

# THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

## UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

**When:** June 9, 7 pm

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

**Who:** members Barry Thacker and John Thurman

**What:** results of the storm water suspended sediment sampling in Coal and Cane creeks. Also, will discuss efforts to promote mining **history tourism in the Lake City area and how that fits in to restoring abandoned mine sites.**

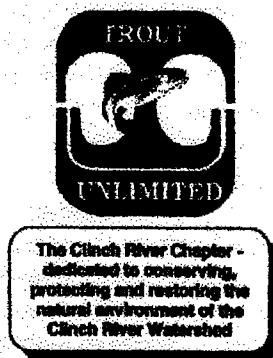
**July 14:** Linda Good guide and fly fishing instructor extraordinaire, will provide casting instruction and assistance to include casting basics and individual suggestions for improving accuracy and distance.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBER ACTION

**Saturday, June 11: KIDS FISH FREE DAY** (Our Chapter's biggest public event and guaranteed to be personally rewarding for volunteers, kids and their families!)

**Please arrive by 9:15 am to help with preparations**

CRTU joins with TVA and TWRA in sponsoring this statewide experience at the Miller Island access to the Clinch River in Norris. Volunteers will teach kids to bait, spin and fly fish. Other activities include fly tying and casting instruction, aquatic biology displays and discussions about stream ecology, bug hunts, fishing from boats (more boats are needed). (Continued next column)



(Opportunities...continued)

### Things To Do and To Bring:

- \* fishing rods
- \* waders (especially small ones)
- \* hooks, leaders, tippits, corn, lures
- \* film canisters-to hold flies
- \* folding chairs
- \* life jackets

Chef Barry Thacker will again amaze audiences with his gourmet grilling of the frustratingly elusive hot dog.

Volunteer qualifications needed: be there, be enthusiastic, get involved!

**River Bank Restoration Project being Planned**—An 800 ft. restoration effort is being planned in partnership with River landowner Marvin Wolfenbarger and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Three stages are anticipated by leader, Buzz Buffington, for cedar tree revegetment (look it up) to place and cable trees against the bank.

1. Fencing to restrict cattle access
2. Cabling trees against bank
3. Planting -in the November-February time frame.

## 4th ANNUAL TU REGIONAL RALLY — REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARS

Less than three short weeks remain to sign up for this fun and informational event. Workshops aimed at both potential and seasoned leaders will cover "TU Basics". Friday evening features the local fly shop suggesting fishing opportunities and flies. A bluegrass band will heat up the rec hall on Saturday night. The Rally, located at the Educational Center in Abingdon, VA. Will start Friday evening, **April 29 through Sunday breakfast, May 1.** Cost is \$60 a person which includes everything. Private rooms for couples are \$170 for both nights. Contact: Steve Brown 865.482.0394

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## ANGLER'S CORNER

Your fly or lure kisses the water surface, a fish rises and defiantly slaps it. Wait before retrieving. If no action, retrieve slowly in short jerks. Still no action, cast a smaller lure. The fish probably is trying to sink the lure for EZ pickins.

**CLINCH RIVER  
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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.

(from column 2)

The report explores the evolution of Appalachian mining, the science behind the formation of toxic mine drainage and the watershed restoration efforts by TU members (see [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org)).

**CONSERVATIONISTS CALL  
ON CONGRESS TO EXTEND  
FUNDING FOR ABANDONED  
COAL MINE CLEANUP**

*(Extracted from a TU news release)*

Speaking at the National Press Club, citizens involved in the restoration of abandoned coal mines and TU called on Congress to pass a long term reauthorization of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund. The fund, and the \$7 billion it has released to resolve associated problems involving health, safety and environmental, will expire in June.

“Abandoned mine drainage is the single greatest threat to the lands and waters that sustain Appalachian communities,” said Chris Wood, TU Vice President for Conservation Programs. Our own Carol Moore, joining the spokespersons, said that “The job of cleaning up the coal-fields simply isn’t done, so we still very much need the fund”. Carol is a member of the citizen led cleanup of Coal Creek, TN. Other comments included: urging Congress to focus on the community revitalization that accompanies clean up efforts; “cleaning up abandoned mines doesn’t just clean the water and make the fishing better, it improves the quality of our lives” because “restoration provides economic opportunities for depressed areas and high paying family jobs”; without secure and long term funding there is little incentive for communities to work together to fix what ails our lands and waters”. Illustrating these points, TU released a report detailing the threats posed by abandoned coal mine drainage to the Appalachian environment.

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