

Hickory NC Trout Unlimited October 2016 Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Calling All TU Members

Our BBQ and Film Festival is on Saturday, October 22 at Market on Main and we need all members, family and friends to attend. It is going to be a very enjoyable evening with Casters pre-party beginning at 6pm, dinner at 7pm and the Orvis 'Down the Hatch' film at 8pm. An outstanding list of auction, raffle and door prizes have been collected for the evening. You do not want to miss this event to support your TU chapter. Tickets are \$30. and available at Casters or send a check to HKYTU, PO Box 9401, Hickory, NC 28603. Looking forward to seeing you at the film festival.

Trout in the Classroom got off to a great start when Cathy Starnes delivered 200 trout eggs to River Bend Middle School on September 22nd to be placed in the aquarium. The students and Stoney Brooks, teacher, are very excited about TIC and Chip Cathey, principal and chapter TU member, wants to invite TU members to visit the classroom and see the program in action. Please check-in at the office upon arrival.

Had the opportunity to attend the Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians First Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Bryson City. Phil H. Bracewell, Sr was inducted posthumously in the Conservation category for his years of dedication to the sport as a founding member of the original NC chapter of TU. Mr. Bracewell was the founding member of the Northwestern chapter now the Hickory chapter. Steve Mull gave the introduction of Phil H. Bracewell to the Hall of Fame.

'Remember to Inspect, Clean and Dry'
Fish Tales... Gary

OCTOBER MEETING

When: Saturday, October 22

Where: Market on Main
335 Main Ave SW, Hickory

Program:

6:00 – 7:00 Casters Pre-Party

7:00 - BBQ and Film
Raffle and Auction

2016 - BBQ & Film Festival
Saturday OCTOBER 22 - 7 pm, Market On Main
335 Main Ave SW, Hickory
\$30
Tickets available at Casters Fly Shop
or mail a check to
Hickory TU
P.O. Box 9401
Hickory NC 28603

2016 ORVIS DOWN THE HATCH
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www.hkynctu.org

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Take care of the fish, and the fishing will take care of itself.”
....Art Neumann



Hickory TU Film Festival and BBQ

October 22, 2016, Market on Main

Sponsorship Levels

Native Brookie Sponsor - \$1000 contribution

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8 tickets to the event

Jumpin' Rainbow Sponsor - \$500 contribution

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4 tickets to the event

Big Brown Sponsor - \$250 contribution

Logo in program and on banner
2 tickets to the event

Clean Water Patron - \$100 contribution

Listing in program
2 tickets to the event

A portion of your contribution is tax-deductible.

Consult your accountant on amount.

Joel Miller: 828-381-6276

Gary Hogue: 828-308-8158

Tuesday, November 15: Planning an Alaska Fly-In Adventure

There will be no meeting in December

IT'S NOT A TROUT FLY, ITS FOOD

Flies imitate a food source and are often eaten by more than one kind of fish. This was evident on a recent fishing trip. On a website I read that a midge emerger was a great trout fly on the river I was going to be fishing. I put it on as a dropper and did get



two trout to bite on it, but I also got a creek chub, rock bass, and a bluegill on the same fly. The reason is that the midge is a main food supply on that river and all the fish depend on it. The current series of articles that started last month with the mayfly was prefaced as "what trout eat". Perhaps it should be prefaced as "what food is in the creek". The flies we are discussing will work just as well if you want to go to Wilson Creek in the summer because the other fish in the creek eat the food that is there. So the next time you head for Wilson Creek, look at the charts and see what food is hatching and make that your fly.

If you are a serious about trout fishing and have not signed up for the Gink & Gasoline weekly newsletter, you really should. I've only been signed up for a couple months now and Louis Cahill has provided some very interesting and informative articles and in some cases a very different slant on how we should look at trout fishing.

WILSON CREEK ENTOMOLOGY

In this month's newsletter we will continue to discuss what insects the trout in Wilson Creek eat and what we need to cast to fool them into biting. There are five primary groups of insects in Wilson Creek:

- Midges
- Mayflies
- Caddis
- Stoneflies
- Terrestrials

In last month's newsletter we discussed the Mayfly. This month we will discuss perhaps the most abundant food in the river, the Midge.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting was dedicated to the Trout



Unlimited Women's Initiative. We had two excellent speakers join us. Linda Hickie is a member of the North Carolina Trout Unlimited State Council and spoke to the group about the Women on the Fly group that has formed as an adjunct to the TU Initiative.

Our second speaker was Starr Nolan of Brookside Guides and Executive Director of Casting Carolinas spoke to the group about Casting Carolinas program. This program was developed as a support program that provides low or no cost weekend retreats for female cancer survivors through fly fishing related activities in North and South Carolina. At the close of the presentation, the Hickory NC Chapter presented a check for \$1000 to Casting Carolinas to help support their program.



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:

THE MIDGE (CHIRONOMID)

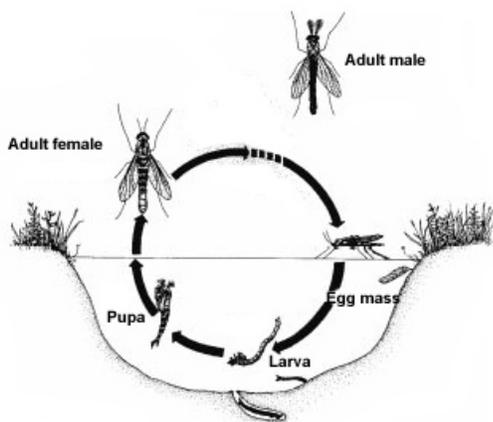
Midges are small delicate insects that are somewhat mosquito-like in appearance, but they lack scales on the wings, and do not have a long proboscis (they do not bite). The size ranges from less than 1/8" to just over 3/8". That means fishing with flies as small as #20-24. For old eyes like mine, fishing with that small a hook is only for when a guide is along. I did experience that a few years ago in Colorado. We were fishing a pond on float tubes and a hatch started. The guide tied on a #22 fly and I managed to land several 20-25" rainbows. The thrill of landing a big trout on a tiny fly is one of those events that goes into your book of fish stories.

Fortunately not all midges are that small. On a recent trip we discovered a dead midge that matched about a size 14 hook. It was on the same trip that I mentioned above using a size 14 midge emerger with much success. This fly is easy to tie and big enough for old eyes and hands to fish with. I fished this fly as a dropper behind a grasshopper. The Fall Midge Emerger pattern can be found at the following website:



<http://flyangersonline.com/flytying/beginners/part8.php>

There are four stages in the life cycle of chironomid midges. Eggs are laid on the surface of the water. Each gelatinous egg mass may contain up to 3,000 eggs depending on the species. Eggs sink to the bottom and



hatch in several days to one week. After leaving the egg mass, larvae burrow into the mud or construct small tubes in which they live. Larvae enlarge their tubes as



they grow. Suspended organic matter in the water and in the mud is used as food by the developing larvae. After they grow, the larvae take on a pink color

and gradually turn a dark red. Consequently, mature larvae are commonly called "blood worms". The red

color results from an iron containing compound, hemoglobin, that is in the midge's blood. The hemoglobin allows the larvae to respire under low dissolved oxygen conditions in the bottom mud. The larval stage can take from less than 2 to 7 weeks depending on water



temperature. Larvae transform into pupae while still in their tubes. After 3 days, pupae actively swim to the surface, and adults emerge several hours later. Adults mate in swarms soon after emerging. Because they do not feed, adults live for only

3 to 5 days.

During summer, the entire life cycle from egg to adult can be completed in 2 to 3 weeks. In the fall, larvae do not pupate, but they suspend development and pass through the winter months as mature larvae. Pupation and emergence of adults occurs the following spring in late March or early April. Several more generations of midges will be produced throughout summer, resulting in mass emergences of adults. In each generation, adults will typically emerge in large numbers for several weeks.

(Ref: <https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/ent/notes/Urban/midges.htm>)

I talked with Dave Hise at Casters Fly Shop again this month about his favorite flies to represent the stages in the life of the midge.



There is a difference of opinion on the internet whether the larva stage is of value to the trout fisherman. Some report that they live mainly in the bottom silt and are not regularly available to the trout. Others report they often get stirred up and drift with the current. Whatever is true, they are abundant in the stream all year long and there are many nymphs tied to imitate them. For the larva phase Dave recommends the zebra midge. This should be fished in a size 16 or smaller hook.

When the larva transitions to a pupa it rises to the water surface and hangs in the film layer between the water and the air. This is the time they are most vulnerable to trout. Dave recommends the Palomino Midge to represent the pupa stage. Notice that this fly has a material at the head to keep it floating at the surface with a body and tail that hang below. This fly is tied with both the black body as shown and a red body reflecting the pupa rich with hemoglobin.



The adult midge is generally very small and consequently difficult to fish. After a large hatch it is not uncommon to see a cluster of these midges floating on the surface. That presents an excellent meal for the



trout. The Griffith's Gnat is meant to mimic that midge cluster and can be a very effective fly during or after a major midge hatch.

For further reading about the midge I suggest the following:

- <http://www.flyfisherman.com/fly-tying/fly-fishing-midges-top-to-bottom/>
- <http://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/how-to-articles/trout-fishing-articles/basic-nymph-fishing-techniques>
- <http://www.cabelas.com/assets/collections/flyfishing/fly-fishing-entomology/index.html>
- <https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/ent/notes/Urban/midges.htm>

North Georgia and Southwestern North Carolina Hatch Chart Presented by Members of TU 692

January				
Insect	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Fly	More Fly Patterns
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat	Midge Patterns
			18-24 Gray Midge	
			18-24 Olive Midge	
February				
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat (Black or Dark Gray)	Midge Patterns
			18-26 Gray Midge	
			18-22 Midge Pupa	
March				
Midges	All Month	Mid AM to Late PM	18-22 Griffith's Gnat (Black or Dark Gray)	Midge Patterns
			18-26 Gray Midge	
			18-22 Midge Pupa	
April				
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat	Midge Patterns
			18-22 Midge Pupa	
			18-26 Gray Midge	
			16 Gray Palmer	
May				
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat	Midge Patterns
			18-22 Midge Pupa	
			20 Yellow Midge	
			16 Yellow Palmer	
June				
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat	Midge Patterns
			18-22 Midge Pupa	
			20 Yellow Midge	
			16 Yellow Palmer	
July				
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat	Midge Patterns
			18-22 Midge Pupa	
			20 Yellow Midge	
			16 Yellow Palmer	
August				
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat	Midge Patterns
			18-22 Midge Pupa	
			20 Yellow Midge	
			16 Yellow Palmer	
September				
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat	Midge Patterns
			18-22 Midge Pupa (Orange Body)	
			20 Yellow Midge (Orange Body)	
			16 Orange Palmer	
October				
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat	Midge Patterns
			18-22 Midge Pupa (Orange Body)	
			20 Yellow Midge (Orange Body)	
			16 Orange Palmer	

November				
Insect	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Fly	More Fly Patterns
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat	Midge Patterns
			18-22 Midge Pupa (Tan Body)	
			20 Yellow Midge (Tan Body)	
			16 Orange Palmer (Tan Body)	

December				
Insect	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Fly	More Fly Patterns
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat	Midge Patterns
			18-24 Gray Midge (Tan Body)	
			18-24 Olive Midge (Tan Body)	
			16 Orange Palmer (Tan Body)	

FLOAT FISHING ON THE RIVER

- When you start your float, space yourself evenly from other boats
- As you float, give waders a wide berth
- If a boat or raft is occupying a known hot spot but no one is fishing, never assume you can slam into the spot
- As a floater, it's your responsibility to know the specific float craft requirements and the location of private and public boundaries
- Don't leave any trash on the river, pack it up and carry it out
- Demonstrate how everyone can share the river

A DREAM TRIP

Holly Cole went to The Retreat on the Boone Fork this summer and reported a wonderful time. This story was handed out there and she thought it was worth sharing with everyone. Enjoy!

A DREAM TRIP?

A dream trip always appears to be good when planned, but seldom comes to life. Actually, a dream trip is one so perfect that it can only occur in your dreams. After months of planning, this trip had become a dream about fly fishing for trout in a mountain stream in western North Carolina. Rumors had surfaced, then spread like a ripple in still water, through our small town in the flatland of rural West Tennessee. A small hidden creek had become our destination as "BIG" trout apparently frequented this trout refuge. Anticipatory dreams created by an imaginative mind wandering unleashed through boundaries normally "off limits" began to be a nightly affair. Sleep was now accompanied by the dreams of abundant numbers of large trout coming to hand. Being an experienced and somewhat critical traveler of many such "dream trips", it was realized that the problem with dreams is they are seldom duplicated in real life. It seems a dream is a setup for a letdown because anticipation sets a standard a trip cannot achieve. No stream can produce trophy trout like those of a dream.

There were three of us that launched a pickup truck loaded to the gills with a few necessities and a lot of unnecessary stuff. Our journey from the catfish of the Mississippi river delta to a Smokey Mountain trout stream in North Carolina requires a continuous increase in elevation. The seven-hour, somewhat tiring, interstate road race was interrupted by a rest stop at a Bass Pro Shop near Sevierville, TN and, as if for a dessert, a stop at the Orvis store in Gatlinburg. More stuff is crammed into an already full pickup. Fully outfitted for our three-day trout trip, we camped out at a Hampton Inn and spent our last night

dreaming of the trout that would become almost real the next day.

A two-hour curvy mountain road leads to our final destination. It was close to noon when we arrived at the trout refuge. A first glimpse at the bark-skinned mountain home camouflaged by numerous carefully maintained luscious



green plants reminded us more of a rain forest than the side of a mountain home of our host the "River Keeper". We were not in the middle of nowhere, but it sure appeared like it. Standing on the front porch walkway of the River Keeper's house and searching for a glimpse of the famously rumored trout stream, my first impression was not that of which I had dreamed. There was not a trout in sight, although this had been promised. Of course, the stream swollen by recent rains was running off color and partially hidden from view by large laurel bushes on each bank. Was this the reality that normally washes away dreams?

My readings of old English trout books always tell stories of the "River Keepers". Those men assigned to manage the stream and the trout. In American, one does not often fish in a stream with a "River Keeper". The "River Keeper" lent a little English bent to this mountain stream and was a nice added touch to this lovely place. How quiet, how quaint, and as we were to discover "How Special" it seemed. We talked with the "River Keeper" and my senses were having trouble deciding whose side he was on "the Trout or the Fishermen". Maybe he was having this same argument with himself.

Suddenly, it was our reserved time to fish these private waters. Tension began to grip my brain and flow toward my feet. What if I could not finish the question) so you will have to imagine your favorite excuse for not catching what you had long expected. A guide with a long handled, extraordinary, large net in one hand, provided each of us a pre-rigged fly rod. Mine was a somewhat firm feeling 5 weight with an ugly squirmy worm attached. Answering the "why this fly" question, the guide explained that the rain should have washed many worms into the stream. Reality began and dreams vanished. A cast, a drift, then nothing as the worm wiggled its way downstream past me. A first cast failure established a sinking feeling in my stomach. The first pangs of doubt crept in. A second cast, to a pretty bubble line, landed slightly to the left of the first cast. A jitter of the indicator or was it my imagination like in a dream?

A lift of the rod tip and the firm rod suddenly was bent into the shape of an upside down U. Drag screamed, and my travel weary mind sent a message that somehow a "Big TARPON" had attached itself to my very small line and was trying to drag me out to sea. Imagination galloped like a dream. My heartrate ramped up. Hemingway's "Old Man and the Sea" flashed through my mind. The guide mumbled from behind me a non-comforting phrase, "Big Fish". Ten minutes later the shakes began as I surrendered to astonishment. The giant net justified itself and a huge trout flopped into it. My ten-year-old definition of "Big Trout" had just been redefined. My body had just been fueled by an adrenaline shot. Five-hour energy must be produced from events like this. The guide was shaking me and shouting something about a picture. My reply was "let her go. I cannot stop shaking." The largest trout of my career slipped away and it occurred to me that my pre-trip dreams had been undersized. The dream trip trout were nothing like the trout we were to encounter.

My mind went off-line for the rest of the afternoon. My two friends also progressed into the fun of landing "Big Fish". Rather salty, mature, level headed, older, males became like teenaged girls. It started with a grin that would appear when the indicator trembled, then progressed to a broad smile as they admired another netted trout. The smile increased into a giggle. Giggling lingered longer and occurred more often than it should have. Mature juveniles having fun doing something they had never experienced while the rest of the world was out of sight and out of mind.

The giggles continued into supper. An unknown fact about "Big Fish" is how they can reduce men to giggling when the exploits of the day are relieved. This is a tonic that is missing in our daily life. A man focused on giggling is different than men focused on the routines of life. Muscle aches and battle fatigue forced us to seek a bed and as *sleep* arrived our pre-trip, anticipatory dreams were replaced by a reality dream from the afternoon's enlightenment. Our trout dreams had also been redefined.

The next morning dawned and we arrived at our appointed time to discover the joy of a mountain stream that had cleared, as if by magic, during the night. A flashback to my years in the Navy forwarded a message to my conscious mind. A fleet of trout had materialized as if they had moved in during the cover of night. Could this be what appears as an attack formation? Seeing trout on each cast made an impossible improvement on the excitement of yesterday. A procession of "Big Trout" paraded to the big net. Midway through the morning, a question flashed into mind. Could these trout be playing games with the fisherman? One would think they would be too concerned with eating to play with a fly fisherman. But, several games began to repeat. Names of games popped up. Such as "Around the rock and freed", "Under the branch and freed", "Over the tail out and freed", and the last and quiet their favorite, "Hook the fisherman". This was accomplished by a quick burst of power, which bent the rod and stretched the fly line. As this occurred the trout would spit the fly into a tall tree. Thus leaving the fisherman hooked to the tree by his rope. The trout then swam leisurely away and rejoined the other trout at their local hangout. Each trout appeared to be causally awaiting their turn at playing with the fishermen.

The games turned ugly shortly after noon as the trout, when hooked, became focused on jerking my arm out of its shoulder socket. These trout had a mean gene in them. By the afternoon, the trout battle had become uneven. In this particular fight, there is only one fisherman and there are multiple BIG TROUT on the opposing side. As soon as one trout tires and is netted, he or she is replaced by another. One would assume while fighting Big Trout after Big trout, that this is fly fishing at its greatest! However, the tag team approach of continuous, big trout exerting, then tagging a substitute, was having a noticeable effect on the fly fisherman. There was an obviously unfair advantage of numbers. The referee was apparently the "River Keeper" who gleefully viewed this as fun. From the fisherman's view, the trout had

turned this day into a marathon where the trout side passes the baton to another runner and the fisherman with no rest has to keep fighting. Another dip of the indicator turned to a signal of repulsion instead of more excitement. Could I ignore it without seeming to be inept? The exclamations of "WOW" when a trout was netted were being replaced by thoughts of survival. An accumulation of adrenaline was narrowing my vision and thumping on my heart. Then I flashed back to the glimpse of a small, well kept, graveyard at the entrance of the one lane track we turned on to get to this refuge. Were these the buried fisherman who had arrived here with a weak heart? Surely, the effect of too many "BIG FISH" guide mumblings would result in a heart attack. Should I ask the "River Keeper" how far it was to the nearest emergency room?

Thanks are given. We were as fighters say "Saved by the Bell" which signaled our time was up. We had apparently survived. We were conquered but had put up a good fight against overwhelming odds. Following the River Keeper and the guide up the path to the safety of the house, I overheard a funny question which was seriously asked. How many pounds of fish do you think these guys caught today? The guide's answer was astounding, but probably irrelevant. What was significant was the concept that the measure of a good day was not in numbers of trout landed or the size of certain trout, but in total pounds of trout captured. Certainly a thought that even the wild imagination of a dream could not conceive. This is one standard that will remain in the mountain land of North Carolina. No one should be asked to measure "A DREAM TRIP" by the total pounds of trout one landed.

Our downhill trip back to the flatlands was full of "Tall Tales" which, unlike most of my stories, could be proven by pictures. On trips back to home from the Arkansas tailwaters, our normal trout fishing places, one drives eastward. The trout you have caught on these trips get larger. They are exaggerated to impress those who were not there. Strangely, as we drove toward home from this trip, traveling west, it became apparent that we would be forced to exaggerate down the size and number of "BIG FISH" landed for anyone to believe us. To prove that this is a geographical pattern we had discovered, could become the reason to return for another battle with the North Carolina trout fleet.

Two important life lessons were learned during this trip. One was the discovery that "A DREAM TRIP" can and does come true! Especially, when supported by the *evidence* of pictures! Sometimes pictures can prove an experience is not a dream, although the term "Photoshop" has occasionally been used by those who have seen a picture or two. Maybe perceived deception is the curse of a fisherman gone straight. Second, on a North Carolina mountain stream the most prevalent sound is not the gurgle of the water, but a fly fisherman's giggle! Especially when it escapes unwittingly from deep in the heart of a mature fisherman. This is a giggle that can never be faked!!

TU WOMEN'S INITIATIVE

If any women anglers are interested in attending any of these events, they need to join the Women on the Fly meet-up group and RSVP. These events are a great opportunity for first time or experience anglers. Equipment is not required. For more information Contact Holly Cole at 828-639-1689 or hc1958@charter.net.

Rocky River Trout Unlimited Alarka Fall Trip

Thu, October 6, 7am – Sun, October 9, 8am
Smoky Mountain Meadows, 755 E Alarka Rd, Bryson City, NC 28713

Wine, Women and Waders

October 28-30

Wilson Creek

Ladies please join us for a fun week-end of fishing and just hanging out at Wilson Creek on Friday, October 28th at 5:00 p.m. to Sunday, October 30th at 2:00 p.m. There is nothing better than Fall in the mountains, a good campfire and a glass of wine and of course fishing. Jackie Greene, with Hickory TU and Women on the Fly Meet Up group will be hosting this event at her camper located at Killian's Camp which is about a half a mile or so past the Wilson Creek Visitor Center. If you have never fished Wilson Creek you are in for a treat. Jackie has fished this area for years and will share what she knows.

The Wilson Creek Welcome Center is hosting a Festival of Colors on Saturday, noon until 3:00. We will be part of this event with the Hickory TU men hosting a kid's casting clinic and the ladies hosting a women's casting clinic all of which are free. There will also be music, food and

We currently have 11 women who are planning on attending. All spots in the cabin and camper are spoken for but there are several others who are planning on pitching a tent right along the river at Jackie's camp site. This is a primitive camp ground with no shower or bathroom facilities but Jackie does have her own private Port A John and outside shower with hot water. This event is open to all women interested regardless of your skill level. Of the 11 women signed up we have a large range of skill level. If you need equipment, we can try and help with this too.

If you can't come for the whole week-end come for the time that you can. Camping is free. Directions and other details about meals will be posted to the Women on the Fly Meet Up group closer to the event. For more information or questions, please contact Jackie Green at Jackiefishes@gmail.com and sign up for Women on the Fly Meet Up group to RSVP for this event. We promise you will have a wonderful time.

"Tie One On" for Casting Carolinas Davidson River Team Challenge

Casting Carolinas and Kevin Howell with Davidson River Outfitters will host a fishing tournament on the private waters of the Davidson River in Brevard, N.C. on Sunday, November 6th. This team challenge tournament is one of our annual fundraising events. The tournament is designed to be challenging... and fun. Teams of two anglers compete in professional, amateur and alumnae categories for cash prizes and other really cool fly fishing gear. There will also be opportunities to win other prizes through our raffle. Each participant will receive a free t-shirt

Tie One On for
Casting Carolinas

November 6
2016

Bigger and Better!

**TIE ONE ON FOR
CASTING CAROLINAS**
Davidson River Team Challenge

**SIGN UP TO COMPETE in the
4th Annual Davidson River Team Challenge!**

Teams of Two Anglers
Pro and Amateur Divisions: 10 Beats—\$250 entry fee

\$1750 IN PRIZES FOR PRO DIVISION
GREAT PRIZES FOR AMATEUR AND ALUM DIVISIONS

Casting Carolinas

TO SIGN UP
www.castingcarolinas.com—Tournament page or
Tournament Director—josh@castingcarolinas.com

- Oct 7 Advanced Fly Tying: Dry Flies
- Oct 11 On the water-East Fork French Broad
- Oct 14 Fishing the Dry Fly
- Oct 21-23 Introduction to Fly Fishing (Women)

For more information visit:

<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Learning/documents/Pisgah/2016-Pisgah-Fall-Brochure.pdf>

FLY FISHING EXPO

The 2016 WNC Fly Fishing Expo is scheduled for December 2 & 3 at the WNC Agricultural center in Asheville. For more information visit:

<http://wncflyfishingexpo.com/>

FLY FISHING FESTIVAL

The Smokey Mountain Fly Fishing Festival is scheduled for October 8th in downtown Bryson City. For more information visit:

<https://www.greatsmokies.com/flyfishfest.html>

FLY TYING DEMONSTRATIONS

The Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians (Now in Bryson City) will host fly fishing demonstrations on Nov. 4 & 5. For more information visit: <https://flyfishingmuseum.org/events.html>

LEGENDS OF THE FLY

On February 3rd 2017 at The Fly Fishing Show in Atlanta, Georgia, a ceremony will be held to officially induct six grandfathered in anglers and announce six additional inductees chosen by online balloting. You can vote on the additional six (including several NC fly fishermen) at:

<http://www.southerntrout.com/hall-of-fame/>

IN MEMORIUM

Robert (Bob) Pierce, Jr. passed away on August 18, 2016. Bob was a long term member of our local Chapter and also a past president.

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

and lunch. To sign up go to CastingCarolinas.com to register in one of the following categories:

- PRO Division: Professional fly fishers compete for \$1750 in cash prizes. \$250/team.
- Amateur Division: Amateur fly fishers compete for some really cool prizes. \$250/team.
- Alumnae Mini Tournament: Teams of Casting Carolinas alumnae (along with a professional guide) compete for prizes like gift cards from Hunter Banks. Fee is \$100/team.

If you just want to volunteer for the tournament, no fishing experience required, we have a job for you. Please go to CastingCarolinas.com to complete a volunteer form and specify tournament on the form. You may also contact Holly Cole at hc1958@charter.net who can inform you of the many areas volunteers are needed.

For more information please contact Tournament Director, Josh Garris at josh@castingcarolinas.com.

PISGAH CENTER PROGRAMS

The Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education near Brevard has several fly fishing programs scheduled in October:

- Oct 1 Introduction to fly fishing
- Oct 1 Introduction to Tenkara
- Oct 6 On the water-Little River

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

SPONSORS INVITED

As part of our fundraising, we invite you to post an advertisement in our monthly newsletters and on our section website. For \$100, we will post your business card on both locations for twelve months. Please send your business card and a check for \$100 to:

Hickory NC Trout Unlimited
PO Box 9401
Hickory, NC 28603

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

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS INVITED

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