

Jeff Currier *global fly fishing*

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Hey everyone!



Ben Byng with a healthy black bass, January on the Delta

It's been a busy 2009 so far. Most of you assume that means I have been fishing my butt off since the last email when I returned from Brazil, but the truth is, I did two months of shows and speaking engagements since then and during the few days that I was home each week, I worked at the Jack Dennis Shop. But as you all know, my work is fun and I enjoyed the heck out of it and met a bunch of great people from all over that love

fish as much as me.

Naturally, I did manage to mix in some fishing along the way. My first presentation of the year was in Tracy, CA in January. I speak here every year and my friend Ben Byng of Tracy always treats me to a day of striper fishing on the Delta. Unfortunately, despite perfect weather, I got skunked! Ben however, caught a nice black bass and a toddler striper. I would of taken that baby striper!

It was a grunt for the next three weeks with an ISE show in Sacramento and Denver and then I spoke in Littleton CO, Albuquerque and at a two day fly fishing conclave in Wichita, Kansas. Once again, it was fun and I met lots of great folks, but it was getting time to wet a line. Fortunately, our annual Ice Fishing

Invitational trip to the great Northwoods was on again and I flew to Manitowish Waters, WI in February to meet up with friends for a friendly tournament. It may sound crazy to most of you, but this is one of my favorite fishing trips of the year. The fishing is unreal and we beat up on the pike, walleye, bass, perch and this year I pulled a muskie through the ice!



Jeff with an 18" largemouth through the ice, February, Northern Wisconsin

Upon returning from the ice it was back to work. I spent a few days in the shop then headed to Dubuque, Iowa for the two day Hawkeye Fly Fishing Show. It was a snowy weekend which meant folks were eager to stay inside and we had a great turnout. Like weeks earlier in Kansas, I met a lot of fly fishers that put bream, bass and other warmwater gamefish up there as equals with trout - my kind of people!

My last show was the Phoenix ISE Sportsmen's Show. I coordinated the Best of the West Distance Fly Casting Competition and then stayed in town to speak at Desert Fly Casters Club. By far, this is my favorite show week. Not only is the AZ weather fantastic, but I fish every day with friends Steve Berry, Cinda Howard and John Romer. This year my family even came down from NH to warm up and fish with us. As usual, fishing was incredible if you like chasing carp from the Urban Lakes of the many housing developments. I love it, and managed to fool numerous grass carp (white amur), common carp, coy, largemouth bass, bluegill, black crappie and even one wierd un-identifiable species. Best of all, we managed to get almost every grass carp we saw to eat the fly. This is a huge accomplishment being that ten years ago we were lucky to land one grassy a week!



*Cinda and I with nice black crappies,
San Carlos Lake, AZ*

That sums up 09 for me thus far. I'm home for awhile now and Granny and I are enjoying the first signs of Spring. After some catch up on art projects and some work around the house Granny and I will begin fishing locally. It looks to be an early Spring and the bluewings should be hatching by the end of the month!

Enjoy the photos!

Keep in touch,

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