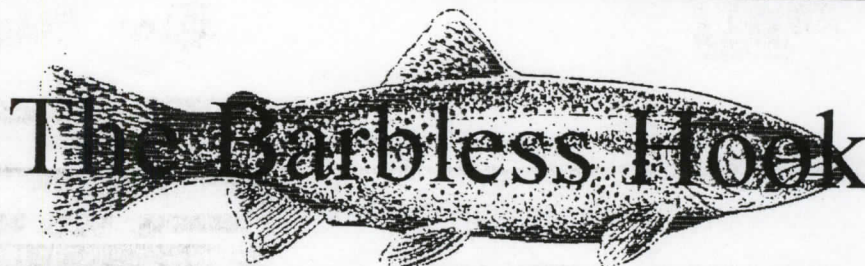

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DON'T MISS OUR MARCH MEETING

Tuesday, March 28th, 7 pm, Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery. We will be taking a tour of the hatchery. If you've never seen it before, you will be in for a real education on how trout are raised for our fisheries. Bryon Putnam and James Civillo will be our tour guides. Please plan to attend!

TROPHY TROUT RELEASE PROGRAM GOING STRONG

This winter with the mild temperatures more and more anglers have flocked to Lake Taneycomo to try their hand and catching trophy sized trout below the fish hatchery. More and more 20" + fish are being caught and released.

Pins and certificates are also being issued. Close to 200 fish have been registered with the program and information is being recorded to share with the Missouri Department of Conservation to assist in their stocking program. Registration forms can be picked at fly and tackle shops and resorts around the Branson and Springfield area.

Let us know about your big fish. E-mail us at OzarkTrout@aol.com or mail to HCR 9 Box 1308, Branson, MO 65616.

SHUFFLING PETITION

Recently a petition has been circulated to be submitted to the state of Missouri to make shuffling illegal on Lake Taneycomo. We all know what kicking up the stream bottom does to our fishery and what long term effects it has on the ecology.

Other states have made the practice against the law. This petition is a great start and all anglers need to be educated on the effects of shuffling and end the tragedy that is taking place on our home waters.

BRING A FRIEND TO OUR NEXT MEETING

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE FOLLOWING?



A.



B.



C.

Answer:

- A. Midge Pupa
- B. Caddisfly Larva
- C. Mayfly Nymph