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Presidents Line

Just a couple more months and trout fishing will return to Wichita. Once again club members have been hard at work making our trout stream even better this year. I have been out of town a lot lately and unfortunately wasn't able to help, but I did make a trip over to the slough to take a look after I got back. I saw some new fishing holes that will be developing or improving over time. I want to thank everyone that helped out.

Have you been on a fishing trip lately or getting ready to go on one? If you are getting ready to go and looking for some advice you could always put a note in the newsletter. There is a good chance someone in the club has been there and might be able to give you some tips. If you just got back from a trip, let us all know how it went. Send in a picture of that big fish you caught.

Ryan Allred

Notice!!! Meeting Location Has Changed Notice!!!

The September meeting will be held at Sedgwick County Park at the open pavilion near the sledding hill. Come as early as you want and bring your fly rod, poppers, hoppers and anything you want to try. See the new changes on Slough Creek.

The September Quarterly Drawing will be held at 8:00 at the pavilion.

This quarter the prize is a Waterworks Reel with 8 wt. quad tip line

The Habitat Improvement Project that the club and KDWP planned for Slough Creek was put into motion on Sunday Aug. 15th. Ken and his Assistants gave us a great jump on the project by doing a bunch of work ahead of time. Thanks Ken and Company. We put in five wing dams to direct the flow of water where we wanted it to go. We also added seven boulder clusters and four cover logs, along with about 75 yards of under-cut bank. The fish will have some great places to hold in. Thanks to all who helped your hard work is greatly appreciated. This year the Slough should fish a little tougher but I think it will be a lot more fun to fish.

Club Annual Picnic October 16, 2004 at Sedgwick County Park (more details to come)

The cost will be \$10.00 for single members and \$20.00 for Members their spouse and children under 18. All should make plans to attend and if possible let Neal or Cecil know if you will attend so we can plan appropriately.

Calendar of Events

September

2nd – Club Meeting

9th – Board Meeting

25th – KWF/BBBS Fishing program in El Dorado

October

16th – Annual Club Picnic

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Anyone who has tapes checked out please return them when you are done with them so other club members can view them. If you can't make the meeting, tapes can be turned in at Zeiner's at 737 S. Washington or at Ark River Anglers at 1617 S Longfellow , Suite 2. Please put your name and phone number with the tape.

September Fly Swap

What a wonderful (cool) summer it's been! Great weather for Fly Fishing and trying out some of the flies collected from the winter fly swaps. I even managed to get in a little trout fishing in July for Colorado Greenback Cutts. More time fishing usually means less time tying..... at least it does for me. A suggestion has been made to change the schedule of our quarterly Fly Swaps. I plan on switching the schedule to have more swaps in the winter months and fewer when the weather heats up. The September fly swap will be pushed off until October, followed by swaps in December, February, and April. Hopefully this new schedule will allow more time to tie without being too confusing. Lets start with Midge patterns in October, and Advanced flies (Woven, Salmon, Deer Hair) in December. As always, feel free to give me any suggestions during the meetings or by e-mail at ppfeifer@cox.net.

Fly Swap Manager
-Paul Pfeifer

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<http://www.flatlandflyfishers.org/>

Notice on Monthly Newsletter items:

Cutoff date for items to be placed in the newsletter is now the 15th of the month prior to the month published.

**Next Meeting is September 2nd
at Slough Creek, Sedgwick County Park**

New Date For Officers Meeting: Also note that the officers have voted to move the Board Meeting to the second Thursday of each month instead of the third Thursday of the month. Remember, the Board Meetings are open to all members not just the officers

Fly Tying Tip

Spencer Percival's Peacock Herl Bodies

Let's assume the hook is in the vice and the tail of the fly is already tied in.

If the fly pattern calls for a wire or tinsel rib, tie that in next. Now you're ready to select your peacock herl. Depending on the size of the fly, you are likely to be using more than one strand of herl. Very small flies (sizes 18, 20 or smaller) will use only one strand. 14 & 16's will use 2 or 3, while sizes 8, 10 and 12 might require 5 or 6 strands of peacock herl.

Try to select herl that is undamaged. Strands that are bent or kinked are more likely to snap when you are wrapping the body. Also, look for strands of equal length.

Before tying in the herl, use your scissors to trim the tips back as they are very fragile and might break on the first wrap. If you are new to fly tying, don't be discouraged when the peacock herl snaps. It's gonna happen! It's happened to the rest of us and will happen to all of us again! Use this as a learning experience so that the next time you'll know how much pressure the herl can take.

When tying in the herl, lash it to the hook by the tips, since they will not be as stiff as the butt ends and wrap back to the tying point. Twist the strands several times (not too many or the herl will break!). There are several ways to reinforce the peacock to make a more durable body. If the fly does not have a rib, you can make several wraps around the herl with the tying thread, making a rope that you can wrap around the hook shank. This is the method I use most often when the fly (usually a nymph like a Copper John or a Pheasant Tail) calls for a peacock thorax. You can also use a dubbing loop made from the tying thread; place the herl through the bottom of the loop, and twist to make a herl chenille. This trick also works real well when the dubbing loop is made from a couple of strands of Crystal Flash. One advantage to the dubbing loop method is that if a strand of herl breaks while you're twisting it or wrapping it up the hook shank, you can just continue on tying. The herl is secured in the loop and any stray herl can be trimmed tight against the fly's body once the peacock herl rope has been tied off and trimmed.

If your fly has a rib, you can just twist the strands together and wrap them up the hook shank (always remember to take the first wrap behind the rib) and then reinforce the body with the rib. If you are tying a fly on a long shanked hook (patterns for stonefly nymphs, Woolly Buggers, Zug Bugs or large Prince Nymphs), you might need to make 2 or even 3 applications of herl. If you need a tapered body, use 1 or 2 strands near the tail and after you wrap them and trim them off, tie in 3 or 4 strands and so on to achieve the tapered effect.

Gary LaFontaine always said that there is no more magical material to tie flies with than peacock herl, and I've caught a great number of fish that agreed with him.

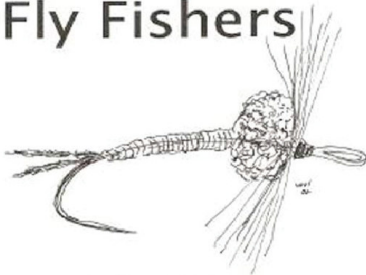
KWF in conjunction with Kansas Big Brothers/Big Sisters is hosting a casting clinic for kids in El Dorado on Saturday, September 25 and will run from approximately 10 am to 12 noon.

We've got the site, we've got the kids, now what we need are some volunteers who can help come and instruct kids in good casting technique. It doesn't need to be a particular type of fishing -- I'd like to teach great fundamentals on any variety, and have the emphasis be on learning the right form for the particular kind of casting you're doing.

If you can come and spend a few hours teaching kids (and probably their Bigs!) tips on great casting technique, please let Ryan Allred 722-7147 rallred@cox.net or Dan Ward (785) 232-3238 kswildlife@sbcglobal.net know!

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Flatland Fly Fishers



Wichita, Kansas

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