

JANUARY 1992

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, Trout Fans! Hopefully your New Year's resolutions are still intact! Mine will likely be dropping like flies before the end of the month. Some years I've made it into March with daily exercise. But that's getting into trout season - and that brings to mind some of the resolutions I plan to keep.

I want to do more for trout in Missouri this year. I hope you do, too. Sure, every once in a while it seems like the more we accomplish the more there is to do, but in the long run, our efforts are really getting some things done.

Our club made a real contribution to educational programs at Columbia Parks and Recreation this past year - and will do even more this year. Our banquet last year was the best ever. The money we generated is still working nationally and locally to make the world a better place for trout. I loved being a part of all this. For me, it brings to mind the saying, "The more you put into something, the more you get out of it." I know I had more than my share of memorably good fishing trips, shared in the thrill

of first trout for both my daughters, and, saving the best for last, made many, many new, very good friends through TU. that and more for the few hours each week that I probably would have wasted in front of "the tube" What a deal! anyway.

Step right up and take part, friend! Come to meetings, get involved, and get the most out of your membership in TU. Or give me a call sometime: I've been elected to serve you (home: 443-2687, work: 886-2797).

Dave

DECEMBER MEETING

December's meeting was Missouri held in the Department of Conservation Auditorium in Jefferson Our new officers were introduced, the TU Regional meeting to be held in Rolla on May 15-17 was announced, and three requests for help were made: 1) Dean Rapp can still use some help with the Columbia Parks and Recreation Rod Building classes on Jan. 18, and Feb. 6, 13, and 20 as well as with the Beginning Fly Tying classes on Jan. 23 and 30. 2) Your **National Banquet Committee** needs help to make this year's fund raiser the best ever. Contact Mike Kruse

at 875-2033 or Russ Meyer at 446-1079 to volunteer. 3) Any donations to defray the expenses of your Newsletter would be appreciated.

Or guest speaker was Charlie Reading who gave an excellent program about fly fishing on Christmas Island - a perfect lead-in to the winter season. Kinda makes ya wanna head south!

JANUARY MEETING

Don't miss the next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday evening, January 7, 1992 at 7:00 pm at Ellis Fischel. Our very special quest (who is also one of our own members) Spencer be Mr. Turner, Fisheries Research Biologist for the Missouri Department of Conservation. We feel very safe in saying that no one has more knowledge about trout in Spence has Missouri. agreed to give us a look at the big picture: the history of Missouri's trout program from beginning to present - things we all need to know as we strive to ensure the future. should mark it on your calendar now and really try to attend. If you're not a regular at our meetings this would be a great way to get started.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

B.Y.O.B. to the February meeting! Some of the more spirited hearken to the San Juan Shuffle -- the more classical to the Battenkill Ballet or the Whangapoa Waltz -- there are even those among us who prefer the earthy but effective Spring Creek Stomp! [Not to mention the Hollyford Hop.] However you do it, roughing up a little patch of gravel in a riffle and catching the critters carried downstream is lots of fun. It's just plain fascinating to see all those little creepie crawlies whether you're into hatchmatching or not.

Linden Trial, Aquatic Entomologist for the Missouri Department of Conservation, will lead us through an informal bugpicking session (how could it possibly be otherwise?) at the February 4 meeting at 7:00 pm at Ellis Fischel. Forceps, trays, various ways to offset "experienced" vision and all supplies will be on hand waiting for you!

All you need to do is B.Y.O.B That's right - Bring Your Own Bugs. So don't be a wallflower. Get out and do a little fishing at your favorite spot between now and then and grab your chance to dance! Keep your catch in a glass jar with some rubbing alcohol and bring 'em along to the February meeting.

MID-MISSOURI TU NATIONAL BANQUET

Our National Banquet is rapidly approaching. Our largest fund raising event of the year will be held on Saturday, February 29 in the Mark Twain Ballroom of the Memorial Union on the MU campus. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will begin at 5:30 with the grand buffet taking place at 7:00 pm. There will be many fine items for raffle and auction so come out and participate. REMEMBER, IT'S FOR THE TROUT!

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