

# MID MISSOURI CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED



April 1993

## President's Message

At long last ... Spring! Soon it will be warm, soon it will be green, soon we will have some serious dry fly fishing. For now, let's savor the moment. Try to spend enough of your time at streamside to absorb a little of the tranquility inherent to streams. Often I drive too fast on the way there, throw on my gear, run to the water, whip it to a froth for a while, rush home, and go back to work the next day.

I've been fishing more than I deserve lately, thanks to spring break and a devoted family. I found time to watch the water flow, to check out the insect activity, to wait for a fish to rise, to bask in what little sun we had and to watch and encourage my developing understudies in the gentle art.

It was great. The closer I look, the more I think about what I see, the more I am convinced that ours is some special kind of privilege. Get out soon and enjoy yourself — get out soon and do something so the opportunities will continue for each of us.

Dave

## Trout Fly Pattern of the Month

by Jerry Case

Frank Sawyer was an English river keeper and nymph fisherman. His book, *Nymphs and the Trout*, is a classic full of a lifetime of keen observations of trout, insects and limestone streams.

As most of our great Missouri trout waters are spring fed limestone streams, I've found Sawyer's methods and patterns to be relevant even though he wrote primarily on European fishing.

Sawyer's most famous trout fly pattern is probably the Pheasant Tail Nymph, but he also invented a fly he called Sawyer's Killer Bug. The Killer Bug has been a terrific pattern for me all over the U.S. in streams and lakes.

The Killer Bug was originally designed as a grayling fly, but it works just as well for trout. It is one of about a dozen patterns that I would never want to be without. This simple yarn nymph successfully fishes as a caddis, crane fly or beetle larva, scud, shrimp or sow bug, all important trout foods.

I'm also convinced that at the trout parks, fish take it as a good representation of a hatchery food pellet.

## Sawyer's Killer Bug

Hook: 1XL or 2X  
nymph hook  
#8 to 18

Thread: Brown 6/0 to  
8/0

Underbody: Red wire

Body: Imported  
Chadwick's  
#477 yarn  
from England.

I'm sorry, but no other yarn will do. I've tried countless other types and colors and the #477 out-fishes them 10 to 1. Normally I am not that dogmatic about materials, but in this case there is something special about the Chadwick's #477 ... maybe it is the color or the material itself.

It is a hard-to-define shade of tan, beige, pink, rose and golden cream that changes colors when wet. Whatever ... it works. You can buy this yarn from Ed Storey's Feather-Craft shop in St. Louis.

## April Meeting

We will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday April 6 at the Fish and Wildlife Research Center in Columbia. The Center is at the intersection of Stadium Boulevard and College Avenue.

Attach thread to the hook. Tie on a small strand of the yarn at the rear of the hook. Wrap the thread forward to behind the eye. Wrap on the red wire over the length of the hook shank. Now wrap the Chadwicks's #477 forward to the eye, back to the bend and then forward once again. Form a football-shaped body, and tie off and cement the head. That's it.

My pattern differs slightly from Sawyer's in the method of construction but I find it works better for me. When fished, the fly frays and becomes more effective. The red wire shows through when the fly is wet and the body becomes somewhat translucent.

Fish this fly dead drift or sight fish to located trout. You may need to use some lead to achieve the correct depth and I find a small indicator helpful.

### **Fly Tying Notes**

▲ The bucktail pattern described in last month's newsletter is the Parsell Bucktail. The name was spelled incorrectly.

▲ The antique gold Rit dye shown for the Gold Current Creeper in the February newsletter is no longer made; make the proper color by mixing one part tan, one part yellow gold and one part gold Rit dye.

### **Big Crowd for Columbia Day With Wildlife**

Weather was unusually fine for the 13th annual Day With Wildlife in Columbia. No matter how persistent the winter, A Day With Wildlife always ushers in the warmth and sunshine.

Thanks to Jerry Case, Paul Heine, Bob Hook, Bill and P.J. Lamberson, Dave Murphy, John Payne, Gary Teeple and John Wenzlick for sharing their Sunday afternoon with lots of enthusiastic folks. New member Tiger John Cleek was, as usual, in the right place at the right time in the QU booth next door and cashed in big on freshly tied flies.

We welcome new member Norman Lampton of Columbia, who stopped by to sign up as one of us.

### **Orvis Open House**

Our friends at Sportsman's Outfitters in Columbia are becoming a full-service dealer in world-renowned Orvis outdoor gear. They have invited us to an Open House on April 17 to help celebrate this milestone. Take this opportunity to stop and shop.

You can also sign up for their Orvis fly-fishing school planned for May 7 right here in central Missouri. Save the trip to Vermont and experience top-flight instruction by the pros from Orvis. Give Tony Valentine a call, or stop by the shop for details.

### **The First Great All-Missouri Fly-Fishing Frog Frolic And Skeeter Swat**

*by Chuck Tryon*

That's right! A Missouri fly-fishing extravaganza will be held May 7, 8 and 9 in Rolla. Headquarters for TFGAMFFFASS will be the Lions Club Hall on the east side of Hwy.63 at the south edge of town.

Hours will be 12 noon to 11 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Invitations are being extended to all of

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Missouri's fly-fishing clubs — nine Federation of Fly Fishers clubs, four Trout Unlimited clubs, four Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association clubs and the Smallmouth Alliance.

Events already on the schedule include many of Missouri's best fly tiers in action, and a club turtle race Saturday afternoon. A buffet banquet Saturday evening will be capped off with raucous entertainment by the hilarious, nationally renowned outdoor humorist Joel Vance.

A cash bar will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings. Other possible events include casting games, slide shows and a raffle. There will not be any commercial sales of any kind in the Lions Club Hall. As most of you know, there is a lot of good fishing within a 60-minute drive of Rolla.

Registration is \$10, payable either in advance or at the door. The banquet cost is also \$10. Checks should be made out to Ozark Mountain Fly Fishers, and be mailed to 1 Johnson St., Rolla 65401. Pre-registrants will be provided a list of local motels. All income in excess of costs will be divided among the individual clubs, based on their proportional share of the total attendance.

**Fly-Fishing Seminar  
To Be Held  
by Jeff Bryan**

Traveling Fly Fishermen Jack Dennis, Mike Lawson and Gary Lafontaine will be in St. Louis April 24 and 25 for a seminar spon-

sored by the Ozark Fly Fishers. Attendance will be limited to 250 people Saturday, and 36 people for private fly tying lessons on Sunday.

This seminar has been advertised in national magazines and the tickets are going fast. For details and/or tickets, contact Jeff Bryan, 165 Sweetbriar, Kirkwood 63122 or phone (314) 391-4290 (daytime) or (314) 965-0993 nights and weekends.

**TU, MDC Team Up on  
Trout Stream Project  
(Department of Conservation  
News Release by  
Nina Thompson)**

Both the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and Trout Unlimited (TU) work hard to preserve Missouri's limited coldwater stream frontage.

TU's national organization recently approved collaboration of the Mid-Missouri Chapter and MDC on several projects to bring more of Missouri's limited coldwater stream frontage into public hands. The chapter will, for the first time, help purchase coldwater streams in the state.

"Through this project, TU's local chapter will help us acquire property," said Mike Kruse, MDC fisheries research biologist. "They've done lobbying, advocacy and local stream improvement projects, but this is the first time they've ventured into acquisition."

David Murphy, president of TU's Mid-Missouri Chapter, said the new agreement allows local chapters

to use national funds to pay for local projects.

"In the past, our chapter was so small that we couldn't afford to buy property," Murphy said. "Funds raised in Missouri were spent in Missouri, and national funds were not available for local projects."

"With the national organization's new agenda, we can do fundraising on a nationwide basis to fund national and local projects. Now we can go even further in helping to conserve coldwater streams by buying these properties and putting them into public hands."

Murphy said the goal of the project is to acquire property for trout management, but TU's main objective is to preserve coldwater trout streams. That's why TU will turn over property purchased to federal and state agencies.

"We're not interested in management," Murphy said. "MDC has one of the best Fisheries Divisions in the country, and we don't have the resources to do it ourselves, so the arrangement should work out perfectly."

MDC got involved in April 1992 when TU's Mid-Missouri chapter submitted a proposal to its national organization to buy some property in Shannon County. In August, TU national officials chose Missouri as one of five pilot states for the project.

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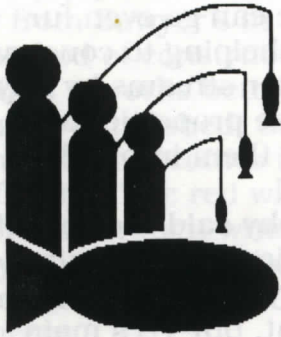
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