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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 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 and veterans through fly fishing and fly 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 BBO & Steak House











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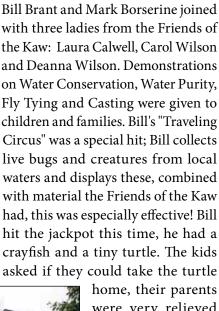
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• Friends of the KAW







Sunday afternoon September 30th,



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 Duffle 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 Norfork
- 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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GUIDED TRIPS/OUTFITTERS/INSTRUCTORS













- 45 | Inflatable CO2 Flotation Device SOSpenders
- 49 Vest -Fly Fishing, Fishpond with some accessories
- 54 Fishpond Fly Box with Charlie Craven Flies,
 - FEB 2012 signed business card
- 55 | Book "Charlie's Fly Box" signed FEB 2012
- 56 Book "Charlie Craven's Basic Fly Tying" signed FEB 2012
- 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 fles 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"
- 160 Fly Box C&F Design 1 side foam 1 side compartment w/210 dry flies 4x7.5"

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Silent Auction Items (as of 10/03)

Item # Item Description

- 4 | Rain Jacket Simms XXL
- 5 Low Back Support by A-Line XL
- 8 Fly Line Rio WF5F Avid Trout
- 9 Flats Boots ScubaMax Titanium Size 12
- 10 Overalls Levi Strauss Waist 48", Length 30"
- 11 Riggin Station by Rising, w/supplies
- 15 | Fly Line Rio WF6F Smallmouth Bass
- 17 | Fly Box Umpqua Terrestrial
- 19 Fly Box Scientific Anglers, Double-Sided w/Dry Emergers & Nymphs
- 25 | Fly Line WF9F Airflo Bass/Musky PolyFuse XT
- 28 Fly Box Umpqua Double-Sided with beadhead midges
- 37 | Wader/Boot Bag Simms
- 38 Tackle Box Fenwick Box with Plastic Worms
- 39 | Flies Wooleys
- 42 | Flies Jigs/Eggs, Worms
- 43 | Cooler Glacier Gear
- 44 | Baitcasting Reel Garcia Abu Royal
- 46 Rockbridge One night's lodging
- 47 Framed Print Canada Geese
- 50 | Seasense My Storage Bailer emergency kit
- 51 Dry Bag Fishpond, Large
- 52 | Fly Box Scientific Anglers, with ymphs
- 53 | Rod Rifle Rag Fly Fishing Notebook
- 57 Wading Jacket Simms, Size XXL
- 58 Gear Bag Fishpond, Blue with Flies
- 60 | Fly Reel Lamson Litespeed LS 3.5 Large Arbor Reel w/F8WF line
- 62 | Baitcasting Reel Garcia Abu Royal
- 63 Streamworks clip on fly carrier
- 64 Plastic Box, Miscellaneous fly tying tools and supplies
- 65 | Eagle Creek Duffle
- 66 Optivisor Magnifier
- 67 | Hobie Dry Bag w/carabiner
- 68 Tackle Box with Worm Hooks
- 69 | Fishpond Tool Pouch blue
- 71 Landing Net The Measure Net w/extending handle
- 73 Box, Double-Sided Sinkers/Hooks
- 74 Sinkers
- 75 | Box of Jig Heads
- 76 | Cortland Leader Wallet filled with Leaders
- 78 Vest, Gear by Fieldline
- 79 | Sage Double Rod/Reel case for 4pc rods
- 82 Buck Filet Knife

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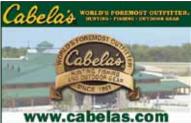


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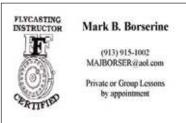














- 83 | Simms Cleats
- 87 Double Rod Caddy Case, green canvas
- 89 Baitcasting Reel Garcia Abu Royal
- 90 | Jacket Fleece, Simms Windstopper XXL
- 91 Rain Pants Lodge Outfitters XXL, black
- 97 | Spinning Reel Shimano Sahara 750B
- 99 | Spinning Reel Shimano Symmetre 750FI
- 105 | Spinning Reel Shimano 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!







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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 unsnag 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.



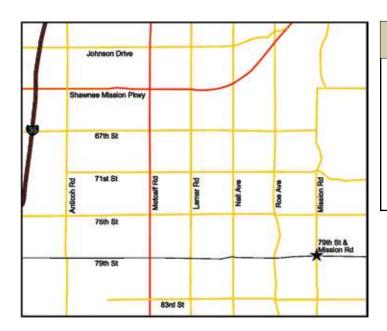
Wham! The line took off like a shot and within seconds I was into my backing.

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.

-Tom James



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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December 1, 2012 – Winter Outing, Annual Banquet at Bennett Spring



