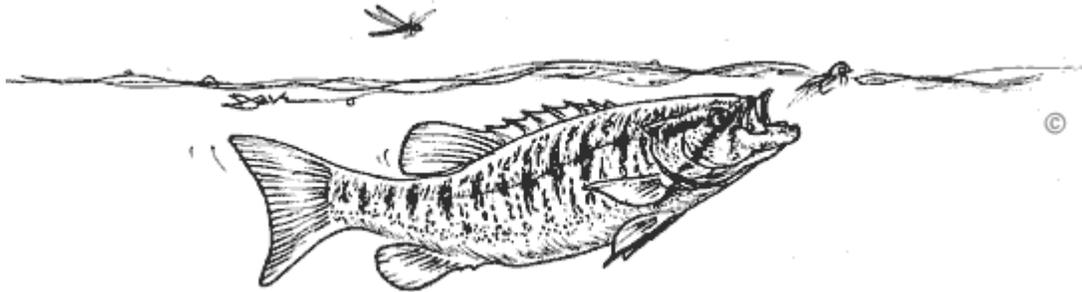


The Take



Carolina Fly Fishing Club

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Club News

Well folks, after nearly a year of planning, legwork, and just plain ole hard work, CFFC is beginning a new year. With help from all of our members we can look forward to many outings and gatherings, learning and sharing our knowledge with others in this great sport. Thanks Jack, Bob, Jim, Dan, and JT

Awesome job guys.

Kim Scronce

Interesting Data

Trout Size	Density	% Of Total
4" or less	1 fish every 11' of stream	50%
4" to 7"	1 fish every 13' of stream	36%
7" to 12"	1 fish every 42' of stream	12%
12" or more	1 fish every 1,100' of stream	2%

Between 1989 and 1996, NC Wildlife Resources biologists sampled 17 trout streams in NC. They sampled using electro-fishing gear. The table above shows just how many fish were holding in those sections of water.

The Blowfly Chronicles

Part I

Women do strange things...last night I was dead-bone tired and trying to go to bed. Carol screeches, "There's a blowfly in here!" I say that I will kill it tomorrow. But, hell, no!! This fly has to go NOW! She thinks it will attack her during the night. I start chasing this big s.o.b. around the house, swatting and hacking at it until I am out of breath. Never did kill it. I decide to quit the attack and go to bed. I'll be darned if I didn't get to the bedroom and Carol is asleep. Does anybody wonder why I am crazy?

Can women drive you crazy? A couple of months ago I pulled out of the end of our street and exploded the rear end in my 4x4. I got on the cell phone and called Carol to get my other Blazer and bring it to the end of the street so I can swap vehicles while waiting on a tow truck. I am naturally upset at this point, as I am also towing my stump grinder. She asks for directions to where I am!! I am at the end of our blasted street! Anyway, she gets there and I get the vehicles swapped and the second one hooked to my machine. I get in the Blazer to leave. Look in the left mirror and can't see squat. Look in the right-hand mirror and can't see squat. Look in the rear-view mirror and it ain't there. Rear-view mirror is lying in the passenger seat. I am berserk now!!! Carol says it broke off the window when she tried to adjust it. I have just ripped a freaking \$1,200 rear end out of a 4x4 and she tears the dadgum mirror off the *other* truck, trying to adjust it so she can drive 247 yards!! Does anyone have any idea why I drink so much?

To Be Continued

John Thomas

OUTLETS and DEAD CURRENT ZONES

A couple of years ago Jack Harwell, Henry Minnett and myself were fishing the north end of Ocracoke Island for flounder and red drum. After looking over several unpromising holes, we found a great-looking hole about one mile south of the ferry dock. We could not tell too much about this spot because it was on a high tide when we first started fishing it. I could tell only that it was a long-running trench (approximately 100 yards) and was 8 to 10 feet deep right against the bank.

We fished this place for three and a half hours without a single bite. As the tide fell, I finally realized why no fish were in this hole: there was no outlet!!!! We walked about 50 yards north of this fishless hole and found a small depression (3 to 4 feet deep and 20 yards in diameter). This little hole had a groove in the center of it which was about five feet deep and extended away from the beach through the outer bar. In other words, the fish had a way in and a way out, no matter what the tide level was. We caught six flounder out of this little cut that weighed 19 pounds total. Remember that no fish is going to let itself get trapped in shallow water. Unfortunately, a storm closed the outlet on this hole during the night and this spot became fishless, also.

A good tip for all surf fishermen: The first day that you arrive at the beach you should spend a couple of hours around low tide looking for potential good holes with outlets and fish-holding bottom configuration. Do this first-day "homework" and I promise that you will have a more successful trip.

Dead Current Zones

A dead current zone is a spot in the surf where there is little or no water movement with a lot of current very close to it. This is similar to the eddy behind a rock in a

mountain stream. This is obviously a fish-holding spot -- a great location from which fish can ambush. These dead current zones are created by three different things:

1. A sand bar or shoal which blocks current flow;
2. Conflicting currents which meet, creating an eddy (an example of this occurs when you have a north-to-south flowing current which meets a northward flow of water coming off the left side of a sand point during falling tide);
3. An obstruction in the water such as a log, bridge piling or a jetty.

Sometimes you can visibly see these zones, but other times you must find them with your bottom rig. I typically find these spots by using a light (3/4-oz. or 1 oz.) flat sinker on my rig. The current will wash this rig along the bottom until it stops in a dead current zone. Many times my rig will wash off the side of a sand bar into a depression in the bottom where there is no current and I will get bitten immediately.

Follow these tips and it will shorten the time between strikes. And remember: There is no substitute for "time on the water!"

John Thomas

Upcoming Events

February 2-4 Fly Fishing Show-Charlotte Merchandise Mart
CFFC Members will be working in conjunction with other Federation of Fly Fishers clubs to man the FFF booth at the show. There will also be presentations given by Club Members in one of the Halls at the venue. This is sure to be a fun event, and any help you could provide would be most appreciated even if it were just an hour or two of time.

Mid March will be a Delayed Harvest Trout fishing outing for club members. This will be a weekend event to take place on either the Nantahala or the Tuckeseegee Rivers. The group will stay, and this is subject to change, at the KOA in Cherokee. A site closer and that can accommodate a group is being researched. This will be an overnigher for those interested in attending. And very reasonably priced hotel rooms are available for those who do not wish to "rough it" in a Cabin at the KOA. Details coming.

April - A spring Bass and Bluegill trip for either South Georgia or Mountain Island Lake is also being worked on. Details are sketchy at present but should be worked out by February's meeting.

Come join us in May for a spring Tennessee trip to fish for trophy fish on Tennessee tailwaters, and wild fish in the Cherokee National Forest. This is an event you will not want to miss.

January

Insect	Emergence	Pattern
Blue Winged Olive	Afternoon	18-24 BWO and Adams
Little Black Winter Stonefly	All Day	18 Nymph and Adult
Dipterae Midges	Afternoon	18-24 Nymph and Adult

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With the warm temperatures of late, the "Wild" trout waters are fishing better than normal for this time of year.

"Delayed Harvest" streams still can be productive when fish can be found (ask Bob) A ton of fish in the Tuck as always, but I'm afraid a lot of the smaller streams i.e. Curtis Creek and Stone Mountain have been the victims of lots of poaching.

Still a few trout to be had on the OBX, JT's article on Outlets and Dead Current Zones is right on the money. Striper fishing is still good with all the warm weather, although getting tougher to catch them from the beach. Don't forget you need a NC Saltwater License now.

September 23, 2006

Smallie outing

October 10, 2006

Monthly meeting-TBA

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