

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEETING

When: September 10, 7 pm

Who: Parci Gibson, Lower Clinch Watershed Council

What: 1. Present their recently completed Rapid Water Assessment The LCW originates in the tailwaters of Norris Lake and extends to Kingston at Watts Bar Reservoir.

2. Election of officers

Where: St. Francis Episcopal Church in Norris

NOMINEES FOR OFFICES

Proposed nominees are listed below. Chapter members interested in serving or in nominating another member should contact Carol Moore.

President: Francis Oates

Vice President: Dick Geiger

Secretary/Treasurer: Carol Moore

Board of Directors: Buzz Buffington, Bill Guinn, Jerry Van Fossen

MEMBERS IN ACTION

August 1: Adopt-A-Highway Clean up. 20 volunteers collected 41 trash bags of trash for 2 miles along route 441 from the church and continuing along part of River Rd. Krispie Kream donuts provided a "sweet note" which launched the two hour pick up effort.

Volunteers:

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| Steve Brown | Clayton Gist |
| Buzz Buffington | Bill Guinn |
| Lance Cooper | Scott Hahn |
| Jim Ferguson | Bob Jenkins |
| Clayton Gist | Francis Oates |
| Dick Geiger | Tom & Lisa Sims |

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

BARRY THACKER, PE, RECEIVES ETHICS AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

Thacker received the 2009 Award issued jointly by the American Society of Engineers and ASFE, an international association of geotechnical and environmental engineering, especially for the mining and utility industries.

The award recognizes civil engineering leadership in professional practice and ethics.

Thacker specializes in geotechnical and environmental engineering, especially for the mining and utility industries.

He was recognized particularly for his work in improving the quality of life in the Appalachian area of the Coal Creek Watershed in Anderson county, TN.

Upon being notified of the award, Thacker stated, "The credit here belongs to the volunteers and residents, especially the youth, who have discovered a newfound pride in their community and who are willing to work for that community's return to prominence in Appalachia".

(Note: the CCWF is partnered with CRCTU)

QUESTIONS FOR BUZZ

(Buzz Buffington offers tips in answering member questions about tackle)

Q: What knot do you recommend for tying a fly to the tippet?

A: Improved clinch knot: easy to tie and has good knot strength.

Q: Leaders-mono or fluorocarbon?

A: definitely monofilament for
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August 15: A "tiring day" was experienced by the 13 volunteers who dragged, boated and floated 110 tires from the Clinch River.

Over the past 8 years, 6100 tires have been extricated! Volunteers:

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| Buzz Buffington | Andrew Morgan |
| Dick Geiger | Francis Oates |
| Clayton Gist | Bill Shipman |
| Bill Guinn | John Thurman |
| Scott Hahn | Jerry Van Fossen |
| John McCarthy | Ron Wollard |
| Carol Moore | |

OPPORTUNITY FOR HELPING BOY SCOUTS

The chapter has undertaken a project to help boy scouts earn merit badges which are associated with conservation.

Plans are to start with Fly Fishing at the Pellissippi District Camporee, September 18-20.

Volunteers are needed to counsel on badges such as: Fish & Wildlife Management, Environmental Science, Nature, Soil and Water Conservation.

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Adopt-A-Highway)

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Ron Wollard
Harry Wood

dry fly fishing. For subsurface flies like nymphs, midge pupa and streamers some feel that fluorocarbon is best, especially in very clear, slow water. Fluorocarbon is a little more abrasion resistant, a little less visible but is more expensive. I know good fishermen who swear by one or the other. Being a fence sitter, I use one or the other.

Q: Leaders—does anyone tie their own or do most people buy tapered leader?

A: Most people buy tapered leaders. Some tie their own because they enjoy doing it or to get a special casting effect. I recommend that new fly fishers buy tapered leaders. Start with 2 lengths: 7 1/2' for the mountains and 9' or 10' for the tailwaters. Then add tippet to the leader to tie on the fly. I use a 9' or 10', 5x leader for tailwaters and add 5x or 6x tippet depending on the size fly I'm casting. In the mountains, I usually use a 7 1/2', 4x leader and add a 4x, 5x or 6x tippet—again, depending on the size fly. The only wrinkle is—if I'm casting a weighted streamer in a tailwater, I change to a shorter, stouter leader like I'd use in the mountains. This is one advantage of loop to loop connections between the fly line and the leader, you can easily change the leader.

Q: What wading boots do you recommend for streams with slick, rocky bottoms?

A: if the rocky bottoms have a slime layer, you can't beat felt soles. If the bottom has a thicker, silt/moss vegetation coating, I highly recommend steel or tungsten carbide cleats on either a rubber or felt sole.

Note: in using felt soles wash

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thoroughly using chlorine treated water and dry in the sun for 2 or 3 days to remove "undesirables" such as didymo.