

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

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December 2012

Reports from Activities

Membership Appreciation Day



Steve Dally Speaks at Runge

On Thursday, Jeff Trigg got a call from Mikey Wier that he had injured his back and could not make the trips from Minnesota to speak to the Club. Jeff reached into Santa's bag and was able to get the "Tasmanian Devil" from Cotter, AR to fill in for Mikey.

Steve Dally alias the "Tasmanian Devil" owns Dally's Ozark Fly Fishers shop in Cotter but he was born and grew up fishing in Tasmania. Steve began his presentation by talking about how the fishing down there was similar to fishing on the White but also provides the availability of salt water fishing locally due to the size of Tasmania. Steve also described the different technique used for shooting kangaroo by deer hunters. After talking about fishing down-under, Steve changed a little of his Taz dialect and talked about how the brown trout fishing was down in Arkansas. He specifically focused on large brown trout and when and how to catch them.

Steve talked about the shad kill time in early spring, the caddis hatches period that follows and the terrestrial season of later in the summer. All of these periods produce good brown trout fishing. Steve showed some picture of many of the fish that his clients have caught during the various times of year. Steve guides out of his shop in Cotter. He had a few pictures of the shop that were very impressive. Stop in and see it when you are Cotter next time.

Following Steve's presentation, the group moved to Bones Restaurant for a very good meal and fellowship.

McKay Lake Winter Trout Program

This program provides catch and release fishing from November 1 to January 31 and a take season beginning on February 1. No trout permit is required until February 1. Only flies, spinners and unscented soft plastics are legal lures for any fish in the lake during the C&R season at the lake. (If you observe someone fishing with corn, power bait or live bait KINDLY inform them that this is illegal until February 1)

The fish are very active at McKay presently. I was over last Sunday and watched Melvin Schulenberg catch at least 30 fish. He wouldn't let Debra fish. He made her go to the grocery store instead. Now you know why he sent you away Debra.

Mike Clark went by on Tuesday and said that Jerry Forck was going home to take a nap because Jerry had caught 50 some fish. Mike hung around and caught about 30 himself. It won't be long before the weather will change and these fish will under the ice for a

while so go try them before the temperature drops. Isn't this some great weather? I just hope that we get some rain before it gets cold enough to put all of it in the form of snow.

Monthly Fly Tying: meets at HYVEE for a "free will fly tying session" on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30pm in the Banquet Room. Everyone interested in fly tying is invited.

The format will be as follows: if you have a technique that you want demonstrated, contact John Walther and he will attempt to find someone familiar with the technique to demonstrate it at the next meeting. Other than that, these sessions will be "free will tying." (Everyone brings their own materials and ties whatever pattern they feel like doing that night). Come join us on November 15

If you have any questions, contact John Walther @ 6802286.

If anyone needs to borrow CCFF tying tools, please notify John ahead of time.

Thank Tom Crane for obtaining a location for these sessions.

Winter Fly Tying:

Tom Crane has the HY-VEE Banquet Room reserved for every Thursday evening from January 3 to the second Thursday in March for the CCFF Winter Fly Tying Program. That is except for February 14 which Penny thought that we might take a break for Valentine's Day.

Get your requests in to John Walther for the flies that you want to see. He will need some help also if any of you would like to demonstrate your favorite fly.

CCFF will furnish all materials that the class will need. The cost of this is covered by your dues. If you are not a member in good standing, you are asked to pay \$15 to pay for the materials or join the CCFF so that your dues do cover the cost.

December Meeting

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas Party. It will begin at 6:30 pm on

December 11, 2012. Spouses are invited. Bring a snack and a gift that will be exchanged. The value of the gift should be less than \$10.

Each person begins the exchange by receiving a number. The gifts will be exchanged by the numbers. The person with the number 1 will select the gift that they prefer. The person with the number 2 has a choice of selecting a gift from the stack or taking the gift that number 1 has selected. If number 2 selects number 1's gift then number 2 selects another gift. This is called stealing the gift. A gift can only be stolen twice and then it belongs to the last thief. Flies make a very good gift and usually get stolen several times.

This is sort of like watching your buddy catch a fish and then break off on the next strike. While he is tying on a new fly, you move in and start fishing his water. Only this is more fun.

New officers:

The results of the election at the November Meeting were the election of the following officers for the 2013 Year.

President: Kent Campbell

Vice President: John Walther

Secretary: Ginger Koziatek

Treasurer: Bill Stroessner

Newsletter: Jerry Kemple

Webmaster: Jim Farthing

Stream Team Coordinator: Lee Kudrna

Board of Director

Bob Rickard

Jim Kramel

Jerry Forck

Melvin Schulenberg

Tom Crane

2013 Banquet

The CCFF Annual Banquet will be held at Donita's Banquet Center on March 23, 2013. Social hour will begin at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm. We will have the usual silent auction, bucket raffle and live auction. Kent is looking for volunteers to help with the preparation as well as help obtaining items for the raffles and auctions.

These items do not have to be items associated with fly fishing. They can be donations from your favorite barber/hair dresser, a ham from the corner grocer, a used car from your brother –in-law or a weekend at the lake. If it will sell, we can probably get it sold. Tickets will go on sale at the January meeting.

Don't forget to put your name tag in the pot when you attend the meetings. These are collected so that we can raffle off a rod at the banquet. It has become known as the Jim Kramel raffle.

Calendar

December

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

11--- CCFM Meeting @ First Baptist Church of JC. Membership Meeting @6:30pm. Spouses invited. Bring a gift.

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

20--- Free Will Fly Tying Banquet Room of HY VEE 5:30-7:30

January

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

3--- Winter Fly Tying @ HYVEE in Banquet Room @6:00pm

8--- CCFM Meeting @ First Baptist Church of JC. BOD meeting @ 6:00pm.

10--- Winter Fly Tying @ HYVEE in Banquet Room @6:00pm

17--- Winter Fly Tying @ HYVEE in Banquet Room @6:00pm

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

24--- Winter Fly Tying @ HYVEE in Banquet Room @6:00pm

31--- Winter Fly Tying @ HYVEE in Banquet Room @6:00pm

Monthly Fly Pattern



Midge Brassies

One of the oldest patterns for the midge pupa is the Brassie. It has been very effective for many years when trout can be seen midging. The trout at McKay have been doing this most of the afternoons since it has been warm. They have even been taking small indicators.

Material:

Hook: Mustad 9672 size 18

Thread: Black size 14/0.

Bead: 3/32 copper

Body: Small copper wire

Thorax: Olive dubbing

Tying Instructions:

1. Crimp the barb of the hook and place the bead on the hook.
2. Place the hook in the vise and wrap the thread from the front of the hook back to beginning of the bend.
3. Secure the wire by placing several wraps of the thread over it as you take wraps of the thread forward to the bead.
4. Wrap the wire forward to about a hook eye short of the bead and secure it with the thread.
5. Cut off the excess wire.
6. Dub the thread and make a couple of turns of the dubbed material before whip finishing the thread.
7. Cut thread and cement the knot.

This fly has been around about as long as John Walther or Kent Campbell and it is still catching fish. It can be fished as a dropper under an indicator at 18" or to weight other flies at greater depths. Simple to ty and doesn't take many materials.

John tells me in the "Old Days" before wire varnishing or anodizing, you would open your fly boxes and all of the Brassies would corroded green. They still seemed to work.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Check out the websites:

<http://www.capitalcityflyfishers.org>

www.thetyingbench.com

<http://www.flyflinger.com/midge.php>