



RiverRap

January 1, 2014

Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

Our January happenings in the club from Lou:

Hello All!!!

I love this typical Missouri weather – yesterday I was walking around with a light jacket on, today I might get frostbite due to the wind chill. Look for me fishing in the New Year with friends on Lake Taneycomo – I'll be the one bundled up to the nines!!!!

January 2014 happenings in the club (has it already been a year?!?)

Saturday 4 January - Outing to Bennett Springs State Park; let's meet up around 0800 at the spring. Please RSVP via email NLT (No Later Than) the evening of the 2nd if you are going to make this. Thanks!

Tuesday 7 January – Tyin' & Lyin' at the Rolla Public Library basement. This is very informal so we usually start gathering around 6:00 P.M. and leave when they throw us out around 8:00 or so. You don't have to bring anything to tie but we sure would like to see what you're working on!

Sunday 12 January – Outing to Montauk State Park; meet at the lodge/restaurant around 0800. Please RSVP NLT Wednesday the 8th so I can get those going in touch with each other. Thanks!

Tuesday 21 January – Regular meeting at Town Suites in St Robert. Start time is 6:30 P.M. We'll discuss upcoming outings, meetings, Stream Clean-up, St Robert Sportsman's show, Tying and Fishing at Westover, etc., etc. This would be a great opportunity to turn in your dues if you haven't already!!!

Friday 24 January – RSVP via email due to me (Lou) if you are going to participate in this year's tying and fishing at Westover Farms. Boot has gotten us an invitation (THANKS BOOT!!!) to go to Westover on 1 February, tie flies in the AM (IF the weather cooperates we will do a stream sampling for them also) and fish half a day (\$\$) in the afternoon. Boot has coordinated our use of the back "room" that we have used in years past. Bring your lunch! **THIS IS A RFFA MEMBERS ONLY EVENT!!!!**

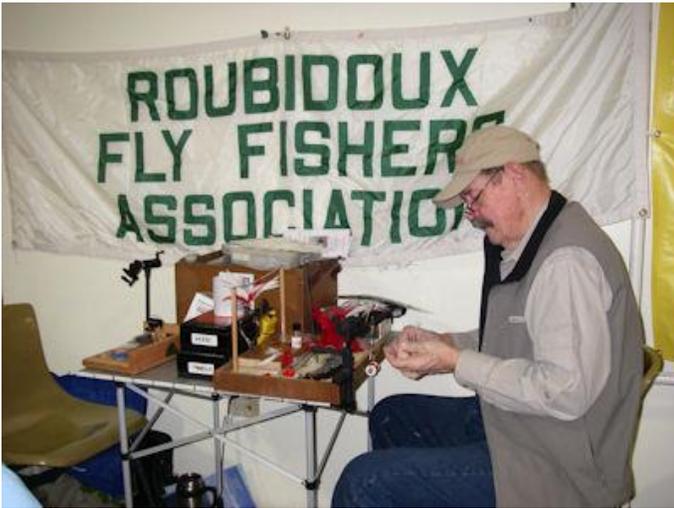


“A few years ago the folks at Westover Farms extended an invitation for us to come out, tie flies and then do a half day fishing. What a GREAT time! We took a stream sample – they have LOADS of critters (see photos); tied some flies and caught some very nice fish. Since then the Farm has changed hands, things were up in the air, but the invitation has been extended again – facilitated by our very own Boot. So save the date for 1 February. We will have the same set up as in the past – meet around 8:30 - 9:00 at the office. If the weather is good we’ll do a little stream sampling, otherwise we’ll head into the back “room” to tie flies and tell lies. After lunch (BYOL!) we’ll do some fishing in the afternoon. Cost will be \$25 plus tax. This will replace our outing to Meramec Spring Park. “

1 February – Westover Farms trip will replace our normal Meramac outing. Plan on tying in the A.M., breaking for lunch, then gearing up and fishing (\$\$) in the afternoon. Rumor has it the bluegill there have gotten HUGE!!!!!!

ALSO in February the 21st & 22nd to be exact – we have a booth at the St Robert Sportsman’s Show. Everyone is asked to volunteer to man the booth for a while and talk up the club. Hours are Friday evening and most of the day Saturday.

“For the 5th year in a row St Robert is having a Sportsman’s Show. We have been able to get a booth again this year. The Sportsman’s Show will be Friday 21 February from 5:00 P.M. till 8:30 P.M. or so and then all day Saturday. We need volunteers to man the booth and talk up the club. Please email Lou with the date and time you can be there. Thanks!”



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May you all have many tightlines in the New Year!!!!

Tightlines!
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FISHING TRIPS

No Fishing trips were reported to me. So I will share a couple of recent trips to the Meramec for smallmouth. The only smallmouth I found, were small guys and they were difficult to get to take my flies. The river was very clear and low, the sun was shining bright and the river was 37 degrees so as you can guess the fishing was not good. Why did I even go? The temperatures were in the 40s and a friend of mine asked me to go. It was a good thing I brought along some of my trout dry fly rod. (I had

experienced this the week before and didn't have what I needed) The rises started about 10 and lasted for 3 or 4 hours. It wasn't a huge hatch and not a lot of rises, but enough to keep fish on the end of my line for half a day.

Carrying some extra gear on trips, just in case may save a day for you. An extra rod and reel, and a few fly boxes doesn't take up that much room

Yesterday, the 31st, I went back over to the Meramec looking for smallmouth and once again the only ones I caught were small. The river was crystal clear and the spring branch was just a little off color. The sun shining and clear water wasn't a good combination for a winter smallmouth bite. I just took my 10ft 6wt and smallmouth flies and my winter float/jig rigs. I didn't want to catch trout, had no interest in catching trout on dry flies or anything else. I was also trying out some new inner layer clothes for winter fishing conditions. I get to do that for manufacturers every now and then. In order to give them a good test, I needed to be in cold water and for a few hours. The river temp was 34.1, with shelf ice on along the banks where there was very slow moving water. just right for freezing your butt off. I can tell you the layers I tried worked great. I was in the river for about 4 hours in temperatures between 34.1 and 42. I caught a few smallies, a longear and at least a dozen to fifteen rainbows that ate my smallmouth flies and jigs. The day that would have been perfect to fish was around Christmas eve and Christmas day for catching smallmouth, but I was, as I'm sure you were, attending to more pressing matters at the time.





Needless to say, I didn't have any other fisherman crowding in on me where I was fishing. I guess there weren't any other fools around.

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. Last week I was dry fly fishing with Oives and Midges. Not a great hatch, but they were rising to them.. you never know. Photo by Lou





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FISHING TRIPS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

By Max

The time finally came around... time to break the cycle of just one more cup of coffee and having one's butt Superglued to the recliner. It was time to square away the tying bench, root through the detritus of being too lazy to put stuff away properly, and to dig into and organize the fly boxes, the rods and reels, and to start to tie the replacements to fill the voids. I decided to lay out the boxes, make the appropriate arrangements (nymphs together in one box, dries in another, wets in a third, and so on). Bottom line: I was appalled—there were 37 (**thirty seven!**) separate boxes with flies therein, plus another even dozen empties of various sizes and in states of previous use. And that doesn't count the old pretzel jar full of donations for the Project Healing Waters program.... Anyway, not all would fit in the accompanying photograph. I even realized that there were flies in those boxes that had not only never been wet, but that had been there, dragged from river to stream to lake in various States and at least two foreign countries, since I got into this game some 23 years ago. Gratuitous example: size 14 black Goddard Caddis; half dozen of same. There are flies tied by Chuck and/or Sharon, I'm sure at least some from Mark, and a raft of size 24 red chironomids that I just knew I had to tie for my first trip to the San Juan. That was probably 1993, and they have never been drowned either. As I recall, most everything Randy and I caught that trip was by either on RS2s or WD40s with the occasional Disco Midge thrown for good measure. I must have danced a Disco at least once 'cause there's an uneven number in one of the midge boxes, and I only tie in even amounts (4, 6 or a dozen) because I'm a little bit OCD.



Wretched Excess

In sorting the rods and reels, I discovered that one has gone AWOL. It probably got liberated from the top of my truck. As you wander the pawn shops and you stumble across a Cabela 5-piece 5-weight with a Ross reel it's probably mine. Sigh. That was my every day, keep-it-rigged, it-might-get-stolen but it's a cheap enough risk to take, rod. Now that it's gone I miss it like an old friend who moved away....

A Year of Trial by Debacle

By Max

Among the results of the bench-top cleanup I stumbled across a small notebook. It contained odd lists ("eggs, butter, milk") and two pages of rough notes for my journal. It was an article I never wrote, probably because the subject was either too painful, or I got lazy, or most likely I just lost the notebook under all that crap. I'll share just the notes since after all this time the details are a little fuzzy and I don't need to bore y'all with minutia. The tale concerns the year I retired—2007—and was intended to be titled "A Year of Trial by Debacle."

2007. By way of introduction this was the year I pulled the pin from government service, I had a lot of recreation to catch up on, and so I planned a mess of trips and bought two boats. One was a "proper salt water boat" of 19-feet with a big Merc outboard, and later, a 17' paddle jon. Since I already owned two canoes I was well on my way to starting my own navy. The big boat I found on the internet and drove all the way to Tampa to pick it up. At that time I was driving a full-size Dodge Ram pickup that was almost but not quite top heavy with a slide-in camper and which severely limited rear and side-view vision. Add on about 25 feet or trailer and boat. Got the picture?

Herein begins the list:

Note: Driving back from Tampa. Laid over at a State park in Mississippi that had a lake for me to try out the boat. Backed it in, got it almost off the trailer and noticed an excess of water. Forward up onto the trailer and put the garboard plug in once the water ran out. Second launch successful and dry.

Note: Previous boat had been a jon with a jet drive. They run much shallower than a fiberglass 19-foot center console with a saltwater Merc. Learned this the hard way by breaking a prop blade on a rock. Just luck, I guess—it could have been the lower unit.

Note: Offered to take my Canadian friend for a fishing trip on Pomme de Terre. Pulled into gas station to fuel both the truck and the boat. Filled truck, realized gas filler on boat was on other side and hose not long enough. Moved to other side of the pump island but forgot about turning radius of trailer which I ripped apart and almost from under the boat. Many days later finally found replacement trailer for \$900 plus tow and storage fees. Got Triple-A soon after.

Note: Went to Louisiana for the first Gulf Coast Council conclave. Too lazy to hand crank the camper's rear stand all the way up; backed up into a post and ripped the jack off the back corner. Oops. That was after the petty annoyance having to leave the boat some distance away because the campground didn't allow boat parking.

Note: Refused to pay Louisiana's insane salt water license fee for non-residents. Watched people who were not so cheap catch some nice fish.

Note: Took boat westward from LA to Galveston to fish Galveston Bay and the surf. Constant strong onshore wind made surf casting flies more work than digging a ditch with a short handle shovel. Same wind roughed the shallow bay to the point I could boat or fish, but not both. Frustrating. Singular memorable event was non-water related and involved the two young ladies in the tent next to my camper. They were apparently exceptionally good friends and probably should have blown out their candle before settling in for the night.

Note: Made an early morning departure from Galveston in order to beat the traffic. Timing was perfect—to put me into Houston (big truck, camper, boat, et al) for the morning rush hour and then added just enough drive time put me into downtown Dallas just as every idiot in Texas left their offices for lunch.

Note: Lake Texoma for stripers. Great fishing and fun boating once there, but the \$25 nickle-and-dime item trip from hell. Two swarthy men pulled alongside on a long stretch of lonely road in Oklahoma waving and gesticulating. OK, so it was profiling on my part, but the word "banditos" came to mind and the 1911 slid under my thigh just in case. The circular gesture they were making finally dawned on me as "tire." Trailer was dual axle so managed to limp into next town and bought two used replacements for \$25 each. Next issue was \$12 hat with \$12 glasses attached being lost overboard. With tax that was close enough to \$25. Then some sort of engine alarm sounded. Figured out it was the low oil alert. Surprise—outboard motor oil at a marina in Texas costs \$25/gallon. Last day on the water. Tied off the boat to the pier to load onto trailer, leaned over to experience the joy of hearing my phone splash out of my shirt pocket into the lake. As a crowning blow this note shows that (but not how or when) I broke a Sage rod. It does show the \$85 repair cost.

Note: Wyoming with Randy—got caught in but escaped a flash flood on a high mountain stream. No details recorded. Also got into a mountain hail storm that resulted in a Scott 3-weight being broken by a hail strike. [By the way, Charlie still has that rod for repair to this day. It's become a joke between us] While hiking in to fish Hog Park Creek passed three groups on the trail. Two had large pistols, the third had two cans of bear spray each. I was confident in my 40 calibre (they're only black bears, after all) until I realized I had left it in the truck. This was made more poignant by the large pile of still steaming bear poop I almost stepped in. Oh, and driving into the meadow the microwave broke free

inside the camper and snapped the Tommy Hargrove dressed, 5-piece, 2-wt Winston I just casually tossed onto the bunk. Tommy had it repaired with a week. Sigh.

Note: Took the German liaison officer and his two young boys for a boat outing on Lake of the Ozarks. Memo to self: tip up trolling motor before accelerating on main motor. If you don't the trolling motor pops off the transom into 85' of water.

Note: Texoma trip number 2. In the midst of a heavy rain is no time to discover the new, bigger, more efficient and effective bilge pump I just installed I miswired and only works on the switch but not the auto trigger. Also, experimented using 5-horse outboard from the paddle jon as a kicker. GPS showed 5 mph over the bottom in still air. Any head wind over 6 mph (aren't they all?) results in making way to the rear. The good idea fairy struck again.

Note: Thankfully, it got too cold for any more adventures.

Report from Lou

I went fishing with friends a couple weekends ago to Bennett Springs and did alright swinging wooly buggers in the A.M. and then dry flies and pre-emergers in the afternoon. I would have done a lot better in the afternoon with the pre-emergers except the water was so clear I could see the fish and became so infatuated watching the trout approach then swipe at it I forgot to set the hook. Next time!



John is a happy young man with his largest trout to date.

We had a showing of Mike George's video on stacking & spinning deer hair at the last meeting. Here are a few pictures from the Mustad Fly Tying competition he has one. Anyone want to tie one of those crawdads?



Outing to Westover

Lou, Boot and Sam were at the tying tables for about 3 hours on Saturday morning at Westover prior to heading out into the cold freezing rain for some fun?



We fished in various locations for a couple of hours and then made a trip into the lodge to warm our fingers next to the cozy fireplace. Boot had to leave early to avoid getting hypothermia, because his raincoat didn't do its job and he was soaked to the skin. We all caught fish, which we should have, since these guys aren't at the top of the smart or shy list. The trout in the meandering, English style runs were surprisingly spooky and it took some well placed flies to get them to take.



The Outing schedule for next year is posted below. We are going to travel near and far and to a few exotic locations to be revealed later. Keep an eye out for emails! Also don't forget we can change the location and meeting time for any reason whatsoever – a good cause like planting trees at Bohigan

CA; a fellow stream team clean-up; or weather/flooding. This year we'll try an RSVP for each outing. The announcement for the outing will include who to send it to and by when if you're going.

Now quit reading this and get out there and fish!!!

Tightlines!

Louisa Runnalls

ROUBIDOUX FLY FISHERS OUTINGS

Feb 9 2014 Bennett Springs State Park

March 2014 until February 2015

All meeting times and places TBA check your email

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Aug 2014 Upper Roubidoux SEE NOTE 1

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March 1, 2014

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Our March happenings in the club:

March 4th. Tying and Lying at the Rolla public library start about 6 end about 8.

March 8th Club outing to Little Piney Creek

March 16th Club outing to Spring Creek

March 18th Club meeting

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FISHING TRIPS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

No Fishing trips were reported. BUT I do know that some fishing trips were taken.

St. Robert Sports Show

The St. Roberts Sports Show was attended by Max, Todd, Brett and Sam. The turnout by spectators was just about the same as last year. The hall was full of outdoor activity promoters and the hall was filled with the calls of turkeys ALL evening and ALL day. We had a few people stop by to watch Todd and Max ty flies. A few asked questions about fly tying and a few asked about the club. Max put together a fine video of himself fishing on various streams and there was a loop of club photos for spectators to watch.



Todd and Max Tying

Missouri Stream Team Newsletter

If you have not seen the March issue of the Missouri Stream Team Newsletter, RFFA Stream Team #1 is the featured article.

Check it Out at this Link :

http://www.mostreamteam.org/documents/channel/2014/channels2014_marapr.pdf

CHECK OUT PAGE 25 of the Missouri Conservationist magazine March 2014 issue

Lou was nice enough to share this bit of fishing history with us.

WORLD RECORD Redear (5.8 pounds) was caught recently at Lake Havasu

Here is the link to the catch:

<http://www.sdfish.com/forums/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=115526>

Rural Missouri, the monthly magazine (newspaper) from your local Missouri Electric Co-Operatives has an article titled “**Mystic Mill Creek**”. You can also view it through their on-line paper.

<http://www.ruralmissouri.coop/digitalrm/story4.php>

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Our April happenings in the club:

- April 1st. Tying and Lying at the Rolla public library start about 6 end about 8.
April 6th Blackwell Lake outing has been changed to a briefing for the Brownies from Stream Team #1. Anyone that comes to that can fish in the A.M. on the Roubidoux. Contact Lou for more information
April 15th Club meeting
April 19 Logger Lake, MTNF From MO A & Hwy 72, ¼ m west on A to Dent Co Rd 565, Lincoln Ave. Go south on 565 6 miles to FR 2193 Turn Left on 2193 for 1 mile.

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News:

Max is making a really nice Certificate of Appreciation for Town Suits. They have been supporting us for a couple years now and we need to show our appreciation.

May's meeting – on the 20th will be in the Waynesville City Park and we'll have our usual cook out – brats and burgers. The club will buy the meat and bread we just ask members to bring a side dish. Lou will be coordinating that but won't be asking for an RSVP till May. Think about what you want to bring!

Speaking of the May meeting – we are going to have casting games by Max. These have always been both a challenge and a hoot so get some practice in before then.

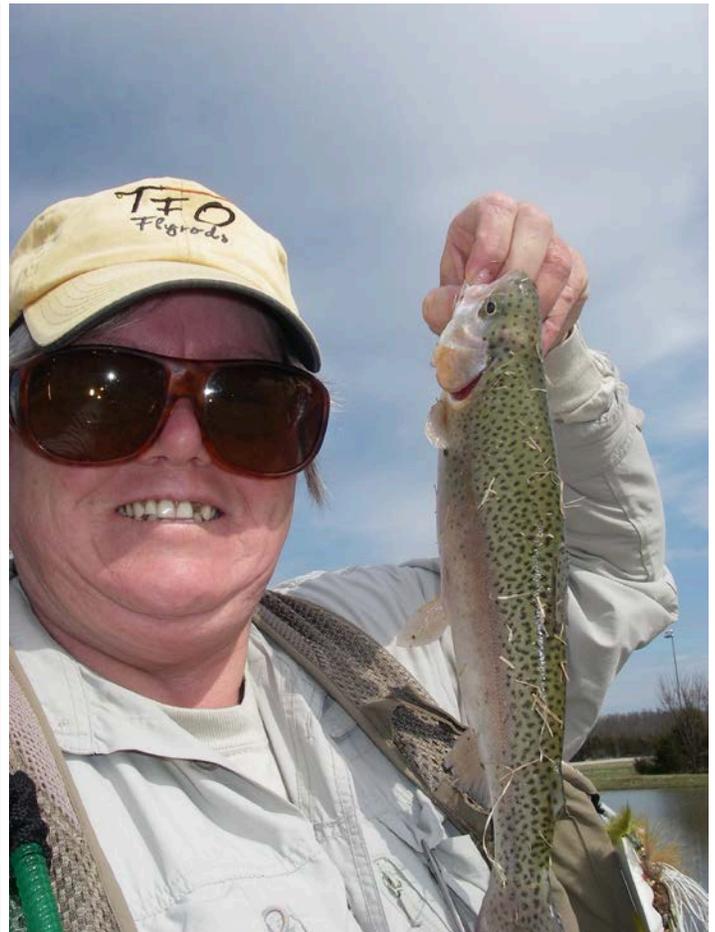
We will also be doing a show and tell on rods, vests/sling packs etc. It's always nice to look at someone else's stuff to see if the problem we are having someone else has already solved.

As for Stream Clean-up this year – we still want to do a float to check the river but again are waiting for the spring rains to come and go. We need to move forward with ordering the t-shirts, gloves, etc., etc. As in years past if we don't use them or whatever we have left over Lou will take to the next clean-up which will probably be the Niangua.

FISHING TRIPS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

White River fishing report from Lou

I wish I had a real good fishing report for you from down on the White but I don't. Boot and I went and tied at Sowbug Roundup. They generated water on both the White and the Norfolk all day every day except on Friday afternoon they shut off Norfolk. I heard it looked like Bennett Springs on opening



day it was soooo crowded. We did do that old fisherman's trick of eves dropping on a conversation at dinner and got so so directions to an access that sounded like we could wade if we could find it. We finally found the wide spot in the road with the faint fisherman's trail running down the cliff to some really good looking water. We raised nary a trout, minnow or heron.

On Monday I went exploring and found the put & take winter fishery in Mountain Home. Caught about 2 dozen trout and one lone bluegill. See pictures. Fly of the day was a Secret Fly tied on a jig and a blue jig. Both fished very slowly under a stick on strike indicator.

Lou

Michigan was COLD

I got home from a trip to Michigan to pick up my new driftboat last week. I only fished about 4 hours one afternoon hooking two steelhead and landing zero. Temperatures were in the mid teens and iced up guides was a huge problem. The day I came home (Wednesday) it was 7 below zero. They have also had a very long and cold winter. most of Lake Michigan was froze over this year, and the river I fish in was froze over. Locals told me it has been 30 years since that has happened.

Sam



This is a GREAT PHOTO of Boot fishing on the white river.



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River Conditions are low and very clear, but could change over the next couple of days. Water temps in the rivers (not including springs) is approaching the middle 50s with smallmouth and rockbass hitting slow moving flies. In another two or three weeks as temps rise into the 60s they will become much more aggressive.





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Our May happenings in the club:

- May 04th STDFC
May 06th Fly Tying Lions Club Park
May 18 Outing to Woodson K Woods
May 20th Club meeting Waynesville City Park

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News:

Wow! What a great outing to Logger's Lake! Eagles and beaver and beautiful blooms.

Here are our May happenings

Sunday 4 May – STDFC Max is coordinating this and should have contacted you already.

Tuesday 6 May – Tyin' & Lyin in the Lions Club park – the library is having a sale and we won't be able to get in there that evening. So why not tie pond/lake side? (Somewhere there is an old Gary Borger VHS tape where he actually does tie flies stream side and then fishes them. How old is the tape – well he looks like a young man and is wearing rubber waders!) Not sure but we will probably try to take that far pavilion (drive all the way thru the park till you can't go any farther). Even if we don't tie flies it would be a great chance to wet a line in the lake! AND here is a link -

<http://www.rollalions.org/park/index.html>

Sunday 18 May – Outing to Woodson K Woods – ponds. Yes Woodson K Woods not only has Suicide Bluff and Cardiac Hill but also some ponds. We will try our luck in them and the backup will be the Meramac River. Meet in the first parking lot when you head south on Meramec Farm Road off Hwy 8. There is a little cluster of ponds there that are probably our best bet to start. Bring your waders just in case. Here is a link to the MDC area Map -

http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/7103map.pdf

Tuesday 20 May Our regular meeting in Waynesville City Park. This is our usual celebrate the start of summer outdoor meeting. The club will provide burger, brats, buns and condiments; we ask all the members to bring a side dish and their family. **Please RSVP with what you are bringing and how many no later than the 13 of May.** I'll then let those coming know how many so they can plan their side dish accordingly. Max will be doing casting games and this has proven a lot of fun in the past.

We will also need to discuss a day to float the Roubidoux and check for hazards, etc. for a Stream Clean-up this year. It's the 25th Anniversary of Stream Teams and a great opportunity to clean the Roubidoux since we got flooded out last year. Boot has already ordered and received the shirts and stuff. Let's make this happen.

Hope you go fishing and see some elephant tracks!

Tightlines!
Louisa Runnalls

Lou Todd and BROWNIES

We changed the club outing to the Roubidoux so we could represent Stream Team #1 and help out the local Waynesville Brownie troop do a small clean-up. Man except for the fishing it was a success!!! Todd and Lou started the morning in the park and walked up to the spring. It was a tad high and off color. We started fishing just below the handicap access. Todd knew a hole he said always held fish and low and behold there was at least one in there. He caught a nice little rainbow of about 12" and then it was time to move on. Lou found a little piece of gold disguised as a longear sunfish. A couple bumps late, a lot of bushwhacking in and around the oxbow and it was time to head for our meeting with the Brownie troop.



I kept my waders on and we took a small net down to the river and kicked up a few bugs. Talk about enthusiasm!!! One brownie wanted to pick everything up and put it in our impromptu aquarium. Neither Todd nor myself stood a chance!!! We gathered with the rest of the troop and after the briefing took about an hour and got 1 Stream clean bag and about a half dozen black trash bags picked up off the edge of the river.





Over all it was a great day and hopefully we have started a few children down the path of being river stewards.

Tightlines!

Louisa Runnalls

FISHING TRIPS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Private Pond Fishing Trip

Lou got the opportunity to fish a private pond Sunday and took it. She didn't do too badly with probably 50+ fish mostly bluegills but some bass thrown in for good measure. Couldn't see any beds and they were not looking like they had either gone on a severe diet or had swallowed some large marbles, so will guess they are still in pre-spawn.



No one got a Goose Egg

New Members bring first trout on flies to nets

Report by Max

It's been a busy month in our Project Healing Waters program with our newest members. First on board was Garfield Pellhum, a wounded veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan. He had so much fun he told his friend, Moises ("Moses") Torres. Moses signed on for casting lessons and has turned into the same fishing demon as Garfield. Garfield's wife, Yoli, likes to fish but hasn't converted to fly rods yet. Moses' better half took to fly rods like she was born to it and after one lesson throws a pretty, pretty roll cast. And, we're no done with the Torres family yet—Moses' sister, Melissa, is visiting from Fort Carson, Colorado where she is a member of the Warrior Transition Unit, having wound up there as one of the five soldiers struck by lightning on Carson's airfield a couple of months back. I tease her that's the reason her eyes sparkle so much.... Melissa is another one who can fire out a demon roll cast. It must run in the family.

So we took Garfield, Moses, Yoli and Sergeant Jobe Cheek from our WTU down to Bennett. We fished the new handicap ramp on the left bank just below the dam and everybody (well, not Yoli, but she was fishing a bubba rod with a bobber the size of a bouy) got on fish. It was Moses' first fish ever and Garfield's first trout. Garfield had two, Moses had two, both of which were on a dry fly, and Jobe had one. In his defense he spent a lot of time helping with the other two guys sorting tangles, tying

knots and assisting casting. Otherwise, as he has proved on past PHW trips, Jobe would have had several more fish to his credit.

Jobe is interested in learning to tie, and so are Moses and Garfield. Toward that end two of the Evergreen tying kits for one-handed tying have been ordered. Melissa took a lesson in tying just this past week and (using one of our Fort Leonard Wood PHW tying kits) is busy turning out olive Woolly Buggers for her brother. She's going to join the Fort Carson PHW program when she goes back. I think we've created another monster!

Because I have a devilish sense of humor I make our new fly anglers kiss their first fly rod catch as part of the traditions of the sport. The photographs are proof of what great sports the three soldiers are. Jobe already kissed his fish several trips back. To identify everyone to those of you who haven't had the opportunity to meet them, Melissa is the (obviously) girl of the three, Moses is the one with the walker, and Garfield is the one in the motorized go-cart. If you think that's politically incorrect then you try to keep up with him—and don't be foolish enough to get between him and the fish or you'll wind up with tire tracks across your body! Jobe is the one in the yellow shirt. Moses DID kiss his fish but the photo didn't make it. Melissa's kissable first was a reasonably sized chub (yuck! kissable??) out of the Roubidoux Spring.

Late note: spent the morning of 30 April at the float bridge training area in pursuit of a grass carp I estimate to run between 32 and 36 inches. Managed to get one fly close enough but am grateful he didn't take since weapon of availability was my two-hander four-weight! The 10/11 Spey went into the car as soon as I got home...!

Max



Private (E2) Melissa Patel



Specialist Moses Torres (Ret)



Staff Sergeant Garfield Pellhum (Ret)



Moses, Max and Jobe



Garfield passes his field exam

Logger's Lake outing report by Lou

"Eagles soaring over head (actually it was only one but doesn't the plural sound better?).

Beaver paddling peacefully up and down the bank (actually he was pretty mad – Brett's wife startled him and we saw the tail slap from all the way across the lake! Twice!).

A gentle breeze blowing down the lake (actually neither the fish nor the wind could make up their mind - the wind on which way it was going to blow and the fish on whether they were going to bite or not and if they did on what!)

Bluebird skies (which drove the already elusive fish to seek out whatever shade they could find most of which was at least 5 feet!).

Trees blooming beautiful purples and whites and greens. The faint sound of banjo music down in the holler.



Only big bluegill in the lake



Brett in his yak



Ken figuring it out



Todd looking for signs of fish activity



Ken brings one to the boat

What a great day to go fishing! It was a mini Paddle Palooza when Brett and his misses, Todd, Ken and Lou met up at a little after 9:00 at Logger's Lake to try our luck. No one in recent memory has probably seen that many kayaks on that lake. We caught the usual suspects—bluegill, redear and bass on various flies. Brett had them figured out the quickest with casting a bench fly to the shaded side of the submerged logs. And although everyone caught fish the over all consensus was we could scratch that one off the do over list, LOL!"

Tightlines!

Louisa Runnalls

Reeling and Healing

Boot had the opportunity to be a river guide with Reeling & Healing this last Sunday at Westover Farms. Here is a short write up and a few pictures for the newsletter.

Every once in a while the opportunity comes along to spend a little time doing something for someone that turns into something really special. So it was the last weekend in April when Reeling and Healing held a woman's retreat at Westover Farms. Our very own Boot was invited to be a river guide – someone who helps one of the gals hopefully catch a fish. Well, if you know Boot – there is no hopefully – there will be fishes caught. I missed Saturday but rumor has it Boot took his "client" and went down to the little bridge by one of the outlets. They caught fish, after fish, after fish on Boot's little ostrich wooly bugger. On Sunday I was able to come and take pictures. Boot and the woman he was guiding went to the meandering little stream down from the runs. Not sure how they did there but once they moved over to the outflow area they caught a few more. I don't think any of the women there that weekend left without catching something. One even caught a bluegill!!!! The special part was that at least for a little while these women were able to forget about the cancer. Way to go Boot!!!



Along with the special weekend came another surprise. Each participant received a small box of flies tied by our very own Chuck Tryon. Seems he tied up a BUNCH of flies for Patti Hummert and the gals that go to the retreats. Patti said it was probably a few years worth.

Tightlines!
Louisa Runnalls

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** New place we haven't been to before

River Conditions are up as of today. The BP increased 240 CFS from the time we put in to the take out 8 hours later. It crested at 838 yesterday afternoon. Water temps in the rivers (not including springs) is getting up to low 60s. Smallmouth and Goggle eye are hitting flies more aggressively. One of my clients missed a 20 inch smallmouth yesterday that took her Pete right at the boat on a slow roll. I think she was so surprised she never set the hook.





RiverRap

June 1, 2014

Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

Our May happenings in the club:

June 01th Outing to Towel Lake
May 03rd Fly Tying
June 14th Outing to The Narrows
June 17th Club meeting

Members – Mark Van Patten; Phil Cassibry; Sam Potter; Boot Pierce; Todd Sparks; Leona Tharp & Family; Greg Maxwell; Louisa Runnalls, Brett Brunner, Jack Hale, Ken Fletcher, Steve Luecke, Garfield Pellhum, Moises Torres, Ed Lemay

News:

Hello All,

As I write this on Memorial Day I hope you all get the chance to pay your respects for those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who gave their lives so we could enjoy our freedom.

One of those freedoms is fishing. Here are our happenings in June:

Sunday 1 June Towel Lake in Little Praire Conservation Area just northeast of Rolla. If you have some way of floating – belly boat, personal pontoon, pond prowler, canoe, kayak, SUP, bass boat, drift boat or whatever, it would be a great idea. AND although town isn't that far bringing a sack lunch would be a great idea too! Let's meet up around 0800 at the boat ramp and hopefully beat the heat!

Tuesday 3 June – Our regular Tyin' & Lyin' session at Rolla Public Library from 6:00 P.M. to when they close. Bring the stuff to tie your favorite fly, or the one you need to finish filling your box or just sit and visit a little. This would be a great time to pick up a few tips and tricks for your fellow fly flingers!

Saturday 14 June – The Narrows off Hwy 17 south of Houston. Let's shoot for 8:00 A.M. meet up in the parking lot just before Dog's Bluff Access. This will be some wet wading unless you feel like roasting in your waders. Bring your lunch because town is a long way off. Here is a map -

http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/7308map.pdf

Tuesday 17 June - our regular meeting in Town Suites , St Robert. We'll be discussing this years Stream Clean-up – so if anyone can get on the Roubdioux and do some scouting, then come to the meeting with a report that would be great! I also have a video by Joe Messinger, Jr tying the Bucktail Frog and a few others to choose from. Hope to see you all there!

Tightlines!
Louisa Runnalls

Special thanks to BRETT LOU and TODD for sharing their fishing trip stories.

Brett's fishing trip to Michigan

Lots of rain in upper lower Michigan last week. "Good streamer water" was the theory, not in practice, someone forgot to tell the trout, the streamer bite SUCKED. Brought only one brown (photo attached) and one steelhead to hand stripping/swinging streamers for two days. The nymphing however was pretty good.

There were still fresh steelhead heading upstream, which is late for this river. In between bouts of pounding the banks and deadfalls with streamers for brown trout, we parked the boat and fished any runs with steelhead present. My brother was using a 7wt "running line" rig, otherwise known as "chuck n duck". He stuck a lot and landed a few. I threw an indicator rig with a point and dropper nymph on a 7wt switch rod, stuck a few and landed fewer. All fish landed hit a particular nymph pattern which I've sworn in blood not to disclose. (Not san juan worm or eggs)

And lunch! (my favorite part) First day: Medium rare venison steak with sauteed morel mushrooms, wild rice, ceasar salad and garlic bread. Second day: Grilled marinated center cut pork chops, sauteed green beans, boiled new potatoes and butter, butter lettuce and arugula salad, garlic bread. (We like to rough it when we fish hard).



Lou's Smallmouth Rendezvous and Bluegill Binge 2014

What a GREAT week! I received an invitation to tie at Smallmouth Rendezvous this year and since it was the week prior to the RRWFFC gathering in Broken Bow I accepted. As usual the Rendezvous was pretty cool. I saw old friends and maybe made a new one or two but probably my favorite part was seeing what everyone was tying for warm water. I sat next to a gentleman named Harvey Ragsdale who in my humble opinion makes some of the best poppers around and you all should know by now how I love throwing poppers. Always a tip or trick or three I learn from Harvey.

Saturday pinnacled with the fly tying contest. You'll never guess who won. Me! It was crazy. They give out an envelope with a bunch of tying materials in it and you have 15 minutes to tie a fly. This year's envelope had a large heart shaped piece of 2mm foam, a size 5 stainless steel hook, a piece of mylar tubing and a bunch of other "oversized" stuff in it. So I tied a diving floatin' please don't hit the back of my head type fly. And won! Now I have to make up the envelopes for next year. Any suggestions?



The week between the two events was filled with what a few friends and I call the Bluegill Binge. We start fishing early that Sunday and rarely stop until the following weekend. This year we took a break on Thursday to move from Tahlequah to Broken Bow. Meanwhile we fished 3 different pond/lakes in 4 days – one was so good we did a repeat! On Wednesday I happened to mention we probably had a 100 fish day for the boat and of course there were doubters. The next day the other boat pulled out a fish counter and just in the afternoon the two gals caught 34 fish apiece, 68 total for the boat. They guessed if they had counted the ones they caught in the morning to it would have been 100+.



The weekend following the Smallmouth Rendezvous the River Runner Woman's Fly Fishing Club was having a gathering at Broken Bow. It is one of those lakes that even when flooded – it was up 8 feet above normal - not only produces fish but remains so clear we probably could have put a large print book down around the 3' mark and been able to read it. The only hard part was picking a cove near a boat ramp to fish. The fish were there but so scattered because of the recent rains they were hard to pattern. We did bring just enough to hand (including a few 15" largemouth bass) to keep us out there all day. Some of the other gals in the River Runner's went to the Lower Mountain Fork for trout and I dare say I will be hard pressed on which I will go after next time – warm water in the main lake or trout in the stream!

Our species of choice was bluegill but we were after anything with fins that swims. Species caught were bluegill, redear, longear, mean green sunfish, crappies, catfish, largemouth bass, Kentucky bass and even a smallmouth bass. It was a hoot!

A trip to Todd's family cabin

My buddy Mike brought his family out the the cabin for a visit on Sunday afternoon. I took the opportunity to put his little boy Sammy onto his first fish. We used the yaks to shuttle upstream to a hole I had scouted a few hours prior. I brought along my tenkara rod and a pocket full of briminator and secret flies. We managed to get Sammy's hands on a rock bass and a bluegill before he decided that throwing rocks was a better utilization of his time on the river. Fun times!



Monday's fishing with my dad and brother was tough. The smallies were staying deep and in cover, possibly due to the impending storm that would scare us out of the river valley later in the day. While the fish were uninterested in my many variations of longear sunfish imitations I had brought along to test, the tried-and-true black and chartreuse secret fly came through for us. Jamie pulled a nice smallie from beneath a log jam.



[bizarre cannibalistic note: The clouser minnows I tied in longear sunfish colors seem to only catch longear sunfish.]
Todd

ARE YOU READY FOR THIS ?

Sam,

One of my other fly fishing clubs was having an outing to a member's farm ponds. I had seen and cast at this "log" in the shallows twice and only got a splash and a mud trail for my efforts. As evening came along it was time to switch to something on the surface and thus I tied on a JR's Predator (a froggy looking thing). As I worked my way around the biggest pond catching some very nice bluegill and largemouth bass I saw my nemesis surface feeding – I'm guessing on the mayfly hatch that was coming off the water. I decided to ignore the fins waving at me from out in the middle of the pond and to continue pursue the bluegill. Finally I was around the corner and doing rather well when said fins came within casting range. I decided one more shot. I cast in front of the fish and saw the mouth open then close. I set the hook and the fight was on!

And what a fight it was! My right arm got so tired I had to switch hands and shake it out! I kept trying to tire him out by switching directions back and forth while running up & down the bank. I had one little "V" notch in the bank I figured once he was tired, if my line didn't break or a knot come unbuttoned I could land him up in there. Well you all know how largemouth bass usually jump three times? I think this carp took at least three times before I got him up in the little "V" notch because it seemed like when he felt his belly touch the bottom he'd take off again and the fight would start all over. Twenty or so minutes later he finally came up into the notch and I pounced on him!

My friend Paul came over to assist if he could and get a picture. Thank goodness because trying to do a selfie with a 40" carp would not have been easy!

Rod – TFO Professional Series 7 1/2' 4 wt; Fly – JR's Predator.



Tightlines! Louisa Runnalls

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** New place we haven't been to before

River Conditions are actually about normal to a little low right now for some streams and for others they are running a little higher than normal. BUT water conditions (color) is excellent. I always prefer a little color in the water rather than gin clear... for those of you that don't know what color gin is, go to the faucet and turn on your water. 90 % of you will have crystal clear water, the rest of you better go to the store and buy it for your drinking water if it isn't "gin clear".





RiverRap

July 1, 2014

Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

Our July happenings in the club:

- July 01th Fly Tying
- July 5th Outing to Rinqualin Trail Lake
- July 12th ** Outing to The South Prong in Jack's Fork ** (changed from original schedule)
- July 15th Club meeting

News:

Hello One and All!!

Is it getting hot enough for everyone? I fear our little fishes may be getting stressed out pretty soon if we don't get some much needed rain. Having said that I hope it doesn't come on any of our outings AND especially our Stream Clean-up this year. When you do go fishing – give our little finy friends a break (and ourselves) – go early in the morning and/or late in the evening when it's cooler; bring the fish to hand as quickly as possible; if they are lethargic and don't struggle to get out of your grasp, hold them in the water and move them back and forth to get oxygen moving over their gills; do this as long as it takes until they are ready to go. As for yourselves – please drink plenty of water, wear sunscreen and take lots of breaks not just when needed!

July Happenings in the RFFA

Tuesday 1 July – Tyn' & Lyin' in the Rolla Public Library – bring your favorite fly to tie; fill up some empty slots in your boxes; or just tell a few lies!
- 6:30 P.M. or so in the basement of the Rolla Public Library – we usually come early and leave when they kick us out.

Saturday 5 July – Outing to Rinqualin Trail Lake CA north of Dixon. We need to get an early start so let's meet up around 7:00 at the boat ramp. Bring your own lunch. Species to be caught are crappie, catfish, bluegill and cousins, largemouth bass. Here is a link to the MDC website -

<http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/Applications/MOATLAS/AreaSummaryPage.aspx?txtAreaID=8233>

**** Saturday 12 July** – Outing to the South Prong Access on Jack's Fork. This is a good stretch for us down Hwy 17 then up Hwy Y. This far up (near the start of the Jack's Fork) it could be wade fishing or it be we need floatation. I will try and get a recon done in the next week and let everyone know. If it looks too low we may change location down river. Here is a map of the access - http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/8852map.pdf Anyone

going to this outing please RSVP me no later than 6 July. We'll decide what and how we are going to tackle this one!

Tuesday 15 July Regular meeting at Towne Suits in St Robert. Starts at 6:30 and we'll be discussing the Stream Clean up in August and not just how to clean the stream but also how to celebrate the 25th Anniversary!!!

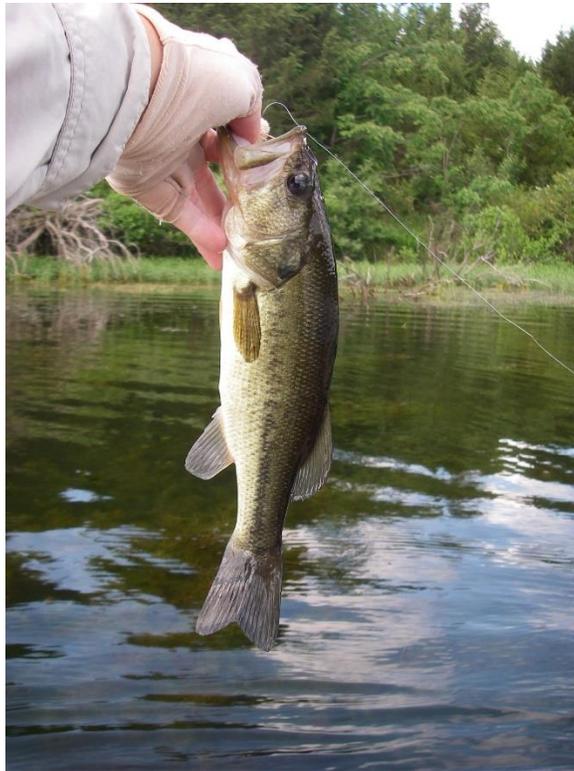
Please have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July!!!

** This is a change to the original outing schedule!!

Thank You LOU for sharing this fishing trip

Todd and Lou went to the Towel Lake outing on Sunday 1 June and although they didn't get to test their fish fighting skills they did bring a few of the usual suspects to hand – redear, bluegill, mean green sunfishes and a bass or two. The real practice was on how to set up a drift without getting blown across the lake by that darn wind before we could get a cast or two in. Needless to say we called it an early day after deciding this will be an every other year outing.





Tightlines!
Louisa Runnalls

ROUBIDOUX FLY FISHERS OUTINGS

Remaining Outings until February 2015

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Rinqualin Trail Community Lake

5 July 2014 Sat
12 July 2014** Sat

Jack's Fork by the Prongs

Aug 2014

Upper Roubidoux SEE NOTE 1

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River Conditions Most of our area streams were low prior to the last heavy rains. The Big Piney came up about a foot or so last week and is still running off color, but getting back to about normal. The small creeks are starting to get to that dreaded time of the year when the riffle flow turns into trickles and the stress begins with crowded conditions and warmer temps. The survival of the fittest determines the future of all species in these conditions. Shallow areas on Lakes and ponds are getting filled in with vegetation and almost impossible to fish without a floating device.





RiverRap

August 1, 2014

Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

August 02nd Fishing Outing
August 05th Fly Tying
August 17th Fishing Outing
August 19th Club meeting
August 30th Stream Clean

BIG NEWS this month is the 25th anniversary of Missouri's Stream Team program. The Missouri Stream Team adoption program was originated by none other than the Roubidoux Fly Fishers. Chuck and Sharon Tryon and Mark VanPatten were the head honchos and got the ball rolling back in 1989. At the time who knew it would grow into the premier stream adoption program in the nation. We are proud to be Stream Team #1 and will celebrate the 25th anniversary with our stream clean on August 30th. MDC officials along with stream team members will be attending, so we need to have a good showing of our club members with this eventful occasion at the Waynesville City Park.

Monthly News from Lou:

Hello Everyone!

Hope you are getting a chance to get outside in this beautiful weather break we are having and get some fishing in.

Our most important happening in the club this month is our Stream Clean-up on August 30th! If you haven't taken the opportunity to volunteer to do something get with our Stream Captain Todd and see what's left on the list! (Trust me there is a LOT of stuff left on the list from gathering up the food, to acquiring something to put it on and then eat it with, LOL!) It is also the 25th Anniversary of Stream Teams so we'll be celebrating that too!!

Our monthly meeting will be finalizing everything so we are as ready as we can be. And talking about our bylaws. The club has evolved since they were last updated so a few changes are appropriate if we want to make them.

Our club meeting is Tuesday the 19th and will be at Town Suits at 250 Carmel Valley Way in St Robert. We'll start at 6:30 P.M. If we have time we may also show a video or have a short program.

Our first outing this month will be this coming Saturday the 2nd of August. We'll be fishing the Roubidoux since on last Sunday's recon we figured out where all the fish are at! (Not sure who to thank but we did see quit a few browns in with the bows!!) Let's meet up in the Waynesville

City Park around 8:00 A.M. and go from there. Those who show will decide where we go but this outing is supposed to be in the upper section.

Our second outing will be on Sunday the 17th and we'll be doing the 'Doux again. Since this one is suppose to be the lower 'Doux we'll probably meet in the park again and see if anyone wants to ride together to the Cox's cable access.

And please don't forget Tyin' & Lyin' is this coming Tuesday the 5th in the basement of the Rolla Public Library. We usually start around 6:00 P.M. or so and go till they throw us out. Bring your favorite fly to tie and show off or just fill a couple empty spots in your box. Even if you don't tie yet, come on down and tell a lie or too. But please no cussin' it is the library after all!

Hope you can get out on the water and catch a few fish for me too!

Tightlines!

Louisa Runnalls

August Happenings in the RFFA

Saturday August 2 Fishing Outing on the upper Roubidoux meet up at Waynesville city park 8:00 AM

Tuesday August 5 – Tyin' & Lyin' in the Rolla Public Library – bring your favorite fly to tie; fill up some empty slots in your boxes; or just tell a few lies!

- 6:30 P.M. or so in the basement of the Rolla Public Library – we usually come early and leave when they kick us out.

Sunday August 17th Fishing Outing on the lower Roubidoux meet up at Waynesville city park 8:00 AM

Tuesday August 19 Regular meeting at Towne Suits in St Robert. Starts at 6:30 and we'll be discussing the Stream Clean up in August and not just how to clean the stream but also how to celebrate the 25th Anniversary!!!

Saturday August 30 Roubidoux Stream Clean

FISHING REPORTS

Fishing report South Prong of the Jack's Fork

Thursday I went to the South Prong of the Jack's Fork River. I forgot how long it has been since I fished this section of the river. WOW! The hole under the Hwy Y bridge was deeper – by a lot – then before. How deep? How about a dark turquoise green deep with no bottom in sight deep. The river below that seems not quit as clear but still deceptively clear enough I got in up to my chest by accident. Hmmm same thing happened last time. Tiptoeing thru a hole - although refreshing with these summer temperatures was not my cup of tea. Accompanied by two different kinds of minnows, one school about an inch long and neon blue in color and the other a little bigger but light colored green, this time I made it all the way down to the South

Prongs junction with the North Prong. I caught the usual suspects – a bunch of longear sunfish, a few rock bass and two smallmouth bass. Yes TWO! I had to laugh though – I had cast a new popper into a slough and caught one and as I was bringing him in three others came along trying to get the popper out of his mouth! Of course none of them would bite after that. The neatest catch was a rock on a yellow BUB fly. Yes a rock. It had a caddis fly larva on the other side from where I caught it so that was pretty cool. All and all just another pleasant day on a river.





Tightlines!
Louisa Runnalls

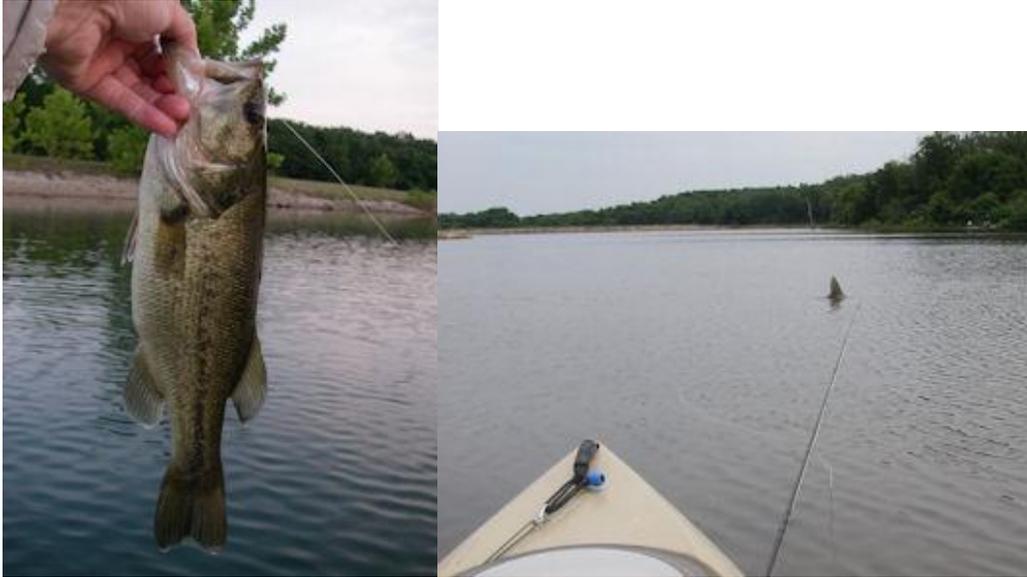
Fishing report from Lake Rinqualin and TA 250

What a crazy day. No one and I do mean no one was on Lake R when I arrived and it was Saturday! What a pleasant surprise. And that wasn't the only surprise – the mean greens were just as mean as last time I was there and the bass were just as fat and sassy too! The bluegill and redear looked like they had put on some weight – I figured no one was catching them, LOL! Or so it seemed. Once I set up the kayak I tied on a JR's Predator and made a few practice casts from the boat ramp to the local weeds and WHAM! A Mean Green Sunfish came to hand. It was going to be a great day!



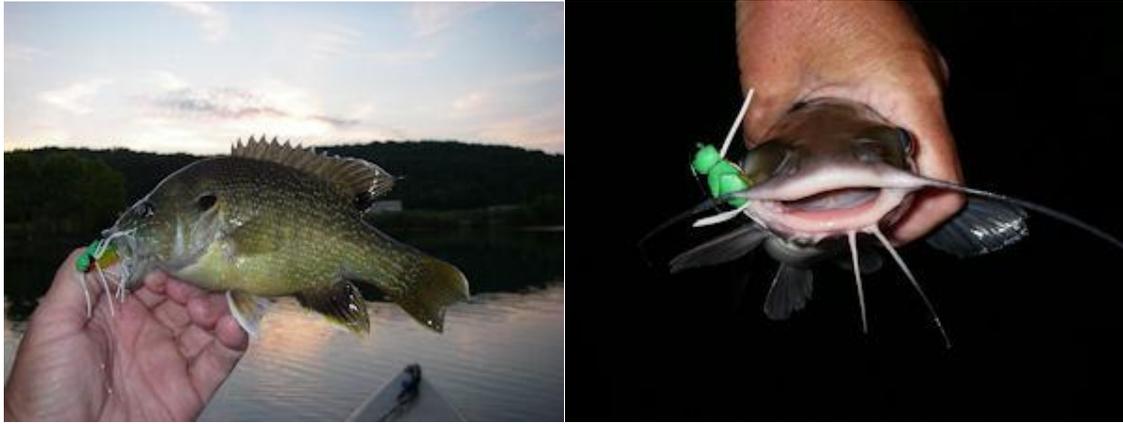
I launched and since the dam was right there started fishing it first. There seemed to be fish at regular intervals all the way down with slightly better concentration in the corners of course. The far cove didn't really produce but as I fished my way around a boat showed up and of course they made a bee line for their spot in the standing timber right away. I figured they

were fishing for supper so didn't get too close. Hop scotching my way across the lake I picked up a mixed bag of bigger largemouth bass and bluegill.



Then I spotted the carp. After I fished my way over towards them I tried throwing a Briminator at them but then just stopped and sat and watched. How fascinating! They didn't notice my presence till I moved or made a noise. They would root around for a while – tails splashing and then stop and float. One half of a tail was so big if I had been in the ocean I would have been paddling my hiney off trying to get back to shore! I finally quit watching and paddled my way across the lake once again to try the far shore where the guys had been. Retying on a Predator (I really like that fly!) I am happy to report they had left a few for me. As more folks showed up I headed back to the dam, the wind cooperated and I was able to do a nice float down the dam to the boat ramp, picking up a few bluegill, more mean green sunfish and a few more largemouth bass along the way.

I came home, rested up and then went out again to try my hand at some night fishing. I had wanted to catch some of the bigger largemouth bass out on TA 250 but after fishing a big old frog pattern I caved and switched to a Size 4 Predator. I was getting a LOT of really good hits on the frog pattern but with the size 1 hook no one was able to take it and keep it except one lone bass. I know I shouldn't have because of the old "big fish - big fly" theory but I couldn't resist giving the mean greens and such a chance too!



And I am glad I did! Not only did I bring some chunky mean greens to hand and a couple nice bass I also caught Mr. Whiskers! I think he was cruising the shallows for a meal when my Predator splashed down like, well a frog and WHAM! The fight was on! Catfish do not like to jump and as this one bulldogged down trying to find something to wrap up in under my kayak I was straining to bring it up and praying everything from my knots to the rod would hold. Thank goodness I brought the 6 wt 'cause we had us a tussle! I WON! That Predator fly catches just about everything – I wonder how it would do in the salt?

There are thrills and chills that accompany night fishing. One of the thrills is to catch a fish and not know what it is until it comes to the boat. The possibility of catching a really big bass that only feeds at night is another. The chills can be just as invigorating. Noises seem to be amplified (or maybe our hearing just gets better?) when night comes and we are floating inches from the top of the water and can't SEE anything. From fish jumping to the voices of our fellow fishers everything either gets real loud or real quiet. A big fish jumping out in the middle of the lake can sound like it's right beside you. Something stamping a hoof on shore because you startled it sounds like it is right next to the kayak. But when you feel something bump the kayak – THAT'S can be a thrill! And I'm not talking bump it from the side like something ran into it. I'm talking bump it from underneath and lift the kayak with me in it up. Now that's a thrill! Never saw it, didn't see a wake leaving, nothing. Just bump, up I went, then all was still. Now understand TA 250 is a training lake – they dug down about 8 feet and leveled it out all the way around. There are no stumps, logs, big boulders or anything else for the boats to get caught on out there, nor for me to "float over" causing my kayak to raise up like that. That's when I paddle over by the other guys fishing and well just talked a bit. Yes I did a little more fishing but I was through, having spent most the day on Lake R (or that is my excuse and I am sticking to it!)

Tightlines!

Louisa Runnalls

Thank You LOU for sharing the Roubidoux Recon

With a light breeze, cooler temperatures and cold water it was a pretty good day Sunday to do a clean-up recon/float of the Roubidoux. After meeting up in the park and figuring out the shuttle, we launched just below the spring and headed down stream. The creek, considering it was flooded last year, wasn't too bad as far as obstacles were concerned. Section 3 has one tree over the creek that unless the water comes way up will be passible underneath.



The second “jam” is exactly that, a jam. Todd and Brett looked for a way around but there wasn't one without going up on Highway 17. Over we went. To a casual observer it probably looked more like the Keystone cops than a bunch of engineers trying to get over the top of the jamb.



We made it though and didn't break a SUP, kayak, canoe, arm, leg or toe. The rest of the float, although there were a few tricky sections, was marked by more depth checks and dragging in quit a few spots. Some of the shorter folks may have to tiptoe thru some sections on the edges but over all the river is cleanable.



Surprise guest on the float was a stonefly Brett found in his kayak. Discovered about a half mile from the end we are not sure when he picked it up.



Tightlines!
Louisa Runnalls

ROUBIDOUX FLY FISHERS OUTINGS

Remaining Outings until February 2015

All meeting times and places TBA check your email

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| <i>02 Aug 2014</i> | <i>Upper Roubidoux</i> |
| <i>17 August 2014</i> | <i>Lower Roubidoux SEE NOTE 1</i> |
| <i>30 August 204</i> | <i>Stream Clean with fishing afterwards</i> |
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River Conditions Area streams are very low as is typical this time or year. The low water constricts the pools and reduces food supplies in the little creeks. Everything in that pool becomes fair game for the survivors, even their own species. If you are floating be prepared to do some walking unless you don't care about the bottom of your boat. Night fishing is an excellent opportunity to escape the heat and open up an entire new world of fishing experience. So far I have only had one client make a return trip of night fishing... it can be spooky not knowing what's out there.





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September 1, 2014

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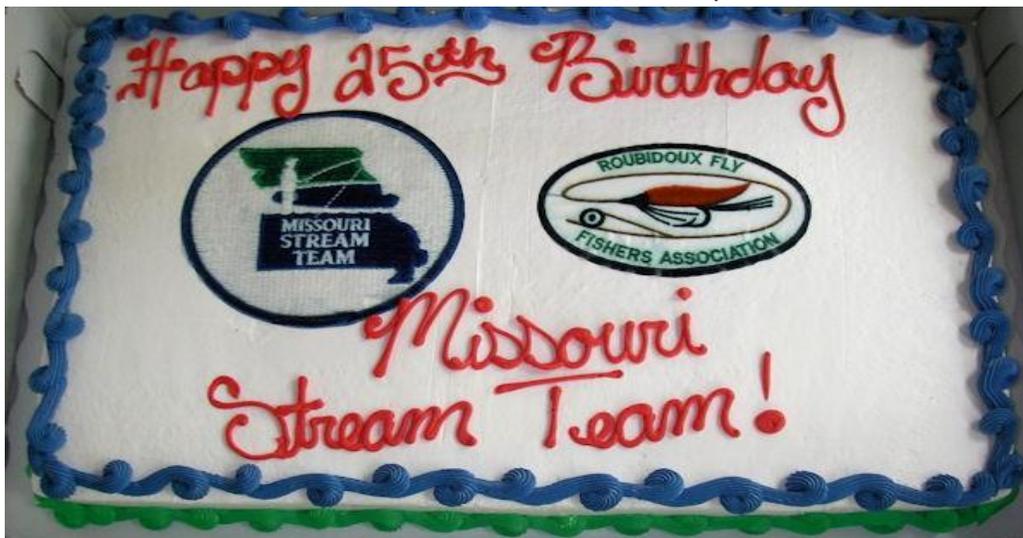
September 06 Fishing Outing
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September 14 Fishing Outing

September 16th Club meeting

Monthly News from Lou:

We had a great clean-up Saturday! We had about 40 SeaBees plus 6 instructors, 15+ folks from other teams, and us! (Although I was sweating the number of people vs the amount of chicken we should have been more worried about the cake, LOL!!)



Stream Team #1 with the FLW SeaBee detachment and other stream team members



Section 1 and section 2 heading out to their respective starting points



Section 1 transferring trash to trailer Section 2 found a full size hot water heater. **it was heavy!**



Larger items were the full size hot water heater, an old washing machine and a toilet along with 16 tires.



Section 3 found most of the 16 tires collected



A half full trash hauler When we get the chance we should try and send business or give a big thank you (Todd is sending out the formal ones from the club) to some of the businesses and folks that helped out. In no particular order

Ziegenbein Sanitation, Big O Tires, St Robert Transfer station, Price Cutter, MDC, Wal-Mart and Lay-Z-Day Canoes for a whole rack of canoes on Labor day weekend (hmmm we could get them to haul us up stream and do a float on that wonderful section of the BP sometime) AND a bunch of our fellow Stream Teams:

Mike Bene #13, Jerry Mitchell #27, Beth Larson #27, Dwayne Abbott #1523

Ed Wrasmann #3481, Susan Wrasmann #3481, Kat Lackman #4203,

Nicholas Walkenbach #4660, Christine Endsley #4660, Kenneth Thomas #4660 Rachel King #4660, Ronnie King #4660



Lay Z Day Canoe let us borrow canoes

AND in case we didn't say it to each other on Saturday the BIGGEST thank yous go out to all the RFFAers that stepped forward and did what needed to be done to get this clean-up in the books – Todd, Boot, Sam, Brett, Ken, Mark, Jamie and Jack. It really “takes a village” to do one of these from ordering the t-shirts, gloves and goodies early to clearing a path so we can get thru to hauling canoes to sending in the report with the final numbers HEY YOU ALL - WE DID A GREAT JOB!!!

WOW!!! September is finally here; school has started; our Stream Clean-up is done this year and I finally feel like I can take a deep breath and let it out. Hope you are getting ready for this short break before fall really starts kicking in and we have to get all our fishing done before the weather turns too cold!

Our September happenings:

Tuesday 2 Sept – Tyin' & Lyin' at the Rolla Public Library starting around 6:00 or so and going till they kick us out. I won't be able to make this one but rumor has it Todd is going to bring the stuff to show Sam how to make those foam poppers. Dang I'm going to miss it!!!

Saturday 6 Sept – Outing to the Osage Fork of the Gasconade at Long Ford Access – I'm going to miss this one too so please get ahold of your fishing buddy and double up. We usually meet up around 8:00 and wet wade.

Sunday 14 Sept – float trip on the Big Piney – From Slabtown to Horse Camp. BYOC/Y/T (Bring Your Own Canoe, Yak or Tube) AND BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch). This is a 7 mile float thru some beautiful country. We will hopefully see a bunch of fish that have never seen a fly. We'll meet up at Slabtown for the shuttle from hell at oh how about 7:30? ***Those going need to RSVP to me before the 10th.*** We need at least 3 to do this. Otherwise we'll just wet wade in the vicinity of Slabtown Access.

Tuesday 16 Sept – our regular scheduled meeting at Town Suits starts at 6:30. Hope to see you there!!! Tightlines!

Louisa Runnalls

FISHING REPORTS

NO reports this month BUT we do have a trip by Boot that I failed to include in last month's River Rap
Thank you for sharing Boot !

During our 2nd annual Driftless Fishing trip we ended up in southwest Wisconsin, more specifically, Viroqua, Wisconsin. In addition to "Stinkbug" and "Sasquatch", this year we added a newbie to the group "Q-ball". With a bald head like that there is no question where he got his name.



2014 Driftless Crew...Boot, Q-ball, Stinkbug, and Sasquatch

The first two days we had pretty good success fishing on the Kickapoo River located east of Viroqua. The water was great and the fish seemed eager to bite, especially on leeches, coulee scuds and of course pink squirrels.



Coulee Scud. One of the most productive flies we used all week
The first two days on the Kickapoo River looked great. Lots

f fish and great water



Two days into our trip the rains set in and the Kickapoo River was blown out and muddy the remainder of the week. After a couple days the rains set in, the bigger creeks rose quickly and turned to mud. We had no other choice but to go to the more technical smaller streams of the Coulee Creek system. These streams are a bit more difficult and can drive a person crazy if they are not used

to fishing them. The best success was seen fishing up stream with dry flies. The fish were not huge by comparison, but for a small Driftless area stream they were wonderful. Each day I was able to land a dozen fish with the largest reaching 12 inches. For the Coulee System that didn't seem bad to me at all.



Spring Coulee Creek...Small technical stream with great rewards



Spring Coulee reward

I should mention that there is a great little fly shop on the main drag in Viroqua called the **Driftless Angler**. They were more than willing to help us plan our trip over the last few months and even helped us to find places to fish after the rains had set in. Check them out and tell Matt and Geri (the owners) we said Hi. They are super nice. Always to support your local fly shop!



One of the greatest things about Wisconsin is their ability to brew beer. **Leinie's Red Lager** is something we cannot get here in the midwest., but you can there. My recommendation is to give this a try. You will not be disappointed.



YUM!

The fly shop has an apartment upstairs, but if you want to camp the Vernon County park system is great. They have all the amenities that you could ask for...clean showers, quiet campsites, and centrally located. Sidie Hollow was really nice and the price was right. About \$20 a night. Cannot beat that anywhere.



More to come soon. Including a photos of Q-Ball's first Brown Trout, Stinkbugs worse joke of the week and great photos of our 2014 Driftless Area trip. For more information go to <http://rainwaterscreeksideramblings.blogspot.com>

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River Conditions Some area streams received over an inch of rain water. It isn't enough to bring them up, but it all helps. Night fishing is an excellent opportunity to escape the heat and open up an entire new world of fishing experience, just ask Lou... So far I have only had one client make a return trip of night fishing... it can be spooky not knowing what's out there.





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November 6, 2014

Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

November 04th Fly Tying
November 22nd Club Outing

Monthly Happenings from Lou:

Here are our November happenings -

4 November – Tyn' & Lyin' at the Rolla Public Library starting around 6:00 P.M. and ending when we are done tying or they throw us out! Bring a fly or two to tie to fill the holes in you boxes or just to show off a new one you learned.

22 November – Freeze Your Trout Off at Bennett Springs. This will be an outing and our monthly business meeting. We'll have some chili around noon. Bring a friend and enjoy the day fishing during Catch & Release season. Please RSVP for the chili by 15 November so I don't cook too much. And let me know if you're going to bring a side – corn muffins, cheese, onions, jalapeños, hot sauce, etc., etc. Thanks!

And since our weather has turned cold please don't forget to put a "fall in" bag together and put in your car or truck. What is that you may ask? Well it is simply a bag with a change of clothes in it – so if you fall in (hence the name) you have a dry set to change into. Along with a complete set of clothes from the skin out in there – add at least two towels – one to stand on while changing and one to dry off with. A stocking cap or watch cap and some gloves or mittens – wool is good cotton not so good. And Yes I have had to use mine at Montauk – I had finally worked into a pod of feeding fish and had tied on the right fly. After landing two I decided to change my position ever so slightly. The guy upstream said I did a perfect pirouette and fell in face first. Needless to say that was a long cold walk from the stream to the truck and off into a bathroom.

See you on the stream!!

Tightlines!

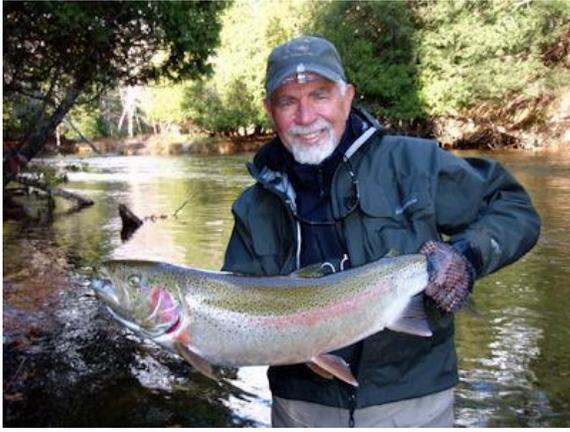
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FISHING REPORTS

Steelhead Trip to Michigan by Sam

This was the least productive trip I have taken for fall fishing. Spring time can be slow because the steelhead are spawning and they aren't too interested in eating.. They will eat, but not like they do in the fall.

I fish with a friend that I met up there about 6 years ago. In the past we have always had excellent success for our fall trips, but instead of hooking up over a hundred times in a week and landing half of them, we only hooked up a little over 40 times and landed 16. There were not very many steelhead in the system while I was there. Reports on the Salmon run that precedes the fall steelhead run were also dismal. All of the other fishermen that we saw were having the same lack of luck. I lost considerably more than I landed and for the first time, I had one straighten a hook. I only have to assume that it was hooked by the tip of the hook in a solid place, OR it was a weak hook to begin with. I had one that I hooked near a tree that had fallen into the river, dash upstream and jump up and over a limb that was about three feet off the water. Needless to say it broke the tippet. My largest steelhead landed on this trip, was a 13 pound male that I hooked in the early morning hours of the fourth day. The second largest was a 12.5 male I landed on the second day.



Texas Hill Country by Lou

Ah the Texas Hill Country. A far piece from here but oh so nice! October is my chosen month –mostly because it's not too hot yet and secondly because the rattle snakes have usually gone into hibernation by then. Here is the tale of this year's trip.

The excuse to go was a little fly fishing show put on by the Fredericksburg Fly Fishers called Oktoberfisch and held in a little town called Junction. Four years later I am still going! Days are easy – 6:30 or so is coffee call outside Don's trailer where we shoot the doodoo and talk fishing – when, where and what we caught since the last time we saw each other; then on to more important things like where we going next, when and to chase what. Once most folks start getting up around sunrise it's time to rustle up some breakfast or go fishing or both. Breakfast could be leftovers from the night before with some eggs thrown in or Mimosas or breakfast burritos or.....

The fishing is easy – the campground is on the river and a short paddle upstream puts me on a great little bend that usually holds some fish that we call Don's Hole since he caught a whopper in there a few years ago. I got a Hill Country Grand Slam in there this year – a Rio Grande cichlid, Guadalupe bass and a red breasted sunfish all in the same run.



With some effort one could actually paddle all the way up to Flat Rock – about a good 2 miles or so upstream. But – if one wants to do a longer float it's better to arrange a shuttle such as state park back to camp or 1st Crossing to 2nd Crossing or if you really want a humdinger of a float there is a place to put in WAY UP above everything. No time to fish on that float it is an all-day paddle plus some!



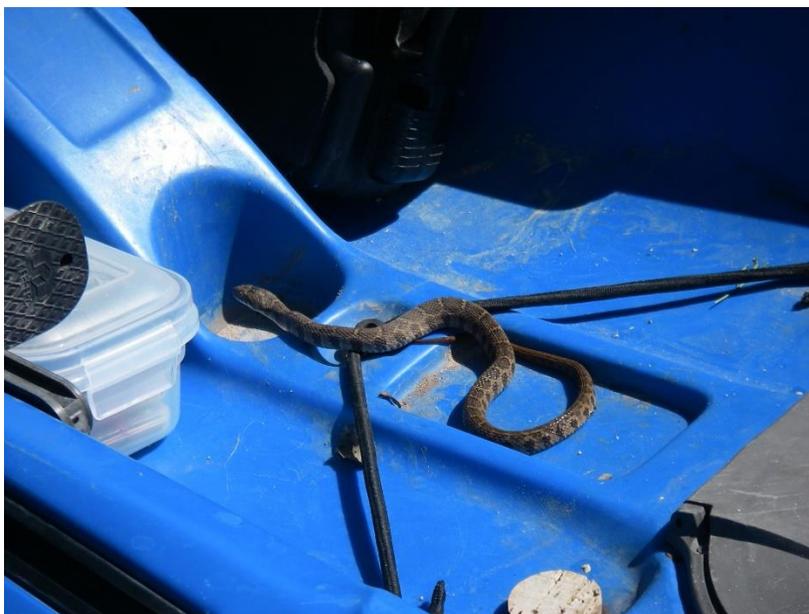
The river is gorgeous here – spring fed it has a light green tinge to it that belays just how clear it is. The farther upstream the clearer the water gets. Paddling upstream from Second Crossing there is some really deep clear water. The river bottom ranges from large boulders to pea gravel and everything in between. Weed beds can be pretty extensive and threading my way thru them going upstream can be a little tricky, but well worth it. The current is easy – there is some woohoo water in a few places but not much where we float. When the wind lays down it's a nice gentle float back to camp or the pick-up area.

I usually start fishing the river by the campground, working the bank across from it and then paddling upstream to this really nice back eddy. I caught my largest ever Rio Grande cichlid there this year. I hope he is still there next year. I was told the first time I ever catch one I would say “What the hell is that?” when I brought it in and sure enough I did. Upstream past Don's Hole there is another nice deep run that can be tricky to cast in – high weeds on the bank behind you and the stream picks up a bit right in there. Don's Hole –now that can be interesting to fish but when you find them it is full of fish, mostly red breasted sunfish, Guadalupe bass and one of my all-time favorites – long ear sunfishes. Casting can be tricky here to – not so much the back cast but getting the fly into the deepest shade available and the closer to the bank the better. The overhanging trees provide both the shade and the challenge of skipping a fly way up under next to the bank while the current keeps everything heading down stream. Sometimes any shadow will do – I have caught fish in the itsy bitsy shadow of a small bush right on the bank! This year's rule was “Find the shade and cast as deep into it as possible while hitting the bank is best!”

I helped do a sampling of the river with the Texas Parks and Wildlife folks this year and was pleasantly surprised by the number and size of mayfly nymphs we found. Think plenty and SMALL as in size 22s. Sorting and picking through those

samples reminded me of doing the critter count on Crane Creek. I also took a few classes on fishing for my next to favorite fish –the Guadalupe bass. Actually any native fish in its native waters is my favorite! I also got a few flies from the vendors for the Hill Country that I think will quite easily catch some of our Missouri smallmouth. A nice tidbit that came out of the TPWD class was the Texas state record (and thus world record) Guadalupe Bass is 17". A few years ago when doing a river survey they shocked a 18.25" Guadalupe from this river.

On my last day there our group did a float from 2nd Crossing to 1st Crossing. I am happy to report I caught the second largest fish of the day and my largest of the trip, a Guadalupe bass. I love those guys 'cause when they want it, they go after it with a vengeance! We had us a good tussle before I brought it to hand. Guesstimating it went almost 15" but it was fat and pretty sassy. All too soon it was time to go. Next year I am staying for two weeks!



Water snake in Lou's boat

If you want more information you could get a hold of me or contact Fredericksburg Fly Fishers on their website at <http://www.fredericksburgflyfishers.com/>

There are not very many fly shops in the area but two are –

The Country Fly Fishers Shop, Fredericksburg. <http://www.flyfishingintexas.com/pages/TheFlyShop.html>
Living Waters Fly Fishing, Round Rocks. <http://livingwatersflyfishing.com/>

If your thinking about hiring a guide Kevin Hutchison comes highly recommended. He can be found on the web at - <http://www.hillcountryflyfishers.com/>

For some nice guide books for the Texas Hill Country there are two –

Fly Fishing the Texas Hill Country by Kevin Hutchison and you can order it from a link on his website or at <http://www.fishheadpress.com/>.

The second is a series under the cover of Texas River Bum. Each book covers a different river or section (ie Lower Colorado, Lower Guadalupe, South Llano) of river. Their web address is - <http://www.texasriverbum.com/>

River Conditions Area streams are running low and clear for this time of year... boy does that sound familiar. Smallmouth will be headed to their winter holding water and the brown trout are ending their thing. One strain of rainbows is just getting started with their spawn. Please don't fish the redds. There are plenty of fish feeding below the redds for you to catch. Spawning fish are easy targets, but

hooking them on the redd is usually a foul hook up and they are stressed enough without us adding to it. As we get into the winter fishing time of year look for warm afternoons with the sun on the water to get the bugs going.





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December 1, 2014

Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

December 02nd Fly Tying
December 06th Club Outing
December 14th Club Outing
December 16th Club Meeting

Monthly Happenings from Lou:

Hello All!!!

Hope you have been able to get out during our break in the weather and fish some local water. Freeze Your Trout Off was pretty good but I'll let you read all about it in our newsletter!

Our December Happenings:

Tuesday Dec 2nd – Tyin' & Lyin' at the Rolla Public Library starting around 6:00 P.M. – we should be in the “annex” instead of the dreary old basement – a LOT better lighting although if you grab the wrong chair it's a long ways down (even for short folks like me). We may have to “share” the room once in a while but it's a great improvement on the basement. Come on by and tie a fly or two, or just sit and socialize.

Saturday 6 Dec Outing to Montauk – let's meet up around 8:00 A.M. by the hatchery and go from there. This is a bit of a haul so bring a lunch, fall in bag, etc., etc.. The snack bar is usually open and depending on the cook they do serve a great bowl of chili.

Sunday 14 Dec Outing to Meramec outside of St James. Let's meet up around 8:00 A.M. in the middle parking lot and go from there. Again this is a bit of a haul from civilization but unlike Montauk the snack bar is closed so bring your lunch, fall in bag, etc., etc. Come a little early and you may get a chance to see the eagles!

Tuesday 16 Dec our regular scheduled meeting at Town Suits in St Robert starts at 6:30 P.M. We'll be reviewing the last year and then talk about upcoming events, outing schedule, etc., etc. If you have a place you want us to go, come to the meeting or shoot me an email. I do think there are a few places we need to repeat – the Big Piney in a few places (or maybe we'll just make it the year of the Big Piney and try to fish and float the whole thing? Let me know what you all think!!!), Lake Rinqualin, Little Piney, etc., etc. Plus we haven't been to quit a few places for a while – places like the Huzzah, Courtois, Mill Creek, Spring, Blue, I could go on and on.

Hope to see you all soon – on the water!!

Tightlines!

Louisa Runnalls

FISHING REPORTS

Freeze your Trout Off by Lou

Well, luckily we didn't freeze our trouts or anything else off at Freeze Your Trout Off on 22 November. I invited a friend from SMFF, Sharon, to tag along. Sad to say I think she out fished Todd and I both! Might be the last time she gets an invite but anyway, the temperature was tolerable and the sky held off dropping the rain the weather man had been predicting for all day till almost midafternoon. For a while I thought it was going to be one of those one fish one fly type of

days but the fish finally settled down a bit. There was some itsy bitsy midge hatch coming off the water that had the fish stirred up pretty good in the morning – until you cast a fly to them and then they were having nothing to do with nothing. Even Y2Ks only worked for a short while before the fish got lip lock on those too.



Most interesting thing was after a wonderful chili lunch Todd decided to go big. How big? One of those honking huge articulated streamers he's been messing with big. Did he catch anything ? YES!!! He kept getting hits but they were only grabbing the tail. Finally just as the rain was starting one fish hit the fly just right and Todd was able to bring him to hand. And then Todd went old school, tying on a Gray Ghost – a streamer pattern invented by Carrie Stevens. First cast he caught a fish. Then the rain really started to set in and it was time to go.



Best fish of the day though was caught by yours truly, Lou – a spotted bass in Zone 1!!!

Tightlines!

Crappie and Bluegill winter fishing by Sam

It isn't often that I kill fish to eat, but when I do they are crappie or walleye and an occasional large bluegill or sunfish. Catching them out of cold water makes a big difference in firmness and taste. I always look for at least 3 warm days in a

row during the late fall, winter or early spring to head out to my favorite crappie lakes. The warm sun will raise the surface temps and draw them in closer to the banks where I can reach them without casting my arm off. Today was the 3rd warm day in a row, so I did what I usually do this time of year, catch crappie. I kept enough, 15 and one large Green Sunfish, for four meals for my wife and me. 8 fillets in a freezer bag is just the right amount for one meal for the two of us.



These Crappie are 11-12 inches and the Bluegill is about 10 inches. I released around 20 to 25 smaller crappie, bass and bluegill. I didn't start fishing until the sun got up high enough to start warming the water at 11:00. Once the clouds came in and the temps dropped around 3:00 so did the bite. Crappie are not much for fighting, but the great eating makes them worth the effort. They will always be in schools during the winter months, so when you find one you will find others and they seem to hang around with fish their own size. IF you are catching small ones look for another spot until you find the larger ones.

Fishing Shows, Expos and round ups

Lou has provided a list of the fly fishing shows/expos/roundups etc., coming up in the first 6 months of 2015 for publication in the next newsletter.

11 January 2015 Fly Tying Extravaganza put on by the Oklahoma Fly Fishers; Sapulpa, OK. Watch their website for updates - <http://www.oklahomaflyfishers.org/>

14 March 2015 Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers Banquet Location TBA

26, 27, 28 March 2015 Sowbug Roundup put on by North Arkansas Fly Fishers; Mountain Home, AR. Watch their website for more info - <http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org/>

11 April 2015 Tri Lakes FF Expo put on by Tri Lakes Fly Fishers; Brighton, MO. For more info call Lou

1 & 2 May 2015 Smallmouth Rendezvous, put on by the Northeastern Oklahoma Fly Fishing Club and Native Women Fly Fishers; Tahlequah, OK. Watch their website for more info - <http://www.neokflyfishers.org/neokff/HOME.html>

6 & 7 June 2015 Free fishing Days in MO – sorry not EXACTLY fly fishing related, but it could be!!!

Tightlines!

Louisa Runnalls

Remaining Club Outings until February 2015

All meeting times and places TBA check your email

06 Dec 2014 Sat

Montauk State Park

14 Dec 2014 Sun	Maramec Spring Park
03 Jan 2015 Sat	Bennett Springs State Park
18 Jan 2015 Sun	Montauk State Park
01 Feb 2015 Sun	Maramec Spring Park
14 Feb 2015 Sat	Bennett Springs State Park

River Conditions Area streams are still running low and clear. Smallmouth are in their winter holding water. As we get into winter fishing, look for warm afternoons with the sun on the water to get the bugs going. Just a couple of degrees increase in surface temps can help a hatch. I have had some excellent dry fly days in early December. Being in the right place at the right time can pay big dividends. If you are nymph fishing, remember that during the winter months they are very small, with the exception of hellgrammites and some stoneflies.

