

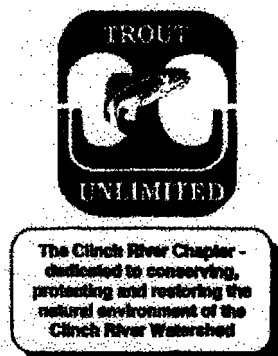
# THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

## CHAPTER MEETING

**When:** November 12, 7 pm

**9What:** Members' Annual: Sell, Swap, Trade—Bring your new or gently used fishing gear, sports equipment, books, clothing (outer)... Silent auction on some choice items. Refreshments.

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



## MEMBERS IN ACTION

October 23-Annual Briceville Health Day was a “pouring “ success! The elementary students and teachers, led by CRCTU members and volunteers from other organizations, actively pursued their goal to monitor the health of nearby Coal Creek. The immediate goal was to find rainbow darters and trout which they had introduced into Coal Creek last year.

Did the word “pouring” come up? Well the rain did come up, squelching continued studies until next year.

Eleven chapter volunteers were:

Steve Brown  
 Buzz Buffington  
 Bill Guinn  
 Denny Mc Mahon  
 Carol Moore  
 Frances Oates  
 Don O’Neill  
 Barry Thacker  
 Hiroshi Toyohara  
 Beth & Jerry Van Fossen

## TN COUNCIL OF TU

The annual brook trout restoration was completed at the end of August.

## QUESTIONS FOR BUZZ

(Member Buzz Buffington, offers his opinions on questions tendered by one of his legion of followers)

**Q** Should I wear cleats to wade the Clinch?

**BB** Use metal cleats to wade the Clinch. They will penetrate silt and vegetation to securely grip underlying rock.

**Q** Do you use dry flies during a hatch?

**BB** It depends, e.g. Sulphurs on the Clinch: if fish are feeding on the surface, try a dry fly-like comparadun or parachutes size 18-16. If no action, try soft hackle which a trout should take as an emerging sulphur. Or, try a size 18 bead head pheasant tail about 2-3 ft. under an indicator.

**Q** What do you recommend for line dressing?

**BB** New fly line shouldn’t need dressing. Before I fish I pull 30-40 ft. from the reel and wipe clean with a wet towel. The finish on a used line will eventually wear and not float well, especially near the forward tip of the line.

Still clean 30-40 ft. and apply dressing made by Cortland to about the first 10-15 ft. of line, It is a cleaner and dressing on a little felt pad available at most fly shops.

**Q** Do I need dubbing twister?

**BB** I’ve used mine only a few times. I wouldn’t make it a high priority.

**Q** Can you recommend a fly pattern for crayfish?

**BB** Try a tan or olive/tan woolly bugger. Take a few turns under the tail which should kick up the tail and imitate claws.

**Q** What web sites do you recommend for fly tying?

**BB** These are recommended by Eddy Whitson from our last fly tying class:  
[Charlies’flyboxinc.com/](http://Charlies-flyboxinc.com/), [copper-fly.net](http://copper-fly.net), [flyfishingconnection.com/](http://flyfishingconnection.com/), [highcountryflies.com/](http://highcountryflies.com/), [hipwader.com/](http://hipwader.com/), [umpgua.com/](http://umpgua.com/), [virtualfly-box.com/](http://virtualfly-box.com/), [westfly.com/](http://westfly.com/) [danica.com/flytier](http://danica.com/flytier)

## MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

A survey of member opinions covering topics such as: chapter purpose, meeting content, activities, communications with member is available on line: [www.surveymonkey.com/s..aspx?sm=D9ngXxK\\_2fDRCg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s..aspx?sm=D9ngXxK_2fDRCg_3d_3d) Take this short, 10 question survey so your interests can be incorporated. Preliminary results follow. Responses have been received from 36 of the 200 emails sent to solicit participation.

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**S** (Survey topic) Would you prefer a different meeting format/ e.g. dinner meeting?

**F** (survey feedback) **34% Yes, 66%**

**No**

**W** (written comments) Some interest shown in trying 1-4 special formats each year, e.g. spring cookout.

**S** Suggestions for strengthening chapter

**F** reach out to young anglers; project leaders should seek and encourage member assistance, more social get togethers, help with .

distant trip planning, we seem biased toward fly fishing; I'd appreciate activities, information aimed at spin/bait casting. (Note: see full on line survey results from the 24 responders.)

**S** What skills and equipment do members offer?

**F** We are blessed with members having a variety of skills and equipment e.g. construction experience, public speaking, boats (see survey for the 16 responders' feedback)

**S** Why I joined TU

**F** Fishing 87%

Fly Tying 68%

Fellowship 74%

Conservation 71%

(these were the top 4 reasons)

**S** Content of Meetings

**F** 82% prefer meetings with a mixture of fishing and conservation topics

**S** Chapter website usage

**F** About 27% visited website to learn about activities

**S** Interest in a blog from our website to post member fishing or stream news?

**F** 71% were somewhat (50%) to very interested (21%)

**S** 100% felt emails about activities kept them very well informed with cudos to Carol

**S** Meeting location?

**F** 85% approved of current location at St. Francis

**S** change meeting date or time?

**F** 97% agreed with current date and time (2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm)

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