

# THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

## CHAPTER MEMBERS IN ACTION

**Oct. 24 "Buzzing Around with Buzz"** -Buzz Buffington toured Ben Ramsbottom, Richard Sain and Ben Claxton from the TN chapter of The Izaak Walton League around our Chapter's restoration project on the Happeny/Scruggs farm. The visitors expressed interest in joining with us on future projects.

**Oct. 31** Buzz, joined by Clint Jones (TVA), was "buzzing" with landowners Ernest Wright and Martin Wolfenbarger. The two expressed interest in working with us on bank restoration projects.

**Nov. 25** Buzz, TVA and TN/ Walton League representatives began evaluations and plans for both properties which are on the left, descending bank of the Clinch. Concurrent with the work, consideration is being given to conduct aquatic evaluation studies and to apply for funding at least with the National Fish and Wildlife Federation. Preliminary tasks to be completed by Jan. 1.

**"Caroling with Carol"** Carol Moore met with members of the Oak Ridge Lyons Club who enjoyed her presentation of our new, blockbuster video about the Clinch River Tailwater.

**"The Book of John"** John Thurman is ensuring that the town of Norris is aware of information



The Clinch River Chapter -  
dedicated to conserving,  
protecting and restoring the  
natural environment of the  
Clinch River Watershed

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIAYS!

From your BOD

### NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 9

The Chapter meeting and tentative Christmas party planned in Dec. have been cancelled due to "festivities overload".

## MEMBER TO MEMBERS

Ever dream of dipping a line in the pristine waters of Alaska? Dave Hunter is planning a two week fishing trip in mid-September, to the Kenai, Russian and Ptarmigan rivers where the silver salmon, rainbow trout and Dolly Varden reign supreme. Members interested in joining, contact Dave by Jan. 1.

### "...John" continued:

about the Clinch by snaring three more Norris groups into enjoying the video: Lyons Club, Women's Club, and Methodist Men's Club.

## EMBRACE- A- STREAM APPLICATION

CRC members, John Thurman and Kylene McLucas, applied to TU for a grant to *Characterize the Coal Creek Watershed Sediment Flowing into the Clinch River Tailwater.*

### PROBLEM

Sediment and metals may be posing a potentially, adverse impact on the Tailwater.

Empirical data collected by CRC members during the past three, draught years, show classic symptoms of sediment problems. Coal Creek is the largest of three tributaries flowing into the Clinch tailwater. It is the source of heavy sediment loads brought by major rains.

### PRIMARY OBJECTIVES ARE TO DETERMINE:

- +The volume and chemical properties of associated dissolved metals flowing into the Tailwater.
- +The source/origin of the material
- +Potential mitigation measures (e.g. special flows from Norris hydro and watershed reclamation and stabilization projects).

The funding would allow hiring a person from the Coal Creek community to assist in collecting sediment samples.

**Clinch River Chapter  
Projects: 2002-2003**

Activity	Leader	Date
• Redd survey	Dick Geiger	Nov. 1 - Mar.
• Sediment sampling	John Thurman	Nov. - June
• Fry survival survey	Thurman	Feb. - June
Kids Fish Free Day	Carol Moore	Early June
Shoreline cleanup	David Hunter and Cathy Jarrolds	April
Tire/trash cleanup	Buzz Buffington	June - Aug.
Coal Creek bank stabilization project	Barry Thacker	May - August
Embrace-A-Stream grant application (Coal Creek and Cane Creek water quality monitoring)	Thurman/Coal Creek Watershed Foundation Vista Volunteers	Nov. 1
Fly tying class	Buffington	Jan. - Feb.
Fishing class	Thurman	Jan. - June
Weir cleanout	Thurman	Oct. 26
Second Baptist Church Public Access (behind AC Detention Center)	Ralph Jordan	Winter/spring
Miller Island Public Area development	Jordan	Winter/spring
Adopt-A-Highway Litter Control	Steve Brown	Winter
TVA Res. Ops EIS comments	Buffinton/Thurman	October
Coal Creek Health Day	Moore	Oct. 25
One Fly Contest	H. B. McCowan	Scoping
Clinch Bank Stabilization Project Proposal	Buffington	Winter/spring

Look for a project which appeals to your interests and contact the lead person for more information or to volunteer your talents.

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Comments & contributors are welcomed!

**CRC VOLUNTEERS  
ASSIST IN TORNADO  
IMPACTED BRICEVILLE**

CRC members joined 37 volunteers from 11 organizations in removing Tornado created deadwood and debris from bridges in Coal Creek. The logjams would have flooded the Creek jeopardizing several residences and lands. A donated winch cleared the large trees while a "bucket brigade" of volunteers brought smaller branches and trash up the Creek bank. A bodacious lunch was provided by the wonderful cooks from the Coal Creek churches. Knoxville's Channel 8, WVLT-TV covered the effort.

**ANGLER'S CORNER**

You approach a small stream, see several rises and smugly prepare your first cast, thinking, "piece of cake". An hour later you're still waiting for your "piece of cake"!

Two techniques may have helped to avoid putting down rising fish:

1. Enter the stream into a grass bed which camouflages your legs; wait for the rises to resume.
2. Approach the bank with caution, crawling the last few yards. Carefully, peek upstream and imprint a targeted rise in your mind, move back on your knees a couple of feet and cast to the imprinted target. Cast over the grass, **not** over the water.

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