

May 2002



# Flylines



*The newsletter of the Black Hills Flyfishers*

The Finest In Angling Literature

## New Location, Important Topic

The Black Hills Flyfishers will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at a new location - the Children's Science Center, 515 West Blvd. in Rapid City. (It's the rock building in Halley Park that formerly housed the Minnelusa Pioneer and Sioux Indian museums.). The program? District Ranger Bob Thompson will talk about the Spring Creek watershed, including Sheridan Lake.

As most of you know, Sheridan Lake could accurately be described as a fisheries disaster right now, and Spring Creek below the lake is threatened by low flows and high water temperatures. Many of you attended a series of pub-

lic meetings on Sheridan Lake two years ago, and unfortunately, I'm not aware of anything positive that's happened since that time.

There are some possible solutions that could really enhance both the lake and Spring Creek. Since taking action as it respects these possible solutions seems to be at a complete standstill, this should be a pretty interesting meeting. If you have an interest in Sheridan Lake or Spring Creek, I strongly urge you to attend this meeting. Your attendance and your voice could make a significant difference. Be there!

## What An Auction!

Details will be provided in the next Flylines issue, but I can tell you that it was very successful financially, and all who attended this star-studded event had a great time.

We want to thank to our donors, our sponsors, our auction committee, and all who attended this great event.

The highlight of the evening? For me, it was when Buchholz and Polovich made a giant pyramid out of their empty beer bottles, then fell asleep so their significant others had to drive them home. Photos of our two "Sleeping Beauties" to follow in the next Flylines.

Another highlight had to be Vickers, visibly upset after losing a boat bag to another bidder, demanding a re-bid. "DO OVER! DO OVER!" he cried. His request was shot down.



**The BIG Auction '02**

## Angling Report

**Courtesy of Dakota Angler and Outfitter**

**Rapid Creek above Pactola:** Water is still running still off-color. Big bugs such as Prince Nymphs seem to be working well.

**Pactola Basin:** Baetis are hatching, particularly on cloudy days. There are still lots of midges and a few black stones about. Use flies such as midge emergers and small Griffith's Gnats. They have been effective.

**Spearfish Creek:** The reports is more of the same. Baetis and midges. Yates Pond has been fishing well using Callibaetis nymphs.

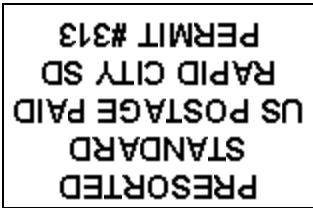
**Spring Creek:** Spring Creek is fishing well. Comparaduns and beadhead mayfly nymphs have been effective.

## Your Last Chance. Really

We're not joking this time. We are about to cull all deadbeats and other non-paying members from our mailing list. This means two things:

1. You will no longer be helping improve fish and wildlife habitat, and
2. You will no longer receive Flylines.

We're not sure which fate is worse, but we do know that neither is a sane option. A membership application is on the back of this page. Fill it out and send the cash, and you'll receive a last-minute reprieve.



Black Hills Flyfishers  
P.O. Box 1621  
Rapid City, SD 57709

## Black Hills Flyfishers / Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues payments are \$15 for a regular membership, and \$35 for a “contributor” membership. Please mail your payment to the Black Hills Flyfishers at the following address:

Black Hills Flyfishers  
PO Box 1621  
Rapid City, S.D. 57709

*The fish thank you* [Black Hills Fishing](#)