

Hickory NC Trout Unlimited June 2016 Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we move into summer we find school is out, water temps are higher, and it's crowded at our favorite trout spots. So we look for other ways to use all that fly gear we have accumulated over the years. One way is to move out onto the many lakes we have to fish for panfish, bass, and the elusive carp. This month's program by Outdoor Supply, Kayak Angling, will help you find a new method of fly-fishing enjoyment and answer many questions you may have on getting started.

Your TU chapter has initiated a survey on the Delayed Harvest section of Wilson Creek that you will receive shortly by email in cooperation with the NC TU Council. In partnership with the Reese Institute at LRU, the survey will supply information that will go a long way to protect and improve this vital natural resource for all fly fishermen. Please take the time to complete the survey. Surveys are also available at the Wilson Creek Visitors Center. Thanks for your help.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 22nd for the Hickory TU Fly Film Festival. There will be a pre-event party hosted by Casters Fly Shop plus good food, good brew, raffles and the Orvis 'Down the Hatch' fly-fishing film. All proceeds go to support your local TU chapter in conserving, protecting, and restoring our local coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. Help your TU chapter by getting involved... We need you.

Remember to Clean, Dry and Inspect to protect our waters.

Have a safe, fun summer doing what you love...
Fish Tales... Gary Hogue

JUNE MEETING

When: Tuesday, June 21

Where: Elks Lodge in Downtown Hickory
356 Main Avenue NW

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

Topic: Kayak Angling

Speakers: Charlie Mogray, Jr. & Matthew Frazier

Charlie Mogray, Jr. is President/Owner of the Outdoor Supply Company in Hickory and Matt is Pro Staffer Native Watercraft. Their presentation, Kayak Angling, will help you discover a new world of angling possibilities. His topics will include: What to look for in choosing a fishing kayak for stability, speed and safety; The proper paddle fit to give you the most efficiency on the water; a look at the new kayak propulsion systems that are offered today; What gear and accessories do you need to get started kayak fishing. An explosion of kayak anglers has taken place across the U.S. with over 2 million kayak anglers and the sport is growing every year with new technological advancements. If you ever wanted to get involved in kayak fishing and wanted to have your questions answered... attend the June Trout Unlimited meeting and meet Charlie Mogray.

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

Southern Kayak Fishing Magazine

Come to the meeting and pick out your kayak and then go on line to discover the adventures available to you.

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

FLY OF THE MONTH



In Memory of Buffy

This past month we lost Buffy, our pet and friend of just over 19 years. Several years ago as a lark I tied up a fly from Buffy's fur. It has turned out to be one of the top performing flies in my arsenal and I named it the *Buffy Boy*. It is fortunate that I have put aside a bag of his fur from some of the times I had brushed him so he will be with me on the trout stream for years to come. If you have a buffy colored cat or a friend with one, I recommend you tie up a few *Buffy Boys* and give it a try. Just apply the fur as you would dubbing. I have tried different colors from our other cats, but nothing worked as well. Thank you, Buffy. You will be missed.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from September through June except in December. The following programs are already planned:

September 20: Women in TU

October 22: Annual fundraising event-Fly fishing and BBQ

November 15: Planning an Alaska Fly-In Adventure

*****Wilson Creek Survey*****

The Hickory NC TU Chapter has developed a survey to attempt to improve the Wilson Creek fly fishing experience and you may have received an email from TU. **This survey is only open until June 12 so it is important that you complete it before then.** If you haven't already done the survey, please go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DTD8JXG> and complete it today. Thank you for help in making Wilson a better place to fish.

From the May Meeting



Mike Johnson

The meeting was opened by Mike Johnson, the District 8 commissioner for NC Wildlife. He briefly presented the broad scope of activities of the Commission with everything from saving rare birds to bear baiting.



Jake Rash

He then introduced Jake Rash, the coldwater fisheries biologist for NC Wildlife who made a presentation on *whirling disease* and *gill lice* issues in NC. Here are a few highlights from the presentation:

- Whirling disease has been discovered in the Watauga and Elk Rivers. It is not harmful to humans.
- Gill Lice have been found in the Pigeon River, Boone Fork Creek, and the Watauga River.

An open discussion continued regarding trout planting:

- Planted trout are sterilized so they will not compete with native trout populations.
- There is not capacity to increase planting. Updates to the hatcheries are in progress, but any increase in production will likely go to opening new supported streams. There

are no new hatcheries being planned at this time.

Jake said he looks to groups like us to help them get programs approved and to make suggestions on what other improvements we would like to see from the Commission. He said that if you would like to make a suggestion you can contact him at:

jacob.rash@ncwildlife.org

To get the latest news from NC Wildlife go to: <http://www.ncwildlife.org/NewsArchives/TabId/2319/newsarchives.aspx>, or to receive NC Wildlife updates by email go to the following: <http://www.ncwildlife.org/News/>

Fishing Buddy Program

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.

FLY FISHING ETIQUETTE

Jake Rash of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission recently had a socioeconomic study of the stocked trout program in NC. This included opinions of land owners. These individuals provide over 80% stocked stream access by opening their properties to stocking and public access. One of their major concerns is litter on their property as a result of anglers having access. We at Hickory NCTU should be doing all we can to help NCWRC maintain and improve relationship with the property owners.

I would be surprised if a significant amount of litter was being left by fly fishermen in the hatchery supported areas and very likely this study included all stocked streams. Regardless, we as fly fishermen need to be especially careful that we don't inadvertently leave litter when we are out fishing. We should also clean up litter we find to the extent possible or we could lose valuable stretches of stream that are now being generously provided by the owners.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"There he stands, draped in more equipment than a telephone lineman, trying to outwit an organism with a brain no bigger than a breadcrumb, and getting licked in the process."

Paul O'Neil, 1965

TU Women's Initiative



Holly Cole, Jackie Green & Gary Hogue

The Hickory TU Chapter donated two fly rod combos to the Women's Initiative to help get the program in motion.

The first meet and greet for the Hickory TU chapters new Women's Initiative was held Thursday, May 19th at Henry River Park. You can't control Mother Nature so the hearty Souls who attended did so braving rain and cold temperatures. However, it does show how serious they are to learn fly fishing.

Our Guest was Linda Hickle the coordinator for North Carolina trout unlimited women's initiative. She advised us about several exciting things happening for the ladies. Including possible free trout unlimited memberships for new recruits.



(l-r) Marti Ward, Anna Yates, Jackie Greene and Linda Hickle

The ladies present used the new fly rod donated by LL Bean to our local chapter for practice. Even one of the park workers joined in for awhile. Everyone seemed excited about having someone to get out there and fish with. There has been some interest from the men in the group about getting their wives involved, we encouraged and welcome that. All ladies are welcome regardless if they fish or not.

If you have any used gear that you would like to donate, or if you tie flies and would like to

share some with these ladies just starting out, it would be greatly appreciated. We will keep you posted on what's to come. If you have an interest or if you know someone who might please let us know.

For more information on the Hickory TU Chapter Women's Initiative contact Jacqueline or Holly at the following:

Jacqueline Greene 828-310-6805
Holly Cole 828-639-1689
HkyNCTUWomen@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed in October

Casting Carolinas is looking for River Helpers for the October 14-16 retreat. Casting Carolinas is a not for profit group to support - educate- teach fly fishing to any female cancer survivor in North and South Carolina. Casting Carolinas is also raising money with the Tie One On Tournament on the Davidson River on November 6th. For more information go online and check out our website www.castingcarolinas.com

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 we improving our website, please contact Clay at HkyNCTUveep@gmail.com

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Hickory NC Trout Unlimited
PO Box 9401
Hickory, NC 28603

For more information, please contact us at HkyNCTU@gmail.com.

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Tight Lines,

Joel R. Johnson, Chief Marketing Officer, Trout Unlimited



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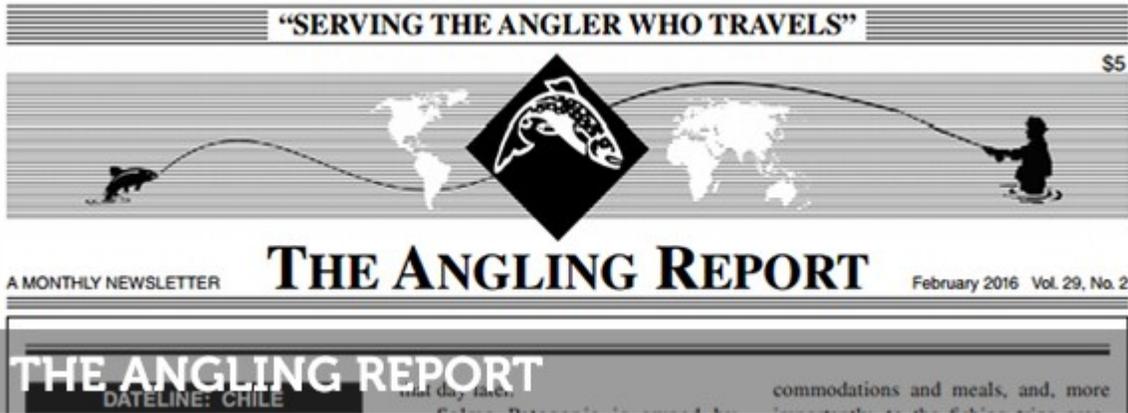
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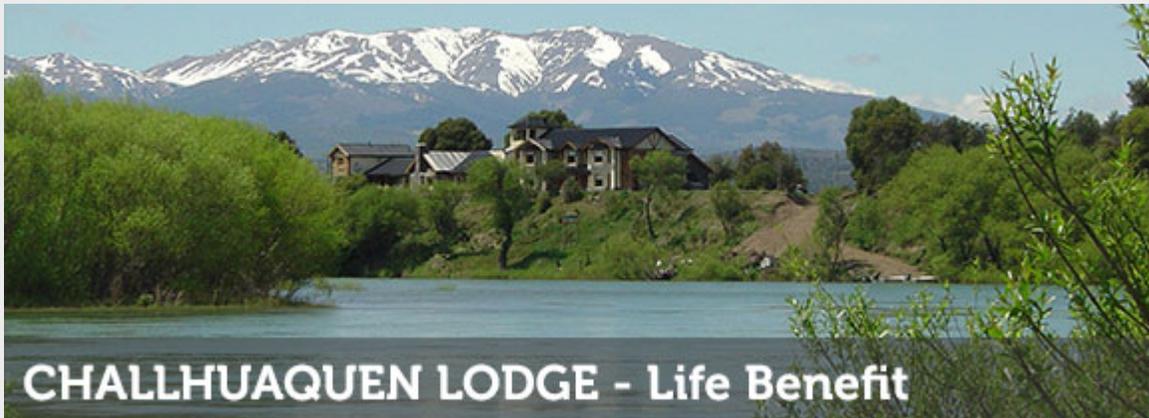


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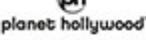
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