

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

Piscator non solum piscatur



November 2006

From the President...

November Elections

No, don't throw rocks or stones at me because I mention a sore subject this time of the year. Your club elections correspond with the national event also. Our members will be afforded the opportunity to elect next year's officers and 2-year term board members. The election will be held at the next meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. This month is the non-traditional meeting date as compared to our regular Tuesday night. At the last meeting, our bylaws were modified to allow the president and vice-president to hold office for a maximum of four years, which is similar to what the board of directors are limited to.

The following nominations are being made for 2007 officers and board members:

President – Larry Murphy
Vice President – Dwayne Abbott
Secretary – Darlene Clark (tentative)
Treasurer – Mary Stone
Newsletter Editor – Jerry Kemple
Board of Directors – Ed Farnsworth, Randy Holliday, Bob Smerek, and Ginger Koziatek. (John Walther remains to fulfill his second year).

Future Planning

Please be reminded to contribute ideas for upcoming meeting topics. Please share thoughts pro or con with an officer about a program, topic or idea you would like to see covered. The board has set aside monies that can be made available for guest speakers who may have to travel more than a three-hour journey. The stipend is enough to cover travel expenses and lodging overnight, if required. I would toss out the names of Dan and

John Berry. They are brothers and both guide on the Norfolk and White Rivers. John is a regular contributor to the *Long Casts* - FFF Southern Council newsletter. He writes many good articles. There may be others who you know about and would be interested in having speak to the entire group. Let us know whom you would like to hear from.

Winter Trout Program

The winter trout program sponsored by the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Department (JCPRD) is active again. On November 1, approximately 2,400 trout of all sizes were stocked in McKay Park Lake. Jerry Kemple and several area citizens were on hand to encourage the trout as they were poured into their new home waters. Two monofilament-recycling tubes were hung at each of the paved parking areas on a signpost holding the fishing limits information. November 1 – January 31 will be a catch-and-release only period. On and after February 1, the trout can be caught and kept.

Hooked on Fly Fishing Not Drugs

The middle school youth program is now an official FFF affiliated club. There was no cost charged to this youth club. But they will receive the FFF magazine and other information mailed directly to their school. The quarterly newsletter of the Southern Council, *Long Casts*, will be mailed to their individual homes. In the future, this youth club will be contributing to our monthly newsletter. I have asked their club to make a contribution about their events and other activities in which they are learning the life sport of fly fishing. Hopefully, we can all be encouraged by their spirit and willingness to share their points of interest and views.

Winter Fly Tying

John Walther will be asking for volunteers to lead each week's tying session. Thursday evenings in the months of January through March have been booked with the exception of January 18th. The Missouri Department of Conservation will be confirming this shortly. Please contact John and let him know what flies you want to ty or what flies you would like to see tied.

Spring Banquet

It is time to be thinking ahead for next year's big banquet and auction. Got an idea, then share it at the next meeting.

Remember to not be afraid to let your line or your efforts go into the backing.

Larry Murphy, President

Notes from Bennett Spring State Park's (BSSP) Public Meeting

by Larry Murphy

There was low attendance at the public meeting on October 21st. I ran into Dr. Gary Eaton, FFF Casting Instructor and Capital City Fly Fishers' member at a local fly shop near the state park and mentioned the public meeting that evening. He decided to attend and I joined the meeting a couple minutes late. He and I participated in its discussion. A good amount of information was shared. J. D. Muschany – Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) state park staff began the presentation, followed by Julie Caffey – Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) – Fisheries' staff, Diane Tucker – DNR naturalist and one other DNR staff member (whom I failed to write down his name.) In attendance were approximately 20 Missouri residents – mostly local citizens.

The BSSP staff discussed several items such as sewer issues, cabin reconstruction, revised numbering system for the campground area 1, and Stream Team activity plans. A stream cleanup is planned for November 4th. Bank stabilization is planned to remove broken concrete near the "Suzie" hole in Zone 3 adjacent to the Whistle Bridge with riprap. This action should prevent

accidents and injuries from occurring because of removing the hazard caused by the old broken concrete and exposed openings. 152,421 fishing tags (adult and youth) sold year-to-date indicating an increase of 3,000 tags over last year at this time. Staff mentioned this season's monthly stocking of 100 Brown trout, stocked at a sub-legal size to encourage catch and release in Zone 1. They handed out a brief report for the Nature Center achievements throughout the year also with highlights presented.

Kid's fishing day is planned for May 5th in 2007. The winter "catch and release" season will increase to four days per week this year instead of three days. BSSP will be open Friday through Monday each week. The park will be closed for two weeks after the normal trout season ends on October 31st and then open for "catch and release" fishing. The "catch and release" season will close two weeks before the normal trout season opening of March 1st. This applies to all Missouri state parks with the exception of Merimac Springs, which will be open 7 days a week for "catch and release" fishing during the off-season.

A cleaning station, announced before the current trout season, has not been installed. No specific reason was given other than the design work had not been completed. They talked about installing a monofilament recycling tube inside the hatchery building. I did not say this during the meeting but I don't believe it would be accessible enough to warrant use. Something was mentioned about a cardboard box being attached. Most fishers rarely visit the hatchery building. It would be better to post the tubes near the stream where the fishers are more likely to discard their monofilament and other lines.

Hatchery/renovation plans will be drawn up after the Roaring River and Shepherd of the Hills projects are planned. A great deal of work for the engineering staff to handle needs to be done at the present time thus resulting in delays for BSSP plans being drawn up.

A new whistle was installed at BSSP two weeks ago, sounds like our air raid sirens in Jefferson City. The siren is used for announcing the opening and closing of fishing for the day. Staff living on Route OO claimed they could actually hear it several miles away. A positive response was received from the audience about being able to hear it in Zone 3 now. Just as this announcement was completed, the siren sounded for the close of the day's fishing opportunity. Timing could not have been more perfect.

Public questions/discussion time was set aside during the meeting. The only other question asked, other than mine listed below, was "Why does Zone 1 get the brown trout stocking and not Zone 3?" Julie Caffey replied that zone 1 only is stocked with under size Browns to encourage the catch and release. And the area is restricted to use of a single hook with artificial materials. Gary Eaton was allowed to respond with a true note, "Treble hooks and live or scented baits are swallowed much deeper in the trout's mouth and mortality is an issue after removing the hooks." Ms. Caffey indicated that the Niangua River is stocked with Brown Trout regularly also. The Brown trout come upstream and are available for fishers, often at larger sizes than those stocked in Zone 1. A statement was made that more of the lunker Brown Trout reported on the catch boards were from Zone 3 than from other areas. Zones 2 and 3 do contain Rainbow and Brown Trout swimming upstream from the Niangua River.

I asked if the DNR and/or MDC had considered establishing a youth fishing area within BSSP. I offered my thoughts regarding youth fishing in Missouri and within the state park system. The MDC Fisheries and BSSP staff members were receptive to my idea of dedicating water or stream area to youth fishing as an objective to meet the youth recruitment and retention portion of Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) current strategic plan. I stated clearly that I am not advocating a location within BSSP solely, but adequate places that cater to the youth, a place where they can have access and full use of without being crowded out by adults. Missouri youth need

a place where they can learn and practice the sport of (fly) fishing without the pressure of the adults wanting the area for themselves. And where appropriate, accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or other teaching adult allowed to fish along beside the youth. The main emphasis, here, would be that the adult is aiding the youth in their learning, being active in their ongoing outdoor education.

I also stated that it is **NOT** my desire or intent to have taken away any resource from existing fishers and give it to the youth. To do so would be detrimental to the positive effect of youth fishing. There is ample opportunity for the Missouri Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources to establish a Missouri program benefiting the youth of Missouri with new fisheries – lakes, ponds and stream areas. To delay or prolong the fulfillment of such a need is to speak out of both sides of the mouth, giving credence to an issue that should be addressed but never getting around to it. I am as guilty of this as anyone. I say I want to do something but never get around to acting on that wish. The time for action is today! Our youth deserve no less. I hope a priority and emphasis can be placed on Missouri youth fishing resources in the near future and its subsequent long term.

Meeting was adjourned.

Calendar

November

- 2 Teach a Vet to Ty @ VA Hospital in Columbia @ 3:00pm
- 7 Board of Directors and Monthly Club Meeting @ Runge Nature Center.
Club Elections will be held.
(Please note that this is one week earlier than our typical meeting night. The change is due to meeting room being unavailable for our regular night.)
- 14 Fly Tying Session at the First Baptist Church of Eldon @ 6:30 PM
- 16 Teach a Vet to Ty @ VA Hospital in Columbia @ 3:00pm

- 29 Hooked on Fly Fishing Not Drugs - Mokane

December

- 1-3 Quarterly Outing @ Newland's Deluxe Lodging, Lakeview, AR
Mary Stone, Lee Kudrna and John Walther will be coordinating this event.
\$110 payment due by November 15th.
- 7 Teach a Vet to Ty @ VA Hospital in Columbia @ 3:00pm
- 12 Club Meeting @ Runge Nature Center, Christmas Gift Exchange and Party
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January 2007

- 4 **Winter Fly Tying** @Runge Nature Center, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 9 **Club Meeting** @Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m.
- 11 **Winter Fly Tying** @Runge Nature Center, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 25 **Winter Fly Tying** @ Runge Nature Center, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
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February 2007

- 1 **Winter Fly Tying** @ Runge Nature Center, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 8 **Winter Fly Tying** @ Runge Nature Center, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
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- 15 **Winter Fly Tying** @ Runge Nature Center, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 22 **Winter Fly Tying** @ Runge Nature Center, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
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March 2007

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April 2007

- 10 **Club Meeting** @Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m.
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May 2007

- 8 **Club Meeting** @Jaycee Fairgrounds Lake @ 6:00 p.m.

June 2007

- 12 **Club Meeting** @Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m.

July 2007

- 10 **Club Meeting** @Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m.

August 2007

- 14 **Club Meeting** @Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m.

September 2007

- 11 **Club Meeting** @Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m.

October 2007

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November 2007

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Fly of the Month

Zonker Strip Sculpin

Tied By: Mike Butler

Recipe:

HOOK: Mustad 9672 #2- #10

HEAD: Trimmed brown deer hair

THREAD: Uni-Thread Brown

TAIL: Brown Zonker Strip

BODY: Brown Wool Dubbing with Zonker
Strip over it
COLLAR: Brown Deer Hair

Tying Instructions:

1. Debarb hook and place in vise
2. Wrap thread to the rear of the hook and ty in the Zonker Strip tail
3. Dub the body and extend the Zonker Strip up to the mid-point of the hook.
4. Spin the deer hair tip out for the collar.
5. Spin the deer hair butt out to form the bullet head and trim the shape to form the head
6. Cement the whip finish

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