



March Meeting:

Digitally Reprocessed

Professional photographer Bill Meyers was our speaker for our March meeting. After Bill finished his presentation, I think most of those in attendance felt they were digitally reprocessed.

Bill discussed the differences in digital picture formats, threw in a good bit of information about the preferred formats in which to save our photos, and had some composition and editing hints that will improve all of our “favorite fish” photos.



He told of some of the common mistakes we amateurs make when shooting photos — like shooting a picture when something such as the bright shot on the screen makes the other items — mainly people — too dark, as seen on the left. He showed us how one can easily solve that problem by using a fill flash, as seen on the right.



With simple software for your computer, you can also fix a number of your “problem shots” with some post-photo processing. (The shot on the right was fixed on my computer when I got home!)

Back in the good old days of film photography, you had to wait for your pictures were developed to see what you managed to capture.

With today’s digital cameras you’re able to see the results of your efforts right on the spot, and then you can retake that shot if it’s not right — and you’re not losing any money with wasted film!



The future Ansel Adams’ of the fishing crowd?

March Outing:

Great Waters Flow...

Mother Nature is a NOT a nice lady! She may have let us get our meeting in this month, but she sure wasn't cooperative when it came time for our outing.

It seemed that most of the remaining snow in the southeast Wisconsin area all melted at the same time and flowed into the Root River watershed. On the Tuesday before the outing the water flow was falling, nearing 750 cfs, and it looked like it might be fishable. By Thursday the flow was increasing dramatically, going above 1300 cfs and showing little signs of easing. Oh well, there's always April...



An upstream view of the Root River weir in Lincoln Park.

April Meeting:

Fishing opportunities on the Milwaukee River

Will Wawrzyn is with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Milwaukee office) and oversees the Milwaukee River Basin. Will is going to tell us about the Milwaukee River and the fishing opportunities it offers with an emphasis on smallmouth bass fishing. At a recent public presentation Will discussed the Milwaukee River and the numerous challenges it faces due to the high density population that lives in and around the river. He'll also share with us smallmouth bass fishing information that we can use this season.

Join us on April 8th at Yester Years Pub & Grill, 9427 W. Greenfield Ave. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. You can join us at 6:00 pm for a burger, beer, and some fish stories before the meeting starts.

April Outing:

Trout Fishing on Black Earth Creek

This will be our first inland trout outing of the year! Wanna bet that Mother Nature won't give us an overcast, drizzly day where we could expect to get a Blue Wing Olive (*Baetis*) hatch to work with?! I'm betting it's going to be sunny and near 60 degrees out!

What's a Baetis mayfly? Well, the Baetis will have three or four generations every summer (bivoltine). This popular species, when on the water will always produce fish. The Adams in #18 is your best bet. (The fly tyers in our group on Wednesdays know how to tie this in a parachute style — and they're ready to fish them at the outing!)

Early in the year this mayfly appears in small sizes, becoming larger as the summer progresses, and then going back to smaller sizes in the fall. This mayfly can be found in size #16 down to sizes #22 and #24. Color of adult is that of the dun.

Need more info? Contact Greg Schick at gaschick@wi.rr.com or Ken at flyeguy@wi.rr.com

Don't forget to renew your fishing license and get your trout stamp before you go!

If you want to caravan or carpool, meet Ken Zielinski at the Pettit Center parking lot at 6:30 a.m. Don't be late -- he'll leave at 6:45 a.m.!



Wisconsin Hatch Chart

This is a "Generic" Wisconsin hatch chart containing the major insect hatches important to the angler. Please understand that hatch times may fluctuate due to weather; warm temperatures will speed hatch cycles up while cooler temperatures will slow the hatch schedule down. Call the shop for true "up to date" information, patterns and sizes.

| | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Little Black Stonefly | xxxx | xxxx | xxx | | | | |
| Midge | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx |
| Blue Winged Olive | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx | xx | xxxx | xxxx |
| Hendricksons | | xxx | xxxx | xx | | | |
| Sulphurs | | | xx | xxxx | xx | | |
| Gray Drakes | | | xx | xxxx | | | |
| Brown Drakes | | | | xxxx | | | |
| Light Cahill | | | | xx | xxxx | xx | |
| Hexagenia | | | | xxx | xxxx | | |
| Tricos | | | | | xx | xxxx | xxxx |
| White Fly | | | | | | xxxx | xxx |
| Little Black Caddis | xx | xxxx | xxxx | xx | | | |
| Tan Caddis | | xx | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx |
| American Grannom | | xx | xxxx | xxxx | xx | | |
| Terrestrails-Ants, Beetles, Crickets | | | xx | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx |
| Terrestrails-Hoppers | | | | | xxx | xxxx | xxxx |

Note: Each "X" represents one week within the month

Our Seasons

Early Season (March-April)

Weather can be cold and there is always a chance of snow. We always have a few days of warm sunny weather to help cure cabin fever. This is one of my favorite times of the year, you can have the stream all to yourself and the fish are hungry after a long winter. The water condition can be cold and some times cloudy.

The equipment that you will need is a 5 or 6 wt rod 8-9 ft. long, tippets in the 4x -5x range. Most of the fishing is done with floating lines but a sink tip some times comes in handy. This is the time of year that you will need to fish slow and deep. The fish have not started to look up yet and are feeding on nymphs on the bottom. On the few warm sunny days we get in the early season you will find midges and baetis hatching in the warmest part of the day.

At this time of year we do not need to get to the stream early. We try to time our fishing to the most pleasant time of the day. The bugs and fish like warm sunshine just like you do, so fish when you think the weather is the best and you will have a great day.



Southwest Wisconsin Hatches

Lets take another look at some of the most important Insect hatches for southwest Wisconsin. This shows where you can find them:

Mayflies

Blue-winged Olive (*Baetis spp.*)

Timber Coulee, Black Earth — All season, heaviest in May and September

Hendrickson (*Ephemerella subvaria*)

Timber Coulee, Black Earth, West Fork Kickapoo — April through May, when you can find them!

Sulfer Dun (*Ephemerella spp.*)

Timber Coulee, West Fork Kickapoo, Willow Creek, Big Green — Mid May through July

March Brown (*Stenonema vicarium*)

West Fork Kickapoo — Late May through June

Hex, Giant Michigan (*Hexagenia limbata*)

Black Earth, Willow Creek — Late June, early July

Tiny Blue-winged Olive (*Pseudocloeon spp.*)

Timber Coulee, West Fork Kickapoo, Willow Creek, Big Green — July through September

Trico (*Tricorythodes spp.*)

Timber Coulee, West Fork Kickapoo, Big Green — Mid July through September

Caddis

Micro-caddis (*Hydroptilidae spp.*)

Timber Coulee, Black Earth, West Fork Kickapoo, Castle Rock, Willow Creek, Big Green —All season, but not heavy at any time

Grammon (*Brachycentrus spp.*)

Timber Coulee, West Fork Kickapoo —May

Little Black (*Chimarra spp.*)

Timber Coulee, West Fork Kickapoo — April, May

Tan Caddis

May through August

Spotted Sedge (*Hydropsyche spp.*)

Timber Coulee, Black Earth, West Fork Kickapoo, Castle Rock, Willow Creek, Big Green — June through mid September

Stoneflies

Yellow Sally, Little Yellow (*Isoperla spp.*)

All area streams — May through August

Miscellaneous

Midges (*Chironomus spp.*)

All area streams — All season

Yellow Cranefly

All area streams — May through August

Black Ant

All area streams — ll season

Black Beetle

All area streams — All season

Grasshopper

All area streams — July through September

Cricket

All area streams — May through September



Parachute Blue Wing Olive — a favorite fish catcher on Southwest Wisconsin streams



Fox's "Poopah" — a caddis pupa imitation that catches fish in SW Wisconsin and NE Iowa



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MILWAUKEE LAKE & STREAM FLY FISHERS

2008 CALENDAR

| | April | May | June |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Meeting | 8th | 13th Casting Clinic | Meeting on the Water 10th |
| Outing | 19th Black Earth Creek | 24th Panfish outing | 21st Castle Rock Creek |
| Fly Tying | 9th and 23rd | 14th and 28th | None — It time to fish! |
| Notes | | L. Waubesa or L. Monona | |

| | July | August | September |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Meeting | Meeting on the Water 8th | Meeting on the Water 12th | 9th |
| Outing | 19th | 23rd | 20th |
| Fly Tying | None — It time to fish! | None — It time to fish! | 10th Only |
| Notes | | | |

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| Meeting: | 7 pm Yesteryears Pub & Grill 9427 W. Greenfield |
| Outing: | Meet at 6:30 am at Park & Rides lots. See Hatch for details. |
| Fly Tying: | Sportsmen's Warehouse (I-43 & Mooreland Rd.) from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. |
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Meetings May through August are on the water. Read **The Hatch** for locations or go to our web-

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