



# River Rap

January 10, 2013

## Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

**Jan 13 Sun 0800 Maramec Spring Park, meet in farthest parking lot.**

**Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Tue 1830 Regular meeting at All Towne Suits in St Robert.** Sam Potter will be doing the program on Steelhead fishing. I will bring in my gear to show you what I use for steelhead and show a DVD called "Raising the Ghost".

As Lou says: YES we now meet TUESDAYS!!!

**Feb 02 Sat 0800 Montauk State Park, meet at the Lodge.**

**Feb 10 Sun 0800 Bennett Spring Park, meet at the spring.**

## Report submitted by Sam

If you are looking for smallmouth this winter you may want to wait until the water gets a little off color. They are very spooky right now and are not on the bite. If you do find some in quiet water, keep your presentation soft. If the water is pushing with a broken surface you don't need to be as stealthy.

Winter water and conditions can lead to **hypothermia**, so fishing with a partner is safer. I always carry an extra bag with me during the winter, with clothes to change if I, or a client, get wet, a big towel to dry off and a fire starter. I have yet to use it, but if I need it, it will be there. Better safe than sorry I didn't have it.

***The Current River is still fishing good*** with decent Midge hatches. Midge fishing through the winter is almost always dependable. If you don't like fishing the tiny stuff, (20-30s) you can pick some fish up on small soft-hackles in size 18 and sometimes size 16. A size 18 Griffiths will imitate a mating cluster when the larger black midges are on the water.

I don't fish the trout parks very often, so I can't give you a personal report, and no one has sent me any reports of their trips so I can't tell you where or what is going on there. I know Lou and Boot talked about using cream and cinnamon colored leeches with some success. I do know that starting about the middle of January and into February you can find trout feeding on midges below the jetties at Maramec park. I usually do OK with a greased line and the fly hanging in the surface film. I watch the end of my fly line for movement. But you know me, I fish some pretty small stuff. The fish will be feeding fairly slow and takes are soft. The jetty area usually doesn't fish well until the afternoon sun gets on the water. In the Winter, find an area where the sun is warming the water and you will find bug activity. Just remember, just because you see bugs, it doesn't mean the fish are feeding on them where you are fishing. They may be hatching somewhere down stream and you are seeing them flying where you are fishing. The fish will tell you if they are feeding on them, so take a little break when you see insect activity to see what the fish are doing.

**Wild trout** in our area are having a very difficult time of it right now. The continued low water is allowing the moss to grow and cover the entire bottom in places. The increased moss will cover the food source, shrink the size of the pool and diminish the holding capacity of the pool. I did an assessment day before yesterday

walking the banks looking for fish and fishing a little just to see what physical condition our wild trout are in. one word - POOR.

I am asking you to spread the word, and continue to encourage people to NOT fish for wild trout until we get some favorable water conditions for an extended period to allow them to recover.

Below are examples of trout that are starving. All three of these little trout have heads that are disproportionate to their skinny bodies.



When the small ones look like this you know the big ones are probably dead. If the little ones can't get enough food the bigger ones, that require more food, are usually gone unless they can eat one of these guys when they are dead or dying. Without the necessary energy to chase minnows for food, slow moving insects are necessary for survival. If there are no insects available.

Photos below are from the club outing at Bennett Spring and Maramec park..



Todd's smallmouth



Todd and his father Mike



Rainbow from Bennett



Patrick at Bennett Spring

Lou, thank you for the photos.

Hopefully we will have more information for the club in next months newsletter.





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February 04, 2013

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**Feb 05 Tue 1600 Fly Tying Rolla Library**

**Feb 10 Sun 0800 Bennett Spring Park, meet in by the spring.**

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**March 14-15-16** Sowbug Roundup in Mountain Home, AR. Boot and Lou are tying so come on by and see what's happening.

## Mill Creek Stream Improvement project

Boot, Max and Sam took up the invitation, from the National Forest Service, to listen to Bob Gubernick at Mill Creek on Saturday. Bob is a stream restoration geologist with a wealth of knowledge on stream habitat improvement techniques. Bob likes to talk and sure had some scientific terms I had never heard. It made me wish I had brought along a dictionary. It was interesting for me and I hope they get started on the project soon. I would like to watch it unfold.

## Project Healing waters Report from Max:

Last quarter of 2012 our RFFA Project Healing Waters program logged just over thirty volunteer hours. We held six fly tying classes and four Flyfishing 101 classes. There was one fishing outing to Bennett Spring which serves as the "graduation exercise" for the FF 101 classes. Three of our soldiers got to go to the fourth annual PHW weekend sponsored by and at Lilley's Landing (a big tip o' the hat to Phil Lilley!!). In addition our club and program got exposure at the Fort's National Hunting and Fishing Day program at the Outdoor Adventure Center on post. Our program had two soldiers who started with the FF 101 classes, got thoroughly hooked, and got so involved that they had us extend the tying lessons both in time spent in each class, but had us add a couple of more weeks. .

In the top photos next page, that's Sergeant First Class Smith on the left and Sergeant First Class Smith on the right. In the bottom photos, Michelle (on the left) has since retired back to Minnesota. Carola (right) is from Crane, Missouri area and will join this year's classes when she returns from convalescent leave in April. .



For 2013 we're in the process of scheduling a tying class for February/March and a new FF 101 starting in April. In addition to the regular tying class we've redesigned two of the tying kits to answer a specific request for a separate saltwater tying class. That will also start up this month, and the lesson plan(s) are almost complete. Speaking of lesson plans, a new PHW program has started in Kansas City and we shared our tying and FF 101 plans with them.

Personal fishing plans for the year include heading out to the Green River in Utah for a week with Randy Zelenka at the end of March. The trip includes two floats through the canyon. The only real drawback is the 13-hour drive from Fort Riley to the destination, and then the drive back.... The Gulf (West Ship Island off Gulfport, MS) is locked into May's calendar, and there's at least one long weekend planned to fish central Tennessee with Doug Goodman, but date TBD. And, once the

summer gets here we'll try the Lower Illinois River once again for stripers. Last year we went too early and had to settle for trout and a monster white bass run. That wasn't any fun at all.

Max

### Fishing Report from Sam

The two inches of rain we got last week has improved fishing a lot. If you like to throw streamers this week was the time to do it. I took a trip to the Eleven point and a couple of other area streams and had a ball catching some bronzebacks. Fish for them slow and watch your line. They will not hit hard in this cold water, but they will take it now that the water is off color. Sometimes all you get is just a little tick on the rod and sometimes the line just stops.. They don't fight hard in cold water, but it makes it a lot easier to land one of those 20+ inchers. I haven't caught one that big yet this winter, but I had two on that I lost that would have been pretty close. My largest landed this winter is this 18...so I'm getting pretty close.





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March 03, 2013

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**March 05 Tue 1600 Fly Tying Rolla Library LOU** will be tying a Gartside Gurgler and a Crappie Spider. Check your email for the recipe if you want to ty along.

**March 10 Sun 0800 Outing at Ber Juan Park in Rolla.** the pond behind the Centre.

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## Pulaski County Sportsman Show

Lou, Todd, Max and I represented the club at the Saint Robert's Sportsman's Show last weekend in St BOB. According to Lou, "we had more folks stop and say hi than ever before". Lou had six sign up to get an email from us. We would enjoy seeing a few new faces in our club.



This is the 2013 Stone Mill Stocking Schedule:



As I understand it, getting there early is a Key factor for putting trout in your net. A factor that is true for all stocked fish, regardless if they are dumped into a stream or park. They are pretty much clueless about flies, lures and bait. If you know someone that is a novice this would be a good opportunity for them to have success catching trout.

#### **ROUBIDOUX FLY FISHERS OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 2013**

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| 2 March 2013  | Little Piney at Lane Spring                       |
| 10 March 2013 | Ber Juan Park – lake behind the Centre in Rolla   |
| 6 April 2013  | Rinquelin Trail Community Lake                    |
| 14 April 2013 | Towel Lake in Little Praire Conservation Area     |
| 4 May 2013    | Shawnee Mac Lakes Conservation Area               |
| 12 May 2013   | Blackwell Lake in Indian Trails Conservation Area |
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## FISHING

Streams are in excellent condition for fishing right now, with some careful wading of course. All area streams are up and pushing some quality water. This should be very helpful for our Wild trout in the creeks. If we can get a couple of inches every two or three weeks it will go a long way to helping them recover from the drought we had this summer.

IF the water is high and dark go to dark colors and larger flies. The darker the water the darker the fly. IF you prefer to nymph fish, a size 10 Zug Bug works pretty good in high water. If you add a little chartreuse to the fly, especially for smallmouth especially, it will also help them find your presentation. Lou and I had a great day on a local stream in high water catching about 70-80 fish in a 5 hour period. We decided that we would not share the location, but I'm sure that she or I may take a fellow RFFA member there if we are, in some small way, rewarded with a provided lunch or burger on the way home.

What I can tell you is that we fished a technique that she had never used before, and has since added it to one of her most successful methods and is in the process of gearing up and tying up to use it again.





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April 01, 2013

## Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

**April 02 Tue 1600 Fly Tying Rolla Library**

**April 6 Sat 0800 Club Outing to Rinquelin Trail Community Lake at Rinquelin Trail Lake CA.** This is the MDC link :  
<http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/applications/moatlas/AreaSummaryPage.aspx?txtAreaID=8233&txtAreaNm=&txtCounty=&txtRegion=Central&txtUserID=guest&txtDivision=>

**April 14 Sun 0800 Club Outing to Towel Lake in Little Prairie CA** northeast of Rolla. We'll meet up on the boat ramp side. This is the MDC link:  
<http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/applications/moatlas/AreaSummaryPage.aspx?txtAreaID=6316&txtAreaNm=Little>

**April 16 Tue Regular meeting** – we'll be talking about this year's Stream Clean-up

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**Clays for Cancer** is a fundraiser for Reel Recovery – a which is a non for profit group who has fly fishing retreats for men with cancer. Max helped out at one of the retreats a few years back and said he had a heck of a good time. If you are interested the following information was sent to Lou:

Many of you have been contacting me recently about this year's Clays for Cancer event. I'm happy to say that online registration is now open for the 4th Annual Clays for Cancer fundraising event supporting Reel Recovery in the State of Missouri! The event is again being held at Ozark Shooters Sports Complex off 65 Highway just north of Branson MO. The date is Saturday September 21, 2013 from 9:00am - approximately 2:30pm.

This year's registration donation is again only \$85 making this fun event affordable. We are hoping that this will encourage more shooters to come out and enjoy the day shooting sporting clays while helping a good cause. Because we have again kept the cost lowered, we are counting on higher attendance numbers, so please contact your friends, relatives, and co-workers and start forming squads now! Last year's event was fantastic, with over 130 shooters participating. Let's get 200 shooters to show up this year! Early registrants will get some special perks; the first 100 registered shooters receive 50 rounds of Fiocchi 12 gauge target loads, and an event T-shirt, so register soon!

NEW this year! You will now have the option to pay online via credit card. No more hassle of calling

credit card payment information into me. Thanks to Stan at our National headquarters, we now have a secure credit card checkout system. When you hit submit on your registration a thank you page will open. There you will find a link to click if you want to pay securely online. Of course you may also still mail your registration donation check made out to Reel Recovery to:

Reel Recovery Missouri

% David Caravella

1539 Gobblers Mountain Rd

Branson West, MO 65737

## A Bust

Fishing for Steelhead, for me, is a blast. Powerful, fast and acrobatic, fresh run steelhead are hard to beat for a freshwater sporting fish. My spring trip to the waters of my choice for steelhead fishing was a bust this year. I hooked up 8 times and landed 1 in three days. I walked my ass off up and down those hills and along that river in snow that turned to ice in the cold of the night, making some places very treacherous. I was pretty lucky that I only slipped once and fell on my butt on a small hill. No damage to me or the gear, just my pride. There were a few places that I would have ended up in the river had I slipped there. Falling in the river in freezing temperatures is almost a sure thing for hypothermia, if you don't drown first. With the water temperature in the 30s you can only be in it for a little while before you need to get out and warm your toes. And for the fish, cool water temperatures usually doesn't help their feeding mode, and the fact that they have other things on their minds in the spring is not a good combination. I met up with my good friend Barry for about a half day of fishing and his luck was almost as bad as mine.

I did get to take some photos that you don't get to see here in Missouri. Conditions that are common place in the Northwoods and that the locals take in stride, are new wonders for me, so if someone saw me taking photos of their "common place conditions" they would have been amused.



10 feet of snow piled up in a parking lot.



You have to dress in several layers .



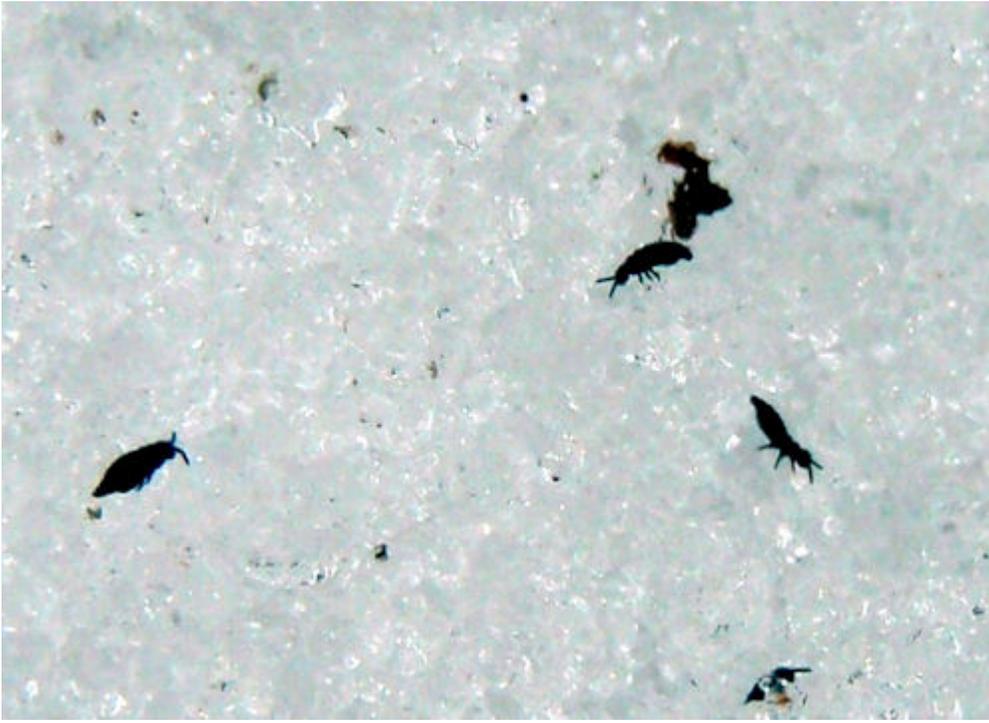
When I fish up there in the spring, I always expect iced up guides, especially in the mornings. Sometimes you have to fight it all day



Stonefly hatch about a size 14 black. I saw a few, and I found out later that there was a massive hatch up stream about 10 miles.



Looks like dirty snow, but they were millions of bugs on the forest floor



A closer look of the bugs... they are called Springtails.



magnified view of a Springtail.



I'm not sure how this happens, but I saw a few of these on the river. You would expect a flat object under the ice that the snow is sitting on, but there was only a limb..??? you can see that the snow was melting on the south side of the hills the last day that I was there.. Temperature jumped

up to the low 40s. The weather changes quickly up there. I have had days when it snowed, for 15 or 20 minutes, then rained and snowed again and the sun was shining then snowed again.



This is a flooded road on my way out the last day of my trip. The snow melt had no place to go on this hill top with the ground saturated so it started to fill up the road. It was up to my running boards in a couple of places.



This is a dead Ash tree. Almost all of the Ash trees are dead or dying in this forest. They have been invaded by the Ash Borer Beetle.

The bark falls off of the tree when it dies, revealing the holes that the Ash Borer beetle makes. ALL of the Ash trees will soon be gone in this part of the state. There doesn't seem to be a way to stop them. It is very important to take the vehicle to a car wash prior to leaving an area, so we don't transport these or other non native critters to other parts of the country. And please do not transport firewood to other parts of the country. Only use wood in the specific area you are camping in.

Sam

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## FISHING

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May 01, 2013

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<http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/applications/moatlas/AreaSummaryPage.aspx?txtAreaID=7820>

**May 07 Tue 1800 Fly Tying Rolla Library**

**May 12 Sun 0800 Club Outing to Blackwell Lake in Indian Trails CA.** This is the MDC link:  
<http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/applications/moatlas/AreaSummaryPage.aspx?txtAreaID=6201>

**May 21 Tue 1800 Outdoor meeting – Waynesville City Park **RSVP to Lou****

**JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> MILL CREEK** A major conservation event, the June 15th 2013 BioBlitz, is unfolding. Dozens of scientists and conservation professionals and *well over 100 volunteers* will be gathering data on the natural communities. A major clean-up effort is also part of the BioBlitz. See <http://www.millcreekmo.org/news.php>

**We have two excellent fishing trip shares this month from Lou and Max with lots of photos.**

**Lou:**

Rinquelin Trail Community Lake

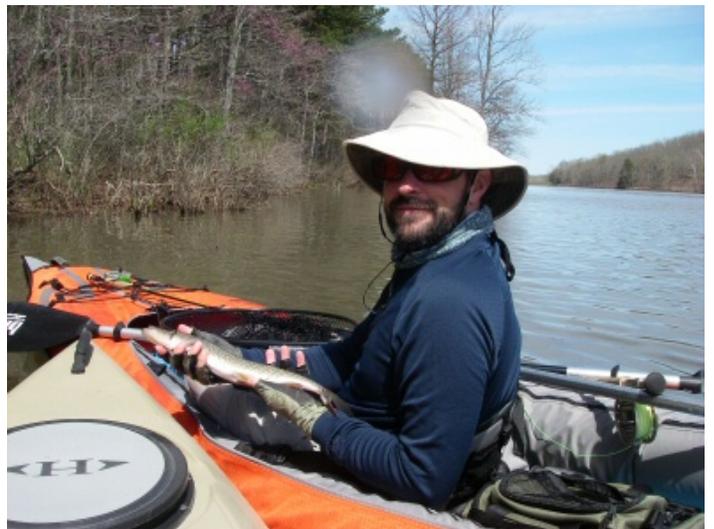
Todd and his Dad went out to try their hand at Rinquelin Trail Community Lake at the club outing on 6 April. Todd's Dad was trying out his new kayak. Fishing was slow in the morning with them catching a few largemouth bass of medium size. Then the wind blew them over to the other side of the lake near some standing timber and their luck changed. All said at the end of the day they must have caught 200 + bream – mostly bluegill but a few redear and crappie thrown in for good measure. Todd reports the fish may have been putting the feed bag on to get on the beds because they were eating everything thrown at them.

Blackwell Lake Trip

Todd caught his biggest redear a whopping 9"; his biggest crappie a whopping 13" and his biggest chain pickerel to date (no measurement – those things bite!!!).

Todd and I met up on Blackwell Lake and had a pretty slow day until we figured those pesky little fishes out. Think slow. How slow? Well that's too fast go slower. The wind was almost cooperative blowing us slowly up or down lake as needed. Or sometimes not so slowly – changing flies while seeing most the productive looking bank go by can get a little frustrating. In spite of the winds best

efforts we still managed to catch enough fish often enough to keep us out there and I am glad we did. Todd caught three Personal Best's – a 9" redear; a 13" crappie and his biggest chain pickerel to date - no measurement though – those things got teeth! Lou caught her first chain pickerel – then a second and then proceeded to lose about another half a dozen. Those guys with their boney mouths sure are tricky! Over all a pretty good day!



Tightlines!

Louisa Runnalls

**Max:**

**Flaming Gorge** was fantastic! Large fish with big shoulders including browns, 'bows and hybrids. Coloration was fantastic! We also latched into some big (I mean BIG) whitefish. Randy and I enjoyed the two floats and the guide we had booked we added a third trip on a different section of the **Green**. Speaking of guides, it was somewhat unusual to have a chap of our age (well, Randy's anyway) with similar life experiences and sense of humor. Also, it was pretty neat--on the first float he grilled burgers, midweek was deli sandwiches, and the last float he grilled chicken breasts with Black Forest ham and cheese--the only thing missing was some bread and we could have boasted of having had a Cordon Bleu shore lunch! Also, this is the first time we have not been run through the fly shop bins selecting a dozen over-priced latest "gotta-haves." In fact, we fished out of his boxes all three days. He also carried two rigged 10' Redington 7-weights for streamer fishing when the clouds

came over and the nymphing got slow. The first day was 13 degrees actual, and a heck of a lot lower by wind chill. The last day was 60. On each of the floats we had several doubles with both Randy and I locked into fish at the same time. Grand fun



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June 01, 2013

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**4 June Tuesday – Tyin’ & Lyin’ at the Rolla Public Library.** Starting around 6:00 P.M. and going till they throw us out.

**8 June Sunday – Club outing to the Huzzah/Courtois,** Meet up at Huzzah Conservation Area around 8:00 A.M. or so

**18 June Tuesday – Our regular meeting at Towne Suits here in St Robert.** Since it is popper time that’s what the program will be about.

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Max forwarded this message that arrived at our old Email address.. not sure why. I contacted them a year ago with the new address.. Oh Well this is the info that Max sent:

IF you would like to see some great hair bugs/minnow check out the website. It may perk your interest in picking up his DVD.

This e-mail is being distributed to the IFFF Clubs of the Southern Council.

I have finally completed my first Deer Hair DVD. It is the basics of how I put the hair on the hook with the possibility of a follow up video. I am requesting your assistance in distributing to your club members. In the two hour video I tie two bugs, a simple popper and a diver. I have a web site that explains the video and is set up with PayPal so it can be purchased online. I am asking that this be distributed partly because I am not sure how else to get the information out and the video was completed at the request of a lot of tiers from the Southern Council.

[www.deerhairsculptures.com](http://www.deerhairsculptures.com)

## Fishing Trip

**We have a “Salt” fishing trip share this month from Brett Bruner.**

Brett was kind enough to share his **Fishing trip to Florida** with me and with his

permission I thought it would be nice to share it with the rest of the club.

This was my introductory "real" saltwater fly fish experience, (I've hacked around some in TX and HI, but never got serious). Fished 2 days out of Matlacha, FL in Pine island sound flats and back-country mangroves. Fought 20+ knot winds and random cloud cover both days. Standing on a flats boat in 2-3 foot swells with 20+ wind blowing was quite an enlightening experience compared to MO and MI. I only had 2 shots at tarpon, (we were a little too early), spooked the first one with at about 40 feet with an errant cast. The second was lying still at about 45 feet, lead his (her) nose about 4 feet with a 1/0 cockroach, couple quick strips, fish casually swam forward to inspect and non-nonchalantly turned 90 degrees and swam off. I took a shot at an 8' bull shark but the fish missed the take, thank god. Took a shot at a 3' bull shark, also missed the take, thank god.



Landed one redfish in the mangroves on a Clouser (pic attached). I was very luck to see a ton of sea life, including manatees, sharks, rays, cobia, loggerhead turtles, jacks, etc.

My son Zach did great on spinning gear though; reds, snook, and seatrout. He also took a shot with the Tarpon fly rod at two cobia that were shadowing a manatee, but they showed no interest. I understand it's highly unusual to see cobia inshore.

The sight of all the sea life and the big tarpon was exhilarating though. I'm going to practice my saltwater speed cast this summer and I'm going back in the fall, and spring, and the next fall, and.....

Baldwin, (Michigan) however was fantastic. We fished a Monday and Tuesday with my brother and

guide Jeff Hubbard. Water was slightly above normal with a little tint. We did mostly streamer stripping, but fished the evening gray drake hatch as well. Dry's aren't my thing though, well hoppers and terrestrials maybe. Attached are a couple pics of nice browns and a haggard fall back steelhead that hit a streamer.



Tightlines,

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## FISHING

Streams are up and pushing pretty good today. The Jacks Fork is closed and the Current River is closed. The lower Current river is in flood stage. I know this sounds like a broken record, but throw streamers or large nymphs (size 10+) in high water. The good amounts of rainfall continues to be very helpful for our Wild trout in the creeks. Numbers will continue to be low for a year or two, but present conditions should allow significant growth to that magic sized 14"+ spawner. Hopefully we will continue to get a couple of inches every two or three weeks taking us into the dry summer months. The Trico spinner fall is coming along nicely, still spotty right now but if you hit it just right you should get in about 3 hours of good dry fly fishing, that is when the river drops back down to normal pool. The Caddis are popping in the evenings and providing good dry fly action and emerger fishing.





# RiverRap

July 01, 2013

## Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

Our July happenings in the club from Lou:

2 July – Tyin & Lyin at the Rolla Public Library starting around 6:30 P.M. or so

6 July – Club Outing to Dog's Bluff Access on the Big Piney River – if we get enough folks with canoes or kayaks to go we'll do a float other wise expect to be wet wading! RSVP to me no later than Thursday the 4th – THANKS!!! Where ever we go we'll be meeting up around 8:00 A.M.

14 July – Club Outing to Master's Arm of Stockton Lake – if the wind is up we'll change locations – possibly to Lake Springfield in Springfield - maybe to a private pond – but once again need RSVP to me no later than Thursday the 11th to coordinate. THANKS!

16 July – Regular meeting – we'll be talking about the upcoming Stream Clean-up on 10 August; the program will be on Trout Grass.

A few other events to note are -

13 July 15th Annual Jack's Fork River Clean-up if you ever needed an excuse to get on this river – here is an excellent one! See the MO Stream Team website for details.

27 July Meramec River Watershed Celebration at Meramec State Park – Come celebrate MO Stream Teams and check out some really fun stuff. See the MO Stream Team Website for more information.

Hope to see you all there

Tightlines!

Louisa Runnalls

## Big Piney River Clean-UP

Below are some photos taken at the Big Piney River Clean UP attended by Lou, Todd and Ken:

Lou, Ken, and Todd went to the Big Piney cleanup this past Saturday. A small flotilla of watercraft floated from the shoals to Boiling Springs. They pulled out many bags of trash, a good number of tires, a fair stretch of fence, and a fiberglass shower. The group benefited from a cool breeze coming from a storm that conveniently kept its distance. It was a good day on the water. Ken also got his first canoe experience, so that's fun too



Dragon Fly "Big Ugly"



Turtle egg shells



Big Piney Clean-UP

No one reported a fishing trip for this issue.

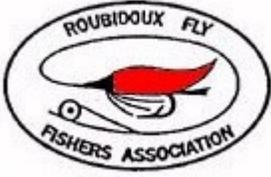
### **ROUBIDOUX FLY FISHERS REMAINING OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 2013**

6 July 2013	Big Piney at Dog's Bluff Access
14 July 2013	Master's Arm Stockton Lake
3 Aug 2013	Upper Roubidoux
10 Aug 2013	STREAM CLEAN –UP with fishing afterwards
11 August 2013	Lower Roubidoux
7 Sept 2013	Meramec at Hwy 8 Bridge Access
15 Sept 2013	Current River at Baptist Camp Access
5 Oct 2013	Niangua at Bennett Spring Access
13 Oct 2013	Lake Taneycomo in Branson
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### **FISHING**

Streams are still up with excellent flow for this time of the year. Fishing has been excellent with large nymphs in the deeper holes. Dry fly fishing has also been excellent in the shallower water with caddis. We have had good success with droppers off of the caddis giving them a choice. I would guess it to be 50/50 with this rig.





# RiverRap

August 10, 2013

## Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

RIVER CEAN-UP message from Todd:

The Roubidoux cleanup has been postponed due to unsafe stream conditions. A new date will be established once its safe for Lou/Sam/myself to assess the situation on the river. Our cutoff date is going to be Sept 7. If we can't get the cleanup pulled off by then, it's going to have to wait until next year

## Our August happenings in the club from Lou:

Hopefully you all have been watching the news. The Roubidoux is out of her banks to say the least and downtown Waynesville is flooded.

Our Stream Clean-up scheduled for the 10th was postponed until we can make an assessment of the stream. Todd will be sending out an email soon with reference how we are going to work it this year.

As for our club outing on Sunday the 11 – it is being moved to Towel Lake on Little Prairie CA north of Rolla. Bring something to float in if you got it. Meet up in the vicinity of the boat ramp around 0830.

Our regular schedule meeting is still on for the 20th.

7 Sept 2013                      Meramec at Hwy 8 Bridge Access

Tightlines!

Louisa Runnalls

Fishing trips for this issue include Todd's trip to the Green River and Lou's trip to the Kings River, plus a club outing to Towel Lake. THANK YOU for Sharing your trips !

Todd's trip to the Green River in Utah:

After fishing the Provo several years in a row, the guide service we use in Utah suggested that we try the Green River for a change of pace. I'm glad we listened, because the Green is an amazing fishery. We fished the A section, which flows from the base of the 455' Flaming Gorge dam. The river supports an astounding 20,000 fish per mile. The dam's ability to take water from different depths of the lake lets them manage the river for prime trout habitat all year round. For the fisherman, this means loads of fat, healthy fish. They do stock some rainbows in the green, but they have wild populations of rainbows, browns, and the occasional cutthroat. This river should be on every trout fisherman's bucket list. To quote our guide, Steve Burt, the best place to catch a fish on the Green is "Wherever its wet."





Todd

### Lou's Fishing Trip to the Kings River:

Fished the Kings River with friends the 1st & 2nd of Aug. The upper Kings was in typical low water mode – large deep pools connected by short runs. We walked upstream for about a half mile and found a beautiful long deep hole at the bottom of a bluff. Good chunk rock and it was hard to get the fly past the mean green sunfish so the smallies could get to it. Spooked a couple really good smallies. Also caught a real neat rock bass and a bunch of longear sunfish. Saw a HUGE bunch of beds – not sure if the longears were having a second season or this may have been their first.



Kings river



LongEar spawning beds

The lower Kings near Hwy 62 access was another story. Walked a mile upstream and only caught one small smallie and few mean greens and longear sunfishes. I suspect since we saw tire tracks almost the whole way someone had been driving up and down and had fished just about everything out.



So how low was the Kings? Some outfitters had closed up for the season; one would shuttle your vehicle but would not launch anything of their own. And you had to leave room in your car for the shuttle driver to drive your vehicle to the take out. As low as it was it was nice to have the King's to ourselves.



Also spent two days rowing and fishing Lake Leatherwood, just west of Eureka Springs, AR. It was a hoot. We had a one fly contest and the fly was .... drum roll please – a Klodhopper! A few bass were caught but it was mostly some HUGE redear, mean greens, and a bunch of bluegill. Jigs under strike indicators were the order of the day after the contest.

Substituted Lake Towel for the Club Outing to the Roubidoux Sunday. Todd and I met up at the boat ramp and after finally getting our stuff together launched around 9:00 A.M. Fishing was pretty slow but we were getting fish just often enough to keep us out there. A typical day for Towel Lake. Mean greens were on the dam, the redear were along the feeder creek and the bluegill and bass were scattered. We did find a few beds and suspect a second season. Also saw a carp being eaten by a dang snapping turtle. Kinda cool.

Well that's my story and I'm sticking to it!!!!

## ROUBIDOUX FLY FISHERS REMAINING OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 2013

11 August 2013	Towel Lake
7 Sept 2013	Meramec at Hwy 8 Bridge Access
15 Sept 2013	Current River at Baptist Camp Access
5 Oct 2013	Niangua at Bennett Spring Access
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### FISHING

Streams are very high and the fish are stuffing themselves like pigs at the trough. We couldn't have asked for better water for the fish to grow than we have had this year. Good growth means more spawning size trout to help repopulate the creeks. After two years of drought the wild trout populations took a devastating blow last year, so this year's rains will go a long way to helping them recover.





# RiverRap

September 01, 2013

## Stream Clean postponed until Next year as reported by Todd:

1. Access - Section 2 doesn't have takeout access. Section 3 has issues with both the put-in and the takeout. Just walking from river to the pullout at the cable crossing is not easy. We need to get somebody down there with a chainsaw and a brush hog. We had already given up on section 4 due to access issues at the confluence.

2. Depth - The flooding dug out a few new deep holes in section 2. It also seemed to make the one on section 3 deeper. We need to come up with a different plan here. Our current mojo requires a bunch of people to wade.

3. Downed trees - Section 3 has a few places where trees across the water in some relatively swift water make things a bit challenging. One of them I was able to navigate, but the other required a fairly rough portage to get past.

tl;dr - No cleanup this year. We have some work to do on the access points before we try again.

## Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

### Our September happenings in the club from Lou:

Tuesday 3 Sept – Tyin' & Lyin' at the Rolla Public Library starting around 6:30 P.M. or so. Bring in your UV stuff or unique tying material because Todd is bringing in a UV light for us to check out our tying materials with. Also please bring a pair of polarized sunglasses for eye protection.

Saturday 7 Sept – Outing to Meramec River at Hwy 8 Access, meet up around 8:00 A.M. This site is above where the spring dumps into the river – however it can still be pretty chilly. Dress for success – if you think you'll need your waders it's probably a good idea. Here is a link to the MDC site - [http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area\\_brochures/7103map.pdf](http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/7103map.pdf)

Sunday 15 Sept – Outing to Baptist Camp on the Current River meet up around 8:00 A.M. Ditto with the outing on 7 Sept – dress for success and having your waders handy in case you need them.

Tuesday 17 Sept Our regular meeting at Town Suites in St Robert. We'll be showing a casting DVD then hit the lawn for some practice and critiquing. Bring your fly rod!!! I'll be bringing a fiberglass rod (think s – l – o – w ) so it would be nice if someone would bring a really fast rod and someone else a medium rod too. Shot me an email if you would like to volunteer – but please no shotgun blasts to this one. Thanks!

AND, even though this whole week is supposed to be in the 90°+ it is starting to get to be that time of year to put together the dunk bag. One thing I will do is make sure everything is in there. Somehow when I took it out of my truck to wash everything the socks were missing. I will also suggest you put in two towels – a small towel to stand on when changing out of those wet clothes and another to dry off with.

Hope to see you all at everything!!!

Tightlines!

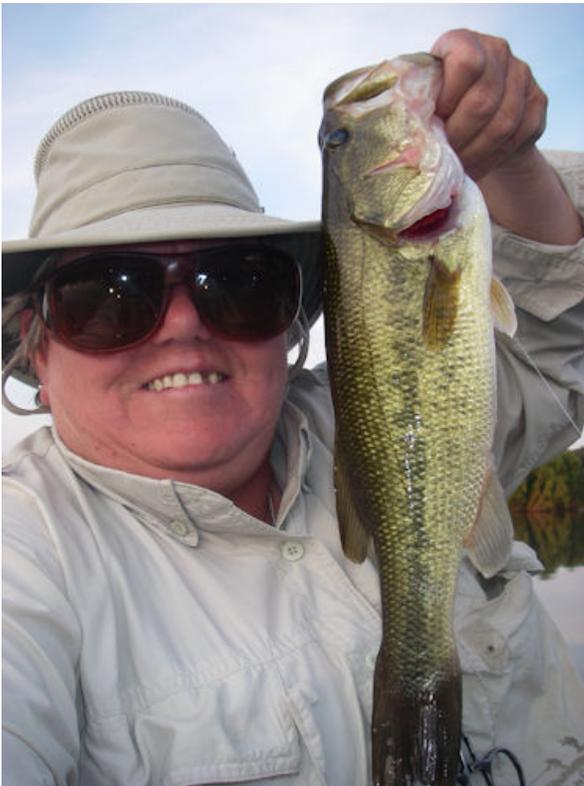
Louisa Runnalls

## **FISHING TRIPS**

Fishing trips for this issue include Todd, Lou and Brett pond fishing and a trip to the Big Piney River at Dog's Bluff. THANK YOU for Sharing your trips !

### **Lou and Todd's Trip with Brett pond fishing:**

Brett invited Todd and myself to go fishing at shall we say Pond Y Thursday evening. The recent rains had filled the pond to overflowing and thus the pond was a good 2' higher than normal and off colored. It seemed to put the fish off, but once in a while we could hear fish crashing the surface and out in the middle, minnows were getting their exercise being chased by something. Although the fishing stayed slow the fish finally started hitting the surface and we seemed to do alright on poppers and Sneaky Pete's. That is until the sun went all the way down. Then it was nothing, nada, nope, "Ain't getting no bites here" sign was put out. The only noise we heard was a dog yapping and some owls hooting. My best catch of the evening was a HUGE (for me) crappie on a popper and a 16" largemouth bass.





**Todd and Ken's trip to the Big Piney River at Dog's Bluff:**

Ken and I went fishing on the Big Piney above Dog's Bluff on Saturday. The water is still up a bit from the recent flooding. You could see signs that the river had been WAY up. We had a good day of fishing. A secret fly running under a sneaky pete in a hopper dropper configuration was the hero of the day. Ken caught his first smallie on the fly. I managed to land a nice smallie on a longear sunfish on a secret fly!





**Lou and Todd's short trip on the Roubidoux:**

Todd and Lou went fishing after the recon of the Roubidoux. We fished from where the spring dumps into the river to the handicap access. We did it twice since it was such a short wade. First time through Lou caught one medium sized sunfish. Second time Todd caught a pretty nice trout. Both times we had follows, bumps, refusals, take downs (Lou was casting a Klodhopper) but couldn't quite seal the deal. We did see a couple very fat Largemouth bass and they would follow Todd's sunfish imitation but wouldn't take it. It was still a great day to be on the river!\

## ROUBIDOUX FLY FISHERS REMAINING OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 2013

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### FISHING

Streams like the Current River, Big Piney River, Gasconade River, the Roubidoux Creek and Little Piney, Spring Creek and Mill Creek underwent some serious changes from the floods. If you have not been on one of these streams since the flood be careful wading on stretches “you think you know”. There are holes where there were not holes and gravel bars where there wasn’t a gravel bar. The bottom of these streams have been cleaned, for the most part, of vegetation and algae. There will still be some of it and yes there are still slick rocks, but nowhere near what it was like prior to the floods. The fish have been scattered and learning to get along with new neighbors. Fishing has not been all that good, but I’m sure it will get better as we head into early fall.





# RiverRap

October 01, 2013

**BREAKING NEWS:** Tony Spezio along with **Chuck and Sharon Tryon** were inducted into the Legends of the Southern Council this evening. Chuck and Sharon unfortunately were awarded this special recognition posthumously.



## Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

### Our October happenings in the club from Lou:

1 October Tuesday – Tyin' & Lyin at the Rolla Public Library starting around 6:30 P.M. Bring your favorite pattern to show off or one to fill that hole in your box. If you haven't been tying trout flies now may be a good time to start!

5 October Saturday – Outing to the Bennett Springs Access on the Niangua River. Meet up around 0800 by the canoe launch.

13 October Sunday – Outing to Lake Taneycomo in Branson. This will be a long haul for some – and a great opportunity to reach out to another club member and share the ride.

15 October Tuesday – Regular meeting at Town Suites in St Robert starting at 6:30. Program TBA.

Tightlines!

Louisa Runnalls

## FISHING TRIPS

Fishing trips for this issue include Lou and Todd fishing on the Meramec and Lou's trip to Kansas. THANK YOU for Sharing your trips !

## Lou and Todd's Trip on the Meramec:

Todd and Lou met up to fish the Meramec River above the Hwy 8 access. The fishing was really slow, hardly a bite below the bridge. Signs were everywhere of it having become a party area so we will blame our lack of success on that. Todd finally hooked into a smallie and I got a few nibbles but nary a fish to hand. We decided to just walk upstream till we either 1) found fishing looking structure, 2) it got too skinny, or 3) an hour had passed, whichever came first. Luckily for us we did pass some fishy looking water, saw some decent sized fish and still walked upstream for almost an hour till the water got too skinny. Once we turned and headed back down stream our luck improved substantially. We caught all the usual suspects – longear sunfishes, a few big shiners, smallies, rock bass some largemouth bass and surprise surprise a spotted bass. A great day to be on the water!!! Todd and Lou drove over to the Niangua river to help with their stream clean on the 8<sup>th</sup>.



Pale color largemouth



Spotted bass also known as Kentucky bass



Spring bubbling up in the middle of the Meramec River



Sunday Todd and Lou helped out on a stream



Smallmouth that Todd caught on the Meramec

### **Lou's trip to Kansas:**

Lou got the chance to help out at a WITO (Women In The Outdoors) event put on by the National Wild Turkey Federation in Iola, KS. These events are a way of introducing women to various outdoor skills from shooting shotguns and pistols to hunting to self defense to fly fishing. This event was attended by about 30-40 women most of which made it thru the fly fishing station. A bonus was one of the gentlemen coordinating this event let us go fish his pond the Friday evening before. What a nice pond! I would really like to go back in the spring in a kayak. Due to weed cover we mostly fished off the dam – I caught a medium sized bass and missed a bunch of fish hitting my strike indicator. My friend Sharon caught a very nice bass and get this – a golden shiner!

The following day we headed north to fish the two lakes in Garnett, known by locals as North & South Lake. South lake gave up some crappie along the shoreline (which seemed vary strange) and a few bass, and a bluegill or two. North Lake gave up a few small fish concentrated by the weed line and that was it. A repeat may happen because there are wipers in South Lake but I must admit it was more an

opportunity to fish with an old friend and make a new one!

Tightlines!

Louisa Runnalls



Bob pond largemouth



Fishing regulations on South lake.



Lou caught this crappie on Garnett Kansas South lake

### **ROUBIDOUX FLY FISHERS REMAINING OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 2013**

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### **FISHING**

Fall is in the air, the leaves are getting in the way of my dry fly fishing, but I love this time of year. The browns are showing off their vibrant colors and the bows are just starting to think about it, but it won't be long before they too are putting on their show.

The streams are running as well as I have ever seen them for September, and the high water we had in August has transformed some of them into the best water I have ever seen on an Ozark trout stream. If you haven't floated the Current River from Baptist to Cedar Grove in a while, I strongly suggest you take an opportunity, if for no other reason than just to see what beautiful water there is to fish. The Tricos are tapering off and the Tiny Olives are coming on and those tiny sulfurs are there in the evenings. For those of you that enjoy micro dry fly fishing it can be a special time of the year.





# RiverRap

November 03, 2013

## Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

**November 05 Tue 1600 Fly Tying Rolla Library**

**November 16 Sat 0800 Club Outing and Club meeting at Bennett Spring State Park "Freeze Your Trout Off".**

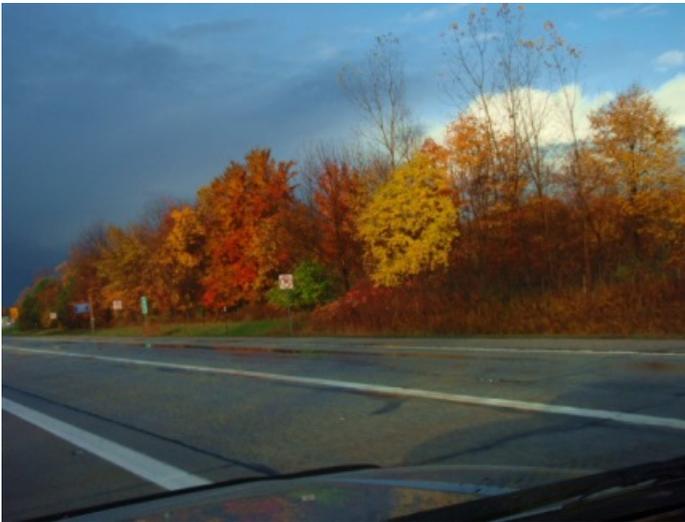
## Big Chromes

Fishing for Steelhead, is a blast. They are powerful, fast and acrobatic, fresh run steelhead are hard to beat for a freshwater sporting fish. My fall trip to the waters of my choice for steelhead fishing was excellent for size but only average for hook ups. I hooked up 37 times and landed 19 in five long days of fishing. Barry, my fishing partner up there, hooked up 38 times and landed 21. The difference between my fish and Barry's fish was size. While he was hooking mostly 6-7 pounders I was getting mostly 9-11 pounders. Barry landed a total of 5 double digit chromes and I had 8. Barry did have the biggest fish of the trip and his largest to date. On the fourth day and our second day floating he had a 15 pound chunk that got a big WOW out of both of our mouths when it jumped 4 feet out of the water. My largest fish of the trip was a long 13 pounder. We thought it weighed more when we landed it because of its length. It never did jump, but Barry told me that they don't jump much when the water is cold. Water surface temperature was a cool 42 degrees the first day and the second day. The third day the temperatures got up to the 50s and warmed surface temps up to the mid 40s. The fourth day it started raining and fresh fish started showing up. By the 5<sup>th</sup> day the water temperature was up to 50 with the run off from the all night rain and the CFS went up 140 overnight. On the 5<sup>th</sup> day, with all the fresh water coming into the river we saw fresh fish, out of the lake, moving past us all day long on their way up river. We were fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time and managed to hook up 21 times in one hole without moving.

Prior to the warmer temperatures and the heavy rain we were not doing too well with our numbers. The river was low, cold and very clear. We were using 6lb tippet because of the water clarity and the bright sunny days. The fish were not actively feeding so perfect presentations were necessary. We managed 5 out of 19 the first day including my 13 pounder. It's hard to handle steelhead on 6 lb tippet. The second day we were 4 for 6, a good ratio but low hookups. The Third day we were 4 for 8 including an 11 pounder, which is still a good ratio. The fourth day it was slow until the early afternoon when it started raining. Our numbers went up to 8 for 14 and we managed two big chromes. Mine was 12 pounds and Barry picked up his 15. The fifth day, as noted, was

above was exceptional with hookups, landings and size. We hiked up and down the river the first day and the fifth day. We took the drift boat out and floated for 3 days.

As you can see from the photos we had a mixture of bright chromed steelhead and some that had been in the river system long enough to start changing colors to look more like river rainbows than the bright chrome lake colored steelhead.





Sam

**ROUBIDOUX FLY FISHERS REMAINING OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 2013**

16 Nov 2013      FREEZE YOUR TROUT OFF at BSSP

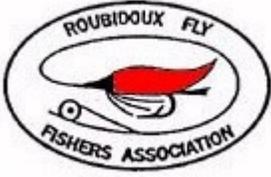
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## FISHING

Streams are in excellent condition for fishing right now. I have not been here the past week, but prior to my steelhead trip, fishing was very good with dry flies and egg flies. The Browns should be just about finished spawning and the rainbows should just about be ready to start the fall spawn, hence the egg patterns will be a very good choice for wet fly fishing.





# RiverRap

December 02, 2013

## Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

### Our December happenings in the club from Lou:

Wow! Where has the year gone? Seems just a little while ago we were tying flies for the bluegill on the beds and here we are in December already!

We have a couple things going on this month so let's get started -

Tuesday 3 December Tyin' & Lyin' in the basement of the Rolla Public Library starting around 6:00 P.M. or so. These are always informal - some folks tie flies and some don't - but it's usually a good time!

Saturday 7 December – “A date that will live in infamy.” President Franklin D. Roosevelt We have two things going on. We have an outing to Montauk and will meet up around the lodge about 8:00 A.M. OR for those of you who want a great bargain – T. Hargroves is having their annual customer appreciation days up in St Louis!!! **If your going to the outing please RSVP me no later than Thursday the 5th.** If your going to T Hargroves rumor has it Boot is going. Maybe he would like to split the gas and conversation with someone?

Sunday 15 December Meramec meet up around 8:00 A.M. **If your going RSVP me NLT Thursday the 12th.** Maybe we'll get a chance to chase bass in the spring again, LOL!

Tuesday 17 December Regular meeting at Town Suites – we'll do a year in review plus plan out next years outings and such and then probably show a movie. BYOP (Bring Your Own Popcorn)!

**DUES ARE DUE!!!!!! Dues are simply \$20 (family is included). I will carry membership cards to all events so you can pay me when you see me plus I will send a list to Sam to publish in the newsletter. There should be no doubt in anyone's mind if they paid their dues or not.**

Hope to see you at one if not all of our events this month!!!

AND one more note – use caution this winter when fishing. If the weather looks horrible don't go!!! A new thing I started is get an RSVP no later than the Thursday evening before each outing to know who is going and if we need to re-schedule at the last minute we can!

AND last but not least – I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

## FISHING TRIPS

Fishing trips for this issue include Lou and Boot fishing at Freeze Your Trout Off  
THANK YOU for Sharing your trips !

## The Tale of Freeze Your Trout Off -

I think the ratio was 1:6 or it may have been 1:5, I can't remember for sure.

I went fishing with Boot Pierce today at Bennett (YES it was cold!) for the RFFA Freeze Your Trout Off. Boot found a second leak in his waders up around the hind quarters, not a great place to play in the water all day with this wind.



Boot lands another one

Lou with one in the net

Oh - the ratio? # of my fish brought to hand vs the # Boot brought to hand. I think the fish decided it was Boot's day today!!! (AND if you are doing the math I caught 3 and Boot caught around 18 or so.)

Also seen was a neat idea for a floating "basket" for sinking line – put two hoops together – from say rope lights and cover with an open mesh. When laid in the water it will float and you can strip your sinking line onto it. See the picture!



Boot at the tower below the spring

Floating Stripping basket

ALSO – THIS JUST IN – Boot has made arrangements for us to have another tying & fishing day out at Westover. Mark your calendars for 1 Feb!!! Details will follow especially about the sign up!!!!

## ROUBIDOUX FLY FISHERS REMAINING OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 2013

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### FISHING

Get out and enjoy some of the warmer days this winter you never know when a hatch will be going on. This is one of my all-time favorite photos.. thanks LOU

