



Cross Currents

April 2008

Greetings from the Prez'

I want to thank all who attended our 2008 Banquet it was a huge success both financially and socially. Please join me in congratulating the banquet committee on a job well done. You can send them all an e-mail at MidMoTU-Banquet@googlegroups.com if you like. You might even include things you liked or would like to see improved upon for next year's banquet.

The Banquet committee has already met once since the 2008 banquet to discuss the good, the bad and the great as well as to start planning for the 2009 Banquet. A 2009 Banquet chair person has yet to be selected. This would be a great opportunity for you to become involved and make a difference. Please contact me if you would like more information on the banquet committee and what it might involve. We plan on selecting someone at the April meeting. Get involved and help us make a difference!

In years past, our board meetings were held on the same night as the general membership meeting, causing our board to have limited time to socialize and interact with our general membership. I am pleased to announce that effective immediately our board will now meet one week prior to the general membership meeting or the last Tuesday of every month. The board meetings are open to the general membership so please feel free to attend. The meetings will be held at Grill-One-Five and start at 6:30pm.

April 1 Meeting: Tom Hargrove
Mr. Tom Hargrove (T. Hargrove's Fly Shop) will describe how to fly fish for steelhead using only items bought at his fly shop! The April 1 meeting will be held 7 pm at D Rowe's, located off Forum, just north of the intersection with Nifong. We have a room to ourselves and a nice opportunity for dinner and a drink at this venue. Please join us.



Casting Instruction:

There will be two certified casting instructors at giving demonstrations and coaching before the April meeting. Come at 5:30 to improve your casting technique or tie flies with Dean.

Dean continues - Several have expressed an interest in joining me early on meeting nights to tie flies and visit. In case you are interested I plan on being at the meetings no later than 5:30pm. If you want to know in advance that I have arrived please call my cell at 573-268-5050.

I'm often reminded that we are a Trout Unlimited organization and not a fly fishing organization. With that in mind I have a killer mini jig I can show you how to tie if you like to spin fish. Ok, for all you die hard fly fishermen don't lose sight on the big picture of preserving our cold water fisheries.

For me one of the best aspects of an organization like Trout Unlimited is the sharing of information. I'm pleased to announce that weather permitting several members will be available prior to the April meeting to demonstrate fly casting. Fly rods will be available or you can bring your own.

This is a great chance to have someone observe your casting and get insight into some areas you might be able to improve.

I hope each and every one of you has a chance to get out enjoy some of this fine spring weather. Please keep in mind that it does not matter whether you have the perfect cast, the perfectly tied fly the most expensive rig, all that matters in life is enjoying oneself, ones surroundings (nature especially) as well as family and friends.

Tight lines and strong tippets!

From your President

C. Dean Rapp

Upcoming Meetings:

May 6: Norm Crisp on fishing in Chile

June 3: Hot Dog Burn at Bethel Park

July 4: No meeting.

August 5: Jon Deal on fishing for brook trout in Michigan

September 2: Gary Eaton on fishing in Belize

Minutes of the March Meeting:

1. Banquet Review: Wrap up meeting to discuss the 2008 banquet and strategies for 2009 was held after the banquet. Tentative net from the banquet was \$6800. A chairperson for the 2009 banquet will be selected in April.

2. Discussion of 2009 goals:

-Increase membership in general

-Increase membership participation in chapter activities

-Move board meeting to a separate night. This was agreed to by the board. Board meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month.

-Discussed distribution of funds, but no firm decisions made

-Making available for sale shirts with our chapter logo was discussed, but no decision made

-Fly tying and casting classes

-Participation in the BSA fly fishing merit badge

-Distribute Newsletter earlier

3. Programs are being set for the remainder of the year. October and November are still open.

4. Proposal to Parks and Rec for second trout stocking in Stephens Lake was discussed. Mike Kruse noted that any proposal would require documentation of the need for a second fishery in Columbia. No action taken.

5. Future board meeting: 6:30 pm Tuesday 25 March 2008 at Grill 1-5

Jon Deal

Next month: Please contribute your eulogy for the late *Clearwater Outfitters Shop*, most recently of Columbia, MO. The fly shop is survived by Scott and Amy Penman and two retired guys that now have to find something to do with all of their time. Email us your thoughts, condolences and remembrances and never, ever wash out your old coffee cup.

We're so sad . . .



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