

Arkansas Chapter Trout Unlimited 2008 Conservation Banquet & Fundraiser



2008 Coy C. Kaylor Conservation Award To LARRY RIDER

In 2002 the Arkansas Chapter of Trout Unlimited created the Coy C. Kaylor Conservation Award which is given at the annual Conservation Banquet and Fundraiser. Arkansas Chapter is pleased and proud to announce the 2008 recipient is **LARRY RIDER**.

Larry has been employed by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission as a Fisheries Biologist for more than 37 years. During his career he has worked as a Hatchery Biologist, District Fisheries Biologist, Regional Fisheries Supervisor, Assistant Chief of Fisheries, and Aquatic Habitat Program Coordinator. He has been active in warm and coldwater fisheries management, fisheries research, construction and maintenance of boat access facilities, the non-game aquatic species program, herpetology, malacology, and aquatic habitat restoration. Larry's professional education includes the award of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fisheries from Iowa State University; a Certified Fisheries Scientist/Professional of the American Fisheries Society in 1981; recipient of the State Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) William H. Ivers Award in 2004; the "Joe Hogan Award" of the Arkansas Chapter American Fisheries Society; and the Mike Freese Excellence In Fisheries Conservation Award, AGFC Fisheries Division 2007.

Larry started his career as a hatchery biologist at the Centerton State Fish Hatchery where he supervised the production of trout and walleye for stocking. From 1984 until 2001, Larry was responsible for the AGFC cold water/trout fisheries program. During that time he achieved multiple goals and transitioned the program from one limited to stocking put-and-take trout to one that produced trophy trout, established catch and release zones, focused on habitat improvement, and encouraged the active involvement of Trout Unlimited.

During his tenure as supervisor of the cold water/trout fisheries program, some of the accomplishments included the first 16 inch minimum length limit for brown trout, development of Dry Run Creek for youth and mobility impaired anglers, implementation of catch and release areas, development of models for minimum flow, and creation of trout angler surveys. Larry also served as the project leader for the first major aquatic habitat improvement project which was undertaken on the Beaver Tailwaters.

Larry is a very dedicated conservationist who is highly motivated and committed to protecting our natural resources. Thank you Larry for your dedication and achievements!