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Greetings,

I hope you are all enjoyed your summers - I certainly had a memorable one (see my article below). The cooler days and crisper nights harken the end of summer and the beginning of our monthly general NMT meetings. Come join us on 11 October to hear about club goings-on and a riveting presentation by our own Ron Loehman on fishing in Alaska.

Finally, I'd like to remind you that we are still in need of a club secretary. If any of you would like to volunteer, you can contact me or any member of the NMT Board. Or, if you have a candidate in mind, please speak with them and see if you can convince them to come on board.

CYa,
Pat Mileschosky

New Mexico Trout Helps with Fishing Mini-Expo

by Pete Gordinier

On Friday, 23 September, ninety fourth-eighth grade school children from various New Mexico schools, along with teachers and chaperones, were bused to the Fenton Lake State Park for the 2011 New Mexico Game and Fish and

Fenton Lake State Parks' Hunting and Fishing Mini-Expo. Activities included several outdoor hunting and fishing related activities with the 6-8 child groups rotating between subject stations. Children had a chance to participate in archery, kayaking/canoeing, and wildlife and aquatic insect study, and spin, bait, and fly fishing. On Saturday, 24 September, the Park opened up for a "Free Fishing Day" to all comers with NMG&F continuing their presentations from the day before. NMG&F counted 90 students and estimated approximately 110 others as participants during the two day event.



Pete with Enrapt Audience

The co-coordinators of this event were Colleen Welch and Kevin Holladay, of the NMG&F Project WILD/Aquatic Resources Education Section. Earlier this year, Colleen and Kevin contacted Ti Piper and Pete Gordinier, because of their previous participation, to solicit their help for this event - and these NMT members eagerly agreed to assist and to recruit a few other NMT volunteers.



Kadey Demonstrates Fly Tying

Pete and Linda Gordinier, and Tom and Yvonne Roth, all NMT members, camped at the Fenton Lake Park on Thursday and stayed through Saturday's event. Ti Piper expertly represented NMT on both Friday and Saturday. Kadey Bosley, one of NMT's youngest fly tyers, tied flies for the event on Saturday. Ti, with Tom's assistance, conducted fly casting instruction to each of the 6-8 child groups on Friday, and all interested on Saturday, while Kadey tied various trout flies and Pete demonstrated the tying of Mel Krieger's "Hank of Hair" fly on a small safety pin so they could wear it on their clothing. Sheer numbers, both days, precluded effective hands-on fly tying by the students but, all who viewed, received one of Kadey's flies or a safety pin "Hank of Hair" fly,

in their choice of color, to take away from the tying station. The NMT ladies generally assisted as needed.

Colleen and Kevin had the event very well organized and all of the participants seemed genuinely interested in the instructional sessions. The Park staff had the campgrounds cleaned up and had pre-arranged for the MNG&F and NMT participants' campsites: it seemed a very well coordinated and executed two-day event. Public participants appeared to vary in age from very young through elderly: some seemed only curious while many seemed genuinely interested in taking up fly fishing or honing their existing skills.



Tom Casting

Pete Gordinier recommends that NMT members favorably consider actively participating at both this NMG&F event and their similar event held in August at the City's Paseo del Vulcan Albuquerque Shooting Range.

Valles Caldera open to limited fishing on East Fork

by Milt McConnell

The East Fork is now back open to trout fishing, although on a very restricted basis. A maximum of 5 anglers can now fish instead of the previous 10, until the season ends on 9 Oct. Obviously, fishing success is much more limited than pre-wildfire, but a 13 inch brown was caught recently. The trout remaining have been feeding on terrestrials, hoppers and beetles with hoppers being the preferred fly. Water is extremely murky during and after rains. Best water quality can be found upstream from the shack. San Antonio fishing is closed for the rest of the season.

Fly of the Month - Partridge Caddis Emerger

Pattern and Photographs by Hans Weilenmann
Used by permission

Hook: Tiemco 2487 (or equivalent light wire scud hook) #12-#18

Thread: Olive



Abdomen: Hare's face (dyed medium olive)

Ribbing: Fine dark copper wire

Wing/wingpost: Brown' partridge (dyed olive) The butt of the feather becomes the wingpost

Hackle: Dyed dark dun Grizzly hackle, parachute style

Thorax: Hare's ear (dyed medium olive)



Note: After the fly is completed, a small drop of varnish is applied at the base of the wingpost, which is subsequently trimmed short.

Like most of my patterns, the PCE is a generic imitation. Adjust color scheme to reflect the naturals in your area.

More flies by Hans are at <http://www.danica.com/flytier/hweilenmann/hweilenmann.htm>

More NM Trout patterns at <http://newmexicotrout.org/archives/category/fly-patterns>

My Summer Vacation

by Pat Mileschosky

In reality my summer vacation really never ends due to the fact that I retired several years ago. But this summer, I had the chance to realize a dream I have had for twenty five years. I finally fished a few of the rivers in Yellowstone National Park with my son, Brian.

Those of you who remember my first stint as President about twenty five years ago might remember a nerdy looking six year old boy who was my shadow at many of the club outings. At that time I would spend at least a week every year fishing in the Yellowstone area with the likes of Mike Maurer, Dick Blumershine, Tom Hablitzel and other flyfishing junkies from Albuquerque. Brian always bugged me about taking him and didn't understand when I explained the size of the park's rivers. It was only when I took the family to Yellowstone as tourists, and he saw the Madison, Yellowstone and other rivers that flow through the area, that he quickly understood why I wouldn't take him.

Spring forward twenty five years and suddenly Brian is a strapping thirty one year old man. He has been flyfishing for several years but unable to make the Yellowstone trip due to family (Katelyn, his lovely wife, Audrey, 5 and Landon, 3), career and other competing interests, amateur radio and Boy Scouts.

This year the family decided that a trip to Yellowstone was in order. We rented a Suburban for the six of us (Brian, Katelyn, Audrey, Landon, Patty and myself) and the two day road party to Montana was on.

We met Katelyn's parents, Ray and Ann Shewnack along with another couple in Montana. The older members of NM Trout might remember Ray as the long time club newsletter editor and an absolutely avid flyfisherman.



The three days we were allotted by the ladies to fish were spent on the Gardner River, the Madison at Three Dollar Bridge and the Gibbon in the park. After a twenty year absence from the area, I found that a lot had changed in regards to the fishing. Old haunts that once gave up goodly numbers of big fish were no longer the hot spots they once were. Couple this with the fact that we were in between

seasons which made the fishing tough as the summer bugs were gone and the winter bugs had yet to start appearing.

The Gardner and Gibbon offered up a smattering of smaller trout which took our dry flies cautiously. I enjoyed sitting back and watching Brian work the water. Over his short fly fishing career, he had become a very proficient caster having no problem putting his fly where he wanted. Ah, to have the eyesight and reflexes of a young man, not to mention the strong nimble legs to wade a river all day and stay upright.

The Madison was just as I remembered it. Fast, deep and full of holding areas. We waded wet and, in my case, sometimes almost completely wet as wading the Madison is akin to walking on greased bowling balls. Yikes, some things never change. Working the river with attractor patterns produced a few Rainbows. Later

in the day I started pounding the banks with the same attractors (Stimulators, Royal Trudes, etc.) which coaxed some big, strong Browns out from under the cut banks. Woo hoo! Just like the old days!

All in all, this trip was a great time. I had the chance to visit with Arrick Swanson, formally from Albuquerque, who has a very successful fly fishing shop in West Yellowstone. The New Mexico Trout old timers might remember Arrick as a young scrawny teenager who amazed folks with his fly tying skills. It's great to see him living his dream.

Needless to say the best part of the trip was spending three days fishing the Yellowstone area with my son, just as I had promised him we would do many years ago. God willing I'll be able to enjoy fishing with him in the years to come.

Conservation Project

by Ron Loehman, Conservation Chair

New Mexico Trout helped the Forest Service on 17 September with a restoration project on the Rio Cebolla above the Seven Springs Fish Hatchery off State Road 126. A hardy group of volunteers repaired and rebuilt barbed wire fences to keep cattle from trespassing on the riparian areas of this beautiful little meadow stream.

The upper Rio Cebolla is a delightful little stream that meanders through a series of grassy mountain meadows and is home to a healthy population of native Rio Grande cutthroat trout. Our efforts will help ensure the health of this gem.



Calendar

NMT General Meeting

11 Oct 2011, 7:30pm

Sandia Prep - Commons Room

Ron Loehman will give a presentation on fishing in Alaska.

<http://newmexicotrout.org/get-involved/meetings>

Fly Tyer's Roundtable

Every Monday, 7:00pm excluding holidays

Sandia Prep Lab classroom

The Flytyer's Roundtable brings new and experienced tyers together to exchange ideas, techniques and materials.

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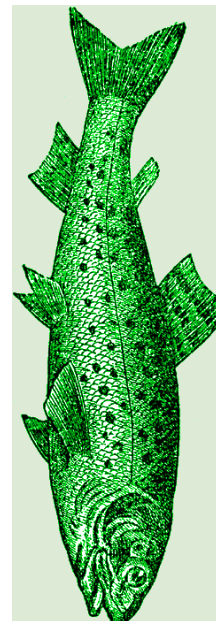
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