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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE OCTOBER 2011

By the time you get this the annual auction will be right around the corner. There is the usual assortment of nice things this year. Mark will have some of them listed in this newsletter. I hope you will all plan to come and bring a fishing friend. If you don't have any fishing friends bring someone with money. This is our only major fund raiser for the year.

Peet, Cliff, and Bill Brant have been working with a web site designer on our new web site. Barring any scheduling snafus we will have an upgraded web page by the end of the year or before. Some of the features will be easier management. Several people will have access

to update various sections. It should be less of a burden on any one person. There will be some open blog areas. We also hope to have an area where you can download your own pictures. We saw a draft of the site at the officer's meeting. It looks exciting.

Have a safe Halloween. I hope you get to trick some trout.

-Jim

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS

ANNUAL AUCTION,
OCT. 17TH, IN THE EVENING

Remember that our annual auction is coming up Monday night, October 17th. This and the raffle we hold at the annual banquet are the only fundraising events for our club each year. Your participation and generosity will largely determine our club budget for the year 2012 so please come and bring a friend!

As usual, my cousin, Bev and her husband Marty Read from Mound City, KS will be doing the auction. Refreshments will be served. Come one and all and enjoy and also help your club to achieve it's goals in supporting our programs and giving for the next year! And don't forget to bring a friend!

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HOAFF MEETINGS

October 17th - Club Meeting:
Annual Auction

November 15th - Club Meeting
Ken Richards, Just Fishin' Guides

December 3rd - Club Meeting
Annual Banquet at Ollie's Lebanon, MO



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The photo displays some more of the items we have already received. (clockwise, starting at lower left):

- ◆ Flies tied by Craig Mathews at Spring Seminar 2011 – lettered and signed by Craig !
- ◆ Streamside Kit of Loon Outdoors Products from Loon Outdoors
- ◆ STH Model S2 Turbine Disc Reel donated by Jim Rogers Bennett Spring Store
- ◆ Trout Fly Assortment from Cabelas
- ◆ Bob Jacklin DVD on Casting donated by Kevin Carril
- ◆ *Center* – Certificate good for Half Day Guided Wading Trip for Two on Taneycomo from Phil Lilley
- ◆ Fishpond Buckskin Wading Boot Bag donated by Fishpond

More items that have been received:

- ◆ 7 foot, three piece 2 weight fly rod made from Scott blank
- ◆ Guided Wading Trip donated by Sam Potter
- ◆ Tight Lines Guide Service
- ◆ Mangrove 5 slot reel case donated by Rainbow Fly Shop as well as \$50 Gift Certificate
- ◆ Spring View Motel at Bennett Spring: Two Nights Lodging
- ◆ Weavers at Bennett Spring: Buy One, get one free Lodging
- ◆ Clint Wilkinson: Half-Day Guided Trip for Two
- ◆ Paul “Sodie” Sodaman, Flats Lander Guide Service: Guided Carp Trip for Two
- ◆ Gastons on the White River: \$100 Certificate toward 2 nights lodging

Additional Donations from:

Joe Tomelleri, Angler’s and Archery Outfitters, Sand Spring Resort, Blue Ribbon Flies, Two Rivers Fly Shop, Dallys Ozark Fly Fisher, etc.& etc. *Many more things will be coming!*

November 15th, our Program features Ken Richards of Just Fishin' Guides. I think we're in for a real treat after reading the following in the August Newsletter of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers:

KEN RICHARDS



"July's meeting with the infamous Ken Richards was everything it was billed to be. Mr. Richards took us on a journey to the great smallmouth and trout waters of southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. His

presentation, fortified with some of the best photographs we've ever seen, instilled a desire in all members present, to a trip to target smallmouth bass. Speaking of trips, Ken is the owner of Just Fishin' Guides, guide service. They specialize in trips on the White River, North Fork and Little Red For trout. The smallmouth waters include: King's River, Crooked Creek and the Buffalo River. Please see his website for further information on all of Just Fishin' Guides services. Visit www.justfishinguides.com. Mr. Richards to the attendees that earlier this year he had recorded a TV show with AGFC named 'Talkin' Outdoors'. Well, that show has aired and you can watch the video at this link: <http://www.agfc.com/resources/Pages/ResourcesVideoPlayer.aspx>. Its title is "Smallmouth fishing on the Kings River."

HOAFF ANNUAL PICNIC

Monday Night, September 21st saw the Annual gathering at Shelter #4 in Shawnee Mission Park of the "faithful" captured here in pictures by Peggy Bebb.

Pet Crissey did a great job with the Burgers n' Brats and the dishes and deserts brought by the membership were wonderful! A great evening and glorious weather!



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SPRING SEMINAR ANNOUNCED

CHARLIE CRAVEN

For this year's Spring Seminar, our presenter will be none other than Charlie Craven of Charlie's Fly Box. The date is Saturday, February 25th, 2012. Like Craig Mathews did last year, Charlie has agreed to teach a class, limited to 10, on the next day, Sunday Feb 26th: More information will come next month.



Charlie's own words about himself:

I'm Charlie Craven, the guy on the sign. I got started in this business as a commercial tyer when I was twelve years old. I have tied flies for most of the shops in the Metro area during that time. I guided on the South Platte and other area waters for about twelve years or so, then moved on to help open and run a fly shop in Boulder. Well, eventually, it was time to move on and finally do what you see here: Open my own shop. I love this business and can't imagine not being a part of it. I am truly lucky to have realized my lifetime dream, and I thank my lucky stars everyday. I have had the opportunity to meet and get to know people from all walks of life, with the common thread being fly fishing and tying. These are my kind of people! I have always loved trout fishing and go out every chance I get. My favorite rivers vary from season to season, but include the South Platte, the Colorado and the Eagle among others. My partner, Ross, and I have done a fair amount of saltwater fishing and I find it truly challenging and addictive. We've been to Belize, Mexico and the Florida Keys several times and plan on continuing this tradition as time allows. I have three great kids, Charlie (17), Julie (14), and Jack (11). They spend a fair amount of time with me here in the shop, so they're no strangers to the fly shop life! We live right here in Arvada and are all native Coloradoans. www.charliesflyboxinc.com

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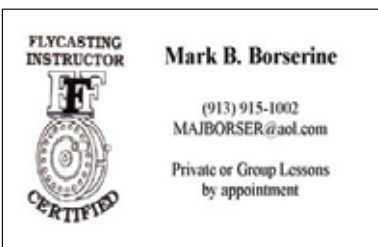
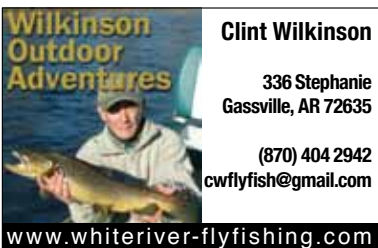
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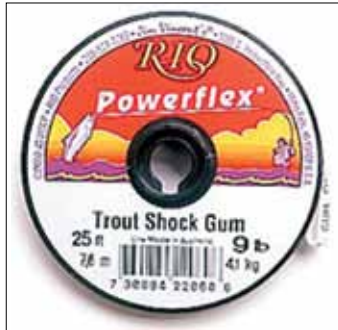


SHOCK GUM TIPPET

BY MARK BORSERINE



“The finer the leader the less liable it is to survive the initial shock of the strike; yet, once a fish is on, it is surprising how much strain even the finest leader can stand.



I have found a simple way to lessen this frequently fatal initial impact on fine leaders and, good fellow that I am, I pass it on to you. It is especially good on still clear waters where one must employ hair-thin leaders. It is this: Simply affix a common rubber elastic band between the end of your fly line and the butt end of your leader. It's the neatest little shock absorber on the market. Think it over – and then go forth and try it.

Not only does this stratagem help with the initial shock but it also helps greatly to reduce the danger of loss in play during those thrilling moments when you discover that your fish is heavier than you bargained for and it is touch and go whether you can hold on to him at all.” “Trout Madness” by Robert Traver (hon. John Voelker)

Unlike John Voelker in the 40's and 50's today we can buy actual shock gum tippet specially designed as a shock absorber. Ed Story, founder of Feather-Craft in St. Louis was a devotee of shock gum tippet and having bought some pre-tied and cut from Feather-Craft a few years ago, upon re-reading about its use I bought a spool of Rio Trout Shock Gum Tippet from K&K but it fell into a deep place

in my gear bag and I failed to use it ! Cleaning out my bag just before a recent Bennett Spring trip with Jon Cerda and Jim Mitchell, I found the spool again and determined to use it.

Jon, Jim and I have taken to using finer and finer tippets and smaller flies at Bennett Spring, especially this time of the year when the water is typically slower and clearer. Doing so seems to produce more strikes but also more lost fish. I suggested to Jon and Jim that we use the shock gum tippet and our success rate in hooking and landing fish for the day was dramatically improved. All of us experienced more successful hookups and more successfully landed fish ! We became “true believers” very rapidly.

Lefty Kreh recommends the use of Shock Gum Tippet in his book “Presenting the Fly”: “Anytime you're hooked to a fish with a very small fly or an especially fragile leader tippet then Power Gum (what he calls Shock Gum) can serve a useful purpose. It forms a shock absorber that doesn't prevent tippets from breaking or hooks from pulling free, but certainly helps you prevent these problems from occurring.”

Shock gum tippet is still available in 6” lengths with loops on both ends from Feather-Craft or Rio markets it in 25 ft. spools in three types: Trout, Nymph and Salmon; I've only had experience with the Trout size. I tie Perfection loops in both ends of the 6” piece, pull the knots tight and put a drop of Zap-a-Gap on each knot before relaxing it. This seems to work well, without the super glue, the material is pretty slick and you have to constantly check the knots to check for slipping. Loop one end to either the loop in the end of your fly line or leader butt and the other to the loop in the end of your leader (assuming you use loop to loop connections). For those who do not

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use loop to loop connections, the instructions that come with the spool of material show how to use Uni-Knots to make a very strong and supple connection.

As John Voelker says “Go Forth and Try It”!

—Mark

MDC BANS POROUS-SOLED WADERS TO HELP PROTECT TROUT WATERS FROM INVASIVE ALGAE

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.

Use the following link for further information: <http://mdc.mo.gov/newsroom/mdc-bans-porous-soled-waders-help-protect-trout-waters-invasive-algae>

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

October 17th - Club Meeting:
Annual Auction at Community of Christ Church

November 15th - Club Meeting:
Ken Richards, Just Fishin' Guides

December 2, 3, 4 - Outing:
Winter Outing at Bennett Spring

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