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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FEBRUARY 2012

Greetings -

I would like to remind everyone that now is the time to renew your membership for 2012. I would also like to encourage all of our members to invite their friends – whether they are experienced fly fishers or someone just curious about the sport – to one of our upcoming meetings.

Our club has been an active, vibrant organization serving Kansas City's fly fishing community since 1984. Our

continued success is dependent on bringing new members into the fold.

So grab a friend, a colleague, a cousin or a neighbor and encourage them to join you for the next club meeting. Let's introduce a whole new group of Kansas Citians to the joys of fly fishing. We'll be making the club stronger at the same time.

See you at the next meeting on February 20th!

-Peet Crissey

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

A special meeting of voting members will be held at the club meeting February 20, 2012.

The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on club directors and to conduct any other club business that is of interest to the members.

Directors are elected for Three Year Terms. The Directors elect the Club Officers and watch over the affairs of the club.

The current Directors are:

John Bell, Mark Borserine, Cliff Cain, Jim Jorgensen and Darren Watson.

Darren Watson will be stepping aside and the Nominee for his position is Kevin Carril. Nominations are always accepted from the floor.

Following nominations, the members will then have the opportunity to vote.

HOAFF MEETINGS

February 20, 2012 – Club Meeting
Fly Tying and Social Night

March 19, 2012 – Club Meeting
Video - TBA



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INVITATION TO OUR MEMBERS:

HOAFF is asking you to consider doing a program at a monthly member meeting. You don't need to be a professional or polished presenter, just willing to discuss a fly fishing topic with your friends in the club. No fly fishing topic is too obscure. You can talk about fly tying, fishing small flies, species other than trout on the fly, exotic fishing destinations, high country fly fishing, equipment, rod building, a favorite trip you have or a taken. If you don't want to be alone, put together an "experts panel" to discuss some aspect of fly fishing. The flies the limit! Programs presented by club members are the best received programs and help us to get better acquainted with each other. So, step up and contact Cliff Cain or John Bell to volunteer your skills and get on the schedule.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Remember to get your annual dues of \$30 in between now and March 31st! March 31st we cut off sending the newsletter to those who have not paid for 2012!

REMINDER:

*FELT-SOLE WADERS BANNED BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2012
IN MISSOURI TROUT PARKS & DESIGNATED WATERS*

The Missouri Conservation Commission has approved a regulation change banning the use of porous-soled waders or footwear incorporating or having attached a porous sole of felted, matted, or woven fibrous material when fishing in trout parks and other specific trout waters. Pending public comment through the Secretary of State's office, the new regulation will go into effect March 1, 2012, the opening day of catch-and-keep fishing at Missouri's four trout parks.

ROCKBRIDGE WINTER OUTING

By RON CARRUTHERS



It turns out eight HOAFF members and a member's guest had enough of

the winter doldrums and suffering from cabin fever to cast caution aside at the end of January to go trout fishing. In years past old man winter had reared its ugly head during this outing but this year proved to be entirely different. It may have dipped below freezing sometime in the middle of the night but daytime temperatures reached into the 40's and 50's. We found that the area had received a sizeable rain earlier in the week so the stream was running pretty high but the good news was it had cleared up considerably and the water level was falling.

Though it did not seem there were as many trout throughout the entire stream this year the ones you could spot were usually good size. Rockbridge doesn't stock the stream as heavily in the winter because there are just not the numbers of fisherman there to catch them.

The mill pond always holds a lot of trout. Water was coming over the dam with a roar and the mist played tricks with the morning light. Heavy flies or split shot was needed to get down to the trout but once there they didn't seem to be too picky. Yellow, red and white seemed to work the best but all shapes and sizes of flies seemed to work. The

TOP LEFT: Ron Carruthers Makes offering to the Trout Gods

TOP RIGHT: They feed the Trout well at Rockbridge

BOTTOM LEFT: Jim Ohnemus

trout averaged 15 – 18 inches, jumped, bulldogged, pulled drag and just generally played havoc with your tippet. Yes these are stockers and I am sure that generates an image in your mind but believe me they fight as hard or harder than any native trout I have ever caught.

I cannot speak for everyone but do know Don Murrell, David Howard and Wayne London all caught at least one fish over 20 inches. Don claimed his fish made a run that took him into his backing. Wayne caught his on a caddis dry fly and David's fish weighed over 3 pounds. Hopefully there is a picture or two of those monsters somewhere close to this article.

We found that Rockbridge had also suffered some high water damage last year. A lot of gravel was washed into the stream but efforts were underway to remove a lot of it, while at the same time making some areas of the stream even better. Meals were as good as ever but you need to be careful ordering the Cake and Eggs breakfast. Wayne London and Ken Schubert can explain.

We didn't have the stream all to ourselves this year. The lack of cold weather didn't help keep everyone away. Don't get me wrong it sure wasn't

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crowded. The fishing was as good as ever, maybe even better. Good fishing and good friends, always a great way to start the new year.

-Ron



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TOP: Ken Schubert gets in on the Act
ABOVE RIGHT: Gathering in the Restaurant at Rockbridge
LEFT: Kevin Carril shows off Rockbridge Trout

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Gals Go Fish is a local nonprofit Women's Angler Guild promoting friendship, fun and fishing and is interested in education and informational programs as it relates to outdoor activities. Gals Go Fish would like to award a \$500.00 book scholarship to a woman who is pursuing a career in an area of study that is directly related to the environment and conservation, that is a full time student and resident of Missouri or Kansas, declared her major and has a junior year status, and maintaining a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Contact Scholarship Committee at gals@galsgofish.com for additional information or an application.

2011 HOAFF TREASURER'S REPORT

RON CARRUTHERS, TREASURER

The following is a condensed version of HOAFF's 2011 Financial Statement. A full version reflecting revenues and expenses monthly is available on request.

Bank Balance 12/31/2011	\$12,772.00	
Revenue		
Membership Dues	\$2,400.00	
Auction	\$3,398.00	
Spring Seminar	\$1,750.00	
Interest	\$ 6.93	
Fly of the Month	\$ 44.00	
Annual Banquet	\$ 585.00	
Banquet Raffle	\$ 450.00	
Shirts / Hats	\$ 66.00	
Outings Deposits	\$1,626.91	
Grants / Donations	\$ 500.00	
C. Peaslee Mem. Fund	\$ 40.00	
Total Revenue		\$10,866.84
Expenses		
Newsletter	\$1,434.21	
Postage	\$ 153.23	
Monthly Meeting Programs	\$1,524.05	
Outings	\$1,922.97	
Liability Insurance	\$ 314.00	
Meeting Facilities	\$ 350.00	
Spring Seminar	\$3,782.90	
PO Box Fee	\$ 85.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 37.00	
KS Sec. of State Fee	\$ 40.00	
Donations		
Blue River Watershed	\$1,000.00	
Community of Christ Church	\$ 350.00	
FFF Legends Fund	\$ 140.00	
Recognition Plaque	\$ 152.36	
Auction	\$ 550.00	
Bank Fees	\$ 451.99	
Annual Banquet	\$ 650.76	
		\$12,938.47
Net Income / (Loss)		\$(2,071.63)



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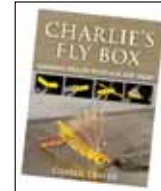
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SPRING OUTING, TROUT HOLLOW LODGE – APRIL 13-15

BY PEET CRISSEY

This year we are going back to Trout Hollow Lodge on Lake Taneycomo, (800-328-1246 or www.trouthollow.com).

We have reserved space for 16 people on a *first come, first served* basis. The accommodations are four units, each with one bath and two bedrooms (two twin beds per room). Each unit has a full kitchen and a living area.

The outing begins on Friday night with dinner on your own. An Italian Restaurant just across the street has been recommended and for anyone more adventurous Branson is just across the river. Saturday morning breakfasts, then we're off for a day of fishing. Lunch is on your own. We will finish the day with a cook out, hosted by the club. On Sunday we will have a continental breakfast before everyone heads off for another day of fishing or home.

If they are generating too much water at Taneycomo keep in mind that Roaring River State Park and the Beaver Lake Tail Water are both just over an hour away.

If you are interested in renting a boat, several are available from the Trout Hollow Lodge but you need to call the lodge directly to make your boat reservations (800-328-1246). Ask for Monica and tell her you are coming to the lodge with Heart of America Fly Fishers on April 13-15.

The cost for the weekend lodging and meals is \$85.00. To reserve your spot, you can call Peet Crissey at 913-706-7299 or email him at pcrissey@gmail.com. You can also call Ron Carruthers at 816-741-7251 or email him at rcarruthers2@kc.rr.com.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

–Peet Crissey

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