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## December 2008 Newsletter

### Bluegrass Chapter **Trout Unlimited #478**

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### Next Meeting is Tuesday Dec. 2nd

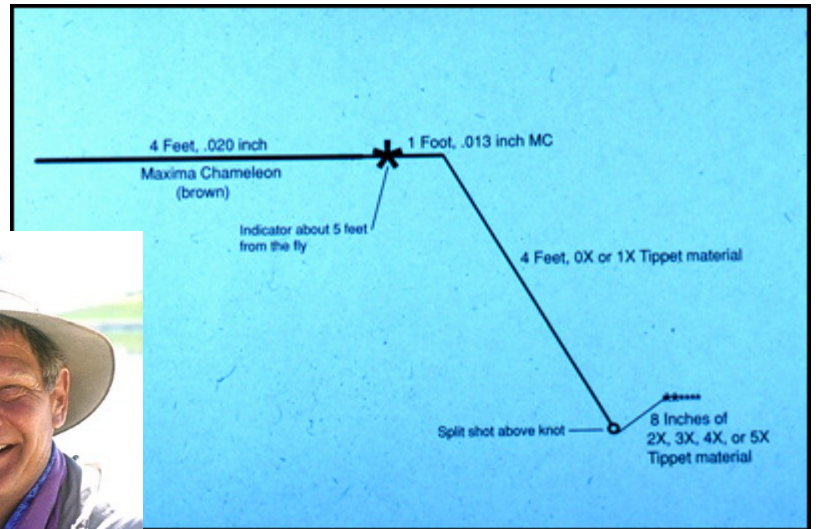
The Bluegrass Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets the first Tuesday of every month at Columbia's Steakhouse 201 N. Limestone St. in Downtown Lexington unless otherwise noted in the Calendar. Dinner & Social hour begins at 6:00pm and the meeting starts at 6:30pm. Columbia's phone number is 859-253-3135 See you there!

### Gary Borger Field Day/Outing By Gary Rose

On a very mild, sunny, late Autumn day about fifty of our members and guests gathered at Good Ol' Days Farm to welcome Gary Borger for an afternoon of Casting Instruction, Fly Tying and his presentation on "Fishing Nymphs from Top To Bottom." The hour he spent casting for the group was extremely instructional with Gary Borger demonstrating his teaching skills learned from years in the classroom as a Professor at the University of Wisconsin Wausau. Those in attendance benefited from his demonstration of his recommended grip of the fly rod with the index finger placed along side of the rod grip or on top of the grip. By doing so in is near impossible to break one's wrist at the top of the back cast - try it some time in the backyard. He also instructed everyone on how to lock your elbow when casting and just drop your shoulder forward from the top of the back cast position. This produces a tireless motion for the caster enabling one to fish for hours with out stress. Lastly, he demonstrated his aerial mend technique for throwing a mend in your line while airborne before it lands on the water. By moving your casting hand to the either side or both directions during the forecast a mend is placed in the line before landing it on the water.

After a great buffet of pulled pork and catfish with all of the sides, Gary gave his presentation on "Fishing Nymphs from Top to Bottom," another opportunity to show his teaching skills with everyone taking information that can help them be better Nymph fishers. He showed us his nymphing tippet set up which is diagramed for everyone to try. (see image on pg. 2)

The highlight of the evening was the drawing for the next day's float trip on the Cumberland with Gary Borger guided by the Cumberland River guide Hagan Wonn. The lucky attendee to win the trip was Kerry Gillihan, who was very excited to say the least. They spent a long day of tough fishing on the river with the highlight for the trip occurring while Gary Borger was casting a steamer while the guide was rowing down to the take out point. A 21 inch Brown Trout, the big fish of the day, rewarded the efforts of Mr. Borger. The arrival back in Lexington was very late that evening however Kerry will remember his day spent with Gary Borger and the opportunity to fish with a master for many days long into the future.



The Borger Nymphing System

## Trout in the Classroom - Kids Have the Eggs!

Gary Rose and Sandy Broughman left Lexington at 9 am en route to the Federal Fish Hatchery at Wolf Creek Dam. The two hour drive passed quickly as the two exchanged views about the future of Trout in the Classroom. Upon arrival at the Visitors Information Center the two took a quick tour of the new facilities constructed with a grant to Friends of the Hatchery. James Gray, hatchery manager, then greeted the visitors and went to obtain 300 rainbow trout eggs for transport to Liberty Elementary School in Lexington.

After a quick look at the raceways full of growing trout, the pair sped up the highway, passing Jamestown, Mt Vernon, Berea, and Richmond on the way to Hamburg Place to meet the awaiting children.

The classroom was filled with anticipation as the cooler was delivered to its place atop the newly constructed trout stools next to the aquarium. As the children took their places in chairs along the front row, parents with cameras crowded in behind awaiting the big reveal.



Mrs. Fehr's Science Class at Liberty Elementary School—the TIC kids!

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The trout eggs were lifted gingerly from the cooler and placed into the aquarium for a few minutes to equalize the temperature, then moved into the egg basket for their hatching. Several eggs died en route and were removed by the children using a turkey baster for suction. Several baggies were used to carry dead eggs home as trophies. Pictures and handshakes were made all around and the insulation was wrapped around the tank for a quiet week-end for the new eggs.

Ten days to two weeks and new rainbow trout will be beginning their life as fingerlings in the science room of Liberty Elementary School.

To become involved as a mentor or to make a donation to the Trout in the Classroom project call Sandy Broughman at (859)271-1778. Next year is shaping up as a banner year for this project and lots of assistance will be needed.



*“The first 6 eggs hatched this morning 11/21/08. High fives were passed all around Liberty Elementary. Only two more eggs have died, so we may have a bumper crop of Trout.” -Sandy and Gary*

## Outings by Rusty Hallett

Our annual steelhead trip to Ohio is currently full! Don Mathews of D'fishin fool guide service had twelve spots available to us and they are currently all taken. Todd Martin will be leading this trip, if anyone wants to get on the list in case someone cancels, contact Todd or myself. I am currently talking to the Clinch River chapter of Trout Unlimited trying to set up a date to have them host our chapter on the Clinch River. In return, we will host their chapter on the Cumberland River.

The Clinch River is a tail water as is the Cumberland. The Clinch is a little more wader-friendly than the Cumberland. The river is known for its big Browns but there are some very nice rainbows in the river. Trout Unlimited named the Clinch one of the top 100 trout streams in America! The best part is the river is only a little more than two hours away! I will convey info as I get it. That is all for now, hope to see you on the water sometime!

## Buy \* Sell \* Barter

**For Sale** - Very nice, one of a kind, Custom-made Trout Unlimited Orvis T3 9ft, 4wt, 4piece, mid-flex rod. Includes rod sock and tube. This rod is Brand new & NEVER used \$350 Please contact Tom Werne at 859-873-2477

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### From the President

Our yearly banquet is right around the corner. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Keep a drag free drift.....  
Todd Martin, President



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### Attention Members!!!

Renewals are required every year. You should receive a notice from National TU approximately four months before your membership expires. If you don't renew they will keep sending a notice monthly until some time after your membership expires. After a certain time your local chapter will send you a final notice. You will save a lot of unnecessary mail along with work and expense for the local chapter and the national organization if you renew right away. Please, when you get the first notice do not put it down. Send in the renewal right away or go on line at [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org) and get it done immediately. You might get a valuable coupon as a reward. Thanks - Charlie Ebling