



River Rap

Roubidoux Fly Fishers Association
January 2012

Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

Hello All!

Are we not having one of the mildest winters in recent memory? Almost scary mild as a matter of fact. We sure could use some snow to add water to the lakes and rivers and a good freeze to get rid of some of those pesky critters - ticks and chiggers.

We have one outing coming up this Saturday to Meramec Spring Park - meet up in the farthest parking lot around 8:00 or so. (Smallies should have come up into the park so it might be worth a walk down to the far end - just ask Todd.)

Our regular meeting will be the 15th at Towne Suites here in St Robert starting at 6:30. We'll probably have a fly tying DVD for the program and I'll have the upcoming Outing Schedule.

Our next outing is 26 Feb on the Niangua River at the Bennett Springs Access, meet up around 8:00. If you don't know where that is, check the MDC site or the easiest way I know is go to Bennett Springs, drive all the way thru (but don't stop to fish cause it's closed for the season) come out on 64 and turn left, cross the big bridge over the Niangua, then take the first right. We'll be down by the canoe launch.

Now speaking of the outing schedule - any requests? Todd has asked for more ponds/lakes so he can launch his boat thingy (and I think we can accommodate that plus bank anglers at a few places) - any other requests? Belize? Float trips? More bluegill and less trout? Please let me know by the 10th, thank you.

And when we speak of the Outing Schedule we might as well bring up the meeting schedule. Any ideas? Would anyone like to present a program on tying flies, or a location they've gone to or a new technique they have learned, or ? Do we want to do the May meeting in the park and have a burgers and brats along with some casting like we have in the past? How about the November meeting - we usually roll that right into Freeze Your Trout Off , and only have one outing/meeting - any objections?

And a few other things we need to bat around - and in no particular order (we'll discuss further at the meeting on the 15th) Stream Clean Up; banquet; new member recruitment; getting some of the old members back.

Good luck with all your fishing endeavors!

Tightlines!

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Recycle - Practice Catch & Release!



Streamside News and Fishing Reports

[Send your fishing reports to Max]

Here's some news to boil your crawdads—Steve Lueke was down at Rim Shoals a short while back. The picture was taken at the head of the riffle at the public walk-in access. If this doesn't boil your crawdads at least it should frost your pop-tarts!

“Here is a 21" Rainbow I caught at Rim Shoals today [15 Jan 2012]. Fishing with my son Matt. We have a guide trip scheduled for Tuesday, we will streamer fish for Trophy Browns. Wish you were here.....**Steve Luecke**



Flyrod Six fished Mill Creek on Monday and ran into an old friend, a guy named Mark Zubrick. He used to be the fisheries biologist on the Fort, He's semi-retired, just doing some part-time work for the Forest Service during the summers. He reported only hitting some dinks in Mill Creek, Flyrod Six got skunked.

Fished the Roubidoux today (21 Jan). Had one rainbow about 12"...just your basic stocker, with nothing special in either girth or color. The fly was a BH Wooly in medium olive.

Fishing with Brits: Had an odd thing happen last week. At the regular Thursday morning international officers' coffee klatch one of the Britishers mentioned that he had been in contact with his replacement. The incoming fellow mentioned that he's a hardcore angler and was looking forward to fishing the States. The current guy replied that there is a guy at Fort Leonard Wood who teaches fly fishing and works with the Wounded Warrior program and he could hook the new fellow up when he comes over. The new guy proceeded to describe Flyrod Six (size, moustache, association with Project Healing Waters, etc) and said he had seen Fr Six on the British television. The only thing that comes to mind is that a couple of years ago one of the sports channels or National Geographic (not sure which) had done a half-hour show about the Healing Waters efforts and there might be some footage therein. The show was shot at Rim Shoals.



We owe, we owe, it's off to fish we go.... It's that time of year again! Dues are due. The club's address is PO Box 76, Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473. No change, it's still just twenty bucks!

FYI, we have \$1800 and change in the club's account. Two things come to mind:

1. Do we want to do a banquet? We're good on money, but we're short on socializing. And, there's an offer from Just Fishing Guides to do a program. Opinions are welcome! An offer to head it up would be very welcome.
2. Should we use some of the money for a conservation-related donation along the lines of the tire fund we fronted for the State? Ideas are welcome!

Project Healing Waters

Preliminary scheduling has begun for a Tying 101 class to start in late February. Then in April we'll follow it with Fly Fishing 101. Actual dates have not been locked in.



In memory of Jake, 20 Dec 2011