

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

Piscator non solum piscatur



May 2005

From the President...

An opportunity to drive to Springfield arose as an overnight trip on Tuesday. My wife needed to conduct business there the next morning. This was a chance to travel and spend an evening with my wife without other obligations getting in my way. It was not related in any way to fly fishing, casting or tying. So I used the opportunity to ride along, actually I drove her to Springfield. On the trip during the evening, we talked and were fortunate to see several spectacular sights. There was, of course, the usual beautiful country scenery down Highway 5 from Camdenton to Lebanon with the trees in their fresh green colors. Once in a while you would see wildlife grazing in an opening near timber late in the day. But what most caught my attention was the sunset. A cloud formation appeared in the western sky that looked like an American eagle with its head turned left and wings spread wide. The sun was nearing its setting for the day. It was obscured by this cloud formation making the cloud darker than normal. But the sun's rays of light shone in sharp angles from behind the cloud making this imaginary eagle the focal point of the evening sky. This was a time I wished I had my camera in hand rather than in the rear of my SUV. When I finally made the decision to stop and get it. The sun burst through the bottom of the cloud with its blinding brilliance. It was too late to capture that perfect picture without turning around, traveling several miles north and coming back south again. By then a golden opportunity had passed.



And this story brings me to a real point; often we see an occasion to get or do something in a rare moment. If we hesitate or delay, the opportunity can slip through our fingers. Looking back at last year I realize that I had ample events to occupy my time by helping others—whether it was through educating or demonstrating some skill I possessed or just talking with someone about fly fishing. I plan to do more of this in the coming months. The club has several opportunities

for each of us to take advantage of. In addition, I plan to fish more with both family and friends.

On April 20th, Tyler and I drove to Bennett Spring for a day of trout fishing. This tradition started on his 21st birthday. I wanted to instill in him the importance of appreciating each other and having some fun doing a life sport together. We left Jefferson City around daylight and got to the park around 8:30 a.m. We purchased our daily tags and parked near Zone 1 just below the Holland dam. We calmly got into our waders and boots. We rigged up our fly rods and tied on a familiar fly pattern.



Approaching the stream, we could tell the water was running a little higher than normal and cloudier than usual. So we opted for more eye catching patterns. I must say that things were different. I do believe that the winter flooding changed the number of trout in Zone 1. I say this because in the past, when you walked into the stream there were always trout at your feet using the opportunity to feed on the invertebrates kicked loose. But this day there were none. In days past I remembered sculpins and other small fish being present scurrying away as fishermen approach but not on this day. The fishing was tough. An occasional trout was caught nearby but we did not catch any. I turned my focus toward this opportunity to photograph fly fishing scenery. I watched one woman fly fishing with obvious skills. She gracefully picked up her fly line and cast forward upstream. I observed her for several minutes admiring the beauty of the scene. I approached her and offered a sincere compliment concerning her skill. She was from St. Louis and



gave me permission to use her photograph on my web site or in future publications.



In the future, I plan to acquire more photographs of all ages and gender participating in the life sport of fly fishing. I saw two events which were satisfying and very pleasing. The first event concerns a pair of women who were simply walking across the main bridge. I had observed them earlier in the morning while my son and I had breakfast in the dining hall. I was somewhat surprised when I observed how

they walked. I noticed the taller woman a stride ahead of her friend and the second woman simply touching the left arm of the first as they walked down the lane. I observed a white cane in the second woman's left hand. It was beautiful to see the simple trust this person had in another human being as together they walked and talked enjoying the simple sights and sounds of nature.

The second photo opportunity concerned a handicapped person fishing from a jetty. Although clearly not a fly fisherman, it was enlightening to see someone who was wheel chair bound enjoying the sport of trout fishing. The park has several handicap jetties for this specific purpose.



Later that day, I made my rounds visiting with the vendors in the area. I spoke at length with Bob Gaston and Charlie Reading. Bob was recovering from a battery upgrade in his implanted fibrillator. Bob is always a treat to talk and visit with. He shared his advice of what to use for the day and a few blue cracklebacks. I had opportunity to meet Paul, his son-in-law. Paul will be manning the store more and more in the future.

Charlie Reading discussed his plan for the upcoming fly fishing expo on May 28 and 29. His appeal to our club is for members to come and help with various activities. If you have expertise in tying special patterns or some other special thing you do, he is asking that you share it sometime Sunday afternoon. If you can help novice tiers create their first fly patterns, he would like your help with that as well. It is my understanding that he is planning several raffles throughout the day. When local club members help, each member from that club will receive a ticket. The tickets will be placed in a hat and one ticket will be drawn. The proceeds for the raffle will go to the winning ticket holder. That means if our club member holds the winner, the club will receive the proceeds for that day. Now wouldn't that be just great for the winning club.

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

Larry Murphy, President

Location of the monthly meeting..

The next meeting will be held at the Jaycee – Cole County Fairgrounds Lake. Pizza and soda will be provided. Casting instruction will be available for those who would like to bone up on their skills. Make plans to be present at 6:00 p.m. as we gather near the circle drive and picnic area.

The regular monthly meetings of the CCFF are being held in the Runge Nature Center for the remainder of the year.

Hooked on Fly Fishing...

Mark and Regina Van Patten are planning on having the Mokane kids up to the VP Ranch on May 14 for some fishing in the pond. Mark asked that anyone who would like to help, call him at 751-4115 or 295-4463 for details and direction to the VP Ranch.

The kids will be participating in several activity stations during the morning. Activities include plans for a station where the kids can make a fly fishing accessory lanyard and another where they can practice throwing a tomahawk. Some will experience the joy of making the hawk stick in the throwing block, while others will actually cut a playing card as their target. I am sure that all will enjoy this particular portion of the day.

Mark has plans to grill lunch, so reservations are important ahead of the event date for proper meal accommodations for all attendees.

Big Saline Creek Water Quality Monitoring

Stream Team 760 is the identity of the Capital City Fly Fishers with the Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources. Stream team members will gather at Schultes IGA on Southwest Boulevard at 5:30 p.m. The group will carpool from there to Saline Valley Wildlife Area to site number 3061. The site is upstream from a low water crossing on the Big Saline Creek within the wildlife area.

Water quality monitoring consists of a macro-invertebrate study (bug count), chemical testing and evaluation of the stream. Litter pickup is also scheduled as a normal activity along with these other items of work. Reports will be filed on-line with the Stream Team Web site. Your participation at this event counts as an entry into the Stream Team quarterly giveaway of prizes. You will never know when it is one of our members who might be drawn for the prize. Also your participation will count for two nametags to be entered in the next spring banquets' fly rod giveaway.

Fly Pattern of the Month

Name: Bully's Bluegill Spider
by Terry & Roxanne Wilson

Material

Hook: Mustad 94840, size 8 -12

Thread: Match the chenille

Head: Thread when whip finished

Body: tensile chenille

Legs: rubber legs – various colors



Tying Instructions

1. Flatten barb on hook
2. Place hook in vise
3. Wrap thread from front to the rear of the hook
4. Strip 1/8" silver tensile chenille to reveal white cotton cord. (Alternate metallic color is fine.)
5. Tie in the exposed cord at the bend of the hook.
6. Wrap lead or lead-free wire from the bend of the hook to about 1/8" from the eye.
7. Wrap the thread toward the eye of the hook. Anchor the thread with a simple whip finish to prevent it from slipping off during the next step.
8. Reverse wrap the tensile chenille stopping 1/16" from the eye of the hook.
9. Prepare two rubber legs (color of your choice) and anchor with the thread so that the legs cross each other giving the appearance of bug legs out the side of the fly pattern.
10. Whip finish and cement

This warmwater fly is a very productive when pursuing panfish such as bluegill or crappie, even bass. Multiple colors are adequate in the design of this effective pattern. An alternate to the weighted version would be to leave the lead off for a top water fly.

Club Calendar

May 2005

- 04 -- Reservation requested for South Callaway R-II Hooked on Fly Fishing program on May 14th. (See event date for more information.)
- 10 -- **Club Mtg** 6pm @ Jaycee - Cole County Fairgrounds Lake. Pizza, soda and fly casting instruction provided.
- 12 -- **Missouri Stream Team 760 Outing**, Saline Valley WA on Big Saline Creek, 5:30 p.m. at Schulte's IGA parking lot. Brats, chips and soda provided.

- 14 -- **South Callaway R-II Hooked on Fly Fishing Program**, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Van Patton Ranch, 3860 St Rd AA, Tebbetts MO. Club members requested to assist with fly fishing, lanyard making and tomahawk throwing stations for 20-30 children. Lunch provided. (Reservations requested by May 4th.)
- 14 -- **Youth Jakes Event**, Capital City Strutters, United Sportsmen's Club, 4400 Ossman Lane off Henwick Lane, Jefferson City. 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Confirmation required by April 29th. Fly casting and knot tying instruction for 30 minute period followed by 30 minute period of fishing for group 6-8 children, 30-40 children total expected. Two instructors needed.
- 14 -- **Kid's Fishing Day** at Bennett Spring, Montauk, Maramec Spring and Roaring River State Parks. Kids Fish FREE! Portions of the streams will be reserved for kids. Volunteers will be on hand all day to help kids fish. Prizes, contests, exhibits, fly-fishing classes, free hot dog's, soda and other free items will be offered.
- 21 -- **Cole County Sheriff Department's DARE Day** - United Sportsmen's Club, 4400 Ossman Lane off Henwick Lane, Jefferson City. Fly tying and knot tying taught before lunch. Fly casting instruction and fishing taught after lunch on the grounds. Plenty of club members required for instruction and assistance. Lunch provided.
- 21 -- **Southern Council FFF Club President's Meeting**, 7:30 a.m. Rim Shoals on the White River near Mountain Home, Arkansas, 6:00 p.m. dinner
- 28 & 29 -- **Fly Fishing Expo** hosted by Reading's Fly Shop, one mile East of Bennett Spring on Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO. Starting at 9:00 a.m. both days featuring demonstrations, presentations, classes, contests, raffles, drawings for gifts and prizes, BBQ lunch. Club participants, instructors, and demonstrators requested.

June 2005

- 11-12 -- **Free Fishing Days** [Missouri Department of Conservation]
- 14 -- **Club Mtg** 7pm @ Runge Nature Center, Ryan Griffin, Eleven Point River
- 18 -- **Kidsfest**, sponsored by KRCG 13 at Washington Park Ice Arena and surrounding area. 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. Fly tying demonstrations, instructions and activities for children.

July 2005

- 12 -- **Club Mtg** 7pm @ Runge Nature Center, Kent Campbell, Catskills Fishing
- 25-31 -- **Boy Scout Jamboree** in Fort A.P. Hill, Fredericksburg, VA.
Federation of Fly Fishers is asking knot tying, fly tying and casting instructors to volunteer their time to train approximately 3,500 Boy Scouts at the [National Jamboree](#). BSA Volunteer Training required.

August 2005

- 01-03 -- **Boy Scout Jamboree** (continued from July 2005)
- 09 -- **Club Mtg** 7pm @ Runge Nature Center
- 11 -- **Missouri Stream Team 760 Outing**, Saline Valley WA on Big Saline Creek, 5:30 p.m. at Schulte's IGA parking lot. Brats, chips and soda provided.

September 2005

- 9, 10 & 11 -- **Club Quarterly Outing** at Montauk State Park
- 13 - **Club Mtg** 7pm @ Runge Nature Center
- 16-18 -- **Conservation Federation of Missouri Fall Conference**, Camp Cloverpoint, Osage Beach - Fly Fishing Clinic, 9:00 -11:30 a.m. Fly casting and fishing instruction. Instructors required.
- 16-18 -- "**Becoming an Outdoors-Woman**", YMCA of the Ozarks, Potosi MO. Fly tying and casting instruction classes. Instructors required.

October 2005

- 06-09 -- **Mountain Home Conclave**, Southern Council of Federation of Fly Fishers, Mountain Home, Arkansas
- 11 -- **Club Mtg** 7pm @ Runge Nature Center, Mark Van Patten, Fly Fishing the Missouri River (In Missouri!)

November 2005

- 08 -- **Club Mtg** 7pm @ Runge Nature Center
- 4-6 -- **Club Quarterly Outing** - White River, Mountain Home, AR

December 2005

- 13 -- **Club Mtg** 7pm @ Runge Nature Center; No Speaker
Gift Exchange

New Member Packets...

For the \$15 dues, new members in 2005 will receive a packet that contains a embroidered hat, club decal and coupons worth at least \$15 at our favorite vendors. Remember this when you are recruiting new members.

CCFF Address and Web Site...

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