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North Arkansas Fly Fishers meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Van Matre Senior Center located at 1101 Spring St Mountain Home, AR 72653. Membership meeting starts at 7:00 pm. All members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

NAFF Board of Directors' meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm 1st Security Bank on 9th St. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Mark Van Patten to Speak on Aquatic Entomology



At the January meeting, Mark Van Patten will discuss Aquatic Entomology. This presentation on Aquatic Entomology for Fly Fishers is geared for both the seasoned fly angler and those just getting into the sport. He will delve into the underwater world of the aquatic insects bridging the gap between the real invertebrates and the flies we tie to catch fish of all species.

Mark Van Patten hosted a nationally syndicated, weekly PBS Series, The Tying Bench for 13 seasons, producing over 200 episodes. Mark has been heavily involved in the sport for more than 50 years.

His years of experi-

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Sowbug Update



The 2019 Sowbug Roundup, the 22nd annual, is less than three months away! We will need a lot of volunteers come the days of the show. But need some volunteers right now.

Sorting donations for the show is a big deal. We have a lot of stuff and we get a lot of stuff and somebody needs to sort it for the various daily raffles, daily auctions, and three day auctions. This is a non-trivial task that will take place one afternoon a week at Susan Parsons' home. Dennis and Amy Galyardt lead the effort. If you would like to get in on the action, contact Amy Galyardt at 1-970-420-9229

Another task that is getting started right away is the solicitation of local businesses for donations. We get some of our best items from local businesses. We usually have enough volunteers that the number of

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ence as a fly angler, tier, and educator allow Mark to explain the intricacies of fly tying while he is demonstrating the patterns. His experience as a Fisheries Biologist affords him an understanding of aquatic entomology (Fish food) as it relates to the patterns he creates at the tying bench.

Mark is a published author, in demand speaker, a life member of the Federation of Fly Fishers and a leader in the cause of cleaning up Missouri rivers and streams. Numerous awards and honors are testament to Mark's skill and passion for the sport.

businesses that any one volunteer must hit up is fairly low. Most businesses are happy to see you and welcome the opportunity to support Sowbug. If this volunteer opportunity is to your taste, contact Ceil Gasiiecki at 1-219-776-9620.

We have already started getting donations from club members. Remember, your junk is someone else's treasure. Get that stuff out of the closet and into circulation. If you have something to donate, you can contact Mike at 870-404-8845.

Weather Cancellation Policy

NAFF Activities or Meeting will be cancelled or postponed when the Mountain Home Public Schools Cancel Classes.

Check KTLO radio website for school closing info.



JIM HINKLE FISH HATCHERY IN MAMMOTH SPRING

January President's Message

Yesterday, January 3, I attended a meeting held by the AGFC to discuss increasing the cost of trout stamps. The other attendees were Bill Thorne (TU), Steve Dally, Jeff Pipkin (Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce), Mark Crawford (Spring River Guides), Clint Gaston, and Steve Blumreich (Friends of the Rivers). We are "stakeholders" in the trout program. This was to be the first of several such meetings.

The AGFC is going to propose to the state legislature that the cost of a trout stamp be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 for a resident trout stamp and from \$12.00 to \$20.00 for a non-resident trout stamp. They are making this proposal to fund the repair and upgrade of the Jim Hinkle Fish Hatchery in Mammoth Spring. The hatchery was greatly damaged by the flooding in the Spring of 2017.

AGFC estimates that it will take \$5 million to put the hatchery in

order. They believe that the new rates for the trout stamp will provide this much funding in five years. Part of the purpose of the meeting was to get our input on how the additional money should be used after the hatchery is put back into shape. The suggestions included more enforcement, more science, and improved restroom facilities at access points.

The last time that the price of the resident trout stamp was increased was in 1987 and the non-resident trout stamp price was increased in 2002. We agreed that the folks that we represent would fully support an increase in the price of the trout stamp. But that we represent a fairly affluent segment of the population and that others might argue differently. The AGFC needs to have their arguments in order to take this proposal to the legislature before it opens in March. If the changes are voted in by the legislature, they would go into effect January 1, 2020.

**January Fly of the Month
Naif's Flymph**



Hook - size 14 nymph / wet fly

Bead - copper 7/64

Tail - light colored hackle fibers

Abdomen - muskrat, light gray

Rib - fine copper wire

Wing - same as the tail

Hackle - light colored soft hackle feather

Naif was fishing these in the outflow from the spring at Bull Shoals state park. The fish would take the fly as it rose towards the surface at the end of the dead drift.

Fly tied by Naif Khoury

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January Raffle Items



Sims never been worn neoprene waders, variety of fly tying material, Cortland fly reel, micro fly reel, tool kit, beads, assorted hooks, Rio leaders, fly box with assorted flies, outdoor life freshwater fishing book, Old fishing lures and tackle book, fly display pieces,

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Jimmy T's Fishing Report



Can you say STOOPID bite? The White River has seen lots of minimum flow through December with only small bouts of generation that didn't last very long. The fish were even taking flies on dropping water. This micro caddis hatch has also been strong when the sun comes out and the fish are all over them. The fish seem to be taking anything that is put in front of them, especially the rainbows.

Brown trout are on the move and have begun the life cycle. With each full moon they will move up the river and sweep gravel. Pre-rainbow emergers would be a good choice at this time. Remember to avoid standing on the lighter areas.

The river has a lot of fish back in it after this past summer and autumn's Hoover crowd blew through. It was pretty slim pickins from June through October on the upper end which put a lot of pressure on the lower end. But that is what happens when a couple of hatcheries are not producing the normal amounts of fish due to repairs. When fewer fish are being put in and the same amount or

more are being taken out, those numbers don't quite add up do they? I'd call it ... never mind we all know what it is. Nevertheless, the river will recover, and the cycle will repeat. Wash, rinse and repeat. Hopefully we will not get a ton of rain this spring that causes damage like those of the past.

As a fly fisherman I am encouraged to see more and more folks on the river with fly rods in hand. The casting isn't always pretty; but I know that as fly fishers we all will impart our knowledge to those with a long rod. Then one day all we will see on our rivers is long rods with peach lines and perfect loops. I am encouraged by a song John Lennon wrote called "Imagine". Imagine all our fish are 24" or bigger, everyone putting them back gently, the old and especially the young being courteous and cordial. Imagine no dead fish at the end of a rope, no dead fish below an anchored boat, no one using towels to handle fish, hooks being gently removed. OUCH! I had to slap myself! I was day dreaming. Where was I? Oh yeah! More fly fisherman on the river. Hey, it's a start isn't it?

James Traylor

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Outing to Little Red



On January 18 we are planning a trip to the Little Red. We will meet at the Walmart parking lot at 6:30 am. 5 and 6 wt. rods are recommended. Glow balls, nymphs, and midges work well under an indicator. Waders are a must!

We are hoping for good weather, but will cancel if the conditions are bad. This is a tail water just like below Bull Shoals. If they decide to generate there could be high-water.

If you would like to ride with another member, we could possibly make arrangements to car pool. I would like to get a count on how many plan on going.

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Membership Report



No new members joined in the last month. Renewal notices have been emailed with hard copy renewals finally going out in early January.

Total membership are 530 members and 376 memberships with 10 members overdue on their dues

Paul Ashton—NAFF Membership



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These headwater streams are the life blood of our fisheries in terms of clean, healthy water. They carry the good and bad from their banks into our warm and cold water fisheries.

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Theodore Roosevelt had the foresight to address issues that are still significant to fishermen today, understanding that if we want to ensure quality fishing opportunities, we must plan and act carefully now.

Every year we experience the degradation of our water resources and fisheries. High profile examples include Flint Michigan's drinking water, an oil spill in the pristine Yellowstone River and threats to our own Buffalo National River. Members of NAFF and all fishermen must realize our fisheries depend on clean, healthy water to survive. The phrase "we all live downstream" is overused and I am concerned we just pay it lip service without realizing what it means to us personally, our families, children, grandchildren and future generations.

We all live downstream from headwater streams. It could be Hicks or Dodd Creeks in Mountain Home, the upper branches of

Crooked Creek, Pigeon Creek that feeds Lake Norfolk, Big Creek that feeds the Buffalo National River or one of hundreds of thousands throughout our country.

Conservationists like President Roosevelt, recognized those threats and charged all of us with the responsibility to act.

"We have fallen heirs to the most glorious heritage a people ever received, and each one must do his part if we wish to show that the nation is worthy of its good fortune."

Theodore Roosevelt

There are two current threats we need to address:

1) EPA's proposal to change the regulations implementing the Clean Water Act which would reduce or eliminate protections of headwater streams and wetlands that feed our rivers and lakes. The following link from Trout Unlimited gives more details.

https://www.tu.org/sites/default/files/TU_Clean_Water_Rule_Update_Dec_17_2018.pdf

2) Possible Arkansas State Legislation designed to keep the Buffalo River hog CAFO in operation even after the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, (ADEQ) has denied its permit to operate which should lead to its closure. The Arkansas State Legislature begins meeting in mid-January and we may see legislation introduced to protect the hog CAFO from ADEQ's closure.

We will update you on developments of these threats including actions we can all take to make our voices heard.

Conservation Is Not a Spectator Sport.

We can all be ACTIVE CONSERVATIONISTS.

Thank You
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Sowbug Tiers Report January



Because of the underwhelming response to this call for help last month, I'll lead with it this month. There has been a large and enthusiastic response to the Tiers Party and I am going to need help this year. I believe a crew to cook the meat is close to being in place, but I need a committee to help prepare food and to act as hostesses at the party. If you would like to volunteer for this committee, please contact me at rkbeasley@suddenlink.net or 870-580-0043. We won't do much until around early to mid-March and it won't interfere with other Sowbug activities. It will be fun to be involved, and you get to meet and socialize with a great bunch of exceptional Fly Tiers.

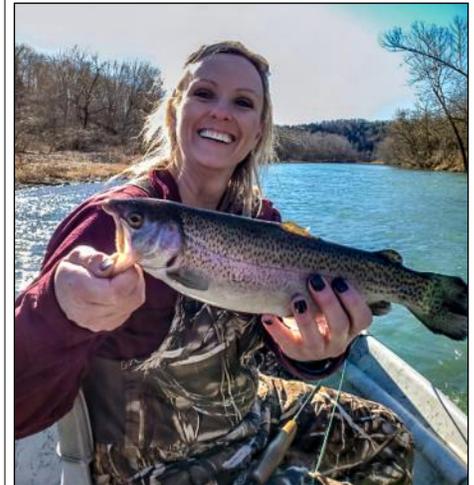
Richard Thomas continues on the team and Dave Boyer will join us. This will improve our capability to do the things we "oughta" be doing. We have now received acceptances from around 120 tiers from as far as the U.K. and Japan and around 100 have indicated that they will attend the Tiers Party at this point. The Friday and Saturday morning (AM) sessions are full, but there are still plenty of time slots open, particularly in the

afternoon sessions. Some new tiers with impressive resumes are coming and it promises to be an exciting Sowbug Roundup. The classes are shaping up nicely and will be announced in the near future when all are in place. Most of the featured tiers have been identified and are in the process of being contacted. If you are a local tier, please consider registering for Thursday AM or PM, Friday afternoon, or particularly Saturday afternoon. I will be sending out a reminder shortly and that will bring more responses, so register now and become one of the "Stars of the Show". The committee has approved a site for the Tiers Party and this will have been announced as well by the time you read this. If you are a registered Tier, be sure to read email updates carefully since some things may change! And there will be announcements about the outstanding lineup of tying classes and featured tiers.

Ron Beasley

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Spring River Report



Water levels are at 340 cfs (350 avg) and water clarity has been lightly stained. Recent rains have water levels at almost average flows. The river has been very low all through the fall. Extra care should be taken when wading the river. The rain has kept the river stained also.

The trout have been biting great on Y2ks and olive woollies, with nymphs or soft hackles doing great during hatches. With the constant water temp of 58 degrees, all that it takes is a little sunshine to make a great caddis or mayfly hatch. A little heavier fly works well with the river flow.

Tight lines and good luck,

Mark Crawford

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Fly Tying Class - Streamer Flies: Classics to Modern

NAFF is once again offering a one-day intermediate fly tying seminar. The class, taught by Dennis Galyardt, will cover some early streamer patterns as well as the latest innovation in tying specialized fish catching minnow imitations.

The class will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street in Mountain Home....where we host our monthly membership meetings. The class will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and lunch will be provided. The class is limited to 12 students and is free for NAFF members. This is a class for experienced tyers.

To register, please contact Ceil Gasiiecki at 219-776-9620 or at ceciliagasiiecki@yahoo.com



Events of Interest to NAFF Members

January

- 1/7/2019 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Trout Unlimited Meeting, El Chico's
- 1/8/2019 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Sowbug Roundup meeting, Baxter County Library
- 1/15/2019 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM NAFF Membership Meeting, Van Matre Senior Center

February

- 2/4/2019 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Trout Unlimited Meeting, El Chico's
- 2/5/2019 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM NAFF Board Meeting, 1st Security Bank, 105 E 9th St
- 2/12/2019 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Sowbug Roundup meeting, Baxter County Library
- 2/19/2019 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM NAFF Membership Meeting, Van Matre Senior Center
- 2/23/2019 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Intermediate Fly Tying Class, Van Matre Senior Center

March

- 3/4/2019 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Trout Unlimited Meeting, El Chico's
- 3/5/2019 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM NAFF Board Meeting, 1st Security Bank, 105 E 9th St
- 3/12/2019 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Sowbug Roundup meeting, Baxter County Library
- 3/19/2019 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM NAFF Membership Meeting, Van Matre Senior Center
- 3/28/2019 - 3/30/2019 NAFF Sowbug Roundup, Baxter County Fairgrounds