



What's up? At a glance

September 17th, 2013

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6pm Social Hour/Indoor Casting and 7pm Meeting at Clyde Iron Restaurant, 2920 West Michigan Street, Duluth MN

October 15th, 2013

6pm Social Hour/Indoor Casting and 7pm Meeting at Clyde Iron Restaurant, 2920 West Michigan Street, Duluth MN

November 1st-3rd, 2013

Arrowhead Fly Fishers 8th Annual Fall Steelhead Rendezvous. Location: Brule River, WI.

November 19, 2013

Elections and annual business meetings. 6pm Social Hour/Indoor Casting and 7pm Meeting at Clyde Iron Restaurant, 2920 West Michigan Street, Duluth MN

December 17th, 2013

Holiday gathering 6pm Social Hour 7pm Dinner at Proctor Backwoods

Guess where!

Each newsletter there will be a photo from a club member. You try to guess where it was taken. Congratulations to Dale Wolf for guessing the last photo location. Chambers Grove June 2012.

Didn't guess the photo location? You can still contribute by emailing your photo for the contest.

. email to:

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submitted photos are available for use by the Arrowhead Fly Angler and Arrowhead Fly Fishers club



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AFF September meeting

Our guest speaker will be Luke Kavajecz. Luke will be giving the presentation "Everything But the Salt: Flats Fishing Chequamegon Bay". The warm water fishery of Chequamegon Bay provides a saltwater like fishing experience over a thousand miles from the nearest ocean. Learn how and why this fishery is a unique challenge for fly fishermen.

General Meeting, Tuesday Sept. 17, 2013

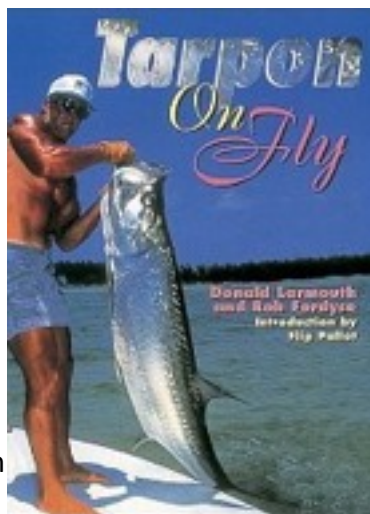
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News

Noted author, Don Larmouth is a new member to the Arrowhead Fly Fishers. He is well known for **Tarpon**

on Fly, which he co-authored with Captain Rob Fordyce and published in 2002. It is considered a must-read by Tarpon fisherman. Tom Anderson, Sage Rep has said that "it is the most definitive book on the subject". Don has just completed another book

called "**Riffles and Backeddies** *Days and Nights in the North Woods*". It is not a how to or where to go book. In it he relates a collection of his stories from fishing the Midwest's lakes, rivers, and streams over a lifetime. He and his wife have enjoyed their cabin in Grand Marais facing the Big Lake for over 40 years. A former Dean of Arts, Sciences, and Graduate



Programs, he retired in August of 2000 as Professor Emeritus in Linguistics and Scientific & Technical Communication at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay. We all welcome him to our club.



AFF Library

Check out the material in the AFF library. Give us a review on the material you checked out. Also, the library is a good place to donate your books and DVDs that you have made good use of. See the AFF webpage for details.

web link for listing of items available:

[AFF library](#)

Remember the AFF has 5 and 6 wt. rods for members to check out by placement of a deposit.

The AFF also has fly tying vices and kits with tools to check out with placement of a deposit.

Contact any board member for details.

Hex Camp Another Success

The evening of Saturday, July 6th presented a little rain but not enough to dampen the warmth and camaraderie of those gathered at the public pavilion in Grand Marais for the AFF's 23rd annual Hex Camp.



Rube Swenson is full of good cheer, even though a bear discovered his food store as he camped up on Flour Lake.

The event followed a glorious afternoon of sunny skies with some members working with the DNR and Trout Unlimited at Kimball Lake. Members met to share news and catch up on old times.



Karl Kauffman & John Connolly discusses matters with Gary Dahl, who volunteered up at the fish weir on Kimball Lake.

After the social hour ended breaking bread and more fellowship followed.



Davy Asproth and Dale Wolf discuss insects and other interests.



Big Chief Karl took time out to become Big Chef Karl

Fly fishing remained the most prominent topic of the night. An evening storm blew into town after six p.m. to keep most attendees off the trout-waters, but that did not seem to bother most of those gathered as it provided an excuse to continue spending more time together at their fun, outdoor meeting.

A day of fishing in drift boats for some Veterans.

The old St.Croix River has seen its share of Veterans and river travelers and it seems they were always in search of something. As Wisconsin and Minnesota was being settled in the mid 1800's the river carried men and women to carve out farms while many others followed the riverway to work in the logging camps. It had been used many years prior to that by early Native Americans to share hunting and fishing grounds with other tribes. Then as battle lines were drawn several tribes were then forced to hunt and fish in other places. Explorers and fur traders followed the river south from Lake Superior into the wild interior of Wisconsin in

search of the fur pelts. Following the Civil War many Veterans traveled the river in search of work, a new life and many may have been searching for that place and time to forget about the Civil War.

As the last logs were floated down the St.Croix River in 1912 a new interest was slowly becoming popular for people in search of getting away and finding some time to sit back and enjoy a day on the river fishing. For the next twenty or thirty years a few new words were being tossed around in magazines and newspapers such as:



recreation, tourist, wilderness, fishing guides, cabins, boat rental and resorts.

Fishing and "heading up north" became the thing to do for many families in search of an up north experience.

Following WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam many of our Veteran men and women came home and could not wait to get back up north and do what they did before they were summoned by Uncle Sam. Many of those Veterans returned to those special places and built resorts, cabins and businesses to remain close to those rivers or lakes that they remembered.

The Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway realized how important the river has been to so many of our Veterans and family members that they approved and fully supported my proposal to develop a Vets On The River project. In 2012 we coordinated the 1st Women Veterans

Paddle as the 1st Vets on the River paddle program and in 2013 we held the 2nd Women Vets Paddle. We also held an Iraq Veteran support group paddle, a Veteran family paddle that 34 people attended and we have 5 Veteran Honor Cruises scheduled on the National Park Service pontoon in Stillwater, MN.

A day to remember for 12 of us will always be August 10, 2013 as 6 driftboats pulled away from the Highway 70 Landing on the St.Croix River with 5 Veterans and one Wisconsin Gold Star son (his Dad was killed July 9, 2003) in search of smallmouth, northern, muskie or

anything that would bite! Our driftboat captains were all very experienced fly fishing and river fishing mentors who volunteered their day to take



the Vets fishing.

We had 2 Iraq Vets, 3 Vietnam Vets and our Gold Star son Dustin paired up with Paul Bartlam, Udo and Brenda Lindeman, Wendy Willimamson, Ivan Streif, Tracy McConkey, and Don Sutliff. Our guest for the day was Outdoor TV host Dave Carlson also a Marine Vietnam Vet and his cameraman Dave



Roll. They were busy all day fishing and filming the event for his show ' Dave Carlson's Northland Adventures' to be shown on WQOW in Eau Claire, WI. You can archive his show by going to his website www.northlandadventures.com and clicking on fishing segments-Refresher Course.

As the saying goes " it's always good fishing, that's why they don't call it catching' proved to be true for a couple of the boats. Some caught fish, some



caught several nice fish and some did not catch a fish but I believe this to be true " we live our lives fishing and realize it's not fish that we are after" was obvious at the end of the day.

Our group laughed, talked and fished their way down river and enjoyed a lunch break at the Historic Van Cabin with owner Steve Van sharing some of the cabins family history.

Paul Bartlam brought some his fly fishing props to share with the Vets. Dave Carlson kept his camera rolling during lunch for some interviews and then it was down river for some more fishing. Udo Lindeman may have captured the spirit of this event when he said" they served our country with Honor and Respect and it's our way to give back that same Honor and Respect today."

For everybody that day, the search was on for a fish and a good time and it's safe to say the day was a keeper for all who attended. As the NPS Park Ranger who coordinated this event I wanted to bring both groups together for a day of fishing and fun and as I said during my interview " I do not guide Veterans on the River, I guide Veterans to the River and let the River do it's magic----it's that simple as it happen.

Set the scene: Think of the fish first. Let the fish catch it's breath in the water while you prepare the camera and set the scene. Remember the fish just fought for it's life! I would not do well if I ran for my life and right when I escaped someone put my head in a bucket of water. Where is the sun? Sun behind the subject gives over exposed pictures. Are sun glasses on? Most of us look better with our sun glasses off. What is in the background? Check for landmarks that you may not want to have people use to find your "secret spot". Is there anything distracting in the background, or something to add to the background to make the photo more interesting. Move to where the water is clear. Mucked-up water from standing and netting the fish can make any beautiful stream look like a mud puddle.

Set the camera: Read your manual or look on line to familiarize yourself with the camera. Modern day digital point and shoot cameras can do amazing things. Try flash fill to get rid of dark faces under hat brims. Flash fill can bring out color in fish that might not otherwise appear. Try portrait mode on your camera to give depth of field to your photo. It looks nice to have the subject in focus with the background slightly blurred. This draws the attention to the subject.

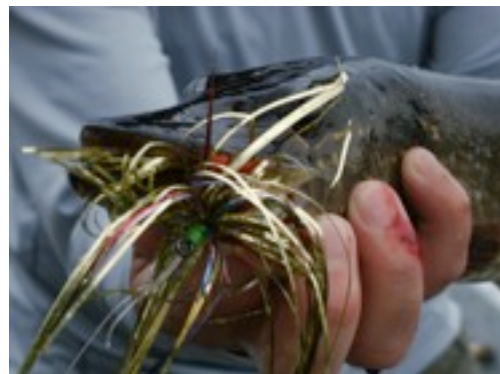
Set a mood: Try highlighting the fish not the hero. See what a difference it makes having the fish be the main subject. Go ahead, take the grin 'n grip hero shot, then try something different. Maybe a different angle on the fish. Or holding the fish close to the water, try a shot with water running off a freshly raised fish. How about having the angler looking down at the fish.



Tell a story: I call trip pics. Pictures of things that happened like people, interesting subjects. Maybe take some photos of gear, flies, wildlife or weather to help tell the story of the day.



This first picture is too dark, hat shadow hides the anglers face and the back ground is uninteresting.



This is the same scene with the camera in portrait mode and some fill flash.

Who we are...

The Arrowhead Fly Fishers is a group of men and women dedicated to promoting fly angling of all types and to preserving fisheries throughout the Arrowhead region.

What we offer: "

Interesting meeting topics Formal casting instruction Stream improvement projects Group fishing adventures

Fly tying sessions Fellowship and Fun



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