

Hickory NC Trout Unlimited

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A LINE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It has been a busy month. In the last week I have attended our chapter board retreat and the summer board meeting for the North Carolina Trout Unlimited Council. Some highlights for both of those to keep you informed. The NCTU board voted to send

\$5000 to national along with the state councils of Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee to help with cost of National TU hiring a SE Coordinator. That person will help chapters with various development issues but, the good news here is they will be based in Asheville, NC., so only an hour away. In other state news, the River Course program went well again this year with the exception of one little detail. It lost money again so look for next year's cost to go up again. It is still an excellent price if you compare to the cost of sending a kid to regular summer camp for a week. The council has received another \$10,000 for TU license plate sales so thank-you to all who have a TU tag on your car or truck. If you don't please consider getting one. The state council finances look pretty good with a total net worth of \$143,000 dollars.

On the chapter's front, we are going to make some changes to our bylaws. Officer terms of office will be reduced from two years to one year. Board members will be two years with some at one year so that half the board always carries over for continuity in operations. Board meetings are going to be held quarterly instead of monthly, but so we don't overlook key issues we will have a fifteen to twenty-minute board review for hot topics directly after our regular meetings. This will give members of the chapter the opportunity to hang around after a program meeting and see what the board is doing and maybe develop some interest in other members getting involved with the chapter. I hope many of you will attend one of our hot topic meetings. We are going to move our annual fund raiser from the fall to the spring and make it an event everyone in the community will want to attend. More on how that is going to happen in a future newsletter. We will give out the TIC awards and others at this event. Many of us are excited about this change. As always, a key issue for the chapter is finding members to be involved in the chapter whether it is to serve on a committee, being a board member or running for office. Please give some consideration to volunteering for your chapter. Without volunteers we won't have a chapter. If

you are interested, please let me or another board member know because we will need new board members at the end of the year. And currently both the state council and our chapter are in need of someone to lead the Women's Initiative. Jean had to resign, and this is a key position we need to fill ASAP. The state does as well. So, ladies please give it some thought because I believe this position should be filled by women.

For all our members, please consider giving a small amount of your time serving our chapter so we can keep it around. In closing, if any member has any interest in being more involved or if you have a question or suggestion about Hickory TU, our events, procedures, whatever, please feel free to contact me at HkyNCTUpres@gmail.com or 478-284-1224.

NEXT MEETING

We're now on a summer break and the first fall meeting will be announced in the next newsletter.

At a special board meeting recently we discussed the meeting plan for the upcoming year. Topics we put on the table are: *Tenkara; Bamboo Rod Building; Leaders: From the Fly Line to the Fly; Hiking in to Fish*. If you would like to speak at a chapter meeting about one of these or even another topic please let us know. If there is another topic you would like presented, also please let us know.



HICKORY NC TU LOGO GEAR

The Hickory Chapter has an account at Lands' End for clothing and other items with our logo. There are frequent discounts available that you can sign up for by going to <https://business.landsend.com/>. To access the account go to: <https://business.landsend.com/store/hkynctu/>

We also have a second option for logo gear that Zan's wife Peggy has set us up with. Check out the following website: www.companycasuals.com/hickorytrout/start.jsp

TINY HOOK EYES?

Having trouble threading that tippet through the hook eye? When cut your tippet nip with the nippers at an angle. By doing that you will have a sharp tip and it will go right in small hooks. Try it, it works.

You are receiving this newsletter either as a member or prospective member of the Hickory NC Chapter 032 of Trout Unlimited. If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please respond by email to HkyNCTU@gmail.com and let us know.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Be patient and calm – for no one can catch fish in anger”
.....Herbert Hoover

Tight Lines & Road Kill

By Dr. Joel Miller

Will My Grandkids Have Water to Fish?

I’m not too worried about a long-standing drought — well, maybe a little. I’m not talking about global warming making our waters too warm for trout to survive, but that’s a concern too. I’m mostly worried about whether there will be public waters left for them to fish a decade from now.

A few weeks ago, Editor Chick and I went on a trek to search out many of the historical sites mentioned in the article he published in the January newsletter talking about the remarkable trout fishing in the North Carolina High Country in 1886. (Chick is working on an article that will recount our odyssey. Be on the lookout!) We traveled the courses of the three major rivers of the region, Watauga, Elk, and Linville, and along several of their tributaries. We are certainly blessed with some amazing fisheries!

As we traveled, however, I was impressed with how many “No Trespassing” signs I saw along what I thought were public streams. There were many exclusive, gated real estate developments that had limited fishing to their owners and guests. There were lots of individual landowners who had “posted” their land. There were several private fishing clubs along those streams that are “members only”.

I was struck with how much of the water in the High Country was no longer available to those of us who merely have a fishing license. I contacted Kin Hodges, the Wildlife Resources Officer for this area, to see if my concerns were real or only imagined. I posed several questions to Kin: Are we losing public waters? How much? What are the main factors causing the loss of fishable waters? Which of these factors are most significant? Are budget cuts from our legislature responsible for any of the losses? What can a conservation group like TU do to help?

Kin graciously supplied a great deal of helpful information. A lot is yet to be learned. He said Jake Rash, Trout Coordinator for all of North Carolina, is currently conducting a study that will answer many of my questions. Jake supplied additional information and promises more when the study is completed.

Here’s a summary of what we know now:

- Many individual private landowners have posted their land due to inconsiderate anglers! Littering and disrespecting private property by those who fish are major factors as to why property owners close their portion of streams. Some anglers park vehicles in places that keep owners from accessing their own

land or drive in places and ways that damage property.

- Non-anglers who party or “hang out” on streams are factors too.
- Conversion of streams to private fishing areas by resorts, lodges, guides, and private fishing clubs is significant in tourist areas like Boone.
- Some streams are removed from the stocking program due to lack of use. Those fish are reallocated to streams that are fished more heavily.
- Kin was very diplomatic about budget cutbacks from the state. There certainly have been decreases in appropriations. He says they try to make up for those through license sales, permits, etc., but he implies the cuts have hurt.

Jake provided a summary of a survey of private land owners on trout fisheries conducted in 2014: [Landowner Survey](#). NCWRC also has a one-page handout that addresses proper behavior for anglers and their respect for private property: [Anglers Handout](#). Please read them. Chick has posted these on our website and Facebook page.

So, what can we do to be sure our grandkids will have places to fish? The most obvious thing is to behave in a way that will make private landowners happy to have us. Respect their property. Don’t litter. Don’t park in places that block their access or drive over fragile land or crops. In short, act like your mama taught you! Encourage others to do the same.

We also need to be legislatively active, individually and as an organization. If a legislator introduces a conservation bill, support it. Write your legislators to encourage good bills and oppose the bad ones. You’ve probably heard about my ongoing “discussion” with one of our local legislators who wants to abolish our stream buffer laws; more of us need to do such! Money talks — contribute to legislators who support clean water, better fishing, and the NCWRC and tell them why.

I’ll let you know more when I get the definitive data from Jake Rash’s study. In the meantime, we need to monitor all these factors. Above all else, care for the wonderful fisheries we have and respect the property of those who own them and allow us to visit. All too often it’s like Pogo said, “We have met the enemy, and he is us!”

Joel Miller

AUGUST FLY PATTERNS

Reprinted from Carolina Sportsman magazine

Fishing generally slows down this time of the year, and trout become more selective. Best dry-fly fishing occurs during early morning and late evening. Nymphs work best fished deep during the middle of the day.



Suggested dry-fly patterns are No. 20-18 crème or yellow Midge, No. 10 Giant Yellow Mayfly, No. 10 Black Quill and No. 12 Adams. In addition to terrestrial

patterns, recommended nymph patterns are No. 10-8 Brown Stone, No. 10 Cahill, No. 10 Secret Weapon, No. 10 Sheep Fly, and No. 12-10 Pheasant Tail.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Fifty Fly Fishing Tips: #3—Fish New Waters

I'm a wanderer. On the water, I'd rather explore a new section of river than visit a familiar one — almost always. There's excitement and an expectation of the unknown in and around every trout stream. I've found too many remarkable things around the bend to expect anything otherwise. Waterfalls, broken bridges, beaver dams, rock slides and huge trout in small waters. All of this I've seen because I kept walking, because I kept wading and fishing beyond what's familiar, beyond what is already known.

On many of these local watersheds, I have, at one point in time, covered every open section of water from the mouth to the headwaters, and I've reveled in the discovery of each new pocket and riffle. I've learned to savor the search of what lies around the bend, because eventually you get to the last bend, the last legal access, or the last good island. And then there's nothing new left on the water. That can be a somber moment. — "The Last Good Island." Troutbitten (2014)

Within a two hour drive of my home there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of miles of trout water. Some of the rivers are full of big wild trout, and some harbor only a few dinks, but I've never been disappointed by exploring new water. The adventure is addicting — the planning, the wonderings, the plotting and (sometimes) the payoff.

Likewise, there's a satisfaction in attaining another piece of the puzzle — the giant map you can feel inside you, where all wild trout within striking distance are waiting in cool, unbroken water, just living, breathing the river, feeding, growing.

Those are the ethereal reasons for fishing new waters — because it's good for the soul and for an adventurous spirit. Exploration quenches the curiosity of human nature.

But there's an alternate reason for fishing new waters too, one that's a little more tangible. When we fish new water, we learn new things.

With every mile absorbed we have some idea what mysteries the river may hold, not only in that stretch of water, but above and below it as well.

And when we explore unknown water, we face a new set of challenges: deep sections with fast flows pushing our flies out of the zone, bouldered runs with endless snags, flat and calm stretches with spooky trout cruising and judging

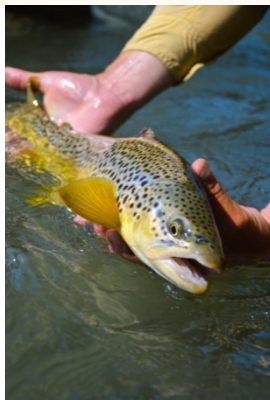


Photo by Austin Dando

our best offerings under a glassy ceiling.

New water forces us to use fresh tactics, to adapt, to think and solve the riddles of a trout stream.

Rarely do I catch as many trout when fishing new waters as I do when casting into my old haunts. But I always return as a better angler, with more data that my fishing brain chews into bite-sized bits that make some sense, fitting and mating them together with thoughts and theories about rivers and fish, ready for the next time.

So you know what's coming next, right? Because fishing is full of dichotomy, next Monday's tip #4 of fifty is about fishing familiar waters until you know every angle and inside seam from the outside lane — because that's great too.

Enjoy the day.

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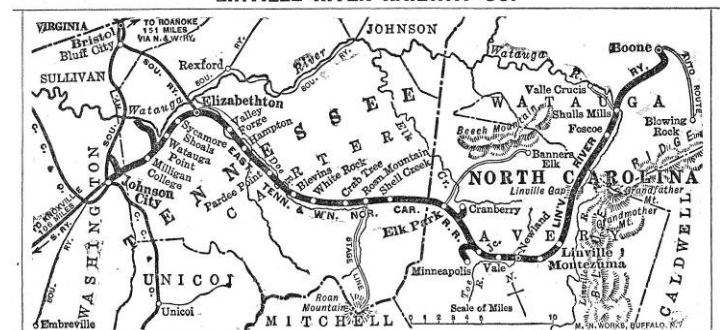
This is something we have also spoken a lot about here. Through the newsletters we have described the many delayed harvest rivers within an hour of Hickory. How many of you have actually fished all of these? Recently we have been emphasizing the wild trout fishing opportunities during the off-season for delayed harvest. Kin Hodges gave us an excellent presentation in May along with several stream maps that are on our website. Some are within an hour and all within two hours. Take a break up into the mountains this summer and enjoy a little time in the cool mountain air.

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REVISITING BANNER'S ELK

In the January 2018 newsletter we published a short story by Mary Noailles Murfree (alias Charles Egbert Craddock) titled *Trout in Western North Carolina*. The story was about a group traveling from Tennessee to Banner Elk to go trout fishing in June of 1886. Remember that date as it becomes very important later in this story. The story described their trip and stay in some detail. As Joel mentioned in his column, we were both intrigued by the story and decided to track their trek though North Carolina. If you'd like to revisit the story you can view it at <http://www.hkynctu.org/past-newsletters/>.

The group traveled by rail to Johnson City, TN and there connected with the newly built East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Railroad. The ET&WNCR carried them to the town of Cranberry and then they traveled by hack to Banner's Elk where they stayed at Mrs. Banner's boarding house. They fished a triangular route of the Elk, Linnville, and Watauga rivers whose origins meet on the side of Grandfather Mountain.



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On our search, we did not trek all the way back to Johnson City and the railway to Cranberry no longer exists. If you'd like to hike it, much of the old road bed and trestles still exist. The only section of rails that still remain is the section out of Boone operated as the Tweetsie Railroad, the name Tweetsie coming from the high pitched whistle from the old engine.



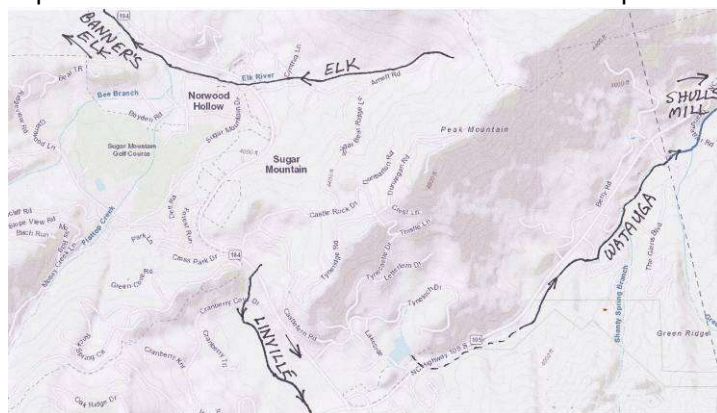
Doe River Gorge

There is a great deal of information and many photos on the internet. The section of railroad that carried the group to Cranberry was completed in 1891 through the Doe River Gorge to serve the timber and iron mining industries. Cranberry had a major iron mine, but that's another story.



Cranberry Depot 1891

Once settled at Banner's Elk, the party began their fishing trips. From Banner's Elk the river travels up stream



The River Origins

toward the Blue Ridge Parkway. Where it ends on the slopes of Grandfather, it is within a couple miles of the sources of



both the Linville and Watauga rivers, which both flow downstream from there, the Linville to the south and the Watauga to the east. For high mountain streams, all three of these rivers are reasonably large

and flow through several valleys which make the fishing easy. Unfortunately today, much of the river that the group fished either belongs to clubs or developments that only let members fish there or is posted with no trespassing signs. As Joel describes in his column, this is a serious issue as more and more of our rivers are being shut off the public.



Linville River

In our trek, we were able to identify many of the locations identified in the story, but a couple eluded us. We spoke with several people and no one could identify the location of

McCandless Cabin Gap, Webb's Pond, or Estes. One of the last points on our trek was the Banner Elk Museum. This was a Saturday and they had a large staff on hand greeting the visitors. We were fortunate to meet and talk to Jean who was very knowledgeable on the history of the area. She told us that Mrs. Banner's boarding house that the party



The first Lewis Banner Home
The Lewis Banner home, where Samuel Banner spent his childhood, burned and another home was built which is still standing today about 1/2 mile from here on Highway 184.

had stayed in had burned down in 1898 and was replaced by a new home that still stands, but she knew of a museum book that had a photo of the previous home. In the book it described the people as follows:

This photograph of the Lewis B. Banner house was taken on a rainy day in June of 1986. The photographer was Mr. G. C. Conner who was probably a guest in the Banner house. Only the lady in the center can be identified. She is the daughter of Nancy and Lewis Banner, Martha Hellen, better known as Patti, who operated the Banner Boarding House. The visitors are Judge Cloud of Nashville, Tennessee and his party. Whether he was a relative, a friend, or just a traveler in the area is not known.

Now take a good look in the photograph and you will notice that both Judge Cloud and the lady next to him are holding fly rods and creels. They are from Tennessee, and as identified at the beginning of this article the story was written about a trip there in June of 1986. There is a good chance that this may be a photo of our author Mary Noailles Murfree, but we will probably never know for sure.

WILSON CREEK FLOOD WARNING SIREN

Jackie Greene reported she was up on Wilson Creek a short time ago and heard a siren. The weather was clear so



she just assumed they were doing a test. About 20 minutes later the siren went off again and about that time the rain began coming down hard and the water started rising.

The siren will go off when there is a tornado or flash

flood warning. What many people don't understand is that the headwaters of Wilson Creek begin up on Grandfather Mountain. Many of our storms come out of the northwest and begin at those higher elevations. If there is flash flooding at Grandfather Mountain, it can reach Browns Mountain Beach in 15 minutes. As the surge moves downstream the water can rise eight to ten feet in a matter of seconds.

There will be a once a month test when the siren will be run for 10 seconds. If it runs for longer than 10 seconds, get out of the water now. Even that extra cast could be a few seconds lost to getting out alive.

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FLY CASTING ESSENTIALS...TWO IMPORTANT CASTING LESSONS

By Gary Hogue

Gary has been an outdoor educator for over 35 years working as a guide, outfitter and fly casting instructor for various groups including the YMCA, American Camping Association and Sierra Club. Locally, he has started Fish Tales an instructional program in fly casting and fly fishing.

This month I would like to share with you two important lessons that I try to remind each participant in a casting class whether new to fly fishing or a longtime veteran. One is the rod alone can do nothing... I ask casters to pay attention to their hand by using a correct grip on the rod and to remind them their hand is the link between the energy they are generating and the tool they are using. Every cast you are going to make is formed in the hand and movement of the hand is amplified by the time energy reaches the rod tip.

Second is the application of power: the fly casting stroke is comprised of the basic movements of acceleration, stop, and pause. These movements deliver the fly to a waiting fish. Acceleration means moving the rod smoothly progressively faster. The basic feel of casting is that of loading and unloading the rod... the feel of stopping the rod to propel the line and fly. This can be hard for new fly casters to grasp. A good explanation was given by Paul Young, noted Michigan rod maker, around 1930. "Imagine an apple stuck on the sharpened end of a long, very flexible switch or rod. To throw this heavy apple, start very slowly, completely bending (loading) the rod, then accelerate, and finally- stop (unload), slinging the apple toward its target. An erratic power application or power that is applied too soon would result in the apple slipping prematurely from the rod and falling to the ground." Remember the stop is an abrupt stop.

Tip... Practice... It is impossible to practice casting while fishing, there are just too many other things to concentrate on.

Fish Tales... Gary

If you have an interest in becoming a better fly caster you can also find several books on the subject in the chapter library. Just go to <http://www.hkynctu.org/library/> and look under the INSTRUCTIONAL category.

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FLY FISHING APPS FOR YOUR PHONE

I've been rather slow in succumbing to pressure from my kids to buy a smart phone, but recently I took the plunge. Now that I have one, I'm trying to convince myself it's worth a hundred dollars a month and have started searching for apps that are useful. Recently I decided to see if there were any fly fishing apps that I might like. Surprisingly, I found many dozens out there with some for free and some a bit pricey.

One of the first I discovered was the Orvis app which claims to be "the best fly fishing app available". It costs \$6.99, but you do get a \$10 gift certificate if you purchase it and sign up, so there is little to lose. Orvis claims to include information on knots, flies, fishing reports and a lot more, which is probably available on their website, but I haven't explored it.

The Fish Spots and Fishbrain apps offer maps to fishing locations and fishing reports. Fish Spots claims a half million users, but it's not just fly fishing. I'm not sure how good the information is I going to be. certainly wouldn't share my fishing spots and where I'm catching them with a half million users.

And there are many more fly tying, knot tying, simulators and fly fishing games. My point to this article is as a newbie to the world of smart phones I have no idea about any of these apps. My hope is that some of you out there have found some that are great and some that are awful and that you would be willing to share that information with the rest of us. If you have tried out any apps, please write a little bit about your experience and send it to hkynctu@gmail.com and we will share the information in the next newsletter.

Oh, and by the way. Before you run out and buy any of those apps, remember that we don't get cell service at many of our trout streams.

CHAPTER LIBRARY

We have created a Hickory Chapter library of fly fishing books. The listing is available on the Chapter website at <http://www.hkynctu.org/library/>. You will make your withdrawal request on the website and then pick up and return your books at the Chapter meetings. We will initially start with book donations from our members and if the activity warrants it we may purchase additional books. Susan Anderson has graciously agreed to serve as our Chapter Librarian. If you have any books that you would like to lend or donate to the library, please bring them to the chapter meeting. Please indicate in the book whether you are donating or loaning it to the library.

EAGLE ROCK CAMP GROWTH PLAN

When Lynn Marilla, CEO of Eagle Rock Camp, lost her quadriplegic brother, she began to investigate what she could do for adults with disabilities. She found little support for an adult program. Eventually her research led her beyond physical disabilities and specifically to the difficulty many

military families had reconnecting after long deployments. Our military families struggle to deal with the visible / invisible / moral wounds of war. Lynn began researching the issue and potential solutions which eventually led to her first week long retreat for these families in the spring of 2013. The program was successful and she has been holding three retreats per year since, two here in North Carolina and one in Wisconsin. As many of you know, TU has become a part of that program by teaching the attendees, both adults and children, fly casting. The success in bringing these families back together has been phenomenal with 97% of the families maintaining their marriages.

The word of this program has spread and today there are over 400 families on the waiting list from all 50 states. With the popularity of the program, Lynn has been looking for a way to expand this program from 3 to 30 retreats per year. A major issue in doing this has been the need to find available time in facilities such as the YMCA Camp Harrison in Boomer. Camps like this have many of their own programs which gives Lynn limited time for hers. With that in mind, Lynn began searching for a piece of property to set up a permanent camp for the Eagle Rock retreats. The assets in the property she was looking for are the availability of areas for canoeing & kayaking, fishable water, entomology, and the healing power of nature. The other permanent facilities for lodging, classrooms, hiking trails, vertical challenge facilities, etcetera could then be constructed on the site.

After extensive searching Lynn has found a piece of property in Catawba County that would fit their needs to a tee and is working to secure it for the program. It has a lake for fishing and canoeing and a pond and small creek for entomology. These are things of interest to Trout Unlimited members, but the list of assets of this property are very long and impressive. What does all this mean to TU? There will be a great deal of development involved to prepare both the property and the staff for the programs. Obviously providing TU volunteers for 30 fly fishing classes per year would be a stretch, so Lynn will be looking to TU to help with training of permanent staff members. For entomology programs she will be looking to us, perhaps through Lenoir-Rhyne University, to train the permanent staff in doing an in-water bug study like we did with John Brzorad earlier this year. She will need help from us on selecting and providing flies for fishing. The fly tiers of our organization could be a great asset. With a permanent facility in place she's even thinking of including a Trout in the Classroom type program for the children attending. And in addition to these retreat programs, she will need many volunteers to help develop and construct the camp. Our president, Zan Thompson, who is a landscape architect, is already working with Lynn to develop a layout of the camp on the property as part of the project proposal. Once things begin, she will be looking for volunteers to perform tasks like construct piers, build trails and much more.

This is truly a monumental and worthwhile program that Lynn is trying to develop and we all need to do whatever we

can to assist her. If you, or someone you know, is able to contribute to this program either financially, with in-kind gifts or volunteering, you can contact Lynn at (704) 650-5353. You can also find a great deal more by visiting the Eagle Rock Camp website at <http://www.eaglerockcamp.org/>. Let's all wish for Lynn to be successful in this endeavor and do whatever we can to help make a difference in the lives of our veteran families.

VETERAN PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the major expansion pending at Eagle Rock Camp we will need to expand our veteran program and will need several volunteers to step up and help out. In addition we need a new veteran program chairman on the board. If you would be willing to help out with this great cause, please contact us at hkyntu@gmail.com.

CASTING CAROLINAS

FALL RETREAT. Casting Carolinas is now taking applications for our October 5-7 retreat at Lake Logan Center. Open to and *entirely free* for women surviving cancer in the Carolinas (with a few spots for those outside the region). Make initial application at: www.castingcarolinas.com.

TOURNAMENT. Come Tie One On with us! October 27 in Cherokee. We're filling up fast! in Pro, Amateur and Alum Divisions
Register: <https://castingcarolinas.com/tournament/>
More info: Contact Tournament Director Josh Garris: josh@castingcarolinas.com

VOLUNTEER. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. To sign up to help with their programs: <https://castingcarolinas.com/community/volunteer/>

GRANDPARENTS TROUT FISHING DAY



In celebration of National Grandparents Day and State Parks' 2018 theme of Fishing Fun, we invite the senior anglers to bring out their grandkids and try trout fishing together. Have you ever wanted to try fishing but don't want to invest in all the equipment? You can borrow ours! Meet a ranger down at the Riverwalk Trail behind the Old Rock Cafe to learn the basics of fishing and try your hand at pulling some trout out of the Rocky Broad River. All supplies will be provided. All ages welcome.

Date: Sunday, September 9, 2018 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Start Location: Old Rock Cafe

WILSON CREEK ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Mark your calendars for November 3 to attend a party at the Wilson Creek Visitor Center to celebrate the 50th

anniversary of the Wild & Scenic River program. Details of the event will be coming in future newsletters.

CHAPTER WEBSITE

Delayed harvest is still a couple months away, but there are plenty of wild trout streams available to fish this time of year. Check out <http://www.hkynctu.org/helpful-links/wild-trout-streams/> on our website for maps to the streams.

Our local TU representative Andy Brown is seeking volunteers to help identify fish passage barriers at stream and road intersections in the Wilson Creek Wild and Scenic River watershed that need to be replaced with fish friendly stream crossings. The intensity of this volunteer commitment is fairly high over the next few years but Andy promises that it will be well worth it. Check out <http://www.hkynctu.org/environment/> or the poster later in this newsletter to sign up. You can find more information about the Fish Passage Program at <http://www.hkynctu.org/environment/national-fish-passage-program/>. Please call or email Andy if interested: abrown@tu.org; (828) 674-106.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS INVITED

I'm sure many of you will be taking trips to Montana, Alaska, or many other places this summer. Take some great photos, put some words to it and submit it to the newsletter. You're adventure may inspire others to start planning their own trip for next year. Send it to us at HkyNCTU@gmail.com for consideration of publication.

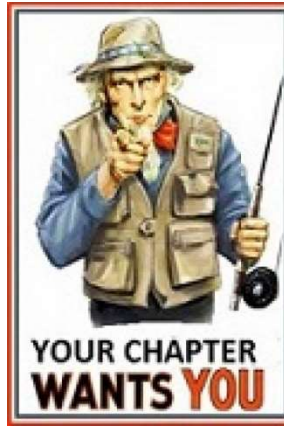
BIGGEST FISH CONTEST

We have had to suspend the biggest fish contest for now as we have learned that the Peddler Steak House has been sold to a new owner.

2018 FLY FISHING HALL OF FAME



Third Annual Museum Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon at The Old Almond School Gym on September 8th, 11:30 AM Meet and Greet, Lunch at Noon, Inductions at 1PM. For reservations contact For reservations call 828-488-3681. There is also an event the evening before where you can meet this year's Hall of Fame Inductees. For information see the last page of this newsletter.



THE HICKORY CHAPTER NEEDS YOU

The revived Hickory Chapter has now been back in existence for almost three years. Many terms on the board of directors are retiring soon and we need new members to step up and help continue our programs to keep the chapter going. If you would like to help out as either an officer of volunteer, please contact president

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ANGLER SCIENTISTS NEEDED



TROUT UNLIMITED (www.tu.org) in the Southern Appalachians is developing teams of volunteers to collect data in-the-field that are essential to quality management and conservation of our region's coldwater fisheries.

Our Needs: Volunteers and Funding

- What is your level of interest? How much time can you commit? What are your physical capabilities? **See matrix below to find your fit. All capabilities welcome.**
- **Consider a financial contribution** to help with volunteer training, coordination of the project, data management, travel, equipment and treating our volunteers well. **Our goal is \$75K for a 3+ year project.**
- **You do not have to be an angler or TU member to participate. Must be 16 or older unless accompanied by adult.**



VOLUNTEER DETAILS	Types of Surveys & Assessments			
	Fish Passage Barrier Assessments	Sedimentation Surveys	Water Quality Sampling Temperature Collection	Didymo Sampling
Teams: Our Goal Teams: Members Needed	4 teams in NC; 1 team in TN 3 to 4 people per team	6 teams in NC; 1 team in TN 2+ people per team	6 teams in NC 2+ people per team	One sample per person 60 people in NC & TN
Commitment Level	Very High - 5 to 7 full field days per year; Some overnight possible; Multi Year commitment desired but not required.	Moderate - 2 to 3 full field days per year; One Year commitment desired but not required.	Low to Moderate - Monthly or quarterly samples and data downloads of data loggers	Low - 1 sample per person; can be taken anytime and even during a recreational outing
Training Requirement	1 full day to 1 1/2 day	4 hours	1 hour	1 hour
Physical Requirements	Strenuous ; Some long days and possible long hikes, sometimes in adverse weather	Strenuous ; Some long backcountry hikes necessary, sometimes in adverse weather	Easy - Moderate ; Most sites easily accessible by car; Minimal hiking required though must be capable of accessing stream	Easy - Moderate ; Samples must be taken in-stream requiring physical capacity to access
Compensation <i>(What we can provide in return for your service)</i>	Mileage Reimbursement Lodging/Meals Official Team Clothing (Full Gear) End of Year Celebration Special Perks	Mileage reimbursement Official Team Clothing (1 item) End of Year Celebration	Mileage stipend TU Hat or T-Shirt End of Year Celebration	End of Year Celebration



Our Intentions: Our work is to be Meaningful, of High Quality, and Fun

- Volunteer-collected **data will lead directly to on-the-ground land management & conservation plans and activities.**
- **Resource and science professionals from TU, US Forest Service, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, and academic institutions** will help provide structure for assessments - participating in trainings and some fieldwork.
- Surveys will be performed by teams of 2 to 4 people - providing **refreshment, camaraderie and connection with the outdoors.**



Our Geographic Focal Areas for 2018 & 2019: NC & TN

- North Carolina - 1) **'Sky Island'** - headwaters of the Upper Tuckesegee, Upper Pigeon, Upper French Broad including Davidson and Mills Rivers. 2) **Wilson Creek Wild and Scenic River Watershed** - from confluence with Johns River upstream to source waters.
- Tennessee - **Upper Doe River Watershed** - from Roan Mountain State Park upstream to source waters.



Please call or email and include the type of assessment and geographic focal area most appealing to you.

Send checks to attention of Andy at address below, made payable to Trout Unlimited and include notation: 'for angler science program'.

TROUT UNLIMITED SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN CITIZEN SCIENCE PROGRAM CONTACT

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Southern Appalachian Fly Fishing Museum
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**Hall of Fame Pre-Event
Meet & Greet Fundraiser**

Come meet this years Hall of Fame
Inductees along with previous years'
Legends while supporting
Casting Carolinas and the
Southern Appalachian Fly Fishing
Museum's *Project Aquarium*.

Live Music - Food - Raffles

**September 7, 2018
7:00 pm**

**The Nantahala Brewery
Bryson City NC**

