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Newsletter of the Capital City Fly Fishers
February 2004

From the Brown Brick House

Well I hope that your driveway is cleaner than mine. We have seen enough of the white stuff to suit me and I can tie flies without being trapped by the weather. I know that the skiers are proud of snow but my bones don't mend quick enough to enjoy that sport so I'll stick to fishing and hunting.

Got a call from Mark Van Patten this week and they were able to buy the rod combos that they needed with the money that the club donated. We will be building them some cases for the rods in the near future. They have a trip planned to take the kids to Columbia later on in February if the ice melts off.

I am looking forward to our trip to Bennett next Saturday. We may have to use dog sleds from the present weather reports but at least the water will be flowing. Be sure and stop in to see Bob Gaston when you are down.

I had the pleasure of meeting the new owner of Clearwater Tackle Shop today. Scott Penman is the young man's name. Scott works at the Capital. He comes to Jeff from Colorado and has fished out there since he was a pup. We will be seeing more of him, I am sure.

We are tying on Thursdays and the size of the group is growing. It seems that each week we have some new folks and some of them are new to tying and even to the club. For the flies that are on the schedule for February, Dianna Kudrna has packaged up the materials for each fly and will have them for sale each night. We are also bringing some club tying kits with us so that anyone who is interested in tying can try it before they spend a lot of money and find out that they would rather buy their flies. Come give it a try.

Getting good reports out of Taneycomo. Mike Clark and I went down this week. It was a good day for both

of us and the fish really cooperated. I am going to put the fly in the "Fly of the Month Section". Kent Campbell may not allow me in Clearwater after this but I know Scott now so I may have some pull. I told him that for giving me the tip, I would plug his guide service. He is available most any Monday. Call him.

I hope to see y'all either at Bennett or at the next meeting. We will be leaving for Bennett from Schulte's at 7:00 am on February 7. If in doubt, call me at 636-7969.

Jerry W. Kemple

Fishing Reports

Well, the only one I've heard of is the one Jerry mentioned with Mike at Taney—must be the cold weather. Would you believe the weather scared off Ken Scott and Larry Griffen? Rumor is they cancelled last weekend because of the forecast.

Program for February

Lee has arranged another outstanding program for February. Steve Wyatt will give a presentation on the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Missouri waterways played a major role in the Expedition, so this program should be of interest to us.

Fly Fishing Web Links

Here's a link that contains useful material about Lake Taneycomo

<http://www.branson.com/branson/lakes/taney.htm>

Capital City Fly Fishers

www.capitalcityflyfishers.org

March Family Dinner

Family banquet is March 9 at Johnny's Butcher Shop. Tickets will be available at the February meeting. Because Johnny's needs to have an accurate head count, deadline for purchasing tickets is March 1. See Jerry Kemple or Dwayne Abbott. There will be a drawing for

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a fly rod, plus a small silent and live auction. In addition, please bring excess fishing stuff (tying materials, leaders, tippets, tools, etc) to the February meeting for a grab bag. Grab bags have been a hot item at past live auctions.

Mid-Mo TU Banquet

The Mid-Mo TU fundraising banquet is in Columbia Feb. 19. Tickets are \$30 or \$200 for a table of 8. Last year we had 2 tables. Help support the good work of Mid-Mo TU. If you've ever fished Mill Creek or if you fished Cosmo-Bethel Lake this winter, you will appreciate the work they have done. This is a fun event with super food. The auction usually has some great fishing items (many are sold at bargain prices). So get a group together and buy a table. Contact Ken Scott.

New Member Bio: Gaston De La Torre

Gaston joined the club a few months ago because he discovered an interest in fly fishing on a trip to Whitefish, Montana, with his wife, Jeanette. While there he tried fly fishing for the first time and caught a 5" cutthroat. He instantly became "hooked" (pun intended) on fly fishing. He's been pursuing it for about a year and a half. Gaston recently received a fly tying kit as a present and will be attending our fly tying sessions this winter.



Gaston retired from the Department of Conservation after 29 years in state government. He and Jeanette have a son and a daughter who have provided them with 3 grandchildren ranging in age from 10 to 2 ½ years, and they have twins "on the way."

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Gaston and welcome him into the club. I know you'll enjoy fishing with him—I've known him for many years.

Calendar

Next meeting: February 10, 7:00pm at ABB. Board meeting at 6:00pm

Fly tying: February 5, 12, 19, 26 at ABB 6:00

Next outing:

February 7, 2004, at Bennett Springs. Meet at Schulte's at 7:00am if you wish to convoy. Some members (Rob) may be stopping at Kay's at the Lake for a great breakfast. Yeah, I know, Ken and Larry, this cuts into fishing time.

Conclaves

Sowbug Roundup March 12-13 at Mountain. Home, Arkansas. This is a really good conclave. For more info, go to <http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org/>

Fly of the Month

Bead head midge

Recipe

Hook: TMC 2499SP-BL Size 14-18

Bead: Black tungsten

Body: Brown Danville thread

Rib: Fine black wire

Tying Instructions:

1. There is no barb to crimp, so place bead on the hook and the hook in the vise.
2. Wrap a ball of thread to keep the bead in place, and then wrap back to the curve.
3. Tie in the wire, and wrap the thread back to the front of the hook.
4. Wrap the wire sparsely up the hook. (Not more than 3 for size 18, 4 for size 16 and etc.) Tie off, and whip finish.

Fly Tying

Join Michelle and Jim Farthing and the rest of the tiers at the Thursday evening sessions. If you haven't started tying yet, now is your chance. Club tool kits will be available, and there is always some one anxious to share their skills.



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From the FFF Club Wire

From “Tippets, Tapers and Tale—Red Cedar Fly Fishers” By Don Hull FFF Certified Casting Instructor

Tailing loops. Wind knots. Those irritating catches in your leader and line. What causes them? Simple physics explains that your line is going to travel completely through the plane. If we fail to let it completely unfurl and start the forward cast on a different plane, then the forward cast and the back cast will pass each other on the bends below the plane of the backcast, causing the tailing loop. How do you fix this? The easiest fix is to learn to begin your forward cast with slow acceleration to the power stroke so the rod tip doesn't flex below the plane of the backcast. Remember smooth acceleration not squealing your tires. Don't be in a big hurry to start your forward cast. Let the backcast unfurl most of the way before beginning your smooth forward stroke. The longer your cast is the more you have to wait. Get out on the lawn and practice casting with the smoothest stroke you can accomplish. Backcast....wait....wait....slow smooth acceleration forward. It is like a ballet. Fluid and smooth.. Good Luck