

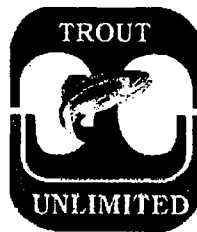
THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEMBERS IN ACTION

Clinch River Bank Restoration Projects (Wright & Wolfenbarger properties): A grant application was submitted to the National Fish & Wildlife foundation by member, Buzz Buffington in conjunction with Alan Neal, Cumberland Mountain RC& D, and Mike Shoffner, NRCS. Project cost is estimated at \$37,150 with \$16,300 requested from NF&WF and \$20,850 in matching contributions. If approved, work could start in March to reshape banks, build cattle fences and plant grass, shrubs and trees.

STORM WATER PERMIT TASKFORCE

Members Buzz Buffington, Berny Ilgner and Barry Thacker joined Anderson County representatives and ARCADIS Consulting to develop a NPDES Phase II Storm water Permit for Anderson County, one of the first counties to be involved. This State wide program permits rural counties to implement protection programs in their urbanizing areas: public education & outreach, public participation, illicit discharge detection & elimination, construction, on-going & post runoff control and pollution prevention. Remember those 6000 tires, appliances and indefinable trash that we have removed? County Exec Rex Lynch estimated that efforts under this Permit will save \$30,000-\$40,000 annually.



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

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

When: February 13, 7 pm

Where: St. Francis Church,
Norris, TN

Who: Ian Rutter, author of his first, and just released book, *Great Smoky Mountains National Park Angler's Companion*, will speak on his experiences including his video, *fly fishing eastern freestone streams*

CHAPTER MEETING: MARCH 13

Kim Ryles, TU regional director, will discuss the decline of sport fishing and how disconnects between the public and natural resources may pose rough water ahead for aquatic stewardship.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

Member, Steve Brown, solicited interest from members at the January 9, meeting to join this program sponsored by the TN Department of Transportation. Clean up will be done about four times annually along the 2 mile stretch of road by the Aquatic Laboratory, Norris State Park.

FLY TYING CLASSES

Interested in tying flies and you missed the CRC class currently in progress?

Rick Ross will be teaching a class at Roane State Community College:

April 19, 9 am-2 pm, and

April 26 on the River, subject to TVA flow scheduling.

Register by calling, 882-4612.

THE ANGLER'S CORNER

Controlling the Strike - a main reason for missing a rising fish stems from faulty reactions: we are either too fast and forceful (most frequent problem) or too slow. A *deliberate strike* will invariably hook a good sized fish.

Usually our reactions are based on the day's fishing. If trout rise noticeably and frequently we may have a few false moves in the beginning which are quickly overcome. However, on an off day we get several strikes from small fish, become nervous and strike with a quickness and forcefulness that emphasizes the "release" side of fishing.

A *deliberate strike* involves the simple raising of the wrist or forearm bringing the power of the rod taunt against the pull of the fish.

The larger the fish the more careful the strike must be.

**Clinch River Chapter
Projects: 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!

**UPDATE : CLINCH RIVER
CHAPTER PARTNERING
ACTIVITIES WITH COAL
CREEK WATERSHED
FOUNDATION:**

The 2002 Aquatic Resource Preservation Award was presented to the CCWF by the TN Dept. of Environment & Conservation. Joint efforts improved and protected the aquatic ecosystems in the Watershed.

**Restoration of Briceville Park
Receives Big Boost**

Over 60 years Briceville's ball field became overgrown and forgotten. Last year, owner, Mildred Simpson Curnutt graciously agreed to its restoration as the "Simpson Memorial Ball Field". The Bricefield Volunteer Fire Dept. recruited volunteers and began clearing the park for the children. Recently, CCWF received \$30,000 from an anonymous foundation which will help fund clearing, reseeding and constructing a picnic shelter.

**Coal Creek Scholars
Visit LMU**

LMU President, Nancy Moody, stressed the importance of college education with seven Anderson County High School students recently. The CC Scholars Program, established by CCWF, assists (scholarships and guidance) students as they aspire to further education.

**Thacker Receives First ASFE
Founder's Award**

Member Barry Thacker received the Federation's first award for achieving outstanding community accomplishments as a representative of their profession. Barry was recognized for his continuing efforts with CCWF.

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