

## President's Message

by Darren Watson

### HOAFF membership

In the short time as president, I am impressed with the number of people involved in our club. The monthly meetings are well attended, with about 30 to 40 attendees. Our monthly officers' meeting has 10 to 14 attendees. It's great we have so many individuals contribute to our club. The future of HOAFF depends upon our members' active participation. If you'd like to become more active, just let one of our officers know. We always appreciate participation in the growth of our club.

So far, we've held 5 events this year. I'm sure the Eleven Point trip was the most memorable

for three of our members: Jim Bebb, Mark Borserine, and Dan Sulit. They returned from their float trip with 5 rods and 2 reels broken or lost ... not to mention a few scrapes and bruises. It seems we may have 3 golden strike indicator awards this year!

Our next outing is our annual One-Fly Tournament, which will be held at the same location as last year. One of our club members, Steve Nelson, is allowing our club to fish at his neighborhood lake for the day. I have fished there many times, and the Bass fishing can be great. Hopefully we won't have a big

## HOAFF Meeting

Monday, May 19 - 7:00pm

**Sam Potter**  
TightLine Fly Fishing  
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rain the week before.

Don't forget to welcome our new members and guests!

## WindRush Farms Outing

April 18 – 20, 2008

by Ron Carruthers

I think it is safe to say that the HOAFF outing at WindRush Farms met or exceeded everyone's expectations. I can assure you it was deep in the Ozark hills and the Solitude Cabin rented by four in the group turned out to be the true definition of solitude.



The room in the restored 1840's cabin was clean, large and close to the stream. Although the setting was beautiful the stream was what really made the trip. The natural spring fed tributary of the Meramec River had received a lot of man made improvements. Bend pools were followed by riffles and more bend pools. The spot up ahead always looked as good as or better than the one you were fishing.

Of course the fishing was the important part. It had rained most of the day before we arrived so the stream was a little high and cloudy, not muddy but not clear. Our host had recommended Mohair leeches, wooly buggers and glo-balls fished deep. It was a little early in the season for

the hatches. It turned out to be an excellent recommendation. Everyone seemed to be into fish immediately. The number of fish caught was not going to be a problem. The quality of the fish is what surprised me the most. The rainbows had a beautiful green spotted back, and that distinctive red stripe. They were big but more importantly shaped like footballs. When hooked they headed up stream, headed down stream or headed straight up out of the water. It was about all a four weight wanted but when you finally had them to the net they turned, pulled drag and started the fight all over again. I am not a DNA expert but those fish had to have had some steelhead in their genetics.

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# One Fly Tournament

Lake of the Forest, Bonner Springs, KS  
June 7, 2008 • 9am - 3pm

By Ron Carruthers



They say lightning never strikes in the same place twice. For those of you that remember last years One Fly outing that is a good enough reason to attend this years One Fly Tournament at Lake of the Forest in Bonner Springs, Kansas.

Knock the cob webs off your float tube or kick boat and make sure your flippers fit over that new pair of wading boots. As the tournament name implies we will have two prizes, one for the largest fish (length in inches) and one for the most fish caught using just one fly. Fly fisherman's honor.

A shore lunch will be provided by the club. Please RSVP by email if you plan to attend to [rcarruthers2@kc.rr.com](mailto:rcarruthers2@kc.rr.com) before June 5th.

Directions: Exit 435 going west on Kansas 32 (Bonner Springs exit). Go exactly 2.2 miles. Watch closely for the Lake of the Forest entrance on the right side of the road. The entrance is easy to miss so don't go by too fast. We will plan to have the HOAFF sign out front.



For any HOAFF member that is well connected we would appreciate a warm, dry day, with just a little overcast to keep the bright sunlight off the water. Your efforts in this area are sincerely appreciated.

## HOAFF Logo Lapel Pins



We now have enameled Lapel/Hat/Vest Pins with the HOAFF logo. Every new member who joins in 2008 will receive a pin. The pins will be available for sale for \$5.00 each.

## HOAFF Apparel is here

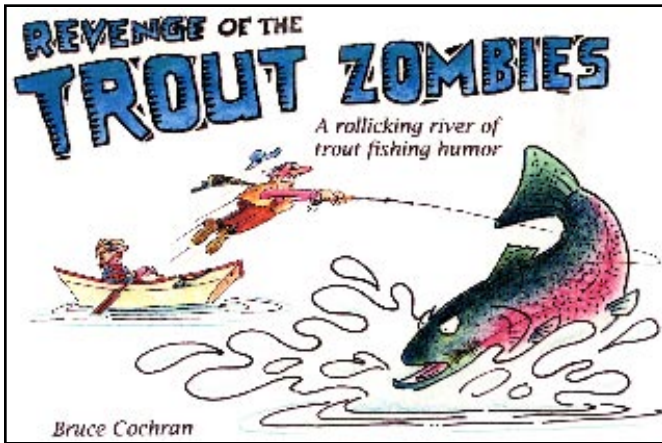
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# Revenge of the Trout Zombies

By Bruce Cochran



My new book is out. "Revenge Of The Trout Zombies" published by Willow Creek Press. It's a humorous look at trout fishing. The dedication page says "This book is dedicated to the Heart Of America Trout Fishers" who inadvertently provided at least half the material for it."

It's paperback, retails for \$9.95, and is available at book stores. If they don't have it on the shelf, which they may not, it's in their computers and they can order it. It's also available on Amazon.com and of course personalized copies are available from me.

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# WindRush Farms Outing

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The best “one that got away” story was Jim Bebb’s. He had left Mark Borserine in the honey hole and moved just upstream to a smooth stretch of water. There was a log in the stream and Jim instinctively cast above it to get a good float back to that holding area. As expected the indicator gave the telltale dip and the hook was set. The fish was deep so Jim didn’t get

to see it but it powerfully ran upstream for some distance, decided it was out of room and instantly changed direction and headed back down stream. Jim frantically pulling in line watched the fish fly over the small dam into the pool where Mark was standing. Mark verified the fish went by him about chest high. The tippet finally gave up but the speed of the line continued to uncoil on Jim’s reel. It had all happened so fast and the only remaining evidence was the backlash of fly line on his reel.

It turned out to be quite a trip. If any of you doubt this story see Kevin Carril, Mark Borserine, Jim Bebb, John Cerda or Jim Mitchell. They were there and I am sure each one of them has their own story to tell.



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# Windy Day at Rim Shoals

by John Berry

I got a phone call on a quiet Sunday evening. It was Dean from Idaho. He was planning a vacation in Branson and wanted to get a little fishing in while he was in the area. This was right after our first flood and he was concerned that there would be no where to fish. I assured him that we are near Bull Shoals Dam and are not normally subject to flooding here in

Cotter. We set the date and agreed to meet at McDonalds in Gassville. The guys showed up and after a bit of talking I learned that Dean and Bill lived either on or near the Henry's Fork and fished it regularly. They were experienced anglers and were looking forward to fishing the White River.

We loaded up and headed for Rim Shoals. The water was a bit off color

from recent rains but the skies were clear and the sun was shining. I rigged the guy's rods up. They had never seen a Y2K before and were not sure what to think about it. I put on a big indicator and a bit of lead. I then set the indicator to run pretty deep. Bill forgot his sun glasses. He went up to the fly shop and Paula Flipin loaned him a pair that some other angler had left there a while back.

There were a couple of generators running so we launched my boat and motored up stream to the Jenkin's Creek area. We began drifting and started picking up trout immediately. On the first, run we picked up three trout. At the end of the drift, we motored back up stream and did it again. Over the course of the morning we boated over thirty trout. They were all fat and sassy and ranged in size from thirteen to sixteen inches. They were predominately rainbows with a few browns thrown in for good measure.

Around noon, we took a break for lunch. I motored over to the ramp at Rim Shoals and set up the food on a picnic table nearby. As we ate, we took a moment to relax and drink in the gorgeous day. When we finished, I packed up my guide box, folded up the table cloth and carefully disposed



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of our trash at the nearby garbage receptacle.

We filed back into the boat and headed down stream to fish the water below the first island. As we left the ramp, I noticed that the wind had picked a lot of strength during our lunch break. Before lunch, it had not been a factor on our fishing. Now it was absolutely howling straight up stream. I was very glad that I was not rowing a drift boat in that maelstrom. I later found out that the wind was blowing about twenty seven miles an hour with gusts up to thirty two miles an hour and there were lake wind advisories posted.

My boat is wide and has high sides. That makes it very stable even in high water and it is comfortable to fish from in heavy water conditions. It can be a bit of a pig in the wind though. I set up for a drift and cut the motor. The wind was blowing so hard up stream that the current though heavy was not allowing us to drift down stream. We were essentially not moving.

We were held right over a drop off in the channel that was great trout holding water. There was a lot of bed rock structure. I had my guys cast up stream and drift right through it. It should be noted that both of these

guys were accomplished fly casters and could easily make the cast even in the unbelievably heavy winds. They started picking up fish immediately. The wind would occasionally move us laterally from one side to the other. I had to start the engine and move the boat from time to time to avoid hitting the bank or to put us back in optimal position.

The boat became a floating casting platform that allowed us to literally pound a great section of water. We caught dozens of fish and they fought like demons. The average fish was a bit larger than in the morning. The action was non stop. We took one break to get out of the wind. We motored up the side of the island and waded into knee deep water to fish a couple of nice runs near the bank. We picked up several fish this way. About five they were ready to pull the plug. Their shoulders were sore from the constant casting and fighting good fish. Besides, they had to drive back to Branson. They thought it was one of the best fishing experiences that they had ever had. We said our goodbyes and I headed back to Cotter to get ready to do it again the next day.

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## Riley's Station Flood Damage Appeal

by Clint Wilkinson

Miles and Michelle Riley, owners of Riley's Station at Buffalo City were hit hard by the recent flooding on the White River.

Two of their cabins were flooded so all the appliances, drywall etc. were mostly destroyed. These happen to be the two cabins that they make the most money off of and they'll be unrentable for quite some time and we're approaching the busy season here. Also the basement of their house was flooded and one of the walls caved in. Miles can do the repairs but materials combined with loss of income adds up quick.

The account is set up under the name of Chris Grothe @ Riley's Station Resort Benefit Account. Any donations would be much appreciated and can be done by electronic wire or regular mail (include account info on check). Here is the info you'll need.

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