

MISSOURI chapter

Trout Unlimited



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We had a good turnout, 54, at our first meeting in Jefferson City. Shawn Taylor gave a very good program on the North Fork River and signed up one member for guide service before the meeting even started and two more club members after the meeting. Needless to say they are very impressed with the quality of fishing on the North Fork and with Shawn.

Included in this newsletter is a letter encouraging us to support an increase in the length limit to 18", please read it and take time to write Conservation. We have been contacted by two groups for help, more info. later.

Everyone has been very impressed with the new interest in the club as shown by the Banquet and Jeff. City meeting attendance. We now have 105 chapter members. To keep this interest up we need your ideas for programs and events for Your Club and we need your help in club projects such as our Adopt-a-Highway program.

I will be attending a Mid-Western Region TU Councils Meeting in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin June 9th & 10th. Ozark Council will be represented by all chapters, John Matosich - President Meramec Basin Chapter and Council Chairman, Fred Grimes - Show Me Chapter and National Board Member, and myself.

John Wenzlick

New TU Chapter in Missouri ?

John Matosich, Ozark Council Chairman, attended a meeting Mon., May 21st in Cape Girardeau in hopes of starting a new chapter in Southeast Missouri. Mid-Missouri may no longer be the youngest chapter in Missouri, more to follow!

4-H Fly Tying Class

The Boone-Howard 4-H has requested us to conduct a "Fly Tying" demonstration at Camp Clover Point at the Lake of the Ozark State Park in Kaiser, MO.

The date is Tuesday July 10th with 4 sessions from 9:15-10:15, 10:30-11:30, 1:30-2:30 and 2:45-3:45. The 4-H campers are 8-13 years of age and their will be about 25 per group.

Bill Lamberson, Ken Foster, and John Wenzlick plan to attend if anyone can get that day off and come and help it would be great!

Flycasting at the Mid-Missouri Senior Games

The Jeff. City Park Board has asked us to sponser this event at 10:00 a.m. at Binder Lake on Saturday, September 22. We will be contacting the Carondelet Casting Club in St. Louis for the official rules and help and advice on setting the event up. Please contact Garry Teeple in Columbia at 474-9781 or John Wenzlick in J.C. at 634-3096 if you can help.

FLY TYING

Gartside's Philo Emergers

Jack Gartside, one of the few true characters in contemporary fly fishing (see Fly Rod and Reel, March 1990), has developed several effective, practical, and innovative fly patterns. Jack has a talent for using unusual natural materials for new flies that retain a certain traditional style and grace. Like his pattern The Sparrow, which I described last October, the two emergers described here use soft, fluffy, gray pheasant aftershaft or philo feathers wound as hackles. These are the narrow feathers that grow on a separate shaft from the base of the primary feather in pheasants.

The Philo Caddis Emerger is intended to imitate an emerging caddis pupa. During an emergence, most caddis swim to the surface as pupae, with their unfolding wings and legs on the underside of the body. This dressing imitates the unfolding wing with a wound aftershaft feather clipped off on top.

Hook: 1x long wet fly

Tying silk: to match body color

Body: blend of rabbit underfur and gray squirrel body fur with guard hairs left in (gray or dyed to match natural flies)

Legs: beard of brown or gray partridge hackle fibers

Wing: gray pheasant rump aftershaft feather wound as a hackle and clipped off on top.

Antennae: two wood duck flank fibers slanting backwards along the top sides of the body to the hook bend



Although the original calls for a rabbit/gray squirrel dubbing mix, any buggy dubbing with some guard hairs would do.

The Philo Mayfly Emerger is intended to imitate an emerging mayfly nymph. Unlike caddis pupae, the unfolding wings of mayfly nymphs are on top of the body. In this dressing the aftershaft feather material is clipped off on the bottom.

Hook: 2x long nymph

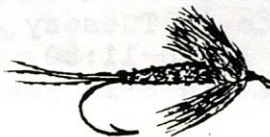
Tying silk: to match body color

Tail: several wood duck flank or partridge hackle fibers

Body: as above

Wing: as above, but clipped off on bottom

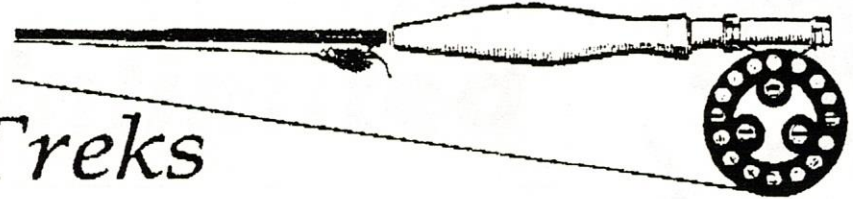
Legs: beard of brown or gray partridge hackle fibers



Photos of these flies are in Eric Leiser's The Book of Fly Patterns. Gray, olive, tan, burnt orange, and green are good colors for caddis; try gray, olive, tan, gray/brown, and gray/claret for mayflies.

Good tying,
Terry Finger

Taylor River Treks



Dear Mid Missouri Trout Unlimited Members,

We would like to thank you for your fine hospitality and interest in the NORTH FORK and our guided treks. Please allow us to get on our soap box again and remind you of the regulation change we are trying to get implemented on our trophy trout rivers.

Under the present management plan (three fish, fifteen inches or more), the average rainbow spawns only once before being harvested. If the length limit was increased to eighteen inches most fish would spawn at least twice before harvest. In all probability, we might see an increase in the overall population of rainbows and at the very least, a substantial increase in the average length of rainbows in the river. In either case, most avid anglers would not pass up the opportunity to fish a stream with such alluring possibilities.

The Fisheries Department is not known for it's speed, but it does listen to public opinion, and acts upon it. If all of us would send at least one letter it would probably not be long before the suggestion is transformed into a new regulation.

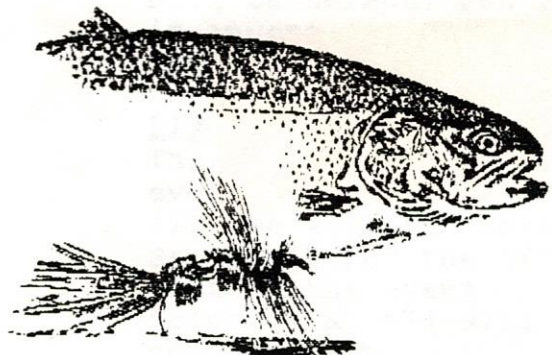
If you have fished the NORTH FORK before, tell them how often and whether or not that regulation would increase the number of trips you make to the river. Send your letters to Jerry Presley, Director, Missouri Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0180.

Please remember that our coldwater streams need friends. One of Missouri's best kept secrets is the NORTH FORK, but that may not last for long. With the implementation of such a regulation we can assure ourselves of quality angling even as this fishery is discovered by others. Let's not settle for mediocrity.

See you on the river,

Al Taylor

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Miserable Turnout at Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

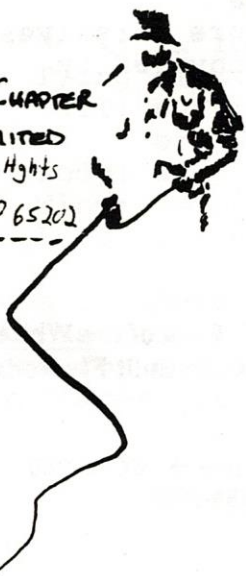
We had only 3 show up Sunday May 7th at 1:00 p.m., John Wenzlick and Ken Foster from J.C. and Bob Tsutakawa from Columbia, Steve Brooks and his family stopped by and helped later. These are some of the same people that are always there. We are scheduling another pickup in June, Please Come Out We Need Your Help If we get about 10-12 people we could be done in an hour or so, we'll set up the time at the June meeting.

JUNE MEETING

Ellis-Fischel, June 5th @ 7:00 pm. "Bus" Entsminger and Dave Moore will present a program on Fishing in New Zealand. Bill Lamberson will also continue building our fly rod. We will have several raffle items at the meeting!

Board Meeting Tuesday, June 12th, 7:00 pm, John Wenzlick's house 2010 Daisy Lane, Jefferson City, any member welcome.

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