

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

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May 2008

From Our Prez



Congratulations Jim and Sam

This is what happens when the water gets too high to fish

What a great banquet! I'd like to thank everyone for all they did for this year's banquet. Even for a small banquet, we did pretty well. More importantly, I think everybody enjoyed the evening. There are several people who I'd like to thank for all they did this year. First, I'd like to thank Mary Stone. She always works so hard to keep us organized at these functions. Also I'd like to thank her husband Mike for being such a good sport and working with her that night. Dan Bernskoetter deserves a thank you for the wonderful slide show he put together. Dan, I got a lot of compliments on it.

Awards were given to several members of CCFF at the Banquet. Larry Murphy was given the Meritorious Award, John Walther was given the Fly Tyer of the Year Award, Jim Kramel was given the Educator of the Year Award and Lee Kudrna was given the Conservationist of the Year

Award. John Walther won the Attendance Rod and Giny Kramel won the Ladies Door Prize. Last but not least, I'd like to thank all the people who donated, got donations, and/or helped set up for the banquet. What all this should show is that together with everyone pitching in, we can accomplish a lot. The 52 people in attendance contributed \$1409 from the auctions and raffle.

So what's next? Well, fishing of course! The spring has been cold and wet pushing back the spawn on several species of fish in many lakes. What this means is that if you haven't had a chance to wet a fly yet, you haven't missed out. So, bring your fishing gear to the May meeting at JC Fairgrounds Lake and to the June meeting at Little Dixie. Dave Murphy is coming in July to speak on the Cold Water Fund.

Jim Farthing

Upcoming Meetings

If the rain ever ends, it sure would be nice to go fishing. Which brings me to my topic this month – fishing. There are some great fishing opportunities coming up over the next couple of months. The May meeting will be held at JC Lake located by the Cole County Fairgrounds. For those who have never fished there in May, it can be a real hoot! At that time, the bluegill are preparing to spawn and building their nests. So, get your bluegill flies ready. Pizza and sodas will be provided that night by the club at 6:00pm.

CCFF has three certified casting instructor and they all told me on Friday Night that they plan on being at the next meeting. *This will be a perfect opportunity to either teach them some bad habits*

or let them show you how to get rid of some of yours. Bring your rods and get some advice. It will be free.

In June, the meeting will be held at Little Dixie Lake which is located at Millersburg MO. Little Dixie is a nice place to fish. The neat thing about Little Dixie is that they have boats for rent. Last I checked, the price was \$5. For those that have little boats or canoes, they also have a boat ramp. June should be a good time for popping bugs. Bring a covered dish.

Upcoming Events

Charlie Redding is having an Extravaganza during the Memorial Holiday Weekend. He will have reps from most of the rod suppliers as well as some of the area tyers. If you are in the area it would be well worth stopping in.

Upcoming Meetings

May 2008

- **1 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- **13 Club Meeting** @Cole County /Fair Grounds Lake @ 6:00 p.m. (Pizza and Soda furnished)
- **15 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)

June 2008

- **5 Teach a Vet to Ty** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- **7 Free Fishing Day in Missouri** 3pm @ Columbia Veterans Hospital (Conference Room C201)
- **10 Club Meeting** @ Little Dixie Lake, Millersburg, MO. @6:00pm (Bring a covered dish)

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

New Addition to the Newsletter

CASTING CORNER

By Gary Eaton & Jeff Trigg, Certified Casting Instructors

Q. My fly ticks the water behind me, but only after I cast to beyond forty feet. Why not at shorter distances and what can I do about it?

A. To correct the problem you need to remember that the fly line follows the rod tip. When you come to a stop on the back cast make sure the rod tip is moving in an upward motion. It is a good to watch your backcast and see the line and leader. With practice, this becomes second nature. It usually helps to think of your back cast as an *up* cast. Remember to move the rod tip in a straight-line path (SLP) and not flick it toward the surface as you stop. Start watching your entire backcast, you may be amazed at how much your cast improves. JT

Q. About the time I get to where my fly is close to the distance I want, I hear a crack behind me, and my fly has snapped off the tippet. I tried heavier leader, up to ten-pound test, and it still happens. What is going on?

A. Your fly cracks off due to the whip-cracking action of the end of the leader exceeding the speed of sound (770 miles per hour). This occurs when you try to change direction before the delivery loop has become a candy-cane shape. The best way to correct this is to watch every back cast and wait, with the rod tip motionless, until the loop has started to look like a " J " lying on its long side before smoothly moving it in the other direction. GE

Fly of the Month

Dame Hadley
By
Mark Van Patten



Mark has developed this bluegill fly and has threatened me with death for revealing his secret. He has also added a switch to the threat. He wants to perform some research on the fly. You are free to try it and use it, but if you do try it and don't report the results back to him, Greedo will visit you after he finishes with me.

Mark gets the colored chain eyes at Westlakes. He recommends blue, gold, red, tan, black and brown for the foam and chain. He also matches the foam to the Ice Dubbing material. Carolyn Merten is going to start stocking the Ice Dubbing Material in a few colors. Mark also recommends using bees wax on the thread before you whip finish to strengthen the knot instead of using head cement. Mark has theory that the bluegill can smell the head cement. (Actually Mark uses a concoction of bees wax and other compounds to rub on the thread but he would send both Greedo and his brother after me if I devolved what that material was. Check his web site for the recipe)

Material

Hook: Mustad R50 size 10 or 12

Thread: Color to match the body 6/0

Eyes: Beaded chain colored to match the body

Overbody: 2 mm Craft foam Strip 1/4" wide

Underbody: Ice Dubbing to match foam and chain.

- Step 1 Crimp down the barb of the hook. It is not needed and will only cause problem if it gets stuck in you or a friend.
- Step 2 Place hook in vise. Wrap the thread from the eye of the hook back about two eye lengths from the and wrap in two beds form the chain. Put the beads on top of the hook. Put several wraps around the hook and the beads. Before beginning the dubbing process, put a couple of drops of epoxy on the eye/hook thread and let dry.
- Step 3 Dub and wrap the Ice Dubbing from the chain eye back to the curve of the hook.
- Step 4 Lay a strip of the art foam on top of the hook letting it overhang the rear of the hook by 3/8". Wrap the strip at the rear of the hook and then wrap it in segments as shown in the picture up to the chain eye.
- Step 5 Fold the foam over the chain and then tie it down in front of the chain. Then whip finish the head with waxed thread.
- Step 6 Split the tail into 3 segments by making 2 cuts from the end of the foam to where it is tied on.

NOTE: Mark is thinking about adding rubber legs to this fly so you might give it a try. *Remember if you use this fly and don't report back **Greedo** may injure your casting hand at the elbow. I don't think that Jeff Trigg has a cast in his repertoire to compensate for Greedo.*

Mark says the chain eyes are just the right weight to sink this fly at the right rate. Try it. You'll like it.

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