

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

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October 2009

From Our Prez

With the weather starting to cool off, I'm starting to look toward the fly tying sessions of January, February, and March. I'm told that the upcoming sessions will feature a good amount of warm water flies. I even plan to teach one fly this season – the Bully Spider.

The Bully Spider is one of my favorite warm water flies. I can't really call it a true bluegill fly even though that's what Terry and Roxanne Wilson designed it to be. I have caught carp, horn-head chubs, green sunfish, largemouth bass, Kentucky bass, smallmouth bass, catfish, and bluegill on this fly. Recently, I caught four species of fish including a nice 13-inch smallmouth out of one hole on Saline Creek. By the way – thanks to Kent Campbell for spotting and guiding me to the smallmouth.

Last weekend, I attended a class on fishing farm ponds from Terry and Roxanne. During this class, Terry and Roxanne gave me some suggestions for color combinations with the Bully. I can't wait to not only tie some and try them out, but also share them with the club during the tying sessions.

Jim

Stream Team Monitoring

Members of Steam Team 760 members Ginger Koziatek, Kent Campbell, Jim Farthing, Lee Kudrna and myself went down to the Saline Creek on September 15, to do a water quality monitoring and trash clean-up. There was very little trash to

clean up and the water appeared to be in pretty good shape.

After the work was done, Jim and Kent went off to see if they could catch some of the fish that we had seen while doing the clean up. If you work hard, you deserve some excitement. You heard Jim say in his column that it take two of them to gang up on one poor little fish, but they were successful. Good job gang.



Jim says 13" but it looks more like 11".

HOFF

The Hooked on Fly Fishing Club at South Calloway RII will met after school on Sept. 21. There were 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders at the meeting. A total of 17 kids were present.

Mark Van Patten defined the program and how it would operate. He also told them what the structure of the Club would be and explained how the election of officer would be held. They then saw a VHS tape on the "A Way of the Trout"

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 19 when plans to hand out Marks new manual “A to Z of Fly Fishing”. Mark will talk about the equipment used to fly fish and end the session with an exercise of knot tying.

Conclave

I went down to the Conclave on Friday afternoon and was only able to stay until noon on Saturday. I was unable to get in any fishing but several of the CCFF Members were able to wet a line. There were a few hours when they were not generating early each morning.

As usual I was impressed by the tiers and lecturers that I was able to watch and listen to. If you were not able to make it this year, put it on your calendar for next year. It is usually the first weekend in Oct. The Southern Council does a very good job of promoting fly fishing.

Outing

The CCFF has an outing scheduled for Mountain Home, AR. on the weekend of November 6, 7, & 8. This will be a good chance for those of you who are wanting to learn more about trout fishing and have a good time with a great group of folks while doing it. Contact Jeff Trigg for more details @ 257-1478.

October Meeting

The Oct. Meeting of the CCFF will be at 7:00pm on Oct. 13, 2009 at the Runge Nature Center. The Nomination Committee will present a slate of officers for the 2010 year to be voted on at the Nov. meeting. The speaker for the meeting will be Jeff Trigg who will discuss “Stream Tactics” (with my new boat?).

A BOD meeting will precede the Member meeting.

Calendar

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

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19- HOFF Meeting South Calloway RII 3:00 pm

November

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

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December

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

8—CCFF Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Runge Nature Center. Christmas Party and Gift Exchange.

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

21—No HOFF Meeting.

Fly of the Month THE ARMY WORM

Alot of you guys have heard me talk about my old friend Cecile Henderson. Cecile was the guy that was chosen in 2003 to blow the opening whistle. Cecile had only missed two openings at Bennett

springs in the last fifty years. Uncle Sam wouldn't let him off to go trout fishing. Now you know why he missed the two opening days.

Along with Cecile other soldiers liked to fish Bennett Springs. One of the soldiers came up with a new fly and he named it the ARMY WORM. I have heard different stories of what it was made out of. Some say it was a Army sweater, others say it was a Army vest and even Army gloves. The sweater, vest and gloves were all knitter and were olive drab green. They would unravel the sweater and use the yarn to make the fly.

Cecile passed away about a year and a half ago. His wife asked me and my friend to go through Cecile's flytying stuff so she could have a garage sale. We packed zip lock bags full of stuff for five evenings, fifty years of flytying stuff. I found one thing I wanted and asked his wife I could buy it. She said "TAKE THE DAMN THING". I am now the proud owner of a Army sweater with one sleeve missing. I am sure some day they will have a garage sale for my stuff and the sweater will probably make it to the garbage and not the garage sale.

HOOK-Mustad 3906 size 16 or smaller

BODY-Olive Drab wool yarn

TAIL- Olive Drab wool yarn

Very simple to tie, just make a short tail and a tapered body

Fish with a split shot about 8 inches above fly and dead drift with a strike bobber. How u like te new term Jerry?

Thanks John for the history lesson, the pattern and instructions. Remember CCFF Members, the next time that you see John with a sweater on, just cut off a sleeve for tying material. Burma will weave him new one.

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www.capitalcityflyfishers.org.