

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEETINGS

When Thursday, November 13

Where St. Francis Episcopal Church in Norris.

Who Members equipment exchange

What Bring any fishing "stuff" that you want to trade, sell or give away.

December 13, 6 pm: Chapter Christmas Party will be held at John and Kathy Thurman's home in Norris: 146 CCC Camp Road. Bring hors d'oeuvres, vegetables, or dessert. Contact John or Kathy if you plan to attend. (See "Officers...", page 2)

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Elected for 2008-2009, are:

President: John Thurman

Vice President Frances Hamilton Oates

Secretary-Treasurer Carol Moore

Board Of Directors Denny

McMahan and Barry Thacker

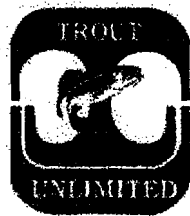
CHAPTER'S STRATEGIC

PLAN—A WORK IN PROGRESS

At the October membership meeting, Buzz Buffington, on behalf of the BOD, presented their rough draft of a proposed strategic plan to set direction for CRCTU during the next few years. Suggestions were made and members were asked to continue to provide inputs. When completed, the plan will be proposed for membership vote.

TN TU COUNCIL STUDYING A SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS

NC and GA TU councils have



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

established week-long summer camps for kids. The camps focus on fly tying, fishing, bug hunts and coldwater conservation.

Upon hearing the presentation by the NC TU chapter about their successful week long camps, our TN TU Council decided to consider establishing a camp in TN. CRCTU President John Thurman and Jeff Hall, of the Little River Chapter, are working with George Lane, TN TU chair to assess this option. Representatives from Tremont expressed interest in joining the effort.

COAL CREEK HEALTH DAY—a Learning Experience

The 8th annual Coal Creek Health Day, held at Briceville School, saw 110 K-5th graders experiencing "creeky" stuff at three learning stations.

Barry Thacker assisted in the art of fly casting, Buzz Buffington, Frances Hamilton Oates and Bob Jenkins helped the kids in tying

a take-it-home fly. The creek critter searchers, led by TVA's Charlie Saylor, sought untagged rainbow darters as proof of natural reproduction of the tagged darters introduced last year. Joining Charlie were volunteers: Joyce Coombs, UT, Savannah Eagleton, Coal Creek resident, Tiffany Foster, TVA, Heather Hedden, ARCADIS, Erin Schiding, UT, Bob Swisher, Coal Miner, Premium Coal and his co-worker, Dennis. Members Carol Moore and Mary Jo Jenkins kept everyone moving and Carol recorded the activities on film. Even though no darters were caught, the day was fun and successful as evidenced by many students' comments: "This is my favorite day of school"!

STREAM ETTIQUETTE

(Contributed by member, Buzz Buffington)

I just returned from my first trip to Alaska. The scenery was magnificent, the fishing was challenging and the company was superb! Unfortunately, the fishing experience was marred by aggressive "combat anglers" who showed no respect for others.

I hope each of us practices good etiquette here at home: fish no closer than two or three long casts from a neighboring angler, don't walk through a pool that someone is approaching, ask before passing someone, don't race to beat someone to good spot. There is plenty of water for everyone to have a good time.

**CLINCH RIVER
CHAPTER
COMMITTEES,
PROGRAMS and
CONTACTS-2008**

Committees

- Adopt-A-Highway
Berny Ilgner
- Conservation
Buzz Buffington
- Membership
Clayton Gist
- Public Relations;
Web Site
Carol Moore
- Education
John Thurman
- Programs**
- Kids Fish Free Day
June, 2009 Carol Moore
- Bio-monitoring
Dick Geiger
- Coal Creek Conservation
Barry Thacker
- Weir Dam Clean up Program
John Thurman

(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
Bob & Mary Jo Jenkins
jrdjenk@aol.com
423.566.6734

2009 FLY TYING COURSE

The CRCTU member, Buzz Buffington, will teach the annual Fly Tying Course for beginners. Classes will begin January 8, 22 29 and continue through February 5 and 19. (Hold February 26, for make up, if needed). The course will be taught on Thursdays, 7-9 pm, at the St. Francis Episcopal Church in Norris.

The \$100 cost will cover materials. Tying tools are available on loan; or bring your own tools, if you prefer. Basic fly tying techniques will be taught using nine patterns and a variety of materials. Six flies will be tied of each pattern. The teaching method is to demonstrate a pattern, students will tie one in class; then you tie 5 more at home before the next class.

The flies will be good in tailwaters, like the Clinch, and in mountain streams.

The course will be limited to 10 students. To register contact Buzz ASAP (See next column)

**NATIONAL, AND SE REGION
TU NEWS**

(Contributed by TN Council and CRTU member, Steve Brown)

National: Financials-6 consecutive years of growth, Total Revenue-\$30.7M Developing strategic Plan using a new model: Protect, Restore, Reconnect and Sustain. Will ask state councils and chapters to follow suit.

SE Rally- Targeting these emphasis areas: Increase Active Membership; Deal with developments encroaching on critical streams; Develop interstate projects (TN, NMC, VA, WV, GA, SC); ATV issues; Youth camps

**CLINCH RIVER CHAPTER
BOARD/OFFICERS**

John Thurman President
865.494.7771

Jthur727@bellsouth.com
#

**Frances Hamilton Oates
Vice President**

865223.2055 (cell)
norrisnews@bellsouth.net

#

Carol Moore Sec.-Treas.
865.584.0344

Clmoore@geoe.com
#

Buzz Buffington BOD (2009)
865.463.7167

Buzzflo@bellsouth.com
#

Terry Douglas BOD (2010)
Flyrods.com

#

Dick Geiger BOD (2010)
865.457.1228

Geiger3892@comcast.net
#

Denny McMahan (2012)
865.922.1773

retiredap@tds.net
#

Barry Thacker BOD (2012)
865.690.4268

Barryt@geoe.com
#

Ron Wollard BOD (2009)
865.522.2385

Rwollard@lwsupply.com
#