

# THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

## REQUEST FOR MONTHLY PROGRAM IDEAS AND SPEAKERS

The Chapter always is looking for new program and speaker ideas. If you have a program you would like to present, want to share your fishing adventures, or you know of a speaker, please contact a Board member. We want our monthly meetings to be informative and interesting.

For example, Buzz Buffington offers these suggestions:

+Outcome of TVA Reservoir Operations Reevaluation (especially the impacts on the Clinch, South Holston, Watauga and Hiwassee tailwaters.

+Randy Kerr-TVA River operations: how generating schedule decisions are made, cold water budgets, new guide curves for the four rivers above,

+Steve Ahlstead-US Fish & Wildlife: Mussel (as an indicator species) restoration efforts in the East Tennessee area.

+Steve Moore-GSMNP: Fishing and/or trout restoration in the Park.

+Cherokee National Forest fisheries biologist: trout management and fishing in the Forest.

+Byron Begley-latest fishing trip. Maybe saltwater fly fishing in FL



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

## The EPA and THE WEATHER CHANNEL PRESENT A TV SPECIAL about WATERSHEDS

The EPA and The Weather Channel have co-produced a one half hour TV special about watersheds entitled, *After the Storm*. Upcoming shows will air on The Weather Channel:

May 9 and June 26 at 8:30 and 11:30 pm

The program shows the connection between weather and the watershed and emphasizes the importance of watershed protection, particularly from polluted runoff.

The special includes tips on simple efforts people can take to protect their watershed. Three case studies are highlighted which provide insights into problems and solutions concerning water quality.

## COMING UP...

Three more bank stabilization projects are planned on Coal Creek this spring and summer. Waiting decisions on resubmitted permits.

## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

**When:** February 12, 7 p.m.

**Where:** St. Francis Church,  
Norris, TN

**Who & What:**

**Kell McAboy, Save our Salmon Coalition:**

video and discussion about efforts to recover the Snake River wild salmon by advocating the removal of four Federal dams and restoring 140 miles of free flowing river.

A Great Opportunity!  
(Note- Coalition's web site:  
[www.wildsalmon.org](http://www.wildsalmon.org))

## THE ANGLER'S CORNER Streamers in the Spring

Cold temperature will keep trout on or near the bottom and moving little. Our goal is twofold: get the fly near the bottom so that it sinks the instant it lands (e.g. Lead Eyed Woolly Bugger, 8, 10 or 12 in olive or black) and fish it slowly.

Small waters must be approached from either upstream or downstream. From foot of pool, fan casts upstream from lower end, covering tailout, edges and the main current slot. Place final casts where the water enters the pool. To try for the largest trout, make first cast up the current line, over the deepest water to the head of the pool. Retrieve just fast enough to avoid snagging.

(next month: streamer fishing in larger streams)

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TACTS-2004**

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Look for an activity which appeals to your interests and contact the lead person for more information or to volunteer your services.

**Clinch River Angler  
Newsletter**

Co-Editors Bob and Mary Jo  
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Comments & contributors are  
welcomed!

**CHAPTER "WRAPS UP"  
FLY TYING CLASS**

The 2004, Fly Tying class came in like a lamb but is going out like a lion! At post time only three students were registered but the students and instructors, lead by Bully Buzz, flogged the bushes and upped the number to eight. The faculty was pleased with the quality of the class: no defections, no fights, no flying missiles in the form of vases! Congratulations to our newest graduates: Mark Blair, TJ Casey, Steve Dearing, Nestor Garcia, Andrew Morgan, Steven Siddons, Phil Snapp and Tom Teague.

**HUNTERS and ANGLERS  
TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON  
TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST  
ENERGY BILL**

Washington, DC, 1/24/04  
Today national conservation organization, Trout Unlimited, hosted hunters and anglers representing four Rock Mountain states who traveled here to voice their concerns on provisions in the oil and gas section of the National Energy Bill that threaten prime fish and wildlife habitat on public lands in the Rocky Mountain West.  
Chris Wood, TU VP of Conservation, need to balance the nation's need for oil and gas but not to have priority over wildlife, hunting and fishing interests. One Montana businessman emphasized the need for an energy policy with more emphasis on clean, non-extractive,

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renewable energy.  
(See full Report:  
<http://publiclands.tu.org/>.)