



March 2007

From our Winter Fly Tying Program

Another high attendance

Well we had another very good turn out last night at the Winter Fly Tying Program. Mike George did an exceptional job of tying a deer hair Bluegill. Mike kept saying that watching him ty a hair bug had been compared to "Watching grass grow." I believe that any one there would be very proud of their lawn if it looked as good as the fly that he finished up with.

Mike has won the Mustad International Tying Contest for the last three years. He is going to be in Mountain Home this week to ty at the Sowbug Roundup. If you haven't seen Mike's work, get a copy of the 2003 Autumn Fly Tyer Magazine. He has a copy of deer hair trout on the cover.

Mike has dedicated this Red White and Blue fly to those who are serving or have served and with it he defines Freedom



FREEDOM

In the Air Force I spent my overseas tour of duty in Korat and Tahkli Thailand. I loaded weapons on the F105 Thunderchief. The F105 flew more missions over North Vietnam than any other American plane, and suffered more losses. The F105 was nick named, by the pilots the "THUD" for the sound it made when it hit the ground. 108

Thunderchief pilots died flying missions over the North, most of the POW pilots were F105 drivers.

FREEDOM is a Salute to those who flew the gauntlet for 100 missions to earn their ticket home.

FREEDOM is a THANK-YOU to the 108 who lost the deadly game of tag with the SAMs.

FREEDOM is finally a THANK-YOU to *all* of the Veterans who never received a THANK-YOU for their sacrifice!

Mike George



Mike and his finished Bluegill



Some of Mike's smaller work

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.



Mike has donated this fly to the banquet

John Walther and the crew have really been working hard to have lots of items for the auctions and raffles. There will be a Weeks Night Out On Jefferson City, rods, reels, lines, waders, lots of

art, books, car washes, lube jobs and last but not least a cheese cake.

John has asked that all sellers of ticket contact him by March 17 so that he can submit a headcount to Donita's. His number is 893-4820

Mokane Wins MOAFS Award

Youth Fly Fishers Receive Donation From Professional Fisheries Society

The South Callaway Middle school Hooked on Fly Fishing club at Mokane has been fortunate to receive financial help from numerous sources. The Capital City Fly Fishers, The John Smerek foundation, The Callaway Bank and the Mokane Market have assisted this FFF affiliated group with funds to purchase fly rods, reels, and fly tying equipment over the past four years. This year the Club was the recipient of a \$500.00 donation from the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (MOAFS). The society is a professional organization dedicated to the science, conservation, enhancement and restoration of aquatic resources.

Brian Canaday, president of the Missouri Chapter of the AFS presented the check to the principle of the South Callaway RII Middle School at a school assembly on March 5, 2007. The funds will be used to purchase replacement fly lines, leaders, tippet material, fly boxes, and replace some fly tying equipment. The Students and their teacher Regina Van Patten, wish to express their gratitude for all the support everyone has provided to them.

The HOFF club will start it's 5th year this coming fall. The original members of the club will be graduating from high school. It is hard to say what effect the experiences they had in the HOFF club will have on their lives and whether or not they will choose to continue to fly fish. What we do know is that the ethics and the life skills they learned as members of the South Callaway HOFF Club will follow them throughout their lives and one day might bring them back to Mokane to help

teach the next generation of fly fishers the values of the lesson they learned. It is all about passing on a great sport that includes a wonderful and lasting lesson about life and it's connection to the outdoors.

HOFF Kids Come To Mc Kay

Fifteen kids came up from Mokane to try their luck at Mc Kay Lake on Saturday March 10. They were met by several CCF members who helped the kids with their casting techniques. I hear that there were a few bream caught but I am not sure about the Trout.

Bass Pro Needs Some Help

While soliciting Banquet Donations from Bass Pro last week, I had a request from the folks there. They did a winter stocking and are concerned that because of the ice during the early part of February and little publicity they may not get the fish out in time.

They asked me to put out the word and let it be known that there are trout in their lake. You must sign in at the store and show your trout permit to take four fish daily.

They have donated a set of breathable wader to the Banquet.

March 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 March 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.

Calendar

March 2007

- **13 Club Meeting @** Runge Nature Center, 7:00

- **15 Teaching a Vet to Ty @** VA Hospital in Columbia, 3:00p.m.
- **15 Winter Fly Tying @** Runge Nature Center, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m
- **15, 16 & 17 Sowbug Roundup @** Mountain Home, Arkansas
- **16, 17 & 18 Conservation Federation of Missouri Cinvention @** Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks
- **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

- **1 Columbia Day with Wildlife @**American Legion Post 202, 12:00-5:00 pm.
- **5 Teaching a Vet to Ty @** VA Hospital in Columbia, 3:00p.m.
- **10 Club Meeting @** Runge Nature Center, 7:00
- **12 Stream Team Outing @** Saline Valley Conservation Area
- **13-14 Women in the Outdoors Workshop @** Squaw Creek National Wildlife Area in Mound City Runge Nature Center @ 7:00 p.m
- **19 Teaching a Vet to Ty @** VA Hospital in Columbia, 3:00p.m.
- **21 Wayne E and Catherine Moore Youth Day/ Sheriff's Dare Day** (tentative)
- **25 Hooked on Fly Fishing Not Drugs –** Mokane
- **28 Wonderful World of Water with JC Parks and Recreation** (tentative)

May 2007

- **8 Club Meeting @**Jaycee Fairgrounds Lake @ 6:00 p.m.

June 2007

- **12 Club Meeting @**Lakewood Subdivision Lake @ 6:00 p.m.

July 2007

- **10 Club Meeting @**Lake in Columbia.

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

Peeping Caddis (Fur Case)



Tied By: Carl Richards and Bob Braendle from the book
Caddis Super Hatches
 Published by Frank Amato Publications

Materials:

Hook: TMC 5212, 2X size 14.

Thread: Brown 8/0).

Case: Spun fur from a hare's mask with guard hairs included

Legs: Partridge hackle

Head: Antron yarn (yellow or olive)

Weight: Unlead wire

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 Place weighted wire on top of hook and secure with thread .

Step 3 Take a one-inch piece of Antron yarn and hold the end over a butane lighter. The fibers will fuse and turn brown. Tie in the yarn at the bend of the hooks the dark head protrudes over the bend.

Step 4 Attach a small partridge feather just after the yarn head and wrap two turns of hackle.

Step 5 Using a Dubbing Loop to dub the case. It should be thick and contain the guard hairs and taper smaller back to the eyes of the hook Brush the hair with a Dubbing Teaser.

Step 6 Whip finish and cement the thread.

Note: the body fur can be clipped or not depending on the caddis cases in the area to be fished.

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