

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

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December 2006

From the President...

Looking Ahead

"Where do you want to go from here?" is a question we all could ask ourselves and often do. The club enters its twelfth (?) year of service. There is ample opportunity to spread your influence in the world of fly fishing, locally, regionally and nationally. If you haven't thought about it for some time, you might consider the contribution that you make. Several have offered and continue to offer their skills in fly tying, casting and fishing. We have plenty of opportunity to train and share with others some of the skills we possess. Don't take anything for granted. There are people in the community who are beginning the life sport of fly fishing and don't know resources available to them. There are others who after years of experience have just found out that we are a local organization available to them. And there are still more who have never heard of our organization. It has been our practice to spread our message by word of mouth and action. We attend various events and make ourselves known within the community. We reach out to the younger and older citizens of our community. We offer training and support at various activities.

The Hooked on Fly Fishing Not Drugs program thrives in Mokane. Already this year, we have had three sessions with the middle school age students. Several have returned from last year. And of course, there are more new faces. This year, the South Callaway R-II Middle School program was officially added as a youth affiliate club to the Federation of Fly Fishers and is now part of the Southern Council. Fly tying has been the primary emphasis for past sessions this school year. Planning for the remainder of the year still needs to occur to map out their agenda. A couple of field trips are typical. If you have ideas and/or a willingness to help carry them out, please let Regina or Mark Van Patten know. Soon there will be a regular newsletter feature from this youth group. I have asked them to write on subjects that interest them and submit them for publication in this newsletter.

New efforts in Eldon – a group of fly fishers is meeting regularly at the First Baptist Church. They are spending their time learning various fly patterns.

Several of our members have driven down and spent time showing them their favorite patterns. Usually tying 2-3 flies during a session with instruction one week, the next week they do it without instruction with only themselves to rely on. Some of them may be visiting our club meetings in the future. If you see them, please make them feel welcome. They are a good group of people interested in the things we like to do – fly tying and fishing.

It is necessary for us to know what you would like to do at our meetings in the coming months. If you haven't thought about topics, please do so. We will have several guest speakers from the region again throughout the year. If you know of someone we could invite, please let Dwayne Abbott know. He will be making arrangements for our next year's agenda. If you have something that you are willing to share, by all means, please let him know. You may have gone on a trip, know a fishing technique that works wonderfully well or have some unique perspective on fly fishing that would be of interest to all of us. We invite you to make that known as well. Our spring banquet is approaching also. So be thinking of donations or contributions you can make on that effort. You may find extra time this winter season that you could do something beneficial for the club and its members. If so, please do it.

It is my continued wish and hope for all that you have a safe and enjoyable holiday season. When you travel, be safe and courteous. Look out for others wherever you are, in whatever you do. Together, this next year can be one we remember with pride. It takes all of us to make the club. We miss you when you are absent and enjoy it when you are present. I look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming Christmas meeting next Tuesday.

Larry Murphy, President

Capital City Fly Fishers Teach Fly Tying to Hospitalized Vets at Columbia VA Hospital

For the last six months, members of the Capital City Fly Fishers have been traveling up to the VA Hospital in Columbia twice a month. They have been

working with a group of vets that are part of a rehabilitation program which is under the direction of Coordinator Erin Carr.

CCFF Members Jim Kramel, Lee Kudrna and Jerry Kemple who are all veterans of the U. S. Air Force have been going to Columbia to teach fly tying on the first and third Thursday of each month. The groups of hospitalized vets that are in the class are both male and female. The average class has between six and ten members.

Each member is taught some of the basics of the materials and tools that are used to ty both cold and warm water flies. They are furnished with the materials and shown how to ty Wooly Buggers and the Joe's Foam Bug. The vets then demonstrate what they have learned by tying some great looking flies.

If you would like to give a couple of hours some Thursday afternoon to "Teach a Vet to Ty" please contact Jerry Kemple. You don't have to be an expert or a tier or a Vet, you just have to be willing to return to the folks a few of the hours that they have sacrificed for you while guarding your freedoms.

During this time of the year when we are all busy rushing to make sure that we have given our favorite relative that new fly rod that we really wanted but could not afford, remember not only the Vets in Columbia but also the Active Personnel who can't be home for Christmas because they have volunteered to do what our Country has asked them to do. Take a minute to remember them and what they are doing for you.



Lee Kudrna and Jim Kramel at the Columbia VA Hospital

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. 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.

December Arkansas Trip

The trip to the White/ North Fork was cancelled due to a shortage of dog team food in Arkansas. John Walthers said that Burma needed him around to shovel the snow.

December Meeting

Don't forget to bring your snack, exchange gift and wife to the meeting Tuesday night at Runge. This is our annual Christmas Party for members and spouses. The gifts should have a value of \$10 or less. Everyone should have one to exchange. All gifts should be wrapped.

A lottery of numbers will be issued and the gifts will be selected in numerical order. Each person can choose to steal someone else's gift or take an unwrapped gift from the pile. A gift can be stolen three times before it belongs to the last thief.

If your gift is stolen, you may choose an to steal a gift or select an unwrapped gift. The very first person to pick a gift will have the opportunity to make a steal after all other have selected a gift. COME SNACK AND BECOME A THEIF. IT'S LEGAL!

Calendar

December

- 12 Club Meeting @ Runge Nature Center, Christmas Gift Exchange and Party
- 21 Teach a Vet to Ty @ VA Hospital in Columbia @ 3:00PM

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.
- 31 **Hooked on Fly Fishing Not Drugs - Mokane**

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.
- **13 Club Meeting @**Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m.
- **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.
- **28 Hooked on Fly Fishing Not Drugs -** Mokane

March 2007

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

- **10 Club Meeting @**Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m.
- **25 Hooked on Fly Fishing Not Drugs -** Mokane

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

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

November 2007

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

December 2007

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Fly of the Month

Primrose & Pearl Midge

Tied By: Bob Smerek

This midge is a very effective fly for trout fishing.

Materials :

Hook: TMC2457, size #18 or equivalent.

Thread: Gordon Griffith Primrose size 14/0 (Lt. Cahil is possible substitute- size 8 or 10/0).

Bead: 2.00mm (or 5/64ths) copper (tungsten preferred)

Ribbing: Copper wire- small

Body: Pearl Flashabou (thin)

Step 1 Crimp down the barb of the hook. It is not needed and will only cause problems if it gets stuck in you or a friend.

Step 2 Put bead on hook and place in the vise securing thread behind bead..

Step 3 Attach copper wire behind bead and wrap thread along hook shank securing wire as you go to bend in the hook.

Step 4 Attach the pearl Flashabou at rear and wrap thread forward to behind bead.

Step 5 Spiral Flashabou forward to bead leaving small spaces in-between wraps (candy cane style) and secure with thread.

Step 6 Spiral copper wire forward (5-6 wraps) to behind bead and secure.

- Step 7 Build up a little collar with thread to keep bead in place and whip finish.
- Step 8 Secure entire body with head cement to make more durable.

The combination of the Primrose thread, Pearl Flashabou and copper wire give a color tone that matches midge larva pumped from the stomach of trout at Tanneycomo. This fly has been successful at Bennett, Montauk, and out west on the San Juan River. The fly is typically fished under an indicator and can be used as a bottom fly below a dropper. Usually fish will take size #18 even if size #16s work, but will not take #16s when #18s work. The brighter the day the brighter the midge is a good rule of thumb to follow.

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