

## THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

### NEXT CHAPTER MEETINGS

**When:** July 8, 7 pm

**Where:** St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Norris

**Who:** Randy Kerr, head of TVA's River Scheduling,

**What:** discussion of *TVA's Reservoir Operations*: operational changes resulting from TVA's recent *Reservoir Operations Study*, which affects the Norris and other tail waters, and how daily operations decisions are made.

**When:** August 12, 7 pm

**What:** Bar-B-Q, food and drinks provided

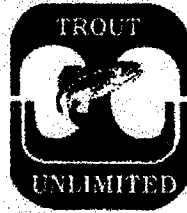
**Who:** Members, guests/prospective members

**Where:** Picnic shelter at Briceville Park

### KIDS FISH FREE DAY A ROUSING SUCCESS!

June 12, Miller Island:

The fog lifting from the Clinch saw kid's bobbing heads, kid's little legs & bodies squirming into waders, kids getting into drift boats, kids watching the fish and critters in the aquarium displaying the little seen "denizens from the deep", kids tying flies, kids casting flies, kids casting plugs, kids enjoying the chef's "Thackerized" hot dogs— kids, kids, kids... That's what this annual event sponsored by our Chapter is all about. Sixty strong, accompanied by family, they came and enjoyed the four hour exposure to fishing fun and river knowledge.



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

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Contact President, Dick Geiger with your volunteering for or suggestions of officers for 2004-2005. Nominations in August; elections at September meeting.

### CHAPTER TO BE FEATURED IN TU MAGAZINE

Carefully screen your summer issue of *TROUT* magazine. *Candid photos of some of our less photogenic members and descriptions of our Chapter efforts on behalf of the Clinch River are featured.*

### BOATING SAFETY

Member, Bill Shipman, cautions boaters that life jackets are required under law for ages 12 and under and are very prudent for everyone! On two occasions recently, he's had to fish out unprotected anglers!

**(Eds' note: the next Newsletter will be in September)**

### STRATEGIC PLAN

#### DEVELOPED FOR TCTU

The TN Council just drafted a vision for the future, consisting of five goals:

1. Develop and strengthen local chapters.
2. Effectively advocate for coldwater quality.
3. Increase youth participation in conservation and angling.
4. Raise awareness of cold-water habit and growth.
5. Achieve financial security and growth.

#### THE ANGLERS' CORNER

*This month's notes were garnered from Ian Rutter —author, fisherman and guide extraordinaire—as he shared his insights on fishing the Great Smokey Mountains at our June meeting.*

- ◆ Presentation: blend, hide-be unseen if possible. The first cast is THE cast.
- ◆ Fast water: hold rod high to keep the line off the water.
- ◆ Picking spots: visually break the stream into pockets and form a plan for fishing each, fish across the stream.
- ◆ "Two foot Rule": bring line out to where the leader attaches to the fly line and place at the rod cork. Make SHORT casts.
- ◆ Minimum length of a rod is about 7 1/2 ft.
- ◆ Use leaders of least 10 ft. The smaller the pool, the shorter the leader.
- ◆ Tippet-use about 3 ft. of 4X or 5X; 3X, if pool is deep.

**CLINCH RIVER  
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PROGRAMS and  
CONTACTS-2004**

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**Programs**

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(June 10)  
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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!

**.DID YOU KNOW??**

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

“Play the odds”: Based on CRCTU and other studies, flies can be selected based on River location and the season if no insect activity is observed.

Midge pupae appear to be the most important trout food in the Clinch. In the 12 mile stretch below the weir dam, over 70% of the annual diet was midge pupae; black flies comprised about 20%; sowbugs and mayflies each about 2%; caddis and snails about 1% each; scuds and terrestrials were present in trace amounts

Seasonal data-below the weir: midges comprised over 60% of the spring and summer diet, exceeding 80% in the winter. Sowbugs, over 20% in the fall but not significant during other seasons. Scuds did not exceed 2% in any season. Mayflies were almost 15% of the spring diet but didn't exceed 2% in other seasons. Caddis was 2% of the summer diet but showed in trace amounts in other seasons. Trout summer diets consisted of nearly 30 % black flies and 15% in the other seasons. Snails were 30% of the fall cuisine but showed up in trace amounts in other seasons. Terrestrials—trace amounts year round.

Seasonal data for the weir pool showed midges comprising over 40% of spring and winter diets but dropping to less than 10% in summer and fall. Scuds were over 80% of summer and fall diets and over 30% in spring and winter. Sowbugs made up 30% of the spring

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(continues from column 2). diet but dropped off significantly in the other seasons. Snails made up 10% of the winter diet but insignificant in other seasons.

Above the weir: scuds made up over 40% of the “all seasons” diet, midges about 40% and sowbugs about 15%