

# THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

## CHAPTER MEETINGS

**When** Thursday, August 11, 7 pm

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

- Who**
1. Representatives from Casting for Recovery
  2. Election of officers
  3. Progress report-Strategic Plan

**What** The representatives will present their TN program. CFR provides fly fishing retreats throughout the USA. The retreats are designed to promote mental and physical healing for women who have or have had breast cancer .

**October** Clayton Gist will present his latest fishing trip

**November** Members' exchange: bring items for swap or sale

**December** Chapter Christmas Party

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The proposed slate of officers for 2008-2009, are:

President John Thurman

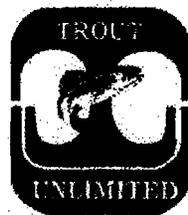
Vice President Frances Hamilton  
Oates

Secretary-Treasurer Carol Moore

BOD Denny McMahan and Barry Thacker are the nominees for the two Board positions which expire this year.

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which looks like any eyeglass case. This 3/16" long, greenish-yellow insect often attaches to the underside of pieces of wood.



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

## PLANNING SESSION FOR CHAPTER'S STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board, and interested chapter members, will have a strategic planning session on September 6. A progress report of this effort will be shared at the September meeting. It appears that there is significant interest and opportunities for our outreach to kids. Member inputs will be solicited as the plan progresses.

The final draft will be discussed and voted on by all chapter members.

## CLINCH BROOK TROUT

*(The next three articles were submitted by John Thurman)*

The TWRA began stocking brook trout in the Clinch a year or so ago. The fish are distributed throughout the entire tailwater. Brook trout as large as 12" have been seen. While they appear to be healthy, they are not nearly as robust as rainbows of the same size. Brook trout may not respond to a midge-based fishery as positively as rainbows. If you catch one, note that they

have a larger mouth than rainbows. They seemingly are equipped to eat larger forms such as minnows and crawfish. They spawn in the fall therefore the males are becoming highly colored as fall approaches.

Recently, we talked with the City of Norris Summer Recreation Program coordinator. We discussed developing an aquatic biology module for their annual program which starts the first week of June and runs through July. The City wants to meet with us in January when it begins planning summer program. They are excited about working with us to build a program that will be focused on Clear Creek. It will probably be modeled after the Izaak Walton League Save Our Streams and TVA's Kids in the Creek programs. John has experienced using these programs several times over the past 10 years. In his opinion they have proven very effective with kids of all ages.

## THE MYSTERY MICRO-CADDIS OF THE CLINCH

A tiny caddis is common in the Clinch but few people have seen them. Trout literature refers to the "micro-caddis" (size 22-24 hook), in the family, Hydroptilidae. Adults are so small that anglers may dismiss them as midges or some kind of tiny fly that flutters on the water. The larvae makes a tiny case of silk combined with vegetable matter and/or sand.