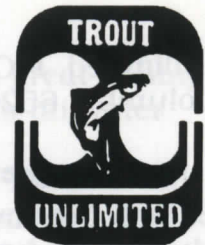




MID MISSOURI CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED



February 1994

President's Message by Bob Hook

As I write this short letter in the warmth of my office, the external environment consists of cold temperatures, snow and clouds. Not the most stimulating environment, but after all **it is winter in Missouri!**

My thoughts concerning the upcoming month can best be expressed by paraphrasing a line from the book *Sex, Death, and Fly Fishing*. I believe that "God created February because eternity proved to be too short." My February extends from about February 15, when rabbit season ends, to mid-March when it may get warm enough to get these old bones out in the sun for some fishing.

Spending my time doing something worthwhile and relatively interesting during February is always a challenge so I try to be a good husband and spend time doing some of the chores around the house which have been neglected since last March.

These usually consist of such things as getting my hunting gear stored away and getting my fishing gear ready to go. Somehow, my wife does not consider these activities essential to life but has been married

to me long enough to overlook (or learned to live with) these perceived deficiencies.

One of the things that is always worthy of some of my time is getting ready for our annual National Trout Unlimited Banquet (how about that for a smooth transition?). This year our banquet will be held on February 26 at the Knights of Columbus Hall which is located on Stadium Boulevard (Rt. E) north of Interstate 70.

The social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. during which time guests will have the opportunity to take part in the various raffles/and or silent auctions that will be offered. Dinner will be served about 7 p.m. and will be immediately followed by the verbal auction.

Tickets this year will be \$30 each or \$50 for two. As in years past there will be some great merchandise available this year and we anticipate offering some great door prizes. Although the banquet and auctions will be presented in a different format than we have traditionally used, I know that you will find this new format enjoyable.

There are still many jobs which need to be done to make this banquet a success. Our goal this year is to sell 350 tickets. Simply translated that means that

if each person who receives this newsletter buys or sells two or three tickets, we will meet our goal. Another area in which you could contribute is either 1) to work on the day of the banquet to help set up tables, arrange prizes, etc., 2) to assist at the banquet itself, or 3) to help clean up after the banquet.

If you can help in any of the above three areas please contact Bob Hook or Dave Murphy. The profit that we make from this banquet is absolutely required to maintain a TU chapter in mid-Missouri and each member benefits from the banquet. We could not produce this newsletter each month if we did not generate funds by having a TU banquet. Even the small things cost money.

While searching for something to do during your February, remember the TU banquet is worthy of your time and effort.

Raffle Tickets

Note the raffle tickets attached to your newsletter. Please peddle these tickets if you can, or purchase them yourself. Note that the prize is cash, which means the tickets should be of interest to **anyone**. Send a check and our half of the raffle tickets by **February 23** to Mid-Missouri Chapter, Trout

Unlimited, P.O. Box 10285,
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Banquet News

Banquet chairman Dave Murphy says this year's TU banquet will be the "best ever." It is going to be held in a great new facility that TU should be able to grow into in the years ahead, the Knights of Columbus Hall.

An hour-and-a-half social hour will include snacks with donated beer and wine. Sam Collier will cater the food, which will include a creative menu with two entrees served buffet style. This will be a first-class meal on real linen and china.

Dave says the hall has a great kitchen and good facilities for the caterer, an excellent sound system and clean bathrooms. The hall is located on Stadium Boulevard about a mile north of Interstate 70.

The banquet will include both silent and verbal auctions, and will feature a

February Meeting

Mid-Missouri TU will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday February 1 at the Fish and Wildlife Research center in Columbia. **Monthly meetings now begin at 7:30, preceded by a board meeting at 6:30.** We are tentatively to be regaled with tall tales from the mid-Mo members who went to Montana this past summer, and we will also discuss banquet matters.

new multi-part raffle ticket. For \$50 you will get \$100 worth of raffle tickets, and the \$50 raffle tickets will get you into a drawing that will include quality rods and reels.

Trout Fly Pattern of the Month

by Jerry Case

Caddis flies are probably the most important flies to Missouri trout anglers. Most of our waters seem to have many more caddis hatches than mayfly or stonefly hatches. There always seem to be some caddis species hatching somewhere or sometime and trout will be after them.

After a couple of generations of serious neglect, anglers and fly tiers have rediscovered the importance of caddis and many new fly patterns and techniques for fishing them have evolved. Wright, Leiser, Solomon, LaFontaine, Troth and Goddard have all contributed greatly to the renewed interest and understanding of caddis flies. The Elk Hair Caddis and its deer hair variants are the most popular dry versions of the caddis. I like the elk hair myself and use it often. My favorite however is a caddis fly developed in England by John Goddard and Cliff Henry, and later modified when it got to the U.S. The materials are simple but the construction of the fly in smaller sizes is a bit of a challenge.

I prefer the Goddard over other caddis patterns

because it is virtually unsinkable and has a realistic profile. It fishes well because you can skitter it, even dive it and it will continue to float in the most turbulent waters. It always lands and rides correctly on the water, unlike many other patterns.

Goddard Caddis

Hook: Dry fly #8 - 18

Thread: 6/0 color to match deer hair

Antennae: Hackle stems projecting forward

Body &

Wing: Spun, flared deer hair trimmed to shape

Secure thread at the very bend of the hook with only as few turns as possible. This is important as the deer hair will spin much better on a bare hook shank. Tie in small clumps of hair that has had the underfur removed as you would for a muddler head. Make certain that the hair is well compacted.

Add and spin deer two-thirds of the way forward on the hook shank. Secure. Tie in two rooster hackles, leaving long stripped stems pointing forward as antennae. These should be at least as long as the hook and aid in the balance and the appearance of the fly. Wrap the hackles, tie off and finish the head.

Now you are ready to trim the body/wing. Start by clipping the deer hair

flat on the bottom and fairly close to the hook shank. Next, shape the wing with angle cuts of the scissors to the profile of the natural caddis wing. From a side view the wing should taper down toward the hackle collar. Viewed from the rear, the wing should look tentlike as does the natural adult caddis. With a little care and a lot of practice the Goddard Caddis will become easy for you to tie and shape.

The original Goddard was tied with brown hackles and natural grayish tan deer body hair. It is an excellent match of the caddis fly. I've also found that other colors work well for specific hatches. All white in sizes #12 - 16, all dyed dark brown #8 - 18, dyed dark dun #8 - 18 and all dyed black in sizes #16 - 18 work great. With these five colors of Goddard Caddis you will be able to match any hatch in the country.

Montauk Trout Meeting by Mike Kruse

If you like to hear "trout talk," spend a few days at Montauk State Park next

month. The Trout Committee of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society will hold its 1994 meeting at the Searcy Building March 21 - 23. Never before have so many trout experts gathered in Missouri; interested trout anglers are welcome.

The meeting will begin with a business meeting of the trout committee. Monday afternoon will be a round table discussion among all the participants about current events in trout management and fishing. After Monday evening's dinner, members of Trout Unlimited, Federation of Fly Fishers or any other angler groups are encouraged to attend an informal meeting with the professional biologists.

Monday evening promises to be great fun for devoted trout anglers and will include several interesting presentations. Our own Dave Murphy will talk about our chapter's stream acquisition efforts, Chuck Tryon will introduce the out-of-staters to Missouri's trout fishing and Bob Bachman will show a video on a heretofore well-kept

secret — the great fishing in Maryland's tailwater trout rivers.

Dr. Robert Behnke will be at the meeting to talk trout and trout management, and to be the keynote speaker on Tuesday morning, March 22. This session will be devoted mostly to southern tailwaters — homes of some of the largest trout in the world - and the biologists who manage them. For more information about the meeting and registration, call Spencer E. Turner at 314/882-9880. If you plan on attending the evening meal on Monday, please notify Turner by March 1. And don't forget to bring your rod and reel. ...

Investors Needed for Spring Creek Fishing Club

Spring creek trout streams are prized by fly fishers for their high quality angling. Because spring creeks are also scarce, access to many of the finest ones is expensive and tightly-controlled. Owning a spring creek is generally considered only a dream of the ultra-rich.

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Considering these well-known facts, an incredible opportunity waits for a group of serious anglers willing to invest in stream restoration. A limestone spring, yielding over a million gallons per day of cold, rich water is currently available for sale. It is only an hour's drive from Columbia and a half hour from Jefferson City.

The trout holding capabilities of these waters are unquestioned. The potential of restoring a classic spring creek and trout population is real. These possibilities were recently confirmed by representatives from Inter-Fluv, Inc., a Bozeman, Montana firm specializing in trout habitat and restoration and construction.

Acquisition and restoration costs for this project will be significant, but not beyond the means of a small group of investors. If you would like to witness the rebirth of a trout stream, or you're just intrigued by the possibility of catching the evening rise after work, then give me a call.

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