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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE JULY/AUGUST 2013

### *Kansas and Missouri Parks Need Our Help*

The last weekend in June I had the opportunity to attend an outing in southeastern Kansas sponsored by Kansas Wildscape Foundation. You might remember that we had Wildscape's executive director, Charlie Black, speak to the club last year. He shared with us how Wildscape is dedicated to encouraging outdoor recreation across the state and especially through the use of our park system.

Shortly after that, on July 2nd, The Kansas City Star ran a front page story that focused on Kansas and Missouri parks that have fallen victim to tight budgets. It pointed

out that, unfortunately, some of the state parks we all frequent are starting to show some "wear and tear." Thankfully there are groups like Kansas Wildscape Foundation raising money to offset the budget cuts and making a positive impact on this difficult situation.

All of us at HOAFF should work diligently to support organizations like Wildscape – and others that you might know – through donations and volunteer efforts. Not only will our current HOAFF membership benefit in the short term, but we'll be making things better for HOAFF members of the next generation.

See you at the next meeting!

-Peet Crissey

## HOAFF MEETINGS

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS/NEWS

• **July 17th** *Our friend, Jeff Williams*, Trout biologist for the AGFC (Arkansas Game and Fish Commission) will be with us again. Jeff comes annually and updates us on what is going with our favorite tailwaters in Northern Arkansas. Jeff is a great presenter, always engaging and informative

• **August 19** *Wes Swee*, Hatchery Manager for the Missouri Dept of Conservation will be joining us to talk about a new Brook Trout Program.

• **Change of Picnic Venue.** This year we will hold our annual picnic at Franklin Park at Roe and Somerset in Prairie Village. This venue is all new, very clean, very convenient and well-lighted. The picnic will be the third Monday in September the 16th. We're sure you'll like the location.

• **November 9th, we will have the opportunity to participate** in a class on streamside entomology given by Mark Van Patten of the MDC. Mark is an accomplished entomologist and you will want to watch for more details on this as it comes closer. His streamside class is legendary!

## 2013 ANNUAL CASTING GAMES

BY: MARK BORSERINE

Monday Night June 17 saw our Club's Annual Casting Games. Everyone who participated seemed to have a good time, win or lose.

Loop the Hoop was won by our newest member that very night – Rod Accuracy was won by Bill Brant with a perfect score of 3. Distance was won by Chuck Schaefer with a cast of 91 feet, 2 inches. I've been studying on different casting games and next year I promise some more variety!

-Mark Borserine

# 2013 ONE FLY CONTEST

BY: MARK BORSERINE

Saturday June 15th, the Club gathered at our Annual One Fly Outing, held again at Lake of the Forest, Bonner Springs. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Steve Nelson for letting us come to his lake!

The weather was ideal and fishing was excellent! Our two champions each won a \$25 gift certificate to K&K Fly Fishers. Kevin Carrill had the most fish with an amazing count of 82 and all legitimately with one fly, a popper! Don Murrel had the largest fish with a 16" Bass to his credit, and caught over 50 fish!

The variety of watercraft exhibited by members is always of interest – see the photo spread later in the newsletter for a sampling – “crowned” by Steve Hegstrom’s version of the Armed Forces Zodiac attack inflatable!

This year we got a photo of the entire group. This is always one of the most enjoyable outings we have all year!

-Mark Borserine



**Top:** The group

**Mid. Left:** Kevin & Don, "The Winner's"

**Mid. Right:** A choice Bluegill.

**Bot. Left:** Don's Bass.

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# THE WATERCRAFT OF ONE FLY



- Top Left:** Gary Bader
- Top Right:** Ron Carruthers
- Mid. Left:** Steve Hegstrom
- Mid. Right:** Peet Crissey
- Bot. Left:** Charlie Ball
- Bot. Right:** Our Host, Steve Nelson

# BACKYARD OPPORTUNITIES

BY: MARK BORSERINE

In the most recent issue of the "FlyFisher", the FFF magazine, there is an article by Terry and Roxanne Wilson encouraging everyone to seek out warmwater creeks near home as an opportunity. I thought about this, especially with our recent presentations on Carp fishing in our local creeks and small rivers. It occurred to me that there are other species in these waters as well as carp. Remember that Joe Ferber said that any stream that drains into the Missouri or Kaw Rivers will have fishing potential. .

Two weeks ago on Sunday, I had a couple of hours in the afternoon and I went to Indian Creek behind Suburban Lawn & Garden on Roe. This is only a few minutes South of where I live and I had a wonderful hour of fishing despite the heat. I saw a couple of carp cruising around, got in a couple of well-placed casts at one but, no interest. What I did catch was about a dozen healthy bluegill and a Largemouth.

The fish were all small, but definitely fully-developed adults and terrific fighters! The bluegill were all about the size of the palm of my hand but deeply-colored and very thick and strong. The Bass was about 9" long and gave a better than average account of itself for its size.

I was fishing a leech pattern I tied with black Alpaca wool and an underbody of Kreinik Ribbon in Peacock Color. It would best be described as a mohair leech but with more movement and color. The Alpaca moves more like a leech than a leech and the Kreinik underbody gives it an iridescence just like a live leech – I think I've developed a pretty good pattern and I'll share it with the club.

No matter what part of the city you live in, I bet there's a warmwater stream very close that has some surprisingly good fishing! Give it a try! The Carp may be the trophies but there are other opportunities as well and despite not catching a large fish, I had a great hour of fun!

-Mark Borserine

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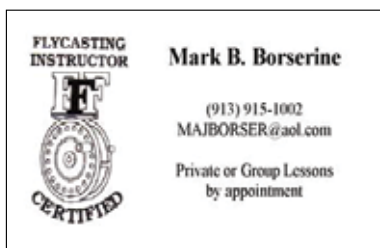
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# THE PRIMROSE & PEARL

BY: STEVE HEGSTROM



**Hook:** 2457 TMC size 14-18

**Thread:** Uni-thread 6/0 off white color

**Body:** Flashabou/pearl

**Rib:** UTC Wire BR (copper or gold)

**Head:** Tungsten Bead 3/32 for 14, 5/64 for 16 and 18

## Step 1.

Slide the bead on. Depending on the hook size will determine the size bead you will use. The 2 sizes I tie are size 14 when fishing high water when 3 or more units are running on the White River. Otherwise I'll use size 18 when the water is low.

## Step 2.

Start the thread just behind the bead and do enough turns to secure it into place then cut off the tag end.

## Step 3.

Cut a piece of wire and tie it in behind the bead. Make about 4 turns securing the wire.

## Step 4.

You should still be up at the front just behind the bead. Now cut 2 strands of flashabou. You want them fairly long. Tie the 2 strands in. Take the 2 strands of flashabou and your wire holding them all together as you wind to the bend. Make each wrap side by side. Advance your thread back up to the bead still keeping the thread side by side. It's important that you keep a smooth thread base so when you wrap the flashabou up you can't see any imperfections from underneath {bumps, etc.}

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**Step 5.** \_\_\_\_\_

Now wrap your 2 strands of flashabou up to the bead. When you start wrapping the 2 strands up you will notice you're winding them side by side and one of the pieces will overlap the other one. That's what you want it to do. You don't want to see any thread wraps from underneath. This will also help the flash stand out more. If you only tied with one strand you won't get as much color (flash) showing. You can see through to the thread if you do it that way. Now make a couple of thread wraps and cut the excess off.

**Step 6.** \_\_\_\_\_

Now wrap the wire up. You don't want your first wrap to be too tight or you will cause your wire to shift to the side of the hook shank. Then after the first turn you can add more tension as you make your segmentations up. I do 5 wraps keeping the segments evenly spaced. Tie down the wire and move it real fast back and forth to break it off. If you use scissors you will have a tag showing .

**Step 7.** \_\_\_\_\_

Whip finish and you are done.

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Mark Van Patten – Entomology on the Niangua River

