



River Rap

Roubidoux Fly Fishers Association
May 2011

Upcoming Events to Note on Your Calendar

Charlie Reading's annual expo is this Memorial Day weekend. Come tie as a representative of the club, get in on the free raffles, try a bunch of new rods, maybe get some help with the backcast you've been screwing up lately. Charlie has always been a friend to our club—let's support him in return!

Tyin' & Lyin' is on 21 June. What fly tying or fishing for that matter has to do with the summer solstice I have not a clue.



Streamside News and Fishing Reports

[Send your fishing reports to Max]

The May club meeting was a little sparse. Only Todd, Max and Bill Blunt showed up. The weather was just short of unpleasant and the Roubidoux was up and running but that didn't stop Todd from demonstrating the Japanese Tenkara rod, flies and techniques. Verrrry interesting....

Rinquelin Lake –

We had a good turn out for our first of the year outing to Rinquelin Trail Lake in spite of the weather. Max, David, Todd, Lou and a guest angler Sharon from over in Springfield hit the water, hoping to catch the blues (as in bluegill) on the beds. Well we came pretty close, While David and Max hit the dam face pretty hard for largemouth bass, Todd, Sharon and Lou hit the timber on the far side for the bream. Todd even scored a bunch of crappie! All in all, a pretty good days fishing.

Mill Creek

What a great morning on Mill Creek! The clouds threatened rain all morning, but held off till Bill and I were done fishing for the day. A few good hits were all we saw of the big ones, but the par were very cooperative, hitting often, missing even more often. And talk about beautiful I wouldn't want to be the judge in a beauty contest between any bream in spawning colors and a rainbow trout still in par marks. The whopper trout of the day was a 12"! Last fish caught was a good sized chub Bill caught in a fast riffle.

Tightlines!

Lou

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Crane Creek

Fished it last Wednesday and it was pretty tough as usual. Kicked out two smaller but teen-age or adult fish but only landed the usual parr, and only one of those. The working fly was a size ten olive swimming leech. In addition to the parr Flyrod Six had two bumps that he missed in his usual ham-handed fashion. Anyway, that still counts toward his attempt to be the first to “officially” have success on all eight Missouri wild trout streams. Now all that’s left is the Eleven Point....

And now for something completely different--

Our newest member, Dave Chalk, got a nice surprise recently. A benefactor for Project Healing Waters called John Richerson down in Springfield and said he wanted to donate a bamboo rod to an active duty service member. Since Dave was the only one in John’s PHW program Dave got the luck of the draw. He brought his new toy to Flyrod Six’s house for a trial run on the grass. It appears to be a brand new rod from what we think is the Zhu Flyfishing Company of China. The finish is exquisite and it casts like a dream. It appears to be a five weight, but if anybody has a four double taper Dave would like to try it. It came in an aluminum and brass tube, is dressed in a special rod sock (see photo) and has Dave’s name on the bottom section and his initials inscribed on the two tip sections. Gorgeous!!!

Flyrod Six has been working with a British friend who, to control his boredom, ordered a couple of old ‘boo rods off of Ebay as a refinishing project. Then he was given a 1933 Hardy—followed by buying some antique reels off Ebay. One reel is mahogany and brass; the other two are old Hardy’s. Bear in mind that this guy doesn’t even fish....He did a nice job re-wrapping the old sticks, basically learning the technique from a book!

Since Bill Blunt recently managed to get some kind of shady-sounding deal from Tommy Hargrove on a nice bamboo that a couple of us got a chance to waggle at the meeting, all of a sudden Flyrod Six has the ‘boo bug and has been haunting Ebay. It looks like we may have a growing sub-set of grass rod wavers in the club.

They’re here!! As this is being typed out on the back deck the cicadas have started their infernal noise. Get your big black surface flies out and get ‘em wet! *News flash*—the pea-size hail and tornado sirens that just sounded appears to have shut them up, at least temporarily.

Pictures—





Many thanks to Sam Potter. He has renewed the contracts for the website and generously paid for the costs as a donation to the club.