

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEETING PREVUES

When: March 9, 7 pm

Who: Scott Baker, again will regale us with his fly tying expertise.

What: Scott will demonstrate his unique and effective CDC sulfur flies. CDC (cul de canard) has been in use many years. It offers multiple options for creative fly tying. Scott will demonstrate three patterns: CDC Parachute Dun; CDC and Elk; Micro Caddis...

Where: St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Norris

Upcoming Meetings:

April 13: Charity and Ian Rutter, well known authors and guides—their program will cover the diversity of fishing in East Tennessee.

May 13: Member, John Thurman, will provide us with an in-stream bug program. **Note: this is a Saturday!**

June 8: John Thurman's friend (he has others), Joe Cogleton, will present a program on sea-run brown trout in Argentina.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

Congratulations to our new officers:
President—Clayton
Vice President—Denny McMahan
Secretary/Treasurer—Carol Moore

Clinch Shoreline and Road

Cleanup—Set your calendars for April 1, 9 am-noon. Meet at the Weir Dam parking lot. Wear boots, gloves and bring lunch and fishing gear. Call Buzz Buffington or Berny Ilgner, if you have questions.



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

Rain apparently inhibited all but 5 stalwart volunteers for the January **Quarterly Trash Pickup**. Steve Brown, Dick Geiger, Berny Ilgner, Denny McMahan and Barry Thacker relieved River Road of trash filling 31 bags plus a TV and a commode.

The Tellico River Clean up Day will be on March 11. Meet at the Tellico Ranger District Office or at the Stateline Campground from 8-9:30 am. The clean up is sponsored by the US Forest Service, TVA, TU, the Southern 4WD Association, and the Chattanooga Trout Assoc. Contact the USFS Tellico District if you have questions—423.338.7049.

Hiwassee River Clean up Day, March 18: Meet at 9 am, at the Gee Creek Campground. The clean up is sponsored by the US Forest Service, TVA, and TU. If you have questions contact the USFS Hiwassee/Ocoee District, 423.338.7049.

TN COUNCIL'S 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

This plan was developed to guide efforts through 2009:

1. Strengthen TU by developing the 9 local Chapters in TN.
 2. Achieve financial growth and security
 3. Advocate for coldwater quality
 4. Raise awareness of coldwater habitat issues in TN.
 5. Increase youth participation
- Each goal has been further defined with objectives and action plans.

DIDYMO THREATENS RUIN OF OUR FISHERIES

Didymo (Didymosphenia), a single cell algae, has infected and poses a potential catastrophe for the South Holston and the Watauga. (Last September, TVA reported that Didymo had been in the Norris Tailwater extending from the dam to the upper limit of Melton Hill reservoir.) The nuisance blooms are capable of flourishing on scales of 10-20 km of stream reach, and at least one site, the macroscopic mats dominate for over 100 km.

Support is needed to finance a symposium to be held May 15-16, in Bozeman, MT. You can make a tax deductible donation by writing a check to the TN TU Council Treasurer, Don Kreh at 1721 Rock Springs Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664.

**CLINCH RIVER
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Barry Thacker

Weir Dam Clean up

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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 efforts.)

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SOUTHEAST TU RALLY

April 28-30: A great get together time for regional TU members including fishing, music and education.

Friday: registration, check in, Welcome, socializing

Saturday: Breakfast, Home Rivers initiative, workshops, Lunch, Back the Brookie and Council meetings, Monitoring Field trip and fishing in nearby streams. Dinner and music by recording artists "High Windy".

Sunday: Breakfast, Putting Back the Brookies to Work, How TU uses Media.

Reservations must be made by **April 25**, total cost is \$65. Lodging: group cabins and couples only rooms w/up charge. Accommodations are basic with single bunk beds and "group facilities" with heat and a/c. Bring sleeping bag, pillow, towel, flashlight, fishing gear. Coolers with adult refreshments are allowed.

The location is a repeat of last year's successful event at: Southeast Virginia 4-H Educational Center

25236 Hillman Highway

Abingdon, VA

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