

# THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

## CHAPTER MEETING

### MARCH

**When:** Thursday, March 13, 7 pm

**Who:** Member, Steve Brown

**What:** Flies by Requests

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

**How:** request your favorite fly either at the meeting, or take Steve "off the hook", and make your request beforehand.

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### APRIL 10

Chuck Bach, TVA, will discuss the Reservoir Releases Improvement Plan (RRIP), Norris releases-DO and minimum flow.

**MAY 10 (Saturday)** Member, Dick Geiger, "Fishing Buddies on the Clinch"

### JUNE 7 (Saturday)

Mark your calendars now for our Chapter's annual **Kids Fish Free Day**

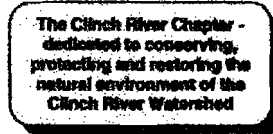
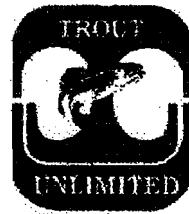
## MEMBERS IN ACTION

**Saturday, Feb. 23, Adopt-A-Highway** Volunteers meet at the Island Home Baptist Church along Norris Highway 441.

### Saturday, April 5, 10 am Clinch River Shoreline Clean Up

This annual project is organized by the CRCTU. Volunteers meet at the Norris Weir Dam. Trash pickup will be along the roadway and the river bank.

Wear boots; bring a trash "picker-upper" and gloves.



Notes from Chapter President, John Thurman:

### Clinch Trout, Food Habits Study

Contact John if you're interested in participating in a year long study to determine what trout in the Clinch are eating. CRCTU conducted a similar study in the late 1990,s. A comparison of the two studies would be interesting. Training would be provided. You can also sign up at the March meeting.

### Anderson county Wetlands Projects

Recently John and TVA's, Tiffany Foster, met with the Anderson County School Systems, K-12, Instruction supervisor and two science teachers in Clinton. They explored how our chapter could be of assistance in their programs. Clinton High School is interested in our assisting them in an ongoing Spring Creek restoration/rehabilitation project. The small stream abuts the CHS and elementary schools This possible project will be discussed at our March Board meeting to determine how to proceed.

### .Lines From Buzz

(Member and fly fishing aficionado,, Buzz Buffington)

Tips for Late Winter/Early Spring: As the weather begins to improve so does tailwaters fly fishing. The Holston, below Cherokee Dam, and at Nance's Ferry near Blaine, TN, provides good March fishing. Try midge pupas (stripped peacock beryl) and sow bugs (#16-18). Toward the end of March sulphurs should be present. It may be a few days before the trout begin to take them on the surface; try pheasant tails (#16-18). Also have some sulphur dry flies ready—like comparaduns and parachutes (#16-18).

*Activities from CRCTU's Partner, the Coal Creek Watershed Foundation (CCWF).*

### "Chestnuts roasting..."

In the future, we may be roasting chestnuts plucked from American chestnut trees dotting reclaimed mine lands in the Appalachians. with initial efforts initiated by CCWF.

**March 14**, Volunteers may help in the American chestnut planting. This will be the first major planting of chestnut trees on reclaimed mine land in TN. Meet at 7:45 am at the Lake City Library and Community Center parking lot on Highway 25W (exit I 75 at Exit 129.; expected return, 2 pm. We will car pool 30 minutes to the planting area of the National Coal Corporation on Zeb Mountain near the community of

Volunteers must RSVP to  
Carol Moore @ 865-584-0344  
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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.)

Newsletter Co-editors  
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Elk Valley. Cars will leave the parking lot sharply at 8:00.  
**BACKGROUND**

The Camp family heirs donated a portion of the former site of Fort Anderson on Militia Hill to the CCWF. Thanks to the assistance of a Militia Hill neighbor, the CC Company, Lake City Mayor, Buck Wilson, and Anderson County Mayor, Rex Lynch, CCWF acquired the remainder of the site which will enable restoration efforts to proceed.

In 1842, the TN militia cut down trees to build the fort. Many trees were American Chestnut which comprised 25% of the trees in Appalachian forests, prior to the devastating blight in the early 1900's. CCWF's interest was peaked by the American Chestnut Foundation's efforts to create a blight resistant hybrid. Their studies indicate that a tree that is about 6% Chinese chestnut and 94 % American Chestnut might well survive. Also notable were the efforts of the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) to develop a new mine restoration technique conducive to growing trees.

ARRI and TACF have partnered Operation Springboard in an initiative to restore the American Chestnut to reclaimed mine lands in the Appalachians. Although the restoration work at Militia Hill is not ready to begin, CCWF wants to learn more about Operation Springboard to gain the experience needed to enable them to plant American Chestnuts in Coal Creek in the near future.

Volunteers should wear work clothes, boots and gloves; bring shovel, hoe and your lunch. Safety training will be provided.

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