

CCFF NEWS

Newsletter of the Capital City Fly Fishers August 2004

From the Brown Brick House

Where did the summer go? As I was driving through Sidney NE last week, I was reminded by the local radio station that their summer would be over in another week and the 90 degree temperature would be gone. Then when I got to WY, Steamboat Springs CO was forecasting nightly temps of 32 to 40 degrees and there was snow on the mountains of the Snowy Range while driving over to remind us that they do have some rough winters out there. It was an awakening to see gates on all of the roads with signs warning of the \$100 fine that would be incurred for going around one of the signs when the road was closed. But the country is pretty now.

I hope that Rob and Ken catch more fish that we did on their trip West. I can say though that catching 6-8" Brookies can be a blast in small mountain streams using dries.

The FFF has designated August 13-22 as National Fly Fishing Week. I would like to designate it as Take a Kid Fly Fishing Week locally.

On August 21, we will be doing casting demonstrations from 9:00 to noon as well as signing up class participants for the casting and tying classes that CCFF is doing for the JC Parks and Rec Department. We will be giving casting instruction on the last three Thursday evenings in September. We will also be doing fly tying classes during the Thursday evenings of October and the first two weeks of November. The proceeds from these programs will go to the McKay Lake Winter Stocking Program. **SURE COULD USE SOME VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH SIGN-UP, CASTING DEMONSTRATION, CASTING CLASS AND FLY TYING CLASSES.**

I am proud to report that Stream Team 760 has received an award from the DNR for its water quality monitoring efforts. Keep up the good work. Thanks Bob Smerek for the guidance.

I want to put in a plug again for the FFF Conclave in Mountain Home on September 30 thru October 2. Remember that you can get a ticket to one of two chances at \$100 for the Conclave expense by attending the August 10 meeting. See Y'all there *Jerry*

Calendar

Next meeting: **August 10, 2004, ABB 7:00 pm.** Board meeting at 6:00 pm

August 21, Casting Demos 9 – 12noon. Binder Lake Tackle Shop. Volunteers needed

September 9, 16, and 23. Fly casting class at Binder Lake Tackle Shop. 6 - 7:30 pm. Volunteers needed

October 7,14, 21, 28, November 4, 11. Fly Tying Class at Shikles Auditorium. 6:30 – 8:30pm. Volunteers needed

National Fly Fishing Week August 13-22, 2004

Next Outing: September 11 and 12. Montauk State Park

Program for August

Bryan Flowers from the Dept. of Conservation Outdoors Education will be giving an overview of some of the Conservation programs, especially the youth education programs like their fishing and hunting programs.

Fly of the Month

The Royal Wulff

Material

Hook: Mustad 94840 8-16

Thread: Brown 6/0 or 8/0

Body: peacock herl and red floss

Hackle: Brown

Ribbing: fine gold wire

Tail: Natural brown buck tail

Wings: White kid goat

Instructions

1. Crimp the barb and place hook in vise
2. Tie a bunch of bucktail in for the tail.
3. Tie in a bunch of clean stacked kid hair in about the middle of the shank to form the wing and stand it up by wrapping the thread tight against the from of the bundle.
4. Clip the ends parallel to the hook shank at an angle to form a tapered body.
5. Take the thread back to the curve of the hook, tie in

THE SEVEN BASIC "LAWS" OF FISHING

(FFF ClubWire - originally from the
Arizona Flycasters Club Newsletter, November, 1994)

These "laws" came from Frank Messersmith, about 25 years ago, and they are still in force today. See if you agree.

1. Results from fishing are proportional to time spent. That doesn't mean that if you fish more than me you will catch more than me. It simply means that the more you fish the more you will catch.
2. The best time to go fishing is whenever you get the chance. Remember the results of rule #1.
3. The sun sets faster when fishing than at any other time. Another way of saying this is a statement we see on car bumpers - The worst day fishing beats the best day working.
4. Don't practice casting when fishing. You can practice at home. Don't waste time on anything when fishing. Remember rule #1.
5. The best of fishing is in the telling. Who wants a great day fishing if you can't tell someone about it from time to time?
6. Fish are caught when your fly is in/on the water. Don't spend time fishing, "not fishing".
7. The single most effective technique in fishing is "one more cast, just one more cast."

So go fishing often, stay late. Don't stop because the weather is bad: it will get better soon, keep on fishing. Don't stop because you are hungry; eat while you are fishing. Don't stop because they're not biting that will change soon so keep on fishing. Finally, when you can't see, your friends have left, your wife has disappeared, your dog is gone, remember that there is always time for "one more cast."

(Editor's note: I think we have a couple of members that could have written this – huh – Ken, Larry G.??)

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the butt herl and wrap.

6. Take the thread to the point where the floss will end and tie it in.
7. Wrap the floss back to the butt herl and back to the stopping point.
8. Tie off the floss and tie in the forward herl.
9. Wrap the forward herl to about ½ of the hook shank and tie off.
10. Tie in a long hackle and wrap a few turns behind the wings before wrapping in front of the wings.
11. Make several wraps in front of the wings before tying it off and forming a head.
12. Whip finish and cement the head.

If you have any doubts about whether your fly is a good imitation or not you can ask John Stanford to see his tattoo. I understand that Mark Van Patten talked John into getting a tattoo so that he could remember what the fly looked like when he got ready to tie it for the show.

Gone Fishing Club member Chester Doughty fished Utah's Green River this summer. Here's what Chester had to say: "The attached pictures are from June 12 this year. This is the C section of the Green River. The big draw to the C section is the lack of fishing pressure and fish size. I was working 6 days a week, 12 hours a day for a couple of months. Finally I couldn't take it any longer and flew out to Colorado (my brother/fishing partner lives there) on Friday, fished the Green in Utah on Saturday and flew back here on Sunday. Boy, was the fishing worth it! The fish weren't quite on the summer bite yet. I tied up a bunch of Green River large terrestrials which were worthless at that time, 95% of the fish came on a #14 elk hair caddis. The largest fish was a 21.5 inch brown my brother caught. (He built the boat in the pictures himself: he is a carpenter by trade.) My largest was a 19 incher. They had stocked the river just a few weeks before we arrived, so we caught more than our share of short fish. There are some wonderful campsites on this section of the Green. I don't think you need a boat on this section to have a very successful trip. This river is a candidate for a low budget, high quality outing."

I have to agree with Chester – this is a great trip. Ken, Rob, and I floated Section A two years ago and caught lots of nice fish. *(Note to self: Accidents happen. Always take two rods in the pontoon boat)*

Fish Stories

Thanks, Chester, for the great report on the Green. I still

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<http://www.flyangleronline.com/>

Here's a hook cross reference table

<http://www.killroys.com/hooks/hookchrt.htm>

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 August meeting.

Outing at Montauk

Our next club outing will be at Montauk State Park September 11 and 12. This is always a great trip. Everyone will need to make his or her own reservations, Cabins, motel rooms or camping is available. **Call 1-800-334-6946 for reservations.** We'll meet at the Lodge restaurant for an early dinner about 3:00pm Saturday. We should be finished with dinner early enough to catch the evening hatch on the Current River. Some folks are planning to canoe the river Saturday. Contact Lee Kudrna lkudrna150@aol.com or Jerry Kemple kemjer@aol.com for more information.

need stories for the newsletter. 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