

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

Piscator non solum piscatur



December 2008

From Our Prez

This month, I wanted to describe a really neat piece of water I fished outside Montauk State Park on Thanksgiving.

Everyone remembers the great amount of rain the state had this past year and the footage of Montauk experiencing flash floods this past Spring. These floods reworked a lot of familiar water both inside and outside the park.

On Thanksgiving, I fished the area between Tan Vat and Baptist Camp on the Current River outside of Montauk. I hadn't fished the area in a couple of years so any changes just helped make the area almost like new to me.

The first half has a lot of really nice water. Unfortunately, there were very few fish in that area. I say that because I fished it and only caught a 10" brown. In this first half, you'll encounter several riffles and turns. Overall, a very nice area. It just needs a few more fish.

At the halfway point is a deep hole that holds several fish. I was nice and bypassed this area and let the other fishermen I was with fish it. One of them caught an 18" rainbow.

The second half of the trip was as interesting as the first, but for different reasons. It has lots of riffles, boulders, and gravel areas. I had been told a long time ago that all you need to fish this area is an elk-hair caddis. I know why now. I turned over a couple of rocks and found nothing but green caddis. Lots and lots of green caddis.

This second half is where I caught my biggest fish. About three-quarters of the way through the trip, I caught a 10" rainbow and an 18" rainbow. After hooking the 18" fish, one of the guys fishing with me who hadn't caught a thing all trip messed up his rig. So, to be nice, I handed him my rod and offered to re-rig for him. He took me up on the offer and BOOM! He caught an 18" rainbow on the same fly I did no more than 3 minutes before!

Overall, this stretch of the river is beautiful and a wonderful experience. One suggestion I would make is to make sure that you park a vehicle at Baptist Camp. That way, you won't have to walk back. No, we did park a vehicle at Baptist. But one of the guys I was fishing with used to walk up from Baptist to Tan Van and then fish down. Quite a hike, in my opinion.

Merry Christmas!

Jim

From Our Vice Prez

An International Gathering of Lady Fly Fishers:

I should have posted this to the last newsletter – but I guess late is better than not at all! I have 3 items of information I'd like to pass along to the CCFE membership:

Item 1:

I had the wonderful opportunity of teaching *Basic Casting* to ladies attending the *International Women's Fly Fishers (IWFF) Annual Festival* held in Branson, MO during the week of October

16-20, 2008. Maria Bodkin from Salt Lake City, Utah assisted me with the classes. This was her first time teaching a casting class and I think she has a good future in teaching if she chooses to pursue it. There were several educational sessions that offered the opportunity to learn fly fishing, improve the abilities you already have, learn to row a drift boat, learn more about aquatic insects, learn about fly tying, or learn about reading a stream. Ample time was provided between the sessions for fishing, with experienced anglers assisting less experienced.

We also toured the Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery – which I found very interesting! I’ve been on Taney so many times but have never had a chance to see the internal workings of the hatchery. The new brown trout spawning operations, the new additions to the hatchery (such as the ladders coming up from Lake Taneycomo to bring the trout right into the hatchery and the new holding tanks), the big containers that continually stir and mix the eggs, and the research being done to save the Ozark Hellbender is something you should not pass up if you have the opportunity to view them.

I would recommend the IWFF to women who are interested in interfacing with other lady fly fishers. Membership gives you the chance to meet women from all over the U.S. (and even some from international locations) whom you can use as future resources for fishing locations and information on fishing in the different regions. The IWFF meets once a year, at a different location in the U.S. each year. I’ll provide more information on the upcoming year’s (2009) meeting once it is provided by the IWFF. Here is a link to the IWFF website if you’d like more information on the organization and membership itself:

<http://www.intlwomenflyfishers.org/>

Kudos to Carolyn Parker and River Run Outfitters for hosting this event!

Item 2:

Another out-cropping event of the IWFF is the *International Gathering of Fly Fishing Women* sponsored by the IWFF and the *Welsh Ladies Angling Development* group. The 2nd International ‘Gathering’ is planned to be held in Wales, UK on June 4-7, 2009. I’ll defer to the posting from Pudge Klienkauf, a well known Alaskan guide and author, regarding this event:

“The purpose of the Gathering is to help bring fly fishing women from different countries together to learn about each other and the IWFF, about fly fishing in different countries, and about common interests and issues. Many IWFF members will remember the 1st Gathering, held in Co Mayo, Ireland in 2007. The women from Ireland, England, Wales, Scotland, and the US who attended that event strongly recommended that similar events occur in different countries. As a result, one of those attendees, Nica Pritchard, a Welsh fly fisher known throughout her country and the UK, agreed to host the 2nd Gathering in the beautiful west of Wales in 2009. The IWFF Board of Directors approved the decision, and this exciting happening is about to take place.

As you can see from the flyer, we’ll be fishing for brown trout, sea trout, and Atlantic Salmon on both rivers and lakes.”

You can find the entire posting from Pudge and more information on this event at:

<http://www.intlwomenflyfishers.org/gathering/gathering.flyer.htm>

Ladies --- it may seem like a ‘stretch’ to attend a fly fishing event in Wales – but the rates are really quite reasonable once you get there. The most expensive rate is \$275 a day for room, board, boat, motor and ghillie (guide). There are 2 other less expensive options listed for you to choose from. And from the pictures, the scenery is absolutely breathtaking.

Note: I know a ‘ghillie’ on Lake Taneycomo who charges a bit more than that a day; trip includes a boat, ‘motor’ (i.e. the guide) and a shore lunch consisting of a turkey sandwich and a Pepsi. ☺ - Just kidding!

Item 3:

The third item I have is regarding a regional organization started by Carolyn Parker called the *River Runners Women’s Fly Fishing Club* (RRWFC). This club was started in April 2008 with 12 charter members from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma; their membership now reaches 42.

Their mission (from the website) “...is to make a connection with other women who share a love of fly fishing to have fun, create new friendships and lasting memories. We strive to provide a friendly and supportive environment for women of all skills levels to learn and participate in the art of fly fishing.”

They focus on fly fishing trips; planning a get together every 3 months at different locations throughout the region to explore new waters. Currently, there are no membership dues, but some outings will require everyone to donate their fair share for meals, fees, and .etc.

They have a website at:

<http://rrwfclub.shutterfly.com/>

Or you can contact Barbara S. Hulett at bhulett@allegiance.tv for more information on the club, outings and membership.

I just wanted to pass this information along to everyone. Hope you enjoyed.

See you at the Christmas Party!
GLK

Other International Waters

WAKE UP BEFORE THIS HAPPENS TO THE USA.

By Tom Chandler on May 8, 2008

From the Chattanooga:

Catch and Release fishing will be banned in Switzerland from next year, it was revealed this week.

And anglers in the country will have to demonstrate their expertise by taking a course on humane methods of catching fish, under new legislation outlined by Bundesrat- the Swiss Federal Parliament.

The new legislation states that fish caught should be killed immediately following their capture, with a sharp blow to the head from a blunt instrument.

The laws come into effect in 2009 but while the Swiss government does not mention Catch and Release specifically, it does say that “it is not permitted to go fishing with the ‘intention’ to release the fish.

This is similar to legislation in Germany which requires two weeks of course work to get a fishing permit in that country. Check out [European Fishing Tackle Trade Association](#)

[Don’t snooze while it happens here!](#)

Current Proposed MDC Regs

Here’s your chance to comment on some of the items that are being proposed by your local MDC.

Mike Kruse, our speaker at last month’s CCF meeting has passed along a website that he is asking each of us to review. The site is <http://mdc.mo.gov/regs/permitgaq/htm>. This site spells out some of the permit and fee changes that

are proposed for July 1, 2009. You have until Dec. 16, 2008 to make your comments.

Now is the time and opportunity for each of you to let your opinion be known. You can use the site to let MDC know what your wants are. Carolyn or any other clerk has to charge what MDC tells them to collect next July.

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.

December Club Meeting

HO HO HO Here We Go!

It is that time of year to partee. Thursday Night, December 11, 2008 at 6:30 PM is the time to bring a snack and a \$10 wrapped present to the CCFF Christmas Party. We will meet in our usual meeting room Runge. Bring a partner and a gift for both.

We will exchange the gifts under the "Catch and Release" exchange guidelines.

- Each attendee will draw a number.
- The person who draws #1 will "Catch" a gift from the pile.
- He will open the gift.
- The person with #2 can "Catch" a new gift or he can ask #1 to "Release" the gift that he has caught.
- If #2 takes #1's "Catch", then #1 selects another gift from the pile. (He cannot retake his "Catch" from #2)
- After #1 & #2 have made their selection, then #3 gets to make a choice. He can ask #1 to release his catch or he can ask #2 to release his catch or he can draw from the pile.
- Then #4 has the chance to make a choice similar to #3.
- After everyone has had a chance to make their choice, #1 has one more chance ask someone to trade with him.

AFTER A GIFT HAS BEEN RELEASED TWICE, IT BELONGS TO THE THIRD PERSON WHO CATCHES

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

Winter Fly Tying

Beginning Jan. 8, 2009 at 6:00PM CCFF will begin the Winter Fly Tying Session. John Walther is doing his usual great planning job preparing for the Thursday Night Tying Sessions. He will bring the materials that you will need to ty the flies each night. *You will need to bring spool of thread but that is all.* John will also have CCFF tools for those who want to ty but have no tools.

The fly schedule for each Thursday night's session will be posted on the CCFE Website. We will meet at Runge Nature Center during the month of January. We will move to the Embarq Building during February and March

December 2008

- **4 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- **6 Montauk trip**
- **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)

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- **8 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- **8 Winter Fly Tying** 6:00PM Runge
- **15 Winter Fly Tying** 6:00PM Runge
- **22 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- **22 Winter Fly Tying** 6:00PM Runge
- **29 Winter Fly Tying** 6:00PM Runge

Fly of the Month



RPT

This fly came from one of the recent The Tying Bench Show of Mark Van Patten. Mark has picked this one up on the Internet. It is probably a small stone fly.

Materials

Hook: R50 Mustad size 16
Thread: Black size 8/0
Tail: Black goose biot
Wing: Black goose biot
Bead: Brown 7/64 metal bead
Body: Dark green wire
Thorax: Dark brown synthetic dubbing

Tying Instructions

- 1 Crimp the barb on the hook, place the bead on the hook and place the hook in the vise.
- 2 Wrap a few turns of lead free wire against the bead to hold it in place. Lay down a layer of thread on the hook ending up at the rear of the hook.
- 3 Build up a ball at the curve of the hook and tie in one biot on each side. The ball of thread should splay the tails out to the side.
- 4 Tie in the wire and wrap it up about 2/3rds of the way to the bead. Secure the wire and cut.
- 5 Dub the thorax and tie in the biot wings.
- 6 Whip finish.

Mark recommends drifting this fly under an indicator.

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CCFE Website: www.capitalcityflyfishers.org