

# Roanoke TU News

## Early Summer '07



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### TU/Kiwanis Kids Fishing Rodeo—4/27/07

Another great project that TU has helped with. We had a pretty good turn out of members which included, Dick Vipperman and his wife, Hans and Anke Loberg, Bayes Wilson, Dick Taylor, David Thompson, Jon Wilson, Jamie Hutton, Allen Hartman and Herm Prillipp and his wife Betty. (If any one knows the name of the other members please email Jon)



Roanoke TU Members who helped with the Kids Fishing Rodeo on April 21, 2007.

### Special points of interest:

- Stream shocking at Hollins University.
- Kids Fishing Carnival—Buchanan
- Fly Casting Instruction w/ Dover
- Summer Picnic—July 21, 2007 at Wysor Smith's.



Dave Thompson assists a young fisherman.



Another very happy fisherman shows off her catch.

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### Fly Casting Instruction

Dover England, Chapter President, demonstrates his casting techniques during a class for members on May 4, 2007. The class was given at Green Hill Park where, unfortunately, the water was too high for fishing or a Reading the Water class that day. The next class will be **May 24, 2007 at 4:30 pm.**



Dover England





## Hollins Project Update

On Tuesday, April 24th, TU Members along with Hollins University Students and employees of the VDGIF completed a stream shocking and survey of species of fish in Carvin's Creek throughout the Hollins University Property.

The hope is that the stream will be determined to be a viable habitat for trout that will be studied by the University students. If everything works out, the stream will be maintained by our TU Chapter and members will have fishing rights on the stream. The results of the shocking are as

follows: Blue Head Chub—abundant, White Suckers—common, Crescent Shiners—common, Fan Tail Darters—Abundant, Regular Creek Chub—abundant, Red Breasted Sunfish—uncommon, Rosie Side Dace—uncommon, Mountain Red Belly Dace—uncommon, Common Shiner—uncommon, one large rainbow trout. The stream was found to be healthy.



## Reading the Water

Dover England will be giving a free seminar on "Reading the Water" in Green Hill Park on **Thursday May 24 at 4:30pm**. This session should prove to be of interest to beginners and experts alike. Members will meet at the picnic shelter in the park.

## Jackson Hole Trip

Orvis will be offering a fly fishing trip to Jackson Hole WY leaving on September 4th for six days (includes 4 days of guided fishing). Tom Brown can be contacted at the Orvis Store downtown for more information. 540-345-3635.

## 2007 Raffle Prizes

Have a good idea for prizes on this year's raffle?? Give George Kesler a call at 540-314-9855 or email keslerfamily@cox.net

## TU Picnic will be on July 21, 2007. Mark your Calendar!!

The annual picnic will be coming up before you know it. We had our largest crowd ever last year and hope to do even better this year. Once again, the Chapter will provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Barbeque, buns and drinks.

Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. (Guests welcome)

Please email Chip Davis at [chipdavis1@cox.net](mailto:chipdavis1@cox.net) or call either Chip at 540-529-0375 or Jack Ward at 540-265-1788 if you plan to attend. That way, we will know how much food to bring. To get to the picnic from Roanoke, take 581 North past Valley View Mall and Peters Creek Road, then take the I-81 South (fork to

the left). After getting onto I-81, you will take the first Salem exit #141. Then turn left at the stop sign and go 0.2 mi to get to the picnic from Roanoke, take 581 North past Valley View Mall and Peters Creek Road, then take the I-81 South (fork to the left). After getting onto I-81, you will take the first Salem exit #141. Then turn left at the stop sign and go 0.2 mi. to get down to Rt. 311 N. (turn right at the first traffic signal) Once onto Route 311 N, drive approximately 11 miles (4 miles past Catawba) and turn left on Rt. 621. (the first left after Newport Road). Follow Rt. 621 until it crosses Craig's Creek three times. After crossing the third bridge,

look for a mailbox on the right that says Smith. There will be balloons to alert members that they are at the right place. Bring your fly rod as there are two stocked ponds. Barbless hooks only. The picnic is always a great time and provides camaraderie and fellowship among friends and members.



### NRV Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Be sure to check out the website of our neighboring Chapter to the south, the New River Valley Chapter. Their web address is <http://www.nrvtu.org>



### Botetourt Kids Fishing Carnival

Game Warden, Officer Shannon Smith attended the May meeting enlisting the help of volunteers for the Botetourt Kids Fishing Carnival that will be from 9am til 2pm on June 2, 2007. The Carnival will be at the Buchanan Fairgrounds. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. POC is **Shannon Smith** and his cell number is **540-580-3999**.

### Disabled Veteran Attends Meeting.

Army veteran **Josh Williams** attended the meeting this week and spoke to the members about Project Healing Waters. "Project Healing Waters salutes all of our brave Armed Forces and Veterans. We pledge to serve those who have come home wounded or injured by aiding in their physical and emotional recovery by introducing or rebuilding the skills of fly fishing and fly tying.



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**Stream for May 2007**

### **Can You Name That Stream?**

Be sure to check the website monthly for the latest **Name That Stream** contest. Winning names will be drawn from the correct responses for a special prize. Email answers to **Jon Wilson,**

**geocatcher@verizon.net**



**Bayes Wilson**

### **Presidents Award**

Bayes Wilson (pictures) was presented with the President's award at the May 16, 2007 meeting for his hard work and dedication to the Chapter.

