

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEETINGS

When: SATURDAY, May 8, 8:30-1:30 pm

Light rain- it's a GO; heavy rain-stay home.

Who: Jerry Van Fossen joined by Steve Brown, Buzz Buffington, Bill Shipman and John Thurman.

What: An outdoor seminar and demonstrations about fishing the Clinch.

Where: at Lonnie Hatmaker's on the Clinch. Meet at the Big Lots parking area located near the Highway 61 bridge and look for trail boss, Buzz Buffington.

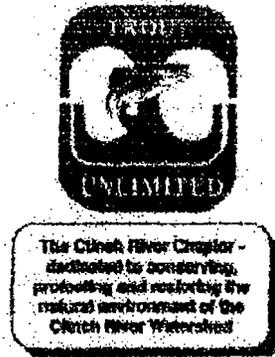
Bring: fishing and wading gear, lawn chair, picnic lunch and beverage.

JUNE MEETING: Kids Fish Free Day, Saturday, the 12th

MEMBERS IN ACTION

April 17: CRCTU and friends joined in a combined clean up of a two mile stretch along Highway 441 plus a portion of the Clinch shoreline. 70 bags of trash were collected!

Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselors: liaison, Bill Guinn, reports that three CRCTU members, Terry Douglas, Dick Geiger and John Thurman, have been qualified as counselors. Contact Bill (865.922.1773) if you're interested in joining this elite group of mentors for our youth..



PLANS UNDERWAY FOR TENNESSEE YOUTH TROUT CAMP

John Thurman reports that progress is being made toward an annual Tennessee trout camp at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, starting in June, 2011. Curriculum is being developed for a one-week school for 10-15 boys and girls, ages 12-15. Estimated cost per participant will be \$450-\$475. Tremont recommends that the students pay a portion of the tuition. The CRCTU board is considering sponsoring 1 or 2 students. (There are 9 TU chapters in Tennessee.) A final decision is expected this August.

On the importance of being able to find creative ideas: *"We have to continually be jumping off cliffs and developing our wings on the way down."*

BUGS GIVE CLEAR CREEK A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH

Norris, TN, May 1: Chapter leader and self taught aquatic biologist, John Thurman, led 15 chapter members and guest participants into Clear Creek searching for denizens of the deep to give a "report" on the creek's water quality.

"Denizens" refers to aquatic macro invertebrates -spineless critters, visible to the eye who spend all or most of their lives in the water. Some co-inhabitants regard them as tasty but their unique value to man is to reveal the water health through their diversity and types of organisms. Easing into the creek with nets and collection trays at ready, the hunt began. Twenty five minutes later they returned and sorted the organisms into separate petri dishes according to types. Mayflies, caddis flies, stoneflies, crayfish and aquatic worms were some of the insects and crustaceans deposited..

Two biological health tests were used to tally a health quotient : the Izaak Walton League's "Save Our Streams" Water Quality Invertebrate Index plus TVA's Rapid Assessment Invertebrate method. Three groups have been defined dependent on the organisms' sensitivity to water quality: Group One: sensitive organisms found in good quality water; Group Two: somewhat pollution

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(Look for an activity which ap-
peals to your interests and contact
the lead person for more informa-
tion or to volunteer your efforts.)

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tolerant organisms found in good or
fair water quality, and Group Three:
pollution tolerant organisms present
in any quality of water. For tallying
purposes, the groups are weighted
according to "goodness": Group
One- 3, Group Two -2, and Group
Three- 1

The organisms were grouped,
scored and, "Voila"! Clear Creek
was pronounced of excellent water
quality! (This was good since Clear
Creek provides the water supply for
the City of Norris.)

Participating in this interesting and
informative experience were mem-
bers:

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| Steve Brown | Bob Casey |
| Terry Douglas | Dick Geiger |
| Clayton Gist | Bill Guinn |
| Bob and Mary
Jenkins | Carol Moore |
| Bill Shipman | Chris and William
Rogers* |
| Barry Thacker | John Thurman |
| Harry Wood | |

*Boy Scout, William Rogers and
father, Chris were invited by Board
member, Terry Douglas.

ANGLER'S BOX

Landing trout...looks easy: stick
your net in the water, bring it under
the fish, lift up and haul it in!
May work. But you may lose your
trophy fish! Use this method:
KEEP your net out of the water
while the fish is still "perky". Put-
ting the net into the water before the
fish tires may cause it to dart away.
NET the trout headfirst when it
tires, plunging the net under it
quickly. Slacken the line as you lift
to keep the fish from breaking off in
the net. AVOID chasing the trout
with your net. The trout may feel a
tail first netting and bolt!

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