

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

Piscator non solum piscatur



June 2012

From Our Prez

Congratulations and a big thank you to all those who worked hard to make the Fly Fishing Film Festival a success. I hope those of you who attended enjoyed the films as much as I did. For those of you who missed - well there's next year! We had a great time, good films, good food and drinks, lots of 'give aways' and tons of fun. I can't say which was my favorite, but the 'Doc on the Drake' was inspiring.

We also had a great 'fishing meeting' in May at Philip's Lake. Pizza and fishing - what could get better than that? Oh, I don't know - maybe fishing and fried fish at Jerry Kemple's community lake. I for one am looking forward to the club meeting this Tuesday. Jerry has been working to acquire some fish for the fry - if you have some extra in the freezer - please bring them along to add to the kettles. Also bring along a covered dish to share. Drinks, slaw, FF taters, Hushpuppies and table service will be provided by the club. Some club members have expressed interest in a meeting where they might try out different rods and reels. I have agreed to bring my cache - maybe we can talk Jeff into bringing out some rods as well?

See you on Tuesday!

Tight Lines!
Kent

Reports from Activities

Fly Fishing A-Z classes: This course is a six week course that is held at the Runge Nature Center and it is sponsored by the CCFF. It was open to the first 20 people to enroll. Enrollment took less than one week to fill up the class. The subject for the May 17th session was knots and a DVD of the "Ways of the Trout" was presented. Jeff Trigg announced that he was offering a guided trip to a pair of attendees of the class to be drawn later. The June session will be a casting class.

We need to thank Jim Washabaugh for organizing this event, Mark Van Patten who wrote the book that is the subject for the course, Kent Campbell who is co-instructing the course and Ginger Koziatek who is keeping things on course.

Fly Fishing Film Tour: Jeff Trigg reports that the Film Tour was very successful with over 100 attendees. He is planning on holding the event again in 2013 with hopes of holding it earlier in the year.

Stream Team Monitoring: The May trip to the Saline Creek was rained out and we have not had rain since. The stream may not have enough water flowing now to do a water quality monitoring. This event will have to be rescheduled.

Free Fishing Day and Kids Fishing Derby: June 9-10 is Free Fishing Day in Missouri. Anyone can fish without a license for these two days. The Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Department are holding Fishing Derby on Saturday morning at 8:00am. Kids 5-16 are eligible and must register between 7:00 and 8:00am. A cast-

ing contest will follow the 9:00 am check-in and several prizes will be presented.
Wal-Mart is the donor of the prizes for the event. They will also provide the hot dogs that the CCFF Members will sell at the event along with sodas donated by Coke. The money from the sale of dogs and sodas go to the Park Board to help pay for the fish that are stocked in Mc Kay for the Winter Trout Program.

Monthly Fly Tying: meets at HYVEE for a “free will fly tying session” on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30pm in the Banquet Room. Everyone interested in fly tying is invited.

The format will be as follows: if you have a technique that you want demonstrated, contact John Walther and he will attempt to find someone familiar with the technique to demonstrate it at the next meeting.

Other than that, these sessions will be “free will tying.” (Everyone brings their own materials and ties whatever pattern he feels like doing that night) If you have any questions, contact John Walther @ 6802286.

If anyone needs to borrow CCFF tying tools, please notify John ahead of time.

Thank Tom Crane for obtaining a location for these sessions.

June Meeting: The June CCFF meeting will be held at the Lakewood Homeowners Lake just off Route C HWY. Go west on Route C from HWY 179 about ¼ mi and turn left into Lakewood. Continue through the Subdivision on Lakewood until you get to the road that crosses the dam. You will see the pavilion from there. We will be cooking fish that night. The fish along with potatoes, cold slaw and hush puppies will be provided along with tea and water.
If you have a dish or desert that goes with the afore mentioned items, please feel free to bring it along.

We will plan on eating at about 6:30pm
Bring your rod and get in some casting.

Calendar

June

7 Teach a Vet to Ty 3:00pm at the Truman VA Hospital Rm. C202

12---CCFF Meeting at Lakewood Subdivision Lake 6:30 pm

21--- Teach a Vet to Ty 3:00pm at the Truman VA Hospital Rm. C202

21----Free Will Fly Tying Banquet Room of HY VEE 5:30-7:30

21---Beginning Fly Fishing from A-Z Runge Nature Center 5:30-8:00pm

July

5--- Teach a Vet to Ty 3:00pm at the Truman VA Hospital Rm. C202

10---- CCFF Meeting (Location to be announced). 6:30pm

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Monthly Fly Pattern



Tom Hargrove Blue Gill Fly

John Walther and I were visiting Tom’s shop one day and John mentioned Bluegill fishing and Tom said, “Let me show you a good pattern for Bluegill”. He proceeded to ty up a pattern. I have put it in the Newsletter in the past but have had so much success with it this spring that I thought it deserved a second mention. Just like all of the summer TV reruns, here is a pattern rerun. I have really enjoyed it at Lakewood as well as last weekend in Omaha NB.

As with a lot of flies, my Grandson found out that this one can be trailed behind a bobber on a closed face spinning rod. We caught some Bluegill that were easily ½ lb and fought like a three lb. bass.

Recipe:

Hook: Mustad 9671 size 12-14

Bead: One gold appropriate size for hook

Thread: Uni thread 8/0 black

Tail: Chartreuse rubber (Tom used white rubber)

Body: Black chenille

Hackle: Black or grizzly

Instructions

1. Crimp the barb.
2. Place the bead on the hook and place it in the vise.
3. Start the thread at the front of the hook and wrap to the curve of the hook.
4. Secure the tail on one side of the hook and then fold it over to the other side and secure it to help splay the tail and force it to fork.
5. Strip the end of the chenille and secure it.
6. Wrap thread to just behind the bead and then wrap the chenille to the same point and secure it. Cut off excess.
7. Prepare feather to ty in and make 3 to 4 wraps behind the bead and secure it with the thread. Remove excess.
8. Wax the thread and whip finish. Cut thread.

I strip this fly very slowly and watch for the strikes. In fact I have marked the front of my line at 1 ft. intervals in an attempt to watch for strikes. Bluegills are aggressive when they strike. Ty up a few and bring them out on Tuesday night.

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