



NEWSLETTER

PRAIRIE FLY FISHERS

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Federation of Fly Fishers

Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 pm
Camp Dakani (1/2 mile west of I-35 on Hefner)

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Elections were held at our last meeting in September. The new officers are President Phil Coventon, Vice President, Jerry Walker and Treasurer, Steve Wiley. Many thanks to Wayne Anderson and Glen Garton, outgoing officers, for their service over the last couple of years.

We plan to continue our ongoing discussion regarding affiliation with the Federation of Fly Fishers in view of their significantly increased dues. Steve Wiley will have a report on the club's financial condition and the possible need for our first dues increase in many, many years. There will also be a report on continuing and possibly improving our website with a bulletin board feature.

The program this month will be presented by Kim Erickson, long-time club member and Chief of Fisheries for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife. Kim will update us on some new habitat improvements for trout fishing on the Mountain Fork River near Broken Bow. Trout fishing on the Mountain Fork, particularly in the cooler months, has become a real treat for us in Oklahoma, and yes even for a lot of folks from Texas. Some nice size rainbows and browns are routinely taken from all zones including Spillway Creek as seen in the photograph.



Nice 18 " Rainbow - Spillway Creek, February 2006

Fly Tying Club ~ Tuesday, October 24, at 7:00 pm
Backwoods (122nd St. at N. May)



All right, you asked for it, and Tom Adams is bringing it back at this month's fly tying session – it's the COPPER JOHN. We tied the Copper John not too long ago, but as I recall we ended up with several variations including Copper Bob's, Phil's, Joe's, etc. John Barr developed this fly several years ago, and it has truly become one of the most successful fish catchers of all time. It can be tied in many sizes and variations and it works in all kinds of water. It's the standard dropper used below a dry fly in the Rocky Mountains. It also works well in Arkansas and on the Mountain Fork here in Oklahoma.

Notices:

1. There is a tentative trip planned to Arkansas for the first weekend in November to fish on the White River and North Fork River. More discussion and details at this month's meeting.
2. Don't miss the November meeting when Tom Adams of Backwoods will have his annual presentation on all the new fishing and outdoor items you want and need – and deserve to have.