

## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

**When:** April 8, 7 p.m.

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

**Who:** Rusty Fowler & "Rocky"  
Cox - founders of Fly  
Drifters River Guides

**What:** will discuss slides covering the Hiwassee River in a way that the first timer will have a probability of success. Rocky will demonstrate tying a nymph pattern, e.g. peacock pheasant tail and a dry/wet fly e.g. brown tackle peacock.

**Tie Along:** members wanting to join in should bring: peacock hurl, black or olive thread, brown dry fly hackle size 16, dark colored deer or elk hair, dun CDC puffs, green caddis dubbing, pheasant tail fibers and red barbules for the tails of the BHP. Include a typical dry fly hook and size 14 or so tiemco 2488 hooks, copper ribbing and a copper bead sized to the hook.

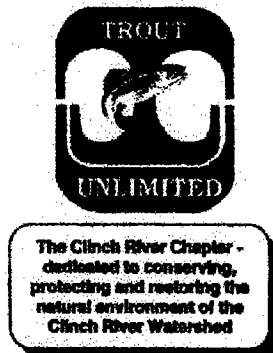
## UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

**June 10** -Ian Rutter, author and renowned fly fisherman, will discuss, "fishing the TN mountains, forests and tailwaters".

**July 8**-Randy Kerr, head of TVA's River Scheduling: will discuss how daily decisions are made

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Trout, after being scared, are soon susceptible to a sinking fly and rarely are interested in a floating one because they prefer the safety of bottom feeding.

# THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER



## CRCTU SPONSORING KIDS FISH FREE DAY

Mark your calendars in INK for Saturday, **June 12**, 9-3 p.m., to help out with our annual Kids Fish Free Day which will be held at the Miller Island parking lot (rain or shine) on the Clinch River. Buzz Buffington plus 1-2 fly tiers will enchant the many youngsters who will witness the conversion of feathers, thread and fur to dainty, life-like critters which may attract the denizens of the Clinch.

Volunteers also are needed to demonstrate spin or fly fishing techniques. Volunteers should meet at 8:15 a.m. to begin preparations. Bring extra fishing gear for use by the kids, invite your young friends and their families to join in this effort to gain youthful interest not only in fishing but to awaken interests in river ecology and protection.

## DID YOU KNOW??

*(Editors' note: this and the next several Newsletters will include the quislings of member, John Thurman)*

The Clinch River is a tailwater. A tailwater is a stream below a dam. Many of the best trout fisheries in North America are tailwaters, e.g. the Clinch and South Holston in TN; The Cumberland in KY; the Big Horn in MO; the Kootenai in MT; the Deshutes in OR; the White and Little Red in AR; and the West Branch of the Delaware in NY. Many tailwaters, including the 75 yard wide Clinch, are characteristic of a spring creek.

## THE ANGLERS' CORNER

Dry vs. wet fly?! A sparsely tied, translucent body, sunken fly with a slow retrieve is particularly useful on a sunny day when streams are so low and clear that it seems useless to fish. The general consensus is to use a dry fly. When a dry fly lights, it causes a shadow unlike that of a natural insect. Also, the leader is quite likely to float instead of sinking. However, a wet fly or nymph and the leader, thoroughly soaked before using, will sink on contact with the water and the telltale shadows almost disappear and the fly becomes an object of interest instead of alarm. A telltale signal of the problem is when a dry scatters the fish. *(Continued pg. 1, col. 1)*

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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.

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Comments & contributors are  
welcomed!

**REMINDER:  
THIRD ANNUAL TU  
REGIONAL RALLY**

**Who** Fly fishing and social gathering enthusiasts

**What** 1. Weekend of instruction and information  
2. Ladies Days Out-an adjunct outing (\$75, includes instruction))

**Where** Camp Ton-A-Wandah  
Hendersonville, NC

**When** April 30-May 2

**How** Send \$60, or \$75, before April 20 to:  
Kim Ryals,  
Campaign Coordinator, TU  
PO Box 1191  
Black Mountain, NC 28711

For Ladies Days Out, contact:  
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*(A members' service for sale, swap or loan of equipment, books/articles. Contact the editors.)*

No items submitted

**A CLEAN SUCCESS**

The Clinch River shoreline from Norris Dam to the Veterans' Bridge near Clinton resumed its natural beauty on Saturday, March 20, due to the dedicated efforts of 16 volunteer trash picker-uppers. Buzz Buffington offers special "thanks" to TJ's crew from UT who cleared the Peach Orchard Access, voted the nastiest stretch along the River; and to TVA who provided trash bags and the use of the Aquatic Biology Lab as a signup headquarters.

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