



## March 2010 Newsletter

### Bluegrass Chapter **Trout Unlimited** #478

*"..conserving, protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds."*

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### Annual BGTU Conservation Banquet

**Tates Creek Country Club**

**March 6, 2010**

**\$40 for one ticket**

**\$75 for two tickets**

**Door Prizes, Bucket and Silent Raffles,**

**Featuring a Live Auction**

**For tickets Contact Cash Olszowy**

**e-mail: [alexo@lfucg.com](mailto:alexo@lfucg.com), Phone 859-576-933**

**Or buy at the door**

For more details see the President's Message on the next

### Upcoming Meetings

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** Ron Brooks. Ron is the Fisheries Division Director for Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources. He will be providing updates on state trout waters, public access, stocking programs and conservation activities.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** Rob Foster. Rob is a history professor at Berea College and assist in fly tying and bamboo fly rod construction classes. Rob will be demonstrating and speaking on Bamboo Fly Rod Construction.

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** we will have either or both Matt Braughler and Whit Foshburg. Matt & Whit are both with National TU in the Coldwater Conservation Fund area. They will be speaking about conservation opportunities for our membership across the US and within our state. They will also be providing our chapter with a area fisheries that we can participate with them in either cleaning up or restoring to enhance the waterway to sustain trout.

### Derby City Fly Fishers' Show

Trepidations, of driving to Louisville after the snowstorm, vanished even before I got on I-64. The highways were pretty clear and the trip uneventful until I got to the parking lot of the convention center. The lot was covered with snow and slick with ice when I pulled in. It was also full of vehicles, proving that the weather was not a deterrent to many others. I had to park in a farther lot. On the walk to the convention center, I passed someone out in the cold testing a rod. I refrained from uttering the common question, "Catching anything?", that one usually hears during lawn casting practice. *Continued page 3*

## President's Message

I write this message with our Annual Conservation Banquet and Auction on March 6<sup>th</sup> in mind and the great opportunity of Fund Raising for our Chapter Projects that evening offers. We have a great line-up of trips, merchandise and gift certificates for the Live and Silent Auction as well as our famous Bucket Raffles. Your job is to be in attendance to join in the fun, fellowship and fund raising—you can contact any Chapter Director for [Tickets](#).

A preview of auction items includes;

- One day fly fishing trip for 4 anglers to the renown Briarwood Sporting Club in Bellefontaine, Ohio – fishing for huge Rainbows and Browns ([www.briarwoodclub.com](http://www.briarwoodclub.com)),
- Guided trip for 2 anglers to fish the Cherokee Trophy Fly Fishing Waters in North Carolina with Joe Street of Rivers Edge Outfitters, Cherokee/Spruce Pine, N. C. ([www.flyfishcherokee.com](http://www.flyfishcherokee.com) or [www.riversedgeoutfittersnc.com](http://www.riversedgeoutfittersnc.com)),
- Two days guided fly fishing for Arkansas trophy trout with John Holston of Fins and Feathers Angler ([www.finsandfeathersnow.com](http://www.finsandfeathersnow.com)),
- One and ½ days fly fishing for 2 anglers with Alex Bell on Western North Carolina Fly Fishing Trail, Sylva, N. C. ([www.abfish.org](http://www.abfish.org)), with over night at Apple Dumplin Cottage ([www.appledumplingetaway.com](http://www.appledumplingetaway.com)), on the Tuskasegee River,
- Two nights for 2 anglers at Elk River Inn and Lodge (farmhouse/midweek) including breakfast each morning, Slatyfork, W. Va ([www.ertc.com](http://www.ertc.com)),
- One day guided fly fishing one angler in the Smokies with Rob Fightmaster,
- One night lodging at Elks Springs Resort, Fly Shop, and Outfitters, Monterville, W. Va. ([www.elkspringsflyshop.com](http://www.elkspringsflyshop.com)),
- One day guided fly fishing one angler with Blackhawk Fly Fishing, Clarksville, Ga. ([www.blackhawkflyfishing.com](http://www.blackhawkflyfishing.com)),
- Landscape design and consultation by Landscape Designer Kyle Adamson, member, Red Oak Design ([www.redoakdesign.net](http://www.redoakdesign.net)),
- Framed Sporting Prints of “The Cumberland River” and “The Fifty Year” created for national Trout Unlimited fifth year celebration by David Ruimveld of Ruimveld Studios, Vicksburg, Mi. ([www.davidruimveldstudio.com](http://www.davidruimveldstudio.com)),
- Gourmet Dinner for eight with suggested wine pairing, location to be determined, Chef Christopher J. Rose, Good Taste Culinary, Medina, Ohio ([www.goodtasteculinary.com](http://www.goodtasteculinary.com)),
- A wine tasting celebration for 20 people at Equis Run Vineyard, Midway, Ky.,
- Sage 8’6” 5wt 4piece Fly rod, Orvis Superfine 7’ 4wt 4 piece Fly Rod,
- Orvis Battenkill LAll reel,
- Sage DXL Wader Duffle, with additional trips and merchandise still coming .

The Silent Auction and Bucket Raffle items will include books, prints, hand tied flies, and gift certificates to area Restaurants and Merchants, fly lines, leaders, tippet material, fly fishing clothing and accessories as well as special items of interest for the ladies in attendance.

Let's all set aside March 6<sup>th</sup>, at Tates Creek Country Club and make this a special gala evening of fun! Please call me if you have any questions, need directions or tickets! If you can not be present you can still bid on any Live Auction item by calling Sandy Broughman (cell 859/229-1948) or Gary Rose (cell 859/229-5928) or any other Director the night of the Banquet Auc-

## Outings

The March BGTU outing will be to fish the waters of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Our plan is to meet Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 8am at the McDonald's on Newtown Pike near the interstate interchange. We will drive to Townsend, check into our cabin(s), and then head to the Little River Outfitters to get licenses, flies and recommendations on places for our group to fish. We will fish Saturday until near dark and then reconvene for a group dinner. Sunday morning we will have an early breakfast and then folks may fish as long as they want before heading home.

We will be wading small, mountain streams, so be sure to bring the appropriate gear. It may still be rather chilly in the mornings, so I would advise packing some warm clothes. Please bring your own snacks and drinks, but there is a grocery store nearby should anyone need any supplies.

In order to reserve appropriate lodging for our group, please let Gene Slusher know if you plan to attend as soon as possible. He can be reached at [geneslusher@yahoo.com](mailto:geneslusher@yahoo.com) or 859-221-3287.

See page 4 for a list of this year's outings.

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The lobby was busy with anglers. Some of the multitude had rods or cases clutched in their hands. After paying admission and gaining entry, I scanned the list of booths. I had read on more than one website that Cortland and Renzetti would be present. They were major reasons for my attending today. I wanted to check out the new PE line Cortland came out with in 2009 and a new version of the Traveler vise. To my surprise, neither company was on the list. After some time wandering through the show, I confirmed that both were indeed, not present.

This year's show was smaller, with about 15% fewer booths than in 2009. Attendance seemed down too, as I did not find myself crowded like you do at a productive hole on opening day. I noticed fewer children were in attendance and was happy to see there were female anglers. Most of the booths were from regulars. This year there were a number of area clubs present and a surprising number that did not have a presence. Some of the areas' clubs may have folded. Two not at the show are the Frankfort club and the Bluegrass TU chapter. Many familiar guide services were present with the majority of them for fishing the Cumberland River.

Of the manufacturers there, it was a surprise and delight to see Teton USA. The company had consolidated so much over the recent years that it had vanished altogether by the end of 2008. It is now reborn with just one line of reels, the Classic. Models are available for 3 to 14 weight lines. These are mid-arbor reels that also can be used with standard arbor spools the way you can with some Abels and Lamsons. The company trumpeted the lubrication free design and the type 2/type 3 anodization. I examined the reel and could not tell which parts were type 2 anodized and which were type 3 anodized. If I had a rock handy, I would have found out, provided the reps were up for the test. They are made in the U.S. (hurray), and may be the least expensive machined fly reels made in the U.S. They were offered in 100% post consumer recyclable packaging and discounted 10+% at the show, which I believe, made them the least expensive made in the U.S. fly reels, the day of the show.

Anabilis Rod Company came again with their bamboo rods. Because of other casters and the casting demonstrations going on in the same area, I only managed to cast a few times with a couple of rods during a quiet moment. I found these pretty things had a faster action than I expected. They laid out line well in the confines of the convention room. Shelbyville Rods was also present again and offered savings of up to 40%. There was a booth that was offering some deeply discounted Abel reels on clearance but I saw no takers. For the fly tyer, there was a new to the show shop called the Golden Rule. They offered a big selection of goods and there were some good deals. One that caught my eye was Dr. Slick tools at prices difficult to pass up. More than one tyer was pawing through the shop's bins and showing off treasures.

There were more seminars this year than in 2009. They offered advice for fishing in 3 of the surrounding states as well as Kentucky. The show also offered seminars for beginners this year. The seminar about fishing in Kentucky was of special interest to those in the Bluegrass. It was pretty well attended. Very detailed information was given for fishing most of the Elkhorn Creek. Smallmouth and carp fishing at many spots on the creek were discussed. Attendees learned of access points to the stream, landowners, tackle, size of fish to expect, and productive times.

Casting demonstrations were moved this year, into the main room by the rod dealers. It afforded Mr. Lord; the demonstrator affiliated with L.L. Bean and the FFF, more casting room but made it more difficult to hear him because of the noise in the room. It was also more difficult to find a viewing spot because of the rod dealers' booths in the way. In addition, it made it difficult for patrons to examine and try out the rods from the different dealers.

Fly tying demonstrations were moved this year, from the main room to another room. Unlike last year, specific times were given for demonstrating specific types of flies. It was interesting to see tube flies being tied. There were some nice designs shown including sculpin imitations that look like they would be productive on the Elkhorn. The children's tying area was back and I noticed it was not as busy as it was last year. Despite that, I was unable to find time to go tie some flies myself.

Rounding out the show was a good number of nice prizes and raffles. These included gear and trips. Though the show was smaller this year and I didn't get to check out Cortland or Renzetti products, it was a day well spent off the water. Well worth the admission price and it benefited those working to promote fly fishing, including the organization Casting for Recovery. I look forward to next years' show.

Robert Go

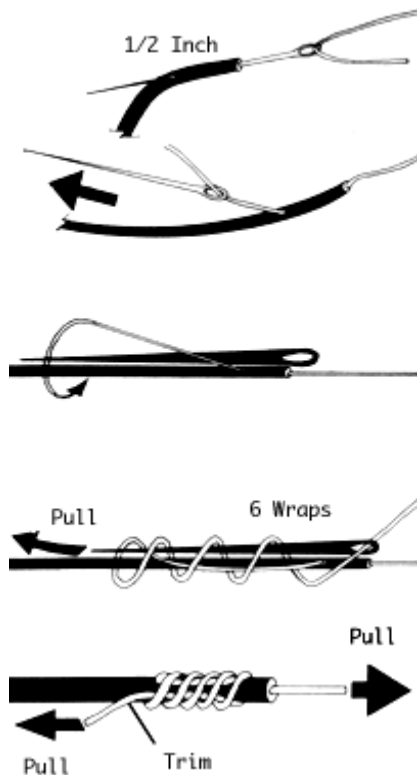


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## Knot of the Month



## Outings Calendar

Month	Location	Tentative Dates
March	Great Smokey Mountain National Park	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>
April	Rock Creek	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>
May	Driftless Area	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>
June	Elkhorn Creek	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>
July	Holston River	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>
August	Clinch River	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>
September	Paint Creek	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>
October	Cumberland River	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>

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