

M^{ID}ISSOURI chapter

Trout Unlimited



4-H Fly Tying Class

Bill and P.J. Lamberson, Ken Foster, and John Wenzlick introduced fly tying to the 4-H campers Tuesday, July 10th at Camp Clover Point at the Lake of the Ozark State Park. There were 4 sessions and about 80 4-H campers 8-13 years of age. They were very enthusiastic and everyone had a good time. They provided a good meal, but we all had to sing for our supper.

Montauk Fishing Trip

On Saturday July 28th eight club members joined up for a day of fishing at Montauk. Fishing in the catch and release area, which we had all to ourselves most of the afternoon, Bill Lamberson and son P. J., Ric Washburn, Jim Auckley, Mike Evans and Ken Foster all caught fish. Your club president snagged one in the belly. Ken Foster provided a good porksteak and bratwurst dinner and a good time was enjoyed by all. Hopefully we can get another trip together for this fall; possibly opening day of catch and release.

Nomination of Officers and Board of Directors

All officers and three directors positions will be open for next year. Elections will be held at the November 6, 1990 meeting. Nominations are needed at the September and October meetings for the following officers:

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| President | Secretary | (One Year Terms) |
| Vice President | Treasurer | |
| Three Directors | (Two Year Terms) | |

Those whose term of office is up in December are:

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| President-John Wenzlick | Secretary-Mitch Ruth |
| Vice President-Jerry Case | Treasurer-Ric Washburn |

Three Directors-Paul Heine, Steve Brooks, & Jim Washabaugh

The following have 1 year left in a 2 year term as Directors: Bill Lamberson & Ken Foster.

The sixth Director's position is filled by the immediate past President.

Spring Creek Meeting

On August 21, 1990 the US forest Service held a meeting on the progress of the 5 Year Improvement Plan. Ozark Council members Fred Grimes, John Matosich, Bob McCalmont, Chuck Tryon and Ed Sullivan were there. More riprapping, tree planting on Spring Creek and Mill Creek, a fish shocking by Conservation and plans for TU members to do an indepth survey of the stream were approved. More info at Sept. meeting!

New TU Chapter in Missouri!!!

Its official! A new chapter was formed in Cape Girardeau Monday, August 20, 1990 when the 20 members voted to name themselves the "Trail of Tears Chapter Trout Unlimited." Congratulations to Tom Morris, their new president and the whole chapter.

Raffle

The fine 7'-9" 5 wt Orvis graphite rod with cocobolo reel seat which Bill Lamberson crafted for our rod building class is finished. 100 tickets at \$5.00 each will be sold. Numbered tickets are now available. We ask that members assist us in selling the remaining tickets. Call John Wenzlick @ 634-3096 in J.C. or Garry Teeple @ 474-9781 in Columbia for tickets. We have sold about 25 tickets so far. We will draw for this beautiful rod at the meeting following completion of the ticket sales. Let's make it OCTOBER!

1991 NATIONAL BANQUET

We will be soliciting members to serve on this years National Banquet committee at our September meeting. The committee needs to get started in October to run a good banquet. The banquet will be in April 1991⁺, to be determined by the committee. Please consider helping on our main fund raising project of the year! If you can't make the September meeting and would like to serve on the committee, please call John Wenzlick or Garry Teeple ASAP.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

September 4th Meeting

Conservation Department Headquarters Auditorium, 2901 W. Truman Blvd., Jefferson City at 7:00 pm.

Bob McCalmont, Ozark Council Treasurer, former President Show Me Chapter, formerly featured in the Missouri Conservationist, will present a program on keeping a computerized fishing log and on aquatic insects of Bennett Spring. A location map to the Conservation Department is attached.

Flycasting at the Mid-Missouri Senior Games

The Jefferson City Park Board has asked us to sponser this event at 10:00 a.m. at Binder Lake on Saturday, September 22. Please contact Garry Teeple in Columbia at 474-9781 or John Wenzlick in J.C. at 634-3096 if you can help.

October 2nd Meeting

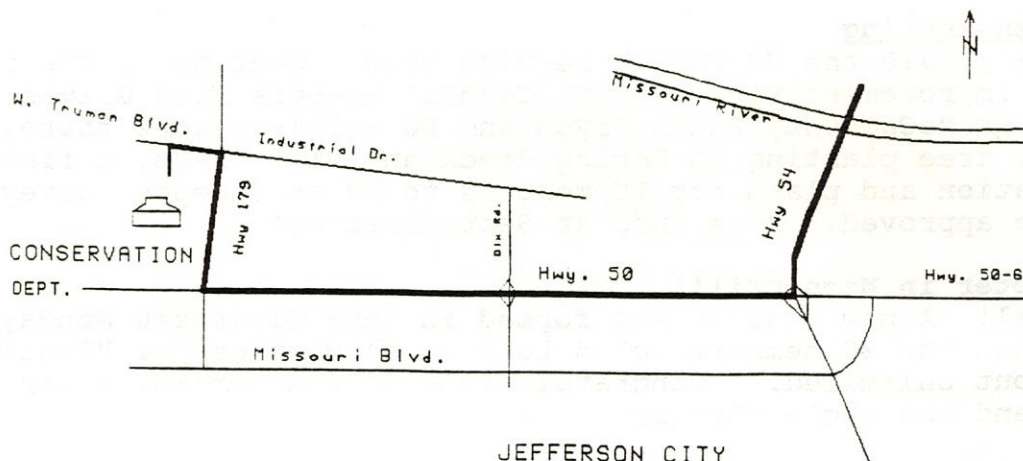
Video and fly tying at Ellis Fischell at 7:00 pm. Share some fall and winter patterns.

FFF conclave in Mountain Home, Arkansas

The Federation of Fly Fishers is holding their regional conclave in Mountain Home, Arkansas on October 5-7th at the Ramada Inn. There will be many attractions you won't want to miss.

Fishing trip on the North Fork of the White River, Missouri

We will set a date for our North Fork trip at the September meeting. Check your calendars!



FLY TYING

Obscure Catskill Flies, Installment #4: Ray Smith's Red Fox

Continuing from last September with my series on obscure Catskill flies, this month's installment comes from Ray Smith, the flytyer on the Esopus during the classic years, and the guy that got me started back in the early '60's.

If you start poking around old fly tying pattern books, you will find a number of completely different flies called the Red Fox. I know of at least six, and there are probably several more. This isn't all that surprising. "Red Fox" just sounds good as a fly pattern name, so many flies that used dubbing of red fox underfur for the body were given the title. The different patterns result from variations in wings, hackle, tail, and even body color. Depending on which part of the fox's pelt you clip, the body dubbing can vary considerably in color; cream, tan, reddish buff, gray, and the urine-burned pink of the Hendrickson are all possible. Ray Smith's Red Fox is, of course, my favorite of all the Red Fox patterns. It is tied in the standard Catskill dry fly style:

Hook: standard length dry fly
Tying silk: burnt orange
Tail: barred woodduck flank fibers or dark ginger
hackle fibers
Wings: barred woodduck flank fibers
Body: reddish buff red fox dubbing
Hackle: dark ginger

The original dressing called for a tail of woodduck flank fibers, but most tyers today would use dark ginger hackle fibers for better floatability. Also, remember not to set the wings too far forward; Catskill flies should have the head set back a little from the hook eye. The body dubbing should be redder than the pale buff used for a Light Cahill. Similarly, the dark ginger hackle is a light reddish brown, redder than the golden color of regular ginger used on a Light Cahill. As always, suitably dyed mallard flank feathers can be substituted for barred woodduck.

The only published photo of this fly that I know of is in an article on the famous Catskill flytyers in a 1972 issue of Outdoor Life (which I'm sure you all have on your bookshelf). What you should wind up with is a somewhat darker, redder version of the Light Cahill. Ray Smith's Red Fox remains very popular along the Esopus, and can be very effective at times. In spite of its upright divided wings, I suspect that, more often than not, fish mistake it for one of the many reddish-brown caddis species common from coast to coast. But then again, worrying about matching the hatch was not really Ray Smith's style. He just knew that if he fished this fly a certain way at a certain time he would catch fish, and he did. Lots of them.

Good tying,
Terry Finger