



Cross Currents

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Mid - Missouri Chapter, Trout Unlimited



9. You can bid on a two-person touring kayak.
10. Raffle tickets will be abundant.
11. You can bid on a vasectomy, or watch someone else!
12. All for a very reasonable ticket price.

Your chapter's participation with the MU School of Journalism received national attention in this winter's *TROUT* magazine from national. This article talked about the learning experience 58 students gained in helping your chapter prepare for the upcoming banquet.

As part of our goal to increase female participation, we have donated \$1000 to "Casting for Recovery," an innovative program to assist in the recovery of breast cancer survivors. A bamboo fly rod custom built by Bill Lamberson will be auctioned at the banquet to raise additional funds for this worthy program.

The banquet will be on a Thursday night (2/27) at the Holiday Inn Executive Center.

Tickets are \$30 each or a table of eight for \$200...a great deal and a better cause! Tickets are available at Clearwater Fly Shop in Columbia or by contacting Mike Kruse 875-2033 or Ken Scott 817-1015.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

12 Great Reasons to Attend the TU Banquet on February 27th

1. It only happens once a year.
2. See the new venue at the Holiday Inn Executive Center.
3. You might win or bid on a guided trip.
4. Fine dining.
5. You can bid on a Balloon ride.
6. Mingle with 200 friends that share a common interest.
7. You can bid on "A Year of Beer".
8. Help support breast cancer recovery.

JEFF WITTEN

BANQUET UPDATE

February is here, and that means the T.U. banquet is upon us. The Banquet Committee has been hard at work making plans, soliciting donations, and purchasing items to make this a memorable evening.

With much time and effort from Jeff Witten, our president, the journalism school at M. U. has formulated a marketing plan to help us to increase membership, female participation, and monetary intake from our banquet. We are working to make your banquet a greater success than ever, but we need your help.

As a reminder, the banquet is Thursday, February 27th at the Holiday Inn Executive Center. We have gone upscale on location this year, with some associated increase in cost, but also in regards to appeal. Our success depends on attendance and participation in events at the auction. My first request is that you and your family and friends attend the banquet. Many members who are not active at monthly meetings have not attended in the past. You are missing an evening of fun, comradeship and a chance to contribute to your organization. Please purchase a ticket and come. We invite you and would love to have you present. Tickets are available at Clearwater Fly Shop, from our ticket chairman Ken Scott and many other members, or you may call me at 573-442-0436. Leave a message if I'm not home.

Secondly, we desperately need members to sell tickets. Do your best to bring friends and family and work associates. Talk about the banquet at work, etc., and see if you don't find interest from others to attend. Especially, approach people you know with interest in fishing, environmental issues, and other hunting and wildlife pursuits. I think there would be a lot of crossover participation from people active in other similar organizations, and this has been an untapped resource in the past. People just don't know the banquet is occurring.

Thirdly, I need you to solicit donations if at all possible. Ask people you know or support in the business community. We are not just interested in big dollar items or fishing related paraphernalia. We can use any contribution as a door prize, a part of a raffle selection, or a silent auction item. I really would like enough smaller items to be able to give away some door prizes, so people can be a "winner" just for their attendance. All businesses participating will be included on the program and in a thank you notice after the banquet in the Columbia Daily Tribune.

Please reserve February 27th, come, bring others, and enjoy your banquet. Our goal is to increase attendance, but we are working to increase the fun as well, and to have a lively banquet enjoyed by all. Larry Atterberry Jr. has donated his time to be our auctioneer. We have numerous items of considerable variety that you probably can't do without. Prints, professional fish carving, rods, reels, wall hanging, a year of beer at Flat Branch, books, flies and many other items are awaiting you.

Thanks for your interest and help in working for the preservation of our cold waters.

***JOHN MEYER,
BANQUET CHAIRMAN***



BOOK REVIEW

Winter is a terrific time of year to relax by doing some reading. When it's bitterly cold outside, it's really nice to spend the evening by the fireside engrossed in a good fishing book. However, if you are like many MMTU members, over the years you've acquired the ability to present a fly reasonably well, and how-to books just tell you what you already know anyway. What do you read when you want a book that is fishing-related, but you're not in the mood for another book on tactics and techniques? How about a book about our favorite fish, and one about the humans who fish for them? Two such books are *Trout and Salmon of North America* and *Deep Trout: Angling in Popular Culture*. Together, these books delve into the world of the fish and the fisherman in a way no other books have ever done before. After reading them, you will come away with much greater insight into our sport.

Trout and Salmon of North America (ISBN 0-7432-2220-2) was written by Robert Behnke and illustrated by Kansas City, Kansas artist Joseph Tomelleri. Dr. Behnke writes a column for *Trout* magazine and is probably very familiar to you. *Trout and Salmon of North America* was just recently published and includes the latest information available on over 70 types of trout and salmon. The amount of detailed information on these fish that is presented exceeds any book that's ever been published. Prior to its publication, the best book on the subject that I had read was *Trout* (ISBN 0-8117-1652-X). *Trout* was part of Stackpole's wildlife series published in 1991 and, though a terrific book, was getting somewhat outdated. (One of its enduring highlights is a section called "Tailwaters," written by MMTU member Spence Turner.) My copy of *Trout and Salmon of North America* now occupies a place on my bookshelf next to my copy of *Trout*, an honor it definitely deserves. I highly recommend this book to you.

Deep Trout: Angling in Popular Culture (ISBN 1 85973 398 0) was written by William Washabaugh with Catherine Washabaugh. Dr. Washabaugh is a professor of anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and in this book he examines the fact that our sport is one of many

mysteries and contradictions. Why do we fish? What does the history of our sport reveal? What does our sport say about our society and us as members of that society? Especially interesting to TU members is the coverage of national Trout Unlimited in the book. Nothing is sugar coated, and no punches are pulled. Here is the "rest of the story" that you've probably never heard before. Fascinating reading. (If you've been wondering about Dr. Washabaugh having the same last name as your newsletter editor: Although Bill and I are distantly related and he thanks me in the acknowledgements, I receive no royalties whatsoever from sales of the book. I can therefore recommend it to you with no conflict of interest.)

Trout and Salmon of North America and *Deep Trout* cannot be considered "light" reading, and are not for everyone. However, if you are ready for some solid information and insights that can come only from many years of research, these scholarly books just may be for you. Enjoy!

JANUARY MEETING

At our January meeting, Dean Anderson gave a presentation about Columbia's Community Storm Water Project (CSWP).

The CSWP was started in 1998 in response to new regulations promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency for smaller communities, known as "EPA Phase II Storm Water Regulations." These regs were designed to help communities protect their neighboring streams, rivers, and wetlands.

MMTU CALENDAR

February 4, 2003 Gary Kula will present a program on fly tying.

February 27, 2003 (Thursday) 5:30 p.m. Annual banquet. Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia. Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.

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