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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE OCTOBER 2012

Project Healing Waters... Get Involved!

Those of you who attended our annual HOAFF picnic in September were introduced to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF). For those of you who have not yet heard about PHWFF, it is an organization dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings.

Today there are PHWFF chapters across the United States that are helping disabled active duty personnel and veterans overcome the obstacles associated with their disabilities. The relearning of the fine

motor skills required in fly fishing and fly tying may be particularly effective in the overall rehabilitation of the disabled.

Thanks to the efforts of local fly fisherman, Bob Barnett, PHWFF is becoming established here in the Kansas City area. Bob is working in conjunction with the VA Hospital to introduce the program to Kansas City area military service personnel.

If you are interested in getting involved in this exceptional program, I invite you to reach out to Bob either by phone (816-246-7111) or via email at barnbo@msn.com. He will fill you in on how you can make a difference for those who have served our country.

Until next month!

-Peet

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS

• PROJECT HEALING WATERS

The mission of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is to assist in the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active duty military personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings.

Project Healing Waters is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Maryland. PHWFF is dependent on tax-deductible donations and the help of numerous volunteers to meet the educational, equipment, transportation, and related needs of the participants.

For more information on Project Healing Waters go to this link:
<http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/html/programs.html>

HOAFF MEETINGS

October 15, 2012 – Club Meeting
Annual Auction - Comm. of Christ Church

November 19, 2012 – Club Meeting
Nathan Diesel – Tanyecomo Guide & Orvis
Fishing Mgr.

December 1, 2012 – Annual Banquet at
Ollie's BBQ & Steak House



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• FRIENDS OF THE KAW



Sunday afternoon September 30th, Bill Brant and Mark Borserine joined with three ladies from the Friends of the Kaw: Laura Calwell, Carol Wilson and Deanna Wilson. Demonstrations on Water Conservation, Water Purity, Fly Tying and Casting were given to children and families. Bill's "Traveling Circus" was a special hit; Bill collects live bugs and creatures from local waters and displays these, combined with material the Friends of the Kaw had, this was especially effective! Bill hit the jackpot this time, he had a crayfish and a tiny turtle. The kids

asked if they could take the turtle home, their parents were very relieved when Bill told them he always takes the creatures back to their home waters!

• ORVIS STORE OPENING IN LEAWOOD

From Mary Edmonson, store manager at the new Orvis store in Leawood to our members: Come and join our team at the brand new Orvis store in Leawood, KS, as we celebrate the Grand Opening Weekend of our new location October 18-21st. We're kicking off the celebrations on Thursday the 18th from 6-8 PM with an evening of food, drink, live music, and promotional deals. Join us throughout the weekend as local hunting and fishing groups will be on hand with plenty of information about local fly fishing, tying, hunting, and much more. Enter to win a 2 person, half day guided fishing trip with River Run Outfitters, or a \$1,000 Orvis gift card. We look forward to seeing you at the store!

HOAFF members are invited to participate in the Grand Opening as well. We will have the opportunity to set up a display and promote our club to the community and give fly tying and casting demonstrations. If you can participate. **contact Mark Borserine**, 913-915-1002, **MAJBORSER@aol.com** and the day and times you can be there.

• ANNUAL AUCTION 2012 - MONDAY, OCT. 15TH COMMUNITY OF CHRIST CHURCH 79TH AND MISSION ROAD (DOORS OPEN @ 6:30 PM, TO BEGIN @ 7 PM.

Our club will hold its Annual Auction, Monday October 15th at the Community of Christ Church, 79th and Mission Road. Doors will open at 6:30pm and the auction will begin promptly at 7pm. We have highly publicized our auction this year and expect a lot more people. We will run it at a much quicker pace than in the past and ask for your cooperation in bidding quickly and decisively. Remember to bring a friend!

A complete listing of all items in both the Live and Silent Auctions follows:

Live Auction Items (as of 10/03)

Item #	Item Description
1	Fly Rod -ADG Ultimate IMPTX 9' 5wt 2pc
2	Vest - Fly Fishing, Orvis
3	Landing Net - Brodin
6	1/2 Guided Trip for Two, Kansas Carp
7	One Night's Lodging in 4-person unit
12	Dry Bags & Zip Duffel by Seal Line
13	Wading Boots Non-Felt Sole - Simms Size 13
14	Fly Rod - Redington Classic Trout 4pc 9'5wt
16	Guided Trip - 1/2 Wade trip for two on Taneycomo
18	Vest - Fly Fishing by Fishpond H2O (new)
20	Boots - Cabelas "Maine Hunter" Rubber-Bottom, Leather Upper new Size 12
21	Chest Pack - Fly Fishing, Fishpond with Flies
22	Fly Box - Flat, with Beadless Midges
23	Fly Box - Flat, with Scuds
24	Fly Rod - TFO Professional Series 8.5', 4pc, 5wt
26	Guided Trip - Walk-In for One
27	Fly Reel & Line - Cabelas RLS & WF5F Prestige Line
29	Fly Box - C&F Design G-Bug Threader with flies
30	Fly Box - Downstream Products "The Downs"
31	Inflatable Life Vest - West Marine- one size fits all
32	Fly Tying - Oak Spool Caddy with thread and wire
33	Guided Trip - 1/2 Day for Two on White or Norfolk
34	Lodging - \$100 credit toward 3days & 2nites for party of two
35	Fly Line - WF9F Airflo Bass/Musky PolyFuse XT
36	Guided Trip - 1/2 Day Wade Trip for two on Taneycomo
40	Guided Trip and Lodging: 1/2 day drift boat and one night - Taneycomo



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- 59 Landing Net - Gray Falcon
- 61 SOSpenders inflatable CO2 Flotation Vest
- 70 SOSpender CO2 inflatable flotation Vest
- 72 Reel Case/Gear Bag - Simms
- 77 Fly Rod/Reel Combo - Orvis ZG Helios 9'5wt tip flies 4pc rod
in case with Reel and Spare Spool
- 80 Fly Rod - Scott 9' 4pc 6wt E2906/4
- 81 Fly Reel - Lamson Velocity V2 Large Arbor w/fly line
- 86 Simms Waist Waterproof bag
- 88 Rod & Reel Combo: Cabelas Prestige 2 Fly Reel w/TFO 9' for 6wt line
- 92 Duffle Bag - Fishpond
- 93 Rountrip Livery to KCI Airport in Town Car
- 94 Orvis \$50 Gift Card
- 95 Signed Copy of "Fishes of the Middle States"
- 96 Lodging - Overnight Stay at Rainbow Trout Ranch (Rockbridge)
- 98 Waders - Simms GoreTex Stocking foot XL King
- 100 Fly Rod - Scott 9' 8wt A2 4pc
- 101 G. Loomis Adventure 3 Fly Reel w/case & Spare Spool
- 102 \$50 Gift Certificate
- 103 Deluxe Fly Tying Kit
- 104 Lodging - Buy One Night stay, get one free up to total of 7 days
- 106 Waders - Chest, Simms GoreTex XXL
- 107 Lamson Litespeed 1 Reel Guide
- 109 Lodging - Overnight Stay at White River Trout Lodge
- 114 Fly Rod - Scott 9' 3wt E2 4pc
- 117 Fly Reel - Ross CLA No.1 Black Finish with Fly Line
- 122 Fly Rod - G. Loomis GLX 8'6" 5wt 4pc
- 123 Casting Rod - G.Loomis 6'6"
- 125 Casting Rod - Shimano Clarus 6'6"
- 132 Spinning Rod - St Croix Premiere 6'6"
- 133 Spinning Rod - St Croix Premiere 7' Ultralite
- 136 Fly Rod - TFO Professional Series 9' 4pc 6wt
- 143 Fly Rod - TFO Professional Series 8' 4wt 4pc
- 151 Spinning Rod - G. Loomis 7' Ultralite IMX graphite
- 152 Spinning Rod - St. Croix SCIII graphite, 9' 4pc 5wt fly rod blank
by Ray Fincke
- 153 Casting Rod - All Star 6', graphite
- 159 Fly Box - C&F Design w/triple sleeves & 268 Soft Hackle flies 4x7.5"
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- 99 Spinning Reel - Shimano Symmetre 750FI
- 105 Spinning Reel - Shimano Sahara 2500 FB
- 108 Spinning Reel - Mitchell 308
- 113 Spinning Reel - Browning BSL5
- 115 Fly Box - Super Magnet w/Elk Hair Caddis
- 116 Fly Box - Double Side with Midges
- 120 Baitcasting Reel - Garcia Abu Royal
- 121 Fly Box - Orange, Magnetic with Caddis flies 3x4.5"
- 124 Baitcasting Reel - Garcia Abu Royal
- 131 Spinning Reel - Shimano Sahara 750FB
- 134 Fly Box - Zonkers
- 135 Fly Box - Magnetic w/scuds 3x4.5"
- 141 Fly Box - Magnetic w/sowbugs 3x4.5"
- 142 Fly Box - Magnetic w/Micro Midges 3x4.5"
- 145 Fly Box - Super Magnet (loaded) w/midges 4x6"
- 146 Fly Box - Scientific Anglers w/emergers 3.5x5"
- 150 Fly Box - Umpqua, Double Sided w/midges 3x4.5"
- 154 Fly Box - Plano w/190 assorted Jigs/Bedspreads/micro Jigs
- 155 Fly Box - Umpqua Dble-Sided w/63 Emergers & 64 Scuds/Sowbugs
- 156 Fly Box - Umpqua Dble-Sided w/42 streamers & 54 Dry/Soft Hackles & Terrestrials 3.5x6"
- 157 Fly Box - C&F Design w/Bass & Redfish Flies 4x7.5"
- 158 Fly Box - Umpqua Dble-Sided w/39 Jigs & 62 Worms/Eggs & Nymphs

ANNUAL PICNIC

Monday evening September 17th was HOAFF's annual picnic at Shawnee Mission Park. Despite unseasonably cold temperatures and the threat of rain, members braved the elements - warmth came from good food and warm hearts!



YOUR LIFE LINE

BY TOM JAMES

How often do you take your fly line for granted? You may shop around and find the brand and taper that works best for you. You wind it on your reel and off you go fishing. It may be several seasons, or if you're lucky enough to fish often, a single season before you think about buying a new fly line.

I recently traveled down to Florida for my niece's wedding. She was married on the same stretch of beach that my wife and I married on four years earlier. Just a short stroll down the white, sandy St. Pete Beach is Blind Pass with a rock jetty reaching out into the Gulf of Mexico.

The morning was calm and the Gulf was smooth as glass. I reached the jetty around 8am, the tide was just starting to fall. I just got a new Sage 8wt. from the K&K Flyfishers Sidewalk Sale and wanted to get it on the water. After a few casts, the mirrored water shattered. A Spanish Mackerel took my fly. It was on. For the next 45 minutes I caught a mixed bag of Spanish Mackerel, Bar Jacks and small Jack Crevalle. Then, the bites abruptly stopped. The schools had moved on.

I returned to the rock jetty the next morning in hopes of a repeat of the previous day's performance. After many casts without a hint of a strike, I changed to a smaller fly. While my full attention was on my improved clinch knot, I failed to pay any to my fly line, which was riding the surf in and out of the large boulders. With my knot securely tied, I looped the slack line to start casting. It didn't budge. The line was wedged, hopelessly, in the crack between two boulders. Precariously straddling the jagged rocks, I tried every angle to un snag the line. With one final tug it came free, unfortunately in two pieces. Any plans of fishing that day or the rest of the week were lost unless I could find a new fly line.

In a predominately bait and tackle area, I chanced a trip to a local shop. After walking down aisles and aisles of very large spin and bait casting rigs, I asked the clerk if they had any fly lines. He pointed out a tiny rack with about 6 fly lines, only one an eight weight for \$22. I figured it would make due just to get back in the water. Amazingly, it held for the next couple of days on the jetty. The real test was yet to come.

Once the wedding festivities were over and the rest of the family returned home, I hired a guide, Captain Nick Angelo with Shallow Water Fly Fishing. He suggested we try the schools of False Albacore running in Tampa Bay.

The day began promisingly because, as we motored to the Sunshine Skyway Bridge, we could see flocks of seagulls sky diving into very frothy water. Nick rigged a new leader and chose a small white fly to imitate the red anchovy schooling near the surface. Handing me my rod, I made my first cast into the broiling white water.



Wham! The line took off like a shot and within seconds I was into my backing.

The thrill of watching a screaming reel tearing off line turned to sickness as I watched the new fly line swim away with the False Albacore. The Albright knot connecting the backing to my new fly line failed. Luckily my guide had several rigs ready for just such an occasion. Ultimately, the day was a huge success after catching six False Albacore in the bay, and a redfish and a sea trout in the flats.

The Florida trip continued as we headed further South to visit friends in Ft. Myers. If I had any hope of fishing in Estero Bay, I would need yet another fly line. A quick trip to Bass Pro and I scored my third fly line in a week.

I will not take my life line for granted again, especially on a trip where I have traveled so far to enjoy fly fishing. On my up coming Bonefishing trip to Roatan, Honduras, I will be sure to pack an extra fly line or maybe two.

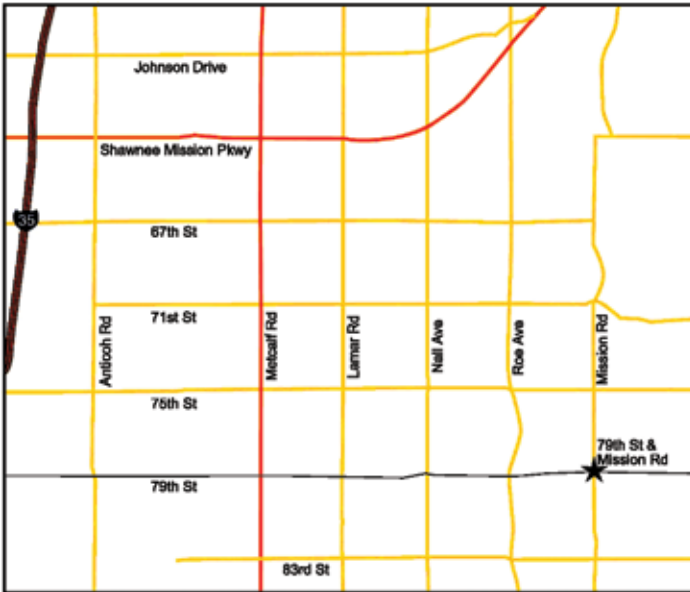
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