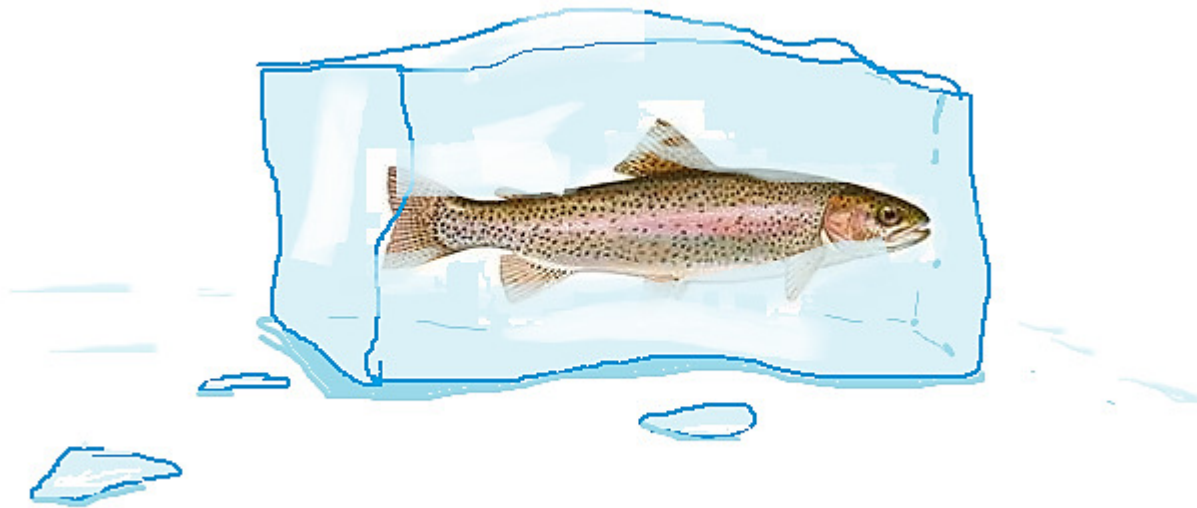


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# ***Ice Out Banquet***

**February 26, 2016**



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## ORDER of EVENTS

Master of Ceremonies: Curt Morgret and Dean Rapp

YOUR AUCTIONEER: Kyle George  
George Auction Service, Hallsville, MO 65255-9004

- 5:30 Door Open
- 6:00 Youth Raffle
- 6:45 Raffle -- Kayak provided by Alpine Shop *with lessons*
- 7:00 Invocation
- Dinner
- 7:30 Pick of the Auction – Two Winners!
- 7:35 Close Silent Auction
- 7:45 Introductions
- 8:00 Verbal Auction
- 9 –ish Bucket Raffle

### Mid Missouri Trout Unlimited Board Members

President -- Ryan Verkamp

Past President -- Scott Gerlt

Vice President -- Mike Kruse

Treasurer -- Curt Morgret

Denis Hancock 1952 – 2015 A good guy and a good friend

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## ↔ Our Generous Donors ↔

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## How the Heck Did We Spend All That Banquet Money Last Year?

So, this is really cool, last year we gave away \$19,000 to various projects. Let's take a look at the benefits of spending A LOT OF YOUR MONEY at the Mid Mo TU Banquet every year.

**First**, we donated \$5,000 through Orvis to the "TU 1,000 Miles Campaign." Why give it to Orvis? They match the money and donate it to Trout Unlimited with a goal:

To reconnect 1,000 miles of fishable streams by repairing or replacing poorly constructed culverts throughout the U.S. Culverts are significant impediments to fish passage and survival—just as significant as a major dam—but the solution is dramatically simpler. Many need to be removed or modified, the cost is minimal, and the overall impact to many watersheds is significant. Funds raised by the Orvis-TU 1,000 Miles Campaign will go toward the engineering and removing of culverts, with the goal of reconnecting over 1,000 miles of fishable habitat.

**Second**, we sent \$5,000 to the Trout Unlimited Embrace A Stream Program. Over the years we've had several committee members on EAS that help decide which grants to fund for habitat conservation projects around the country. Those projects require matching funds, so there is a multiplier effect to our donation as well. We sent it out of state? Well, a lot of our members fish out of state.

**Third**, and I like this one because it's been really effective, we donated \$5,000 to the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation's Coldwater Fund. This is a donor advised fund within the foundation that MMTU helped establish to provide funding for cold water conservation projects in Missouri. This fund has contributed to the success of projects including the Bohigian Conservation Area on Mill Creek in Phelps County. How about that!

**Fourth**, various smaller donations were funded including Reel Recovery, habitat repair along the Current River and habitat repair on the front range in Colorado following their devastating floods of 2014. So, thank you for all your participation and contributions and let's keep going.

**Our regular monthly meetings are at Jack's Gourmet Restaurant (1903 Business Loop 70 E, Columbia MO 65201) on the First Tuesday of the month at 7 pm (6 pm for conversation). They are open to the public, come check us out.**

**Trout Unlimited** -- In July of 1959, 16 anglers met at the home of George Griffith on the banks of the Au Sable River near Grayling, Michigan with a shared passion for trout fishing and a shared concern over depletion of wild trout stocks and habitat degradation. It was the contention of these gentlemen that, if these Michigan Rivers were protected and preserved, stocks of wild fish would flourish on their own. They were correct. The success in Michigan was so profound as to inspire others across the country to form chapters to protect riparian habitat and Trout Unlimited became a national organization. Trout Unlimited remains committed to habitat protection and improvement of cold-water streams.