

President's Message

by Mark Borsierine

Fly fishing is a never-ending palette of experiences and opportunities

Our Annual Auction is coming up Monday night the 16th of October. This is the main fundraiser for our club. This is where we raise the money that we can donate to Conservation and Education causes. Please come, bring a friend and be generous in your bidding. I'm not encouraging you to buy things you don't need, but we'll never tell your wife! If there is something you've been thinking of, this is the way to buy it and help out the club. Everyone who bought guided trips last year just really enjoyed them. Cliff Newton and I bought the two-for-one offered by Saltery Lake Lodge on Kodiak Island Alaska and had a wonderful trip. The same trip is being offered again this year and I cannot recommend anything more highly! We have some great items in the auction which Jim Mattes has listed in this newsletter and are posted on our website. Despite the passing of J.P. Rozine, we will have professional auctioneer, my

cousin, Marty Read has generously volunteered his help. Again, come! Bring a friend! Be generous in your bidding remembering where the money is going!

Our guest speaker at our November meeting will be well-known Kansas City artist, Joe Tomelleri who will be talking on how he discovered an unknown strain of trout in Mexico. This should be fascinating!

Keep on your calendar our annual Winter Outing and Banquet the first weekend in December. One change this year – we will be holding the Banquet at Nancy's (of Andy's Catch) restaurant in Lebanon instead of at the Country Club. For some reason, the dining room is closed at the Country Club. I am assured that the restaurant has a liquor license! The November newsletter will have directions to the restaurant. We will also post directions on the website and give them out at the streamside cookout on Saturday.

Spring Program - Mike Lawson



Renowned fly fisherman, guide, fly tier, and founder of the Henry's Fork Anglers fly shop, Mike Lawson, is also the author of *Fishing the Henry's Fork* and a contributing editor of *Fly Fisherman* magazine.

His new book, *Spring Creeks* is packed with solid information for fishing spring creeks from Mike Lawson's years of fly-fishing experience. Important chapters cover mayflies, caddis, midges, terrestrials, and aquatic insects. Plus, practical and proven advice on locating, stalking, playing, and landing trout and tactics for fishing dry flies, streamers, wet flies, and nymphs, from one of the best fly fishermen in the business.

HOAFF Meeting

Monday, October 16 - 7:00pm

Annual Auction & Raffle

In Memoriam JP Rozine



The HOAFF lost a good friend! On October 3rd, our auctioneer of many years, J.P. Rozine passed away. Those of us who worked closely with him and got to know him personally will remember him as a genuinely nice man who was very generous.

An avid outdoorsman, he and his family gave of their time to a number of outdoors organizations in the area by doing auctions and fundraisers and charging nothing. As Jim Mattes said of him: "God Bless This Man!"

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Annual Banquet/Bennett Spring Trip

December 1 - 3, 2006

by John Richards

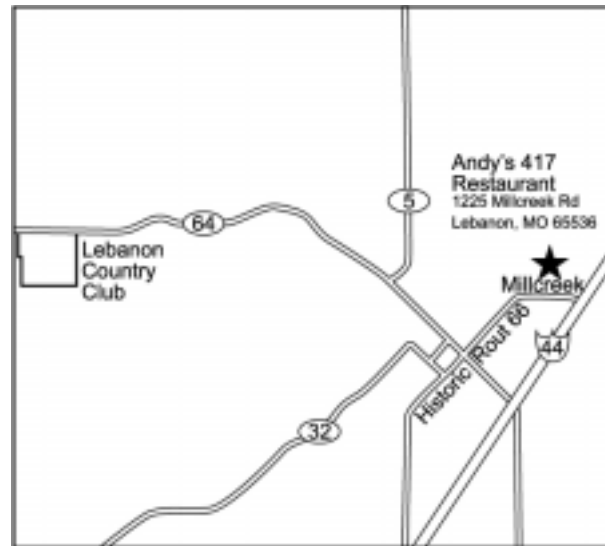
It's time to start planning for the Annual Banquet and Winter Bennett Spring Trip. The Winter Catch and Release season is always a great time to fish the waters of Bennett Spring and the Annual Banquet is an event not to be missed.

This year the Annual Banquet is moving to a new location. We will have our dinner at the Andy's 417 Restaurant in the Best Western in Lebanon, MO. They are the same great caterers, just a new location.

Reserve a place at Bennett Spring for lunch Saturday and at the Annual Banquet Saturday night. Sign up at the next member meeting with John Richards or Jim Jorgensen.

A \$15 advance reservation fee is required to hold a spot for these meals. The \$15 will cover your meal cost (excluding drinks) at the banquet. The club will furnish lunch at the shelter across the river from the spring at noon on Saturday.

There are some fine places to stay while in the Bennett Spring region. It's a good idea to make lodging reservations.



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Annual Auction & Raffle

by Jim Mattes

The annual HOAFF auction and raffle will take place on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Items will be available for viewing by 6:00, so come early. It will take place at our meeting location at Community of Christ Church, 79th & Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS.

We've already received a number of items. If you like guided flyfishing trips, this is the years to come to the auction.

Though the commercial items are great, everyone really enjoys the hand crafted flies and equipment contributed by our members. We also will need additional help from our members for such things as set-up, ticket sales, and

refreshments. If you can contribute please give me a call or you can sign up at the October meeting.

Many members have already pledged donations. Let me know if you have something in mind or just bring the item to the October meeting.

In the weeks ahead we will plan to post auction items on our website. Be sure to check the website for updates www.hoaff.org.

The auction is a great opportunity to introduce others to our great club. Think about bringing a friend (or more than one), and lots of money!

Partial Auction Item List, check website for more updates www.hoaff.org

A.K. Best flies hand-tied at our Spring Outing.
Giraffe Fly tying Bench - donated by Jim Rogers at Bennett Springs
8x10 Bluegill numbered print drawn from a McCoy's Pond specimen, Johnson Co., KS October 13, 1994 - donated by Joseph Tomelleri
10x17 Rio Grand Cutthroat Trout Number print drawn from a Medano Creek specimen, Saguache Co., CO June 24, 2000 - donated by Joseph Tomelleri
White River Fly Kit River bag and a White River Combo Fly Rod Case - donated by Bass Pro Shops
O.S. Systems Travel Waders and Bag - donated by Larry's Sporting Goods
7 wt Floating line
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Funmaster S107 Fly reel - donated by Weavers
Sockeye Rain suits - small, medium, extra large - donated by Reading Fly Shop
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6 day 6 night all inclusive (except air fare) guided fishing trip at Saltry Lake Lodge, Alaska Two for the price of one..\$4,800 value. \$1,200 deposit must be make by Oct 27. - Donated by Saltry Lake Lodge
Fly tying vice - donated by President Mark

Hat and shirt
2 Pouch vests
Wooded spool Box
Wader pants - donated by Rainbow Fly Shop
1 day (8 hours) Fly fishing guided trip (May-August 2007) - donated by Capt Sodie
Shooting Star 2-piece 9 ft 5 wt rod and case - donated by Jim Rogers
Antique 7.5 ft Split Bamboo Fly rod and case.- Donated by Pres. Mark
Clear Creek Rod case for 9 ft 3 piece rod
Master River Mesquite Handcrafted Landing Nets (2)
Smith Action Optic Polarized Sun glasses copper lens/Drift/Silver frames Life time warranty (2)
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Give Iowa a Try

by Mark Borserine

You really ought to "Give Iowa a Try"! The HOAFF sent a small force known as the Iowa Expeditionary Force or IEF to the far Northeast corner of the State to check out the streams for the rest of our members. The members of the IEF were Ron Carruthers, Bill Brant, Geoff Logan, Kevin Carrol, Jim Bebb, Mark Borserine, Jim Thomason, and Norm Crisp and a friend of his, Dwayne Brandt who joined us from fishing in Southwest Minnesota. The "Driftless" area is absolutely captivating consisting of gentle hills and valleys dotted with Dairy farms and small towns, laced and criss-crossed by numerous spring creeks. The creeks are identical in appearance, water flow, topography, insect life, etc. to the famous spring creeks of Pennsylvania such as the LeTort, Yellow Breeches and Big Spring. During the ice age the glaciers "missed" the Driftless area which overlaps SW Minnesota, SE Wisconsin and NE Iowa; this area did not see the scouring caused by the glaciers known as "Drift" which produced the numerous pothole lakes of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The State of Iowa has done a lot of stream improvements, is very generous in stocking (one stream has a wild

brown population) and, for the most part, access is very good. The towns in the local area are hospitable, the food is good and hearty, the people are mostly of German and Norwegian extraction. Each town contains three Churches: German Lutheran, Norwegian Lutheran and Catholic; picturesque scenes are everywhere! Look at the Photo of Kevin Carroll (foreground) and Jim Thomason with the Victorian home and Dairy Barn in the background.

Just after we arrived on Friday night, we had a violent thunderstorm with lightening, hail and torrents of rain. One of the streams we intended to fish was "blown out" by high water. High, turbid water changed the streams suddenly and dramatically and fishing was instantly "off". Nonetheless, everyone managed to catch at least one and some a fair number of

fish. The best fish of the IEF was a 14 1/2" brown taken by Jim Bebb. While the best patterns should have been hoppers, it seems the most successful technique was nymphing, the fish seemed to be pretty close to the bottom staying well away from the increased flow of muddy water. Everyone assured us that the best time to fish this area is in the Spring and we intend to put together another IEF in the Spring!



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Fall Hoppers



by John Berry

It was a very busy summer for my wife, Lori and me. I had been very busy guiding and Lori had been involved with a complex consulting assignment. In addition, it had been beastly hot. We had a period of 100 degree plus days that took the fun out of being on the water. As a result, we had not done much fishing together in some time. We decided to leave the house early and fish the Norfolk. Now the idea of getting Lori up and on the road before noon is radical. We live in different time zones. I wake up at 5:30 AM everyday and am in bed at 10:00 PM while she stays up past midnight and sleeps much later than I do if she is not working. The lure of catching trophy trout finally won out. We left the house about 7:00 AM with only a brief stop at McDonalds for a quick breakfast.

We got on the water before eight and walked far upstream. We were the only ones there. Lori began fishing a size 22 Dan's turkey quill emerger (my brother, Dan's most productive creation). She



was almost immediately into a good fish. Before I was fully rigged up she had landed the fat, eighteen inch rainbow. I fished a nymph nearby but there were no takers. Lori landed a fifteen inch rainbow and the fishing

seemed to slow down. We decided to wade up to our favorite spot.

On the way, I peeled off to fish a hole that had been particularly productive in the past. From where I was fishing, I could clearly see Lori. I nymphed the spot relentlessly and was only able to raise a five inch rainbow in the process. About this time, I looked up and noticed that Lori's Winston rod was bent over nearly double. She was carefully working her way into quiet water in order to land the big fish. I quickly cranked up my line and hustled over to where she was battling the trout. The rainbow was fighting for his life. He made one powerful run after another. Lori was totally absorbed by the process. She carefully applied the maximum pressure that the 5X tippet would allow. He finally gave up the struggle and

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surrendered to my net. It was a fat, beautiful twenty one inch rainbow. I quickly took several photos of Lori and the Bow and then she lovingly released the trout.

I got in a run near to where she was fishing and finally managed to catch an eighteen inch rainbow. I was glad to see it because Lori had caught two really good fish and was now back in her run and was picking up one nice trout after another. She finally cleaned out the run and we decided to fish our way out to the access.

I walked down to a likely spot. As I approached, I saw a twenty inch cutthroat calmly swim away from the



bank and enter a current seam. I removed the strike indicator, lead, nymph and 6X tippet. I then tied on a four foot section of 4X tippet and a large Dave's Hopper. I applied a small quantity of fly floatant and false cast to dry the fly. I figured the cutt would be spooked so I carefully scanned the run and located a fat fifteen inch rainbow. I cast a couple of feet above him and watched the hopper drift down toward his position. Suddenly the Cutt raced five feet across the current and nailed the fly. I set the hook and the struggle was on. The fight ended much too soon. With the 4X tippet and large hook, I was able to put a lot of pressure on the trout and had

him in the net quickly. I continued fishing the hopper in the run and really enjoyed myself. I caught one fish after another. They were hitting the hopper like it was trout candy. I had gotten off to a slow start but I quickly redeemed myself.

Meanwhile, Lori was fishing nearby. She had rerigged and had returned to using Dan's turkey quill emerger. She was on a tear. She caught one good trout after another. The fishing was nonstop for both of us. After a couple of hours there was a lull in the fishing. I looked at my watch and noticed that it was after two o'clock. We had fished through lunch and I was suddenly famished. We cranked up our lines and walked out. As we drove home, we talked about how good a life we have. Being able to have fishing like this so close to home!

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