



**Kansas City
Chapter**



SEPTEMBER 2006

**Club Meeting:
4th Tuesday of Each
Month**

Next Meeting
Sept 26, 2006
7:00 pm

**Executive Board
Meeting:**

Oct 4, 2006
Fleming Meeting Hall

Location:

Fleming Hall
21906 SW Woods Chapel Road
Lee's Summit, Missouri

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2006 Conclave

The Conclave is the premier event of the the Southern Council Federation of Flyfishers, held each year in Mountain Home, Arkansas. It will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 5th thru October 7th, 2006. The business meetings will be held Sunday morning the 8th.

Registration packets will be ready for pickup at the Ramada Inn starting at 8:00 AM on Thursday, October 5. Those who haven't pre-registered may do so that day or wait till the following day at the Fair Grounds.

Conclave Featured Fly Fishers

Charles Jardine

We have asked Charles Jardine, one of our sports true gentleman, writer, artist, and perhaps most talented speakers, to come visit us from his home in Great Britain. With his guidance we are going to explore our beloved sports humble beginnings. What better way than with an Englishman to take us back to fly-fishing's early English roots to help us better appreciate its evolution and development?

Lori-Ann Murphy

Lori-Ann co-founded Reel Women Fly Fishing Adventures in 1992, the first company to offer women only trips all over the world. Since then, Reel Women has grown to include: women and men guided float trips, coed guide schools, basic fly fishing schools, casting clinics, & fly fishing shows. She was the first woman to become an Orvis-endorsed fly fishing guide in 1988, and has served as a consultant to several tackle companies in the fly fishing industry. She is currently on the Pro Staff for Rio Products and ClackaCraft drift boats. Lori-Ann has a distinct love for fly-casting and was honored to win The Best of the West ISE Casting Competition in 2003. Her enthusiasm and dedication to our sport is unparalleled and guaranteed to be contagious for everyone around her. Lori-Ann's home waters are located in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming near Jackson Hole. When she is not fishing or guiding on the river, Lori-Ann can be found giving presentations at sport shows and fly fishing clubs around the United States.

Upcoming Events 2006

**September 30/
October 1**

Fall Derby
Roaring River

October 6-8,
FFF Southern Council
Conclave

October 24,
Chili Dinner & Raffle

December 10,
Christmas Party
Fleming Hall

January 9-14, 2007
Sports Show

President's Message - Dave Cook One Last Cast

Have you ever said "One Last Cast" and really meant it? Carol and I were fishing the Rocking Chair Hole at Lake Taneycomo at the end of August. It was near 8 pm, the sun had set, the fog was getting thick and darkness was setting in. I said it was time to go and I took my last cast. I hooked and landed and released the biggest rainbow trout of my life. That was my last cast that day. But in all honesty, if I hadn't caught that fish on that cast, then probably there would have been one more last cast.

For me, the first cast, the last cast and all the casts in between, I am expecting to catch a fish, a big fish. Whether I am fishing for bass, bluegill or trout, it doesn't matter. Don't we expect to catch a big one with that next cast? Are we disappointed when it doesn't happen? No. There is always the next cast. And the reason why has nothing to do with fishing skill. I believe it is well documented that fishermen are the greatest optimist in the world. That's how fishing makes me feel, that there is a great opportunity right in front of me. But it's more than that. My love of nature and the love of the sport has taught me that every day that we given to do the things that we love is a gift given to us. It has also helped me learn that all days are a gift and some days are just more special than others.

So after my last cast on that day, there was a prize that was in my hands that was allowed to swim free. I saw no other option. For the gift of the day was already mine.



Fly of the Month Partridge Soft Hackle By Dave Cook

This fly is very effective for browns and rainbows during the Fall. I tie this on a standard dry fly hook size 14 or 16.

Wrap the hook with orange, green or red rayon floss or colored thread. Tie in small copper wire at the back of the hook at the same time. Attach red 6/0 or 8/0 thread and tie off the floss at the head. Tie in two strands of peacock herl in the front half of the hook to build a peacock thorax. Tie off the peacock and trim. Wrap the copper wire to the head of the hook making sure you wind a couple of times thru the peacock as you move forward. Tie off and trim the wire. Select a soft hackle from the shoulder of a partridge skin or if you buy selected feathers use a small to medium sized feather. The hackle on a soft hackle fly should be sparse.

I take the feather I selected with the shiny side (the outer surface of the feather) facing me and I hold it at the top tip. Then strip off the left side of the hackle. Also, everything that is fluff on the right side of the stem should be stripped away.



That just leaves a few fibers in the tip top of the feather on the left side. (The fibers that remain on the right side of the stem is what makes the fly.)

Where those tip fibers meet the stem of the feather, tie in the feather near the eye of the hook right in front of the thorax. For right handed tiers, the tip is pointing to your right. Take the stem of the feather and wrap it about one and one-half times around the hook. Secure the hackle with your thread, trim the excess hackle, make a head and whip finish and cement.

This fly can also be tied with an all peacock body with red thread and the partridge hackle.



Fishing Trip

Are you planning a fishing trip or you would like to go fishing but no one to go with. Use our club newsletter to locate or inform others of trips or places you would like to go fishing. Well, Doug Piper is planning a Salmon fishing trip to the Pere Marquette river in Michigan. He is looking for one or two more people to fill out his group. His trip is planned for the middle to late September. If you are interested in fishing one of the top steelhead/salmon rivers in Michigan give Doug a call about the dates and what you might need for your trip. Here is a photo of Barry Wilkinson with a nice Salmon caught on the Pere Marquette.

Contact Doug Piper at (816) 254-4790 (Home) or (816) 229-4242 (Office)



Chili Dinner/Raffle

Our annual Chili Dinner will be an extra special event this year. We will have dinner from 6:30p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Bring your STUFF. We will need three pots of chili and three soups for that night. The club will be supplying catsup, onions, crackers, and cheese. For those not bringing chili/soup we need side dishes and desserts. Don't forget that you will receive a free ticket for every item you bring, either food or raffle item. We will also be selling tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If you have any questions, call David.



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Ian Colin James

Considered by many to be one of the top fly-fishing guides and fly-tying instructors in North America, Ian is famous for his razor-sharp Scottish wit and his down-to-earth fly-fishing methods. Well-known for his no bull approach to fly fishing, for 25 years Ian has shown folks how to cast, how to find fish and how to catch the fish they find. He promotes Common Sense Fly Fishing using the minimum amount of gear to produce the maximum amount of fish. Ian calls a spade a spade, and a strike indicator a bobber.



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