June 2008

From Our Prez.

I'd like to thank everyone for their well wishing to Sam and I on our wedding. We appreciate it very much. I'm a very lucky man.

With the price of gas, I've found myself looking to streams closer to home this summer. In doing so, I've been doing more research on insects, nymphs, and minnows in cool and warm water streams. While I'm not really thrilled with the price of gas, I am really enjoying the slight differences concentrating on bass and bluegill fishing in creeks and rivers bring. For instance, I've been researching all the different ways of tying hellgrammites—some easy and some downright impossible at my skill level. My plan is to figure out an effective, somewhat easy, and durable way of tying these before my next float trip on the Big Piney River.

June is a busy month for both fishing and for helping with club activities. Seems that everything always happens at once. On Saturday, June 7th, the club is helping out at Binder Lake for free fishing weekend. We've been asked to help out cooking hot dogs. That's kind of fishing related and shouldn't take too long. If you are available on Saturday, please let Jerry know and he'll give you the specifics.

On Tuesday, June 10th, our club will be meeting for a "fishing" meeting at Little Dixie Lake. The "meeting" starts at 6:00 and dinner is potluck. If you're able to come to the meeting, please bring a salad dish, side dish or desert to add to the pork

steaks, tea, and soda that the club will be providing. Also remember that Little Dixie has boats for rent. The cost last time I was there was \$5. You'll need exact change because it's just a drop box.

The last club fishing opportunity this month is the quarterly outing on the North Fork River at Chester Doughty's cabin the weekend of June 27, 28, and 29. The cost for using the cabin is a mere \$100 cleanup fee. Right now we have 7 signed up to go. If you are interested, please let me know by e-mail or phone and I'll put you on the list. As we approach the outing dates, I'll contact everyone to talk about carpooling and food.

Something to keep in mind for next month is the MR340. If you're not familiar with this race, check out this month's issue of Conservationist. Our club has been asked to help out with the race by helping out at the Jeff City checkpoint during the race. Contact Jerry Kemple if you would like to man (person) the check point for a period of two hours. The check point will be open around the clock and the CCFF have been asked to person it from noon on July 17 until 5am when it shuts down on July 18. I'll be there to help out and (laugh if you want), I'm thinking of entering next year's race with a friend of mine in the tandem canoe category. My goal isn't to win, but to just finish.

Have a great month. Hope to see you on the water somewhere.

Jim Farthing

Upcoming Events

June 7 Kids Fishing Day at Binder Park

The Jeff City Crappie Club in cooperation with many JC sponsors is again sponsoring the Kids Fishing Tourney at Binder Park. The contest will begin at 8:00 am with registration beginning at 7:00 am. There will be lots of prizes for the kids. I have heard that a boat is included in the prizes. The CCFF will again work this year to sell hot dogs and sodas for the Jefferson City Parks and Rec. Department. The funds from this sale goes to the Winter Stocking Program at Mc Kay Lake. If you can help with the hot dog sales, please contact Jerry Kemple @ 690-5922. We will start at 8:00am and be done by Noon.

June 10 Club Meeting at Little Dixie Lake

In June, the meeting will be held at Little Dixie Lake which is located at Millersburg MO. Millersburg can be reached by going up 54 until you hit Highway F at Fulton and turning West on F or you can take J Highway out of New Bloomfield. You will see Little Dixie signs in Millersburg.

Little Dixie is a nice place to fish. The neat thing about Little Dixie is that they have boats for rent. Last I checked, the price was \$5. For those that have little boats or canoes, they also have a boat ramp. June should be a good time for popping bugs. *Bring a covered dish and utensils*. *Meat*, *tea and soda will be provided*. *Jon am cookin dem p steaks*.

June 27-29 Club Outing to the North Fork of the White River

Chester Doughty has agreed again this year to allow us to use his cabin on the North Fork for a June outing. It is a very cabin with plenty of room located just upstream from the River of Life Resort. Check out the website www.riveroflifefarm.com to see what the neighborhood and the fishing looks like. If you have not contacted Jim Farthing to get your name on the list you had better hurry. The list is growing fast.

There even some comments on the website from Mark Van Patten on his trip which he donated to the Club a few years back and how he fished the stream. I know that there is at least one 20" brown in the water because I put her back.

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- 5 Teach a Vet to Ty 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- 7 Kids Fishing Contest at Binder Park Contest begins at 8:00am with registration starting at 7:00 am. *CCFF will be selling* dog & sodas during the prize presentation.
- 7 -8 Free Fishing Days No fishing permits, trout permits or daily tags are required to fish Missouri on these two days
- 10 Club Meeting @ Little Dixie Lake, Millersburg, MO. @6:00pm (Bring a covered dish)
- 12 Jeff City PD DARE Camp Fishing Contest. Presbyterian Church Camp in Holt Summit. Starts at 9:00am.
- 19 Teach a Vet to Ty The Vets and tiers are going to Little Dixie for a picnic and to use some of the flies that we have been tying. The party starts at 3:00pm and lasts as long as the hot dogs do.
- 27-29 June Outing to the North Fork. Contact Jim Farthing for details of travel @ 636-9798

July 2008

- 3 Teach a Vet to Ty 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- 8 Club Meeting BOD meeting @ 6:00pm and regular meeting @ 7:00pm.DaveMurphy will speak on the Cold Water Fund
- 12 Cleanup and Water Quality Monitoring of the Saline Creek. Will leave the P Lot of the First Assembly of God on C Highway @ 5:30pm

- 17 Teach a Vet to Ty 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- 17 MR340 Race CCFF members will man the check in point from 12:00noon until 5:00am on July 18

CASTING CORNER

<u>CASTING CORNER Gary Eaton & Jeff Trigg.</u> Certified Casting Instructors

Q. Why does my fly line form a pile at the fly end of the cast?

A. This occurs when your cast loses the energy required to straighten the length of line you have outside the rod tip. To correct this you need to smoothly accelerate your forward cast to a good stop. This properly unloads the rod using the energy stored in the rod to propel your fly line and leader. JT

Q. Why does my fly line have a bunch of up and down wiggles in it as it comes off of my fly rod?

A. Sometimes these are called "wows". Some people will incorrectly tell you that they are from *shocking-the-rod*. These result from allowing the back cast to completely straighten-out and begin to fall before initiating the forward cast. They can occur at very low tip speed and without "shocking" of the rod just by waiting too long.

Correction comes from watching the back cast until fly line part (not leader) appears like a "candy-cane" lying flat and, right at this point, begin the smooth reversal of direction into the forward cast. The wows will disappear if the rest of the cast is properly executed. GE

Jeff & Gary offer a cheap casting class on June 28, 2008 in Ashland, contact triggfly@gmail.com or geaton@pol.net

Fly of the Month

Mark's Shiner By Mark Van Patten



Mark gave me this pattern of his own volition without promise to life or limb so use it in good conscience. It looks to me to be a good fly for crappie as well as other game fish. I will try it and report back.

Incidentally Mark, I did ty up some of the Dame Hadleys and had good luck with bass as well as bluegill. (One addition of rubber legs) Can I live now?

Material

Hook: Mustad C71S SS Circle Streamer Hook

size 4

Thread: 8/0 Black

Head: Copper Cone to fit hook

Body: Palmer Ice Chenille(Pearl Gray)Wing: Natural Rabbit Zonker(Chinchilla)Gill: Red Hackle under final wraps of Palmer

chenille

Step 1 Place cone on hook.

Step 2 Place hook in vise. Wrap the thread from the eye of the hook back to the curve.

Step 3 Strip the first 1/8" of the chenille back to the center threads and ty in at the rear.

Step 4 Wrap the thread forward to just behind the cone.

Step 5 Wrap the chenille up to just one turn short of the cone and ty in the red hackle for the throat.

Step 6 Wrap one more turnoff the chenille and secure. Cut the chenille.

Step 7 Wrap in the Zonker strip and whip finish.

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