

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

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October 2008

From Our Prez

Jim Well, I don't have much to say this month. I'd just like to remind everyone that we might have some meeting date changes due to some conflicts at Runge over the next couple of months. So, please watch the calendar in the newsletter and on the website for any updates.

I'll be at the Southern Council Conclave this weekend. I'll be taking classes on tying hair bugs, tying dry flies, and an on-stream class on nymphing.

Our nominating committee will be meeting next week before our meeting to recommend to the club a list of officer nominees for next year. If you have an interest in serving as an officer or board member, please let me know by e-mail (jim.farthing@embarqmail.com), or feel free to call me (636-9798).

Jim

Hooked on Fly Fishing

Sept. 27, 2008 South Calloway Middle School
Another year of the HOFF Club at Mokane has started with the election of officers. The 08/09 officers are Tristen Peneston (President), Sybil Granneeman (VP), Natilie Bittle (Secretary), Marina Wimmer (Treasurer), Sam Crocker (Historian), Robbie Clauson (Reporter) and Josh Brooks (Recreation Leader).

After the election, Mark Van Patten outlined the calendar of upcoming events for the year. Then Larry Murphy talked to the students about the positive benefits of the sport of fly fishing and the negatives of drugs.

The last part of the session was devoted to fly tying. Mark explained what each of the tools in the club's fly tying kits were and how they are used.

Each of the students tied a wooly worm. They will be casting at the Oct.27 meeting.



**Mark Van Patten and Larry Murphy
demonstrate fly tying techniques**

Southern Council Conclave

The 2008 Southern Council Conclave will begin on Thursday, Oct. 2 in Mountain Home AR. It will have some of the best tyers in the country along with many sessions on subjects such as casting, nymphing, dry fly fishing and fly tying. There will be casting contests, auctions, raffles and banquets. All of the major fly fishing suppliers will be represented as well as other vendors.

Check out the web site

www.southerncouncilfff.org for more details.

Casting Classes

The Master Casters are at it again. Gary Eaton and Jeff Trigg are offering two classes during the next two month. One is titled the 'Compleat Angler'

And it will be held on Oct 11th and 25th. The second course is titled 'Saltwater Flats School and it will be offered on Nov. 8.

Contact Gary Eaton or Jeff Trigg if you are interested in either of the courses. They can be contacted at (573) 447-2621 or (573) 257 1478. The cost of each course is \$100/person.

Honorary Members

At our August Meeting, President Farthing pointed out that the CCFF Bylaws provided a provision by which the Club could vote to have honorary members. A motion was made that Jim and Carolyn Merten of Mertens Bait and Tackle be made honorary members of the CCFF. The vote was unanimous.

October Club Meeting

The October CCFF meeting will be held at the Runge Nature Center at 7:00PM. A BOD meeting will begin at 6:00PM.

The Club meeting will have as a speaker Norm Crisp and his subject will be "Chile on the Cheap"

Welcome Home Operation Enduring and Iraqi Freedom Veterans

On 1 Nov. 2008 a celebration will be held at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital in Columbia, MO. for the purpose of welcoming home the military who have served our country and to let them know what benefits are available to them at the hospital. The event will begin at 3:00pm with a brief ceremony and the keynote speaker will be Major General King Sidwell. There will be fun, music, food and games along with informational displays. The CCFF will be on hand tying flies as we do for the Teaching a Vet to Ty.

If you have a friend or relative who served, please let them know about this event. ***And thank them for their service.***

October 2008

- **2 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- **2-4 FFF Southern Council Conclave** Mountain Home Arkansas
- **11 Compleat Angler Casting Class** 8:30 to 12:30 @ Ashland City Park. Contact Gary Eaton or Jeff Trigg for details.
- **14 Club Meeting** 7:00m @ Runge Nature Center (BOD meeting to precede) Speaker: Norm Crisp
- **16 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- **18 Stream Team 760 Outing** Saline Valley conservation Area: Meet at Assembly of God Parking Lot for carpool @ 8:30AM
- **25 Compleat Angler Casting Class** 8:30 to 12:30 @ Ashland City Park. Contact Gary Eaton or Jeff Trigg for details.
- **27 Hooked on Fly Fishing Not on Drugs** 3:00pm South Calloway R-II Middle School

November 2008

- **1 Welcome Home Operation Enduring & Iraqi Freedom Veterans** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital
- **1 First Day of Catch and Release of Trout** @ McKay Lake and other winter stocked lakes in MO.
- **6 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)

• **8 Saltwater Flats School** 1pm @ Columbia contact Trigg or Eaton for details

• **13 Club Meeting** 7:00m @ Runge Nature Center (BOD meeting to precede) Note change of date due to conflict of schedule at Runge

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

December 2008

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

• **5,6&7 (Tentative Plans for Winter Outing)**

• **11 Club Meeting Christmas Party** 6:00m @ Runge Nature Center Note change of date and time due to conflict of schedule at Runge

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

Fly of the Month



Christmas is Coming

The fly inside of this Christmas Tree Ball can make for a different type of decoration on your tree. I have been making these for years and giving them to friends. A very talented lady, by the name of Wanda, from Independence, MO who presently works at the Bass Pro Store first introduced me to this pattern. The fly is tied and used for pike in the north. We just put it inside of a Christmas Tree Glass Ball

Hook: Mustad 3665a, 9575 or 94720 size6-8

Thread: Size 3/0 in whatever color you want the beak to be. (Yellow, chartreuse, green,& etc.)

Body: Chenille (colors of your choice)

Tail and wings: (7) feathers from Lady Amherst, speckled hen's back, partridge or pheasant breast (dyed various colors)

Eyes: Chain, glass or monofilament beads,

Hanger: Fine copper wire 6" long

Tying Instructions

The hooks that you will be using are either a 6X or a 7X. You might try a size 6 which is 4X long. To prepare the hook, bend it in the middle of the shank at a 45 degree angle. This will allow it to hang in the ball.

- 1 Crimp the barb on the hook and place it in the vise.
- 2 Wrap in the eyes just in front of the 45 bend that you put in the hook shank. Secure with a drop of epoxy.
- 3 Wrap thread back to the curve in the hook. Ty in the three feather fan that will be the tail, the chenille for the body and the hanger wire. (The tail should have one feather pointing to the back and one out each side.) The hanger wire should be pointed to the rear of the hook first and then laid under the thread as it is wrapped forward. Wrap the tread up to the chain eye and then wrap the chenille to the same spot.
- Stick two feathers out each side of the fly to form the wings and ty them in. Remove the excess of the wing feathers.

- Wrap the hanger wire around the body one time and take it to the top the fly. Wrap it with the thread to hold it secure. Lay the wire back over the fly to get it out of the road.
- Wrap the chenille over the bead chain eyes and stop it just in front of them. Secure the chenille and whip finish.
- Wrap the rest of the hook with tying thread, building it up at the chain eyes and tapering down at the hook eye. Whip finish and cover the thread with cement.

Here is where the fun begins. Remove the cap from the glass ball by pressing on the wire that holds the cap to the ball. Insert the fly by putting it into the ball hook eye first and keeping the hanger wire outside of the ball. When you have the whole fly inside of the ball and centered, put the hanger wire through the hole in the cap and put the cap back on the ball. When you have the fly hanging in the position that you want it, wrap the hanger wire around the spring wire on the cap several times. Remove the excess hanger wire.

Try several colors of feathers, chenille, bead eyes and thread. Remember it is Christmas and decorate them to match the tree.

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