

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

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July 2009

From Our Prez

There is currently a debate going on concerning the usage of the Current and Jacks Fork Rivers. Every once in a while the Federal government revisits the management plan of all of its national parks and it is time to revisit the mandate and management plan for the Ozark National Waterway. Considered by many a big party river the Current has river accesses more numerous than what is legally supposed to exist. The Jacks Fork is in better shape, but deteriorating due to the creation and maintenance of excess river accesses and overuse. We are in essence, loving these rivers to death.

What happened? Over the years more and more services have been added to the waterway due to the popularity of float trips. In addition, people have developed or maintained once private but now public lands and accesses along the river.

What's the difference? To understand the effect of overusing this great resource, think about what makes your favorite place to fish your favorite place to fish. It's not the crowds of people, but the infrequently used water and wild fish that inhabit those areas. Last year, I floated and fished about 30 miles of the Big Piney River. About 15 miles of that river has very little to no access and was the best fishing of any cool water river I've ever fished.

What's the government going to do? The feds are currently asking for all opinions concerning river management of the Current and Jacks Fork. Once they have public input, they have four choices on the table.

1. Do nothing – an option that has to be considered by law.
2. Work to reverse the damage that has been done by closing the illegal accesses to the river and reducing the amount of services for the river.
3. The role of park rangers would change to be more active in helping people to discover unique areas of the river like an old farm site or cave.
4. Increase the amount of services available for public use.

I believe that our club's position should be to support option #2. By preserving the remoteness and wilderness attributes of the area, it is my hope that future generations will be able to enjoy and fish the area in as close to its natural state as possible. In addition, the comments I will be sending as a representative of CCFF will reflect this opinion.

In August, I will be presenting this position to the club in more detail and showing a short movie that explains why we need to improve the management of this National Waterway.

Have a great rest of the summer and we'll see you at Jerry's in July and at Runge in August.

Jim

July Meeting

The July Meeting will be held at the Lakewood Subdivision Lake. This lake is located off of either Route C (Russellville Road) or Route CC. Come

out Route C from Shulte's and cross Hwy 179. Turn left on Rt. CC. Go approximately ½ on CC and you will see Lakewood Rd. on your right. Turn right and go to the bottom of hill. Take a right and go to top of the hill. The road to the dam will be on the road to the left after you have made the last right turn.

John Walther was very successful while fishing for white bass this spring and kept a few for just this event. We will fry them up with some trimmings to go with the fish. **(We will be using some mixture of peanut oil so please beware if you are allergic)**

Kent Campbell, Jeff Trigg and Gary Eaton are going to bring a selection of rods and lines for the members to try out. This will be a good opportunity for you to select the next gift for your family to give you for the birthday, anniversary or Christmas.

We have shelter so rain is no problem.

Dinner at 6:30pm

Opportunities

August 4-7 MR340 or come meet the President The Missouri River Race will start at Kansas City on August 4 at 8:00am and will run for 88 hours to get to St Charles, MO. There will be checkpoints along the route at which the racers must stop and check in. One of the checkpoints is the Noren Access in North Jefferson City.

The CCFF has been asked again this year to man the Noren Access again this year from 7:00 pm on Wednesday to 11 am on Thursday. Volunteers should contact Jerry Kemple at 690-5922 to get on the schedule.

Incidentally, our Fearless Leader (The Prez) is going to be one of the participants in the Race this year. You may get the chance to check him in or check him out. It sounds like he is planning to sleep in his own bed for a short period on his way through Jeff on his trip to St Charles. **Be**

there to greet him or send him on his way.

The organizers didn't think it was hot enough last year when the race was in mid July so they are holding it later in August to warm things up a bit. No seriously, the schedule is based on the full moon so that the paddlers can see at night. Check out the race website www.riversmiles.com.

Meeting Schedule

July

• **2 Teach a Vet to Ty** 2pm @ Little Dixie Conservation Area. CCFF Members will leave North Jeff City at 1:00pm.

• **14 CCFF Meeting @ Lakewood Subdivision Lake** Fish will be ready at 6:30pm.

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August

• **6 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)

• **11 CCFF Club Meeting 7pm @ Runge Nature Center.** BOD Meeting @6:00

• **20 Teach a Vet to Ty Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)

Fly of the Month



Brian Wise's Rubber Legs

While on the North Fork of the White last month we ran into Brian as he was launching his boat. He was telling us what was hot at the time and this was one. It is tied on a long shank hook with lots of weight and fished about 4 to 5 feet below an indicator. Check out Brian's website www.flyfishingtheozarks.com which is where I got this pattern.

Materials

Hook: Size 6-10, 4x

Thread: Black 6/0

Weight: Several turns of .030 non-lead wire

Body: Variegated Chenille

Legs: Spanflex

Instructions

1. Crimp the barb on the hook and place the hook in the vise.
2. Wrap the thread from the front of the hook to the rear.
3. Cover the hook with weighted wire and secure with thread stopping at the rear of the hook.
4. Ty in a doubled piece of the Spanflex to form the tail.
5. Ty in the chenille after you have stripped the end to make it secure.
6. Wrap the thread forward to about 1/3 of the hook shank from the rear and place in the first set of Spanflex legs.

7. Wrap the chenille and the thread to up to about 1/2 of the way forward and install the second set of legs.
8. Wrap the thread and chenille to about 3/4 of the way forward and secure the third set of legs.
9. Wrap the thread forward to just behind the eye and install the antenna.
10. Continue forward with the chenille and secure creating the head and whip finish.
11. Cement the head.
12. Cut the legs on each side to taper them from the front to the back.

It may take a 6 WT rod to chunk the big ones and it may take that big a rod to handle the fish.

CCFF Website

The CCFF website is

www.capitalcityflyfishers.org.