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As I assume the office of President of the Flatland Fly Fishers, I would like to thank you for this opportunity. It's a new year and we can all look forward to a lot of fly fishing events in the coming new year.

First let me tell you a little about myself. I have been married for 25 years to my wife Mary, and we have two girls,

Maggie and Samantha, both attending WSU. We have lived in Colwich for approximately 15 years. For the last 20 years, I have worked with the Boy Scouts as a scout leader. I have been a Webelos Den Leader, Cub Master, Asst. Scout Master, Scout Master, Unit Commissioner, White Buffalo Dist. Training Chairman and now have a Venture Crew for Fly Fishing. I have taken both Wood Badge and Powder Horn training, and I have been awarded the Silver Beaver.

I became a member of the fly fishing club to learn more about the sport and to catch more fish. I have learned a lot about the sport thanks to the great programs that the club has sponsored over the past few years. Old dogs can learn new tricks. During the warmer months, I fish most every day. Sadly, this time of year I only get to fish three or four times a week, sometimes only weekends.

At the last board meeting, we started the planning process for a great year of activities and programs. As always, we'll get the year started the right way with the one fly fishing event at SCP. So come out to the park on New Years day and get in on the fun, even if you don't want to fish. You can bring your tying stuff or just sit around and talk. It's also a great time to pay your yearly club dues.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next club meeting and hope to get a chance to get a bend in a rod with you sometime soon. Remember to follow the seven principles of Leave No Trace on your next fishing trip. Rick

Reminder *The Flatland Fly Club general meeting has been moved from January 1 to January 8.*

Next Meeting Jan. 8, 7:00 P.M.





2008 Women's Clinic



If my memory serves me, this was my third women's fly fishing clinic, and I come away with learning to tie new flies and new casting techniques. Thanks to all who made the clinic a success! As usual, the crew was knowledgeable and helpful, the food was superb; I even tried smoked salmon for the first time! Thank you for the opportunity.

Kim R. Austin



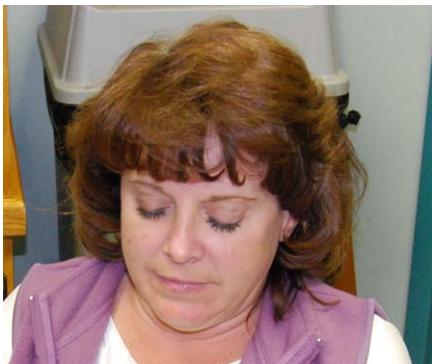
I attended the Women's Clinic and found it extremely informative, but more importantly, I had a wonderful time!! The only experience I have with fly fishing is seeing it done in movies, specifically "A River Runs Through It" and hearing my dad talk about it. With that as my background, I envisioned it being difficult, technical, and intricate. This clinic was great because it taught me that anybody can fly fish, it is not nearly as hard as it looks. With a little bit of technique and practice, away I went and I was fly fishing.

On Friday night, I learned how to tie two flies, the bunny lynch and the woolybugger. I have seen the flies in my dad's collection and I always thought that they would be pretty hard to tie because they are so small and intricate, but I did it without too many snags and both the flies turned out looking perfect (if I do say so myself).

Saturday was the true test. The day I found out what fly fishing is really all about. It started off learning the technique of how to hold the rod and cast the line and then we went to the water. Casting in the water was a little different then casting on dry land. I had gotten the hang of catching grass, but fish are a whole different story. My guide (my dad) and I found a spot where there was a little rock dam and went to fly fishing. I cast out my line and waited for that illusive fish to bite, but they just weren't interested. We tried many different flies of all shapes, sizes, and colors, but to no avail. I wasn't disappointed about this because I had accomplished what I had come to learn, I was fly fishing and having a great time doing it.

I am really glad that I attended the Woman's Clinic. I learned a new sport and met new people, but the most important thing I did that weekend, was spend time with my dad. He loves to fly fish and would do it every day if he could and with the help of the Woman's Clinic, I can now fly fish with him.

Thanks, Shannon Welty



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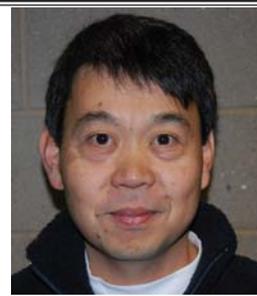
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“Single Fly” Tournament

The “Single Fly” Tournament will be January 1st at Slough Creek in Sedgwick County Park. Meet at Horseshoe Shelter for BREAKFAST (by Neal Hall) from 8:30-10. The Tournament will be from 10 til 2. Awards will be given for the most fish, longest and smallest fish. Winner of each catagory must give the winning fly to the club and provide the recipe and fishing technique used. Remember this is a “SINGLE FLY” (honor system) tournament. **You must have a 2009 Kansas fishing and trout permit.**

January Meeting

The January meeting activity will be the winner(s) of the “Single Fly” Tournament. The winner(s) will tie the fly and discuss the fishing style that was used in the tournament.

Reminder:

2009 Membership dues can be paid at the meetings or mailed to the following address.

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Techniques: Moving Water; Part I *by Rory Wiske*

Introduction: Living in the plains of Kansas, lack of travel can hinder the fly angler's progression and success of catching trout in moving water. The wealth of information available through literature, i.e. books, magazines, etc; movies and club gatherings, can only help to a certain extent. Though not quite a professional, I do consider myself to be an accomplished angler, who has had the opportunities to fish a handful of wild mountain rivers. These experiences have helped me to learn how to 'read' water, and for that, I am very grateful. I have taken and applied these skills to waters near and far. In this two part series of articles, we will take a closer look at different types of moving water and break them down so we know how to read pools and runs when we approach them. We will



discuss terms and even 'slang', if you will, often used to describe different things, locations, and parts of a river or stream we see when we are out. We will also cover techniques that will aid in helping to locate and catch fish in moving water. At the February club meeting, I will present a slide show, covering different types of moving water, to give us a visual of what to look for, and an idea of how to recognize the different parts of a river or stream.



If we walk up to a pool from downstream, the first recognizable part of that pool we notice is called a 'tail-out'. This is the lower end of the pool where the streambed typically inclines; therefore creating an area that is a bit shallower than the rest of the pool. As the deeper, slower water rises into this shallow area, the current speed will usually increase. Fish will often lie in this transition zone to feed on insects that are swept up into the shallower water, out of the bottom of the deep water above. This should be the first part of a pool we fish when we arrive. If no fish are seen rising, consider nymphing through this area. Make a cast well into the deeper water 'above' (upstream of) the tail-out to allow your fly time to sink to near the bottom. As your fly drifts along, make

note of when it is approaching the transition zone and key in on your fly line tip or strike indicator. Look for the tell-tale twitch that tells us a fish has taken the fly. When watching the tip of our fly line, we may see a sharp tug, or an upstream movement of the line. An indication of a strike can also be as minute as what could be seen only as a slight 'drag', or the tip of the fly line slowing down or dipping beneath the surface. With a strike indicator, strikes can be as pronounced as the indicator being pulled completely below the surface, or as subtle as a slight hesitation or upstream twitch in the downstream movement of the indicator. In any case, set the hook.



The next part of the pool we will focus on is the eddy on our side of the main current tongue. An eddy is an area where the main current branches out and begins to swirl or ‘wash’ back upstream. This is typically off to the sides of the main current tongue. Air bubbles or a foam line will often serve as a tell-tale sign that there is an eddy. From the casting and presentation aspect, try to land your fly toward the lower end of the main current, just on the edge of it, where the swirling currents begin. This will allow you to present your fly to as many fish as may be holding along the edge of this swirling edge, waiting for smaller insects that get caught up in the multi directional currents that form the eddy. Consider using smaller flies (size 16 or smaller), in eddies, as large insects and minnows (collectively) are often strong enough to resist being swept into them. Throughout the drift, we may need to add a bit of slack to the line to allow the fly to drift upstream into the eddy. Again, the indication that a fish has taken the fly can vary, so be prepared to set the hook on anything that seems out of place.



Once we have productively fished the entire eddy, we will make a cast along side the main current tongue, where the fast water of the tongue meets the slower water of the pool. This junction is what anglers refer to as a ‘seam’. Much like that of a multi colored shirt or hat, this seam joins to totally different concepts, or worlds. Fish will often ‘stack up’ on these seams, where they can rest in the slower water and pick off insects that are being washed past in the faster water. Most often, it is important to land your fly right on the seam, so practicing accuracy can be a very valuable tool to help one become a successful angler. If your fly lands too far off of the seam in the fast water, (assuming the fish are holding on the seam), the fish may never see your offering. If your fly lands too far off of the seam in the slow water, the same may be true. This is all based on the assumption that the fish are holding on the seam, which plays into why we should try to cover all of these locations as thoroughly as possible: to figure out where the fish are positioned.



- FFF Enters National Anglers' Legacy Partnership –

FFF has entered an exciting national partnership with the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) – launching a national Anglers' Legacy pledge drive. Anglers' Legacy encourages avid anglers to share their passion for both fishing and our cherished aquatic resources, by taking the Anglers' Legacy "Pledge" and becoming Anglers' Legacy ambassadors.

Becoming an Anglers' Legacy ambassador is very easy – it is free, and takes *less* than a minute. In "taking the pledge" – and becoming an Anglers' Legacy ambassador — we promise to introduce at least one new person to the sport of fishing each year:

<http://www.takemefishing.org/community/anglers-legacy/take-the-pledge/promo/FEDFLY08>

In this simple commitment to pass on and mentor someone new to fishing, we can do much for our sport, our home waters and conservation efforts as well as for FFF and our local clubs. We should all take time to pass on the legacy...after all, someone did that for us during our lives...***It's time for us to share our sport with another person.***

FFF has set a goal of having 8,000 members and fellow anglers "take the pledge" to introduce someone new to fly fishing. ***To achieve this, we need local fly fishing clubs to step up and help with this campaign to pass along our beloved sport to the next generation of anglers.***

Please consider taking time to communicate this campaign — and our Angler Legacy discount (\$15) membership incentive — to your club members, and encourage them to "take the Pledge." The attached news story (below) can be readily used by fly-fishing clubs in their member communications — and it outlines, in detail, the FFF membership incentive that can help those clubs earn additional free fly rods.

If you need any additional information or materials, please feel free to contact Josset Gauley at the FFF office josset@fedflyfishers.org , or Jeff Sedor at RBFF jsedor@rbff.org .

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Federation of Fly Fishers Launches National Anglers' Legacy Pledge Drive

FFF Sets Goal of 8,000 Members to Take Pledge; Member and Club Incentives Included In the Pledge Drive

The Federation of Fly Fishers has teamed with the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) in a national campaign to introduce newcomers to fly fishing. Anglers' Legacy encourages avid anglers to share their passion for fishing and "Take the Pledge" — a promise to take at least one new person fishing during the coming year. FFF has set a goal of having 8,000 members and fellow anglers take the Anglers' Legacy Pledge between now and March 2009, and has developed an incentive program to reward members and the newcomers they introduce to fly fishing.

"The Anglers' Legacy Pledge aligns perfectly with FFF's mission of education through the sport of fly fishing," said FFF President and CEO R.P. "Pete" VanGytenbeek. "It's fitting that we're the first national fly fishing organization to participate in this important endeavor that promotes fishing, specifically fly fishing, to future generations."

According to a 2008 survey of Ambassadors, most take more than four people a year fishing and also purchase 3.2 fishing licenses. To date, the Anglers' Legacy program has signed on more than 75,000 Ambassadors nationwide.

Special Incentive Program Rewards Ambassadors and Newcomers

To help boost the pledge drive, FFF is offering an incentive that is beneficial to current and potential members, newcomers and local clubs. Once FFF members pledge to become an ambassador, they can offer a \$15 discounted FFF membership to those friends and family they introduce to the sport. FFF will also extend the \$15 discount membership to all new Ambassadors (who are not currently FFF members) and the newcomers they take fishing.

"Becoming an Ambassador can also help increase membership in our local fly fishing clubs because FFF-member Ambassadors can use the opportunity to recruit their newcomers to join their local clubs" said VanGytenbeek. "This also increases their club's ability to earn additional free fly rods through the existing incentive program to have more FFF members represented in local fly clubs.

In order track FFF's progress towards the 8,000 ambassador goal:

- o Members are encouraged to access the Anglers' Legacy Pledge site directly through the FFF Web site. Visit www.fedflyfishers.org and click on the Anglers' Legacy logo — located on the home page — which takes you directly to the Anglers' Legacy Web site.

To obtain the half-price membership, members must do the following:

- o Once you take the Pledge, print the "thank you" message (which appears onscreen after the pledge has been submitted online) and retain it so your newcomer can receive the \$15 membership. Then visit <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4971> and print out the membership form & attach the printed "thank-you" page to the newcomer's FFF membership form and a \$15 check and mail it to FFF.
- o ***If a newcomer decides to join your local club, be sure to record your club's name on the membership form in order to receive credit towards free fly rods.***

"Becoming an Ambassador is very easy, and at the same time, can do so much for our sport, our home waters and conservation efforts as well as the FFF and our local clubs," said Van Gytenbeek. "We should all take the Pledge to pass on the legacy...after all, someone did that for us during our lives. It's time for us share our sport with another person.

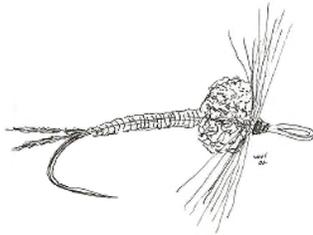
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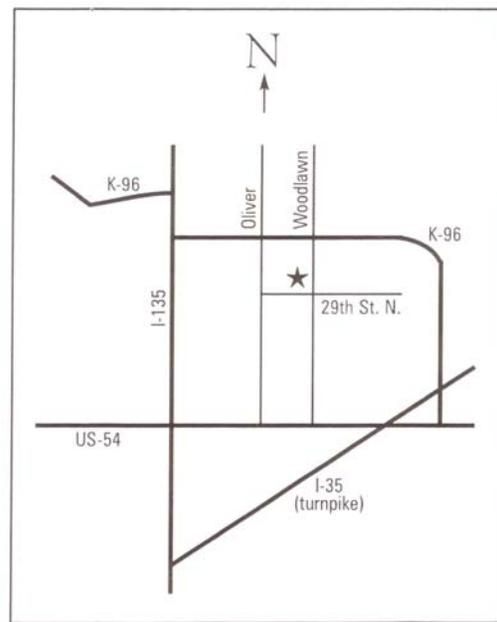
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