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Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association
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Flyline

Dec 2015-Feb 2016 Issue

Featuring:

TOM ROSENBAUER

Featuring:

CHARLIE CRAVEN

Local Speakers...

LEE SCHULTEIS

CHAD MASON

Plus:

- Presentations by Additional Speakers on Fly Fishing Techniques and Destinations
- Small Group Sessions by Featured Presenters
- Member and Guest Fly Tiers
- Exhibits: Conservation, Education, and More!
- Fly Fishing Equipment and Materials for Sale
- Silent and Live Auctions
- Youth Program

Local Speakers...

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MIKE STEUCK

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Saturday (8 AM-5 PM): $15
Sunday (8 AM-12:30 PM): $10
All 3 days: $30
Children under 12 admitted for free!
Once again I’m in Ontario, Canada, on Pine Island. The books I’ve chosen to bring along to revisit are Joan Wulff’s *Fly Casting Techniques*, and Barry Reynolds’ and John Berryman’s *Pike on the Fly*. It’s been quite a while since I spent time with these authors, so a review is long overdue.

I’m barely started. I keep being distracted by the pounding of the waves on the granite four feet from the cabin; the eagles have daily discussions in a tall white pine over the cabin and the occasional loon calls. There are a few neighbors within a mile or two. They report on the wolves. Sometimes the wolves have “something in the works,” and their communications keep everyone up at night. Well, not me. My new hearing devises come off. The pounding waves become a gentle lap, the loon’s calls tone down, and the wolves are not heard. The only clue I have that the wolves may be near is that my Siberian, Luka, suddenly decides that sleeping indoors rather than out is a great idea. Though one time a black bear kept him by my side, so who knows what is wandering around in the dark.

Barry Reynolds has me keyed up to use my 9-weight for some pike fishing. The best fish so far has been a 24-inch, really fat walleye on Barry’s Bunny Bug in black and white. It’s been hot up here so a sinking tip line is essential.

Well, it’s about time to run to the landing at the end of the road and pick up some friends. Lake Despair Lodge has Internet, so I can get this emailed while waiting for them to arrive. It is beautiful here. I hope your fall includes some favorite waters, too.

Tight Lines,

**Kate Lodge**

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stripntwitch@yahoo.com

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Articles may be submitted as an MS Word or text file. Typed, printed or clearly handwritten articles are also accepted. Preferably, photos can be submitted digitally & saved with a resolution of ideally 300 dpi and a size of 6x8 inches, or be sent as prints. Deadline for each issue is the first day of the month prior to publication.

Send all materials to:
Lisa Davis, The Flyline Editor
1065 29th St., Moline, IL 61265
stripntwitch@yahoo.com
### Event Calendar

#### DECEMBER 2015

**Dec 10:** Trout Unlimited North Bear Chapter Meeting: 6:30pm (Linda Kinman, Iowa Association of Water Agencies, discusses the association’s operations & how we may work together). Felix & Oscars, Des Moines, IA

**Dec 14:** Dubuque Fly Fishers Meeting: 7:00pm Swiss Valley Nature Center

**Dec 19:** Central Iowa Fly Fishers Meeting: 9:00am Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart Church Ankeny, IA

**Dec 20:** Quad Cities Chapter Meeting: 6:00pm, Riverdale Fire Station

**Dec 22:** Project Healing Waters Des Moines VA Hospital, Des Moines, IA Contact: Dale Sanders (laflyfisher@hotmail.com)

#### JANUARY, 2016

**Jan 5:** Project Healing Waters Des Moines VA Hospital, Des Moines, IA Contact: Dale Sanders (laflyfisher@hotmail.com)

**Jan 8-10:** Bald Eagle Days QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island, IL

**Jan 10:** Quad Cities Chapter 6:00pm, Fly Tying Session Riverdale Fire Station

**Jan 14:** Trout Unlimited North Bear Chapter Meeting: 6:30pm Felix & Oscars, Des Moines, IA

**Jan 11:** Dubuque Fly Fishers Meeting: 7:00pm Swiss Valley Nature Center

**Jan 16:** SWTU IceBreaker (Jeff Currier, featured speaker) Madison, WI (swtu.org)

**Jan 16:** Central Iowa Fly Fishers Meeting: 9:00am Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart Church Ankeny, IA

**Jan 19:** Project Healing Waters Des Moines VA Hospital, Des Moines, IA Contact: Dale Sanders (laflyfisher@hotmail.com)

**Jan 24:** Quad Cities Chapter Meeting: 6:00pm, Riverdale Fire Station

**Jan 25:** Dubuque Fly Fishers 7:00pm, Fly Tying with Mike Jacobs Swiss Valley Nature Center

**Jan 29-31:** Central Iowa Fly Fishers Annual Cabin Fever Retreat, Springbrook Conservation Education Center, Guthrie Center, IA Contact: Keith Wunder (kewunder@mchsi.com)

#### FEBRUARY, 2016:

**Feb 2:** Project Healing Waters Des Moines VA Hospital, Des Moines, IA Contact: Dale Sanders (laflyfisher@hotmail.com)

**Feb 7:** Quad Cities Chapter 6:00pm, Fly Tying Session Riverdale Fire Station

**Feb 11:** Trout Unlimited North Bear Chapter Meeting: 6:30pm Felix & Oscars, Des Moines

**Feb 8:** Dubuque Fly Fishers Meeting: 7:00pm Swiss Valley Nature Center

**Feb 13:** Badger Fly Fishers Spring Opener (Gary Borger, featured speaker) Madison, WI (badgerflyfishers.com)

**Feb 16:** Project Healing Waters Des Moines VA Hospital, Des Moines, IA Contact: Dale Sanders (laflyfisher@hotmail.com)

**Feb 18-21:** 2016 Outdoor Show QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island, IL

**Feb 19-21:** HFFA Annual Meeting & Fly Fishing Show, Des Moines, IA

**Feb 20:** Central Iowa Fly Fishers No meeting due to HFFA show.

**Feb 21:** Quad Cities Chapter Meeting: 6:00pm Riverdale Fire Station

**Feb 22:** Dubuque Fly Fishers 7:00pm, Fly Tying with Mike Jacobs Swiss Valley Nature Center

#### MARCH, 2016:

**Mar 1:** Project Healing Waters Des Moines VA Hospital, Des Moines, IA Contact: Dale Sanders (laflyfisher@hotmail.com)

**Mar 6:** Quad Cities Chapter 6:00pm, Fly Tying Session Riverdale Fire Station

**Mar 10:** Trout Unlimited North Bear Chapter Meeting: 6:30pm Felix & Oscars, Des Moines

**Mar 11-12:** River Falls Fly Fishing Festival F3T film tour & fly fishing expo River Falls, WI (rfflyfishingfestival.com)

**Mar 14:** Dubuque Fly Fishers Meeting: 7:00pm Swiss Valley Nature Center

**Mar 15:** Project Healing Waters Des Moines VA Hospital, Des Moines, IA Contact: Dale Sanders (laflyfisher@hotmail.com)

**Mar 19:** Central Iowa Fly Fishers Meeting: 9:00am Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart Church Ankeny, IA

**Mar 20:** Quad Cities Chapter Meeting: 6:00pm Riverdale Fire Station

**Mar 25-27:** Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo Blaine, MN (CANCELED)

**March 26:** Fly Tiers Rendezvous Eagles Club, Monticello, IA (tu-iaspringcreeks.org)

**Mar 28:** Dubuque Fly Fishers 7:00pm, Fly Tying with Mike Jacobs Swiss Valley Nature Center

#### DNR-HFFA Tentative Work Dates

End of March: Turtle Creek, fish habitat work
**Mar 23:** Spring Branch Crk, fence removal. Further information, including confirmation of work dates, will be posted on the HFFA website and Facebook page when available.

### Information by Region

**Cedar Rapids Fly Fishers**
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**Dubuque Fly Fishers**
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**Iowa City Chapter**
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maas_ryan@yahoo.com

**Quad Cities Chapter**
Larry Thompson
larthompson@earthlink.net
Featured Speakers

Tom Rosenbauer

Tom Rosenbauer has been with the Orvis Company for 34 years. While there, he has been a fishing school instructor, copywriter, public relations director, merchandise manager, and he was editor of the Orvis News for 10 years. He is currently marketing director for Orvis Rod & Tackle. As merchandise manager, web merchandiser, and catalog director, the titles under his direction have won numerous Gold Medals in the Multi-channel Merchant Awards.

Tom was awarded Fly Rod & Reel’s “Angler of the Year Award” for 2011 for his educational efforts through his books, magazine articles, and podcasts.

Tom has been a fly fisher for over 40 years and was a commercial fly tier by age 14. He has fished extensively across North America and has also fished on Christmas Island, the Bahamas, Belize, in Kamchatka, Chile, and on the fabled English chalk streams. He is credited with bringing Bead-Head flies to North America, and he is the inventor of the Big Eye hook, Magnetic Net Retriever, and tungsten beads for fly tying. He has many fly fishing books in print, including: The Orvis Fly-Fishing Guide, Reading Trout Streams, Casting Illusions; Leaders, Knots, and Tippets; Nymphing Techniques, The Orvis Guide to Dry-Fly Fishing, The Orvis Encyclopedia of Fly Fishing, and The Orvis Fly-Tying Guide, which won a 2001 National Outdoor Book Award. He has also been published in Field & Stream, Outdoor Life, Catalog Age, Fly Fisherman, Gray’s Sporting Journal, Sporting Classics, Fly Rod & Reel, Audubon, and others. His latest book, The Orvis Guide to Small Stream Fishing, published in March of 2011, is a spectacular book published by the prestigious Rizzoli International, world renowned for their design and reproduction. Tom is the writer and narrator of “The Orvis Fly Fishing Guide Podcast,” one of the top outdoor podcasts on iTunes. He lives with his wife and son in southern Vermont on the banks of his favorite trout stream.

Local Speakers

BEN OLSON

Ben was born in Denver but grew up in Dallas Center, Iowa. He has been guiding on “The Gunny” since 2005. Ben has owned his own fly shop; he’s taught hundreds of fly-fishing, entomology, & fly-tying classes, held the office of president of the Gunnison Gorge Anglers Chapter of Trout Unlimited; and he enjoys angling in both fresh and salt waters. A strong boatman, Ben explores by taking multi-day float trips all over the country in his spare time. Due to his competitive nature and goals of perfection, you can count on Ben to provide a great experience either on the water or in a class.

CHAD MASON

Chad Mason is an environmental engineer and former professional outdoor writer from Des Moines, IA. He has written extensively for Fly Rod & Reel, American Angler, Fly Tyer, Outdoor Life, and many other publications. Chad’s original fly patterns have appeared on the cover of Fly Tyer, and he contributed two chapters to Fly Rod & Reel’s 30th Anniversary fly tying volume. Chad has been a keynote speaker for the Missouri Fly Fishers’ annual conclave in Kansas City.
Featured Speakers

Charlie Craven

Charlie Craven tied his first fly from a fly tying kit gifted to him on his eighth birthday. In the days since (about 36 years worth), he has commercially tied flies for most of the shops in the Denver area, as well as many others throughout the Rocky Mountain west.

A longtime South Platte River guide, Craven cut his angling teeth on some of the toughest trout in the world. These were the tough fish that prompted him to develop some of his more popular patterns such as the Jujubee Midge, Poison Tung, and Charlie Boy Hopper.

Charlie has now been a commercial fly tyer for over thirty years. In that time, he has tied flies for nearly every species of gamefish in every location on the planet, though he specializes in trout flies for the Rocky Mountain region.

Charlie is a Signature Tyer for Umpqua Feather Merchants and is the originator of other popular patterns such as the Ju-jubaetis, the Ragin’ Craven, Two Bit Hooker, Dirty Hippy, Screaming Banshee, and the Double Gonga.

Craven was the photographer and fly tyer for Barr Flies (Stackpole 2007) and has now authored two books, Charlie Craven’s Basic Fly Tying (Headwater Books 2008) and Charlie’s Fly Box (Stackpole Books 2010). His latest book, Tying Nymphs, will be available in January 2016.

Charlie is a Colorado native and lives in Palmer Lake, Colorado. He has three kids, Charlie, Julie, and Jack.

Currently, Charlie is the owner and president of Charlie’s Fly Box fly shop in Arvada, Colorado.

Local Speakers

LEE SCHULTEIS

Lee began his fly fishing journey in the late 1960s, when his father introduced him to fly fishing, fly tying, and rod building. Since then, pursuing trout species has been his passion and focus. He’s enjoyed catching trout in the Driftless Area, Missouri, Arkansas, and many western states, and has made several backpack fishing trips to the Rocky Mountains. Nine years ago, Lee made his first trip to the Lake Superior tributaries, and he’s been hooked on the challenge and reward of steelhead fishing ever since. He resides in Perry, Iowa, where he operates a custom cabinet shop.

MIKE STEUCK

Mike Steuck has a varied and extensive background with the Iowa DNR and is currently the Northeast Regional Fisheries Supervisor where he oversees management of the cold and warmwater fisheries resources in 15 counties, including two fisheries management teams and three trout hatcheries. A native of Dubuque, Mike is an avid angler, targeting walleye, crappie and trout every chance he gets. Mike has a passion for Iowa’s natural resources and strives to continually protect and improve natural resources and angling opportunities in Iowa.
# Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association’s
## 2016 Show Program
### ~ Speakers, Raffles, Auctions, Tying Demonstrations & More! ~

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Support the HFFA by booking your room at this lovely hotel while being conveniently located at the fly fishing show venue. Available to guests: complimentary hot breakfast (7-10 am), use of the recreation center, heated pool, and whirlpool; free Wi-Fi and free parking. Check in/out times: 3 pm/11 am. Bearly’s Bar, on site, opens at 5 pm. Restaurants located nearby.

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- 100 yds 20lb Dacron Backing
- Aluminum Rod Tube and Cloth Rod Sack

**Silent & Live Auction Donations**

Support the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association with your donations to the 2016 HFFA Fly Fishing Show’s Silent and Live Auctions! For details, please see page 14.

**Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center**

**Located off Interstate 80/35**

5291 Stoney Creek Court

Johnston, IA

**2016 HFFA Show Venue**

Call soon for special room rate! 1-800-659-2220

King and (double) 2-bed rooms are available for reservation. Reference “Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association” to receive the discounted rate.

Deadline to reserve $99 room rate: January 19, 2016
Name (Please Print): ____________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ___________ Zip: _______________________
Phone #: ________________________ Occupation: ________________________________
Email: _____________________________________________________________________
Names of Family Member(s) Attending the Show¹ _________________________________

___ I am a new member for 2016. A new member may waive the registration fee for one of the days.

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**Preregistration Special:** 1 Banquet Ticket + 125 bucket raffle tickets³ for $100: # _____ @ $100

*The Banquet buffet will have entrée choices of Beef Stroganoff (tenderloins of beef in a rich brown sauce) or Chicken Marsala (broiled tender breasts, smothered with fresh portabella mushrooms and onions in creamy marsala wine sauce). Italian salad, garlic mashed potatoes, and a vegetable medley will also be included.*

Completed Orvis Rod Raffle Tickets ($2 each or 12 for $20) $________

TOTAL FOR THE MEETING² $________

³Your paid registration entitles you, your spouse, and your children under age 12 to attend the show, but a banquet ticket is required for each member of your family attending the banquet.

²To be sure of receiving a banquet ticket, your registration must be received by February 10, 2016.

³Bucket raffle tickets will be available each day of the show: $20 for 25 tickets or $1 a piece.

⁴There are no refunds for any reason, except a refund of the total will occur in the event of the show cancellation.

**To receive preregistration prices, your registration form must be postmarked no later than February 13, 2016.**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL (one year)

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GRAND TOTAL for Meeting, Dues, and Raffle Tickets $________

Please make payments to:
Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association
P.O. BOX 8145
Cedar Rapids, IA 52408

Auction #___________
HFFA Photo and Essay Contests

Photo Contest Rules
1. All entries must be 8 x 10 prints.
2. Subject matter must clearly relate to some aspect of fly fishing and its environs.
3. All submissions become the property of the HFFA, and may be used for any purpose deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
4. Judging will be by popular vote of the membership in attendance on Saturday of the Annual Meeting. Each member will receive one ballot to vote for his or her favorite photo. The photo with the most ballots wins. Second and third place prizes will also be awarded. Prizes will be gift certificates: $100 for first, $75 for second and $50 for third.
5. In the event of a tie, the winner will be drawn at random from the entries that were tied (e.g., if entry #1 and entry #2 tied for 2nd place, a drawing is held and the entry that is drawn gets 2nd place and the other would get 3rd place).
6. Winners will be announced during the Annual Meeting Banquet.
7. There is no limit to the number of entries, but each person may only win once (e.g., if Jane Roe submits 2 photos and each would have won a prize, the higher prize will be awarded to Jane and the lower prize will go to the photo that had the next highest number of votes).
8. Photos received before February 12, 2016, will be assured of having a frame for display. Depending on the number of entries, photos received after that date might not get framed.
9. If the source of the photo is digital, a CD or email with the source file is preferred & greatly appreciated.
10. Send photos to the address listed below.

Essay Contest Rules
1. All entries must be 2000 words or less.
2. Subject matter must clearly relate to some aspect of fly fishing and its environs.
3. All submissions become the property of the HFFA and may be used for any purpose deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
4. Judging will be by popular vote of the membership in attendance on Saturday of the Annual Meeting. Each member will receive one ballot to vote for his or her favorite essay. The essay with the most ballots wins. Second and third place prizes will also be awarded. Prizes will be gift certificates: $100 for first, $75 for second and $50 for third.
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6. Winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting Banquet.
7. There is no limit to the number of entries, but each person may only win once (e.g., if John Brown submits 2 essays and each would have won a prize, the higher prize will be awarded to John and the lower prize will go to the essay that had the next highest number of votes).
8. If the essay is available as a digital text document, a CD or email with the source file is greatly appreciated.
9. Send essays (electronic copies encouraged) to:

HFFA PHOTO & ESSAY CONTESTS
Larry Murphy
2910 NE Huntington Lane
Ankeny, Iowa 50021
Or send via email to: lmurphy498@gmail.com
Getting to know your fellow HFFA member: RYAN MAAS

How long have you been an HFFA member? Since at least 1997, so almost 20 years. I remember finding out about HFFA in The Des Moines Register when I was still an undergrad at Iowa State. Gary LaFontaine was one of the featured speakers at the Annual Meeting in Des Moines that year, and I had a book of his that I wanted signed. I had no idea that there was a statewide group dedicated to fly fishing. I was pumped. I wrangled my girlfriend into driving down with me, and I got Gary’s autograph at the show. I think I joined HFFA in the year or two after that.

Family? The girlfriend from Iowa State is now my wife, Liz. In a way, we actually owe our relationship to fly fishing. She had two aunts living in Island Park, ID (on the Henrys Fork), and it was a special place for her. When I met her in 1993, I had been to the West Yellowstone area once (as an adult) for fishing. We hit it off talking about ospreys catching fish and how much we loved that region. I also have two wonderful daughters, Mara (10) and Rowyn (7), who love the outdoors and are starting to get the hang of fly fishing, thanks 100% to Jeanne Collins. (Mara, left, and Rowyn are pictured above with Ryan)


Hometown? All over. My dad was a career Air Force officer, so we moved around. His hometown is Williamsburg, IA. My mom grew up on a farm east of Latimer, IA. I graduated high school in Bellevue, NE, and my parents still live there. So, that’s probably my hometown.

When did you begin to fly fish? I had a glimpse of fly fishing in 6th grade and really got the bug my sophomore year in high school (~1989). Rabid ever since.

Why did you join HFFA? I was raised with a strong conservation ethic, i.e., if you are a hunter or angler, you support and participate in organizations that work toward stewardship of our natural resources. Since I’m an avid duck hunter, I gravitate toward water quality. HFFA is a great synthesis of fellow fly fishers who are passionate about the sport but are also personal advocates for fishery conservation and environmental stewardship. They do work on the ground as well as speak up in policy discussions. And fly fishers are just good people to hang out with. Also, I had no fly fishing mentor growing up and am a self-taught fly fisher from books (and now videos) and catalogs from The Fly Shop, Dan Bailey’s, Bob Marriott’s, Hunter’s Angling Supplies, Kauffman’s Streamborn, and Cabela’s (How many of those names are still around?). When I found out there was an organization of fly anglers in Iowa, I joined to socialize and learn all I could about fly fishing and tying.

What is your home water? Spiritually, it’s the Henrys Fork or Waterloo Creek (Iowa). Technically, it’s my mother-in-law’s sand pit along the Iowa River, south of Iowa City.

What is your favorite species to fly fish for? Smallmouth bass, which I have never truly figured out, followed by brown trout, which I have figured out.

Tell us about your most memorable fly fishing experience? There are so many. My life really has been punctuated by meaningful fly fishing experiences. Perhaps the most memorable was actually my first. I was walking along the bank of Verdigre Creek, near Royal, NE, and had never fly fished for anything before. I had tied on a Mosquito fly, because it looked, to me, like an insect. I spotted two stocker rainbows cruising downstream toward me. Hunkered behind bankside grass, I held the rod over the stream and dangled the fly (not knowing dapping was “a thing”) on the surface. The nearest trout took it without hesitation. That blew my mind.

What other hobbies do you enjoy? Hunting, sporting clays, skiing, canoeing and camping, travel, wine and beer, ecological restoration (hence the burning and goats), grilling, and spending time with friends and family.

What fishing magazines do you subscribe to? I subscribe to only one magazine and it’s about fishing: The Drake.

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Mike Jacobs’ article, titled “Irresistible Kelly Creek,” in the fall issue of The Flyline, did my heart good but also showed that a fishery isn’t always as it seems.

As a Fishery Management major at the University of Idaho in 1969, I was required to gain hands-on experience in aquatic research. By good fortune, Dr. Don Chapman, head of the Idaho Cooperative Fishery Unit, hired me to assist with a quickly organized study of the fishery on about a ten-mile stretch of Kelly Creek and the nearby North Fork of the Clearwater River. Both streams converge at Kelly Forks, and this is the area Mike recently fished.

These streams drain sterile granitic soil and have water so devoid of nutrients and minerals that it is essentially distilled. High elevation and latitude create long, cold winters. For thousands of years one key species enriched the water, but the entire ecosystem was about to suffer great change.

In 1969, Dworshak Dam, located on the Clearwater downstream, was under construction. The 717-foot dam was too high for fish ladders, and when its gates closed in 1973, several thousand years of Chinook salmon runs were forever blocked from tributaries, including Kelly.

Our research was to gather information on the species composition, size, and impact of angling on cutthroat trout before salmon were excluded. Dr. Chapman was aware that closing the river to salmon would cause tremendous ecological damage. Salmon eggs provided rich food for bull trout, cutthroats, and mountain whitefish, while the dead salmon bodies released nutrients into the sterile water that nourished aquatic insects that fish eat. Also, bull trout and larger cuts ate the abundant baby salmon that stayed in Kelly Creek for two to three years before migrating to the Pacific.

Lacking the annual injections of nutrients and a forage base of juvenile salmon would forever impact remaining fish, as well as eagles, bears, and a host of other animals that eat salmon. Our research was to gather data that would help the state alter angling regulations to protect the trout, char, and whitefish.

For four months my small team spent two days each week swimming ten miles of Kelly Creek counting fish present by species. We wore skin-diving gear. With some practice we were able to distinguish juvenile salmon from young trout, although we also noted mature fish. Netting was not possible and electroshocking didn’t work because the water was so lacking in minerals that it wouldn’t carry a current. On two other days we’d fish transects with one of us using fly gear and always fishing with a renegade fly. The other guy used spinning gear with #1 silver Mepps spinners. We enumerated species and size and took scale samples. On one or two days of the week, we’d do creel surveys.

Dr. Chapman worked the data up and realized that there were not many large trout and that they grew slowly, even with nutrients provided by salmon. Once the salmon were excluded, the Kelly and North Fork cutthroat trout fisheries would become extremely vulnerable to angling. Fortunately, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game accepted his proposal and instituted catch and release angling in Kelly Creek in 1970.

Mike fished a beautiful fishery without realizing it was degraded because of the lack of salmon. However, the catch and release regulation has protected the relatively scarce and slowly growing mature cutthroats.

The Kelly Creek research led me to similar work three years later when I was responsible for data collection on Talarik Creek while employed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Talarik has the largest rainbows in Alaska, but similar to Kelly

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Looking Back at HFFA Making a Difference in 2015

Examples of HFFA Involvement
Fisheries, Education, & Fellowship 2015

HFFA Fundraising
- Annual HFFA Fly Fishing Show

Donation of HFFA Funds
- Expansion of Yellow River State Forest
- Central Park Lake restoration
- Lost Grove Lake development
- Casting for Recovery

Donating Time and/or Funds
- Iowa County Outdoors Adventure
- Take a Kid Outdoors events
- Iowa State Fair Fly Tying Competition
- K&K Casting Clinic
- Many other fly casting & fly tying clinics
- Stream survey, Spring Branch Creek
- Various stream work days & clean-ups

HFFA Outings
- Bluegill Outing
- Trout Outing

Bluegill Outing

By Dan Peterson

Well, it was another successful Bluegill Outing this year. About 14 people showed up May 15-17, 2015, at Lacey Keosauqua State Park to camp, fish, socialize, and eat. We had the options of fishing the Tug Ford ponds, the small lake at the park, or the big Lake Sugema.

My friend Steve, my son Alex, and I got on the big lake on Friday where we immediately got into some bluegill beds; cast after cast yielded some nice gills with a few crappies thrown in. We went along the shore picking a few off of each bed. Then the sky started to darken with thunder heard off in the distance. We headed to the boat ramp and then to the fish-cleaning station with our 49 bluegills and 9 crappie. After supper the rain stopped, so we headed to the little lake in the park and got 15 more fish. Later, we went to Steve Veysey’s one-man guitar concert and spent the evening around his campfire.

On Saturday morning it was one of those “every cast a fish” things again. We began to get concerned we were over our limit so we started to throw them back. Around 10:00, we came back to get ready for the noon fish fry, cleaned another 60 fish, and headed to camp. Others brought fish they had caught, so we had enough to feed everyone. Dishes of wonderful food were provided, and the feast was on. Steve and I cooked the fish and filled pan after pan with fresh bluegill.

Alex, Kate, and I later headed back out to the big lake. Now, if any of you fish that lake, you know that if the weather turns bad you can’t just make a mad rush for the shore. So we fished longer, and everyone brought fish to add to the 131 bluegills and 49 crappie collected. We thought we might not have enough to feed everyone but the campers brought more food so that we could have a wonderful Sunday meal around the campfire.

Trout Outing

The annual HFFA/Spring Creeks TU Trout Outing was held September 25-27th this year with camping at the usual Upper Iowa Resort & Campground, Dorchester.

Mostly everyone who attended fly fished and caught trout. A few anglers ventured out at dusk in hopes of timing a visit to the Upper Iowa River with the elusive white fly hatch - a hatch rumored to make the water’s surface appear laced with snow. Jeff Moore landed a rainbow during an uninspired hatch. Anglers had better luck on French, N. Bear, and Coldwater streams. Instead of a group afternoon meal, anglers fished longer and gathered together at the nightly campfire.
Central Park Lake Restoration
Central Park’s Lake Restoration work was in full swing again this summer as the tell-tale sounds of squeaking, beeping and clanking dozers and back hoes drifted through the park. Equipment operators diligently worked to build a wetland on the southern portion and a pond on the western portion of the park, known as the Pearson addition. Construction of both structures required the total movement of over 29,000 cubic yards of soil, equivalent to 2,030 dump truck loads.

Over the past several years, Jones County Conservation has been working to repair the watershed feeding Central Park Lake. Central Park Lake is a 24-acre lake built in the mid-1960s. Located in the center of Jones County, it is the hub of the county and surrounding area for camping, hiking, paddling, and fishing.

All habitat components planned for the lake model successful methods utilized across the state, including rock reefs, spawning areas, catfish hotels, stake beds, and pallet structures. The goal of each of these habitat components is to create habitat diversity throughout the lake’s basin. This will ensure quality plant and macro-invertebrate production, structural diversity for fish to hide and feed in, and angling diversity whether from a boat or shoreline.

Maintaining a healthy lake and fish population at Central Park is important to the nearly 60,000 annual park visitors. Only with help from many individuals, conservation organizations, and agencies can we achieve this goal. Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association, in addition to the Iowa DNR’s Fish Habitat and Lake Restoration Programs, are leaders in assisting the Jones County Conservation Board with funding the in-lake portion of the restoration project. (The photo above is a scenic view of Central Park Lake. Photo on right depicts the West Pond core trench installation. Photos & text courtesy of Jones County Conservation Board)

Paint Creek Valley Addition
It was a perfect day in Northeast Iowa in many ways. The week’s rainy weather took a rain check. A breeze kept any gnats and mosquitoes at bay. There were cerulean warblers in the trees and trout in Paint Creek. There was also a large crowd of excited people at the dedication of the Paint Creek Valley Addition, a 368-acre expansion to Yellow River State Forest. The dedication, held on May 7, 2015, celebrated a project more than a decade in the making. The addition opens to the public 2.1 miles of Paint Creek, which has a good population of wild brown trout and easy access for fishing. The site also contains one of Iowa’s largest algific talus slopes, supporting a large population of Canada yew and the federally threatened northern monkshood; it preserves critical habitat for neotropical migratory birds, including the cerulean warblers.

The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF) spearheaded this project and brought many of the supporting groups together, thanking many of the individuals and organizations that made the expansion possible, including the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association. Tom Murray, who was representing Iowa Driftless Chapter TU and is also an HFFA member, said, “We just love this area. Two miles of trout stream open to the public forever is huge. We are delighted to get 200 yards, let alone 2 miles.” (Photo & text courtesy of INHF)
Kelly continued…

Creek, its water is sterile and the climate harsh. We learned that the population of huge trout was small, grew slowly, and they were relatively easy to catch. The state used this information to declare Talarik a catch and release fishery, and today it continues to provide outstanding angling.

I urge HFFA members to fish Kelly Creek and tempt its cutthroats, bull trout, and whitefish. My favorite stretch is upstream from the mouth of Moose Creek. Walking is the only way to access it, but the trail is not strenuous and bisects gorgeous scenery. Moose and Cayuse Creeks also provide outstanding angling.

Bluegill continued…

the boat dock. There are a lot of stumps just under the water that can high center you or take off the lower part of your motor. Well, guess what? It rained big time so we put on rain gear and fished right through it… Fifteen fish later, we headed in and friends, John and Cheryl, invited us over for the evening. John got a load of wood that even stumped “Pyrotechnic Lance” to get burning. After messing around with different fire starters, we had a nice campfire. The group started out big, but one by one, people dozed off or headed to their campers.

Sometime in the night a storm blew in and we got a lot of rain. The next morning we had a communal breakfast that hit the spot. Most of us packed up and left as the wind had picked up and it would have been difficult to have good boat control.

So, it was another memorable Bluegill Outing with good friends and good food. I am not sure where it will be held next year, but I hope to see you all there.

Profile continued…

Without question, this is the only magazine I’ve ever subscribed to of which I enjoy every issue.


What’s your favorite fly fishing book or author? Books: The River Why. Also, Trout Fishing Strategy and Trout Bum. Authors: Ted Williams (not the baseball player), Lefty Kreh, Gary LaFontaine, Ernest Schwiebert, Vincent Marinaro, and Charles Brooks. All of these authors and books moved me in substantial ways.

What do you like best about HFFA? It’s an organization that does things. It’s a conduit for fly fishers to have a real, positive effect on the fisheries they love.

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