

CHAPTER MEETING

When: September 8, 7 pm

What:

1. Election of officers and directors
2. Vote on changes to CRCTU bylaws

Where: St. Frances Episcopal Church in Norris

NOMINEES:

Officers:

President: Dick Geiger
 V-President: Clayton Gist
 Secretary: Steve Brown
 Treasurer: Beth Van Fossen

Directors:

Jim Reynolds
 Tom Whitson
 Ron Wollard

Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Proxy voting may be made by giving a signed statement to any attending member indicating your voting selections.

BYLAWS-Proposed Changes

Some changes are required by National and TN council.

Both Present and New Bylaws:

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



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

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- All checks over \$200 must be signed by the treasurer and the president.

Note: after the business meeting, Conservation Fisheries Inc., a Knoxville organization, will discuss their efforts to propagate rare fish of our region.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

September 10, 9 am-noon - Highway Cleanup: cleanup efforts on the roadway along the Clinch

Meet at Island Home Baptist Church on Highway 441 just south of the River Road intersection. Bring work gloves; orange vests, bags and grabbers will be furnished. Contact John Thurman if you have questions.

TROUT CAMP PLANNED FOR 2012

A successful new venture this year to increase in-state youth interest in trout fishing and conservation will be continued in 2012.

John Thurman reports that the TN TU Council unanimously to sponsor a sequel in 2012. The

contract has been signed to conduct the camp June-18-23. Applications will open 1 November. More details next month.

TACKLE TIPS - LANDING BIG FISH

(By member, Buzz Buffington)

"HE BROKE ME OFF!" Wow, how many times have I said that, or heard that? Most of the time, he didn't "break me off"-I broke him off!

Let's explore ways to reduce break-offs. **Use heavier leader/tippet.** We've all heard that we need to use 6x or 7x tippet in clear, shallow tail waters like the Clinch. Not true! Most fish aren't leader shy- try using at least 5x, maybe 4x.

Check your knots. Your leader/tippet is only as strong as your knots. Replace old tippet and re-tie old knots and give a firm tug to be sure they are good.

Drag setting. Don't set your reel drag too tight. Set it tight enough to prevent the line from over-running when you give the line a quick jerk, plus a little tighter. Keep your fly line between a finger and the rod handle. You can always add a little drag there; or by gentle finger pressure in the rim of the spool.

Keep him out of the cover. Most big fish are going to head for submerged trees, rock ledges, moss—anything to run under/ around to rub off the hook or foul the line. Often this can be prevented by keeping your rod high and the line taunt-just below the breaking strength.

**CHAPTER COMMITTEES,
PROGRAMS and
CONTACTS**

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(Tackle Tips...continued)

Upward pressure will keep him off the bottom. Use the rod to guide him around obstructions. **Give a little when he jumps.** It's fairly easy for a jumping, shaking fish to dislodge a hook. Keep just enough pressure on the line to prevent slack, but not such a tight line that when he falls back to the water his weight breaks the tippet.

Don't take too long to land a fish. Gently hold an exhausted fish facing the current for as long as it took to land it.

Give these techniques a try and see if they help you land big fish. Tight lines but not too tight!

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FISHABLE WATER**

(Reprinted from TU's booklet of this name)

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- Professional leadership. TU's staff includes more than 120 experts in the fields of science, policy, law and local organizing. They work out of 30 offices nationwide.
- Partnership support. TU works collaboratively with foundations, corporations, landowners and state and federal agencies to find conservation solutions that balance the needs of fish and people.

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The 2011 TU Annual Meeting will be held in Bend, OR, September 14-17. More details at www.tu.org.