



MID MISSOURI CHAPTER



TROUT UNLIMITED

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been a great two years as your president. I want to thank all of my fellow officers and board members for their help. I want to especially thank all who worked so hard on our two National Banquets. We made a lot of money and had a good time but not without many hard hours of work and sacrifice by some very dedicated members.

Mid-Missouri has about ninety members, less than any chapter in the state except for the brand new chapter in Cape Girardeau, but we have become the most active and dynamic chapter in Missouri. Our challenge is to keep it up by getting more members involved. We need to keep working on Spring Creek and other conservation projects, flyfishing and tying classes, community service, and staying aware of issues concerning our cold water resources.

It takes new volunteers to get active. I promise you from personal experience with some of the great people I've met and worked with, that the rewards far outweigh the time and effort. Keep Mid-Missouri Chapter of Trout Unlimited the most dynamic chapter in Missouri.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Election Results

Pres.: Dave Murphy
V.P.: Ed Sullivan
Sec.: Dean Rapp
Directors: Charlie Byers
Mike Kruse
Jerry Case

These folks join incumbent directors Jim

Washabaugh and Jerry Griffen on January 1, 1992 as your Chapter leaders. Give them your support!

The Board voted to give up the Adopt-A-Highway program due to lack of participation.

Jerry Case reported on negotiating with the National Park Service (NPS) concerning the Current River Fishing Access for the disabled at Baptist Camp. The Chapter agreed to send a letter expressing concerns over the placement of the facility to the NPS.

If you are interested in finding out more about this project or wish to express your concerns contact:

Superintendent
Ozark National Scenic
Riverways
P.O. Box 490

Van Buren, MO 63965
Refer to the July 1991 Environmental Assessment of the Baptist Access Road and Landing Rehabilitation.

We will be participating in two more fly tying classes with Columbia Parks and Recreation. The dates are January 23 and 30.

The Chapter scheduled a "Bug Picking" night at the Missouri Conservation Department for November 19. Several members showed up to sort the invertebrates collected at Spring Creek in October. If we could just keep the guys out of the ethanol...

DECEMBER MEETING

This meeting will be held at 7:00 pm December 3 at the Conservation Department Auditorium, 2901 W. Truman Blvd. in Jefferson City and will feature a slide program by Charlie Reading about Saltwater

Flyfishing. We will also have our annual SWAP MEET. So, bring feathers, fur, and accessories for trading. The Columbia contingent will meet at 6:15 pm at the commuter lot at the junction of Routes AC and 63 to carpool.

OZARK COUNCIL MEETING

The council met November 16 at Fred Grimes' house at Bennett Springs for the first time since last February. Discussions on lack of progress at Spring Creek, The Third Annual Midwest Regional Meeting to be held in Rolla on May 15-17, and elections made up the agenda.

Election Results for Council Officers

Chairman and National Director:

John Matosich
-Meramec Basin

Vice Chairman

Garry Teeple
-Mid-Missouri

Secretary

John Wenzlick
-Mid-Missouri

Treasurer

John Ellech
-Meramec Basin

The Show-Me Chapter Banquet was held November 16. Garry and Keith Teeple and Ken and Joyce Foster attended from the Mid-Missouri Chapter.

FAREWELL

Sharon Tryon passed away on November 7. It was a loss to family, friends, and the conservation movement. Sharon and her husband, Chuck have supported TU and helped the Mid-Missouri Chapter get started by attending

meetings and speaking at banquets. Many of you will recall meeting Sharon when she and Chuck spoke at our 1990 banquet. She was also around whenever there was work to be done at Spring Creek, and we saw her there just this past October 20.

Certainly she will be missed; a visitation was held on November 10 in Rolla, and her ashes will be scattered from Kelly Bridge over the Madison River in Montana. Memorial contributions may be made to the Outreach Fund of the Federation of Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 1088, West Yellowstone, MT 59758.

Perhaps the best way to remember Sharon can be summed up in these words from her family, "Family and Friends wishing to remember Sharon are invited to marvel at a glorious sunset, smell a flower, give someone a hand when they need help, stand up for what's right when the chips are down, wade in a cold swift stream, offer a prayer in their own way, or release the next few fish they catch."

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Part 5 of the Missouri Groundwater story: Citizen Participation.

Once pollution is discovered, clean-up is very expensive. Therefore, the best protection for our groundwater is to prevent its contamination. In addition to federal and state

agencies that have taken actions to prevent contamination, private citizens also play an active role in prevention.

Individual actions that help protect groundwater include water conservation; proper installation and maintenance of septic tank systems; following proper water-well construction standards; following directions for use and disposal of household chemicals; and participation in recycling programs that help minimize the impact of solid-waste disposal sites. Public action, as well as opinion, is essential to Missouri's groundwater protection strategy.

Citizen involvement in local land and water planning, participation in public meetings and hearings on groundwater issues, and awareness of community activities help protect the resource.

Local citizens and governments are in the best position to exercise land use controls because they have the knowledge necessary to best determine how their community's land should be allocated and used. No longer can our groundwater be taken for granted. If we hope to have a plentiful supply of fresh water for future use, we must take steps to protect it now.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

POACHED TROUT IN TARRAGON-CREAM SAUCE

- 4 Butterflied trout (8-10 oz. each)
- Salt
- Black Pepper
- 2 t. Dried Tarragon
- 1 Small shallot
- 1 T. Unsalted butter
- 3 C. Dry white wine
- 1 Bay leaf
- 1 C. Heavy cream

Wipe the fish off with a paper towel. Season with salt and pepper to taste. In a deep skillet melt the butter over medium heat. Add the chopped shallot; saute until translucent, about 2-3 minutes. Add the wine and bay leaf; bring the mixture to a boil.

Place the trout in the pan; reduce heat to low. Cover the pan and gently simmer the fish until firm, about 5 minutes. Transfer the trout to a warmed heatproof platter, cover with foil, and place in warm oven.

Remove the bay leaf from the liquid; discard. Measure half of liquid into a saucepan; discard the remainder. Over medium heat, bring the liquid to a boil and reduce until the consistency is like molasses, about 7 minutes. Remove from heat; add the cream.

Bring to a boil over medium heat; simmer gently until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Add the tarragon to the sauce, cover the pan, remove from heat.

Transfer the trout to dinner plates; pour the sauce over and around each trout. Serves 4.



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