



THE CURRENT

CYPRESS HILLS CLUB TRIP RECAP

The Cypress Hills club trip in August of 2024 was attended by Steve, Jordan, Kenny, his son Michael and myself. The plan was to drive out to the Fort Walsh section in the Cypress Hills on Friday, stay overnight and fish Bone Creek near Gull Lake.

Steve and I were the only ones able to fish the Friday so, we left early in the a.m. and were at the fort ready to fish near lunch time. The day was bright and sunny and fairly hot. Steve experienced for the first time, fly fishing for trout in a stream which can be quite overwhelming in the beginning but Steve was a trooper and took it all in stride. He did see fish but was not able to get any fish to hand. I had a good day with lots of fish to hand; most were in the 6" to 12" range but I did have a 14" on that managed a last minute escape as I was attempting to net it.

We made our way to the rental unit for the overnight stay where Jordan was waiting for us to arrive. Ken and Michael arrived much later that evening.

After our breakfast, we all suited up and were off to various sections of the Bone to see if we could get some Brown trout to hand. It was another bright and sunny hot day. Ken and Michael fished the Charmichel stretch and were catching very active chub but no trout were seen or hooked.

RON'S CRAPPIE DAY

I am REALLY envious of you gents hitting the Cypress Hills streams with hoppers today. However, I just got back from a few days fishing Lake of the Woods and also some unknown lake up by a Trappers cabin an hour and a half north of Dryden ON.

It was a hoot! This is a picture of my first ever Crappie at Lake on Lake of the Woods (Jig and minnow). Once we found 'em, I tried a bead head leech pattern and caught another this size in a few minutes. We were primarily fishing for Walleye but in the course of about 4-5 hrs fishing, we caught about 20-22 between us including one Pike, one Perch, one Sauger, one Smallmouth Bass, and this Crappie.

At the little fished lake up by my buddy's Trapline, we also had plenty of bites (including those #@! Black flies!). It was worth it though. In four hours, we caught about 25-30 Walleye between

Jordan, Steve and I fished the gun club section; they fished upstream and I fished the down stream section. I spooked some big trout before I could get a cast in their direction and saw no action after that. Steve was blanked as well. Jordan however managed to get the nicest fish of the day: a chunky 20" male brown trout. Pretty nice reward for a tough day.

Overall, a good trip, and lots of learning for all.



us up to 21 inches. While my chum was first starting the motor, he said "why don't you drop your jig over while I'm trying to get the motor started" and it never even hit bottom before the first fish was on:) After a laugh and a release I did it again and only jigged it a couple of times before I caught my second one.

He suggested I stop it now so he could spend less time netting and more time starting the motor. Once again though, just to increase my species diversity on the fly, I made sure I caught a Walleye on that same leech pattern...and it didn't take long in fish-rich waters with these experienced fishermen.

Ron



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Meetings every second Wednesday - 7:00 - 8:00 at Access Communications, 2250 Park Street
Access is on northside of building; boardroom is on 2nd floor past the lunch room.
Fly Tying Night is on alternating Wednesday at Malty National Brewing Corp./1130 15th Avenue. See online calendar for verification.

- January 7, 2025.....Director of Fisheries, SK, Presentation. 7:00 p.m
- January 15, 2025Social night - Malty National: 7:00 p.m.
- January 22, 2025.....Fly Tying night - Malty National: 7:00 p.m.
- February 12, 2025Walleye & Carp Presentations 7:00 p.m.
- February 19, 2025Fly Tying night - Malty National: 7:00 p.m
- March 4, 2025SWF (tentative) - General Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- March 12, 2025Social night - Malty National: 7:00 p.m.

- March 19, 2025Fly Tying night - Malty National: 7:00 p.m.
- April 1, 2025.....Equipment 101: General Meeting
- April 16, 2025Fly Tying night - Malty National: 7:00 p.m.
- May 6, 2025Destination Guide Presentation - General Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
- May 14, 2025Social night - Malty National: 7:00 p.m.
- May 21, 2025Fly Tying night - Malty National: 7:00 p.m.