

# THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

## CHAPTER MEETINGS

**When:** Thursday, June 8, 7 pm

**Who:** John Byrd

**What:** Will discuss Anderson County Schools wetlands projects

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

**JUNE 7, Saturday, 10 am-2 pm**

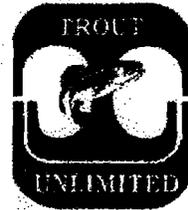
Mark your calendars now to volunteer for our Chapter's annual **Kids Fish Free Day**. This is a highly received kids and community outreach program. And, one that past volunteers have found personally satisfying and fun. Plan on joining us!

## MEMBERS IN ACTION

April 5: Fifteen stalwart volunteers successfully swept the Clinch River shoreline and restored its pristine beauty. Project leader, Bernie Ilgner, reported those joining him: Steve Brown, Dick Geiger, Scott Hahn, Clayton Gist, Terry Douglas, Denny McMahan, Michelle DeFelice, Barry Thacker (left assembly area before leader arrived), Julie Thacker (followed Dad), Andy Morgan (in shorts), Austin Morgan (also in shorts), John Thurman (uncharacteristically late), Buzz Buffington (2 minutes late but still in time for doughnuts), Hiroshi, "don't leave any footprints", Toyohara (forgot to sign in). Carol Moore (absent with lame excuse).

## WIN FOR WV: HOUSE PASSES WILD MONONGAHELA ACT

The WMA (HR5151), unanimously passed, will protect headwaters in some of WV's most treasured public lands.



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

*This article was extracted from TU's website. It illustrates how divergent interests can be brought together*

### "WATER AND WINE"

Two, California groups meeting for two years hope that State and Federal regulators will collaborate to allow groups of growers on a single creek to use off stream reservoirs to capture excess water collected during winter storms.

Growers would use the reservoirs in dry months to irrigate while leaving enough water in creeks for protected salmon and steelhead. This effort is trying to break a stalemate that has kept farmers from obtaining state water rights. Conversationalists were prevented from ensuring adequate stream flows for bringing back salmon and steelhead. "If we can't find a way to work together, we're all out of luck", noted Brian Johnson, an attorney and official of TU.

Wineries and growers plus TU and Sonoma County Salmonid Coalition working together would create a partnership and provide a model of sustainable farming and fishery restorations. One or more pilot streams will be selected in the months ahead..

*This insight into the invertebrate taxonomy of black flies was offered by Chapter President, John Thurman:*

Black flies, like midges, are true flies and belong to the Order Diptera, Family Simuliidae. They inhabit the Clinch tailwater in abundant numbers and are an important food source for trout. (According to Buzz Buffington, January-March are generally the best months.)

Trout feed primarily on larval and emerging adults stages. The emerging adult is particularly vulnerable because it travels through the water column to get to the surface. However, the adults, not wanting to dwell as the center of attraction, leave the surface quickly. Thus, the adult black fly is not a significant lure for dry fly fishing.

Black fly larvae prefer riffle habitat where they attach to rocks. Pupa also attach to rocks. Their silk pupa case looks somewhat like a pup tent and is very conspicuous. When the adult leaves the pupa case, it emerges quickly to the surface assisted by a small gas bubble. It immediately leaves the water and lights on vegetation or other structure.

## HEARD ALONG THE CLINCH...

A 25 pound brown trout recently was caught near Massengill Bridge. Steve Brown reports that mayflies are hatching on the lower end of the river; dry fly fishing is good

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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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**TU TENNESSEE LICENSE  
PLATE NEARING MAKE OR  
BREAK DATE**

IF at least 1000 plates are pre-sold by June 30, the beautiful, brook trout featured plate will become reality. If this target is missed, the opportunity to sport this plate on your vehicle and to create income for TU and our chapter will die. As of this date, 625 plates have been sold, **375 need to be sold.** The plate is \$35, renewable annually. TU gets 17.50 for each plate; this first year it goes to the purchaser's designated TU chapter. The plate may be preordered on line at [www.tuplate.com](http://www.tuplate.com). Or, send a check, payable to "Trout Unlimited", to Trout Unlimited, P.O. Box 331991, Nashville, TN 37203. Include: your printed name and signature, address, county, daytime telephone, present TN license plate number and specify "**Clinch River Chapter #662**". Tell your fishing/conservationist interested friends of this opportunity or give as a gift!

**MAYFLIES IN HOT WATER**  
May fly populations are being affected by climate change according to a recent Cornell University study on Colorado's East River. Research showed that mayflies emerge earlier from larvae due to increased water temperature and earlier spring runoff—both consequences of global warming. The emergence trend meant fewer larvae were surviving and the survivors were smaller and produced fewer eggs. The study warns that warming water could drastically impair mayfly populations, an effect which would ripple up the food chain.  
(Extracted from "TROUT" magazine-summer 2007)

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