

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

When: November 11, 7 pm
Where: St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Norris
Who: Member, John Thurman
What: Saltwater fly fishing the Louisiana Delta Marsh

UPCOMING MEETINGS

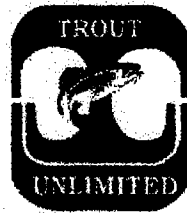
Dec. 11 Chapter Christmas Party
January 13 Frank Bryant-Chots outdoor gear
February 10 Joe Congleton-steelhead fishing in British Columbia

MEMBERS IN ACTION

October 9 found several CRCTU volunteers participating in our Adopt-A-Highway cleaning up a two mile stretch of road along the Clinch.

Little River Outfitters sponsored a Fly Tier's Weekend, November 6 & 7. Members, **Buzz Buffington**, **Bev Howard**, **John Thurman** and **Sarah Weeks** joined several notable fly tiers in demonstrating their favorite patterns.

Looking for a companion to fish with? Check out our Chapter's web site (www.crctu.com/fishingbuddy.htm) where member **Drew Still** just has set up a fishing buddy system. Nine members have signed up already.



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

4th ANNUAL COAL CREEK HEALTH DAY WAS AN APPRECIATED SUCCESS

Students at Briceville School were enthusiastic about their "favorite" day of the school year"! The Health Day was conducted on November 7, by our Chapter partner, The Coal Creek Watershed Foundation. CRCTU members joined in this service to the Briceville children-grades K - 5.

Chapter members **Hiroshi Toyohara**, MD, and **Bob Greer**, DDS, recruited other doctors and medical personnel to provide basic medical (e.g. eye chart, blood pressure, glucose) and dental exams.

Chapter members **Dick Geiger**, **Barry Thacker**, **John Thurman** and TVA volunteer, Charlie Saylor helped the kids explore the creek in between exam visits.

They connected how checking the health of the creek and checking their own health are related.

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 Member **Carol Moore** coordinated the event, took photos which documented the valuable and fun time had by all plus attended to the many other details which make a "Happening" happen successfully. Thanks to all the volunteers!

BACK THE BROOKIE NEW WEBSITE

Cruise the new Back the Brookie Website, www.brookie.org/ >www.brookie.org
 Learn about the fish. Buy stuff. Learn about acid rain. Learn about the Back the Brookie Campaign and how you can become involved. Not all links are complete but everything should be up and running by turkey time. Take a test drive on the website and provide feedback

THE ANGLERS' CORNER

When using roll casts to fish a narrow, brushy creek, try a shorter leader: 6-7 feet.

**CLINCH RIVER
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PROGRAMS and
CONTACTS-2004**

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Kids Fish Free Day
(June 10)
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Barry Thacker

Weir Dam Clean up
John Thurman

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

.(This article, by TU's Chief Scientist Jack Williams, is excerpted from the Trout Unlimited website, November 2004)

**ON GENES, SALMON
AND TROUT**

There has been considerable debate about the value of wild vs. hatchery salmon and native vs. introduced trout. The genetic diversity present in wild and native stocks is critical to allow adaptations to local conditions and to provide for future changes in environmental conditions. Hatchery fish contain only a small subset of the genetic diversity present in the parental population. It stands to reason that over the long run, cross breeding may produce less genetically diverse and therefore less resilient wild fish. Thus the concern about policy changes that would treat wild and hatchery fish equal.

One study (October, 2004) of first generation hybrids between westslope hybrid cutthroat trout and introduced rainbows found the hybrids smaller and survived for shorter periods. The hybrids, although less fit, tended to move longer distances thus spreading the ill fitted genes farther and faster. The authors conclude by noting that the rapid influx of rainbow trout genes into westslope populations could result in loss of local adaptations and decrease the probability of the westslope cutthroat in the wild.

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