

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

Piscator non solum piscatur



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From the President...

The words "*Piscator non solum piscatur*" mean "there is more to fishing than catching fish." These words are not my original thoughts, but borrowed from Dame Juliana Berners, who wrote them five hundred years ago. If you sit back and think about them for a few moments, you can realize she was quite right. Fly fishers spend a great amount of time doing other things before, during and after a fishing trip that involves more than catching fish. A well-planned trip desires no less. It may be a simple outing to the nearby lake or a weekend getaway to your favorite part of some stream.



Mike Butler prepares to spin elk hair for his hopper patterns

For the past three weeks, several of our members have gathered together on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. to tie fly patterns. Jim Farthing, Mike Butler, Larry Griffin and Bob Smerek, together they have come up with some interesting new patterns. Several members joined them in tying these patterns. If you have the itch or an inkling that you

would like to learn fly tying, then these sessions are your opportunity to start. Generally there exists a principle – "sharing that which you know". This widely practiced principle is often adapted by all of those who become fly tiers. This principle is evident, both inside and outside the club. There are many folks who tie flies as a hobby or profession. And I have yet to come across one who would not share something with you if you asked. Even if you did not ask, observing them will give insight into the skill they possess.

Plans are underway for our 10th annual banquet to be held March 12th at Donita's Catering. The location is south of Jefferson City on Highway 54 just past the twin bridges. Our guest speakers will be Terry and Roxanne Wilson. This husband and wife team was the featured speakers at the first banquet hosted by Capital City Fly Fishers (CCFF). I first encountered them at the Bennett Spring Conclave a few years ago. They have a lot to say about warmwater fishing, the appropriate fly patterns to use, and the techniques to incorporate. They had published two books previously about bluegill and largemouth bass fishing. Now they have written and published one on smallmouth bass. It should be an interesting banquet. I look forward to it.

Jerry Kemple is acting as banquet chair this year, assisted by Larry Branson. If you can, give them a hand with the planning of this event. Remember it takes a lot to put on a successful banquet. This one event brings in the majority of our financial support for the programs we sponsor throughout the year. Single seat tickets and tables of eight persons are available. Line up your friends and sell them a ticket or even buy one for them. It will be an evening to remember. There are a good amount of auction items that will be available, so I hope that each of us is stowing away some cash for what will be offered. Don't forget the giveaway. One of our CCFF members, who have attended meetings in the past year, will win a new fly rod.

Montauk State Park is the scheduled outing for the first quarter of 2005, the weekend of February 5th. There should be ample opportunity to catch and release several fine specimens available there. The CCFF group will be meeting at Gerbes Super off Eastland Drive on the east end just off Hwy 63 South at 7:00 a.m. You are welcome to carpool or caravan with those attending this event. This fall when Jerry Kemple and I went to conduct a training session at the YMCA camp in Potosi, we drove past this area. It looked very interesting. I remember the sight coming back was spectacular. Deer were grazing on the grass near the hour of dusk. I am sure the stream was calling and could have been a temptation to us had it not been so late in the day. If you have time this weekend, travel with the group or by yourself and see what is available at this resource.

We have a guest speaker coming from the Southern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers for the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 8th. Dennis Slane will be speaking about the FFF and will present the topic of outdoor cooking.

I am a fan of older books on fly casting, fishing, and tying. I picked up one recently in an antique store entitled "*Complete Book of Fresh Water Fishing*" by P. Allen Parsons, foreword by Ray Bergman, an Outdoor Life book published in 1963. Like most books it covers the gamut of topics on fly and bait fishing. What caught my interest was the section on fly casting. Uniquely, they mention a technique that I had not heard about before now. This cast is called the "grasshopper cast". I am familiar with the others mentioned such as roll cast, back cast, overhead cast, double-haul cast, side cast, and the false cast. The idea of the grasshopper cast is to present your fly on the water before you leader touches. The technique is simple enough. A back cast is made with the arm raised high, driving the rod back to the 11 o'clock position. As the line in back cast straightens, lower your casting arm to its normal position. Make the forward cast vigorously. At the estimated leader length from your targeted fish, stop your cast very abruptly, causing the fly to flip over and drop on the water ahead of the leader. Once the weather warms up, I intend to find out if this is a good cast of the waters of Woodward Lake.

I hope that each of you spends some time preparing, reading, and creating something worthwhile for your next outing on or off the water. It is time well spent and will reward you greatly. Even better would it be if you have taken the opportunity to get to know other members in CCFF more. I have and am thankful for it. I had created new member cards and for those that have not received theirs yet, it will be mailed to your house this week. So look in the mailbox for yours. A roster of members is available from the officers if you desire one. Last meeting, Harvey Morgan came up with a great idea of creating a new member packet. There are many things which we could put inside it to aid new members in knowing and understanding what the club does and who its members are. If you have thoughts or examples, bring them to the next monthly CCFF meeting.



I am working on getting our new business cards printed and cut (see sample above.) This will give each of the opportunity to give some new person encountered the contact information about our organization. The concept is simple. All you would have to do is sign your name and phone number on the back of the card before you hand it to them. This gives them a personal contact with CCFF, as well as the club information. Hopefully, we can have them available for the next club meeting.

The new letterhead is available for all members to use. It is in Microsoft Word format currently. If you need an electronic copy, contact me.

A helpful reminder to all who plan to make the opening day of trout season: Examine your license to insure it is a current license and trout tag before you go out on 3-1-2005 opening day.

Remember to not be afraid to let your line or your efforts go into the backing.

Larry Murphy, President

Fly Pattern of the Month...

Name: Mohair Leech

Material

Hook: 6X long size 6-8

Thread: 6/0 olive

Tail: Light olive, black or brown marabou

Body: Matching mohair yarn

Underweight: 15 turns of weighted wire with a diameter equal to the diameter of the hook.

Tying Instructions

1. Crimp barb and place hook in vise.
2. Wrap thread from the eye to curve of hook
3. Wrap the weight on top of the thread
4. Wrap the thread over the weight and back to the curve of the hook
5. Ty in a clump of marabou equal to the length hook shank behind the curve
6. Ty in the mohair yarn and wrap it to the front of the hook(comb the hair back as you wrap forward)
7. Cut the yarn and whip finish the head

Mohair leeches are good all around flies. They are very productive in lakes, ponds and streams for bass as well as trout usually fished with quick retrieves, the faster the better.

From Vice President Ed's Calendar...

February

- 5 Club Outing – Montauk, meet at Eastland Gerbes at 7:00 a.m.
- 8 Club meeting 7:00 p.m. ABB Hwy 94
Dennis Slane. FFF & Outdoor Cooking
- 10 Fly tying 6p.m. ABB
- 17 Fly tying 6p.m. ABB
- 24 TU Banquet, Holiday Inn Executive Center **(No Fly Tying)**

March

- 3 Fly tying 6p.m. ABB
- 8 No meeting due Annual Banquet
- 10 Fly tying 6p.m. ABB
- 12 CCFF Tenth Anniversary Banquet @ Donita's; Speakers: Terry & Roxanne Wilson
- 17 Fly tying 6p.m.

March

- 17, 18 & 19 Sowbug Roundup in Mountain Home AR
- 19 Stream Team Outing, Meeting @ Schulte's at 9 a.m. or @ creek @ 9:30
- 24 Fly tying 6p.m.
- 31 Fly tying 6p.m.

April

- 3 Day with wildlife in Columbia
- 12 Club Mtg 7p.m. ABB Hwy 94
- 29 Introductory Water Quality Monitoring Workshop @ Jefferson City
- 30 DARE Day @ J C Gun Club

May

- 10 Club Mtg 6p.m. Cole County Lake
no speaker, casting instruction

June

- 14 Club Mtg 7p.m. ABB Hwy 94
Club Outing ? Date & Location Open

July

- 12 Club Mtg 7p.m. ABB Hwy 94

August

- 9 Club Mtg 7p.m. ABB Hwy 94

September

- 13 Club Mtg 7p.m. ABB Hwy 94
Club Outing? Date & Location Open
- 30 Southern Council FFF Conclave

October

- 1-2 Southern Council FFF Conclave
- 11 Club Mtg 7p.m. ABB Hwy 94

November

- 4,5&6 Club Outing, Mountain Home AR
- 8 Club Mtg 7p.m. ABB Hwy 94

December

- 13 Club Mtg 6:30p.m. ABB Hwy 94
Gift Exchange.

From Mc Kay Park...



The "Bear" and his 20" Bow.

He caught it Feb 1 along with four others...

There were several limits of trout taken on the first day of February. Only half of the lake was not covered with ice. The air temperature was about 38 F but there 12 to 18 fishermen out there all day. There was a 91 year old man trying to talk Kudrna into using his vanilla flavored corn. When he couldn't, he took his five fish and went home. After he left, Lee put a few grains on his fly but gave up trying to cast them. Go over and give it a try. White mini jigs do good under a strike indicator.

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