

Hickory NC Trout Unlimited April 2016 Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is in the air and that means it's time to check the waders, organize the fly box and locate the stocking dates of your favorite water. If you have not been on the water this winter, you need to begin thinking about the essentials of fly casting. To have a good day on the water and not become frustrated with fly fishing, you need to be able to cast the fly where the fish are. A good place to start is Bill and Jay Gammel's booklet *The Essentials of Fly Casting*. The five essentials discussed in the booklet represent the common thread that ties all good casters together :

- 1... Slack line should be kept to an absolute minimum.
- 2... In order to form the most efficient, least air resistant loops and to direct the energy of the fly toward a specific target, the caster must move the rod tip in a straight line.
- 3... The size of the casting arc must vary with the length of the line past the rod tip.
- 4... There must be a pause at the end of each stroke, which varies in duration with the amount of line beyond the rod tip.
5. Power must be applied in the proper amount at the proper place in the stroke.

The key to enjoying fly fishing and staying out of the trees is Practice... Practice... and Practice before you put your waders on.

Be safe and have fun...Fish Tales... Gary Hogue

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Many go fishing all their lives without knowing it is not fish that they are after."

- Henry David Thoreau

APRIL MEETING

When: Tuesday, April 19

Where: Elks Lodge in Downtown Hickory
356 Main Avenue NW
Third Floor

Program:

- 6:00 – 6:15 Meet and Greet/ Raffle Ticket Sales
- 6:15 - 6:30 Brief Announcements
- 6:30 - 7:45 Guest speaker/ Program... Q&A
- 7:45 - 8:00 Raffle/ Door Prizes... Conclusion

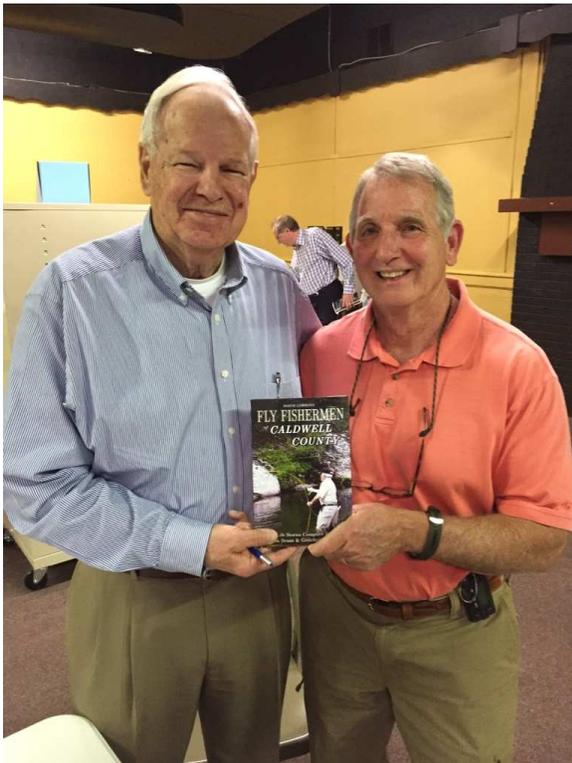
Speaker: USA Fly Fishing Team members will present a seminar on the latest tactics, techniques and flies used around the world in competitive fly fishing. Scott Enloe, current member of the USA Men's Fly Fishing Team and President / Captain of the national champion North Carolina Fly Fishing Team, will present the seminar along with his son, Hunter Enloe, the reigning youth world fly fishing champion and member of the USA Youth Fly Fishing Team. They will share their experiences and what they have learned participating at this level of fly fishing. Scott is owner of Rivers Edge Outfitters in Cherokee and Spruce Pine, NC. The seminar will teach new methods of fly fishing using science and common sense that will help you become a better fly fisherman. Support Scott and Hunter by attending your TU chapter meeting and bring a friend or two. We look forward to seeing you.

Pizza, beer, and water will be available at a small price.



Scott Enlow, our April Speaker, shows Gary Hogue how to use a 10 foot 2 weight rod for nymphing on Wilson Creek. Bill Elliot said he watched Scott catch about 20 trout in 30 minutes using this method. Come to the meeting and learn how to do this yourself.

FROM THE MARCH MEETING



Speaker Ron Beane and Chapter President Gary Hogue.

At our March meeting, speaker Ron Beane spoke of the fly fishermen of Caldwell County and the development of the book he has published about them. Ron was also instrumental in getting Wilson Creek designated as a *Wild and Scenic River* and described that

effort and the construction of the visitors center.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from September through May except in December. The upcoming meetings are:

Tuesday, May 17th

Jake Rash, the Coldwater Research Coordinator for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC), will be here to talk to us about the issues of gill lice and whirling disease in NC trout waters. He will also be available to answer questions about NCWRC policies on trout fishing in the state. If you have a question you would like him to address, please email it to Gary Hogue at HkyNCTUpres@gmail.com.

FLY OF THE MONTH



Hares Ear

Pheasant Tail

Two of the most popular and effective flies on NC trout waters are the Hares Ear and the Pheasant Tail. Both are fairly easy to tie and should be well represented in your tackle box both with and without a bead head. Instructions for tying these flies can be found at:

<http://flyangersonline.com/flytying/beginners/part11.php>

Chapter Website

The Hickory NC TU Chapter website is now up and running. It's still under development, but we would love to have you take a look and give us any input on how we can make it better for you. Visit www.HkyNCTU.org Our thanks to Clay Ford for his efforts in the development of the site. If you have suggestions for improving our website, please contact Clay at HkyNCTUveep@gmail.com

FLY FISHING MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS



Just a little over two hours west and just off Hwy I-40 is the Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians. This museum was founded in 2013 and is dedicated to people like us who love fishing our streams here in western North Carolina. Through exhibits and videos you'll learn about past fly fishing legends, the evolution of rods and reels, basic knots, fly-tying, types of gear, types of game fish, regional fishing waters, and the history of fly fishing in the Southeast. The museum will be open for 2016 from April through October. Plans are to operate from 10am until 5pm daily, with extended hours during the tourist season from Memorial Day to Labor Day. You can get more information about the museum at:

<http://www.flyfishingmuseum.org/>

Southern Trout Magazine

There is a great on-line trout fishing magazine and it's free for signing up. The magazine is dedicated to the SE from Virginia and into the Ozarks.

<http://www.southerntrout.com/magazine/>

CASTING FOR HOPE'S GOLD LEVEL FLYFISHING TOURNAMENT

The 5th Annual Casting for Hope, a national Gold Level Competition, is set for April 8-10, 2016. The tournament is hosted at the new Casting for Hope Retreat Center, which features two miles of private trophy water on Rock Creek in Mitchell County, North Carolina. This private water has been featured on The Outdoor Channel, and it has served as a great venue for this important event over the years.

Entries will be limited to the first eight 5-man

teams to enter the tournament—solos are welcome to enter the field of competition, too! The \$200 entry fee per angler should be made to Casting for Hope. All teams after the first eight to enter will be added in first-come-first-serve format to the waiting list.

The Casting for Hope tournament will make use of not only the private trophy waters of Little Rock Creek and Big Rock Creek but also the delayed harvest streams nearby, Cane Creek and the North Toe River. Fishermen will have 15 hours of fishing time—three hours on each stretch of water. Scoring will be based on total centimeters of fish scored and placing points within angling groups.

For more information visit:

<http://castingforhope.org/casting-for-hopes-gold-level-fishing-competition/>

Space Remains for April 23 Women-Only Fly-Fishing Event in Fayetteville

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (March 30, 2016)— A few openings remain for the women-only fly-fishing workshop at the John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center in Fayetteville, on April 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is hosting the workshop for participants ages 18 and older as part of its Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) program. Participants will receive hands-on instruction from experienced instructors on the basics of fly fishing, including casting, knots and rod assembly and fly tying. After learning the basics, participants will test their new skills by fishing for largemouth bass and bluegill on two ponds at the center.

Participants should bring sunscreen, insect repellent, comfortable clothing and footwear. Sign in begins at 8 a.m. A registration fee of \$20 covers rods, reels and all equipment, as well as lunch, drinks and snacks. [Pre-registration](#) is required and the workshop is limited to 40 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. More information is available by contacting Gillen at 919-218-3638 or bb.gillen@ncwildlife.org or visiting the Commission's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman [webpage](#).

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) is an international program in which women age 18 and older learn outdoor skills through hands-on experiences. In North Carolina, [BOW workshops](#) are held across the state, providing

instruction on fishing, hunter safety, target shooting, archery, canoeing, motorboat safety, outdoor cooking, tracking, map-and-compass orienteering, and other outdoor skills.

The John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center is located at 7489 Raeford Road, across from Lake Rim. Wildlife Commission staff at the Pechmann Center conducts fishing workshops, events and clinics throughout the year. Most programs are free and open to the public. For more information about the center, or to see a schedule of upcoming events, visit www.ncwildlife.org and click on the "Learning" link.

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Looking for a fishing partner? Send us your name and phone number at HkyNCTU@gmail.com and we will put your name on our register. The list will be shared with anyone expressing interest.

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