

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

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May 2007

From our Club Activities in April

Wayne E and Catherine Moore Youth Day



What a Good Looking Crew

There were eight students of the Dare Program from various Jefferson City Schools at the Annual Wayne E and Catherine Moore Youth Day on April 21, 2007. The students spent the morning learning about conservation, fly fishing, fishing etiquette, fly tying materials, and demonstrating the tying techniques that they had learned. Each student tied a Woolly Bugger and a Krackleback to add to the box of flies that they each received.

Sheriff Greg White came by during the morning to tell the class that CCFF was furnishing them with another set of tools to help them enjoy life and how to use these tools as an alternative to drugs.

After a quick lunch at the Cole County Sportsmens Club, the group moved to Binder Lake for a casting session and a chance to use their new fly rods. Jeff Trigg demonstrated a unique method of teaching the casting technique. There were a few fish caught. Each of the students went home with a complete set of tying tools, a vise, a box of flies and a fly rod combo kit.

President Larry wants to thank the Club Members for their representation at the Youth Day. Each student had at least one Club Tutor.

HOFF April Meeting



Popping Bugs

Larry Murphy, John Walter, Mark Van Patten and Jerry Kemple met with the kids at Mokane on April 25 to ty up some popping bugs for the Conclave and Outing to be held at the Van Patten Ranch on May 12. Larry and John came up with the popper bodies and legs. Mark came up with the tail feathers. Kemple just went along for the ride.

All CCFF members are invited to the Conclave. Mark and Regina are putting on the feed bag so they would like to know who is planning on coming. We will take a head count at the Cole County Lake meeting on May 8. If you can't make the meeting but plan to try out Marks pond, please let Larry Murphy or Dwayne Abbott know.

I got the following directions from Mark :

Directions to Mark and Regina's Home: 3860 State Rd
AA Tebbetts Phone: 573-295-4463

From Jefferson City or Columbia

You will be traveling east on Highway 94 toward Mokane. Highway 94 begins its eastward journey at the overpass of Highways 54/63/94. Approximately 6 miles east of the Highway 54/63/94 overpass on highway 94, you will see a little green sign on your right that says "Wainwright." Just past Wainwright you will cross the Riveaux Creek. Immediately past the bridge you will turn left on County Road 4031. The county road is black top. Stay on this road. It changes its name to County Road 4021 when 4031 peels off to the left. (4031 becomes gravel) Ignore this fact and STAY ON THE BLACK TOP. (now 4021) Continue on 4021 for approximately 3 miles. You will come to a "T" intersection. The road you are looking at is highway AA. Turn right on AA. We are the 3rd mailbox on the right. The mail box and post are black and have the number 3860 on the post. The house sits back from the road but you can see it through the trees. The house is a dark brown ranch style house with cream trim. There is plenty of parking available.

If you past the county road due to blindness, inability to read directions, or just plain not paying attention, continue on to the intersection of state rd AA and highway 94. (not sure but at least 5 miles further east) Take a left on AA go approximately 4 miles to our mail box on the left.

If you are coming from Holt Summit, take AA for approximately 6 miles. Look for our mailbox on your right, third mailbox past County Rd 4021.

Mark tells me that the kids will be at his house by about 8:20 am. He may need some help putting on some new line on some of the kids rods before they get there. 8:00 should be early enough. He is planning on getting some film footage for his show at this Conclave so wear your photogenic attire. You have to do something to earn your lunch.

May Meeting will be at Cole County Lake

The May CCFF meeting will be held at the Cole County Lake which is located behind the Cole County Fair Grounds. Bring your fly rods and bream flies. If you are needing help with casting, there will be plenty of folks to help you get the wind knots out of any other problem that you might have.

Pizza and soda will be provided.

Fly Rod Building Class

The Federation Of Fly Fishers is making available to the Club a number of blank kits to be used in a rod building class. The class is presently scheduled for the first weekend in August. Mark Van Patten has agreed to teach the class which will run Friday night and all day Saturday. The blanks are Redington blanks. The cost for the kits is \$10 plus S&H.

The club will be allocated 11 rods for students and one for the instructor. The CCFF Board of Directors have decided that since these kits are being furnished by the FFF to Affiliate Clubs at this reduced price, it would be only fair if the people receiving them be FFF Members and since we feel that there may be more CCFF/FFF members who would be interested, we would have to have a drawing to see who would receive the kits. At the next meeting Mary Stone will submit a list of current CCFF Members. That list will be submitted to the FFF for verification of FFF Membership. Members who qualify for the kits will be contacted to see if they are interested and if so will have their names put in the pot. The eleven names will be drawn from that pot. Good Luck.

Calendar

May 2007

- **3 Teach a Vet to Ty @VA Hospital in Columbia @ 3:00 p.m.**
- **4&5 –6th Annual Smallmouth Rendezvous and Flytying Extravaganza-Tallequah OK**
- **5 Kids Fishing Day – Bennett Springs and Montauk State Park**
- **8 Club Meeting @Jaycee Fairgrounds Lake @ 6:00 p.m**
- **12 HOFF Conclave @Mark Van Patten's Lake.**
- **17 Teach a Vet to Ty @VA Hospital in Columbia @ 3:00 p.m**
- **19 Kids Fishing Day –Roaring River & Meramec Springs Park**

June 2007

- **7 Teach a Vet to Ty @VA Hospital in Columbia @ 3:00 p.m**
- **9 Binder Kids Day Fishing Derby @Binder Park @ 8:00 a.m CCFF will be cooking hot dogs for the event**
- **12 Club Meeting @Lakewood Subdivision Lake @ 6:00 p.m.**

- **14 Teach a Vet to Ty @VA Hospital** in Columbia @ 3:00 p.m
- **19 Conservation Kids Club @Runge Nature Center @ 6:30 p.m**

July 2007

- **10 Club Meeting @Lake** in Columbia.

August 2007

- **14 Club Meeting @Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m.**

September 2007

- **11 Club Meeting @Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m.**

October 2007

- **9 Club Meeting @Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m.**

November 2007

- **13 Club Meeting @Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m.**

December 2007

- **11 Club Meeting @Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m.**

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Trout Habitat Improvements on Mill Creek!

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The wild rainbow trout population of Mill Creek in Phelps County is about to get a home makeover. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), with help from many private funding sources, recently purchased a 432 acre tract of land containing 1 ¼ miles of stream frontage on Mill Creek. This new property is called the "Bohigian Conservation Area", in honor of Dr. Bohigian who made a significant contribution of

this property. This area is located just outside of Rolla. With this acquisition, the public has access to fish the upper 2/3 of this coldwater stream within MDC and U.S. Forest Service ownership. Starting in the summer of 2007, structures will be placed in the stream to create new habitat that will help adult trout survive. This small, clear, spring-fed stream is very shallow with extensive amounts of gravel and watercress vegetation. This type of habitat is great for young-of-year and one year old trout; however, older fish have a hard time surviving without deep pools and overhead cover that are currently lacking in the stream. The new structures are designed to create these habitats within the stream. These structures include skyhooks, boulders, anchored root-wads, half logs, hard points and some other innovative techniques. Skyhooks will be the main structures installed on the Bohigian CA portion of Mill Creek. Skyhooks are structures designed to increase the amount of overhead bank cover for trout. They are assembled out of rough cut green oak on the stream site and then set into the bank. Large rock is then installed to armor the structures and stabilize the bank. This creates a 22-inch overhang submerged just below the waterline, an ideal hiding place for trout. When placed at the tail of the riffle, skyhooks provide a protected home close to a food source. These structures have been successfully installed in Barren Fork in Shannon Co, a stream similar to Mill Creek, and are being used by adult trout there.

Heavy equipment will be used to put these structures in place. Although construction will create some unavoidable disturbance, precautions will be taken to ensure that no long-term damage occurs. Recovery from disturbance has been rapid and complete at enhanced sites on Barren Fork and careful use of equipment will ensure a similar quick recovery of the streamside vegetation on Mill Creek.

Many factors play a role in the size of a trout population, including habitat availability, food sources and water quality. By increasing the availability of adult trout habitat on Mill Creek,

MDC is taking steps to provide anglers with a unique trout fishing opportunity in mid-Missouri. **Because of the length of this report, there is no fly tying article this month.**

Real Tragedy

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