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Bill Lamberson (left) receives the 2002 N.L. Donati Award from MMTU president Jeff Witten

Bill Lamberson Receives Nello L. Donati Memorial Award

The Nello L. Donati Award was presented to Bill Lamberson at our March meeting. The award recognizes a member for their notable contributions to the chapter in the previous year. This year Bill's contributions to our chapter have been outstanding.

As some of you may remember, Bill was our second president and was nominated to run by Nello himself. Bill has remained active in our chapter and, now that his children have gone to college, his level of involvement has risen to new heights.

Congratulations, Bill, and "Thank You!"

2002 Conservation Banquet Another Big Success

The banquet committee has come through for our chapter once again with another successful banquet. Held Friday, February 8th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Columbia, the banquet featured great food, fun, and some terrific prizes. Everyone attending had a very enjoyable evening, and a considerable amount of money was raised to continue our coldwater conservation work. Thank you, Jon Deal, Mike Kruse, Bill Lamberson, Curt Morgret, Mike Riley, and Jeff Witten!

It's Time To Sign Up for This Year's North Fork Trip

Our annual fishing trip to the North Fork of the White River is scheduled for May 17-19, 2002. We will be staying at the River of Life Farm, (see www.riveroflifefarm.com). John Meyer has once again taken charge of organizing the event. There are still a couple of spaces available, so come to the April and May meetings and sign up!

Tom Ziegler to Speak in April

Our next meeting will be held at the Department of Conservation's Fisheries Research Facility in Columbia. The program will be presented by Tom Ziegler. Start time: 7:30 p.m.



Rob Souden (left) and Ken Scott (center) make their presentation with some assistance from Dr. Jon Deal

Ken Scott and Rob Souden Present Details of Their Idaho Trip

One of the premier items auctioned off at our 2001 banquet was a trip to Idaho, including several days fishing the Henry's Fork while guided by Tom Grimes. The high bidders for that trip were Ken Scott of Columbia and Rob Souden of Jefferson City. At our meeting February 5th, Ken and Rob shared with us many memorable moments of that exciting trip.

Both Ken and Rob are accomplished fly fishers, and they had a terrific time fishing some of the country's most famous trout water. Fortunately for us, they kept a detailed journal of their trip and took a large number of high-quality slides.

In addition to photos of spectacular fish and beautiful scenery, their presentation included some informative how-to advice and some really funny anecdotes. Although water conditions were less than ideal, Tom did a great job of guiding and helped to make their trip one to remember.

Tom is the son of the late Fred Grimes, of Lebanon, Missouri. Tom first fished the Henry's Fork area in 1968, and in 1983 joined the staff of the Henry's Fork Anglers in Last Chance, Idaho. The Henry's Fork of the Snake River is one of the most famous trout fishing rivers in the world. Its prolific hatches attract fishermen from around the globe who come to test their skills against the river's highly selective rainbow trout.

Capps Creek Update

In 1999, the Ozark Council of Trout Unlimited pledged \$50,000 over a five-year period to the Missouri Department of Conservation for the acquisition of a 600 acre farm (the Goodman tract) that Capps Creek flowed through. Various conservation organizations and individuals supported the pledge and MDC signed a contract to purchase the property based on the strong showing of support and interest in this project.

Now, three years later, the pledge is nearly completely collected and paid with significant efforts by both the Federation of Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited. The Southern Council of FFF increased their support by an additional \$1,000 in January to a total of \$16,000 and Mid Missouri Trout Unlimited increased its pledge to a total \$19,000. Additionally, the Tulsa Chapter of TU donated \$5,000, Ozark Council of TU gave \$3,600, Show-Me TU donated \$3,000, Chuck Tryon gave \$2,000, Roubidoux Fly Fishers gave \$1,000, WindRush Farms gave \$250 and Richard Jente donated \$100.

Everybody should go to Capps Creek and see what we participated in.

- Submitted by John Wenzlick

Jeff Koppelman Speaks on Trout Genetics

At our meeting March 5, Jeff Koppelman presented an introduction to trout genetics. In addition to giving a broad overview of the topic, Jeff presented some fascinating new information based on his ongoing work as a fisheries research biologist with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Of particular interest to many of us was his discussion of the McCloud River rainbow population in Crane Creek, and his remarks concerning the possible development someday of a strain of brown trout with the capability of successfully reproducing in Ozark streams.



Mike Abdon (left) receives handshake and award from Jeff Witten while MDC's Jerry Conley, John Hoskins and Bill Anderson join in the applause

Mike Abdon Named Trout Conservationist of the Year

Mike Abdon's outstanding efforts in law enforcement at Lake Taneycomo were recognized at MMTU's 2002 Annual Conservation Banquet in Columbia, February 8th. Present with him on the podium were Jerry Conley (Director of the Department of Conservation), John Hoskins (Protection Division Administrator) and Bill Anderson (Fishes Management Biologist, Southwest Missouri). About 150 people attended the banquet and gave Mike a hearty round of applause for his achievements.

New TU Chapter Forming at University of Missouri

Kris Maurer and Faz Deeba are currently forming a Trout Unlimited chapter at the University of Missouri's Columbia campus specifically for students. If you would like to offer assistance, e-mail them at mu_flyfishing@hotmail.com or call them at (573) 474-2666.

President's Message : You are the U in TU

Watching the banquet succeed was very enjoyable. Knowing of the dedication the volunteers invested was humbling. We all owe a great deal of gratitude to them.

Two big events happen with the beginning of March, trout season opens in the parks and planning for next year's banquet begins. Early ideas for next year's event are to grow attendance to 200, increase interest and involvement for the growing number of females associated with our chapter and to raise more money for conservation and education.

The funds we raise can be combined with those from other chapters as well as money from other sources to multiply the impact in achieving TU's goals. We have recently read of the ongoing successes on Capps Creek, soon another project will be underway, a project requiring a lot of money to make a substantial impact. A project in the Ozarks to be undertaken with funding combined from multiple sources.

It's your money going to work! The annual banquet is our chapter's only source of revenue for funding these type of projects. So, short of grabbing a shovel and work gloves, the best way for you to contribute to these projects is via the banquet. You will have fun, meet people and just plain feel good by getting involved in the banquet's planning and implementation. People are needed to sell tickets, organize the venue, collect donations and perform odd jobs.

So, when you are asked to help remember what's in it for you. You are the U in TU.

If you are also interested in the shovel and work glove approach we will have work days once the weather turns. Work days are smartly integrated with fishing.

- Jeff B. Witten

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