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Exciting News!

The New Fly Fisher will be hosting a one-day symposium, "The Secrets of Fly Fishing" featuring four celebrity anglers: Bill Spicer, Tom Rosenbauer, Phil Rowley and April Vokey .

Scheduled for Saturday the 23rd of March in Toronto , the symposium will cover subjects such as small stream techniques for trout, reading a river, advanced stillwater strategies, BC Steelheading and much, much more! Details of this exciting event will be published on The New Fly Fisher website within the next few weeks. You can get more information at www.thenewflyfisher.com

TNFF Update

The New Fly Fisher begins broadcasting again on NESN in the New England states starting November 3rd. Every Saturday & Sunday at noon (ET) you can watch some of the latest episodes of TNFF. The show will air on NESN for 26 weeks straight!

The New Fly Fisher will begin a new season on WFN (World Fishing Network) in January 2013 with 13 brand new episodes.

Healing Waters

TNFF host Bill Spicer is travelling to Pulaski NY to tape a unique show on the Salmon River. He's joining veterans from the US Army who have suffered injuries while deployed overseas, in a program called Project Healing Waters.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings. Bill will be joining local guides to help veterans learn how to fly fish for salmon and steelhead. This great program will be the focus of forthcoming episodes of The New Fly Fisher.

Coming Up in the Next Issue of the Ezine

Issue 8 of The New Fly Fisher ezine is due out next month. We have a mix of how-to, where-to, fly fishing history, and a celebrity interview lined up for our December issue.

Location-focused features , with embedded instructional video, include:

- Carolina redfish by Paul Rose, flyfishing guide for carp, redfish, bass and trophy trout in the Lowcountry of NC,SC,& GA. Paul is also a writer and photographer.
- Manitoba Parkland Trout Lakes by Colin McKeown, publisher and producer of The New Fly Fisher TV show.

New columnist:

Scott Earl Smith from Thunder Bay, Ontario, is an experienced guide and conservationist as well as a fly fishing author. Scott debuts with a feature on fly fishing for muskie.

New contributing writer:

April Vokey is a Steelhead, Salmon and Sturgeon guide on BC rivers. In this issue she writes about being a female fly fisher. Check out April's website: www.flygal.ca

Celebrity interview:

Tom Rosenbauer, fly fishing innovator and instructor, and Marketing Director for Orvis

Also, a new fly tying competition! See the December issue for details

TNFF ezine Sept-Nov cover

Current Issue: <http://thenewflyfisherezine.com/>

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Bill's Tips for Late Fall Fishing

Fall is probably my favourite time to fish, especially for steelhead. I've fished steelhead for over 40 years and it still doesn't get old for me. Here are a few tips to be more successful at steelheading.

First off when the season is early and the fish are aggressive there is nothing like swinging flies for them. Quartering downstream and allowing the fly to swing in front of them is awesome. There is no mistaking a hit. The important thing is to get the fly down near the bottom, as that is where most fish will lie. I always carry T-11 and T-14 sinking leaders in 2 foot, 5 foot and 10 foot sections. These are looped at each end for easy removal and attached is no more than 3 feet of mono to attach the fly to.

You must determine how fast and deep the water is and match the leader with the conditions, remembering you must get the fly near the bottom. Too light a leader and the fly will swing above the fish, and too heavy the fly will constantly hang up on the bottom. We've all heard of the steelhead being taken on a dry but in my experience it is very rare this happens.

When it is later in the season and the water is very cold, fish metabolism will slow, thus making them less likely to strike at a swinging fly. My advice is to go back to dead drifting egg patterns or nymphs. Fish will move out of fast water to the tail-out of pools to wait out the winter. The water is funneled down, and so is the food.

The dead drift set up I found works best for me is usually a two fly set up. I tie my first fly to the tippet and then run 8" more tippet off the bend of the fly and tie on my second fly. Experiment with combinations of flies such as nymph egg pattern, or two nymphs or two egg patterns. I place my split shot 12"-14" above my upper fly. When placing my indicator on I take a guess at how deep the water is and I place my indicator 2 times the depth of the water away from my fly. So if the water is 3 feet deep I place my indicator about 6 feet from the top fly.

Keep your cast short and lift the line off the water when drifting. This will keep your drag to a minimum. Remember, keeping a drag free drift is as important when drifting a nymph as it is when fishing a dry fly. If the fly drags and does not look natural the fish will reject it.

Big fish on the Ganny

Strike at anything that moves the indicator. It may be a rock, or it may be the fish of a lifetime. Good luck!

Bill Spicer , host of The New Fly Fisher

Carpe Diem-Seize the Day!

Phil Rowley -host of The New Fly Fisher - on late fall stillwater fishing

Crisp cool days, near frigid water temperatures, few if any anglers, and the chance of landing the trout of the season. symbolize late fall stillwater fly fishing.

As I travelled across western North America this fall providing stillwater seminars and exploring some of the local lakes in the regions I visited, I found that stillwater fly fishers in Alberta, S.W. Manitoba, Idaho, Utah and California were lured to their favorite lakes, too.

As frost begins to predominate the daily fall forecasts, trout prowl the shallows continuing to build the fat reserves that will carry them through the long cold winter ahead. At this time use pattern and presentation techniques to suggest staple food items such as leeches, forage fish, scuds, immature dragon and damsel fly nymphs and perhaps the most underrated stillwater staple, chironomid larva (bloodworm).

Depending on the location and your luck, you may also run into the tail end of water boatman and backswimmer mating and migration flights. Look for raindrop like rings as they return to the water. Trout soon respond to the migration and the water's surface is quickly scarred by large aggressive trout taking full advantage of the bounty before them. If you are fortunate to experience a boatman or backswimmer fall, it is likely to become one of your most memorable stillwater experiences.

Late fall water temperatures are typically cool, 50F or less. No matter the food source you are imitating, slow retrieves are your best choice. Spend your time exploring the shallows with slow sinking lines such as clear intermediates or a personal favorite of mine, RIO's hover line. The hover sinks at a paltry 1-

inch/second making it an ideal line choice for shallow water and slow retrieves. Suspending patterns beneath indicators static or powered by a sluggish hand twist retrieve is another deadly fall tactic.

Fall is the both the best and worst of times. Some of the best fly fishing of the open water season beckons, tempered somewhat by the knowledge that the icy grip of winter lurks just around the corner. If you still have a chance to brave the cold and sneak out to your favorite lake, even if just for a few hours, do it.

New Products

With the holiday season just around the corner, keep checking The New Fly Fisher website store. Responding to your requests for new items and after some solid research to find great quality, we're getting ready to launch some interesting gift ideas! Click on STORE at <http://www.thenewflyfisher.com>

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