

Fly Line

A Monthly Newsletter

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Meetings at East Side Arvest Bank at 7 P.M.
First Tuesday of the Month

Next meeting:

The regular meeting of the GCFF will be on January 5th, at East Side Arvest Bank, Community room. Doors will open at 6:30PM for a fellowship time with the business meeting starting at 7:00PM.

Fly fishing school is starting Jan. 26th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

* Jan, 5- Reg. meeting 7 PM East Bank-Side Arvest Bank

* **Speaker: Toby Vaughan**

* "The History of the wet Fly"
Toby Vaughan will present his program on the "History of the Wet Fly". Toby covers the classic wet flies as well as the newer soft hackles. Toby would like to see the

wet fly come back into use and for the lesson learn in the past to be taught again before they are lost. It will be a good program from an expert and lover of the wet fly and fishing the wet fly.

January Outing

Green Country has no scheduled outing for January. The Tulsa Club has invited us to join them at Roaring River in Missouri on January 23rd. This will be discussed at our January meeting where will find out who would like to attend and set up car pooling for that trip.

PRESIDENT'S CONNER



Happy New Year to all.

I hope that your stockings were full with new fishing tackle and tying material. I also hope your New Years Resolutions includes making more time to tie, fish, and to encourage others to participate in this fine sport. The club was well represented at the Holiday Dinner at Blue Dome Cafe with the Tulsa Fly Fishers. There were at least nineteen members and wives and each one came away with a door prize. Richard Johnson was the big winner of the night when he received the signed drawing of a black Crappie done by Dave Whitlock in the raffle. I wish to thank of the member who have helped this year in coordinating outings, taking charge at fly tying, managing the tying supplies, and library. This club is certainly a group effort.



Billy approves of Dad Winning

Holiday Dinner

The Green Country Club was represented with the following members and guests:

- Bob Cunningham and wife
- Richard and Billy Johnson
- Dick Leonard and wife
- Shawn and Brenda Pruffer
- Larry Johnson and wife
- Wes Thomas
- Ed Hinton
- Pat and Riley Osborn
- Lary and Karyl Smith
- Dennis and Lindy Kidd
- Ivan Winger

Thanks to the Tulsa club for hosting the event this year.

Fly Tying

The web site has the list of dates for tying at Deering and January tying at Arvest will be January 21st. The club has been invited to the Fly Tying Extravaganza with the other clubs in Oklahoma and Arkansas. The event will be at Tulsa Public School Fulton Professional Development Center 8906 E 34th Street, Tulsa, OK 74145 and is being hosted by the Tulsa Club and Greg Dodd.

XMAS PARTY

2009 TULSA



**YOU ARE INVITED to join the
TULSA FLYFISHERS JANUARY OUTING to**

**ROARING RIVER STATE PARK near Cassville, Mo.
SATURDAY JANUARY 23, 2010**

Joel Kantor said he is joining us and we are hoping he will provide brisket and sweet hot pickles (aka Karen's killer dillers) as has become a January tradition.. In past years others have brought bread, cookies, beans and other condiments, to round out the menu. Penny has brought her Louisiana Jambalaya a great warm-up after fishing, and John Sherman's coleslaw was a hit. Last year we had demonstrations of the art of cooking in the cast iron pots with the coals on the lid, makes for very fine eating. Hope we'll have a taste this year. Make enough for at least 20.

Please let us know if you think you will be attending and what you think you will be bringing so we can round out the menu if needed. e-mail sandy102@cox.net , 918-663-3559 or let us know at the January TFF meeting.

Don't know yet if you can make it? No problem, just show up streamside, and bring something to share... Desserts never go to waste nor anything else with hungry fly fishers.

For those who don't like to get up early accommodations are available at Roaring River Resort, located at the north entrance of the park, <http://www.roaringriverresort.com/> Winter rates of \$45 and \$49, and there are several other motels in the Cassville area.

We will meet at streamside for lunch, Eat at 12-NOON look for the banner on one of the picnic shelters in Zone 2. For park map.

http://www.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/6118map.pdf you may need to paste this URL into your browser to get it to open.

Don't forget during the winter months,

Roaring River State Park has its catch and release Trout fishing program on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday only 8:00AM to 4:00 PM.

For those who love to fish. "The winter catch and release season is great for the serious fly fisherman", said Tim Homesley, owner of Tim's Fly Shop. Anglers can catch bigger fish on a river that is less crowded, and the fish strike more aggressively during the winter months," he added.

All anglers must possess a Trout Permit during the winter catch and release season and a state fishing permit.

The area open for winter fishing is from the hatchery to the bridge below the old dam in the lower campground

Only flies are permitted during the winter catch and release season. A fly is defined as an artificial lure constructed on a single point hook, using any material except soft plastic bait and natural and scented bait that is tied, glued or otherwise permanently attached

Field Notes by Sean Lynott

January's Lull

I am writing this month's contribution from the confluence of Chetopa Creek and Elk City Reservoir. I enjoyed the paddle in here with only the tail slapping complaint of a beaver to break the silence; I sit here not with a flyrod but a shotgun, hoping that some of the transient waterfowl will drop in and visit their plastic brethren that I have placed out in front of me.

It is hard to believe but another year is upon us. Time needs to be spent getting equipment ready; a little basic maintenance of equipment goes a long way. Plans need to be made to sure up dates; so pull out the calendar to see what kind of time constraints lie in wait to sabotage plans. This is true not only for fly anglers but fish biologists as well.

As a fish biologist, January may just the slowest month of the year. Sure there are still tasks at hand but the timelines are manmade and no longer dictated by spawning times and water temperatures or rescheduled due to wind. The primary duties involve data entry and analysis, stocking

requests and putting next year's projects in the works, paper and planning as it were.

This is not the most exciting part of the job but it is a welcome change in pace.

My goal over the next six months is hopefully provide the reader with a friendly heads up on the best fishing of the year places, techniques and timing.

Based on 2009 sampling data my pick for the lake of the year is Big Hill Reservoir. The largemouth bass population typically ranks in the top three in the states reservoirs. The crappie sample this past fall shows a healthy population with 54% being over ten inches in length. The bluegill sunfish are often overlooked and while not as large on average as those in Montgomery Sate Fishing Lake they are quality fish and provide great opportunity to the fly angler. Add in the possibilities of catching smallmouth bass, channel catfish and white bass and we have a location that is tough to beat.

Next month I will expand on Big Hill's aquatic resources,

camping facilities and highlight access points for small craft and belly boats popular with the club.

I better close for now friends. I can hear the whistling of wings and believe I have some visitors coming.

Happy New Year

P.S. Another helpful scouting tool is the annual Fishing Forecast published by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks online at:

<http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us/news/Fishing/Fishing-Forecast>



Bartlesville Green Country Flyfishers dues are \$16, and most of our members pay in December and January. You can pay at the meeting or mail to Gary Kilpatrick, 1230 Dogwood Court, Bartlesville, OK. 74006.

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Time spent fishing is time well spent