to the first meadow of Slough Creek (Vicki no longer makes long hikes, especially over mountains, so she took a day off to quilt and nap). We found the creek to be high and dingy. I had never seen it other than clear as a crystal. Usually you can see the fish and stalk them, almost like bone fishing! We knew when we saw the water, it was going to be hard. Someone issued a challenge, biggest fish had to buy ice cream that night. Well, I promptly caught the ice cream fish! A 17+ cutthroat that took my CDC emerger. I

In summary, I would say it was another satisfying trip to Yellowstone. The fishing turned out to be as good as ever, just the conditions were different. The company was good and I think everyone had a grand time. The 2009 trip has been scheduled for July 21 thru 31. Let me know if you are interested in the trip, I will be glad to discuss it with you. Roosevelt cabins get reserved early, especially if you want to stay for the entire 10 days, so early reservations are advised. They can be made most easily on-line at www.TravelYellowstone.com or call 866-439-7375.

2008 TU PICNIC MEMORIES



August Meeting Highlights

Our August Regular Meeting program was presented to us by yours truly, Louisville Chapter member, Barry Morris. The program for the evening was on fishing Western North Carolina. I enjoyed sharing facts and fun about this region. It is one of my favorite spots in the world to fish. I hope everyone enjoyed hearing it as much as I did presenting it and I thank the Chapter for giving me the opportunity to speak.

Barry



LOUISVILLE TU CLASSIFIED ADS

Hodgeman 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**



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

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

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