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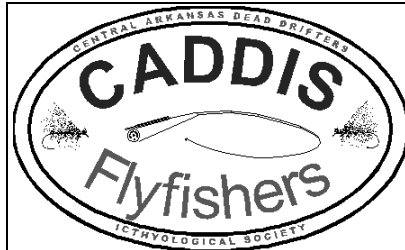
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Monthly Meeting

Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at All Saints Episcopal Church 501 S Phoenix in Russellville at 7:00 PM. The Board meeting begins at 6:00 PM.

Fly Tying

The fly tiers meet every Monday except the Monday of the monthly meeting at All Saints Episcopal Church 501 S



Dedicated to promoting the enjoyment of fly fishing through education, conservation and sportsmanship.

Phoenix in Russellville. We begin at 7:00 PM.

Come on down to tie, tell your latest fish story, or just be around other folks who also have this fly-fishing thing real bad.

Good Fishing Links

Mountain River Fly shop

These folks have supported our banquets well / let them know we appreciate them.

www.mtriverflyshopstore.com

Brim on the line

This site hosted by the Missouri Wilson's of warmwater fame will sell you stuff but also has some neat aspects from the pond flyfisher's angle.

www.thebluegillpond.com

Bass on the Page

This is not your expected bubbabassguy site.

Especially check out the fly fishing for bass and smallmouth books pages.

<http://hometown.aol.com/BassBks/index.html>

Water levels and releases

Check 'em out before you leave:

www.swpa.gov/generation.html

Southern Pond Fishing

Try this out for some new views and information on warm water fly fishing.

<http://www.fly-fishing-for-bass-and-panfish.com>

Let's Fish for Smallmouth

This site has a lot of variety and some cool videos.

<http://www.flybass.com/index.html>

CALENDAR 2008

Nov. 10th – monthly CADDIS club meeting

Dec. 6th – third annual Trout Day
Sponsored by CADDIS in conjunction with the Ark. Game & Fish Com.

Remember we tie flies at All Saints every Monday that is not a regular club meeting night.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



As you all know we had a small club outing in October. The group went to the Ozark camp ground North of Jasper and spent two great nights. The water was awesome and our meals were to die fore. On Saturday morning we had a large breakfast and then off to the wild in our canoes and kayaks, with rods strung we floated off to the Pruitt Range Station. The fishing wasn't as good as we'd have liked, but we did catch some fish and had a great float. That night it was off to town for supper (you'll have to ask Charles for the details) in Jasper. Sunday morning we rose and began the clean up and getting ready for the trek home, along the way we went site seeing and saw the Erbie Church and where the B-25 Bomber airplane hit Round Top Mountain.

Something to put on your schedule is the 3rd ANNUAL TROUT DAY, December 6th Pleasant View Park. We also have a how to fish clinic on the Tuesday before which we will also need volunteers.

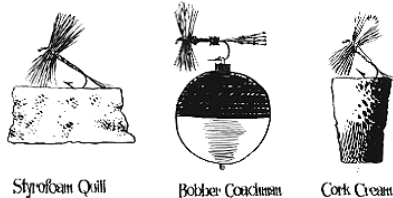
I'm still listing to you all for IDEAS, so if anyone has something for meeting topics please let me know and I'll see what I can put together in the form of actual presenters or video.

Tight Lines
Jerry

TRUE WET FLIES



TRUE DRY FLIES



Mike Clark On Rotary Tying

Jerry has been in contact with Mike Clark who works and guides out of the Two Rivers Flyshop in Mountain Home.

Mike has offered to make a tying presentation to show how we can better use the capabilities of our rotary vises. This would be expanded to a length that it would require a Saturday to work it in.

He suggested a combination including a potluck with him providing a dose of his own homemade jambalaya.

Let's talk it over at the meeting Monday night. Sounds like a great way to stay in the game while the cold winds blow this winter or maybe even sooner.

Droppers - John Berry

One way to improve your catch rate is to fish more than one fly. When I first took up fly fishing, lo these many years ago, one of the first things I learned was to fish a dropper. Back then it was a popper on top and a bream killer below. We would cast the rig into a bream bed. If we did not get any action immediately, we would gently twitch the flies and would be immediately rewarded with a strike, usually on the bream killer but sometimes on the popper. From time to time, we would get a bream on both. Now that was exciting. One bream would go one way and the other would head in the opposite direction.

I found that the same technique also worked for trout. I found droppers to be especially effective when fishing soft hackles. To rig them up, I would start with a seven and one half foot 4X leader on a floating fly line. I generally prefer a nine foot four weight fly rod for this type of fishing. I tie on a one and one half foot section of 5X tippet to the leader with a surgeons knot. I then tie on a two foot section of 6X tippet to the 5X tippet using a blood knot. I make sure that the tag ends of the blood knot are at least four inches long so that I will have plenty of material to work with. I trim off the 6X tag leaving the larger 5X tag. I tie a soft hackle (lets say a partridge and orange) on the four inch long 5X tag. I tie

another soft hackle (a green butt soft hackle) to the end of the 6X tippet. I could conceivably tie on additional sections of tippet and additional flies.

I fish this rig basically the same way that I would fish a solitary soft hackle, except that when the fly hits the water and I strip a bit of line to sink the fly into the film, I do so with a bit more pressure to ensure that both flies sink. I never know which fly they will take and occasionally they take both resulting in a double.

Another way that I fish droppers is below a large dry fly. I was introduced to this technique several years ago when floating the Madison River in Southwestern Montana. We banged the bank using a hopper with a dropper. We tied the grass hopper on to a nine foot 4X leader with a simple improved clinch knot. We then tied a two foot section of 5X tippet to the bend of the hook. To finish off the rig, we tied a small pheasant tail nymph to the end of the 5X tippet. We set the hook any time the hopper sank or moved unnaturally. All of the fish seemed to take the small nymph. I do the same technique here. I prefer to use large foam hoppers as they float like corks and do not require dressing. To fish larger flies like grasshoppers, I prefer a medium fast six weight nine foot fly rod with a weight forward floating line.

The final way that I fish droppers is with nymphs. I am particularly fond of them in high water. I think that they significantly improve your chances of catching fish under these conditions. I rig them much like I do when fishing hoppers. I tie a two foot 5X tippet to my normal high water fly (usually a brightly colored San Juan worm). I tie a brightly colored egg fly to the other end of the 5X tippet. My regular leader tippet combination for fishing San Juan worms in high water is twelve feet long. This additional two feet makes it quite long. This length not only complicates landing the fish but makes the rig a bit more difficult to cast. The rewards can be great, however. This is a killer technique that has accounted for a lot of great fish in high water.

The problem that I encounter with fishing with droppers is that they are illegal in Catch and Release waters in the state of Arkansas. I have never really understood this law. I sometimes think it was an attempt to outlaw treble hooks in Catch and Release waters. They now allow trebles in the Catch and Release section below Bull Shoals Dam but no droppers. It is not logical. Droppers cause no more harm on trout than a single hook. As a member of the advisory board for the Trout Management Plan for the White and Norfolk Rivers, I brought this point up

but have heard nothing back on allowing droppers in Catch and Release areas. Therefore be careful and legal and do not use droppers of any kind in Catch and Release areas.

When fishing in non Catch and Release areas, try using droppers. It will double your chances of catching fish and double your fun catching them.

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles." Doug Larsen



Fly Tiers Corner

Dan Terry

The standard Clouser Deep Minnow seems to always be pictured upside down in the vise as below. This easy tie swims enticingly when tied with bucktail as in the original.

The pattern has become more of a style as we use all sorts of two and three color combos and different materials.



Here is a set of tying instructions following Bob's own recipe:

Hook: Heavy wire, 3X or 4X long, sizes 10 to 2.

[Umpqua Tiemco TMC 200R Hooks](#)

Thread: Brown 3/0

Eyes: [Painted Lead Dumbbell Eyes](#)

Belly: White [Bucktail Tying Material](#) .

Under wing: [Krystal Flash](#) or Flashabou.

Wing: Brown [Bucktail Tying Material](#) (or preferred color)

Tying Instructions: Tying instruction for this fly can be found in ["Tying and Fishing the Patterns of Bob Clouser" Book](#)

As the weather cools this pattern can be fished slowly and patiently to extend our season.

Caddis fly fisher's please remember:

Let our local and national vendors know when you're buying or talking with them

that we greatly appreciate their contributions.

Please let the editor know what you would like to see included or changed. The suggestion box is always open.

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Fall with a Flyrod

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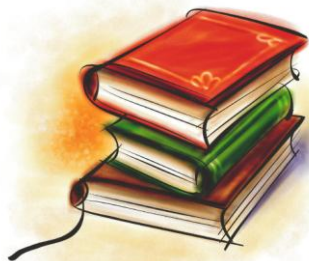
This is the time of year when the water is uncrowded, temperatures are just right, and fishing is great.

A deer hunter thinks about this as I did while in the stand last weekend. A good bass pond with its upturned flatbottom empty on the bank beckoned in the distance. The following edited from The Flyfisher by Terry Wilson puts it well:

Celebrate autumn by stringing up a long rod and selecting a few flies for pond prospecting. Poppers, sponge spiders, and diving frogs effectively address the surface.

Deer hair poppers sit in, rather than on, the surface and when activated make a gurgling sound that's often preferred by traditionalists. It's best to start with subtle activation of the popper. Try imparting a wiggling action followed by periods of inactivity. If this fails to attract hits, gradually increase the speed of the retrieve and intersperse gentle "plops" with rests that allow the rings around the fly to settle.

Modified Dahlberg divers designed to imitate the action of miniature frogs are standard pond fare. These floater/divers are great fun to fish because the design of the clipped deer hair head enables the fly to dive a few inches under the surface when a strip is imparted, then float seductively back to the top when tension on the line is released. The fly appears to be making a desperate attempt to escape, then gives up the effort only to try again. Its vulnerable appearance is irresistible to the instincts of predatory largemouth bass.



The Book Review

Dan Terry

Arkansas Wildlife: a History. Ark. Game & Fish Com. Edited by Keith Sutton. 303 pp. Available from AGFC.

Son Case brought over a stack of books he was referencing while serving as park interpreter on Mount Magazine this last summer. He wanted relate the park to the people that populate Arkansas. This little heralded hard back filled with great old Arkansas sporting photos caught my eye.

It includes development of our attitudes and activities over two centuries. If it's outdoors related to Arky hunt'n/fish'n it's probably touched upon here.

The stories and pics make it a great coffee table book but this is one that I have actually read through more than once.

"The difference between fly fishers and worm dunkers is the quality of their excuses."



"The art of dunking"

Fly Fishing the Little Red – John Berry

The good news is that the Little Red River is the closest trout stream to Memphis and Little Rock. The bad news is that the Little Red River is the closest trout stream to Memphis and Little Rock. Since the Little Red is fairly quick to get to for two major metropolitan areas, it can get crowded. In addition, there has been quite a bit of development on it and access has become more limited over the years. That said this river has developed into a legendary brown trout fishery that has produced the current world record. Rip Collins caught this massive forty pound four ounce monster trout on a brown marabou jig and four pound test line.

This is the Greers Ferry Dam tail water and it is subject to severe fluctuation. Be on constant alert for any change in the current or a change in the

water sounds. As soon as you detect the water is rising, get out. Hopefully on the same side of the river your car is on. The phone number for the Greers Ferry Dam generation information is (501) 362-5150. They will tell you what the current level of generation is when it began and when previous generation ended. If you are unsure about the water level or need to buy some local fly patterns, stop by or call the Little Red Fly Shop (501) 887-9988. It is conveniently located at swinging bridge, a local fishing hot spot.

The Red is generally a small stream when compared to the White or Spring Rivers. It is mostly gravel and bedrock and in general is pretty easy wading. I generally fish the little Red with a nine foot four weight rod loaded with a floating line. There are a lot of weed beds that produce a fair number of sow bugs which is the dominant food source. This makes the sow bug the fly of choice. If I were to have only one fly to fish the Little Red I would choose the sow bug size sixteen. The other local pattern that is a must carry is the red ass. This is a peacock soft hackle with a red tag and red rib. Other effective flies would be bead head pheasant tails, partridge and orange soft hackles, red or worm brown San Juan worms, elk hair caddis and olive woolly buggers.

One of my favorite places to fish is JFK Park just below



Greers Ferry Dam. I park near the boat ramp and walk far up stream. This section has a nice population of brook trout. I think they are the prettiest species that we have in Arkansas and this is one of the best places to fish for them. There are also plenty of browns and rainbows here. There is very little current here. I usually do the best near the top where there is one shallow riffle. The best flies here are soft hackles like the red ass or partridge and orange.

Another hot spot is Cow Shoals. This is where the annual brown trout spawn occurs in October. It can get unbelievably crowded during this event. There will be anglers standing shoulder to shoulder trying to land the big one. This is not fly fishing to me. I prefer to fish it in winter after the spawn before the big browns have left but after the crowds of anglers have. The rest of the year this is a great place to catch wild brown trout.

Swinging Bridge is the most popular spot to fish the Little Red with good reason. There is a lot of great fish holding water there. This is named after the wooden suspension bridge that crossed the river here. A few years ago it collapsed and killed a few tourists in the process. You should Park in the lot on the west side of the river near the old bridge abutments. Directly below is a huge pool that fishes well with olive

woolly buggers. Down stream is Winkley Shoals. This is a long bedrock shoal that holds several nice runs. This is a great place to fish sow bugs below strike indicators in the faster water and soft hackles in the slower water.

If you want to avoid crowds try fishing the Little Red during the week or during inclement weather. Nothing thins the herd like a little rain. There are plenty of good fish there. Give the Little Red a try.

