

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

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February 2009

From Our Prez

In March, we will have our banquet. As Jerry said in his recent e-mail, the kind of banquet we have is up to us. In addition to encouraging everyone to give and get donations, come to the banquet, and bring guests to spend money and support our efforts, I want to talk about why making money at this banquet is so important.

While it is true that we don't spend a fortune's amount of money throughout the year, we do spend enough to require good fundraising efforts. It was decided several years ago that to raise those funds did not require us to put on a big banquet every year. So, we decided to have a large banquet where we focused our fundraising efforts every other year. This is the year of that kind of banquet. What money we raise during this banquet will need to last us for the next two years, not just one.

Through our fundraising efforts, we have been able to do some very good things in the past several years. Some of the projects we have used our funds to sponsor are the Winter Trout Stocking at McKay Lake, the purchase of equipment for the Healing Waters program, donations to help purchase equipment and materials for the Hooked on Fly Fishing, Not on Drugs club at South Callaway Middle School, materials for the Tie With a Vet program, the fly casting training of members so that they can help others with their casting, and the materials for our winter fly tying program. Our money goes to support worthy causes whether it's teaching people to tie flies, help provide areas to fish, or give support to children who want to learn to fly

fish, we're there to support people and promote the sport of fly fishing.

There's an old adage that goes "nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something". I urge everyone to do something to make the banquet in March a success. Our ability to continue sponsoring worthwhile programs truly depends on it.

Jim

From Our Vice Prez

"Brian Wise on the North Fork" is the subject of the February meeting. Brian is coming to tell us how to have the best fishing experience on the North Fork of the White River. He is an expert guide when it comes to the techniques needed to get the large fish out of this beautiful stretch of the White River here in Missouri.

We will be meeting at Runge as usual.

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

See you there.

Winter Fly Tying

The winter fly tying sessions have become a big success. We just about outgrew the Woods Room at the Runge Nature Center. Fortunately Dan Bernskoetter was able to get us into a larger room at the Embarq Building.

Check the website for the weekly fly schedule and who will be teaching the class. The class starts at 6:00PM and is usually over by 7:30PM. See you

there. Just bring thread. We have the materials and tools if you need them.

Celebrity In Our Midst

Check out the back page of the February Missouri Conservationist and see who the fly tier is on it. If you bring your copy of the magazine to the Club Meeting next Tuesday and a \$1, you will get an autograph and a ticket for the fly raffle. "Whatta a Deal!" Without the autograph, the fly raffle ticket will cost you \$2. The money will go to the banquet. If you bring a fly and the magazine, you will also get an autograph and a fly raffle ticket.

TFO rods donated by FFF, Sierra Club and TFO

Five TFO fly rod combos were donated to CCFF for use in our youth training programs by the Federation of Fly Fishers, the Sierra Club and TFO. The purpose for the donation is to promote youth participation in the sport of fly fishing. The outfits came complete with rods, reels, line and leader. They also came in carrying cases to hold rods and reels separately. In the next newsletter, I will tell you a little more about what all we receive for FFF.

Banquet and Donations

As Jim mentioned earlier, our banquet can only be a success if the CCFF Members get behind it. Please plan on having your donations together so that you can bring them to the March Meeting on March 10 or get them to one of the Banquet Committee by then. We have several members who have offered to go through the fly fishing supplies and donate from the extras. When you gas up next time ask if the owner will donate a gallon or two.

I hear that Jim Kramel has so many fly rods that he is thinking of donating one. "Just joking Jim." Remember the tickets are \$20 per person or \$150 per table of (8). The date is March 14. The location is at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St

Martins. The time is 6:00pm for social hour with dinner beginning at 7:00pm. Arglye Catering is providing the food. The guest speaker is Ralph Duren which will be followed by a live auction. There will also be bucket raffles and a silent auction.

The members of the Banquet Committee are:

Jim and Samantha Farthing

Ginger Koziatek and Kent Campbell

Ron Klatt

Lee Kudrna

Jerry Kemple

Mary Stone

And others who would like to help make the Banquet a success.

How Good is That Water Or What Is That Bug Telling Me About the Stream

The folks at Missouri Stream Team have heard our request for an evening Introductory Level Water Quality Workshop. The date and time for the Workshop is from 5:00pm to 9:00pm on Tuesday, April 28 and 5:00pm to 9:00pm on Wednesday, April 29. The Workshop will be held at the MDC Headquarters in Jefferson City.

This Workshop will teach you what critters inhabit good water and what critters are more tolerant and can live in polluted water. Remember that these critters are the staples of the fish diet.

The next time that you come in contact with any of the Stream Team People, thank them for the good job that they do to make the waterways of Missouri better for you and yours.

Mc Kay Lake is open to Catch and Keep

The ice is gone, for the time being, and the weather has been good for taking trout this weekend. It looked a lot like one of the parks on opening weekend. There were lots of families catching fish on Saturday when I went by. Give it a try. Remember that you need a trout permit to keep fish regardless of your age.

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- **5 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6pm @ Embarq Building (3546 N 10 Mile Dr)
- **5 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- **10 Club Meeting** BOD meeting at 6:00PM. Regular Meeting Runge Nature Center @ 7:00PM. Brian Wise is speaker.
- **12 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6pm @ Embarq Building (3546 N 10 Mile Dr)
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- **23 HOFF Meeting** 3:00PM at South Callaway Middle School. Program is casting lessons.
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• **14 Annual Banquet** 6pm Social Hour with Dinner at 7:00pm @ Knights of Columbus Hall at St Martins.

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

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Fly of the Month



John's Bobber Dropper Hopper

When John Walther uses a dropper fly, he likes to use a strike indicator or "Bobber" as John calls it with a second fly. Instead of a foam ball, John will often use a hopper pattern that he ties.

John will typically put a midge, a trout crack, scud or some other wet fly under his hopper so that the hopper is the strike indicator as well as a dry fly. This fly goes by several names such as the Klod Hopper and can be found on the FAOL Website tied by Paul Stimpson. Check out this Website when you have a moment. Lots of neat patterns and good fishing information

Materials

Hook: Size 6-10, Mustad 9671.

Thread: Dark Brown 6/0

Body: Tan craft foam

Hackle : Brown Rooster with barbs to match the hook gap.

Overbody: Tan dubbing

Wing: Elk hair

Legs: Red rubber

Instructions

1. Cut a strip of foam about as wide as the gap of the hook. Let one end of the foam stick over the curve of the hook by a distance equal to the hook gap and the other end extend over the eye of the hook by about the hook length.
2. Start wrapping the thread just behind the eye. Put several turns at this point and then wrap back to the curve of the hook sparingly. At the curve of the hook put several wraps.
3. Trim the foam at the back of the hook to form a pointed tail in the foam which extends beyond the hook about one hook gap length.
4. Tie in the rooster hackle and dub a body about 2/3 up the hook toward the eye.
5. Palmer the hackle to the same point.
6. Secure the hackle and the dubbing.
7. Select a group of elk hair and stack it. Lay the hair on top of the fly and let it extend back to the length of the extended body.
8. Wrap in the hair and a few stands of Krystalflash. Remove the excess hair and KF.
9. Wrap in two legs which extend beyond the hook in the rear and a little shorter in the front.
10. Fold over the foam that extends beyond the eye of the hook in front and tie it down where you tied in the legs. Whip finish and trim off the excess foam.
11. Secure the foam by dropping epoxy or head on the underside of the fly.

John also adds piece of orange or yellow foam to top of his fly at the last ty-in to make the “Bobber” more visible. Try it. This fly is a lot easier to cast in the wind than the 1” diameter

red and white “Bobbers” that John usually uses.

This fly can be tied with tan, brown green or yellow foam to match the hoppers in your region and the legs can be varied also. Just pick one off of your front bumper and duplicate it.

CCFF Bank Balance

The present bank balance is \$6289.15

CCFF Website

The CCFF website is

www.capitalcityflyfishers.org.