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Flylines



The newsletter of the Black Hills Flyfishers

The Finest In Angling Literature

Poor-man's bonefish tourney set

The first annual, and possibly ever, Black Hills Flyfishers carp fishing tournament will be held Sunday, Aug. 24, at Angostura Reservoir. Register and wet your line at 9 a.m. Return with your catch at 2 p.m.

The entry fee for the two-person teams is \$20. Other important rules:

- You must use a fly rod.
- You must use a fly.
- You can walk, float, swim, or boat.

Fifty percent of the pot will go to the team with the most carp poundage caught. Thirty percent of the pot goes to the lucky angler who must touch the largest carp. The remaining 20 percent goes to the team with the most fish.

Paul Stabile, the fearless leader of the BHFF and chef

Angling Report

By Dakota Angler and Outfitter

- **Rapid Creek in town:** Use tricos size 20-22s from early morning to 8 a.m.. Switch to caddis evening until dark.
- **Pactola basin:** Small BWOs, Comparaduns, Para duns, or brooksprouts in sizes 20 and 22 are the way to go. Nymph scuds and small midge pupas and wd40s also are working.
- **Deerfield Lake:** Use an intermediate fly line to get down a little bit with olive and black buggers.
- **Upper Castle Creek and lower Castle to Rapid Creek:** It's time to dig out your terrestrials. This is the best time all year for hoppers, foam ants, and foam beetles.
- **Spearfish creek:** Some BWOs and PMDs on top. Down under, use bead head hare's ears, fox squirrel nymphs, and creeping caddis with WD40s. In the ponds in the canyon, (break out the flip focals) small midges like the 22 and 24 brook sprouts are working well.
- **Spring Creek & Boxelder:** Pray for water.
- **Angostura:** Carp are taking white wing flies and hare's ears. There also have been reports of big trout cruising the lake. (Tip: This report is a hint for the Aug. 24 tournament. Take notes.)

extraordinaire (ask anyone who's traveled with him to the Big Horn), will cook brats after the weigh-in. The BHFF also will provide beverages. Paul asks you to bring a side dish. You'll also need an Angostura day pass and a livewell (a plastic garbage can works well). You also need to RSVP to Paul if you plan to attend so he brings enough food. Call him at 343-7864 or email him at pstable@bhws.com.

This story leaves a big question unanswered: "Why would a classy organization like the Black Hills Flyfishers soil its hands with a carp tournament?"

"First of all, we're not that classy," Paul said, wiping his nose on his sleeve. "Secondly, those ugly fish are a blast to catch."

Good enough. We'll see you there.

Directions: Take highway 79 south to the Angler's Den Bar. Turn right and keep going to the boat landing area. Do not spend the day at the Angler's Den.

Plan for Sept. meeting

The BHFF doesn't hold regular membership meetings in the summer, but we'll make up for that in September. We don't have a speaker, agenda, or topic chosen yet, but we will. We promise.

Last September, we hosted Oliver Edwards from England, and no one showed up. Not only is Edwards Hans Stephenson's hero, but he was an awesome speaker. If you weren't there, you missed a good one.

Mark your calendar for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept 12. Location is TBA.

