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**BLUEGRASS  
CHAPTER TROUT  
UNLIMITED**

**SEPTEMBER 2006**

## **DAVE WHITLOCK EVENT RECAP**



On Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Bluegrass Trout Unlimited was honored to spend an evening with Dave & Emily Whitlock. Over 75 people traveled to Good Ol'Days Farm in Midway to meet the fly fishing legend. The evening began with a fly casting demo at the pond, where Dave sharpened our casting skills by demonstrating different casts, including the "Reach Cast". Dave was clearly passionate about teaching and has over 50 years of fly fishing experience and over 30 years of educating in all aspects of the sport. Everyone was mesmerized by his skills and techniques and only the smell of the smoked pork barbeque lured us away from the pond.

After a great dinner of pork barbeque, southern fried catfish, beans, slaw, red potato salad and mouth watering potato rolls, Dave began his 90 minute slide show presentation, "Tailwater Tactics for Trout". The presentation thoroughly explained how to properly fish a tailwater, where the fish hold, depending on water level and how to safely wade or float a river. Dave also described his favorite flies and how they are best used on a river. The information was very helpful and could be applied to the Cumberland River or any tailwater. Dave's experience and passionate outlook on the whole spectrum of fly fishing has earned him the reputation of being one of the top professionals fly fishers in the sport. His art and writing appear regularly in many fly fishing and sport publications and he is known for his innovative and functional fly tying designs, including the famous "Dave's Hopper" (pictured).

The evening ended with a book signing where the lucky individual who requested his autograph not only received Dave's signature but a beautiful hand-drawn fish with a personalized message from Dave. (A true piece of artwork) It was a great evening and BGTU was pleased to offer our members the rare opportunity to meet a famous, professional fly-fisherman. A special thanks to Todd Martin for his hard work and taking such good care of the Whitlock's. We hope they will come back to visit us again.



*Dave Whitlock casting demo*



*Dave Whitlock signing autographs*



*The famous "Dave's Hopper" fly*



*Dave Whitlock's fly casting demo on the pond*



*Fly casting demo*

**OUTINGS  
SCHEDULE  
FALL 2006**

**WATAUGA & SOUTH HOLSTON RIVER  
TRIP**

- WHEN:** Saturday, October 14 - Sunday, October 15th
- WHERE:** Watauga River Float (Saturday) & South Holston Wade (Sunday)
- GUIDES:** **Watauga**-Randy Ratliff-  
Troutfishers Guide Service  
([www.trout-fishers.net](http://www.trout-fishers.net))  
**South Holston**-Tight Line Fly Fishing ([www.tightlineflyfish.com](http://www.tightlineflyfish.com))
- LODGING:** Bee Cliff Cabins, Elizabethton, TN ([www.beecliffcabins.com](http://www.beecliffcabins.com))
- COST:** Guide for Watauga Float-\$175 per person (based on 2 anglers per boat)  
Guide for South Holston Wade (optional)-\$125 a person (based on 2 anglers per guide)  
Lodging- Cost will be divided by total number going-TBD

The Watauga is one of the southeast's best kept secrets. Once you fish the Watauga, you will see why. The river offers over 24 miles of incredible Rainbow & Brown trout water, perfect for float fishing in a driftboat. Over half of the trout in the river are wild because the Watauga's gravelly riffles provide perfect spawning habitat for trout. If fishing for trophy trout is what you are interested in then the South Holston is for you. The fishery offers 14 miles of some of the most selective trout waters in the nation, giving anglers the opportunity to catch monster Browns & Rainbows. We did this trip last year and we are excited to go back. We will have a guided float on the Watauga on Saturday and wade the South Holston on Sunday. This year you have the option to purchase a guide to wade fish the South Holston. For those who know how difficult this beautiful river can be to fish, a guide might be a good investment. It is very technical water and the huge fish are extremely picky. That's why they are so big!

We have reserved one of the nicest cabins in the area, Bee Cliff Cabins, located on the Watauga River. The cabin shares a fishing dock on the river and is fully furnished with all the luxuries of home.

This trip is limited to 6 people so if you want to go please sign up now! We currently have 4 spots left.



*(Fishing Dock on Watauga River)*



*(Bee Cliff Cabin)*

**HAZEL CREEK IN THE GREAT SMOKY  
MOUNTAINS TRIP**

- WHEN:** Thursday evening, October 27th-Sunday, October 29th
- WHERE:** Hazel Creek-North Carolina side of the Smoky Mountains
- GUIDES:** None
- LODGING:** Backcountry Camping (free)
- COSTS:** Just gas to get there & \$40-50 roundtrip per person for boat shuttle to the trailhead (shuttle is cheaper the more people we have go)



*Hazel Creek Brown Trout*



*Hazel Creek in the Fall*

Hazel Creek has been termed the crown jewel of trout fishing in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Hazel Creek has all the needed qualifications to claim being the finest freestone stream in the southern Appalachian Mountains. The secrets of this stream's excellent fishing are the abundant insect life and its remote location. The lower portion that we will be fishing is dominated by wild rainbow and large brown trout. Here, the stream rushes past old homesteads and fragrant orchards, forming many long, slow pools. Nothing will put the adrenaline in your system faster than a lightning-fast strike from a trout coaxed from one of these beautiful pools.

We will take a boat shuttle early Friday morning from Fontana Marina, across Fontana Lake to the Hazel Creek Trailhead. The creek runs along the trail and we will hike somewhere around 3-5 miles into the Hazel Creek backcountry. The trail follows an old railroad

grade so it is an easy hike. This area is beautiful and full of history. Remnants of the old logging mill and town remain scattered throughout the area. We will camp at one of the backcountry sites located on the creek. We will hike out early afternoon on Sunday to catch the shuttle back across the lake. Join us on a true backcountry fly-fishing adventure.

## **NORTHERN OHIO-GREAT LAKES STEELHEAD TRIP**



*Member David Cummings on BGTU Spring trip*

- WHEN:** December 2nd  
**WHERE:** Northern Ohio for STEELHEAD (approximately 6 hour drive)  
**GUIDE:** D Fishin' Fool's Guide Service ([www.dfishin fool.com](http://www.dfishin fool.com))  
**LODGING:** Details to come  
**COSTS:** \$125 per angler based on 3 anglers per guide & lodging (TBD)

The first weekend in December is the perfect time to fish the "Steelhead Capital of the World" with the Thanksgiving crowds gone and the start of turkey season, there is little fishing pressure. Guide fee includes a full 8-9 hour day of fishing on Saturday and an incredible streamside lunch, flies and equipment. You have the option of getting a guide on Sunday too. We did this trip last spring and it was awesome!

This trip fills up quickly and we are limited to 12 anglers. We currently have only 7 spots left and several people have inquired, so let David know soon if you want to go. A deposit of \$125 (the guide fee) will be needed to reserve your spot.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME ON ALL TRIPS-  
MEMBERS & FRIENDS!

TO RESERVE A SPOT ON A TRIP  
CALL DAVID BLANTON  
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### BGTU LOGO DESIGN CONTEST



It's time to develop a new logo that represents our TU Chapter. This is your opportunity to put your creative hat on and help! This logo will primarily be used on new T-shirts, but it might appear other places, as well. So, get out your crayons, markers, pens, and pencils and get to drawing. We will be taking entries of proposed designs until the December meeting. The Board will choose the winner and it will be announced thereafter. The winner shall receive a one year paid membership to BGTU, a t-shirt with their design, and the honor of having come up with the winning logo! Designs can be emailed as attachments to [bcorbly@gmail.com](mailto:bcorbly@gmail.com) or handed to Brett or Christine Corbly at monthly meetings. Also, if you have any questions, please email Brett at the address above or call 859-548-5835.

### SEPTEMBER'S MEETING PROGRAM:

Tom Biebighauser

Stream Restoration on the Daniel Boone



Tom Biebighauser graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.S. in Wildlife Biology in 1978, and began a career with the Forest Service as a Wildlife Biologist on the Superior National Forest in Minnesota, moving on to the Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky in 1988. He began restoring wetlands in 1982 in northeastern Minnesota, and has since established over 900 such sites in Minnesota, Kentucky, and Ohio. Tom has successfully written hundreds of funding proposals, and has taken the lead in completing numerous partnership projects for restoring emergent, ephemeral, forested, and wet meadow wetlands on public and private lands. In 2003, he wrote and published the book *A Guide to Creating Vernal Ponds* in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. and the Izaak Walton League of America, distributing over 31,000 copies to date. He finds it rewarding to repair wetlands that have failed, and to assist land managers working to begin wetland restoration programs. Tom enjoys leading hands-on workshops where participants learn about wetland restoration by actually constructing a wetland. His latest program involves helping teachers build wetlands at schools for use as outdoor classrooms. He encourages hundreds of students each year to put on waders and venture into wetlands for exploration. For five years, he served as Chairperson for the Cave

Run Chapter of Ducks Unlimited. In 1999, he received an award from Goodyear and the National Association of Conservation Districts for outstanding accomplishments in resource conservation practices. His passion for wetland restoration has been recognized by three separate National Taking Wing Awards for leadership, community involvement, and accomplishments. In 2005, the Rowan County Conservation District presented Tom with their "Honor" award. He received the "Vocation" award from the Morehead Rotary Club the same year. Congressman Hal Rogers presented Tom with the "Kentucky PRIDE" award in May, 2005, for leadership in wetland restoration. Tom recently wrote a second book *Wetland Drainage, Restoration and Repair* that's being published by the University Press of Kentucky.

BGTU is excited to have Tom discuss Stream Restoration efforts in the Daniel Boone National Forest at our meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at The Chop House. We hope to see everyone there for this interesting program.

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## **ROD RAFFLE**

**WE WILL BE DRAWING FOR THE:**



**TLS POWER MATRIX**

**8 ½ FT- 4 WT ROD  
AT THE MEETING ON  
SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

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**DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT OCTOBER MEETING**

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**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, September 5, The Chop House, 2640  
Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky, 6:30 p.m.

Program: Tom Biebighauser, Stream  
Restoration on the Daniel Boone

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