



FISH WRAPPER – ANY FISH, ANY WATER, ANYTIME!!!

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Tri Lakes Fly Fishers Bolivar, MO

Conservation Commission Faces Legislative Attacks over Feral Hogs

***** IMPORTANT *****

THIS IS OF GREAT CONCERN FOR ALL THOSE WHO HUNT
AND/OR FISH!!!!!!

http://driftwoodoutdoors.com/articles/2020/02/conservation-commission-faces-legislative-attacks-over-feral-hogs/?fbclid=IwAR3pAD3Q9KqJ5UWCQ-rRs5dOEIOswS5wf1r_tnFdzcH-S-NBpONPSs4VrIA

For our March 2 meeting, guide Damon Spurgeon will share his angling experience regarding Tightline Nymphing (Euro Nymphing) on Ozarks streams. This program includes a hands-on demo of two of the most effective leader formulas. Yes! You will learn how to rig both this evening. Plus Damon will also share the most-successful fly patterns matched to times of year to effectively catch fish on every trip.

Owner of Cardiac Mountain Outfitters, Spurgeon was born and raised on the Meramec River in St. James, and has been fortunate to have fished throughout North America and competed in various Team USA regional competitions.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain knowledge on new approaches to fly fishing the Meramec and Current Rivers, and beyond. --- Deb Hall, VP

Damon Spurgeon



President's Message

I don't know about you all but I, for one, am ready for spring! I saw a couple of signs today in fact. Robins in the trees and the green of daffodils breaking through the soil in my yard. So there is hope. At my age I hate to wish time to hurry up but...bring on March! Bring on Opening Day, spring Bug hatches and warm sunny days!

We are only about 6 weeks From Expo and the excitement is building. All the plans seem to be in place and things are coming together. Keep hustling those auction items!

I have included a link below to the FFI website that outlines the benefits of being a member of the FFI. I encourage everyone to consider joining if you're not already a member. Your FFI membership also gives you your membership to the Southern Council. There are some new, interesting things happening at the National level that will be a benefit to all flyfishers. I'll pass those along as I learn about them.

https://flyfishersinternational.org/Membership/Member-Benefits?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=FFI+Member+MASTER+List+as+of+12-13-19&utm_campaign=75237d4e29-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_02_13_06_27_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7368171aff-75237d4e29-239027261

I hope to see as many of our members as possible at these next two meetings as we finalize Expo details.

Sandy

Minutes from 2/3/2020

President Sandy Halteman called the meeting to order at 6:53p.

Karen May & Susan Dollar were guests

Larry Davidson won the fly ball.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published in the Fish Wrapper. The treasurer's report as given at the meeting was approved.

EXPO – KDKD has been promoting our event free of charge.

Lou reported that we have commitments from 30 tiers so far. She will be sending out a reminder notice.

Auctions – Sandy emailed donation request letters to members Please continue to bring in items for the auction and raffles. The box that had the silent auction sheets and signs was previously given to Sandy.

Sherri has the items needed for the registration area and will email kayak information to Sandy if available. Those members that went on the walk through in January gave a report. Vendors will be on the left set off from the wall about 10'. Tiers will be set up in a rectangular formation in the center of the floor and other vendors on the right. With the raffle and auction tables and items in the upper left of the floor.

Sharon asked about an update on the food. Sandy said Miranda is OK and is making posters. She also requested that the club members bring home made donations ie. Cookies.

Tom asked if we have secured help with set up. Andy said he is still working on it.

We discussed the schedule and decided as follows:

10am Stripers & Hybrids – Bill Butts

11am bucket raffle

11:30a silent auction

12:45p Fulks talk (30 minutes)

1:15p youth raffle

1:30pm White Bass – Bill Butts

2:30p bucket raffle

3:00pm silent auction

3:30pm live auction – Dennis Slane

We also agreed, on that day, anyone who purchased a club shirt should wear it. Lou will make name tags for club members. Nick reworked the electrical cords. A motion was made and accepted to reimburse Nick for this. Total \$89.00.

Andy reported that Hawthorn bag donations need to be assembled. Sandy will email the date and time to meet at their house to assemble these.

GSBR – nothing new to report

Club Pond – Terry Wilson went. The pond is now full after all the rain we've had. It was muddy and he didn't fish.

No new business.

Fishing reports were given. There was considerable confusion this month and last month with meals and Sandy will address with the owner of Springfield Café.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Yoker, Secretary

Beginning Fly Fishing and Casting at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch

It's about that time of the year again. We will start our casting and fishing with the boys on March 18 at the ranch at 6pm. Expect the casting to last not more than an hour and a half. On March 18 and April 1 we will do casting instruction, knot tying and an introduction to flies and fly-fishing.

On April 15, 29 and May 13 we will fish at the pond at the ranch. We will begin at 6 and fish until dusk.

May 27 will be our final fishing and it will be at Mountain Springs Trout Park just south of Highlandville. We will expect the boys to arrive about 6. They will fish while we prepare hot dogs. After they fish we will have dogs, chips, soda, and usually cookies. Johnny usually comes down to talk to the boys about his experience at the ranch.

This is a very rewarding time for both the boys and our members. Your help is always appreciated, especially at the Trout Park. The boys keep us busy netting and releasing their catches. Most of the boys will be brand new to fly-fishing and you need to see their smile when they catch a 3 to 5 pound trout. Hope to see you there.

A Story from the Newsleader about the record brown caught at Taney

https://www.news-leader.com/story/news/local/ozarks/2020/02/16/mdc-conservation-department-confirms-record-brown-trout/4737756002/?utm_source=news-leader-Daily%20Briefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily_briefing&utm_term=hero

Streamer Lovefest 2020

I didn't know what to expect when I headed down to Dally's Streamer Lovefest in Cotter. I had been told it was like no other fly tying show I had ever been to and boy were they right!! If you like to tie streamers – both articulated and not; talk about tying streamers; watch people tie streamers; talk about streamer fishing - both articulated and not; talk about fishing for big brown trout; OR talk about fishing for BIG TOOTHY FISH like muskie Streamer Lovefest is where you need to go.

The anticipation was palatable at 5 o'clock when Dally's tried to close their doors so they could set up for the evening because no one wanted to leave! As soon as they got everybody out a line formed on the outside of the building – swag bags would be handed out and of course everyone wanted one. A strange thing happened though - as the line grew so did the camaraderie. We were all there for the same purpose – a celebration of big honking streamers. When the doors finally opened just after 6:00 everything was moved off the main floor and four tables with 2 chairs apiece were arranged in a square. The first round of tiers grabbed a seat and started tying one fly. Yes – one fly per tier would be put in a box and raffled off at the end of the evening. Once each tier was done with their fly they got up to let the next tier sit down. There was no taking 2 hours to tie a fly here – most were done in 20 minutes or so and the only slowdown was tiers heckling each other or by questions from the crowd.

Those of us on the outside of the tables could stay and watch one tier or walk around and pick up tips from as many of the tiers as we chose. At the end of the evening after all the tiers were done the drawings were held – certificates for food, Yeti coolers, beer (I think) and of course the box of flies. It was one of those “leave no fly behind” suit case type boxes that was chock a block full of some streamers from the best in the country. Sad to say I didn't win it but it sure was cool to be there!

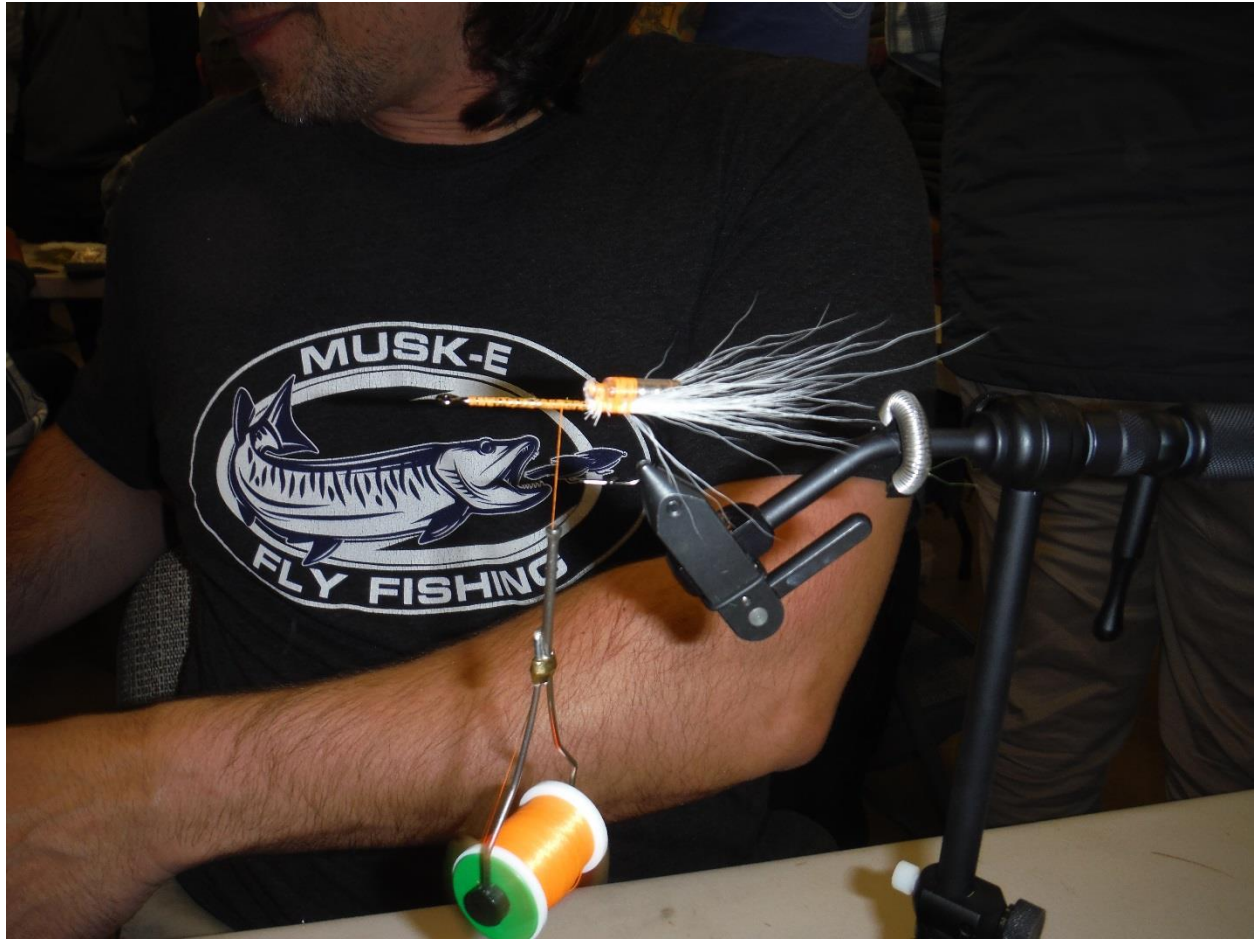
I think the greatest thing about the evening was who we were doing this for – all proceeds went to The Mayfly Project, a non for profit that takes children in foster care and teaches them how to fly fish. From putting the rods together to tying on a fly to identifying bugs to learning about conservation they get to do it all. AND they get to keep the rod and reel outfit they used during the classes. Check them out at - <https://themayflyproject.com/>

Will I go back next year – heck YES!!















PLANNING YOUR NEXT FISHING TRIP
CAN BE A LOT OF FUN
ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE HELP



ROCCO
AKA
DARTH WADER

AUNT JOE'S
MACARONI WITH RICOTTA

1 POUND MACARONI (ANY SHAPE) 3 TABLESPOONS BUTTER
1 LB RICOTTA ½ CUP GRATED ITALIAN CHEESE
½ CUP MILK SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE

MIX RICOTTA AND MILK UNTIL SMOOTH

ADD BUTTER TO COOKED AND DRAINED MACARONI

POUR THE RICOTTA MIX OVER THE MACORONI AND TOSS

COVER AND SIMMER A FEW MINUTES AND ADD GRATED CHEESE

SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE (SUBSTITUTE RED PEPPER)

SERVE WITH A CRUSTY BREAD TO USE AS A MOP

SERVES 8 TO 10 BUT MAY BE HALVED OR QUARTERED ETC.

TOM'S TIDBITS

Fly Fishing things you don't need:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5n_rujLzjR8&feature=youtu.be

PA fly Guide: Wet fly fishing part 2

<https://www.paflyguide.com/>

Glass Minnow:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36qwL_mBoY8&feature=youtu.be

Top Water BLOW UPS!!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsKzTYTliRs&feature=youtu.be>

Never carry your cooler again:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1NDnLAv5EM&feature=youtu.be>

HA!! A job opening!

<https://www.outdoorindustryjobs.com/JobDetail/GetJobDetail?jobID=11300>

Tom's dream date:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaOJdbAJk4&feature=youtu.be>