



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

### CHAPTER MEETINGS

**When:** October 13, 7 pm

**What:** If you've ever sat at home, unable to fish because of high water and wondered how TVA decides when and how long to run the generators at their dams—you will want to be at this meeting to hear their engineers explain!

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

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**November 10:** Annual get together to Swap, Trade or Buy fishing equipment, books...

### LEADERSHIP TEAM ELECTED and BY LAWS CHANGED

The officers and BOD members indicated below were elected to office at the Annual Meeting in September.

#### Officers:

President: Dick Geiger

V-President: Clayton Gist

Secretary: Steve Brown

Treasurer: Beth Van Fossen

#### Directors:

Jim Reynolds

Tom Whitson

Ron Wollard

The membership also approved the proposed changes to our By Laws:

- Terms of officers remain at one year. But the change allows officers to serve three consecutive, one year terms instead of two.
- Allows board to remove an officer for "conduct or actions deemed detrimental to the chapter".
- Proxy voting is no longer allowed (required by National).

### MEMBERS IN ACTION

(The following activities and needs for volunteers come from our partner, the Coal Creek Watershed Foundation.)

**Friday, October 29**—Volunteers are needed to assist with the 11th annual Coal Creek Health Day at the Briceville school. Students will assess the health of Coal Creek by collecting and identifying critters brought up from the denizens-of-the deep. Meet at the school at 8 am and finish at noon and enjoy a lunch.

**Saturday, November 12, 9 am-noon**—Volunteers will assist in cleaning the Briceville school and cemetery in preparing for the planned 100th Anniversary of the Cross Mountain Mine Explosion and Rescue. CRCTU members are invited to join descendants of the Coal Creek miners and students in mounting a plaque designating the Cross Mountain Circle as being listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The event will include tours and the results of a literary competition for students. (Contact Carol Moore if you plan to attend: 865.584.0344 or clmoore@goe.com.)

### A FEW WORDS STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

Thanks to all of you for making my two years as president such a pleasure! That's what got me involved in CRCTU in the first place—the kind, generous, friendly and hard working people. I look forward to many years of helping to keep the Clinch clean and healthy and to enjoying your company in the process.

France Oakes

### TACKLE TIPS — SKUNKED? KEEP ON KEEPING ON

(By member, Buzz Buffington)

September, 2011, has been a tough time on the Clinch. We don't know why; the fish were there but they weren't biting. Maybe the water temperature (61.2 degrees F, recently). Maybe the oxygen level was low. So how do we find fish when times are tough?

**Memory!** Try to remember every place you've caught fish (or saw someone else catch one) and try them now. I'll fish spots that I haven't fished all season and I'll turn up a fish or two. Keep notes if you need to but try and remember every place you catch a good fish. Even if someone catches and takes out a fish in that spot, another fish will move in just because it's good feeding habitat.

**CHAPTER COMMITTEES,  
PROGRAMS and  
CONTACTS**

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**TROUT CAMP PLANNED  
FOR 2012**

John Thurman reports that the contract has been signed to conduct the camp June 18-23, 2012. The nomination period is November 1-March 1. Details next month.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**

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

**TROUT** Ray Bergman

First published in 1938, reissued in a revised and expanded second edition in 1952, and reprinted frequently since then.

**TACKLE TIPS** (continued)

**Change your approach.** For example, if you've been fishing a particular ledge from east to west and not catching fish, try fishing from west to east. Sometimes just changing how you fish an area will get you a better drift or expose your fly/lure to a feeding lane that you have missed. We tend to get in a "rut" and always do the same thing.

**Explore.** Try some new areas. Fish some water that you never fished before. You will be surprised how many places you will find fish, if you explore a little bit. A friend of mine, a few years ago, fished the same ledge above Le-wallen Island every time we fished. He got pretty good at catching fish there but only there. He never acquired knowledge of the river beyond that one spot.

Hang in there, October is here and the fishing will get better!  
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**BOOK OF THE MONTH-continued**

*Trout* is one of the most influential modern American trout fishing books. It was "the Bible" for many anglers from mid-century on. Although some of Bergman's treatment of tackle has gone out of date, the heart of this enduring and still useful book is Bergman's detailed advice on angling tactics. His thoughts on wet fly, nymph and streamer fishing are especially valuable. Bergman set the standard as a problem-solving angler and couched his tactical lessons in engaging narratives which are still a pleasure to read.

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