



Leaders & Tippets

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Upcoming Events

- Earth Day—April 23
- Regular Meeting April 26
- Rock Creek— April 30
- Board Meeting—May 2
- Fly Tying—May 10
- Reel Recovery-May 15-17
- Swap or Sell Meet—
May 24 (Regular Meeting)
- Waynesville Trip—
May 26-28
- Elk Springs Trip
June 21-25

Larry Lewis, One Great President

At our board meeting in March, President Larry Lewis stepped down as president of Trout Unlimited—Chapter 476. Larry had been the president of our chapter since January of 2010.

Larry took an employment job that required him to travel quite extensively making it almost impossible to be here for our meetings and to continue the duties of the presidency.

We would like to thank him for his diligence during his tenure as president. Larry helped bring together the chapter's members and keep the chapter moving forward. We all know that being the president of such an organization is not only time consuming but can be very hectic as well.



Not only honoring the state's request for demonstrations and overseeing the day to day operations of the chapter, Larry still found time to handle the fly tying committee and getting volunteers for our monthly fly tying classes. Larry also formed a new program of teaching fly tying at the University of Louisville's adult education program.

With all that was on his plate, Larry still found time to travel with us, and even do a little fishing. He even invented a new type of "Catch and Release." I guess we all can say without a doubt that Larry was a great ambassador for our chapter. We will miss him at our meetings and outings and know that he will be joining us when ever he can.

Good Luck on your new job!

Welcome on Board John Spence



We would like to give a special thanks to John Spence who graciously took over the job as president of Trout Unlimited, Chapter 476. John reluctantly volunteered to finish out Larry Lewis's term. John was currently serving on the Board of Directors.

I might add, that John wasn't reluctant about being able to fulfill the term as president, or that he didn't think he could handle the job, John like many others who were asked to step up, had a lot of commitments going on at this time. He could have easily passed on the demanding position, with its time consuming commitments but he volunteered for the good of the Chapter.

John has served this chapter many times in the past, coming off the state board, serving on the Board of Directors, not counting the many times he volunteered for Casting for Recovery or Reel for Recovery. John just completed an exhausting ad hoc session which included a very time consuming chapter survey. This alone was done to help move our chapter forward and see what we, as a chapter needed to do to improve our chapter in many areas.

John has many good ideas about how the chapter should conduct itself and he presented some of them to the Board at our last meeting. I feel with John's leadership skills and his complete dedication to the Chapter, we can't fail to move forward to a better and brighter future.

I would encourage everyone to take a moment and personally thank John when they get the chance. I know the Board of Directors did.

Again. thank you John Spence.



Letter from our President

Wading into the Stream

I am privileged to be selected by the Chapter Board to serve as interim president for the remainder of this year. I agreed to fill this position because I have a strong belief that this chapter can make a difference for both members and the Commonwealth but we are at a cross-roads. While we have a small dedicated group who regularly do all of the work in the chapter, we need more members to take action – wade into the stream if you will to reenergize the chapter, reengage members in chapter activities and to ultimately grow the chapter.

So what's in it for you? Here are my humble thoughts:

- Camaraderie with like minded folks who have an interest in more trout fishing opportunities, cleaner water and a healthier environment
- Making a difference through chapter activities
- Being part of a larger national organization that is working to ensure future generations have an opportunity to experience clean cold water fishing opportunities.

We are facing several crises that threaten both our chapter and the opportunities we have for fishing. Wolf Creek hatchery is being threatened with loss of operating funds and if it closes we may have fewer fish for state-wide fishing opportunities. As a chapter, we need to ask ourselves whether we have enough participating members to continue to operate. We have several members interested in

and willing to participate in projects at Otter Creek and we will learn more about the new operation under the direction of KYDFW at our April meeting. We also need for members to step up and participate in committee work. There will be committee sign ups at the next meetings. The chapter has a particular need for a leader willing to take on the membership committee. This committee will be charged with contacting new members, inviting them to participate and getting folks involved in the work of the chapter. We are not asking for a lifetime commitment to committee work but we no longer find a “committee of one person” to be an acceptable mode of operating the chapter. If you are interested in fishing opportunities, volunteer for the committee that works on outings. If you have a talent for events, volunteer for the banquet committee. There are also many opportunities with the newsletter, website, program committee, Trout in the Classroom and others.

So here's my invitation to action – consider what this chapter can be. Find an opportunity to participate. Look for ways to reenergize the chapter and find ways you can make a difference. If we want to catch trout, we have to wade into the stream! In the words of Margaret Meade, “Never doubt that that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.”

John Spence

TEARDROP

By: Lee Squires

MATERIALS:

HOOK: Heavy Nymph 8—20

WEIGHT: Bead

TAIL: Short strands marabou about 5—7

ABDOMEN: Fluorescent Uni-glo thread

THORAX: Sparkle yarn



TYING STEPS:

1. Place bead on hook, hold it back from the eye so thread can be wrapped front and back to form a teardrop shape.
2. Tie in a sparse tail of marabou fibers.
3. Wrap a fluorescent Uni-Glo abdomen.
4. Spread head cement over the bead, and dub with yarn. (This will make the dubbing adhere to bead.)
5. Whip finish.

Because of the sparseness of the fly it sinks quickly and doesn't float and drop slowly. It gets to the bottom in a short, fast current run. The fluorescent colors attract attention.

COLOR RECIPES:

THORAX

ABDOMEN

Cream

Fluorescent yellow

Green

Fluorescent green

Brown

Fluorescent pink

The tail color should match the abdomen.





LANDOWNER FISHING ACCESS PROGRAM



**By:
KERRY PRATHER**

Our March meeting was graced with Kerry Prather who is with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Kerry is spearheading the new Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program, (VPA-HIP) which provides monetary incentives and assurances to landowners that allow anglers to access streams, rivers, lakes and ponds. Landowners with property containing these fishable waters are encouraged to open access to previously unavailable waters through this agreement.



The program was made possible through a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (www.fsa.usda.gov/). Kentucky is one of seventeen states to receive this grant and the only one in the southeast to obtain it. This is a three year grant and provides approximately a budget for 70 sites. Right now there are 32 counties, 23 streams, 28 ponds/lakes, and 5 boat ramps being considered for the program and runs from March through February.

Currently Kerry is in the process of searching and signing landowners up for the program. The requirement for the landowner is that they must fit one of three categories: Stream Access, Ponds or Lakes, and Boat Ramp Access. After inspecting each site, the state will determine if it is suitable for use. Landowners who are signed up can set specific use and restrictions on their land, such as days available and hours of operations.

The highest reimbursement will be for landowners providing the highest quality stream fishing and with the best public access. Landowners with ponds or lakes are requested to have at least an acre or larger to qualify and the size and fishing conditions are accessible. These landowners could make up to \$2500.00 or more a year in income.

The new sites once established, will carry the posted sign slogan "Tread Lightly." These sites will be posted on the KDFWR web site and anyone wishing to fish such properties should check the web site often for landowner restrictions and for closings. A landowner can opt out at anytime.

(www.kdfwr.state.ky.us/)



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WOLF CREEK HATCHERY ALERT

President Obama's FY2012 proposed budget calls for \$6,288,000 in funding cuts for operation of nine National Fish Hatcheries responsible for mitigating the adverse effects of federal water development projects. These stations include Wolf Creek NFH (KY), Neosho NFH (MO), Greers Ferry NFH and Norfolk NFH (AR), Chattahoochee NFH (GA), Dale hollow NFH and Erwin NFH (TN), Garrison Dam NFH (ND), and Jones Hole NFH (UT). In 2009, these facilities produced a total of 12,786,600 fish and 15,924,000 eyed eggs, which directly supported 3,500 jobs and nearly \$325 million in total economic benefit to local and state economies from Service operated mitigation facilities. As many as 65 employees would be impacted.

During a period of economic problems in our country and the fact that a large number of people remain unemployed, the closure or reduction of any trout mitigation hatchery would have a negative economic impact on local and state economies. Many of the jobs created as a result of these hatcheries are in rural areas where unemployment is much higher than the national average.

The entire trout fishing program in Kentucky relies solely on the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery. Fish produced at Wolf Creek are stocked in 115 different waters in 75 Kentucky counties and contribute over \$34 million annually to the local economy. We highly encourage everyone to write letters of support.

Letters of support can be mailed to the following addresses:

US Dept of the Interior Secretary
Ken Salazar
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Congressman Ed Whitfield
2368 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Mitch McConnell
361-A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Congressman Hal Rogers
2406 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

OUR TRIP TO BREVARD

On March 23rd, a group of our fishermen decided to travel to Brevard, North Carolina, to do some fishing in the Davidson River.

The Davidson River that we fished is located in the Pisgah National Fish Hatchery in the Pisgah National Forrest. Upon our arrival at the hotel, we learned that two of our members had to turn around and go back home due to illness. The rest of us were hoping that this wasn't going to be a sign of things to come.

Brevard is a quiet little college town and very clean and serene. The shops and restaurants are similar to Waynesville. The hotel that we stayed at (Holiday Inn Express) was recently built, and had an exceptional morning meal to set us up for the day's fishing.

We picked the two best days to fish,

sunny and quite warm. We parked and enter the branch of the Davidson at around 8 am. I caught my first fish within the first hour. Steve La Falce, did quite well with around 6 catches or more that morning. The other member of our group, Fred "Where did that tree Come From" Doyle, was still getting settled in.

Friday, I was present when Steve landed a real nice brown trout. It appeared to be over 18 inches. I had some nice strikes, and Fred was talking to "god" about how the fish were acting towards him. Fred said that he saw several nice size trout but they were all swimming between his legs, and such.

If you ever get the chance to go to Brevard, it's fishing that you'll never forget. We might just be planning another trip this year in the fall. If your interested, contact Roy Weeks or Dan Jackman.



PHD in Fly Tying???



Not exactly. One of the last acts by past president Larry Lewis and incoming president John Spence was to sign our chapter up to teach at the University of Louisville's Adult Education Program.

This program was offered to the public for five consecutive Thursday evenings in March. The premise of the class was to teach basic fly tying to all who were interested. We had five students enroll in for the classes.

There were several instructors teaching the class along with even more volunteers who assisted with the students if they were any having difficulties. We can not thank these individuals enough for the giving of their time and materials in the teaching of this class.

Some of the students showed real talent for tying and were quite interested in coming to our fly tying classes in the future.

A Trout Unlimited application was given to each student with a warm welcome from president John Spence.

Our Chapter received approximately \$300.00 for our services. We also have the opportunity to teach a class each year. Classes were only an hour and a half long and the benefits we would derive from this will enhance our chapter with new members and monetary income.

What we need is a new Fly Tying Chairman. Responsibilities would include:

- over see the monthly fly tying classes
- assist with the curriculum for future classes at U of L
- would also help in recruiting members for expos and other events where fly tying is needed

If interested, contact John Spence. This responsibility could be shared with another person.

ROCK CREEK

Cleanup, Campout & One-Fly Competition

The annual Rock Creek Cleanup, Campout & One-Fly Competition will be held on **Saturday, April 30** in the Daniel Boone National Forest. Flowing south to north, Rock Creek is a tributary of the South Fork of the Cumberland. It is probably the best known and most popular trout creek in the Commonwealth. It is also a stream that has been designated a Kentucky Wild River and offers roughly 18 miles of fishable water.

Help our Chapter keep Rock Creek beautiful and clean. After TU put so much effort into getting the acid mine drainage neutralized, the creek continues to revive and renew. Now we have the opportunity to contribute to these improvements by participating in the cleanup activities along the shores.

The cleanup begins at 9:00am at the Hemlock Grove Picnic area, overlooking Rock Creek. Make sure you wear gloves, old clothes or your boots & waders. We will stop at noon for lunch (provided) then begin the One-Fly Fishing Competition where we divide into teams of two. You fish with 1 fly as long as you want or can. The most fish caught and released without harm will decide the winner.

CONTEST RULES

- One fly lure only. Once you lose your fly, you are out of the contest.
- Fish caught must come from Rock Creek (any section)
- Only Trout count!
- All fish caught must be released alive immediately
- Fishing partners will be chosen at random
- Your partner must measure, record, & release your fish-bring a tape measure
- You can change your knot, tippet or leader BUT you cannot change colors or add materials
- Only single hook fly is allowed-No fly droppers are permitted
- You must have a valid KY Fishing License with a Trout Stamp
- You must help in the morning with the cleanup to participate in the contest

We will have a cookout and award/prize ceremony on Saturday evening. Please bring food to share with everyone. Those who wish can camp at the Great Meadow Campground Saturday evening. So gather your family & friends, get your camping gear together, tie your favorite fly (you only need one!) and join us on the banks of Rock Creek in the Daniel Boone National Forest.

Driving Directions

1. Take **I-75** South 97.8 miles
2. Take **EXIT 11-KY 92** toward Williamsburg
3. Turn right onto **KY-92** go 29.2 miles
4. Turn left onto **KY-1363**. Go 11.4 miles to the end of the blacktop
This road follows Rock Creek- the Creek will be on your left
5. At the end of the blacktop turn right on **FS RD 564**, go 1.2 miles
6. Turn left on **FS RD. 137** and go 4.4 miles

To register contact: Sandy Broughman (859)-271-4652 or (859)271-1778

EDITOR'S NOTES

A fishing trip to Waynesville North Carolina is planned for May 26—28. Any member wishing to join us, contact Roy Weeks or Dan Jackman for details.

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Wolf Creek Earth Day is April 23. We could use some more volunteers. Anyone interested, contact John Spence for details.

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Mark your calendars for our next regular meeting. Tom Walsh has scheduled Charlie Logston from Otter Creek as our speaker.

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A fishing trip to Elk Springs, West Virginia is planned for June 21—25. Any member wishing to join us, there's still room. Contact Roy Weeks or Dan Jackman

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This year's Chapter picnic will be on June 11th at Otter Creek Park. A rain out date is set for the 18th. More to follow.



Dan Jackman
Editor