

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

Piscator non solum piscatur



January 2008

From Our Prez



Fly fishing has been a passion of mine for many years. I remember when I first joined the club 7 years ago. I had always been fascinated by fly casting, and the idea of catching fish on a fly rod, but knew absolutely nothing about the sport. So with the help of a co-worker I became aware of and found the club on the Internet, called Larry Branson who I think was vice president at that time and came to a meeting. Everyone was very nice and so I joined with the anticipation of learning to fly fish. A couple of months later in February, I went on my first club outing to Bennett Spring. It was cold and I was wearing rubber waders that were supposed to be insulated, but I couldn't tell. It was just plain cold! But that day in Zone 2, I caught my first fish on a fly rod sealing my love and passion for the sport forever.

Today, I am proud to be serving as your new president. Over the years, our club has provided me a way to learn and study the art and science of fly fishing with people I consider close friends to share my passion of fishing with. Now, I believe it is time for me to give back to the club and sport that I love so much.

One of our club's main objectives is to promote fly fishing. Our club offers many great opportunities to learn about fly fishing from our fly tying sessions that John Walther heads during the winter, the rod building class headed by Mark Van Patten that we had last fall, and the stream team activities on Saline Creek that we participate in, to the club outings that are held four times per year. These are the kinds of activities that members can engage in to learn about the art and science of fly fishing. In addition, our club members share what they have learned with other individuals who may be new to the sport of fly fishing through the tying with a vet program, the high school at-risk program, and the DARE program. These opportunities to share wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the club activities that taught these skills to our members in the first place. In the coming year, I would like to see our members take advantage of and create new opportunities to learn, share, and practice the art, science, and sport of fly fishing.

I'm proud to be your president and am extremely optimistic about the coming year. I believe this year will provide us all great opportunities to enjoy the sport and passion we share with people we truly enjoy fishing with.

Jim tells me that the redfish in the picture was caught on a sardine. I don't know if it was dubbed with a cracker or not.

December Activities



The CCFF had another successful Party/Gift Exchange this year. There were about 36 members/wives at the Christmas Party. The gifts were very nice and Bob Smerek played Santa this year. He opened most of the gifts for the people and then gave them to someone. Finally folks were so worried that Bob might collapse from the overexertion of opening all of the gifts, they felt sorry for him and let him keep one. Bob must have opened at least ten of the gifts.

Mary Smerek said that Bob needed a good workout. Bob got his workout that night and everyone had a good time. If you missed this one, be sure to get it on your schedule next year.



You will never guess who ended up with this trout decoy hat. That's right! I really hated to steal it from Jeff Holzem who was the first to steal it but Jeff is still employed

We retirees need to keep our eyes open for economical opportunities. If you are interested in renting the trout decoy hat for your next fishing trip, I can be reached at 690-5922.

January Meeting

The monthly CCFF meeting will be held on January 8 at 7:00 pm at the Runge Nature Area. The speaker will be Kent Campbell. *Don't forget to bring a fly or \$2 for the Fly Exchange.*

A Board of Directors meeting will precede the CCFF meeting at 6:00 pm at Runge.

Other January Upcoming Events

Winter Fly Tying

The winter fly tying sessions started on Thursday night. There were 12 tiers at the session. John Walther demonstrated the Jim Love fly. These sessions will continue every Thursday night until March 13, 2007 at 6:00pm at Runge. A schedule of the patterns and recipes can be found on the Website.

Verbal instructions, materials and hooks to ty 2 flies will be furnished each night.

You may have tied all of the flies on the list but you need to drop by Runge on Thursdays to hear the German version of the methods. (John ties his materials at the front of the hook) *Enough said.*

February Upcoming Events

New Holiday(Take Your Spouse Fly Fishing)

Start off Valentine Day by taking your spouse to breakfast and then to their favorite water to wet a line. I am sure that your Valentine will think that you are very considerate for wanting to spend the day with them.

Don't forget to plan on renting the Decoy Trout if you and your spouse might be heading for trout waters.

You may want to start the day at Mel's Diner to be followed by a trip by Gerbes where Berma Walther can prepare you a bouquet to take with

you over to Mc Kay Lake where you both can fish for dinner.

Larry, let me know if it works. Into every retirement a little excitement must be planned.

Now to more serious matters

Congratulations go out to Larry Murphy, our past President who retired from the State of Missouri OA Office on December 31, 2007.

Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo

The Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers of Bolivar, Missouri will host their 6th annual Expo on Saturday, February 23, 2008 from 9:00 am to 6:00pm. The event will be held at the Brighton AG Church multi-purpose building which is 14 miles north of Springfield on Highway 13.

The featured speaker will be Mark Van Patten. In addition there will be 35 tyers, seminars on casting, a bamboo rod building class along with bucket raffles and a live auction. Admission is free.

This sound like it may be a good day trip for CCFE.

Upcoming Calendar

January 2008

- **3 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- **3 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6-8 pm @ Runge Nature Center, Forrest Room
- **8 Club Meeting** @Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m. Kent Campbell to speak
- **10 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6-8 pm @ Runge Nature Center, Forrest Room
- **15 Banquet Planning Meeting** 6:30 @ Panera Bread , MO Blvd
- **17 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6-8 pm @ Runge Nature Center, Forrest Room
- **17 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- **24 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6-8 pm @ Runge Nature Center, Forrest Room

• 30 Hooked on Fly Fishing Not Drugs

3:00 pm @ South Calloway R-II Middle School

• 31 Winter Fly Tying Session 6-8 pm @

Runge Nature Center, Forrest Room

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• **7 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)

• **7 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6-8 pm @ Runge Nature Center, Forrest Room

• **12 Club Meeting** @Runge Nature Center @ 6:30 p.m.

• **14 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6-8 pm @ Runge Nature Center, Forrest Room

• **14 Take Your Spouse Fishing Day**

• **17 Mass Funeral for Those That Tried TYSFD**

• **21 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)

• **21 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6-8 pm @ Runge Nature Center, Forrest Room

• **23 Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo** 9-6 @ Brighton AOG Multipurpose Building

• **27 Hooked on Fly Fishing Not Drugs** 3:00 pm @ South Calloway R-II Middle School

• **28 Winter Fly Tying Session** 6-8 pm @ Runge Nature Center, Forrest Room

• **29 Trout Unlimited Banquet** @ Marriott Inn Route AC Exit, Columbia

Fly of the Month

The Shop Vac

This recipe was taken from the CCUTU May 03 Newsletter. The article states that the fly was the number one nymph on the Yellowstone in 2002. It was also very productive on the Chattahooch.

Materials:

Hook: Scud Hook Tiemco 2487 size 16-18

Thread: Black 8/0.

Bead: Gold 3/32"

Body: Pheasant tail

Rib: Fine copper wire

Wing: White Z-lon

Instructions

- 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 Place the bead on the hook put the hook in the vise as normal. Place a layer of thread on the hook stopping at the back of the hook.
- Step 3 Attach both the pheasant tail and the copper wire at the rear of the hook. Then wrap the thread to the eye of the hook.
- Step 4 Wrap the pheasant to the eye of the hook and tie off. Wrap the wire counter clock wise to the eye and tie off.
- Step 5 Form a wing by laying a shot tuft of Z-lon over the back of fly about half the length of the body. Tie it in.
- Step 6 Whip finish the fly and cement the thread.

The fly is fished like other midges. (Under an indicator, under a dry or hopper pattern).

From Our Treasurer

Mary Stone has turned in her list of CCFF members to the FFF. Some of these members are delinquent but Mary feels that these members have simply forgotten to pay the 2007/2008. Please, at your next opportunity, check with Mary to verify that your CCFF dues are current. Family CCFF dues are \$15/year.



Trout Decoy for Rent

Don't forget, before you plan your next trout fishing trip, to reserve the Trout Decoy. It is guaranteed.

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