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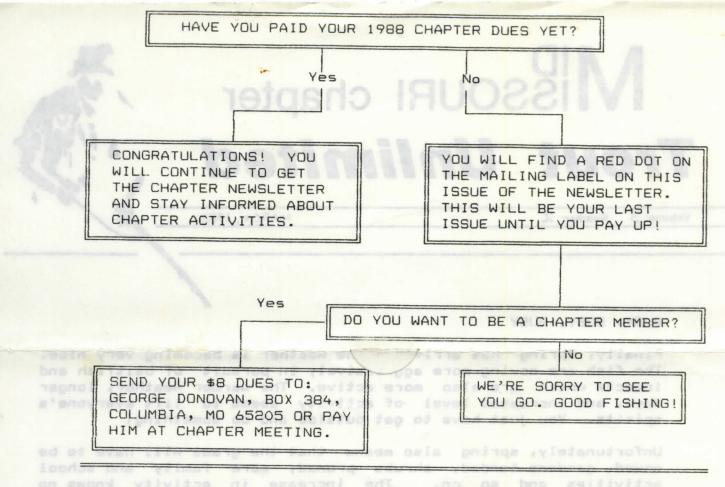
BUSY, BUSY, BUSY

Finally, Spring has arrived! The weather is becoming very nice. The fish are moving more aggressively in pursuit of baitfish and insects which are also more active. The warmer weather, longer days, and increased level of activity seems to lift everyone's spirits. You just have to get outside and do something!

Unfortunately, spring also means that the grass will have to be mowed, gardens tended, shrubs pruned, more family and school activities and so on. The increase in activity knows no boundaries. Why, even your boss seems to expect more production! I can just hear mine thinking, "if you've got more energy, you should give most of it to the job since that's where you earn your living. Besides, weren't you in some sort of hibernation this winter?" You just can't win!

Sometimes in this push for trying to do more, we put aside our commitments to other things, like your Mid Missouri TU Chapter. It's tempting to say that because the chapter meets every month that I can forget this month's activity and catch up next time. Too often this attitude carries over to the "next time" too! I would be the last to substitute a meeting for a chance to go fishing, but if you're not fishing, the next best thing is talking about it with other fisherpersons who are not fishing! Vicarious pleasure is better than no pleasure at all!

The next meeting of the Mid-Missouri Chapter is April 5 at 7:00 pm in the Ellis Fischel Conference Room. The agenda is a busy one. We will review the Spring Creek tree planting with pictures provided by our coordinator, Ed Sullivan. We will complete plans for the Annual Chapter fishing trip, scheduled for June 18-19, and the Annual Picnic, scheduled for May 22 at Bethel Park. We will review plans for our participation in the Day With Wildlife in Columbia April 10. Additionally, we will benefit from a demonstration by professional rod builder Dick Vaught from Fulton and Chapter officers have pledged some good prizes for this month's raffle. I hope you'll be there — unless, of course, you're fishing.



NATIONAL TU OFFERS BIG PRIZES IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The national TU membership drive began March 1. If you haven't received your information packet yet, as I haven't, here's a preview of the super prizes offered. For recruiting 3 new members you'll receive a copy of Fishless Days, Angling Nights by Sparse Grey Hackle, one of the all-time classic fishing books. Recruit another three members and you'll also get a Kershaw money clip, with a scissor and knife, featuring a rosewood inset with a special TU logo along with automatic entry into the GREAT, GRAND PRIZE DRAWING FOR 1988 - a 6 day trip to Alaska's Kalgin Island Lodge, round trip travel included! Additional prizes - TV sets and neoprene waders - are yours for recruiting 12 and 25 new members respectively along with additional entries for the grand prize drawing. Look for your membership recruitment packet in the mail.





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