

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

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February 2013

Reports from Activities

February Meeting

The speaker d for the February meeting will be Jeff Trigg. His subject will be on the science of tying streamer flies. Jeff is going to talk about the various types of streamers that are fished for various species of fish, the appearance of the different patterns and the types of materials that are available to ty the different patterns. The meeting will be February 12 at the First Baptist Church on Capital Avenue and will start at 7:00pm.

Winter Fly Tying

Are we having fun yet! The 2013 Winter Fly Tying sessions have been a real success. Thank you John Walther! I opened up the News Tribune today and there were pictures from the CCFF Tying Class front and center on the front page of the paper.

It has been so neat watching parents and grandparents tying flies with their kids at these sessions. It is also great watching experienced CCFF Members helping novice tyers learn the techniques of tying. We have been averaging 34 people at each of the sessions.

We will not be holding the class this week so that we can use the 14th to ty up our bonds at home. You might think of buying your significant other some new dubbing, a new hackle or *something else that* you both can

share. Good luck with that. Have a Happy Valentine's Day.

McKay Lake Winter Trout Program

Well the ice is gone and so are a lot of the fish that were stocked for the Winter Trout Stocking Program. It was great while it lasted. If you haven't tried it yet, you may find a few fish left but I am not sure what fly competes with Power Bait or dough balls.

This warmer weather that we have had recently has made the fishing more enjoyable and the crowds have taken advantage of it. I have heard of a couple of people that were lucky enough to take some of the five pounders out that I saw go in last November. If you have been able to enjoy the fishing at McKay, remember to thank the Jefferson City Parks Department and the Missouri Department at your next opportunity.

March 1, 2013 is not far away.

Upcoming Events

Matthews Comes To St Louis

The members of the Ozarks Fly Fishers of St Louis have recently announced that they plan on having a presentation by Craig Matthews on Feb. 16.

Craig is the owner of the Blue Ribbon Fly Shop in West Yellowstone, MT. He has done several award winning DVDs on fishing the West and several books on similar subjects.

Check out his website.

If you might be interested in making the trip to St Louis, contact John Walther at 680-2286. This will be an all day presentation.

George Daniel Comes to Columbia

Mid MO TU is having George Daniel present a seminar on his book Dynamic Nymphing on Saturday, March 9th, 2013 in Columbia. George is a two-time US National Fly Fishing Champion and a member of Fly Fishing Team USA. He is head coach for the NC Fly Fishing Team and employed by the TCO State College Fly Shop.

The seminar is open to the open to the public and will be held at the new Conservation Research Center on 3500 E. Gans Road in Columbia, MO. It will begin at 9:00am and run until Noon.

Annual Banquet

The CCFF Annual Banquet will be held at Donita's Banquet Center on March 23, 2013. Social hour will begin at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm. We will have the usual silent auction, bucket raffle and live auction. Kent is looking for volunteers to help with the preparation as well as help obtaining items for the raffles and auctions. These items do not have to be items associated with fly fishing. They can be donations from your favorite barber/hair dresser, a ham from the corner grocer, a used car from your brother –in-law or a weekend at the lake. If it will sell, we can probably get it sold. Tickets will go on sale at the January meeting. The price of the tickets will be \$17.50/ ticket with a table price of \$130 for a table of 8.

Don't forget to put your name tag in the pot when you attend the meetings. These are collected so that we can raffle off a rod at the banquet. It has become known as the Jim Kramel raffle.

Mid Mo Fly Fishing Film Festival

Jeff Trigg has again obtained the Rag Tag Theater to hold the Film Festival. It will be on April 6, 2013 and the doors will open at 12:00 with the films beginning at 1:00pm. The price is \$15 and there will be 12 films. There are only 135 tickets available. Jeff will have them at the next meeting of the CCFF.

A to Z Fly Fishing Class

This year's course will again be held at the Runge Nature Center and will begin on April 11. The class will meet at 6:00pm and last until 8:00pm on the second and fourth Thursday of April, May and June. The class is free and open to the first 15 applicants to register at Runge. Applicants must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by an adult if under 16. All equipment and materials will be furnished by the Capital City Fly Fishers. The text for the course will be "Fly Fishing A-Z" by Mark Van Patten. The course will cover the fundamentals of the sport of fly fishing both warm water and cold water. It will cover such subjects as equipment, casting, fly tying, safety, entomology and conservation. Some of the instruction will be held outdoors. Registration can be done by calling the Runge Nature Center at 751-4115.

Calendar

February

2--- Jeff Currier Presentation @Heart of America Fly Fisher, Kansas City, KS @ 9:00am

7--- Teach a Vet to Ty 3:00pm at the Truman VA Hospital Rm. C202

7--- Winter Fly Tying @ HYVEE in Banquet Room @6:00pm

12--- CCFF Meeting @First Baptist Church of JC. BOD meeting @ 6:00pm. Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm

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16---Craig Matthews Presentation @ Ozark Fly Fishers in St Louis @9:00 am

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Monthly Fly Pattern



Miller Woolly Worm

I was browsing through my copy of "Woolly Wisdom" recently and I came across a pattern that I have seen Mike Clark use to catch many fish. Gary Soucie, the author of the book says that he showed one of these to Chuck Tryon from Rolla, Missouri. Chuck told Gary that the fly was an Ozark pattern designed to fish the Arkansas White River. Chuck also told him that rumor had it that the pattern was originated by a Dave Whitlock, but Chuck thought that the original was tied

by a Missouri fly fishers named Charlie Miller, hence the name "Miller Woolly".

Chuck Tryon was a good friend to the sport of fly fishing who passed away a few years back. Those who knew Chuck and his wife Sharon admired them for their contribution to the sport.

Material:

Hook: Standard 2X long wet fly hook size 6-12.

Head: If you do not want to weight the fly with lead free wire, you can use a silver or brass bead.

Thread: 6/0 Black for unweighted flies and red or brown for weighted flies.

Underbody: Optionally lead free wire.

Tail: Grizzly hackle fibers, or red yarn or pearl Krystal Flash or nothing.

Shellback: Peacock herl

Body: Yellow or cream chenille

Rib: Silver oval tinsel or silver wire

Hackle: Grizzly saddle hackle

Tying Instructions:

1. Crimp the barb of the hook and place the bead on the hook.
2. Place about 11 turns of weighted wire on the hook
3. Start the thread just behind the eye of the hook and wrap back to the curve being sure to place wraps just before the weighted wire and just after it to insure that it doesn't move.
4. Select a bundle hackle fibers about half as long as the hook shank and ty them in for the tail. They should stick back about a 1/3 of the shank length.
5. Secure in a piece of ribbing wire, four peacock herl and the body chenille.
6. Wrap the thread forward to just behind the eye of the hook and secure in the hackle feather by the large end.

- 7.** Wrap the body with the chenille and secure the end. Remove the excess.
- 8.** Fold the peacock herl over the top of the back and secure them at the head of the fly. Cut off the excess.
- 9.** Reverse palmer the hackle feather to the rear of the body and secure it with the ribbing wire. Wrap the ribbing wire over the body and the hackle taking care not to ty down any of hackles.
- 10.** Remove the excess hackle feather.
- 11.** Secure the ribbing wire with the thread and build a head. Whip finish and cement the head.

This fly can be tied weighted with a bead, a cone or wire. It can be tied with a hackle tail, Krystal Flash tail, red yarn tail, a red hackle tail or peacock herl tail. It can also be tied with a cream body as well as a yellow body or a green body. I have also seen it tied with a cream body and a gray head added. It can also be known as a Whitlock's Woolly Worm. Ty up your own pattern and let us know what you come up with that catches fish.

Check out the websites:

<http://www.capitalcityflyfishers.org>

www.thetyingbench.com

<http://www.flyflinger.com/midge.php>