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July 2009 Newsletter

Bluegrass Chapter Trout Unlimited #478

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Our Next Meeting is July 7th at Columbia's

A general reminder that all meetings begin at 6:30 pm, but many people like to arrive about a half-hour earlier and order food and drinks. This month the presentation will be:

Brian J. Radcliffe, Program Instructor

Tracy Farmer, Center for the Environment, UK College of Agriculture

The presentation will be about Stream Entomology, and focus upon the specific bugs all fly fishermen should know.

Photos From Members Outings!!!

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Left: Gene Slusher with a monster Brown Trout, to say the least! A great story coincides with this fish. Just come to the July meeting and ask him yourself.

BGTU members from Left to Right:
Cash Olszowy, Todd Martin, Rusty Hallett, and Kevin Koonmen all preparing for a trip on the Clinch River early this spring.



An Extended Message From the President

Although thunder intermittently rattles the window next to me as I write this, water levels are stabilizing throughout the region and both the weather and recent fishing have become hot. A Bluegrass summer is upon us once more and our days have grown long and active. Hopefully, these recent extra daylight hours have led to an increase in your time on the water and a rejuvenated appreciation for our sport.

Summer is a period of hard work, sweat, and growth. Mixed with just enough playtime, it recharges us and better prepares us for the less lively seasons ahead. Our chapter is currently experiencing a similar maturation, through our efforts and involvements with the local community. Due to the dedication of some of our chapter's most prized members, recent projects have bloomed into some significant and lasting achievements. Most notably, the Trout in the Classroom program may well turn out to be one of BGTU's greatest gifts to our state's waterways.

While we wallow in our accomplishment, we continue to look forward and prepare for our next challenges. One step in this process is to elect new Board members. As terms expire and positions turn over, we are excited to invite new leadership into our crew, and are ready for enthusiastic, innovative thinkers to join our Board.

After years of forging strong relationships with state agencies, local businesses, and our Bluegrass community, our chapter now has the potential to impact and shape the future of Kentucky's cold water resources, and the trout fishing that goes along with them, like never before. However, this task is increasingly large and we need your help in fulfilling the responsibility. BGTU needs a few people to step out of the shadows and become captains in our organization.

If you think you might have an interest in joining the Board, then I highly encourage you to explore the option. Trust me, it's not that bad a gig. Sure, we put in a few volunteer hours every now and then, but we all enjoy what we do, and we usually have a good time doing it. If you enjoy trout fishing and care about the resources associated with it, then you are probably a good candidate. And if you can tell tall tales about fishing then you are probably qualified.

Feel free to contact me or any other member of the Board with any questions you may have about the available positions. We would be more than happy to share what we know. Atop our crest of recent progress, the horizon looks promising. You should come check out the view. There is no better time than now to get involved.

Gene Slusher
Interim President
Bluegrass Chapter of Trout Unlimited

August Elections

At the August general membership meeting, Bluegrass Trout Unlimited will hold elections for open positions on our chapter's Board of Directors. Below is a list of these positions and some of the applicable election rules.

Election Rules:

The President shall be elected by a vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting of the Chapter for a one-year term, and the President shall be eligible for only one (1) successive term.

All other officers shall be elected by a vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting of the Chapter for a one-year term and said officers shall be eligible to serve for two (2) consecutive one-year terms.

Nominations to all positions up for election may be made from the floor during the Annual Meeting.

Ten percent (10%) of the Chapter's membership shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is needed to make the election official. This quorum will be met after roughly 40 votes are counted.

Proxy voting is permissible. A proxy vote can be cast via email. Please email all proxy votes to geneslusher@yahoo.com.

Executive Offices:

President

Current Nominees:

Open for nomination

Open for nomination

Vice President/Secretary

Current Nominees:

Dick Kielar

Open for nomination

Treasurer

Current Nominees:

David Cummings

Open for nomination

Committee Chairpersons:

Conservation

This person focuses the Chapter on activities which directly support Trout Unlimited's Mission of conserving, protecting, and restoring coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. *Current Nominees:*

Sandy Broughman

Open for nomination

Newsletter / Communication

This person communicates with the Chapter membership and the outside world via the monthly newsletter and other publications as needed. *Current Nominees:*

Open for nomination

Open for nomination

Outings

This person arranges for outings and expeditions for the members. *Current Nominees:*

Gene Slusher

Open for nomination

Please attend our August meeting and participate in these important elections. If you cannot make it to the meeting, please provide us with a proxy vote.

Buy * Sell * Barter

Looking to Buy or Barter?

Very Nice, Custom-made Trout Unlimited Orvis T3 9ft, 4wt, 4piece, mid-flex rod. Includes rod sock and tube. BRAND NEW - NEVER USED \$350 - a great deal for this one of a kind rod.

Please contact Tom Werne at
859-873-2477

BGTU Raffle Offer:

This is a FLI 9' 5 wt 2 piece rod with tube. A medium fast action rod with backbone for the big ones yet soft enough to protect fine tippets. This rod retails for \$ 275. You can own it for \$10. Tickets are limited. For your chance at this fine rod contact Cash Olszowy at 859-576-9337. or email me at alexo@lfucg.com. We will be drawing the winner at the Annual Meeting in August.



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BGTU Contest Alert!!!

Your chapter wants your help. BGTU's Board of Directors is sponsoring a contest for a new look for our logo. The winner will receive a prize package including one years free membership in TU.

The design criteria is that this logo should be able to be enlarged or reduced for all applications. You may submit your ideas to Cash Olszowy. Hard copies may given to any Board Member or mailed to Cash at 2000 Leathers Rd. Lawrenceburg , KY 40342 . If you prefer to e-mail, send them to SeriousWeevil@msn.com. All submittals are welcome, no limit per entrant, previous logo proposals are eligible.

Editor's note:

Due to recent events I will be leaving BGTU at the end of August and head back to school in MI. It has been a pleasure supplying you with the information of this great chapter for the last year. I wish the best for BGTU and all of its members, and look forward to seeing you on the rivers when I make one of my frequent returns to this area.

Thanks,

Kevin Koonmen

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Attention Members!!!

Renewals are required every year. You should receive a notice from National TU approximately four months before your membership expires. If you don't renew they will keep sending a notice monthly until some time after your membership expires. After a certain time your local chapter will send you a final notice. You will save a lot of unnecessary mail along with work and expense for the local chapter and the national organization if you renew right away. Please, when you get the first notice do not put it down. Send in the renewal right away or go online at www.tu.org and get it done immediately. You might get a valuable coupon as a reward. Thanks - Charlie Ebling