

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

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January 2009

From Our Prez

Happy New Year! With the new year we tend to make all kinds of resolutions. This month I thought I would propose a few resolutions for our club.

It's no secret that we have a lot going on this year. Starting on January 8, we start what can arguably be the largest educational project we do every year. That would be the weekly fly tying sessions that John Walther heads up. As our first resolution, I would like to see our club reach more people than ever before with this program. To do this, it's going to take more than one person. Please offer to help John if you have the time. Even if you just come and sit next to someone who is less experienced than you and help them when they need it. All involvement and all help is very welcome.

A close second to our fly tying program is our involvement with the Hooked on Fly Fishing kids group at South Callaway Middle School. I know that it is tough for many to help with this program due to the time it occurs. As our second resolution, I would like to see more people involved in helping this very worthwhile program. Even if you can't help during their regular meetings, keep an eye on their schedule and help out when they have an outing.

On March 14, our only fundraiser for the year occurs. While it is true this year's banquet is supposed to be our "big" banquet where we try to raise the most money, it is also true that this may be harder than normal due to current economic conditions. For this reason, I would like to make our third resolution to put together a fun and

profitable banquet. To do this, we are going to need to work together. Whether that's in organizing, finding donations, or bringing people to the banquet that will spend money. All help is going to be needed to make this event successful.

Not forgetting about fun, I would also like to make the resolution to have as much inclusion as possible at our outings this year. A successful outing is when we have a lot of people attend and participate. To get more people involved, I would like to hear suggestions for times and locations. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me or any officer. This can be cold or warm water, one day or multi-day. A new location or an old favorite.

With a new year, brings new opportunities. Together, we can accomplish these resolutions.

Jim

From Casting Classes

PRACTICE LEADERS FOR FLY CASTING

For testing and practicing with a yarn fly, some suggestions follow.

Tapered leaders commercially available tend to perform less well than certain competition-style, leaders tied by the caster. In the CCI & MCCI tests, your leader can help overcome wind and sharpen your accuracy.

Your instructor or mentor should have some recommendations. I suggest you experiment with a few to get the results you want with your outfit. Be careful to use all the same type of material and

low-profile blood knots in making this.

Recently, I used a mono filament leader tapering from 40 pound to 15 pound with longest sections being the butt and the tippet with a 7-weight outfit. I found darker mono more easily seen during casting compared to clear material. Smoother transitions result from minimal diameter change from section-to-section. Here is a starting point for you-

Butt 40 inches of 40 pound
then, 15 inches of 30 pound
then, 10 inches of 25 pound
then, 10 inches of 20 pound
then, 18 inches of 15 pound as tippet.

Lengths are distance between the knots. Don't expect to be accurate to the inch.

Once you settle on a formula you like - please write it down so you can remember it.

Second, tie up several of them so when you wear one out, you can quickly get back to casting practice.

Gary Eaton
Master Certified Casting Instructor

From Our Vice Prez

“Jeff Goes West” is the subject of the January meeting. Jeff Trigg is going to tell us about his trip to Wyoming this past summer.

We will be meeting at Runge as usual but do to a conflict, we will meet in the Forrest Room which is just down the hall from where we normally meet. (This is the room where the fly tying sessions are)

BOD meeting will be at 6:00PM. CCFE regular meeting will begin at 7:00PM.

See you there.

Winter Fly Tying

“Come one come all” to the first fly tying session of 2009. It will be much better than the Barnum and Bailey show. We are calling it the Walther and

Van Patten Expo. They will have the feathers from a peafowl, an ostrich, a squirrel, a calf, a deer a chicken, a pheasant, a goose, a ducks butt and even a turkey. They will have materials from a goat, a rabbit, a squirrel and a synthetic (I am not sure what he looks like). They will also have such items as antron yarn, mohair yarn (not from John's head), flashabou, Z-lon, silly legs and Thin Skin. I am not sure where you go to get the Thin Skin but John and Mark will know.

The first fly tying session will be a program on how to use your tools and some of the materials that we use to ty. You won't need your tools for this session, but be prepared to bring them next week.

The session will begin at 6:00PM in the Forrest Room at the Runge Nature Center. Check out the flies that John has scheduled for the year on the CCFE Website.

We will continue to meet each Thursday night in January at Runge at 6:00PM on Thursdays. For the February and the March sessions, we will move to the Embarq Building at the corner of Truman Blvd. and Ten Mile Dr.(same days and times)

CCFE Christmas Party



Ginger Can't Decide

As you see from the photo, there was a lot to decide from at the CCFE Christmas Party. Everyone had a good time except Jim Kramel. He did not get home with the box of flies that John Walther brought to the party and Jim selected.

Some rascal made him draw another gift which turned out to be flies also. Maybe next year Jim.

January 2009

- **8 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6pm @ Runge Nature Center (Forrest Room)
- **13 Club Meeting** BOD meeting at 6:00PM. Regular Meeting Runge Nature Center@ 7:00PM
- **15 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- **15 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6pm @ Runge Nature Center (Forrest Room) See website for name of fly to be tyed .
- **22 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6pm @ Runge Nature Center (Forrest Room) See website for name of fly to be tyed .
- **26 HOFF Meeting** 3:00PM at South Callaway Middle School. Program is a video and a session on stream etiquette
- **29 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6pm @ Runge Nature Center (Forrest Room) See website for name of fly to be tyed

February 2009

- **1 Beginning of the Catch and Keep portion of Winter Stocking Program** Mc Kay and other lakes in the state.
- **5 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- **5 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6pm @ Embarq Building. See website for name of fly to be tyed
- **10 Club Meeting** BOD meeting at 6:00PM. Regular Meeting Runge Nature

• **12 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6pm @ Embarq Building. See website for name of fly to be tyed

• **19 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6pm @ Embarq Building. See website for name of fly to be tyed

• **19 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)

• **23 HOFF Meeting** 3:00PM at South Callaway Middle School. Program is casting games.

• **26 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6pm @ Embarq Building. See website for name of fly to be tyed

Fly of theMonth

Instead of a fly this month, I am going to give a few hints on tools and materials that can save you a few coins during these hard times. I have told most of you about the coal miner that taught me to ty flies. His favorite fly was a cricket that was tyed with a foam rubber body and elastic legs. The foam body was shaped out the rubber knee pads that he walked around on in the mine. The legs were elastic that he stripped out of his boxer shorts. We caught a lot of bluegill on that simple fly.

Tools

- A) The end of a retractable ball point pen makes a half hitch tool, and a hair spinning tool.
- B) An old chap stick tube can be used as a hair stacker if you remove the internals and us the cap and tube.
- C) A 22 caliber cleaning brush or velco wrapped on a wooden dial makes good dubbing enticement tools.