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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AUCTION & DINNER

Our annual auction and dinner were held May 22nd at The Lakeview Christian Church Sr Ctr. The event was well attended by DFF members, FWFF members and guests. Our dinner committee served a delicious meal and the auction committee did a great job with everything else. **JOB WELL DONE!!!**

We need to thank Bert Verduin for donating a large amount of Mike's things to the auction and all the vendors and other people who made donations to make this a successful auction. Remember to patronize the businesses that support our club.

A special THANK-YOU to all the DFF members who made donations of items and their time.

(See related pictures in Club Photo Album)

FUTURE MEETING PROGRAMS

June 21-Mark Marmon, from Houston, will be talking about Urban Fly-fishing.

July 19-Grady Cashin will present a program on Lake Texoma Fly-fishing.

August-NO MEETING

****Don't forget our silent auction at every meeting, casting lessons at 6:00 before the meeting, and check out our great library.****

MAY MEETING REPORT

Our May speaker was Ray Chapa from the TX coast. His program covered fishing from the jetties around Port Aransas for Spanish Mackerel, Jacks, Reds & Tarpon. Ray also covered kayaking and wade fishing the flats around Aransas Pass and Port Aransas. Check out his website www.leftyray.com or contact him at (210)543-1865.

MAY OUTINGS REPORT

by L.C. Clower

The forecast was for bright and sunny skies, but overcast and impending rain kept the fish working well up into the morning.

Lots of small bass (but no big bass), bluegill in good numbers and a couple of redears came after the traditional yellow and more avant-garde chartreuse foam spiders. Steve Kraisinger caught fish on SMP's and small Clousers (silver bead chain, chartreuse over white Crystal Flash).

The pads aren't fully grown yet and the algae is less thick than in the past couple of years, so South Lake could become a favorite to rival Loy through the dog days of summer.

(See related pictures in Club Photo Album)

FUTURE OUTINGS

by L.C. Clower

***Better than Santa Claus, LEFTY KREH is coming to town June 26th to the Blue Drake. Call the store for more details.

June 24-26: John Peterie and I (David Lewis) will be leaving from home early on the 22nd or possibly the 21st. We hope to make it to the San Juan and be on the river by noon on the 23rd. (Unless we get distracted by some smaller water on the way.) We will probably stay at Abe's the nights of the 23rd and 24th. We have reservations at Rizzuto's the nights of the 25th and the 26th, as the host cabin. This gives us access to their meeting/game room for gatherings in the evenings and/or mornings. Contact me if you are still interested in going on this trip because you will need to get your plans finalized as soon as possible. (972)245-9926

JULY 3: A day trip to Loy Lake to make-up for the rain out on June 5. Remember that this lake needs to be fished in the early morning. The action usually dies off around 10. You will need some type of floatation for this lake.

July 24: Another day trip, this time to Eisenhower Park at Texoma. Great for smallmouth in the immediate park area. Use Clousers and heavily weighted crawdads, if you have a boat, canoe, kayak or tube. Look for rocks in the immediate vicinity of the park. Wade fishing should still be ok below the dam for stripers very early in the day, gray #2 to #2/0 sheep shad worked well last trip up there. Loy Lake is still nearby for a plan "B" if necessary.

OUTREACH CORNER

by Jere Anderson

By the time you read this, I will be on my summer sojourn, where I get hauled out in the woods by about a 100 kids. Most of them are in the 8 to 11 year old camp. They are really wonderful kids. I get a lot of positive feedback from them. Last year I did the basic fly fishing certifications for them all, and that was really a job. This year I will do the easier basic bait fishing certification, with some fly tying as a free time activity. I will offer fly fishing to the older kids in the youth camp. These high school age kids are great, and it gives me a lot of hope that all these kids you hear about in the news are in the minority. There is still a generation of kids out there that I am not fearful of turning the country over to.

Get on the water. We have had a cool spring, so the number of fish still near the shallows on cloudy days is probably still good. This is our time of year, so let's get a few more fly rod lake records like the one that Mr. Walker of the Ft. Worth Club posted out there. A lot of records are so low that any good fish will do it. Not a once in a lifetime fish, just a good highlight film fish will do it. For that matter, Texoma just gave up the American record blue catfish. That was a lot of fish, and not one you could easily have handles it on a fly rod. Fling those flies and get those fish.

Hope you are fishing.

Tight Lines and Big Fish

FISHING THE CURRENT RIVER

by Hector I. Macedo

Recently my wife and I took a trip to Nebraska and Missouri to visit some of her family. On our way back, I had the opportunity to fish the Current River in SW Missouri. This is a spring fed stream that has a healthy population of brown and rainbow trout. The browns are stocked regularly from a hatchery in Montauk Park, the rainbows are self reproducing. The areas that I fished were immediately outside of the park and about 4 miles downstream.

The first afternoon I encountered a mixed bag of sporadic hatches, with clear activity of feeding on the surface. I started wading the river around 3p.m. Since I could not see any predominant insect in the air, I tied on a #16 parachute adams. The second cast was taken very softly and I thought that it was a dinky little trout. But when the line started peeling and a trout broke the surface in a somersault, I could see that it was a respectable 16" brown. Good way to start the day. After releasing it, I continued to work downstream, connecting at almost every other cast. The night found me about 3 miles downstream, having released more than 25 browns. Tired but happy, I made my way back to the cabin where we were staying.

The next morning I hit the river farther downstream. The day was completely different. It was overcast with sporadic rains and even some fog on the river. No insect life to be seen in the air, so accordingly I put on a hare's ear nymph and started working

my way along a very large pool, casting towards a bluff. This time the first fish was an acrobatic rainbow. The one that took the honors, vivid reds and greens, showed that this was not a product of the hatchery. After taking another few mixed bag in that pool, I went to a section of fast moving water and decided to change the fly to a small streamer. Boy did it work!! The rain was pelting me hard but the fish were taking continuously, so I persevered. Even if I was as wet as a dog. After about half an hour of this, the sun started shining through the clouds and I got feeling revived. A chocolate tablet helped to regain some of the energy that the rain had zapped out of me. I even had the pleasure to hook a small-mouth bass in one of the pools, finishing the day again with flying colors.

This river is a pleasure to wade. Firm sandy bottom, clear water that permits you see where are you stepping and very few places that presented any threat to maintaining the vertical. Quite a difference from our Oklahoma and Texas trout rivers. I'm hooked and ready to return.

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