

# CCFF NEWS

## Newsletter of the Capital City Fly Fishers July 2004

### From the Brown Brick House

Just got my latest copy of Long Casts from the Southern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. This is the Conclave issue that has the schedule of all of the events this year. It is scheduled for three days this instead of the usual two in Mountain Home Ark. It starts on September 30, 2004 and runs thru October 2, 2004. There will be fly casting classes for all levels of casters, fly tying cases as well as at least 50 of the best tiers in the 9 State area and many other events pertinent to fly fishing at the Conclave. The keynote speakers are Dave and Emily Whitlock. Mike Kruse and the Wilson's (Roxanne and Terry) will also be part of the speaking group at the Conclave.

Remember that we voted at the last meeting to give two raffle prizes of \$100 each for Conclave expenses to members at the August meeting. You will have to be present at the meeting to win. Part of the money will be sent in to get the club member registered and the rest is for expenses. You will be given a raffle ticket at the August 10, 2004 meeting.

Well we got the fund raising to purchase the Trout for Mc Kay off to a big start. Dianna Kudrna, Jim Long, Jim Kramel, Wayne Turner and I cooked 800 hot dogs for the kids at the Binder Fishing Tournament. We collected over \$415 toward the \$2000 goal for the project. Jim Kramel said that he had not rolled this many things since he had to roll his underwear 40 years ago in the Air Force. Thanks folks for a job well done.

Lee Kudrna, Dianna Kudrna and I tied about 200 Mylar Minnows for the kids at the KRCG Kids Fest on June 19. The kids all seemed to enjoy decorating their own fly and I hope that some of them get to try them out. I made a quick trip through Arkansas this week, but didn't get in much fishing do to a lot of power generation. They have really had their fill of rain down there. Too bad the West can't say the same. See Y'all on July 13. Hope you have a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup>. Remember to pray for the Troops.

*Jerry*

### Calendar

Next meeting: July 13, 2004, ABB 7:00 pm. Board meeting at 6:00 pm

### More events.

National Fly Fishing Week August 13-22, 2004

### Program for July

Lee has arranged another great program for us. Clint Wilkenson of Outdoor Adventures in Mt. Home will discuss midges and shad kill.

### Fly of the Month

#### Grizzly Bear Fly Pattern

##### Material

Hook: Mustad 9672 8-14  
Thread: Black, 6/0 or 8/0  
Body: peacock herl  
Hackle: Brown and grizzly  
Ribbing: fine gold wire  
Tail: red floss

##### Instructions

1. Crimp the barb and place hook in vise
2. Wrap from front of hook to curve, tie in the red tail, brown hackle, and peacock herl
3. Take the thread to 2/3 of the way to the front and follow with herls and hackles.
4. Tie off the herls and the brown hackle.
5. Wrap the ribbing in the opposite direction to the 2/3 s point and tie off.
6. Tie in grizzly hackle and wrap in collar style.
7. Whip finish and head cement.

Works good for bluegill wet or dry

### Fly Fishing Web Link

#### Capital City Fly Fishers

[www.capitalcityflyfishers.org](http://www.capitalcityflyfishers.org)

#### The incredible edible egg -- Fly

<http://www.questoutdoors.net/skills/ftying/patterns/eggs/>

Rotating vises

<http://globalflyfisher.com/tiebetter/rotate/index.php>

## **Fishing Strategies: Gray Water**

by Roger Maler, FFF Southern Council President

Before a fly is selected or a cast is made, you must first evaluate the optimum potential of your piece of water. Those who are unsuccessful spend too much time casting to unproductive water. This is worth repeating! Those who are unsuccessful spend too much time casting to unproductive water. If you have made several casts (max of 5) to a holding place and you know the presentation was done well without a bump, **MOVE TO ANOTHER SPOT**. I can't tell you the number of times I have watched a fly fisher stand in one spot for 4 or 5 hours only to carp about the poor fishing back at the parking lot or even more incredulous say, "he or she had no luck."

What is gray water? Simply, it is a potential holding spot (maybe no larger than a bushel basket) where the water is deep enough to prevent you from seeing the bottom. The water is not dirty, only deeper. These are always my first targets. Do not beat up these spots with dozens of casts; 1 or 2 good presentations, depending on the size, should be enough to determine if it holds trout. When you hook-up or get a rise, put this spot in your memory for later that day or another. If a rise to a dry does not hook up, recast to this fish as it may take the fly on the next cast or two. Similarly, if you get a bump streamer fishing without a hood up, release a few feet of line and allow the fly to drift back to the fish, works 50% of the time. I always leave these small pockets after taking a fish to allow another to replace him in that hold. Larger gray areas can produce several takes but don't be greedy, move on, let someone else work that area later

## **Flies for the Southern Council FFF Conclave**

As Jerry mentioned last meeting, the Southern Council is looking for donated flies for a fund raising auction. They've asked each club to donate flies. Jerry suggested that each tier tie a half dozen flies for this event. If you'd like to participate, please bring your flies to the July meeting.

## **Gone fishing stories:**

Well, I'm desperate. As you've noticed in this newsletter there are no photos and no fishing reports. Either you guys are not fishing, or you're keeping it a secret. So until I have some new stuff, I'm gonna run this picture. Hopefully someone will get sick of it and send me a new one. So, if you've gone fishin' recently, how about sending some details for the newsletter! Just a few notes or a full article or pictures will allow all members to share the experience.



**Rob with a nice Green River 'bow**