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Upcoming Dates

October 27, 7 PM
Regular Meeting

November 2
Board Meeting

November 10, 7 PM
Fly Tying



The Annual Banquet

The annual banquet was really a pleasure to attend. The fellowship among the members and guests was something to behold. It was a time for catching up with fishing buddies that we hadn't seen for awhile, and to meet our new members and to make them feel welcome.

The banquet hall was laid out in such a way with all the items for our auctions that one could only feel that the night was going to be filled with excitement. As the members and guest perused the items, dropping their tickets into the buckets and signing the sheets with their secret numbers, hoping to be the lucky recipient of a new rod and reel, or that special pie.

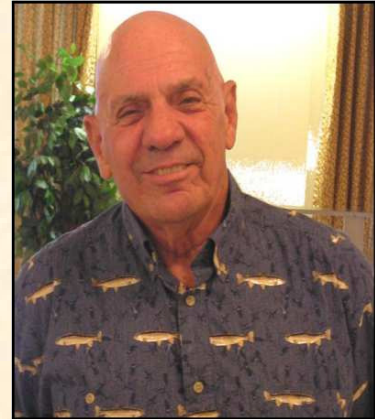
With a brief speech by president George Smith, the pledge of allegiance by Larry Lewis, and the invocation by Walt Anderson it

was time for dinner. The dinner was exceptional too. The menu was prepared with much thoughtfulness that everyone enjoyed their food, and some couldn't wait till the line cleared, to return for seconds.

After dinner, the prestigious Baylor Landrum III award was presented to a most deserving Roy Weeks, (more about Roy inside page 4)

With the awards over, the auctions were held, with the silent auctions first, and then the bucket raffle. Finally the live auction commenced with Ray Zavada who was the auctioneer. He did an outstanding job of getting the members to bid, and with his ad lib antics, kept us all amused. It was really a pleasure to watch him do his best to get the top dollar for our items.

President's Corner



Where did 2009 go? It was only a short time ago that we had cold weather and here it is again. I have my wood piled, ready for winter and it looks like I will need it long before winter gets here. We have had a busy year with Wolf Creek Dam, Louisville Metro Parks System and the Salato Center and also Butler State Park with the KAEE. The job we were to do on Trammel Fork was done by the contractors. So Fish and Wildlife will be calling us to help plant new trees and bushes next month, at Trammel Fork once the trees go dormant.

The election is this month on the 27th. We have two changes to the By-Laws and the election of the Board. If you cannot make the meeting please vote by contacting the secretary at Vickie Lewis at VLewis@LouisvilleTU.org.

I will be sending out the ballot for next years Board in the next few days. I would like to see as many members at that meeting as possible. This is just like any election, if you don't vote then you have no reason to complain about who is on the board and what they are doing.

George

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Upon completion of the auctions, and some last minute socializing, the evening came to a close.

It appeared that all had a very enjoyable time which is what usually happens when friends and families come together for a social event such as this.

I know all the members of the chapter and the guests that attended would like to take this time to give a special heart warm “Thank You” to Lee and Linda Squires for all their diligence and hard work in preparing such a wonderful banquet. It is impossible to imagine all that the Squires had to do



to, let alone the amount of hours that has to go into such an event. It takes a special person to take on such a responsibility, giving of oneself so that others might relax and enjoy such a banquet, is no easy task. Again, “Thank You” for such a wonderful time.

Another special “Thank You” should also go out to Larry and Vicki Lewis, and to all the others that I might not have mentioned, who worked with the Squires. The hours that they put into the banquet, and working during the evening also was greatly appreciated.



Roy Weeks Honored With Award

By Lee Squires

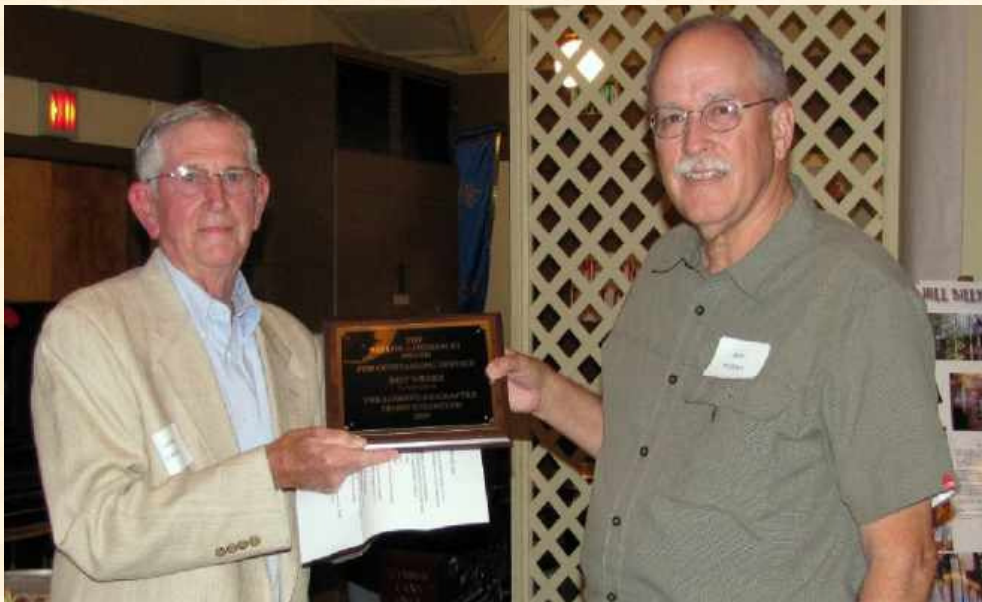
Chapter member, Roy Weeks, was honored at our Banquet on September 22nd as the 2009 Baylor Landrum III Award recipient. The award, named for past president Baylor Landrum III, is given annually to a member of the chapter who has exhibited a strong sense of volunteerism in chapter activities in the mission of TU in promoting the conservation of our cold water fisheries in Kentucky and nationwide.

The 2008 recipient, Frank Elsen, presented the award to Roy and stated many of Roy's attributes as a volunteer. He has worked on the Board for many years and has been a fixture on the volunteer teams that helped with fin clipping and micro chipping of trout at the Wolf Creek Hatchery, stocking and stream cleanup at Otter Creek and programs at the Salato Center. In addition,

Roy has been our chapter's Librarian since its inception during the Squires' administration in 2001-2002 and has coordinated the quarterly "tie-ins" for fly tying on Saturdays, as well as, tying at our monthly sessions. He has, also, been an instructor at our Fly Casting Seminars. Roy has been our chapter trip coordinator for a few years and has worked to keep these organized and worthwhile for our members. Roy is always ready to help when needed.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article on Baylor, written by his friend and fellow TU member, Steve Woodring, that explains the impetus for the award. It should be of interest to all members who did not know Baylor.

Past award recipients have been: Barry Morris, Nancy Walsh, Tom Walsh, Lee Squires and Frank Elsen.



So Who Was Baylor Landrum III?

In 1988, Baylor Landrum III became the third President of the Louisville Chapter of Trout Unlimited. He succeeded Doug Fowley, who had built chapter membership from fewer than 50 to over 300.

Shortly before the end of Doug's term, Louisville TU was thrust into the conservation wars by a controversy which threatened the survival of Kentucky's premier cold water fishery. Jamestown, KY, had quietly applied for a DPDES wastewater discharge permit which would have allowed it to send up to 30 tons per day of toxic, untreated industrial waste directly into the waters of Lake Cumberland, and subsequently into the tail waters of the Cumberland River.

Under Baylor's leadership, Louisville TU took up the fight to protect its world class trout fishery. The battle soon engulfed the Louisville Chapter, elevating it almost overnight from a little known local fishing club, into a statewide conservation lightning rod. Suddenly, Louisville Trout Unlimited was in the news and on the minds of nearly everyone in Kentucky, especially in Frankfort.

Due Largely to Baylor's organizational skill and perseverance, Louisville TU mobilized a statewide effort which stopped the ill-conceived project in its tracks. A withering and well funded public relations attack was launched against TU by Jamestown

and Fruit of the Loom Industries. TU was accused of heartlessly trying to eliminate hard working peoples jobs. But Baylor Landrum refused to flinch. Federal lawsuits were filed against Jamestown, Fruit of the Loom, Kentucky Department of Natural Resources and USEPA

Nearly four years and \$250,000.00 later, the standoff over jobs and the environment finally came to rest on the Governor's desk. A negotiated settlement was forged between the warring parties to work together to discover alternatives to the "pollution solution." A year of research and discovery followed. Although no magic bullet was found, many smaller ones were. Jamestown and Fruit of the Loom cleaned up their act and instituted technical processes which reduced pollutants to less than 1/3 those originally proposed. Jobs were preserved and so was the fishery.

Baylor's can-do optimism and infectious leadership drove the effort that saved our state's greatest cold water resource. With his Teddy Roosevelt smile, and direct, unflinching honesty, Baylor impressed and deeply touched friend and foe alike. Sadly, he did not live to fight another day, taken from us much too young. Bet we honor today his unmatched qualities of character and leadership with the Baylor Landrum III Conservation Award.

National Hunting and Fishing Day



Kristy Stroud of the Salato Wildlife Education Center, contact our chapter to see if we could possibly put on a display about fly fishing. This was to take place at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources headquarters, on Saturday September 26. She mention that we could do some fly tying as well as demonstrate fly casting to the visitors.

Without hesitation five members took up the request. They were Walt Anderson, Bob Coffman Larry Lewis, Roy Weeks, and Dan Jackman. While Walt and Bob were setting up for fly casting outside, Larry, Roy and my-

self were getting ready inside. The Educational Center is really quite a place to see, and if you ever get the chance to

visit it, I would highly recommend it.

Although the weather was overcast and spurts of rain came and went, the crowd still showed up in droves. Not knowing what to expect, (being my first time there), I was truly amazed at the number of visitors that came. Watching the faces on the children as they looked over the different types of flies, and the types of questions they asked about them, showed that they were really interested in learning.

Walt and Bob had there hands full outside with the visitors also. Letting anyone try to cast that wanted to, and giving them pointers on the technique. We couldn't have had any better instructors. Even when we were packing up to leave, having put all our gear away, a grandfather asked Walt if he would mind letting his granddaughter try casting. Without any hesitation Walt unpacked his rod and let her have a whirl at it.

We left that evening feeling good about the day and told Kristy to call us again if she needed us.



Editor's Notes

Well, this is the first issue of the newsletter in quite a while. I have never been involved with the making of one, and probably there were a lot of things I missed, or omitted. I called on a lot of members to help me with this and for their help, I am most gracious. I wanted to call on a lot of the other members but time got the best of me.

I hoped to get some feed back from others on how they feel about the style of this newsletter, and what other types of articles we can add. I noticed on some of the past issues that there were library articles, Reel Recovery, and events such as winter tie ins. I would like to include items relating to fishing that we want to sale or swap.

I also noticed that this newsletter is quite long but there was a lot of events, with the banquet, the National Hunting and Fishing at Salato, and with the election coming up later this month that I felt we should get this issue out.

Don't forget our meeting on the 27th of October at Commonwealth Bank and Trust located at 286 North Hubbard's Lane starting at 7 pm. I'll see you there.



Dan Jackman