

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEMBERS IN ACTION

Clinch River Bank Restoration Projects

The Chapter's *Point Man*, Buzz Buffington, reports that we're waiting decisions on our two grant applications to National Fish & Wildlife (\$16,300) and for \$20,850 in matching contributions.

Buzz speculates that if the property owners get financial aid from another government program, Equip, lesser involvement would be needed from our Chapter. If approved, work could start soon to reshape banks, build cattle fences and plant grass, shrubs and trees.

STORM WATER PERMIT TASKFORCE

Members Buzz Buffington and Barry Thacker assisted Anderson County representatives to develop a plan for how the County will handle runoff.

If the State approves the application, our Chapter may be asked to participate long term as advisors during implementation.

TU cleanup, bank restoration, sediment monitoring, and out-reach activities are cited in the application as existing activities to control impacts of runoff.



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

ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM-APRIL 6

Member, Steve Brown, will be donning *white gloves* in heading up our first quarterly clean up under this Program. This effort will coincide with the Clinch River annual clean up on **April 6. Meet at the Aquatic Biology Lab, 10 am.**

The Program is sponsored by the TN Department of Transportation. We will provide quarterly clean up along the 2 mile stretch of road by the Aquatic Laboratory, Norris State Park. A roadside sign will note our Chapter's participation.

ANNUAL CLEAN UP TELLICO RIVER

Make-a-difference: Clean up in the morning, fish in the afternoon! Interested Chapter members can join three Regional TU chapters in this clean up project, on March 8, 9 am-noon. Sign up at the Tellico Ranger District Office located at the lower end of Tellico River Road.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

When: March 13, 7 pm

Where: St. Francis Church,
Norris, TN

Who: Kim Ryles, TU regional director

What: Kim will discuss the decline of sport fishing and how disconnects between the public and natural resources representatives may pose rough water ahead for aquatic stewardship.

THE ANGLER'S CORNER

Controlling the Strike (*editors' note:* last month, we discussed how to use a *deliberate strike* to improve our ratio of "catch" to "unintentional release".) Continuing this theme, attention must be given to the importance of controlling the amount of slack. The more slack line on the water, the greater the wrist or arm movement. Thus, good practice calls for using as small amount of slack as possible. A good sized trout takes the fly and immediately heads to bottom, his normal feeding position, where the fly is ejected unless the line has become taunt which sets the hook.

**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	Buffington/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!

**CHAPTER'S FLY TIEING
CLASSES A SUCCESS**

Eight participants in these classes benefited from the nimble fingers and expertise of Chapter fly tying enthusiasts: Buzz Buffington, John Thurman, Bev Howard, Tom Painter, Hiroshi Toyohara, Steve Brown and Eddy Whitson in learning to tie a number of flies. Our coffers are richer by \$600 for these efforts!

**FLY FISHING CLASSES
COMING UP**

Individual, on-the-river fly fishing coaching will be coming up shortly for eight fortunate want-a-bees who will be paying \$75 each for this unique opportunity John Thurman, "and associates" will be involved.

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