

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

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From Our Prez

So many times we find our lives so busy that we don't have time to go fishing. But fishing doesn't have to take a whole day. In fact, it really doesn't have to take very long at all. The key to being able to go fishing is being ready at a moment's notice and picking the right time to go.

Most of us live close to a fishing pond of some sort public or private. If you look at Google Earth, you might be surprised how close one is to you. I happen to live close to a private pond in my neighborhood. I keep a fly rod with a fly on it at all times in my garage. Next to the fly rod is a pair of nippers, a few extra flies, and a pair of forceps. Nothing fancy.

So after I've had a long day and notice that I've got about 20 minutes until the end of daylight, I ask permission from my wife to go out for a bit and walk down to the pond and throw a line in. If I didn't live so close, it might take me an extra few minutes to drive to a local pond. But as I've said before, the key is to be ready to go at a moment's notice. Don't overcomplicate this. You're just trying to catch the best time of the day to fish and only fishing for about 15 to 20 minutes. In fact, many times I don't even take any extra flies because it gets too dark for me to see pretty quick.

So, the big question, do I catch fish? Usually, I do. Lately, I've been fishing small popping bugs at the pond and catching small bass, crappie, and bluegill. My next-door neighbor Howard is amazed watching me catch crappie on popping bugs.

It certainly is nice to live so close to a pond. But even if I didn't I know of a conservation lake 7 minutes away that I could hit instead. I would just have to plan a few more minutes in advance, but not many.

If you're interested in my popping bug pattern, check out the fly of the month.

See you at the meeting!

Jim

HOFF

The Hooked on Fly Fishing Club at South Calloway RII will meet after School on the third Monday of each month this year. The group this year will include the 6th, 7th and 8th graders instead of just the 7th and 8th.

This will mean that there will be times when more help can be used with the group. This is especially true when they are fly tying, casting or on the various outings that they take. I will try to publish what the upcoming events will be in the newsletter so that you can plan to meet with the group if available. We usually try to be at the school at 3:00pm.

Conclave

You're not too late. There is still plenty of time to get your reservation in. The Federation of Fly Fishers Southern Council Conclave is less than a month away. Where did the summer go? I got my copy of the Long Cast with the entire schedule of

events listed. Man! What a list of events and speakers.

Put Oct 1-3 on your calendar for a trip to Mountain Home, the Conclave and a possible trip on the White or the Norfolk. Better get your reservations in soon.

Calendar

September

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

8- CCFF Monthly Meeting 6:00pm BOD Meeting. 7:00pm Member Meeting

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

17- Stream Team trip to the Saline Creek Conservation Area Leave the First Assembly of God Parking Lot at 5:30pm

18,19&20- Conservation Federation Fall Conference Camp Clover Point, Osage Beach, MO.

20- CFM Fall Conference CCFF members will tie flies and do casting class

21-HOFF Meeting South Calloway RII 3:00 pm

October

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

13- CCFF Monthly Meeting 6:00pm BOD Meeting. 7:00pm Member Meeting

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

19- HOFF Meeting South Calloway RII 3:00 pm

November

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

6,7&8-CCFF Fall Outing Mountain Home, AR

15- HOFF Meeting South Calloway RII 3:00 pm

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

Fly of the Month

Check out the Website that Bill Stroessner sent me to pass on. It is www.flymenfishingcompany.com. They have a 16 page chart on hooks and the compatible beads.



Jim's Foam Cylinder Popper

Material

Hook: #8 or #10 kink-shank hook

Thread: 6/0 Black

Body: Small foam cylinder

Tail: Fox squirrel tail

Transition Between Body & Tail: Red crystal chenille

Legs: Small round rubber legs (optional)

Directions

If you plan to tie a bunch of these, do yourself a favor and create a template on a cutting block from a piece of an old 1 x or 2 x 4. Take your kink-shank hook and mark the length of the body so you can cut a bunch of these.

1. Cut the cylinders to length to create the body of your fly.
2. Cut the back to slope down to the hook. Something close to a 45 degree cut should be sufficient.
3. Slice along the length of the bottom of the body for the hook to fit into.

4. Now we're ready to assemble the fly.
5. Place your hook in the vice and wrap a layer of thread.
6. Tie off the thread.
7. Place some super glue or super glue gel on the layer of thread and place the foam body on the hook. Take care to make sure that the body is perpendicular to the hook.
8. Let sit until the glue is dry.
9. Cut your squirrel tail and tie in on the hook. (Note: I've always had better fishing luck with fox squirrel tails versus black or grey tails)
10. Tie in a few wraps of crystal chenille.
11. Add some legs using a sewing needle.
12. Decorate with a sharpie if you feel the need.

And you're done! This is pretty much the same method as using a small cork. It's just that corks are hard to find and foam cylinders are easy to find and they come in lots of different colors. Which colors are my favorites? I'll never tell, but you can probably tell by the picture.

CCFF website is
www.capitalcityflyfishers.org.