

MID MISSOURI CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMIT



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1991 JANUARY

DECEMBER MEETING

The number of members attending our monthly meetings continues to be terrific! At the December meeting in Columbia, the 7th Floor Conference Room at Ellis Fischel was packed with enthusiastic members trading their extra materials and tall tales. We always enjoy ourselves at the annual swap meet, and this year's was a big success.

Ric Washburn was kept very busy for most of the December meeting collecting members' activities fees and money for Trout Unlimited I.D. buttons being ordered by many members. Although some chapters have a hard time getting people to volunteer to work, our chapter is very fortunate to have a number of people like Ric who pitch in and help. While the rest of us were having a great time at the December meeting, our Treasurer was dutifully working as hard as he could. The success of Mid-Missouri T. U. is largely the result of the efforts of willing workers like Ric who get the job done!

The beautiful fly rod Bill Lamberson built for our chapter was raffled off, and the lucky winner was Jim Smith. Congratulations, Jim, you're receiving a fine rod you can fish with pride.

Thanks again to Bill Lamberson for doing such a good job building the rod, and thanks to those

who helped out by selling raffle tickets. Of course, thanks to all of you who bought tickets!

Ed Sullivan reported that the Banquet Committee continues to make progress on the annual banquet, which will be April 6th. The committee is requesting that each chapter member contribute an item to be used as a door prize. Each prize will indicate the name of the donor, so if you win something you really appreciate you'll know whom to thank. Sounds like the Banquet Committee is coming up with some good ideas.

1991 TROUT STAMP & PRINTS

If you've seen the 1991 Trout Stamp, you already know what a beauty it is. If you'd like a print, you'll be interested to hear that artist Bruce Bollmann is offering a limited number for sale. According to Bruce, the regular edition size is 300 signed and number prints with same number of stamps. The price for the regular edition print with stamp is \$136. Pencil remarques are \$211, and color remarques are \$251. He also has an Artist Proof edition of 20 signed and numbered prints with same number of stamps. Price is \$201, pencil remarques \$276, and color remarques \$316. We are advised to add \$5.00 for shipping and handling, and to add 5.627% sales tax. Bruce Bollmann's address is: 2310 Claymoor Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63017. If you have any questions, you can call him at (314) 227-4436.

1991 MISSOURI CONFERENCE ON RIVERS AND STREAMS

The fourth annual Rivers and Streams Conference will be held at the Columbia Ramada Inn February 8-9. It is open to the public and will consist of various workshops and exhibits. The 1992 Trout Stamp Competition will be between 1:00 and 5:30 p.m. Friday. There will be a banquet Friday night, and a Saturday awards luncheon. The registration fee is \$15, with meals extra. The workshops sound like they will be really worthwhile, so you may want to consider attending. The conference is sponsored by the Conservation Federation of Missouri, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. For more information, call the Conservation Federation at (314)634-2322 or write them at 728 W. Main, Jefferson City 65101.

NEW PLACE TO FISH?

A new place to fish is opening up which will apparently be a cross between Rockbridge and Armstrong's Spring Creek! The owners, Quint and Cicely Drennan, will be offering over a mile of completely private stream fishing with a wide variety of pools, runs, and riffles. Two sections of the stream are being developed as trophy trout areas and will be reserved for catch & release fishing. Artificial flies and lures with single hooks only are to be allowed in the catch & release water, with a daily fee of \$20 being charged. To preserve the quality of the stream and of the fishing, they will be limiting the daily number of anglers to 15 rods. For this reason, they recommend making a reservation. If you are interested in trying something new, you might want to find out more. You can call the Drennans at (314) 743-6555, or write them at: Wind Rush Farms Trout Stream, Rt. 2 Box 34, Cook Station, MO 65449. At the very least, it may turn out to be a place to take the kids or grandkids to teach them to fish. Who knows, though? It just might turn out to be one of your favorite places to fish for trout this side of Montana!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE SOUTH ISLAND ...

Some of us are not content just to look for new places to fish here in Missouri. In the last newsletter we told you about Mike Kruse stalking trophy trout in New Zealand. Apparently this strain of trout fever is extremely contagious, because now Russ and Julie Meyer have caught it, too. Russ and Julie are currently in New Zealand pursuing the beautiful wild South Island trout and are no doubt having a great time. The New Zealand lunkers had better watch out for Mid-Missouri T.U.!

JANUARY MEETING

Priced a good bamboo fly rod lately? If you have, you'll want to be sure to attend the January meeting. Our resident master rod builder, Bill Lamberson, will give us a presentation on building bamboo rods. There is simply nothing like a bamboo fly rod to add to your flyfishing enjoyment. For many of us, though, an Orvis or Thomas & Thomas is out of reach. However, where there's a will there's a way - build your own! Bill will show you how at the January meeting. It will be the SECOND Tuesday of the month (not the first Tuesday like it usually is) at 7:00 in the 7th Floor Conference Room at Ellis Fischel in Columbia. See you January 8th.

FEBRUARY MEETING TO BE IN JEFFERSON CITY

Those of you unable to attend meetings in Columbia, here's some good news! The February meeting will be held in Jefferson City and will be one you'll not want to miss. Jerry Griffen will be giving a slide presentation on fishing Michigan's Pere Marquette River for salmon. Jerry's beautiful slides should look great on the big screen in the auditorium at the Department of Conservation Headquarters. Mark this one on your calendars, Lenard, Darrell, and Jeff!

FEE REMINDER

Remember, if you haven't already paid your \$8.00 newsletter and activities fee, be sure to do so. Checks should be made payable to "Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited". Either bring it to the next meeting or send it to: Ric Washburn, Treasurer, 1509 St. Mary's Blvd., Jefferson City, MO 65101. Thanks for supporting your chapter of T.U.!



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