

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

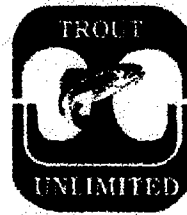
CHAPTER MEMBERS IN ACTION

Buzz Buffington attended a public meeting to hear the TVA Reservoir Operations Study. This draft of the Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is available, including an Executive Summary, on the TVA Web site at: http://www.tva.com/feature_rostudy/pdf/newsletter4.pdf.

Buzz and John Thurman will provide input for the Chapter. Send your input to Buzz or John by August 15.

John Thurman was an observer with an IBI crew who shocked Clearwater Creek: "Many rainbows over 14-16 inches, some up to 20", a number of browns—several over 16 inches and one about 28 inches". John concludes that there are good fish for the taking especially now that there are some minimums.

John's update on biomonitoring: +Redds—need to get set for another year of data collecting. John suggests better definition of start and stop times, run the same transects but have three lead folks who would take ownership of the three sample areas: Miller Is., Wellan, Weir. Leaders would choose helpers and ensure that data was collected starting in October — and run counts every two weeks until fish stopped spawning (early January on lower River, later upstream).



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+Inverts: TVA has established three permanent invert sites on the Clinch. These quantitative and qualitative samples will be conducted annually at each station (completed for 2003).

+Fish: TVA will conduct annual permanent fixed stations fish samples at three sites. TWRA is continuing its annual (spring) electro shocking surveys.

Fry survival of rainbows and browns "look good".

+Water Quality: we now have access to lab data from Clinton Utility Intake (at Highway 61 bridge) North Anderson Co. Utility (between Masenfill bridge and the mouth of Coal Creek).

John concludes that we have a "pretty good program in place"!

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

When: August 14, 7 p.m.

Where: St. Francis Church,
Norris, TN

Who: Charlie Saylor of TVA

What: Charlie is a good friend of our Chapter and a field ichthyologist (Whoa!!) with TVA. He collects and assesses fish in rivers and creeks throughout the Tennessee Valley. He will be talking with us about bugs among other fun things to be found in rivers.

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You can help the Chapter save money...if you have email capability but are getting this Newsletter ground mailed. Please contact Carol Moore or Cathy Jerrolds (see listing, page 2.)

THE ANGLER'S CORNER *(don't let snags snag you!)*

Do you have a "guaranteed" area where you know there are fish BUT the spot is protected by a log or branches? This "protection service" is evidenced by the plethora of broken off flies decorating each obstacle. The key to overcoming this challenge is persistence and experimentation.

Learning to release a snagged fly using a switch cast often is productive. Often, following such a rescue, letting the fly settle a bit, will bring a strike even when trout have refused the same fly on several drifts made without snagging.

**Clinch River Chapter
Projects: 2003**

Activity	Leader	Date
• Redd survey	Dick Geiger	Nov. 1 - Mar.
• Sediment sampling	John Thurman	Nov. - June
• Fry survival survey	Thurman	Feb. - June
Kids Fish Free Day	Carol Moore	Early June
Shoreline cleanup	David Hunter and Cathy Jarrolds	April 5
Tire/trash cleanup	Buzz Buffington	June - Aug.
Coal Creek bank stabilization project	Barry Thacker	May - August
Embrace-A-Stream grant application (Coal Creek and Cane Creek water quality monitoring)	Thurman/Coal Creek Watershed Foundation Vista Volunteers	Nov. 1
Fly tying class	Buffington	Complete
Fishing class	Thurman	Mar-Apr
Weir cleanout	Thurman	Oct. 26
Second Baptist Church Public Access (behind AC Detention Center)	Ralph Jordan	Winter/spring
Miller Island Public Area development	Jordan	Winter/spring
Adopt-A-Highway Litter Control	Steve Brown	Winter
TVA Res. Ops EIS comments	Buffington/Thurman	October
Coal Creek Health Day	Moore	Oct. 25
One Fly Contest	H. B. McCowan	Scoping
Clinch Bank Stabilization Project Proposal	Buffington	Winter/spring

Look for a project which appeals to your interests and contact the lead person for more information or to volunteer your talents.

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Comments & contributors are welcomed!

**THE CCWF/CRC Partnership
Needs YOU!**

Four significant projects will be coming up shortly which will require volunteer help.

1. Bank stabilization projects- CCWF has funding of \$95,800 in the bank (sorry about that) for bank stabilization projects to proceed when TVA gets the required permits. The first project will be at Briceville School.
2. Briceville Park reclamation- Phillips and Jordan Construction Company is finishing the clearing and grading. A work day is needed to hand pick sticks and rocks from the field in preparation for seeding. Also, deadwood needs to be removed from Drummond Bridge.
3. Brownfields study- conceptual drawings of the first wetland remediation project at the Old Convict Mine in the Wye Community is ready for review and comment. Input from Chapter members will be helpful as this will be a guide for the other projects.
4. Barry Thacker and John Thurman, have worked with TVA to install sampling stations on Coal Creek for suspended solids and iron concentrations to be determined during storm events. This information will help justify grants from OSM and EPA to construct wetlands and revegetate. TVA will install the samplers and pay for monitoring IF we collect the samples.

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