

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

Piscator non solum piscatur



November 2008

From Our Prez

Last week, I received an e-mail from the Federation asking for our support for a letter that they are sending to the Bureau of Land Management concerning the Bristol Bay and Goodnews Bay regions of southwest Alaska.

The letter they wish our support on simply asks the BLM to hold off making any decision about the use of this land. The fear is that the BLM is about to open the area up to the mining industry and the potentially devastating pollution that often goes with it.

I've read about this issue and others like it in Fly Fisherman, Trout, Fly Fisher, and Fly Rod and Reel magazines over the past couple of years. What people are concerned about is disrupting, reducing, or eliminating many of the fish runs that occur annually in the rivers that run into Bristol Bay and Goodnews Bay and the economic impact of those disruptions.

I would normally bring such a letter to the next meeting for discussion, but they wish a decision by November 7. Since all they are asking is for the BLM to hold off making a decision, I have decided to include our name on the letter that will be mailed to Washington, DC.

Don't forget that the meeting is on the 13th this month. The change is due to a conflict out at Runge. Most important this month is the election of officers for next year.

McKay Lake Has Trout



Mark Van Patten and one of the HOFF Students from South Calloway RII

November 8. Members of the CCFF spent the morning with 18 of the kids from South Calloway RII HOFF fishing for trout at Mc Kay Lake. The report was that most of the kids caught at least one fish and some caught as many as nine.

NEEAAAT! Even though it was cold, the kids fished and the fish cooperated.

On the subject of cooperation: several of the CCFF members reported that some of the HOFF members reached out to help other members who were struggling to catch a fish. This made for a more successful morning for all.

I have seen this type of fellowship on many CCFF outings and am proud a member of such a group. Move over Ken Scott, John Walther and many others too numerous to mention. Dustin from HOFF has his game together. WAY TO GO DUSTIN!!!!

Confusion says:

It can be more rewarding to help other succeed at a task than actually completing it yourself. Just ask most Grandparents.

Fish will always bite better after you have helped others.

Casting Classes

2009 CASTING CLASSES, GIFT CERTIFICATES, THE FUTURE

As 2008 winds down

, we reflect on the fishing and the fun we enjoy with our students. Joy fills our hearts watching great loops sail off the tips of our clients' rods. We love hearing the success stories that come from learning (and practicing!) new skills.

GIFT CERTIFICATES make a special holiday gift!

We can customize your certificate with the recipient's name and the name of the giver. A short message can also be added. Instruction is fifty-dollars per hour with a minimum of thirty minutes for \$25. Just e-mail your request and we will work out the details to print and send your certificate. We offer lessons in Columbia and Ashland, Missouri.

Gift certificates can be applied to our regular classes or private lessons. If you have a trip planned, get your specialized training early to improve your chances of a trophy catch photo.

2009 SPRING GROUP CLASSES are being planned for beginners and intermediates in early spring. We are considering a "Women Only" class, as well as a "Parent & Kid" team class in June. We are pleased to offer on-the-stream instruction to provide tactical tips in the ultimate classroom.

If you have a special group to gather for angling instruction, let us know. We will be happy to assemble custom classes.

Contact Gary Eaton or Jeff Trigg if you are interested. They can be contacted at (573) 447-2621 or (573) 257 1478.

November Club Meeting

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

A part of the meeting will be the election of officers for 2009.

The Club meeting will have as a speaker Mike Kruse and his subject will be "Cold water Projects".

December Club Meeting

Bring refreshments and a \$10 gift to exchange. The date will be December 11, the place will be the Runge Nature Center and the time will be 6:30PM.

The gift exchange will be by Catch and Release rules. Each party will draw a number and then the person with number 1 selects a gift from the pile. The person with the number 2 has the choice of taking a gift from the pile (the catch) or asking #1 to release his gift. If #2 takes #1's gift, #1 selects another gift. (Some folks say that #2 has stolen #1's gift but we prefer to think of it as #1 just released his gift and #2 caught it)

After a gift has been released (stolen) twice, it belongs to the third party to catch it. Our fish stories are exaggerated but most of us can count to 3.

Have fun and remember it is the Christmas Season. Family members are invited.

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

- **11 Club Meeting Christmas Party 6:30m @ 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



The Orange Stimulator

I picked this fly up at one of the fly shops in Gatlinburg, TN last week. It was recommended in a size 14 down there this time of year. The streams were beautiful but they looked like my 401k. (Depleting fast) They are short of rainfall by about 25% for the year. I told them that Arkansas would be glad to give them a little. The water was so low and clear that the fish could see you coming from the next ridge over. I saw 3 fish and a black bear during my 12 hours on 3 streams.

Materials

Hook: 3X or 4X long dry fly size 14 or 16

Thread: Hot orange 6/0 or 8/0

Tail: Light elk hair

Rib: Fine gold wire, counterwound over body hackle

Body hackle: Brown undersized

Body: Orange fur or foam

Wing: Light elk hair

Heckle: Grizzly wound over the thorax

Thorax: Amber fur or synthetic

Tying Instructions

- 1 Crimp the barb on the hook and place it in the vise.
- 2 Lay down a layer of thread on the hook ending up at the rear of the hook.
- 3 Stack a small bundle of elk hair for the tail. The tail should be about half as long as the hook shank. Wrap in the tail and

trim off the excess beyond the center of the hook.

- 4 Wrap in the wire, the body hackle and the foam body if used. If dubbing is used for the body, dub the body up two thirds of the length of the hook.
- 5 Wrap the body hackle and the wire to the over the body and secure.
- 6 Stack another bundle of elk hair for the wings. The wings should extend back to the back end of the tail. Wrap in the stacked wings and trim off the excess.
- 7 Select a saddle hackle or two neck hackles with fibers about one and a half to two hook gap lengths. Wrap the hackles over the front quarter of the hook.
- 8 secure the feather and build a head. Whip finish the head and cement.

I am sure that this fly is designed to show the beautiful fall colors of the trees in the Smokies this time of year. If you have never been there, you have missed an awesome sight. Especially during the first week of November.

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