

CHAPTER MEETING

When: November 10, 7 pm

What: Annual get together to Swap, Trade or Buy fishing equipment, books...

Where: St. Frances Episcopal Church in Norris

MEMBERS IN ACTION

Friday, October 29— Rainy, overcast skies didn't dampen the learning experiences of the children at Briceville school attending the 11th annual Coal Creek Health Day. Students assessed the health of Coal Creek by collecting and identifying the aquatic insects and fish collected through electro-shocking and seining.

Twenty three volunteers provided instruction in aquatic biology, fly tying and casting for the enthusiastic, elementary school students.

Volunteers were from The Learning Center, UT, TVA, the Office of Surface Mining, CCWF, and five CRCTU members: Steve Brown, Buzz Buffington, Terry Douglas, Dick Geiger and Denny McMahan.

Saturday, November 12—Volunteers will clean the Briceville school and cemetery in preparing for the 100th Anniversary of the Cross Mountain Mine Explosion and Rescue. CRCTU members and the public are invited to join descendents of the Coal Creek miners and families. This special event recognizes the Cross Mountain Circle as being listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. (Contact Carol Moore if you plan to attend: 865.584.0344 or clmoore@goe.com).

John Thurman led a class in aquatic biology at Norris Middle School.



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

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM by Chapter President, Dick Geiger

It's TIC (Trout in the Classroom) time in TN! Chapter member, Terry Douglas, is working with a science teacher at Christian Academy in La Follette to restart their coldwater aquarium. Frances Oates will be exploring TIC possibilities with three interested science teachers at Norris Middle School. Plans call for getting the aquarium running before Christmas and for TWRA to deliver The rainbow eggs in January.

Students, guided by their teachers, then will take over. After the eggs develop into fish fry, the students will feed the fry and maintain the system: change water, measure ph, alkalinity and nitrate levels. Chapter volunteers support initial start-up and serve as technical support. Many teaching courses are available for TIC: e.g. the TU website, and other TIC programs in TN and other states.

The dedicated support by teachers and the interest by students will create a great educational experience as students are introduced to cold-water conservation.

FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS JEOPARDISE HATCHERIES

Nine Southeast and 4 TN national fish hatcheries, Dale Hollow, Chattanooga, Erwin and Wolf Creek face a shortfall in hatchery stocking numbers for FY2012. Full or partial closures are possible in FY2013.

Congress is proposing an \$11M reduction in funding for the National Fish Hatchery Services in FY2012. \$6M, of the \$11M, will come from the account that provide fish to mitigate the adverse impacts of water development projects on fish populations.

Congress directed the US Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS) to recover mitigation costs to fund its hatchery mitigation services. However, TVA has not responded to FWS several requests for reimbursement. The impacts of these closures will adversely affect both recreational anglers and local economies.

The budgetary reductions are not without related impact. The economic multiplier effect of stocking fish in the 9 SE states generates \$239M in local economies, supports 3100 jobs with income totaling \$63M which generates \$14M in state and federal taxes.

TACKLE TIPS

(By member, Buzz Buffington)

Q: There are so many pockets in my vest. I'm always searching for what I need & losing a lot of time doing it! Any tips?

A: Wow, this is a tough one! Vests are like desk drawers—very personalized and usually too full! One method some use is a small chest pack. You can't put so much in the one compartment.

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

(This recommended book and review was extracted from TU's recent magazine, *Trout-The 12 Best Books on Fishing*)

TROUT FISHING (1972)

by Joe Brooks

Published in 1972, it was the first in what would become a long list of illustrated fly fishing how-to books. Written by modern fishing pioneer Joe Brooks, it includes information on the history of fly fishing, fishing tackle, methods, flies, wading tips and casting techniques. The casting section contains easy to follow images of angler, fly rod and line. At time of publication, one expert wrote that it was "the best available instructional book".

TACKLE TIPS (continued from page 1, column 3)

I use a vest and try to place the gear that I use most where it is easy to reach. For example, I'm right handed. I use my nipper frequently so it's on a zinger on the upper right of the vest. The "best" fly box of the water I'm fishing is in my lower right pocket. My light leader spools are on a handmade tippet holder that I keep tucked in the double pocket just outside the most used fly box. My dry fly dope is on the D-ring on the left front across from the nipper. You get the idea-- the most used should be the easiest to find and to get at. Once you have placed things, don't keep switching them around. In five or six trips you will automatically go to the right place.

**NOMINATIONS FOR
TROUT CAMP ARE OPEN**

John Thurman reports that nominations to attend Trout Camp at the GSM Institute in Tremont will remain open until March 1, 2012. Selections will be made by March 15. Participants will be middle school age, 12-15, boys and girls, who will vie for the 12 openings.

Judging from enthusiastic comments last year from counselors and participants it was an educational, skill and team building -fun experience!

Interested youth must complete an application form (available from a soon-to-be-completed web page). Mail applications to John Thurman, PO Box 546, Norris, TN 37828 or to jthur727@bellsouth.net.

**HEARD ALONG THE
WATERWAY**

A southerner was asked whether the correct pronunciation for the nut was *pee'can* or *pi'con*. His soft, southern drawl responded, "welll, a pee'can is something you take on your fishing boat; a pecan is a delicious nut"!

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