



# The *Flyline*

The Newsletter of the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association

June, 2021



Spring Clean-up Sponsored by Driftless TU  
L to R; Jody Millar, Steve Perry, Steve Matter, Lisa Davis, Kate Lodge, Royce Thompson, and Tom Murray  
Not in Photo; Tom Rhodes, Chris Wasta, Scott Rogers, Dan Bart, Mike Bullock and Gary Buresh  
Buddy in foreground was there for morale support and treats!  
Photo by Gary Buresh



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# The President's Hatch

As I write this, it is May 19<sup>th</sup>, and I am probably late getting it to the "Flyline" editor. But it is also the usual week of the HFFA Bluegill Outing, which due to the Pandemic, won't happen for the second year in a row. At the 2020 HFFA show, I ordered a Kayak so that I could go to the Bluegill Outing and join in all of the fun. It is a Jackson Kayak, "Mayfly," that is specifically designed for fly fishing. Although I had four canoes, two solo and two tandem, I need the back rest that the "Mayfly" provides. It even has an adjustable lumbar support. By the way, I now have only two tandem canoes, as I traded the two solo canoes for a kayak for my granddaughter. It's a sit-on-top that can be used for fishing or just fun. We are ready for the 2022 Bluegill outing.



John Carl Miller

A lot has been happening within the HFFA lately. Seems a year went by with no pressure at any given time (acquiring the Yellow River easement was a joy to work on), but this last week things came to a boil.

First, many members sent their dues in, only to have their envelopes returned. It seems that there was a piece of mail that had postage due. The post office put a reminder into the PO Box, the very one that Brad hasn't had time to check regularly. After a short period of time, they locked the box and returned all mail. When Brad went to check the mail box, his key wouldn't open the box. Sensing that something was up, he went to the window and got the story. He paid the overdue postage (probably 10 cents), and then got the mail

that had been delivered prior to the lock-up. Things are back to normal now.

Second, HFFA's insurance carrier no longer insures clubs. Of course, as things normally happen, we got the notice about a week after our insurance policy ended. I asked the board to cancel all events (luckily, not a lot happening now) until we were again insured. Brad has been working sixty plus hours every week for a long time now, so I said I would handle this issue. After many phone calls to a wonderful FFI person, we were able to get a policy with the FFI. This had to be a rush, as the Dubuque Fly Fishers had agreed (months ago, subject to participants being vaccinated) to do two programs for the HFFA, the one scheduled to occur on May 21<sup>st</sup>, but cancelled yesterday, and the other to occur on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Brad sent the check two days ago, so we should be insured as I write this.

And finally some great news. The DNR is doing a stream restoration on Little Paint Creek within the campground in Yellow River State Forest and asked for a grant of \$2,150.00 from the HFFA. The board unanimously agreed to fund the restoration. I can't wait to go up there and see their work. If there was ever an area that can use the help, it is that stream. The banks are steep, causing erosion, and to top that off, it is a very heavily fished stream (mostly by campers, but also by some of us too).

Unfortunately, the Yellow River easement will not have a sign this summer. We had lined up a school that was willing to produce one using CNC equipment, but, having taught Industrial Education, I know that the shop has closed down by now for clean-up and preparation for the summer. I asked the board for a volunteer to design an appropriate sign, but got no volunteers. My father supplemented his Coop income by lettering signs (he had very good artistic skills), but sadly, I did not inherit any of his artistic ability or skill. We will work on this one next Fall.

John

## For Sale

Tony Bever, Life Member  
Dental Cabinet  
Great Storage for Flies and Materials  
Bever123456@msn.com  
Marion, Iowa



## Help Support

Port-a-Potties at N&S Bear Creeks  
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## Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

Meets 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Month  
5:30 pm

VA Central Iowa Health System  
Behavioral Health Bldg 6M RM204  
Des Moines, IA

Contact: Dale Sanders  
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## Quad Cities Chapter

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 6:00 pm  
October to May

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 6:00 pm June to  
September

Riverdale Fire Station, 110 Manor  
Drive, Riverdale, IA

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## Dubuque Fly Fishers

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 7:00 pm  
October to May

Swiss Valley Nature Center  
13606 Swiss Valley Rd., Dubuque,  
IA

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## Central Iowa Fly Fishers

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 9:00 am Sep-  
tember to May

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart  
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## TROUT UNLIMITED NORTH BEAR CHAPTER

Meetings held second Thursday  
of month

September – May, Starting at  
6:30 pm.

The Tavern Pizza & Pasta Grill  
1755 50th St.

West Des Moines, IA

Website: tu-northbear.org

Jason Hochstetler - President  
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## TROUT UNLIMITED DRIFTLESS CHAPTER

Meets the first Thursday of the  
month October through May @

7:00 pm in the basement of

T-Bocks Sports Bar and Grill,  
206 Water St. Decorah

www.iadriftless.org

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## Iowa Women Fly Fishers

Beginner or Skilled

Meet other Women Fly Fishers

Des Moines or North Liberty

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## Trout Unlimited

### Spring Creeks Chapter

Ryan Maas – President

Check Their Web Site

www.tu-springcreeks.org

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## Iowa's Coldwater

### Conservancy

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# Event Calendar

<p><b>Check with local contact on events. Things are getting better!</b></p> <p><b>June 2021</b></p> <p><b>July 2021</b></p> <p>July 31 <b>Deadline for State Fair Tying Contest</b> State Fair Administration P.O. Box 57130 Des Moines, Iowa 50317</p> <p><b>August 2021</b></p> <p><b>September 2021</b></p> <p>September ? <b>7th Annual Brule River Spey Day</b> Lake Superior Steelhead Assn. Brule River @ McNeil House Brule, WI www.Steelheaders.org</p> <p>September ? <b>Driftless TU Cleanup Day</b> <b>Details unclear at this time</b> Steve Perry steve.perry1267@gmail.com 641-583-1604</p> <p>September ? <b>HFFA – Iowa DNR Work Day</b> Manchester Trout Hatchery 22693 205th Ave., Manchester, IA Hank Moeller hankjmoe@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>October 2021</b></p> <p>October 1 - 3 <b>4th Annual Driftless Flyathon</b> Yellow River State Forest Registration May 1 65 positions available runningrivers.org</p> <p>October 1 - 3 <b>2021 Casting for Recovery IA</b> Camp Ewalu's Stone Retreat Center Strawberry Point, IA 52076 norrisk@ihanoline.org</p> <p><b>November 2021</b></p> <p>November 5 - 7 <b>Fly Fishing International Virtual Expo 2021</b> info@flyfishersinternational.org</p> <p><b>December 2021</b></p> <p><b>January 2022</b></p> <p>January ? <b>Southern Wisconsin TU Icebreaker</b> American Family Insurance Madison, WI www.swtu.org</p> <p><b>February 2022</b></p> <p>February 12 <b>Badger Fly Fishers Fly Fishing Spring Opener</b> American Family Insurance Madison, WI www.badgerflyfishers.com</p> <p>February ? <b>Wisconsin TU Council Banquet</b> Oshkosh, WI Scott Allen jscottallen12@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>March 2022</b></p> <p>March 11 - 13 <b>HFFA Annual Fly Fishing Show</b> Martin Acerbo macerbo@iastate.edu</p> <p>March 18 - 20 <b>Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo</b> Hamline University St. Paul, MN info@greatwatersflyexpo.com</p> <p><b>Please help me out with alerting folks of your upcoming events. I check your web sites but it does take time. Thanks Don</b></p>
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**Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association  
Membership Application**

New                       Renewal                       Change of Address Information

**Check Membership Category:**                      **Conservation Contribution:**

\$25 Member                       \$10 (Glass)

\$10 Youth Member (18 and under)                       \$20 (Graphite)

\$15 Senior Member (65 or older)                       \$30 (Boron)

\$45 Family Membership                       \$..... (Cane, over \$50)

\$300 Life Member

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to & mail to:**  
Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association  
P.O. Box 8145  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52408

# HFFA Business Report

**Editor's Note: This is the letter sent to the DNR supported by the Board of Directors of HFFA**

May 24, 2021

Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Wallace State Office Building  
502 East 9th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
Email: Kayla.Lyon@dnr.iowa.gov

Re: Supreme Beef NMP and Departmental Evaluation

Dear Director Lyon:

As part of public comments submitted regarding the Supreme Beef Nutrient Management Plan, many Iowans wrote passionately about the truly unique and environmentally sensitive nature of Bloody Run Creek and surrounding watersheds. This area of Karst geology contains cold water trout streams, Outstanding Iowa Waters, spring creeks, limestone bluffs, algific talus slopes, and many other wonderful features. Along with this great beauty comes danger. There are thousands of identified sinkholes and uncountable fissures and crevices in exposed and barely hidden fractured limestone and dolomite that are direct conduits from the surface to the shallow spring-laden aquifer below. Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has a duty to protect Iowa water and landscapes from contamination that threatens public health and livelihoods. Some agricultural operations subject to DNR's permitting authority must be restricted from areas where the risk posed to water quality and the environment is just too high.

Several commenters specifically discussed the authority granted to DNR under 567 IAC 65.5(3) and IAC 65.103(5) to conduct a "departmental evaluation," which would provide special protection to environmentally exceptional areas when reviewing proposed CAFO construction projects and NMPs and MMPs. This authority is sometimes referred to as the "Director's Discretion Rule."

In the April 2 "Summary of Comments" the agency response on this issue states "DNR has reviewed the NMP and it meets the requirements of the regulations." No further explanation was given. Respectfully, the purpose of the Director's Discretion Rule is to allow the Department to look beyond specific requirements and conduct an evaluation pursuant to this subrule to holistically determine the potential adverse effects on natural resources or the environment. The response to our comments on this issue did not do that.

We the undersigned request that the Department conduct such an evaluation based upon the factors listed in 567 IAC 65.103(5), make public those findings, and present a decision. Those factors include:

- The likelihood open feedlot effluent will be applied to frozen or snow-covered cropland.
- The proximity of the open feedlot operation structures or open feedlot effluent application areas to sensitive areas, including but not limited to publicly owned land, designated areas, trout streams and karst terrain.
- Topography, slope, vegetation, potential means or routes of conveyance of open feedlot effluent spilled or land applied.
- Application areas involve cropland with predominant slopes greater than 9 percent without a conservation plan approved by the local soil and water conservation district or its equivalent.
- Whether open feedlot effluent for land application is hauled or otherwise transported more than five miles.
- Open feedlot effluent from the operation will cause pollution of a water of the state. Open feedlot effluent from the operation will cause a violation of state water quality standards.
- An adverse effect on natural resources or the environment will occur in a specific area due to the current concentration of animal feeding operations or the associated open feedlot effluent application areas.

We are aware that the Administrative Rules Review Committee placed an objection on the two separate sections of 567 IAC Chapter 65 that enumerate the Director's Discretion rule for confinement-based CAFOs (IAC 65.5(3)) and open feedlot-based CAFOs (IAC 65.103(5)). This does not invalidate the rule. Moreover, the ARRC rationale states that the Master Matrix review process is the correct forum to review environmental factors for the decision to approve or deny a proposed facility. This only applies to confinement-based CAFOs. The Master Matrix review process does not apply to open feedlot-based CAFOs, and there is no equivalent review process other than that contained in IAC 65.103(5) that can be used to explicitly protect environmentally sensitive areas. The Department should undertake this evaluation consistent with the factors listed in the rule.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Sincerely,

Signatories found on next page.

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Iowa Environmental Council  
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Steve Veysey, retired Iowa State University chemist  
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State Representative Bruce Hunter  
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State Senator Claire A. Celsi  
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Trout Unlimited Driftless Chapter  
Trout Unlimited Spring Creeks Chapter  
Trout Unlimited North Bear Chapter  
Trout Unlimited MoKan Chapter  
Trout Unlimited TU 710 Nebraska Chapter  
Trout Unlimited Twin Cities Chapter  
Trout Unlimited Lee Wulff  
Iowa Farmers Union  
Iowa Organic Association  
Iowa Audubon  
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Supreme Beef 4-21-2021 with 38+ million gallon fabric lined lagoon.  
Photo by Larry Stone

# *Fly Tying Contest 2021 Iowa State Fair*

*by Larry Murphy*

It appears there will be a 2021 Iowa State Fair. So, we will be holding the Fly Tying competition. I am sure everyone has practiced tying their favorite flies and are willing to enter them in the state contest.

The Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association will again be sponsoring the Fly Tying competition at this year's Iowa State Fair. The competition is supported by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Iowa State Fair. The goal is to provide an opportunity for the public to view the art of fly tying and to promote fly fishing in Iowa.

This year's fair will be held from August 12th through the 22nd. The fly tying display will be in the DNR Building on the fairgrounds during the fair. The judging is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the DNR Building. See photo of Keith Wunder, Paul Domoto, and Dave Rosset below.

**Fly entries need to be received at the Fair Administration post box by July 31, 2021.**

There are three divisions

- Adult division is for anyone **17 years of age and older.**
- Junior division is for anyone **16 years and younger.**
- Expert division for tiers who have **sold flies.**

There are four categories for each division. The categories are the following:

- Dry Fly
- Wet Fly/Soft Hackle/Nymph
- Streamers
- Open Class

You may enter in each of the categories, but only **one fly for each category.** **No flies smaller than size #18. No flies larger than size #2.**

To enter you must be an Iowa resident or a member of the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association. **If you have ever tied flies commercially or sold the flies that you have tied, you must enter the Expert Division.** If you won a blue ribbon for one of the categories last year, you are not permitted to enter the same category this year.

The Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association will provide judges for the competition. Ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Each fly will be judged in its category. In our contest, a panel of judges will chose the places in each category and division. The visitors to the state fair will see the flies displayed in the DNR Building

Flies must be sent to the Iowa State Fair Administration Office, P.O. Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317 and received by July 31, 2021. Each fly entered must have the **Fly Tier's name, address, telephone number, name of the fly, division to be entered and the category.** **Junior division entries must state the age of the fly tier.**

*Larry*



# *Skunk River Low-Head Dam Modification Project*

*By Steve Veysey*

Low-head dams, often a remnant of needs long past, have restricted fish passage and caused safety concerns for paddlers on too many Iowa rivers, for far too long. The Skunk River dam in Ames was actually installed in 1980 specifically to pool the river and provide continuous replenishment of the shallow aquifer directly below that provides drinking water for a community of 50,000+ residents. An ingenious solution, but one with unintended consequences. The Skunk has seen its share of deaths and near-misses due to this and other low-head dams. And the fish were stuck. Nothing could migrate upstream. There was no connectivity.

Starting more than a decade ago, the City of Ames took the advice of a consortium of paddler groups and anglers, including HFFA, to move forward with an ambitious project to convert the low-head dam into a paddler friendly, and fish friendly mini-whitewater. Think Charles City whitewater park on the Cedar River. Think City of Manchester whitewater park on the Maquoketa. Just smaller. We were part of the original funding applications to DNR and various federal programs. I think we originally pledged \$2000 and a bunch of in-kind man hours if the City decided to have workdays for the project, which they never did. Years passed and for many reasons the project just couldn't seem to get off the ground. I remember going sheepishly to the Board every few years to remind them of the original commitment and to ask if they would please renew said commitment. They always did. Well finally I have a deliverable. It's done! The ribbon cutting ceremony was May 1st, and HFFA's contribution is forever acknowledged, along with several other groups, on a bronze plaque to be located in the park.

The fishing pressure has always been high in this spot, a beautiful city park with gorgeous scenery, but I've generally been able to catch a few bass upstream of the dam and along the far shore. It helps if you're in a kayak or can cast a REALLY long line. So it's not the place to come expecting to have a great fishing day...

*Steve*



On left, Steve and Teri Veysey representing HFFA at ribbon cutting ceremony  
Finished project ,above

# *Bushwhacking Big Blue Gills*

*by Tony Humeston*

Southern Iowa summertime with a soft breeze teasing the lake. It cools my bent back. For I am scrunched over rowing a wooden Jon boat. My Uncle Jim, armed with his bamboo Shakespeare nine-foot, five weight, sits in the bow. Mid-morning is coming on; the surface bite is slowing; the super-sized bluegill is fleeing the bright sunlight.

A short cast away from the dock, Uncle Jim signals for me to stop. I gladly quit rowing and wonder why he's lowering the anchor. Jim presses his index finger to his lips and points to the gap between the dock's floor and the lake's surface. I still don't get it. A delicate cast of the Shakespeare and his yellow popper softly kisses the water just off the end of the dock. I watch while the breeze and wave action herds the popper towards the shadow under the dock. Now I get it. "There's always big 'gills laying in the shade under the dock. I've never known of a way to present a lure under there without spooking the fish".

An eon later, the popper disappears into the shadows. Uncle Jim waits what seems to be forever and jerks the popper. All hell broke loose. Water splattered, something slapped the dock's post, Jim horses the fish into open water. An exciting minute later, I am netting a ten-inch male blue gill. A beautiful fish with an almost ebony back, sparkling delicate shades of blue on its gills and a rose gorget for a chin. "Put him back," Jim said. "We need that fish in the gene pool."

With that success behind us, Jim fishes the face of the dam. Now the dam is about a football field length long, studded with rocks, and over-grown with brush that shades the dam's face. Jim tries his approach which is to let the lure float under the over hang-branches and into the shadows. He catches some dandy 'gills all of which he releases. Uncle Jim's little gimmick works, folks. Try it, before the morning sun chases you off the lake.

*Tony*



Bluegills fight hard and taste good.  
Photo by Don Otto

# *HFFA - Birth of the Organization II*

*by Mike Jacobs*

The 9th Annual meeting of the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association was held on the weekend of February 19-20, 1983, at the Cedar Rapids Holiday Inn/Holidome. Mike Lawson and Bob Jacklin were the featured speakers for the meeting. This meeting marked the first time that the club had brought in two featured speakers for an annual meeting. Officers and Directors elected at the meeting were President: Ken Arp, Vice President: Mick McVey, Treasurer: Mike Jacobs, Secretary: Mike Lewellen, Directors: Jack Rigler, Jamie Lock, Ed Gibson, Ed Powell. Total membership as of March, 1983 was 62 members (again several renewals were not in). Net income for the 1983 annual meeting was \$1616.10, second largest annual meeting net to date.

At the board meeting on May 22, 1983 the board has decided to quit actively seeking a trout stream for the club. Reasons cited were that we were not sure that the club as a whole, wants a trout stream, and we seriously question our ability to improve a trout stream with our present resources. Cost and manpower were two of the important deciding factors.

The September, 1983 issue was the last Flyline issue under direction of Editor Ed Powell, who needed to devote more time to his new duties in his Professor's position at Iowa State University. Mike Jacobs takes over as Fly line Editor as of November, 1983 issue.

By late in the year, 1983, plans were well under way for the 1984 Annual Meeting. Conclave chairpersons Don Davis and Mike Jacobs had lined up Gary LaFontaine and Larry Dahlberg as guest speakers.

On January 13, 1984, Larry Dahlberg informed us that he would not be able to keep our engagement for the annual meeting. Tom Nixon was lined up as our second guest speaker for the meeting.

The 10th Annual meeting of the HFFA was held on the weekend of February 18 and 19, 1984, at the Holiday Inn/Conway Civic Center in Waterloo, Iowa. Guest speakers were Tom Nixon and Gary LaFontaine. Net income for the meeting was \$393.89, and there were 77 total members as of February, 1984. The new slate of officers elected was President: Mick McVey, Vice President: Jeff Green, Treasurer: Mike Jacobs, Secretary: Mike Lewellen, Directors: Jamie Locke, Frank Potter, Dick Philipchuk, and Ed Gibson. At the annual business meeting, Mike Jacobs reported to the membership that he and Ken Arp had invested \$1,500.00 for the club into an 18 month certificate, which leaves the club treasury currently at \$1,800.00 to \$2,000.00. Jack Rigler moved that the club invest up to \$1,000.00 for a video tape library. Seconded and passed unanimously. Vic Gibson suggested incentives to attract more people to the workdays. The board was left to work this suggestion out.

During 1984, President McVey set the HFFA on an aggressive campaign to attract new membership. An aggressive membership drive was implemented, and fly tying and fly casting clinics were set up in each major population area.

The summer meeting for 1984 was held at Backbone State Park, a totally new location from past summer meetings which had been held at county park lakes.

The club purchased the first tapes were "Wet and Nymph Fishing" and "Dry Fly Fishing", both by Bob Jacklin. Mike Jacobs had also been working with Scientific Anglers to be able to purchase six of their fly fishing videos. As of July, 1984, the video club was firmly in place with a total of 8 tapes available to club members. The first video checkout form was printed in the July/August 1984 issue of the Flyline.

Inaugural attempts to organize the club into smaller local chapters or cells took place in the summer of 1984. Several local chapters were formed from these initial attempts, and several remain active today including the Quad Cities, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines/Ames.

There was an interest expressed by club members in the club sponsoring fishing trips: Mick McVey researched the idea and had plans rolling for a Boundary Waters trip for 1985.

Also, in 1984 the first attempts to attract more workers to stream improvement days by giving away gift certificates were initiated. I think the general consensus was that this incentive did help attract more workers, and this incentive is still in use today.

For the first time ever, the club used an Apple HE computer in requesting donations for the 1985 annual meeting. The club sent out over 200 request letters, and received a very good response. Also, much work had already been going on in preparation for Annual Meeting 1985, and guest speakers Doug Swisher and Dave Engerbretson had been lined up.

Three days before the 11th Annual Meeting, Dave Engerbretson, who was to have been one of our featured speakers, informed Mick McVey that he was too sick to be able to attend. Conclave Chairpersons McVey and Jacobs did some last-minute scrambling and were able to line up fly fishing personality, Michael Fong.

February 24-25, 1985 were the dates of the HFFA 11th annual meeting, which was held in Cedar Rapids, at the Holiday Inn Holidome. As it turns out, Michael Fong was one of the great hits of the meeting. Persons elected to Officer/Director positions at the annual meeting were President: Mike Jacobs, Vice President: Jeff Green, Treasurer: Rick Fulton, Secretary: Dick Pilipchuk, and Directors Frank Potter, Denny Redmond, Ed Gibson, and Ken Arp.

Again the 1985 Annual Meeting was a great success, netting \$1010.49 in working funds for the club. At the business meeting, the first suggestions for an HFFA club banner were brought up by Frank Potter. Mike Jacobs volunteered his wife, Carol, for the project.

Early in 1985, Mike Jacobs sent out postcards to all club members, as part of a Favorite Fly Survey.

In March of 1985, Treasurer Rick Fulton had to resign his position because of job relocation to the Denver, Colorado area. John Tone was voted in as the new HFFA treasurer. Total membership stood at 95.

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Feeling the need for more club activities throughout the year, President Mike Jacobs initiated the first club "Trouting Outing" and scheduled the event for August 10-11, 1985. Torrential rains and frequent bolts of lightning marked the Friday night opener of the outing, but Saturday morning was just beautiful. After a hard day of fishing on Saturday, the group arrived back in camp with McVey complaining of sore feet, and Jacobs being the top fisherman on the Root River with four fish and several "long releases". Ray Palmateer was back in camp Saturday night with several nice Rainbows that he claimed were caught on Waterloo and French creeks. Somebody suggested that Ray had brought the same fish to a previous outing. The first annual Trouting Outing was a great success. The rallying cry from participants, to those of you who missed the outing was "If you missed the chance to see Ray's fish, you will have another chance in '86".

In the September/October 1985 Flyline, Jacobs outlined for club members some of the activity that had been going on in the club, and asked for input from club members, pro or con. First, HFFA had been asked to join the Quad Cities Conservation Alliance. Also, Jacobs had noticed the program "Turn in Poachers" had been initiated in Iowa and he and other board members felt that it should be considered if we should join T.I.P. as a sponsoring member.

Also, as of the Sept./Oct. Flyline, it was announced that HFFA would have another aggressive membership drive to attract new members.

The First Quad Cities Open House meeting for all club members occurred on Saturday, October 19, 1985, and was considered a great success, attracting members from many areas of Iowa and Illinois.

After receiving suggestions from several members, especially Nate Hopkins, Jacobs recommended that the club make available to the members, an official club jacket. This action was approved by the board, and Hopkins was placed in charge of getting the jackets made. These club jackets were first made available to club members at the 1986 annual meeting.

HFFA did join the Quad Cities Conservation Alliance in late 1985, and also became a sponsoring member of T.I.P. of Iowa in late 1985.

The 12th Annual Meeting of the HFFA occurred on the weekend of February 15-16, 1986, at the Ramada Hotel, in Waterloo, Iowa. Guest speakers for this meeting were the Rev. Dan Abrams, Chuck and Sharon Tryon, and Tom Yates. The unveiling of the club banner, made by Carol Jacobs, took place at this meeting and was very well received by the membership. Thank you also goes to John Tone and Mike Jacobs who made the frame that holds the banner. Officers and Directors elected for 1986 were President: Mike Jacobs, Vice President: Jeff Green, Treasurer: John Tone, Secretary: Dick Pilipchuk, and Directors: Frank Potter, Denny Redmond, Ed Gibson, and Ken Arp. Net proceeds from the annual meeting were again excellent, \$873.01. Membership had jumped to 172 as of March '86.

Early in 1986, the first discussion began regarding trout stream acquisition. Representatives from the HFFA and IE Industries shared ideas at the inaugural meeting.

Sometime in the early spring of 1986, club member Dave Halblom contacted HFFA President Jacobs and suggested he write a letter to the Federation of Fly Fishers, outlining and explaining the efforts that the HFFA had made for conservation over the years. The FFF was Sponsoring an award program called the Stanford Miller Conservation Awards. These awards would be monetary in nature and awarded to those top 3 clubs each year that had made the most noteworthy efforts in conservation, education, etc. Both Halblom and Jacobs did write letters on behalf of the HFFA, and on August 1, 1986, at the FFF conclave, our club was awarded second place in the award program, and received \$300.00 from the Federation as the prize.

Trouting Outing II occurred on the weekend of August 9-10, 1986. Fishing in NE Iowa was reported to be somewhere between damn tough and impossible. This prompted outing organizer Jacobs to switch the outing to June for following years.

On September 30, 1986 the HFFA completed the sale of the bamboo fly rods which had been purchased from club member Harry DeLeon. To sell these rods the club had accepted written, sealed bids from club members who were interested in the rods. Net proceeds from the sale were \$1303.52 and this money was to be put into a new Conservation Fund.

The second Quad Cities Open House meeting was held on October 18, 1986. Once again, it was a well-attended meeting and enjoyable for everyone.

To date, the high membership mark has been reached by HFFA -207 members strong as of 12/31/86. This was the first time that membership had ever been over 200.

Results of the Favorite Fly survey were announced in 1986. For trout, club members preferred Elk Hair Caddis #14-18, Adams Dry #16-20, and Hares Ear Nymph #14-18. Largemouth Bass hit best on Yellow Poppers #6-10, Yellow Deer Hair Bugs #6, and a Deer Hair Mouse #6. Smallmouth can be caught the best on Crayfish patterns #4-6, Muddler Minnows, and Yellow Deer Hair Bugs. Crappies hit best on Black Ghost Streamers #10, Ed Burke Nymph #10, and Yellow Poppers #10. Those of us Bluegill Lovers mostly use White and Yellow Poppers, Woolly Worms #12-14, and a Black Ant #14. (Thank goodness that this survey was taken before McCaughey invented his Pus-Bug. He would have stuffed the ballot box and then we'd never hear the end of it.)

February 21-22, 1987 were the dates of the 13th Annual Meeting of the HFFA. The meeting was held at the Sheraton Inn Hotel in Cedar Rapids. Our guest speakers for the meeting were Ed Shenk and Dave Ruetz. Elected as officers and Directors at the meeting were President: Ken Arp, Vice President: Dick Pilipchuk, Treasurer: Dwayne Monroe, Secretary: Denny Redmond, and Directors: Craig Moorhead, Mick McVey, Tom Pounds, and Tom Carlisle. Membership as of February 22, 1987 was at 163 (many renewals were not in yet). The 1987 annual meeting produced net income of \$2191.44, the best net proceeds ever from the annual meeting. New club secretary, Denny Redmond, received the "Pickled Trout" award, a newly initiated award which goes to the club member who keeps the smallest stocked trout. During the business meeting, some club members suggested that we donate books to local libraries, in the major areas of HFFA membership. It was moved by Denny Redmond that we delegate the responsibility of which books are needed to the local chapters. Motions on donating books and delegating the responsibility to local chapters were seconded and unanimously passed. Each local chapter would be limited to \$100.00 worth of books initially, and a limit of \$500.00 total to the program. Other discussion at the business meeting centered around the site of the 1988 meeting. It was felt by many in attendance that the Quad Cities deserved an opportunity to host the 1988 meeting since they had done such an outstanding job of increasing club membership. Moved, seconded and passed that the meeting be in the Quad Cities area in February, 1988.

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Trouting Outing III was held on the weekend of June 13-14, 1987. Best turnout of club members yet for this outing, 22 people.

October 18, 1987 was the date for the 3rd annual Quad Cities Open House meeting. Again a well attended and planned meeting.

Late in 1987 the club investigated the potential hazards to Springbranch creek from the proposed IBP plant in Manchester. Denny Redmond was in charge of the investigation with board approval.

Club member attendance at a stream workday on September 12, 1987 was 43 members and family members there to help improve Springbranch. Little did we know what help we were doing for the creek and its residents as we headed into the "Drought of '88".

The 14th Annual meeting of the HFFA occurred on the weekend of February 20-21, 1988, was held for the first time ever in the Quad Cities at the Blackhawk Hotel in downtown Davenport. Featured speakers were Dave and Joan Whitlock. The meeting was a great success in every respect, and provided the club with its best meeting income ever, \$3197.11! Officers and Directors elected at the meeting were President: Denny Redmond, Vice President: Dick Pilipchuk, Treasurer: Dwayne Monroe, Secretary: Mike Jacobs, and Directors John Channon, Craig Moorhead, Tom Carlisle, and Tom Pounds.

The first ever HFFA commemorative pin was available to club members at the annual meeting. One pin was available to members who had been in the club five years or longer, and the other pin was a general HFFA club pin.

In April 1988 the board of Directors and Officers of the HFFA bestowed upon charter members of the club, a lifetime membership in the club. This was given to those members who were still club members. The list of these special people is as follows: William Galbraith, Vic Gibson, William Hall, C.J. Harrington, Ralph Hovden, Jaci (Murphy) McCann, R.M O'Bryon, Edwin Powell, Craig Ritland, and Johnny Green. "All of our lives are much richer due to these people's commitment and dedication to the art of flyfishing, and especially Iowa flyfishing. A heartfelt thanks from all of us." said Club President Denny Redmond.

Club membership stood at 208 members as of May 31, 1988.

Trouting Outing IV was held the weekend of June 10-12, 1988.

Club president Denny Redmond has secured a bulk mailing permit for the club and the July/August issue of the Flyline is the first issue mailed to members using the permit. This move saves the HFFA a great deal of money in mailing costs alone, and is a direct result of our successful membership drives of the past few years. You have to have a minimum of 200 pieces of mail at one time to qualify for the permit, and we have been able to do this by reaching and maintaining our membership level over 200 people.

July/August issue of the Fly line is the official kickoff of the first ever HFFA sponsored photo and essay contest. Prizes to the winners will be awarded at the 1989 annual meeting.

The fourth annual Quad Cities Open House meeting was held October 16, 1988.

At one of our workdays in the Sept, of 1988, HFFA was able to convince State Representatives Mary Lundby and Tom Swartz to attend one of our workdays and they came away expressing support for our group and also for Iowa Conservation efforts in general. Jim Mayhew, head of the fisheries division of the DNR, also attended his first workday and it was reported that he worked harder than most of us seasoned Pros.

Winter of 1988 saw club members of HFFA pictured on the cover of the FLYFISHER magazine, the national publication of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The picture was taken by club member Dave Halblom, and showed members of the club and the Iowa DNR doing stream shocking work on Springbranch creek.

On February 18-19, 1989, the 15th Annual meeting of the HFFA was held in Waterloo, at the Ramada Inn Hotel. Featured Speakers were Gary Borger, and Bob and Jean Mitchell. Again the meeting was a resounding financial success for the club, with HFFA netting \$2,356.57 for our conservation work. At the annual business meeting, Dave Halblom was put in charge of having catch and release pins made for club members to purchase. Also, Dave was going to check into having club caps made. Officers and Directors elected at the meeting were President: Denny Redmond, Vice President: Mike Jacobs, Treasurer: Dick Pilipchuk, Secretary: John Channon, Directors: Tom Carlisle, Tom Pounds, Jim Cato, and Dean Elder.

Also, a special mention should be made of the award presented to club member, Gary McCaughey, during the banquet on Saturday evening. Gary was awarded the "Chartreuse Chicken" by club member Danny Peterson, who served as emcee of the award ceremony and writer of the great speech that was given before the presentation. Danny's accomplices in this caper were Mike Jacobs and Denny Redmond. It was quite obvious to those people at the presentation that McCaughey was thrilled beyond words at the honor of owning this ugly chicken.

On March 1, 1989 total club membership stands at 244 members.

April 16, 1989 was the date of the Quad Cities Open House which was held for the first time ever in the spring. This was done in an attempt to attract more people to the event, especially people new to the sport. The event was viewed a success.

May 19, 1989 was a great day in the history of the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association. Club members Mike Jacobs, Craig Moorhead, and Dick Pilipchuk went to Clinton to receive the Governor's Volunteer Award. Accepting the award on behalf of all HFFA members was quite exciting, and all of our club members, who ever had helped in our volunteer work in stream improvements are to be commended.

Late May 1989 total membership has reached 254 members.

The weekend of June 3-4, 1989 marked the 5th annual Trouting Outing.

The July/August issue of the Flyline marks the last for Editor Mike Jacobs who is stepping aside to let new blood take over. Tim Harris takes over as Editor as of the September/October 1989 issue.

Announcement of the Second Annual HFFA Photo and Essay contests were presented via the November/December issue of the Flyline. Prizes will be awarded at the 1990 Annual Meeting.

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February 17-18, 1990 were the dates for the 16th Annual Meeting of the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association. The meeting was held at Stouffer's Five Seasons Hotel in Downtown Cedar Rapids. Jack Dennis and Jimmy Nix were the headline speakers. Officers and Directors elected at the meeting were President: Craig Moorhead, Vice President: Dean Elder, Treasurer: Dick Pilipchuk, and Secretary: John Channon, Directors: Tom Carlisle, Mike Pierce, Tom Pounds, and Bob Bray. A major announcement was made at the meeting concerning the stream acquisition which had been initiated in early 1986. The Iowa Heritage Foundation had purchased a tract of the upper reaches of Ensign Hollow Creek. This tract had been turned over to the Iowa DNR with the understanding that it would become Iowa's first ever catch and release only stream. Finally, all the persistence and patience of the agencies and individuals involved had paid off. We now have a great piece of water to exert our energies on, to show what can be done if habitat is improved.

Annual meeting 1990 proved to be another financial success for the club, and a great deal of thanks goes to all of you who have supported the organization in any way.

#### EPILOG

This has been merely a brief, chronological history of our club, the intention of which is to better inform people, who have not been affiliated with HFFA from the beginning. In these pages you have hopefully been able to see the direction from which HFFA has come, and also the direction which we are headed. Like all organizations, the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association depends on you, the individual member, to make things happen via your continued support. Unlike some organizations however, HFFA truly does deserve your support.

Tight lines, Mike Jacobs

Vic Gibson asked that it be noted, that when he was the editor of the Fly line that Jaci McCann typed the Fly line and was a great aid to him.

*Mike*

#### Editor's Note

Once again this is a reprint with some editing from the March/April 1991 HFFA Flyline.

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