



Cross Currents

January 2010

Negotiated and Non-negotiated Time

Marital advice is not my forte, but recently a friend became engaged and asked what impact this would have on his sporting life. I said that, as long as you are willing to work hard, spend some money and understand how to tactically combine the two, there shouldn't be an impact.

First, it is important to distinguish between "negotiated" time and "non-negotiated" time. This will save a lot of money and bargaining chips. Non-negotiated time is exactly what it sounds like: free time to use as you please and a rare commodity to be maximized when available. Let's say your spouse is visiting friends in Kansas City on a Saturday. If your fly rod isn't in the truck before the car is out of sight, you are burning daylight! No amount of honey-do work will earn a whole, free Saturday.

That's the easy part. Negotiated time is trickier and should be handled like an aircraft landing pattern. The downwind leg is parallel to the runway (the objective) but going away from it. The base leg is a 90-degree turn perpendicular to the downwind and then there is the critical final approach.

Downwinds are flown with the wind at your back. You are doing all the things your spouse wants you to do and sometimes before being asked the third time. Heck, maybe even put your dirty clothes in the hamper instead of on the floor. Forego a minor fishing trip to work toward a major fishing trip. This is hard work but, with some determination, most anglers can get the knack after a few weeks.

The base leg is the departure from the downwind ("Honey, one of the TU members said something about fishing Saturday but I told him I wasn't sure. We don't have big plans, do we?") Also, go ahead and place the order to L.L. Bean for that coat she has been

ogling for the last two weeks. A properly flown base leg is important to set up the final approach.

Final approach is flown directly toward the objective. The wind is in your face and you are low and slow. Mistakes could be tragic but if you flew the pattern correctly, you are on your way to a smooth touchdown. Establish you are going on the trip (Sweetie, Randy needs me to go Saturday. You know how sleepy he gets driving by himself.) The coat from L.L. Bean should be delivered about this time.

Don't let any turbulence bother you. Openly tie flies you will need for the trip instead of vacuuming the hallways. Be strategic - nobody wants to crash on final - tell your partner you will mow the lawn or do all that laundry as soon as you get back. Before you know it, you will be waist-deep in a spring creek trying to untangle your line from tree branches. Now wasn't that worth all the effort?

What does this have to do with coldwater fishery conservation? Our main money-raiser, the banquet, will be coming up in February and there are going to be some good auction items, including at least three guided trips and some nice rods and reels. Some members may want to start their downwind leg pretty soon.

**January Meeting at D Rowes
January 5 2010
6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Regular Meeting
The program will be the film *Tarpon***

Banquet Report

DATE - Friday February 12, 2010
WHERE Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia, MO
TIME - Doors open 5:30 meal about 7 pm.

Tickets available from Jeff Witten \$35 each
or 8 for \$240 CONTACT Jeff Witten
<motrout@aol.com>,

PREMIUMS INCLUDE

At least three guided trips,
Several fly rods,
Kids (under 16) *only* silent auction
Reels, line, & other gear
Flat art
Sculpture
Oak fly tying station
Fly collections
Water craft
Door prizes for those who submit fully
completed ticket stubs

Next banquet Committee meeting just
before the club meeting about 6pm, January
5 at D. Rowe's

*For those who are interested in Colorado
fishing, here is a piece from the TU
newsletter for December:*

TU Legal Victory Prevents Water Grab

Trout Unlimited recently won an important
Colorado Supreme Court case that
reaffirmed that municipalities can't claim
more water than they reasonably need for
future water projects—a decision that will
help protect streamflows and trout habitat in
the state's rivers.

In the case, the Court ruled that Pagosa
Springs area water districts had not
sufficiently demonstrated a need for the

amount of water they claimed for the
proposed Dry Gulch Reservoir, based on
projected population growth and water
availability over a 50-year planning period.
TU was concerned that the water districts'
excessive claims from the San Juan River
could lower streamflows and hurt trout
populations in the river.

“The Supreme Court reaffirmed today that it
will not tolerate public utilities speculating in
water,” said Drew Peternell, director of TU's
Colorado Water Project, who argued the
case before the state's highest court. “They
have to show that their claim for water is
based on realistic projections for population
growth. They can't just pull numbers out the
air.”

The ruling is the second time Trout Unlimited
has challenged the proposed reservoir size in
the so-called Dry Gulch case—and the
second time it has won in the state's highest
court.

“In a state where water is in short supply,
this ruling protects not only trout habitat but
all Coloradoans from irresponsible water
grabs and speculative development,” said
Melinda Kassen, director of [TU's Western
Water Project](#).

CASTING CORNER

Just as the ultimate addition to the Woolly
Bugger (or almost any sinking fly) appears
proven as rubber legs; the ultimate casting
self-trainer is implementation of video
review. Training with a Certified Casting
Instructor and mock tests may be
supplemented with video analysis. There are
many keys. Below - some fundamentals to
consider.

1) Digital video can be run in slow motion or

stop motion, very helpful.

- 2) Direct rod-hand side view remains critical but limitation of two dimensions persists.
- 3) Simultaneous views of casts (2 cameras needed), at 90-degree angles provide ultimate analysis potential.
- 4) Pixel resolution MUST always capture complete fly line path for evaluation.
- 5) Direct front and back views allow observation of tracking, planes, tip path, etc.
- 6) Light should be directly behind camera. If two cameras operate simultaneously, light should come from somewhere between the two cameras at about 45 degrees.
- 7) Overcast days make for best lighting with fewer shadows.
- 8) Night casting requires light directly from the camera direction, usually. (This also provides best background for light colored line)
- 9) Contrasting background for the entire path of the fly line probably presents the most difficult challenge for evaluations of this magnitude. (Another case for night video)
- 10) Write notes on your self-analysis and compare with comments from qualified, independent evaluators.
- 11) Use tripods to prevent unplanned camera motion that may obscure detail.
- 12) Video shorter segments and evaluate so as to prevent becoming overwhelmed by volume.

Collecting and analyzing video is a time consuming process. Should one not enjoy collaborating MCCI's nearby, this remains a clarifying form of objective input.

Gary Eaton, Master Casting Instructor

Tarpon to be screened at the January meeting

According to Amazon Reviews, "... this film has been a cult classic among flyfishermen and literary types for decades, more talked about than seen. Now, at last!, it is available to all, in glorious color and sound, functioning as a time machine back to a Key West that no longer exists with a cast of literary icons when their careers were just beginning. The film is beautifully filmed and edited, with a high energy soundtrack by Jimmy Buffet that should keep the Parrotheads buzzing for weeks. Tarpon contains the only known footage of the late Richard Brautigan, poet and novelist, and has terrific sequences featuring fellow writers Jim Harrison, Tom McGuane and Guy de la Valdene, all of whom have gone on to the stuff of greatness."

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Resources – open
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February Meeting at D Rowes

February 2, 2010

6:00pm Dinner,

7:00pm regular meeting

The program will be led by John Meyer on "Fishing the Great Smokies National Park"

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