

# Capital City Fly Fishers



## 10th Anniversary Newsletter

*Piscator non solum piscatur*



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### From the President...

Spring is near and another season begins. It is time to think and plan for your next outing in or on the water. Some of our club members have been tying fly patterns for the past few weeks in preparation for such outings in their near future.



Often I find myself putting off simple, routine maintenance on fly rods, line, reels and boxes that would have been beneficial to perform ahead of time. Yes, before I go near the water is the best time to prep fly fishing gear. How long has it been since I cast my four reels? I can not say exactly, so it is time to prepare the line for my next field trip. Fly lines that have been on the reel for an extended period do develop kinks and curls. These imperfections will hamper casts requiring distance and prevent delicate presentation of flies more often than not.

The simple remedy is to strip off the line and stretch it. If you have someone to help you conveniently, the two of you can hold either end of the line and stretch it for a few moments. Relaxed the line should remain smooth and straight without kinks or curls. If any remain, stretch it again and keep at it until the line is smooth. If you don't have a partner to help out, then hold both ends of the fly

line placing the middle around a fence post, mailbox or something similar. Stretch the line until the line remains smooth when relaxed.

Before you wind the line back on the fly reel, check it for dirt and grit. Cleaning your fly line is easy. Use mild laundry soap on a damp cloth. Scrub the line briskly and rinse it well in cold water. The line will perform much better after this treatment than it would have before it. Dry the line. If you think it would be beneficial, you might consider wiping the clean line with a commercial patch impregnated with line dressing before you rewind it on the reel.

Check the reel for dirt and grime as well. Inspect the braking system to ensure that sand and grit don't hamper the benefit of your reel's drag system. Rewind your fly line after inspecting the leader and its condition. If it needs to be replaced, there would be no better time than now to do it. When you are on the water and the temperature is not nearly as high as you want is not the time to tie on a new leader.

Inspect your tippet, if it is older than a year or two, you might consider replacing the entire spool. Age makes tippet brittle and that is something you can not afford to have. You don't want to realize this after you have made a perfect cast with a fish taking your fly, setting the hook and reeling 'em in. With brittle tippet, all you reel in will be the line and no fish. Prepare your line with fresh leader and tippet before you go to the field.

Take a moment and inspect your fly rod. That same dirt and grit that collects on your fly line can build up on the guides, so use a toothbrush and a little alcohol to clean all the guides. Clean guides will avoid friction which can cut down your casting distance.

Lastly, look at your fly box. What shape are your flies in? If yours are like mine, they get moved, matted and messed up. Take a few moments to

reorganize your fly box(es) before you go to the field. If you find mangled or mashed flies that look out of shape, there is a method that can restore them. Find a tea strainer or similar device and place your flies in it. Hold the strainer with the flies over flowing steam. A tea kettle with boiling water is adequate enough to create a modest flow of steam. The flies should perk up and refresh their shapes quickly. Carefully place the renewed flies in your fly box(es) in an organized manner.

Now spend some time organizing and cleaning your remaining fly fishing gear and net. The preparation time you spend now will result in more satisfaction when you are in the field. Plan to spend some time fly fishing this spring if you can. It doesn't have to be an expensive trip to be memorable. Include another club or family member in your plans. A simple well-thought out trip to local waters is often rewarding enough. And if you can afford the time and money to take a longer trip away from home, then more power to you. Enjoy your time afield.

I hope that each club member is planning to attend the upcoming banquet. Jerry Kemple and others have been doing an outstanding job preparing for our 10<sup>th</sup> annual banquet. He will have more to say later in the newsletter about this year's event. I look forward to sharing this time with my friends and fellow club members.

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

Larry Murphy, President

### **From the Banquet Committee...**

**HAVE I GOT A DEAL FOR YOU! OR SHOULD I SAY A BUNCH OF DEAL!!!!**

The crew is really working over-time to get some items for the auctions and raffle for the banquet. We have rods, reels, lines, leaders, flies, tying equipment, waders, boots, a vest, nets, a cooler, books, booze and guided trips. The only thing that we don't have for your next fishing trip is the lies and you will have to furnish those.

We have a 7 piece Orvis travel rod along with at least four other Orvis rods. We have Cortland and Patriot reels. We have Hook and

Hackle, RIO, AIRFLO and Scientific Angler lines and leaders. We have Patagonia Waders and Simms boots. We have two Griffin vises and one of them is a Mongoose. We have hackles galore. We have a tying bench and tools to go with it.

AND TRIPS! We have almost any trip that you might want to take in the Mid West. I said almost, but we do have guide trips on Taney, the White or Norfolk and one to Michigan.

And I haven't even mentioned the guest speakers that we are having. Terri and Roxanne Wilson will bring us their knowledge on bluegill and smallmouth fishing. They are coming back to help us celebrate our Tenth Anniversary. They knew all there was to know about bluegill back then and I can't wait to hear what they have learned about smallmouth.

**BRING IN THE KIDS, TIE UP THE DOGS, CALL THE IN-LAWS, GET INTO THE EGG MONEY OR THE KIDS COLLEGE FUND. DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO, BUT DON'T MISS THIS EVENT. WE WILL TAKE CASH, CHECK OR MORTGAGE PAPERS.**

**SEE YOU AT DONITA'S AT 6:00 ON MARCH 12, 2005.  
IF YOU NEED TICKETS CALL JERRY KEMPLE AT (573) 636-7969**

### **Change of location for the monthly meeting...**

The monthly meetings of the CCFE have been moved from ABB to the Runge Nature Center to make the location more central for most of the club members. We want to thank the folks at ABB for providing us a meeting place for the last three years.

## Fly Pattern of the Month...

**Name:** Mark Van Patten's Green Oz Caddis

### Material

Hook: Curved Nymph #12-16

Thread: 8/0 Black

Hackle: White Ostrich Herl

Body: Davey Wooten Insect Green SLF

Underweight: .020 weighted wire

Marker: Permanent Black

### Tying Instructions

1. Crimp barb and place hook in vise
2. Wrap thread from front to the rear of the hook
3. Place six turns of wire on front of hook
4. Wrap thread forward and trap the wire
5. Wrap the thread to the rear of the hook and secure the Ostrich hackle.
6. Dub the thread with the SLF and wrap forward
7. Palmer the hackle forward and secure with the thread.
8. Build a head and whip finish
9. Mark plates on the top of the fly and from the head to 1/8 of the way back on the hook.

## From Vice President Ed's Calendar...

### **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, 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. Runge Nature Center
- 23 DARE Day @ J C Gun Club
- 29 Introductory Water Quality Monitoring Workshop @ Jefferson City

### **May**

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

### **June**

- 14 Club Mtg 7p.m. Runge Nature Center  
Club Outing? Date & Location Open

### **July**

- 12 Club Mtg 7p.m. Runge Nature Center

### **August**

- 9 Club Mtg 7p.m. Runge Nature Center

### **September**

- 13 Club Mtg 7p.m. Runge Nature Center  
Club Outing? Date & Location Open
- 30 Southern Council FFF Conclave

### **October**

- 1-2 Southern Council FFF Conclave
- 11 Club Mtg 7p.m. Runge Nature Center

### **November**

- 4,5&6 Club Outing, Mountain Home AR
- 8 Club Mtg 7p.m. Runge Nature Center

### **December**

- 6 Club Mtg 6:30p.m. Runge Nature Center  
*Gift Exchange.*

## From Mc Kay Park...

They are still taking them out. I watched a man take a 25" out last Saturday and another catch and release 6 fish in 45 minutes while I was standing there eating Bar-B-Q rabbit.

## CCFF Address and Web Site...

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