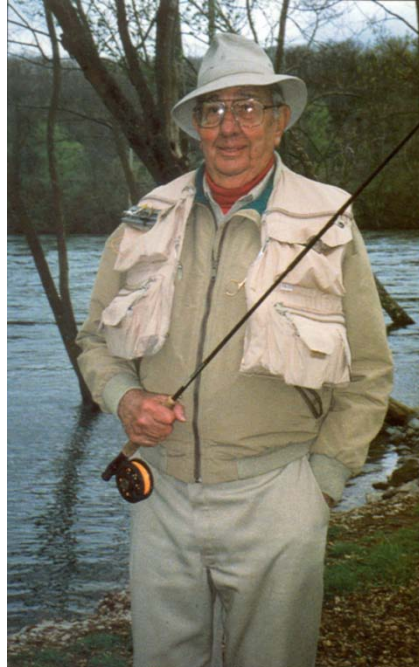


Arkansas Chapter Trout Unlimited 2003 Conservation Banquet & Auction



Last year the Arkansas Chapter of Trout Unlimited created the Coy C. Kaylor Conservation Award to be given annually at the Banquet. We are pleased and proud to announce that this year's recipient is **Marvin T. Schmidt** who is pictured above.

Marv was a chemist with U.S. Gypsum Corp. until he retired in 1976. But most of his friends in northwest Arkansas think of him as a fisherman and conservationist. Marv has had a life-long passion for the outdoors and his stories are captivating. For instance, when Marv was 14 years old he and a friend pooled \$7 each to buy a canoe that they paddled up river from St Louis on an adventure that lasted over two months. They lived off the land, traded shotgun shells for potatoes, caught fish to eat, and hitch hiked with their canoe to a second river to return home via a different route. Over the years, Marv has trout fished in almost every state that has a trout population (although Marv does not admit to fishing at Roaring River!) Marv's adventures, however, go far beyond the United States. Ireland, Scotland, Iceland, Labrador, Alaska, New Zealand, Indonesia, Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Belize, Mexico, Bahamas, and Venezuela are all places he has fished. This past January, Marv celebrated his 91st birthday by fly fishing for trevally and bonefish on a remote island approximately 100 miles from Tahiti.

While Marv's exploits are almost legendary, we are honoring Marv tonight for his commitment to conservation. Marv is a Life Member of Trout Unlimited, a founding member of the Arkansas Chapter, Editor of the Arkansas Troutier from 1987 – 1999, and the recipient of the coveted Trout Unlimited Silver Trout Award in 1991. In addition, Marv was the first person in the country to establish a charitable remainder trust with the national Trout Unlimited thus paving the way for others to follow. Over the years, Marv has been a dedicated volunteer to both Trout Unlimited and the local Tightlines Flyfishers. Marv is always one of the most eager volunteers as he was today when he helped set up the room for tonight's TU banquet. Marv has consistently set a very high standard for all who are committed to Trout Unlimited and conservation of our natural resources. Congratulations, Marv!