



The Flyline

The Newsletter of the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association

September, 2019



"Brook Brothers"

Third Place HFFA 2019 Show Photo Contest by Pete Lilja

**Save the Dates March 6 - 8, 2020
2020 HFFA Show Dubuque, Iowa**



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The President's Hatch

Lots going on here in Dubuque. Most importantly, I am going fishing in the Driftless today with a couple of good friends. That's what makes all of the effort by HFFA and its members worthwhile. September 7th is the Heritage Classic Youth Day out at the Izaak Walton grounds, a chance to introduce outdoor activities, including fly fishing, to over a hundred youth. The Dubuque Fly Fishers begin their yearly meeting schedule on September 9th, meeting the second Monday of each month throughout the school year. Tying sessions with Mike Jacobs will start on the 4th Monday of each month starting in September or October, depending on Mike's schedule. And right in our own backyard, at the Manchester Hatchery, two stream shocking work days will occur on September 16th and 18th. Look for more information from Hank Moeller, our new Work Day Coordinator, in the near future.

The most exciting event will be the HFFA show here in Dubuque on March 6, 7, & 8th of 2020. A committee is working on arrangements weekly, and it looks to be a very informative show. We will have eleven different presentations covering Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. We will have presentations on Smallmouth Bass, Trout, and Tiger Trout, something for everyone.

All you ever wanted to know about fishing the Driftless Area.



John Carl Miller

Presenters:

- Mat Wagner: Viroqua, WI;** Driftless Angler owner/guide
- Gerri Meyer: Viroqua, WI;** Athena & Artemis Women's Fly Shop owner/guide
- Hunter Dorn: Eau Claire, WI;** Smallmouth guide
- Kyle Zempel: Black Earth, WI;** Smallmouth guide
- Kevin Searock: WI;** Author, world traveling fly fisher
- Iowa DNR:** Information on Iowa streams
- Scott Nordby: MN;** Elite Fly Tyer and innovator
- The Iowa Hygenics Lab:** Michael Birmingham; Monitoring the condition of Iowa's Waters

- Mel Hayner: Preston, MN;** Orvis shop owner and Trout guide to the Driftless of MN
- Liz Siepker: Decorah, IA;** Guide and certified casting instructor
- Jim Romberg: Fennimore, WI;** Trout guide on SW Wisconsin streams

On the environmental side, things are looking a little better. First, the Walz cattle confinement is at a stand still, so the threat to the Bloody Run watershed is on hold. Second, the IOWATER data that many of us helped collect has been included in a huge Izaak Walton League database, so all of that work may not have been in vain. Also, the cooperation between the HFFA, TU chapters, INHF, the Izaak Walton League, and others at the last ICC meeting is really encouraging. Since my days as Dubuque Audubon president in the 80s, I have felt that all organizations have a stake in our environmental future, and its really nice to finally see many of them working together.

See you at the show.

John

Fly Fishers International Southern Council
Proudly announces
FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL The First Annual FFI-SOC Fly Fishing Tournament
Southern Council October 4th & 5th, 2019

The First Annual Fly Fishers International Southern Council Fly Fishing Tournament will be held October 4th and 5th on the Bull Shoals and Norfolk tailwaters of Arkansas's White River. This will be a "catch and release" tournament with two "man" teams. The first place team will receive a cash prize of 30% of the tournament entry fees.

Fishing will be done from boats: White River Jon boats, drift boats, or any boat capable of operating on the tailwaters of Bull Shoals or Norfolk Lakes. Each team may submit up to four time tagged and geo tagged photos of a trout laying on the official tournament measuring device. First place will go to the team with the greatest length of trout caught, as determined by the four pictures.

Each team will consist of two fishermen. However, a third individual may accompany them to assist in handling the boat and locating fish. Entry fee per team is \$100 (pre-registered). If you are not pre-registered the entry fee is \$150 per team.

Final registration for the tournament will be held on Friday afternoon. There will be an information and coordination meeting followed by the distribution of the measuring devices. A party for the contestants will be held Friday evening.

The tournament will kickoff at 7:00 am Saturday morning and end at 3:00 pm Saturday afternoon. There will be an awards banquet Saturday evening.

Follow the Tournament Facebook page and website for up to date information.
<http://ffisoc.org>
E-mail: mngdir@ffisoc.org



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HFFA Webpage

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Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of Month
5:30 pm

VA Central Iowa Health System
CLC - 12, Room B105
Des Moines, IA

Contact: Dale Sanders
iaflyfisher@q.com

Quad Cities Chapter

Meets 1st & 3rd Sunday 6:00 pm
October to May

Meets 1st Sunday 6:00 pm June to
September

Riverdale Fire Station, 110 Manor
Drive, Riverdale, IA

Contact: John Channon
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Dubuque Fly Fishers

Meets 2nd & 4th 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 3rd Saturday 9:00 am Sep-
tember to May

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart
Church

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Cedar Rapids Fly Fishers

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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

Jim Kelehan-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

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

Iowa's Coldwater

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Event Calendar

September 2019

September 7

Heritage Classic Youth Day

Dubuque Fly Fishers
John C. Miller
dbqflyfisher@mchsi.com

September 7

Driftless TU Work Day

8:30 - 11:30 am
Fish Hatchery Pavilion
Project to remove brush on Trout Run
Bring appropriate gear and bug spray

Driftless TU Meet & Greet Potluck &

Celebration of Life for Gary Arner

Noon - 3:00 pm
Fish Hatchery Pavilion
Bring dish to share with 8
Theresa Shay
tashay1966@gmail.com
563-379-6103

September 7

5th Annual Brule River Spey Day

Lake Superior Steelhead Assn.
Brule River @ McNeil's House
Brule, WI
www.steelheaders.org

September 16 & 18

HFFA - Iowa DNR Work Day

Manchester Trout Hatchery
22693 205th Ave., Manchester, IA
Hank Moeller
hankjmoe@gmail.com

September 20-22

2019 Driftless Flyathon

Decorah, Iowa
flyathon@driftlessonthefly.com

October 2019

October 4 - 5

2019 FFI Fly Fishing Tournament Southern Council

Mountain Home, Arkansas
Ron Knight, President FFI SOC
ron79580@gmail.com

October 4-6

2019 Casting For Recovery IA

Camp Ewalu's Stone Retreat Center
Strawberry Point, Iowa 52076
norrisk@ihaonline.org
Apply by July 26, 2019

November 2019

November 16

HFFA Board Meeting

11:00 am
Franklin Hotel, Strawberry Point, IA

December 2019

January 2020

January 7

Mike Jacobs Fly Tying Classes

Every Tuesday Evening in Jan & Feb
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Mike Jacobs
hawkeyeflytyer@yahoo.com

February 2020

March 2020

March 6-8

HFFA Annual Fly Fishing Show

Best Western Plus
3100 Dodge St.
Dubuque, Iowa 52003
John Carl Miller
dbqflyfisher@mchsi.com

March 20 - 22

Great Waters Fly fishing Expo

Hamline University
St. Paul, MN
info@greatwatersflyexpo.com

Driftless TU Spring Cleanup Day

Exact Date Later
Steve Perry
641-583-1604

April 2020

Driftless TU Annual Fundraiser

Details at Later Date
iadrifttufr@gmail.com

May 2020

May 15 - 17

HFFA Bluegill Outing

Lake Wapello, Drakesville, IA
Dan Peterson
319-931-2630

June 2020

July 2020

July 20 - 25

FFI Fly Fishing Fair

Montana State University
Bozeman, MT
www.flyfishersinternational.org

August 2020

The Flyline is the official publication of the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association. It is published in April, June, September, and December. The HFFA is a chapter of the Fly Fishers International. Articles may be submitted as MS Word or as a text file. Typed, printed or clearly handwritten documents are also accepted. Photos can be submitted digitally. Send original jpeg. Deadline is one month before publication.

Send all materials to:

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Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association Membership Application

New Renewal Change of Address Information

Check Membership Category:

- \$25 Member
 \$10 Youth Member (18 and under)
 \$15 Senior Member (65 or older)
 \$45 Family Membership
 \$300 Life Member

Conservation Contribution:

- \$10 (Glass)
 \$20 (Graphite)
 \$30 (Boron)
 \$..... (Cane, over \$50)

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

Special Event Addition

Driftless TU Celebration Of Life for Gary Arner
September 7, 2019
Following Pot Luck from Noon to 3:00 pm
Fish Hatchery Pavilion
Decorah, Iowa
Theresa Shay 1966tashay@gmail.com

Remembrance and Photo by Kate Lodge

This summer HFFA lost a long-time member whose commitment to Iowa's conservation efforts will be greatly missed. Gary Arner, 68, passed away on Thursday, August 8, 2019. Before retirement, Gary was involved in HFFA in the Iowa City area, Spring Creeks Trout Unlimited Chapter 716 webmaster, State Council TU (including years as State Chair), and IOWATER. He especially enjoyed water quality testing, walking Iowa's streams to GPS their locations, and any other stream clean-up or workday activity. Before retirement, any free time would find him at "his" campsite at Yellow River State Forest.

After retirement, Gary relocated to Decorah, Iowa where he became even more immersed in conservation projects. As a member of Driftless Chapter TU, he took on the role of chairing the Driftless TU annual fundraiser. With Iowa Coldwater Conservancy, he headed up the Iowa Coldwater Conservation Projects Committee. He loved being close to the streams and being able to help out the DNR at a moment's notice with stream surveys and other on-the-stream projects whenever extra help was needed. He liked teaching children to fly fish at the Decorah Hatchery.

Gary was also active in the Iowa Butterfly Survey Network, kayaking to fish and locate fossils and agates, and playing racquetball. Many of us will miss the flies he tied and freely handed out.

All conservation groups and friends are welcome to honor Gary's memory at a potluck at the Decorah Hatchery on Saturday, September 7th, 2019 from 11:30 am to 3 pm. Please bring a dish to share and your own tableware and drinks. Coffee and water will be provided. Pictures and stories that you would like to share will be appreciated. Pictures or questions can be emailed to Theresa Shay at tashay1966@gmail.com or 563-379-6103.



Project Healing Waters **Iowa City**

The Veterans Administration would like to establish a Project Healing Water Program in the Iowa City area. HFFA Board is seeking a volunteer to head that effort. Dale Sanders iaflyfisher@q.com is currently leading the effort in the Des Moines area and would be a good contact to find out what is involved. Please contact Ryan Maas maas_ryan@yahoo.com or John Carl Miller dbqflyfisher@mchsi.com if you are interested in helping and/or leading this effort.

HFFA DNR Work Days September 16 & 18

Hank Moeller HFFA Work Day Coordinator is organizing work days with the DNR for Monday September 16th and Wednesday September 18th. At least 4 to 6 people are needed each day to assist Dan Kirby from the Manchester DNR Hatchery with Stream shocking surveys. Please contact Hank at hankjmoe@gmail.com or 319-389-1334.

HFFA Business Report

Minutes of HFFA Board of Directors Meeting

August 17, 2019 NE RC&D Postville, Iowa

Meeting called to order by President John Miller at 2:30 PM

Attendees: John Miller, Dave Oliver, Dave Jones, Kate Lodge, Mike Stallsmith, Ryan Maas, Steve Vesey

1. Minutes from February 16, 2019 meeting: Motion made, seconded and approved unanimously.
2. Financial reports: none submitted
3. Iowa's Coldwater Conservancy Funded: Dave Jones reported on year-to-date fundraising, expenditures and current fund balances. Since there are no currently identified projects, additional funding from HFFA was not requested.
4. 2019 Deer Tag fundraising: Ryan Maas reported gross revenues of \$15,300. Because HFFA is entitled to keep 50%, net proceeds for HFFA were \$7,650. Since this fund-raising event is the exclusive effort of Ryan Maas, the board thanked him again for his effort on such a substantial portion of the club's fundraising revenue.
5. Newsletter update: the board discussed an email update from Don Otto, current newsletter editor. The board has authorized the newsletter editor, to accept advertising request and revenue, from hotels near Decorah. Since it's been at least 3 years since the newsletter has been electronically distributed, the board has authorized the newsletter editor to stop mailing paper copies to the 3 members who have not shared their email addresses.
6. Clayton County Trout maps: John Miller reported that 3,000 Clayton County Trout maps have been printed and will be made available for appropriate distribution.
7. 2020 Annual Meeting: John Miller reported that the 2020 annual meeting will be held March 6, 7 & 8, at the Best Western Plus in Dubuque. John informed the board that presenters have been arranged and then shared a show poster to those present.
8. Work day coordinator: Hank Moeller is the new work day coordinator and will be organizing the workdays scheduled for Monday, September 16 and Wednesday September 18. Stream shocking surveys will be led by Dan Kirby from the Manchester hatchery. 4 to 6 volunteers per day are needed; hope to provide lunch on both workdays. More information to be shared with the membership by way of an email from Hank.
9. Club membership: Current membership committee members include Ryan Maas, Ron Stahlberg, Kyle Anderson and Steve Vesey. Discussions were had regarding the need to review the membership policy and protocol in order to have an effective membership database, which includes postal and email addresses for future communication efforts. The membership committee will consider these issues and report at the November board meeting.
10. Project Healing Waters: The Veterans Administration would like to establish a Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program in Iowa City. The Central Iowa Fly Fishers currently partners with and supports a similar program in the Des Moines area. The board requests that current HFFA members in the Iowa City area be contacted to determine whether there are sufficient volunteers to support this type of program in the Iowa City area. The board is seeking a volunteer who is willing to contact Iowa City area members, once a membership list with email addresses can be provided.
11. HFFA Show Projectors: Doug Naumann has provided John Miller with specifications and prices for 3 different projectors. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to spend up to \$900, excluding sales tax for new projectors, plus bulbs for club use during the annual meeting and other events. Doug Naumann is authorized to purchase the projectors and should contact Brad Mullins regarding payment.
12. Elections for 2020 year: John Miller led a discussion regarding those board positions that will expire and need to stand for election during the February Annual Meeting. Dave Jones will continue as secretary and Brad Mullin will continue as treasurer. The role of president and vice president are both open. John Miller would be willing to serve another year as board president, but would welcome someone else to serve. The board is asking the local clubs serving Central Iowa and Iowa City to provide nominations for board positions representing their clubs. Dave Oliver's term is up and will not stand for reelection. It has not been determined yet, whether Ron Stahlberg will stand for reelection. The board would like to know the status of these open board seats by the November board meeting.
13. HFFA ad in The Iowa Sportsman: The board discussed and decided that it would leave it to each local club as they plan for the Annual Show to decide if they prefer to advertise in The Iowa Sportsman and paying for it with their show expense budget.
14. HFFA business cards: The board discussed and directed John Miller to contact Brad Mullin about printing more HFFA business cards to be used at meetings and special events to promote the organization and enhance outreach.
15. Report from Steve Vesey:
 - a. Fly tying demonstrations at state fair were coordinated by ClIFF and went well.
 - b. Skunk River Low Head Dam project is complete. Thanks again to HFFA for funding support.
 - c. Waltz Energy Project is currently on hold because of uncertain funding.
16. Upcoming Events - see calendar page 4 Flyline
17. Next board meeting: November 16, 2019, 9:00 AM at the Franklin Hotel, Strawberry Point
18. Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Dave Jones, August 20, 2019

HFFA Members Having Fun



The photo above left was supplied by the guy in the red shoes also known as “Dances with Trout” It shows John Carl Miller and Gary Woerdehoff fishing, relaxing, cooling off and keeping bugs at bay in Bloody Run. John says they caught two trout this way. The photo above right by Lisa Davis shows Cheryl Channon doing a fine job of shooting a rapid in NE Iowa.



“The Future of HFFA”

This photo by Great Aunt Kate Lodge shows Max (7) and Ella (9) Ricker on North Bear Creek with Liz Siepker. Kate said that Liz kept the kids interested and fishing for two half day trips. We should all be as lucky as these two.

HFFA Members on the Road



The HFFA was well represented at the FFI Fly Fishing Fair held in Bozeman, MT July 22 to 27th. Kate Lodge who supplied the photos is shown on left with Evelyn Adams a friend from last years WI Women's Fly Fishing Clinic. Kate was teaching at the Intermediate Fly Tying Clinic in Bozeman. The right photo shows Willa Campbell at the lectern during the Women's Fly Tying Workshop, sharing information about the Bronze Fly Tying Skills Award she received. **Congratulations Willa!**



Intermediate group left to right: Jody Millar, Sharon Mellon, Sylvia Lewis, Kate Lodge, Cheryl Channon and Annette Norris (fishing)



Participant or River Buddy: for WI Women's Beginner's Fly Fishing Clinic : Jacqueline Carmody, Cheryl Channon, Marlene Huston, Anne Hall, Erica Hickey, Geri Meyer, and Kate Lodge



Wisconsin Women's fly Fishing Clinics 2019 photos by Kate Lodge. Mike Miller author of Field Guide to Wisconsin Streams: Plants, Fishes, Invertebrates, Amphibians, and Reptiles. He helped the group explore streams in the Wisconsin Driftless area. As you can see above everyone had fun and learned a lot. Maybe the shocked Brook Trout did not have as much fun.

DNR Report

by Mike Siepker

Landowners partner with Iowa DNR to improve angler access, protect water quality By: Mike Siepker, Decorah District Fisheries Biologist, Iowa DNR

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources' (IA DNR) Water Quality and Angler Access easement program works with willing landowners to provide coldwater stream corridor buffers that improve water quality while also preserving angler access. Typically 150 to 200 feet in width and centered over the stream, a permanent conservation easement is granted to the state that limits practices deemed detrimental to water quality including, but not limited to, plowing or disking, planting row crops, applying manure, or constructing permanent buildings. In return, the landowners are compensated with a one-time payment of \$2,500 per acre included in the conservation easement. The landowner sign-up period is continuous but enrollment dependent on available funding. The easement program began in 2010 and had protected over 15.5 miles of coldwater stream by the end of 2017. Trout program staff continue to engage landowners and discuss the program when funding is available. Within the last year, two easements have been completed by trout program staff.

Yellow River

Farming the fertile lands along the Yellow River is a way of life on the Rissman family farm. That way of life had become much more difficult as numerous floods over the past few years threatened fields, crops, and streambanks along the river. As a result, the Rissman family was looking for ways to improve their agricultural operation so it was more resilient to flooding. In August 2018, the Rissman family met with local DNR Trout Program staff to discuss the Water Quality and Angler Access program. By November 2018, the Rissman family had enrolled a section of their stream in the program. Their easement permanently protects 0.85 miles of Iowa trout stream with a 200 ft stream corridor easement allowing public fishing access. The easement also protects approximately 22.13 acres of stream corridor. Anglers can access the easement from a parking area on the east side of Forest Mills Road. In this area, the Yellow River has a strong population of wild, naturally reproducing Brown Trout and is stocked annually with fingerling Rainbow Trout. The trout population is managed under statewide regulations.

Photo 1: Iowa DNR trout map showing location of Water Quality and Angler Access easement on the Dianne Rissman farm.



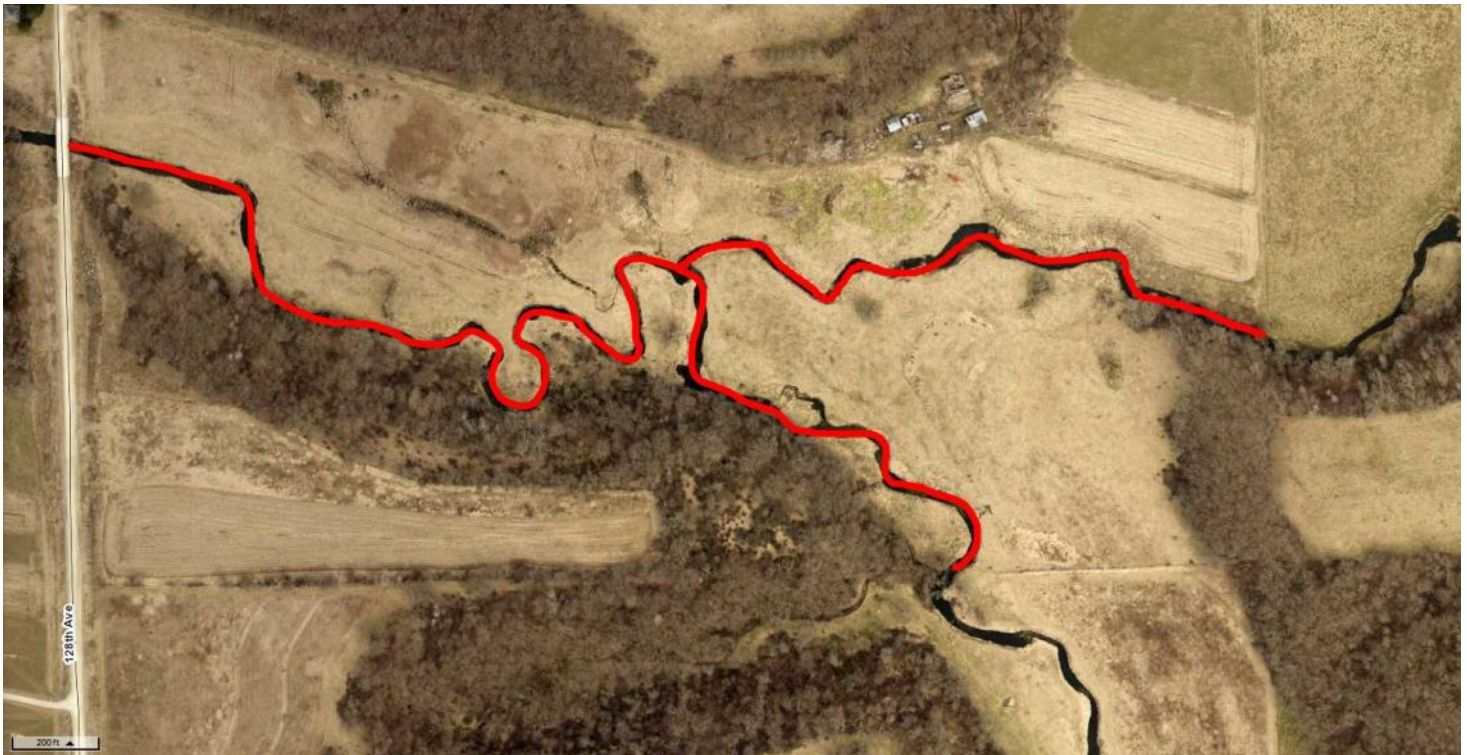
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North Bear Creek

The Lane brothers have been fishing North Bear Creek for as long as they can remember. Around 1980, Ron was able to purchase the farm that he and his brother Larry had fished as kids. Under his new ownership, anglers were still allowed to fish North Bear Creek as it flowed through his property. Since 1980, the Iowa DNR worked with Ron to manage his stream segment under a handshake agreement- Ron agreed to let the DNR stock catchable trout while also allowing the public to fish his stream. In 2019, Ron and his brother Larry began thinking about the future of North Bear Creek. They wanted to ensure that anglers of all ages would always have a place to trout fish. They contacted the Iowa DNR's trout program and asked how they could keep anglers fishing on the farm. By June 2019, they were enrolling Ron's farm in the Water Quality and Angler Access program. Today, Ron's 0.95-mile section of North Bear Creek is protected with a 150 ft-wide easement that limits practices detrimental to stream quality. The easement also allows public fishing in perpetuity with angler parking available on a widened shoulder along 128th Avenue. This reach of North Bear Creek has wild, naturally reproducing Brown Trout and is stocked weekly from April through October with catchable-sized Rainbow Trout. It is managed under statewide regulations.

To date, the Water Quality and Angler Access easement program has protected 17.3 miles of coldwater stream in Northeast Iowa. I'd encourage you to check out one of these easements next time you are fishing Winneshiek or Allamakee counties. Both provide outstanding opportunities to catch wild Brown Trout and stocked Rainbow Trout. By further protecting water quality and angler access along coldwater streams, the Iowa trout program is making Iowa a great place to fish!

Photo 2: Map showing the location of the Water Quality and Angler Access easement (red line) along North Bear Creek on the Ron Lane farm.



Mike

Rainbows of the Big Wood River

by Mike Jacobs

Doug and I had done quite well with the Rainbow Trout on the Salmon River in the morning and early afternoon, but when it was time to head back to the car for our lunch break, we had a decision to make. Should we fish elsewhere on the Salmon River for the rest of the day, or should we eat our late lunch on the road as we travelled over Galena Summit to explore some new water on the Big Wood River just north of Ketchum? We decided on the option of exploring some new water even though we knew that the trip to the Big Wood would take us about forty minutes, leaving us with a little over an hour to fish the river.

The Big Wood River has been home to the Redband Rainbow trout for thousands of years. Although the genetic makeup of these fish has been diluted over the past century by the introduction of hatchery raised Rainbow trout, rainbows of the Big Wood River system still have some genetics of the Redband Rainbow trout running through them. Healthy populations of these wild and beautiful fish inhabit the Big Wood River with a recent survey showing 1,329 Rainbows, over 8 inches in length, per mile of river.

As we drove along the river we saw some water that looked worth investigating next to the Wood River campground and picnic area. This stretch of the river is just inside the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, north of Ketchum. We located a small pullout in the campground where we were able to park the car and get our gear ready.

With time running short I followed the trail along the river, heading downstream, while Doug fished the water upstream, closer to the car. As I walked my way downstream close to the river, I bypassed a couple good looking stretches. I planned to work these spots as I fished my way back upstream. A swift and moderately deep run coursed through the middle of the river just downstream from where the trail put me on the water. I knew that this type of water called for a sinking fly that would move enticingly as it moved across the run, so I selected a Black Conehead Woolly Bugger.

I cast the fly across the stream, hitting the slack water along the far edge and then allowing the fly to sweep across the run. Fifteen minutes after I first started fishing this run I had landed 6 nice rainbows and I'd had several more "bumps." As I worked my way back upstream toward the car I kept an eye on my watch to ensure that I would meet Doug back at the car at the appointed time. Even with the distraction of having to keep an eye on the time I was able to catch one or more nice rainbows from every deep run or small pool. By the time I met up with Doug at the car we had caught 22 rainbows between the two of us in an hour's time.

The following day we fished the Big Wood again, this time for about half a day. We started fishing farther downriver from where I had fished the previous day and we slowly worked our way upstream. Though we spotted some rising fish we were not able to solve the puzzle of what they were eating from the surface of the river. But, as we had found out the previous day, there were a few fish that we could entice with the reliable Black Conehead Woolly Bugger.

By the time we fished our way back to the car, we had each only caught a couple fish. We ate lunch and then hit the water again to explore further up the river. The first really good pool we came to was split down the middle with a downed tree. I left Doug to fish the easy to reach water on the near side of the river while I circled upstream and then around to the other side. I bent over, staying as low to the ground as I could as I approached the pool from the upstream end. Kneeling on a grassy point above the river and hidden behind some short willows, I cast the fly across the stream, close to the edge of the downed tree, and then fed line out the end of my rod as the fly drifted downriver. When the fly reached the end of its run the rainbows would pounce on it.

From this position I landed six nice rainbows before I gave up the spot to Doug, who netted three more before we left the pool. Working our way upstream we took turns hitting the likely looking runs and pools and we found eager Rainbows awaiting us at every spot. It was trout fishing like it was meant to be; read the water, cast the fly, the fish takes the fly, play and land the fish.

By the time we reeled in our lines for the last time that day we had caught nearly fifty beautiful rainbows between the two of us, in about five hours. It was a fitting end to the first half of our trip to Idaho. Our success left us excited about the fishing prospects in the coming days as we would travel farther north into Idaho and explore the North Fork of the Clearwater River, Kelly Creek, and the Lochsa River.

Mike

Fly Tying Competition at 2019 Iowa State Fair

by Larry Murphy

The fly tying competition was held at the 2019 Iowa State Fair. This competition has been developed and sponsored by the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association (HFFA) with support of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). There were 18 entrants with 50 flies entered into the competition from across the state. There was 1 in the junior division, 13 in the adult division, and 4 in the expert division. There are four categories; dry flies, wet/nymph flies, streamer flies, and open. There are 3 divisions (Expert, Adult and Junior).

This year's judges were Dave Rosset (Des Moines), Paul Domoto (Ames) and Keith Wunder (West Des Moines). The judging took place at the state fair on Wednesday, August 7th.

The flies were on display in the DNR building on the fairgrounds during the entire fair.

The results of the 2019 Fly Tying Competition

Junior Division

Wet Fly/Nymph Category

1st Place	Cruz Coorough	Woolly Bugger	North Liberty
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Open Category

1st Place	Cruz Coorough	Red Egg	North Liberty
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Adult Division

Dry Fly Category

1st Place	Jesse Bainter	Sedge	Pleasant Hill
2nd Place	Andrew Jone	Moodah Poodah	Ankeny
3rd Place	Richard Zieger	Paraloop Purple Haze	Lamoni

Wet Fly/Nymph Category

1st Place	Jesse Bainter	Rainbow Warrior	Pleasant Hill
2nd Place	Joe Peitz	Bead Head Prince	Fort Madison
3rd Place	Andrew Jone	Bunny Nugget	Ankeny

Open Category

1st Place	Andrew Jone	Segmented Frog	Ankeny
2nd Place	Joe Peitz	Foam Fin Minnow	Fort Madison
3rd Place	Ron Smith	Sand Devil	West Des Moines

Streamer Category

1st Place	Ron Smith	The Barron	West Des Moines
2nd Place	Chip Hildebrand	Come Get Me	Webster City
3rd Place	Mark McConnell	Neon Clouser Minnow	Pella

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Dry Fly Category

1st Place	Mike Jacobs	EZ Caddis	Monticello
2nd Place	Larry Niday	Stimulator	Knoxville

Wet Fly/Nymph Category

1st Place	CJ Klenske	New American Nymph	Dubuque
2nd Place	Mike Jacobs	Tripsaver	Monticello

Open Category

1st Place	Larry Niday	Fur Mouse	Knoxville
2nd Place	Mike Jacobs	Seasoned Geezer	Monticello
3rd Place	CJ Klenske	Soft-shell Crayfish	Dubuque

Streamer Category

1st Place	Larry Niday	Dr. Boatman Streamer	Knoxville
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