

# Capital City Fly Fishers



## 10th Anniversary Newsletter

*Piscator non solum piscatur*



June 2005

### From the President...

For me, this month has been a very busy one. It included everything from working events involving training and demonstrations to some actual fly fishing. Many members shared in the mutual effort expended on behalf of our club. I was fortunate enough to find some time to get away from work and actually wet a line, catch a few trout and be with friends.

On May 21, it was my privilege to meet with some of the other club presidents and the board of directors/officers of the Southern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The meeting this year was held at Rim Shoal on the White River. Since it was a meeting scheduled for Saturday evening, I thought to myself that I should also do some fly fishing before the meeting with my good friend, Wayne Wheeler of Kimberling City. My wife and I drove to Kimberling City, just southwest of Branson, on evening of Thursday, May 19. We arrived just a little before time to retire for the evening but decided to catch up on some important visiting before actually turning in. We did not stay up too late but rather lined out our options for the next day.



*Wayne Wheeler lands one of the many fine rainbow trout he caught and then released on Lake Taneycomo below Table Rock Dam.*

Bright and early the next morning, I fetched my fly rod, reel, gear and accoutrements and loaded them into Wayne's pickup. We drove a few miles to Lake Taneycomo near the Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery below Table Rock Dam. We stopped by River Run Outfitters to inquire about the best fly patterns to use. We were directed to a simple fly pattern called the Zebra Midge, size 18. We purchased six flies and were on our way to the water. We donned our waders, jackets, and boots. We assembled our fly rods with reels and fresh tippet, attaching on a newly acquired fly pattern just 18" below a strike indicator. Wayne proceeded to the water just above outlet #1 while I was

finishing up with lacing my wading boots snugly. I did not want to hastily try to keep up with my friend.



By the time I had gotten to the water's edge, he had the first catch of the day and there were zero generators running for the morning. With a 12-20 inch slot limit, we had determined to catch and release only. Of course, I took my digital camera in the water with me and I could not help but get some really good shots of Wayne catching rainbows. I cast my line upstream and let it drift

downstream just a few feet before I had my first rainbow trout. A few more casts and drifts later, I had several more fish. Between fishing and taking pictures, I had plenty of photographs of my friend catching trout. He persuaded me to let him take a few pictures of me. I agreed but forgot to instruct him in the finer points of my new camera. Soon after, I landed a 19-inch rainbow. After I netted the trout, he started asking me how to use the camera so he could capture the moment. It seemed to take a little longer than necessary to explain the brief but important points of using the camera. By then, my grace and poise had left and I had not gotten the trout displayed like I really wanted to before he snapped this image. So without hesitation, I made sure the trout was able to survive and then released it. I was not catching as many as Wayne was but I sure was enjoying it. This would be a memorable trip for both of us.



*One of the few 20-foot Jon boats you would see on the White River.*

The next day we drove to Rim Shoals on the White River. While not exactly a direct drive to our destination, we decided to visit local fly shops in the area of Mountain Home, Arkansas. I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Dale Fulton of the Blue Ribbon Fly Shop. We discussed rod building techniques for quite a period of time. I picked up a few pointers to use with my first attempt of rod building. It was a delight but we needed to get to Rim Shoal yet. After having gotten turned around and confused because of the

Arkansas signage or rather the lack of street or highway signs that matched MapQuest or maps within Home Waters, we finally found the correct path and proceeded on our way.

Once at Rim Shoal, we stopped the Lodge and Fly Shop. We inquired about the best fly pattern to use for the day. I even got some information about their club rates for future trips possibly. They offer water taxi service regularly to other wading areas too! The generators had been running 2 turbines until 10 a.m. At 2:00 p.m., the water was still a little high to cross the channel. So we opted to spend time on the north shore just upstream near a riffle. I decided to use a stonefly pattern I use on the Spring River in early spring. Nothing happened. So I changed to a Hare's Ear Nymph with Gold Ribbing. I dead drifted it into the turbulent water at the head of the riffle and let my line feed downstream. I retrieved the fly and recast it to the water. Finally one time, I interested a smaller rainbow with the prospect of dining and hooked it. It was not a spectacular battle but was a simple catch with a quality landing for the size of the trout brought in. It was around a 12-inch rainbow trout. I immediately grabbed the hook and with a turn of the wrist, unhooked the fish and released it unharmed. We were fishing in the barbless hook segment of water which is approximately two miles designated as "catch and release". The trout after being released swam off without hesitation. Wayne did not catch any trout this day. He spotted and landed a couple of suckers. We had seen several of quality size in the stream bed working the bottom of the river.



*Mr. Hawkins comes ashore to work out a little problem with his fly line.*

After a period of not catching anything, we opted to return to the vehicle for some cold water and nourishment. When we were sitting in the shade relaxing, some other fishermen came to the area. I noticed right away that they both used bamboo rods. I remarked how exceptional they looked and one gentleman handed it to me to inspect. It was a fine

rod, well crafted and finished. His father from Shreveport, Louisiana was with him and as I found out later, the father used to build graphite fly rods, then switched to making bamboo rods. His son, Michael Hawkins of Longview, Texas got interested in building rods also. They then switched to making bamboo rods under the label Hawkins' Custom Rods. I handed the rod back and they proceeded to prepare and go to the water. I watched as they made their way down to the river, once on the river, they both started their graceful casts. What a beautiful sight it was to see these two gentlemen with their handcrafted bamboo rods working the water we had just been in. I grabbed my camera and wanted to get some photos of them both.

Before I could get down to the water the elder Hawkins encountered a problem with his fly line. He approached the shore and worked with it for several minutes before deciding it

was just too hot to fish. So I concentrated on his son and took several photos. My heart's desire would have been to capture the elder Hawkins gracefully casting his bamboo rod with much grace and beauty, but it is now only seen in my mind's eye. Once he came to where I was standing, I asked if I could visit with him regarding his rod building. He was gracious enough to oblige me. I spent the next few minutes grilling him for information on his technique of bamboo rod building. He explained in great detail the building and finishing process. I was truly ecstatic over this discussion. I could tell he had a genuine love for building bamboo rods.



*Michael Hawkins, President of the East Texas Fly Fishers.*

Somewhere in our discussion, I learned that Michael was another club president. They both had spent the morning fishing below Bull Shoals' dam having great success. So for the remainder of the day we became companions for the meeting and dinner.

The club president's meeting was one packed with lots of information. Barbeque with fixings were served, as well as three different cobblers. After brief introductions by the board of directors and officers, we were asked to introduce ourselves. The following clubs were represented at this meeting:

- North Arkansas Fly Fishers (Mountain Home, AR)
- Heart of America Fly Fishers (Kansas City, MO)
- Capital City Fly Fishers (Jefferson City, MO)
- Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers (Willard, MO)
- MAKO Fly Fishers (MO, AR, KS, & OK – Joplin)
- Ozark Fly Fishers (St. Louis, MO)
- Prairie Fly Fishers (Oklahoma City, OK)
- Tulsa Fly Fishers (Tulsa, Oklahoma)
- Mid-South Fly Fishers (Memphis, TN)
- Dallas Fly Fishers (Dallas, TX)
- Fort Worth Fly Fishers (Fort Worth, TX)
- East Texas Fly Fishers (Longview, Texas)

Several topics were discussed such as club insurance, membership incentives, Mitzi Skiff raffle for the Southern Council's conclave in October, and highlights of the upcoming conclave events. All of which will be discussed in the next Tight Lines publication due out in June. There was one change in event raffle tickets used in day's drawings. They would be tossed out after the evening and not carried over for the next

day as they were in the past. Thursday evening will begin with a pre-conclave party featuring Cajun food and live music. I have a Powerpoint presentation of the past conclave which I plan to bring to the next meeting. Many other items were discussed like conservation efforts and scholarships available. The Outreach program highlights for the upcoming conclave were presented to include wildflower/insect identification by a previous White House photographer, Dutch oven cooking, foil cooking, beading class (jewelry), scrap booking and BBQ.

Discussion of the new member incentive for joining FFF was highlighted. It features a collection of products donated by Scientific Anglers. The retail value is approximately \$50. A new member can sign up for any type of membership they desire. The annual membership is \$29 currently, but will rise to \$35 after July 1. Registration can be handled online through <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/abWhyJoin.php>. If you sign up online, then indicate **Capital City Fly Fishers** as your designated club. When we sign up 12 new members, the club will receive a fly rod or other item of choice. I would propose this incentive be given away as a door prize for an upcoming meeting. The incentive "grab bag" containing a video, nippers, fly floatant, line dressing, tippet, and leader attaching system with two leaders is shown below.



I would encourage each of our members to consider joining this national organization for the following benefits:

- FFF's magazine 4 times a year
- Reduced member-only rates on workshops, shows and other FFF sponsored events.
- Dozens of FFF educational and how-to books and booklets.
- Free access to the extensive FFF video library
- Opportunity to contribute to conservation programs for all fish in all waters.
- Active, focused programs for teaching our children and grandchildren.

I brought back 24 raffle tickets (\$10 each) for the \$25,000 Mitzi Skiff packaged raffle which will be available at our next meeting. Dwayne has three from a previous mailing.



A highlight of the Fly Fishing Expo sponsored by Reading's Fly Shop on Memorial Weekend was when Charlie was made speechless. This happened just after he was presented this award from his companions in honor of his 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the fly fishing business. Ginger Koziatek, Kent

Campbell and Dave Welsh were present and sharing their knowledge and skills at the event. They just returned from their trip to the Catskills. It was an exciting trip for Dave Welsh. He visited with some old fly tying legends and/or their offspring. Ask him about this trip and his experience. Ginger and Kent can tell of their time in the Catskills as well. In fact, Kent is scheduled to speak at our July meeting. Larry Branson, his wife Pat and friends came by on their motorcycles to check out the event. Charlie Reading is already planning another event for this fall. So if you missed this one, make sure you mark your calendar for his next one. This first one was a good event with lots of giveaways and plenty of opportunity to learn some fly casting and tying techniques. We welcome a new member, Ron and Ruth Ann Klatt, who joined during this event. They live in Russellville and plan to come to our next meeting.

There are two good events coming our way this week before the next meeting. The Jefferson City Police Department's DARE Day (June 9<sup>th</sup>), and the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Kids Fishing Derby (June 11<sup>th</sup>) will need 4-6 volunteers each. Both of these involve morning sessions. Please let call Jerry Kemple as soon as possible if you can volunteer time for these efforts. He will be glad to provide additional details on these.

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

Larry Murphy, President

## Fly Pattern of the Month

### Fly: Big Ugly

Material:

Thread: Black 6/0

Hook: Tiemco 200R size 4-10

Tail: Small end of hackle feather

Hackle: Oversized grizzly or ginger saddle hackles

Body: Art foam strip black or brown

NOTE: May take 3 or 4 feathers to tie the fly.

## Instructions:

1. Crimp barb of hook and clamp in vice
2. Start at the front of the hook with the thread and wrap to the rear of the hook.
3. Lay a strip of foam on top of hook and wrap to eye and back to curve of hook.
4. Ty in a short tail of the hackle feather.
5. Select a wide hackle feather (Twice the normal width) and ty it in at the rear.
6. Wrap the hackle tight ly forward (It may take more than one feather to ty the fly) The more the better. The fly should look almost like a spun hair fly with feathers rather than hair.
7. whip finish a head and cement.

I am not sure what the pattern represents but it is a good pattern at Taney at the present time. Apply floatant and dead drift it.

## Stream Team Report

This is the crew that went down to Big Saline Creek for the May clean-up and monitoring. We gathered up several bags of trash and ate several pounds of brats. The stream was in good shape.



## Club Calendar

### June 2005

- 9 – Jefferson City Police Department’s DARE Program. Volunteers needed. Place: Covenant Point Camp Time : 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Kemple will bring casting equipment. Call 636-7969 if you can help....
- 11 –**Kids’ Fishing Day**, Jefferson City Parks and Recreation, Binder Lake, work the refreshment stand at Binder Lake Pavilion. Volunteers required! Time is 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- 11-12 -- **Free Fishing Days** [Missouri Department of Conservation]
- 14 -- **Club Mtg** 7pm @ Runge Nature Center, Ryan Griffin, Eleven Point River

### July 2005

- 12 -- **Club Mtg** 7pm @ Runge Nature Center, Kent Campbell, Catskills Fishing. (President’s note: Having talked with Kent Campbell, Ginger Koziatek, and David Welch at Reading’s Fly Fishing Expo, this trip was a delight. David especially was thrilled as a fly tyer to be in the presence of some of the Catskills’ legendary tyers. I am looking for
- 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.

## 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...

### Address

Capital City Fly Fishers  
P O Box 105151  
Jefferson City MO 65110-5151

### Web Site

[www.capitalcityflyfishers.org](http://www.capitalcityflyfishers.org)