



River Rap

Roubidoux Fly Fishers Association
January 2012

Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

Hello All!

Are we not having one of the mildest winters in recent memory? Almost scary mild as a matter of fact. We sure could use some snow to add water to the lakes and rivers and a good freeze to get rid of some of those pesky critters - ticks and chiggers.

We have one outing coming up this Saturday to Meramec Spring Park - meet up in the farthest parking lot around 8:00 or so. (Smallies should have come up into the park so it might be worth a walk down to the far end - just ask Todd.)

Our regular meeting will be the 15th at Towne Suites here in St Robert starting at 6:30. We'll probably have a fly tying DVD for the program and I'll have the upcoming Outing Schedule.

Our next outing is 26 Feb on the Niangua River at the Bennett Springs Access, meet up around 8:00. If you don't know where that is, check the MDC site or the easiest way I know is go to Bennett Springs, drive all the way thru (but don't stop to fish cause it's closed for the season) come out on 64 and turn left, cross the big bridge over the Niangua, then take the first right. We'll be down by the canoe launch.

Now speaking of the outing schedule - any requests? Todd has asked for more ponds/lakes so he can launch his boat thingy (and I think we can accommodate that plus bank anglers at a few places) - any other requests? Belize? Float trips? More bluegill and less trout? Please let me know by the the 10th, thank you.

And when we speak of the Outing Schedule we might as well bring up the meeting schedule. Any ideas? Would anyone like to present a program on tying flies, or a location they've gone to or a new technique they have learned, or ? Do we want to do the May meeting in the park and have a burgers and brats along with some casting like we have in the past? How about the November meeting - we usually roll that right into Freeze Your Trout Off , and only have one outing/meeting - any objections?

And a few other things we need to bat around - and in no particular order (we'll discuss further at the meeting on the 15th) Stream Clean Up; banquet; new member recruitment; getting some of the old members back.

Good luck with all your fishing endeavors!

Tightlines!

Lou

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Recycle - Practice Catch & Release!



Streamside News and Fishing Reports

[Send your fishing reports to Max]

Here's some news to boil your crawdads—Steve Lueke was down at Rim Shoals a short while back. The picture was taken at the head of the riffle at the public walk-in access. If this doesn't boil your crawdads at least it should frost your pop-tarts!

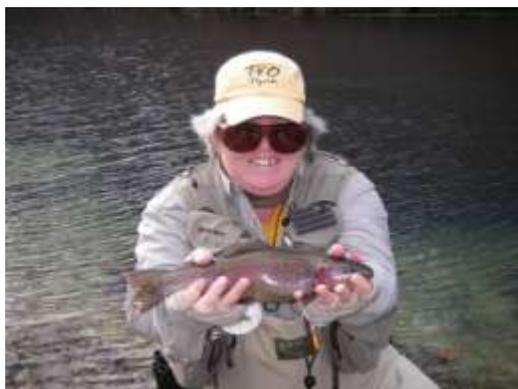
"Here is a 21" Rainbow I caught at Rim Shoals today [15 Jan 2012]. Fishing with my son Matt. We have a guide trip scheduled for Tuesday, we will streamer fish for Trophy Browns. Wish you were here.....**Steve Luecke**



Flyrod Six fished Mill Creek on Monday and ran into an old friend, a guy named Mark Zubrick. He used to be the fisheries biologist on the Fort, He's semi-retired, just doing some part-time work for the Forest Service during the summers. He reported only hitting some dinks in Mill Creek, Flyrod Six got skunked.

Fished the Roubidoux today (21 Jan). Had one rainbow about 12"...just your basic stocker, with nothing special in either girth or color. The fly was a BH Wooly in medium olive.

Fishing with Brits: Had an odd thing happen last week. At the regular Thursday morning international officers' coffee klatch one of the Britishers mentioned that he had been in contact with his replacement. The incoming fellow mentioned that he's a hardcore angler and was looking forward to fishing the States. The current guy replied that there is a guy at Fort Leonard Wood who teaches fly fishing and works with the Wounded Warrior program and he could hook the new fellow up when he comes over. The new guy proceeded to describe Flyrod Six (size, moustache, association with Project Healing Waters, etc) and said he had seen Fr Six on the British television. The only thing that comes to mind is that a couple of years ago one of the sports channels or National Geographic (not sure which) had done a half-hour show about the Healing Waters efforts and there might be some footage therein. The show was shot at Rim Shoals.



We owe, we owe, it's off to fish we go.... It's that time of year again! Dues are due. The club's address is PO Box 76, Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473. No change, it's still just twenty bucks!

FYI, we have \$1800 and change in the club's account. Two things come to mind:

1. Do we want to do a banquet? We're good on money, but we're short on socializing. And, there's an offer from Just Fishing Guides to do a program. Opinions are welcome! An offer to head it up would be very welcome.
2. Should we use some of the money for a conservation-related donation along the lines of the tire fund we fronted for the State? Ideas are welcome!

Project Healing Waters

Preliminary scheduling has begun for a Tying 101 class to start in late February. Then in April we'll follow it with Fly Fishing 101. Actual dates have not been locked in.



In memory of Jake, 20 Dec 2011



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March 2012

Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar



What, pray tell, could be good news about tying night other than we are on again? Well - we are on again! Rich has got us in the basement of the Rolla Public Library on the 3rd of April from around 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Hope to see you all there tying flies and telling lies!

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| 7 April '12 Sat | Lake Scioto in St James |
| 15 April '12 Sun | Current River at Baptist Camp Access |
| 5 May '12 Sat | Bourbeause River at Tea Access |
| 10 May '12 Thurs | Shawnee Mac Lakes CA NE of Salem |
| 2 Jun '12 Sat | Big Piney at Dog's Bluff Access |
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Fly Rod Six sends: We received an email from Holly (Chuck's daughter) requesting the club's address in order to send us a donation in Chuck and Sharon's name. It is part of an inheritance from Sharon's side of her family and is in the amount of \$1000. We briefly discussed this at the March meeting with the understanding that our best resource for ideas would be to contact Mark van Patten. Another comment that was well received was to focus on Mill Creek if possible since it was Chuck's favorite. Off the top of his head Mark made these suggestions (in no particular order):

- That we add the full amount to the tire reclamation fund (which is being administered by the Watershed Coalition). The fund, which we helped initiate in year 2000 with a \$2000 seed money donation, is very active and could use a bump up. The fund could be renamed to something like the "Tryon Tire Reclamation Fund" or a name equally simple.
- Given the link to Mill Creek we could make a donation to the new coalition of Stream Teams (there are three) that claim the creek.
- We could establish an endowment in Chuck and Sharon's name that would provide a grant which Stream Teams could apply for; say one per year in the amount of \$250. It would be administered by the Watershed Coalition. However, to maintain the principal amount we would have to conduct a fund-raiser (banquet?) at least every couple of years.
- Perhaps a combination of the above?

Whatever we choose to do is should have the Tryon name at least, or Chuck and Sharon Tryons' names if possible, attached as a memorial in accordance with Holly's wish.

We need to have maximum discourse on this project and we will make it the topic for discussion and decision at the April meeting on the 18th.

The March meeting was pretty well attended. Rich Williams, Ed LeMay, Louisa Runnalls, Todd Sparks, Dave and Leona Tharp, Fly Rod Six were there. Lou tied some classic wet flies, which are a neglected form these days. We also welcomed a new member, **Chris Pearson**. Chris just got back from deployment, is from Alabama, and on his last leave at home took a flounder on his new 8-wt before the wind defeated him. Not too shabby for somebody who's new to the game! He's chomping at the bit to fish around here—somebody take him under their wing and make sure he gets to our outings. He wants to tie but a class toward his Master's conflicts with tying night, at least for now.

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Correction, we have \$1600 and change in the club's account. Dues collected at the March meeting added another \$140 to bring us to \$1740. WE ASKED OURSELVES if ..."we should use some of the money for a conservation-related donation along the lines of the tire fund we fronted for the State? No surprise that we didn't answer ourselves <grin>. Using circular logic, please refer back to the information posted above about the donation from Chuck's daughter Holly.

Project Healing Waters

Tying 101 class completes this Wednesday, 28 March. There have been five Wounded Warriors and one disabled Navy vet with 24 years' service. Then in April we'll follow it with Fly Fishing 101 starting in the 18th... The national organization has provided eight Regal vises with the PHW logo on the base. The vises are a big step up in quality from what we had been previously using, and even though the old vises are true rotary, the difference in ease of use and overall construction has made a noticeable and positive difference to the students. Fly Rod Six also ordered a half dozen Wapsi beginners tying kit to issue to those who complete the class. All materials and equipment for both Tying and Fly Fishing 101 is provided by Project Healing Waters.

This will be the last newsletter for those who have not anteed up their dues. The following are exempted:

Mark van Patten – member emeritus

Phillip Cassibry – our only Life Member!

Nick Gironde – courtesy membership for our DOC biologist



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May 2012

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Streamside News and Fishing Reports

[Send your fishing reports to Max]

A big thanks to Sam Potter who again this year covered our expenses for the club's website for the next two years. In addition, Sam does a grand job of maintaining the site. It's worth a mention that we get inquiries and new members like Chris Pearson as a result of the contact info on the page....

No word yet about the "Tryon Fund." Mark is working the issue at the State level on our behalf. Also, a correction: the Tire Fund is managed by the Watershed Coalition and not by the Conservation Federation as reported in an e-mail a while back. Credit where credit is due, eh?

The club picnic on Wednesday (16th of May) was yummy. Them what missed it missed out. Thanks to Chris, Todd, and Dave for being the grill meisters, and also to those who provided various pot luck items. We hosted three members of the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing 101 class and a couple of their family members. Thanks for making our Wounded Warriors feel welcome. The 16th was the last day of this session. The group spent the day getting skunked at Bennett Spring before coming to the club meeting / picnic. No biggie—we saw darn few bent rods the whole day, and even fewer fish in the water. The paucity of fish was quite unusual for Bennett. All the regulars and general hangers-on commented about the low stockage level that day.

Lots of fishing activity to brag or moan about—

In the latter part of April Randy (Two Bears) Zelenka and Fly Rod Six traveled to the Lower Illinois below Oklahoma's Tenkiller Dam to give the area a try for a few days. The water was up and tough fishing for the first three days, with both touching only one or two fish a day (if even that many on day one). Day four found Two Bears having a great deal of success after he threw everything in the box. He found a San Juan Worm in a tree branch next to the fly he stuck



there on his backcast so he gave it a try. Bingo—that was the magic! Fly Rod Six even had to hike back to the truck to get some more for him (cough, cough). Meanwhile, while Randy was sucking all the trout out of the river above a rock dam, Fly Rod Six got into white bass on the downstream side, throwing a yellow and black bunny with his six-weight Spey. When THAT got boring switching out to a variety of streamers

and salmon flies produced the same results—cast, hit, retrieve, release and start all over again. Day five went moribund, bringing only a few trout for Randy and one lonely white for the big rod. One the other hand, Randy had some excitement on his six-weight Sage getting bent double to the point of "will the rod explode?" We guessed he had



hooked into either a schoolie striper or a darn big brown. What finally came to hand (on his very last San Juan Worm) was a carp that ran about 8 ½ pounds. Thus endeth the lesson.... The trip was originally intended for stripers for which the Little Illinois is renowned. Fly Rod Six had something that could have been a striper or a big brown that took him into the backing until it turned around, rushed back and spit the hook. On the other hand, it coulda been another carp. Such is the thing dreams are made of, sigh. Anyway, FR6 is heading back there this Sunday for a week with the 9 and 12 weight Speys to try the stripers one more time. NOTE: using trout as bait for the stripers is legal in Oklahoma. That leads to tying some foot-long rainbow imitations that will cast like throwing a wet gym sock.

Thanks to Todd and Lou for answering the call for flies for Casting for Recovery. All told we'll send them about four dozen in tomorrow's mail with the Club's best wishes.

Lou, Todd, and Chris hit Lake Scioto in Rolla with good success on various sunfishes. Pictures are below:



Welcome back to some old members from the Club's early days. Tom and Carol Condon had been members from Illinois back in the early 90s. We had a pretty good-sized Illinois contingent back then. They've been living in Wyoming where Tom works as a wildlife biologist. We think he specializes in sharptail grouse, judging by their email address. They plan on retiring to this area next year and have renewed their membership.

Todd sends: Dave Chalk and I hit Blackwell Lake in my kayak yesterday. Right off the bat we hooked into 2 pickerel, losing both as we tried to lift them out of the water. We landed the next 2 with the net with no issues (pics attached). Those little buggers can shake the hook out of their bony mouths quite easily if you give him half a chance.



A little more than half of the lake is covered in lily pads. We had good luck hooking (but not landing) several fish (presumably 'gills) in the lilies. For sanity's sake, we abandoned the shallow end of the lake in favor of some areas with overhanging trees on the deep side. Bluegill fishing was productive on spiders and sneaky petes. Big 'gills were few and far between, but the action was consistent with the smaller ones.

There was a midge hatch that increase in intensity as dusk approached. The bluegill we caught had mouths full of pupae. I didn't have my trout flies on me, but luckily they were not exclusively feeding on midge pupae. We both picked up a bass towards the end of the day as well. Dave picked up a lonely crappie.

There was a sporadic mayfly hatch as well. I attached a pic of one we saw on the trunk of my car while getting ready to hit the water. Some large dragonflies (uncooperative photographic subjects) were actively predated the mayflies and midges. I think the fish were feeding on the dragonflies when they could. I think that is probably what they were taking the surface flies as.



Summary: It was a good day for all parties. Added a new species to the life list. 9.5hrs on a 7wt made my arm mush, but I slept like a baby.

Project Healing Waters

The Fly Fishing 101 class had seven members this last go-round. One of those was a cadre member who will be our new point of contact. He attended two sessions before he had to take off to San Antonio for a month's schooling. He's another salt water junkie and borrowed an eight-weight along with some speckled trout flies to go play in the Gulf near his home in Texas. Once he gets back FR6 will do some remedial work with him and Chris Pearson about the differences involved in heavier rods, double-hauls, and large wind-resistant flies. Part of that class will be about casting in the wind and digging said flies out of one's scalp.



Some of the students are from Wisconsin and have really gotten into fly fishing. Casting has improved to the point of developing a Fly Fishing 102 class that will add some specialized casts to their skills as well as some more in-depth work on fly selection and angling methods. Two of the three who were able to attend the picnic got to go on Spring Creek last week to attempt wild trout. We saw some, but their casting and wading was too much for spooky fish. That's OK. The object lessons for the day were reading water, casting in tight quarters and hunting fish as opposed to the cast-and-hope they get to practice on stocked waters like Bennett and Stone Mill Spring. And it was interesting that only the Project Healing Waters guys had the stones to try the small casting range we set up at the picnic.

ISPC Steve Cerecedes kisses his first trout on a fly

We may try to teach two days a week for the next PHW class. The intent is to teach Tying 101 one day and do FF 101 the next day that week. That needs to be cleared with the powers that be first, but the students from this class didn't think from their perspective that there would be a problem.

Working the table at the ST Robert Outdoor Show....





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June 2012

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From an e-mail to Chuck's daughter, Holly—

'Well, it took a while but it finally came to pass....

"The Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition <http://mstwc.org/> has agreed to accept the contribution that you sent to us to manage. Our (RFFA) initial contribution of \$1500 started the tire reclamation fund. That was at your Dad's urging. The fund repays Stream Teams' expenses for recycling tires pulled out during stream cleanups as the State moves too slow to refill the money. The State then eventually repays the fund. There are so many successful Stream Teams and cleanups in the State now that the fund as it was couldn't handle the demand against its available cash.

"So here's the biggie: it was RFFA's stipulation that the fund be renamed. It will now officially be known as the "**Chuck and Sharon Tryon Tire Reclamation Fund**." Since the change was just authorized a couple of days ago (the MSTWC board only meets periodically) the change hasn't hit their website or newsletter but Mark van Patten told me that's in the works; and, as you may be aware, the Stream Team program and the tire fund are considered national models....

"On behalf of the RFFA let me say how pleased we are as a group that this State-wide recognition of your Mom and Dad's conservation legacy will highlight their contributions to stream lovers everywhere."

...and her response was--

"Oh my gosh, Max, that is fantastic news! Thank you and everyone else who helped in this. I'm proud and grateful to all of you! Wow, very cool stuff....

Take care,
Holly"

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BIG THANK YOU to Todd for his excellent presentation at our last meeting

Fly Rod Six had a chance to spend some time on the Current down below Baptist Camp. Believe it or not we had the river to ourselves on a Saturday! There was one exception—two guys in the only canoe we saw did something exceptionally courteous and out of the usual pattern. They actually stopped and back-paddled while my companion fought and landed a fish. Wow, how neat! Anyway, the deal was that I got a call to guide someone, but I'm not a guide. Recommended Sam but he was completely booked, so I made contact again and offered to go along as a fishing companion. My contact turned out to be a young woman from Maine ("Ay—yah") who was at the Fort for two weeks' training. She had only fished the small brookies of Maine streams—that is if you don't count fly-fishing for stripers and bluefish in the surf—and as a result she threw a cast that could thread a needle at sixty feet. In Maine-speak "it were wicked good!" But most of the time on fresh water she had only fished short casts and dry flies (Elk Hair Caddis); roll casting and nymph fishing were foreign to her. Bottom line is that she got onto her first brown and first rainbows ever; all four were about 14-15" and taken on a three-weight. Technical details: brown and two 'bows on an un-weighted 18 Prince Nymph below a 16 Elk Hair Caddis, and the last fish took the surface fly. Bingo! But that's not the end of the tale. The best part of the trip (for FF Six anyway) was really in two parts—her absolute joy in being on the water, in a beautiful area, and with a rod in her hand, and then the thank you note she sent the following day, and which is partially quoted below.

"I'm not worried about not having any pictures. There is no picture, or words for that matter, that would have captured the moment. As soon as I got back to my room I called my father and started to tell him about the day in detail but I stopped. I just told him "Dad, it was perfect", and the type of fisherman that he is, he knew exactly what I was talking about. I was taught that true fishermen don't remember the size or number of fish they catch, but instead the people they fish with and the memories they take away from it. You certainly gave me a memory that I will never forget. [...] I will take what you taught me back home and practice (and show my dad a thing or two). Hopefully, I get the opportunity to fish with you again someday. Thank you for one of the best fishing memories I have ever had.

Kate"

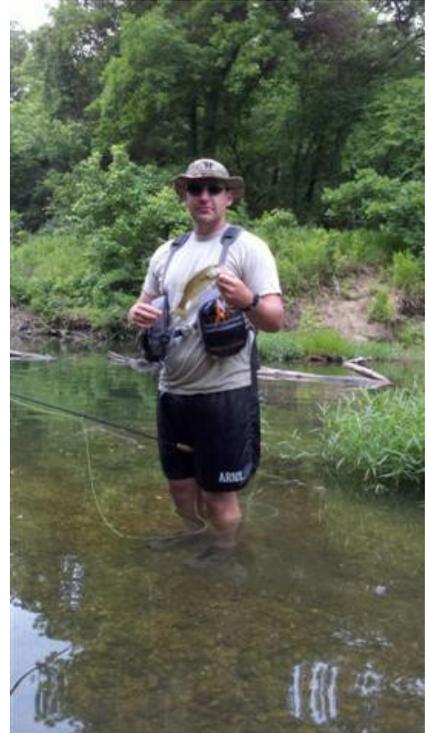
It's included here not for patting FF Six on the back—it's here and worth retelling because it's a wonderful restatement of the foundations of our sport (and made me feel good).

Todd sent the following:

“I took that 9wt out to fish some giant poppers the day after I got it. It was windy.

Let’s just say that my chin was glad I use barbless hooks :D”

Chris Pearson apparently landed the world’s smallest smallmouth still identifiable with the naked eye...



Steve Luecke sent a link to another unbelievable fish. Check this out:

<http://ozarkflyfisherjournal.wordpress.com/2012/06/13/how-big-massive-white-brown-trout/>

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“Little” Doug Goodman. “Two Bears” Zelenka and Fly Rod Six are headed to the Conejos in Colorado next week. We promise not to take any matches.... And, since we’re mentioning past members, how many of you remember “Big” Doug Farthing? FF Six spoke to him a couple of weeks back. He lives year-round on twenty acres in Northern Italy, does the circuit of tying at various European fly fishing expos, fishes throughout Europe with his Swedish model significant other, and will be doing three full days of classes at the Russian expo in Moscow sometime this winter. It’s a tough life but somebody had to step up.... By the way, Big Doug and Little Doug need to swap nicknames; Farthing continues to hold steady at 200 pounds and Little Doug, well, let’s just say that ever since he retired from the Army he needs new waders.

Ta-da! Two news items—we’ve had three more inquiries about the club in just this past week that directly stem from our website, and secondly, FF Six recently achieved the second happiest day of a man’s life—he sold his boat (the big white sea boat)!

Louisa is off on another fishing expedition, and we all know her secret method: don’t tell where ‘til you get back. Sneaky little devil.

Project Healing Waters

We start a new FF 101 class on 18 July.



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July 2012

Here's the Executive Wrap-up, in no particular order:

- # Fishing reports from Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado and Canada.
- # The latest on the Tryon Tire Fund
- # A flyer about a charity event suitable for hardcore partiers but for a good cause
- # Meeting notes from July
- # Miscellaneous stuff of undying interest and value

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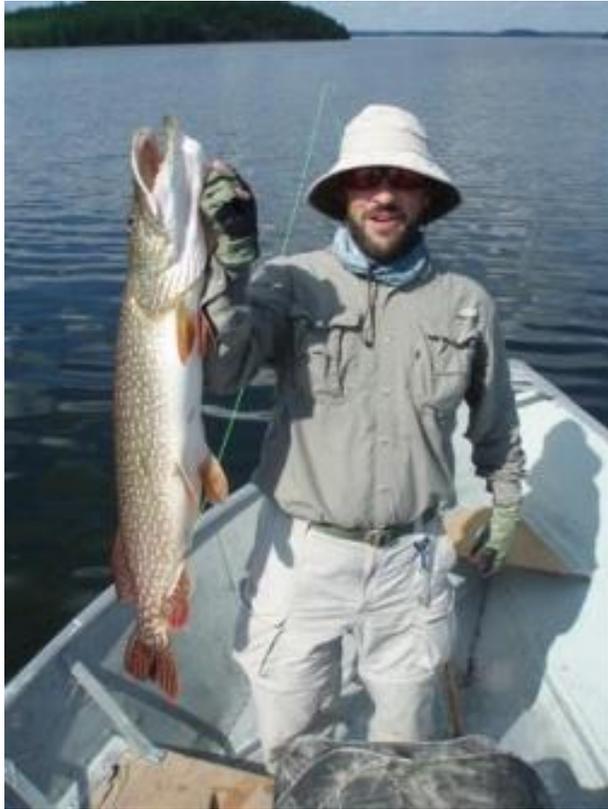


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Canada That's a 46", 30lb female northern pike. She took a 4/0 pike bunny tied in yellow and red. 'nuff said.



Oklahoma The Lower Illinois below Tenkiller Dam; no units running



...but fish were available



Note to Todd: Nobody likes a smart-ass!

Colorado: The Conejos River in the Southeast. Past members Doug Goodman (Tennessee) and Randy Zelenka (Kansas) along with Flyrod Six (still here!) hit the meadows, the canyon and the public sections below the canyon. The canyon is no place for old, fat anglers!





From top left to bottom right—

- 1. Water in the canyon
- 2. Randy nymphs the canyon's easier water
- 3. Climbing out 400' plus
- 4. Rainbow, 16 Adams, 4wt
- 5. Meadows brookie, 2wt bamboo
- 6. Doug's 3d cast

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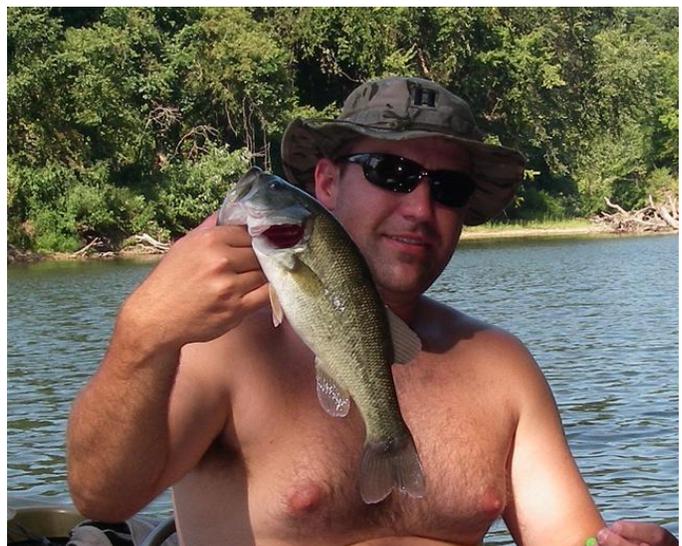
Possible white bass? You betcha!

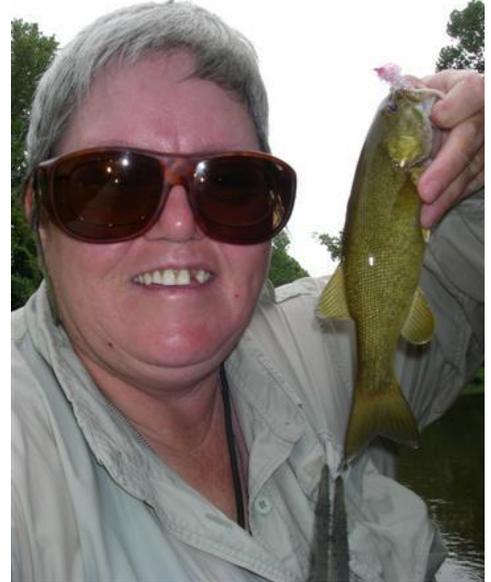


DJ stays upright on Towel Lake



Chris hit the big ones on the Gasconade





Furled leader class at the July meeting. More folks were there than shown.

Lou tries to brag....

Meeting Notes

Lou is considering changing the August trips due to low water on the Roubidoux. Keep your eyes open for an e-mail heads-up.

There is no clean-up scheduled this year.

We had good interest in doing more tying and lessons. Lou will check with Home (Towne?) Suites to see if we can add a couple of Wednesdays in the month. The first Tuesday Rolla library evening continues. Suggestion that we provide materials for the "fly du jour" for newbies. Max can provide a couple of PHW vises and tool kits on loan.

We had a couple of visitors and potential new members show up and they look like fun people and dedicated anglers. DJ is a big guy who has the temerity to fish out of a kayak. Laura Logan has taken Mark van Patton's class and fishes Michigan waters. She got good info from Lou about the various women-in-fly-fishing opportunities.

Many thanks to Boot for setting us up with Jason Rudolph for the class on furled leaders. Super interesting / super easy the way he does it and for the dry fly enthusiasts in the bunch, super flexible.



Project Healing Waters

We started a new FF 101 class on 18 July with four or five participants. The unsure number is because the Army has a ridiculous idea that medical appointments are more important than fly-fishing so participants drift in and out of each session.

However, the second session had four and everybody got on at least one fish out of the bridge-boat training lake on the Fort. And as in the famous quote, "size doesn't matter," Specialist Ben Peterson of Wisconsin kisses his first fly-rod fish.... a noble tradition.

Stream Team news

What follows is the letter that accompanied the \$1000 check for the Chuck and Sharon Tryon Tire Fund and the link is to the great write-up in the Stream Team Watershed Coalition's newsletter....

<http://mstwc.org/act-now/revolving-tire-fund/>

*Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition
Holly Neill, Executive Director
PO Box 2132
Ozark, MO 65721*

Dear Ms. Neill:

The Roubidoux Fly Fishers Association is pleased to present the enclosed check in the amount of \$1000.00 on behalf of Holly Tryon Kuykendall. Ms. Kuykendall is the daughter of Chuck and Sharon Tryon. She trusted our club to manage her donation in memory of her parents.

Chuck and Sharon were founding members of the Roubidoux Fly Fishers and, after Sharon's passing, Chuck was a motivating force toward establishing the club as Missouri's first Stream Team. Subsequently he guided the club through the process of making the initial donation that established the Stream Team tire fund.

As Holly's agents in this matter we thank the Coalition for considering and acting positively upon our suggestion to rename the fund in honor of Chuck and Sharon. We had not apprised their daughter of the possibility and she was surprised and gratified by this reaffirmation of her parents' conservation legacy.

Sincerely,

*Greg (Max) Maxwell
Leading Member,
Roubidoux Fly Fishers Association
17 July, 2012*

Personal note: Since we don't have officers "President" is wrong and that "Leading Member" moniker is just ludicrous. Chuck would fall over laughing; Sharon would gag. We'll go with "Action Officer" from now on.

This flyer is for the "October Bust for LT Dan." Not sure as of this writing how this works but proceeds go to Project Healing Waters. However, since alcohol is available, this is not a PHW-sponsored event. Proceeds from the Spring Trout Busters event go to Casting for Recovery.



The flyer is enclosed in a hand-drawn red border with a dotted pattern. At the top, a banner reads "TROUT BUSTERS" in a stylized, outlined font. Below the banner, the dates "October 19-21" are written in a similar outlined font. The main text describes the event as a weekend of camping, food, fires, and music. A map of Missouri with a star indicates the location at Pine Crest Campground. Pricing and details are listed, including a \$60 fee for two nights of camping, food, and live music. Contact information for Jim Wallace and Chris Hellman is provided, along with the website www.troutbusters.org. The bottom of the flyer features a simple line drawing of a river flowing through a landscape with mountains and a fence.

TROUT BUSTERS

October 19-21

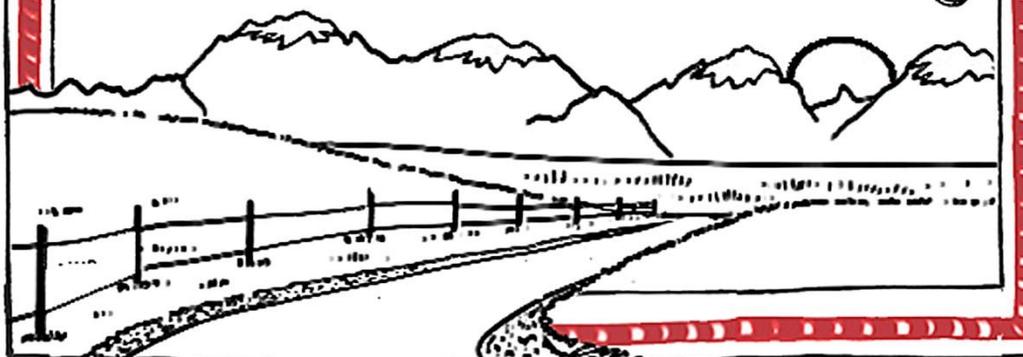
The TROUTBUST is a weekend of camping, great food, roaring fires, live music, and of course a lot of trout fishing (but there's lots to do if you don't fish too!).



PINE CREST CAMPGROUND
on the famed CURRENT RIVER
\$60 includes 2 nights camping, 2 days food, & **LIVE MUSIC**
THURSDAY dinner & electric sites available (\$10 each)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CONTACT
JIM WALLACE OR **CHRIS HELLMAN**
314.452.9904 314.809.7105

www.troutbusters.org





River Rap

December 1, 2012

Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar 2012 Outing and Programs

Dec 1st Sat 0800 Maramec Spring Park meet in farthest parking lot

Dec 4th Tue 1800 Fly Tying at Rolla Public Library for those wanting to tie along Lou will bring the stuff to tie a Crazy Dad.

Dec 9th Sun 0800 Montauk State Park meet at lodge/store

Dec 19th 1830 Regular meeting at All Towne Suits in St Robert. We'll be doing a fly swap/trade per say - bring in around a dozen of your favorite fly with toe tags, the recipe and an empty container. We'll work out the rest of the details at the meeting. We'll also be talking about where the club wants to go as far as leadership, POC on the website, newsletter; outings for next year; club programs; Stream Clean-up; etc., etc.

Report submitted by Sam

I have been to the Current River three times in the past two weeks and I took a steelhead trip the end of October and early November. So I guess I will share a little about those events.

For those of you that don't know, I am eat up with steelhead fishing...they are tremendously strong, they jump multiple times and they fight long and hard. I would rather catch one 8 pound steelhead than 20 12inch trout. This year wasn't as good fishing as it has been in the past. The main reason was very low water and no Salmon in the river. The steelhead swim up the river to feed on the Salmon eggs, but without Salmon in the river to spawn the steelhead are not as aggressive feeding and they become tough to find and catch. If we did find them it took a very precise presentation to get them to take and then sometimes that didn't matter either. We, my friend Barry and I, fished sun up to sun down for four days solid and we only hooked up about 50 times. Out of those 50 hookups we landed about half of them. The river we fish has lots of log jams and snags, so breaking a fish off is pretty common. We fish egg patterns because that is what they are looking for. And if you looked carefully in a slow pool you could see Salmon eggs laying in the back eddies. The eggs were from Salmon that were there a week or two earlier. Eggs that didn't get covered by the hens, washed down and filtered out into the slow eddy pools. Almost white now they are dead eggs and usually not eaten. We used Barry's drift boat three days and wade fished one day in between. The largest Chrome we landed was a 10 pounder I caught on the last day of the trip. I fished to that particular fish three days. She was the largest one in the pod of 6 we saw stuck back behind a sunken tree. I must have made 30 casts to the fish before she took. All in all it was another good trip with good company. I will return in the spring when the Steelhead make their spawning run. Spring time is streamer time with takes that will jar your shoulder and forearms. Steelhead fishing isn't for the fair weather guy that only gets out when the sun is shining and its 50+ degrees. We are usually fishing in sleet, snow, rain and wind and sometimes all four at the same time. In the spring time we can almost be sure that it will be in the low 20s in the morning and warm up to the mid 30s and if we are lucky the low 40s.



Barry 6 pound hen



10 pound hen on the last day



9 pound buck

The Current River has been fishing good, and better if you can get small. The Tiny Olive hatches, (size 24) have been hit and miss, but no signs of the larger Olive (size 20) that comes off in the winter/late fall. It usually shows up when the weather is nasty and so far we haven't had nasty enough weather. Midge fishing through the winter is almost always dependable. Look for very delicate sipping in the slow water along the edges or back eddies. Midges on the Current are 3 different sizes and colors. A size 40 in pale green, a size 28 in light tan and the big boy size 18 in black. There are more of the size 40s and the size 28 than the 18s. Sometimes a size 20 zebra midge below an indicator will take the lazy feeders. Caddis of various sizes and colors are always around with sporadic activity, always better then the weather is warm. The Caddis is a fly you can count on when fishing the upper Current River. It's good to have all three stages.

Freeze Your Trout Off

Report submitted by Lou:

What a nice turn out for our annual Freeze Your Trout Off. Boot, Todd, Patrick, Chris and myself showed up for what turned into - weather wise at least, a very pleasant day to be on the water. We were actually able to practice our casting almost all day without the interference of those pesky trout getting on our flies. If you are not at least chuckling by now you may need to lighten up a little before Thursday - more on this later.



Diver hatch at the Spring



ever smiling Todd



Boot landing one



Lou always proud of her fish

Now here I will get up on my soap box - I know there is some talk of doing away with the club. I for one am totally AGAINST it. We have 19 members, but due to circumstance most are not able to make meetings. Dang life is getting in the way. Our glory days of 70-80 members with a full board of officers and managing directors are probably over. We have evolved into a smaller, more compact, and easier going association. However,

even our slimmed down version of a club still needs a leader, and a newsletter would be a good idea, and outings & program would be nice and of course since we still have money a treasurer (but since Jack is Treasurer for Life). We still need a minimum of folks willing to take on these duties. We'll discuss all this at the December meeting, probably after the program.

Two more things and I'll get off my soap box. Dues are due. If you happen to be one of those folks that is only pay yours so you can be standing there when the death knell sounds for this club please don't. Don't pay your dues and go about your business. If however, you continue to pay dues in the hopes of someday being able to attend a club meeting, or an outing, or a cook out; or to help out on a Stream Clean-up; or just like to brag you're in MO Stream Team #1; or want to continue with the great work of Project Healing Waters; or support the club because Chuck started it and well, it's one way of paying tribute to him and all that he taught you; or just like being in the club whether you can make anything or not, please continue to send in your dues and support the club. Thank you!

Last but certainly not least, Thursday is Thanksgiving. Please have a wonderful day and weekend full of family, friends and fishing!

