

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

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February 2007

From our Winter Fly Tying Program

Attendance is high

Well are you suffering from Cabin Fever like I am? John Walthers has a solution for that. He really has some good sessions going on Thursday nights at the Runge Center. This week he will be tying scuds. Remember that all of the material will be furnished. Next week we will have one of the youngest tiers in the Club, Kevin Miller, will be tying soft hackles. Come out and give this young man your support. I learn something every time that I go out there.

On March 8, we will be honored by the present of Mike George who will demonstrate the “art” technique of tying deer hair Bluegills and other hair flies. He has been featured in Fly Tying Magazine and other places. Don’t miss him. He will definitely be worth getting out of the house for.

Spring Banquet

It is time to be thinking ahead for this year’s big banquet and auction. The date is March 24. It will again be held at Donita’s Catering and Banquet Center. Tickets are available for \$15/person or \$100 for a table of 8 people.

We will have a live auction, a silent auction, card raffles, and bucket raffles. There will also be so prize drawings. Bring your wife, kids, girlfriend and relatives. There will be fun and fine food for all.

Help is needed to make it a success. We are looking for volunteers to help with putting on the Banquet. Please let Larry Murphy, or John Walthers know how you can help or find out what you can do to make the banquet a success. They need help with ticket sales and donation solicitation.

McKay Lake Update

I understand that the Weatherman is forecasting that the opening of Trout Season at Bennett Springs and the “ice out” at Mc Kay may both happen on March 1. Let’s hope that we get at least a few days out there before March 1. If you get by there and see that the ice is gone please call a fly fishing friend so that we can share the fish with the “Power Baiters”. Don’t feel bad about taking these fish. They have to be taken before the oxygen level gets too low for them to survive. Be sure to take some picture for me to put in the newsletter.

February Meeting

Bob Smerek asked me one time how I knew what flies to use. My reply was to go pick up a rock and see what is under it.

Our speaker for the February 13 meeting is going to help us identify what you can expect to find under that rock or in that stream. She is Shelly Banks and she is with the MDC. She will present the aquatic entomology portion of the training offered during the Introduction Stream Team Training.

Don’t forget to bring your flies for the raffle or bring \$2.00 to buy a ticket. This is a good way to start a collection of flies.

Bolivar Conclave

Terry Wilson has sent word to John Walthers that they are going to have a conclave in Bolivar on February 17, 2007 from 1 to 7 PM at the CMH Hospital. Davy Wooten is going to be the guest tyer and casting instructor.

Calendar

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.
- **17 Bolivar Conclave @** Bolivar CMH Hospital, 1:00-7:00 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.
- **8 Winter Fly Tying @** Runge Nature Center, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Mike George will be the special guest.
- **10 Sportsman's Breakfast @** First Christian Church
- 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.
- **24 Annual Banquet @** Donita's Banquet Center
- **28 Hooked on Fly Fishing Not Drugs -** Mokane

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

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

Fly of the Month

Stimulator



Tied By: Al Beatty

This pattern is the one that I demonstrated at Fly Tying a couple of weeks ago. It is a pretty good attractor fly and an excellent one to learn to use your rotary vise with.

Materials:

- Hook:** TMC200R, size #6-8 or equivalent.
- Thread:** Orange size 6/0 or 8/0).
- Body:** Orange Dubbing
- Tail:** Elk Hair
- Body Hackle:** Brown
- Wing:** Elk Hair
- Head:** Peacock Herl
- Front Hackle:** Grizzly

Tying 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 Put a thread base on the hook and wrap to the rear of the hook.
- Step 3 Cut a small bundle of elk hair for the tail. Stack and attach tail. (It should protrude about the same distance as the gap of the hook.) After securing the tail hair at the point of the hook, remove the excess hair.
- Step 4 Attach the body hackle. This hackle should be one size smaller than the gap space of the hook. (If you are tying a size 6 fly, use a brown hackle sized for the gap of a size 8 hook.)
- Step 5 Dub the orange body and wrap it forward 2/3 of the way forward. Secure and wrap brown hackle to the same point advancing it in about 6 turns for the size 8 and 8 turns for the size 6 hook. Secure the hackle
- Step 6 Cut a bundle of elk hair about the size of a number 2 pencil and stack for the wings. The wings should extend back to the back end of the tail. Measure and cut the front end of the bundle on a taper before wrapping it in with thread. Secure the wings on top of the hook.
- Step 7 Secure the grizzly hackle. This hackle should be about the length of the hook gap.
- Step 8 Secure a couple of peacock herl and spiral the thread around the herls.
- Step 9 Wrap the herls to form the head and secure the herls.

Step 10 Wrap the grizzly hackles over top of the herls. Wrap this hackle tightly and secure and whip finish.

Step 11 Cement the whip finish..

This fly is commonly tied with the orange, olive or gray body. It not only is fished as an attractor but is fished as a strike indicator with a nymph as a dropper.

You can see how a rotary vise can be handy when tying this fly.

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