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We have taught the MSU 135 class for a few years and started many students in the right direction to proper casting. It is amazing to see the progress and improvement of each student from the first day of class on the grass to the Bennett Spring outing. The program this month will be a discussion on casting a fly rod and there will be handouts for your review from the Gammel School of Fly Casting and the Wulff School of Fly casting. These are basic outlines to teach fly-casting to the beginner. We will discuss the material and decide if we wish to incorporate a portion and all of the material into our curriculum. **From 6 PM to 7 PM, in Memorial Park** we will provide a casting class for all. It will be a review of casting that will be taught to the MSU class. Bring your rod and we will discuss how to teach a beginner with an emphasis to better understanding proper casting. **After 7 PM**, we will meet at the Springfield Nature Center and have a short discussion about our teaching the PED 135 class.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Activities for July 2007

- August 2**..... Regular Meeting at 6 PM Springfield Nature Center
- August 18**..... Watermelon Feast @ Memorial Park (4PM - 8PM)
- August 24**..... Insect-O-Rama Springfield Conservation Nature Center
- August 30**..... MSU PED 135 class to begin

Regular meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, unless indicated differently on the activity calendar.

Generally we will begin early, meeting at 6:00 p.m. to share fly tying tips and tie a few flies for anyone who is interested before the business meeting. This month, we meet at Memorial Park at 6:00pm and than back to the Nature Center at 7:00pm.

Notice from John Prugger to the Membership:

Missing: Since our last meeting, two bobbins from our new *Joe Curry tying bench*. One thread bobbin is metal and the other bobbin is vinyl and is lined. This bench is for all our members to use at the meetings so we would like to keep everything all together. Since Joe donated the bench for club use, we would appreciate it if the bobbins could come home. Thanks

There will be copies of the following available at the 6:00pm to 7:00pm Memorial Park Casting Session

Gammel School of Fly Casting

A One-hour Lesson Plan

And The

Wulff School of Fly Casting

How to Teach the Basic Cast

Product Review of Maui Jim Optics by Ken Morrow

I don't have a lot of money, but I only have one pair of eyes. So when it comes to deciding which I consider more important, "the eyes have it." Having been an avid shooter and angler since childhood, good optics have long been a priority of mine. Having had severe vision problems as a child, I guess I am more aware of what poor vision can do to one's life than most. But I was lucky. When I hit puberty...and after several years of ocular therapy, ugly coke-bottle glasses, and the headaches, humiliation, and hassles that come with it...my vision suddenly corrected itself to better than 20/20. But I still have a controllable astigmatism and vertigo. So glasses and vision care are something I know a thing or two about. I started purchasing optometric-quality sunglasses when I joined the military at age seventeen. Back in the early 1980s, Ray-Bans were all the rage in the military. And the new kid on the block was Oakley.

I owned pairs of both and a few other lesser names along the way. But I pretty much settled on Ray-Bans by the time I was twenty. Being a competitive marksman, I sunk some money into custom Ray-Ban Aviator shooting glasses that cost me as much as \$240 each. I had a pair with green lenses and gold frames and a pair with gray lenses and black frames. And when I left the military in the mid-90s, one of my first "civilian" purchases was a pair of smoke gray fashion frame Oakleys with pink-tinted lenses that would not have been acceptable under uniform guidelines in the military. What a rebel I had become!



But last winter my wife opened my eyes to a whole new world when she bought me a pair of Maui Jim MJ Sport glasses for fly fishing. As much as I had always spent on quality sunglasses, I had always battled with them sliding down my nose, causing discomfort over and behind my ears with prolonged wear, and struggling with the nagging feeling that there was still something missing in terms of glare reduction. When I tried on the MJ Sports from Maui Jim after donning about a dozen pair of high priced sunglasses in an upscale shopping mall boutique, it was like an epiphany! It was as if someone had read my mind after all these years and made a pair of sunglass lenses and frames specifically to my specifications. I decided that Mackaw was a genius!

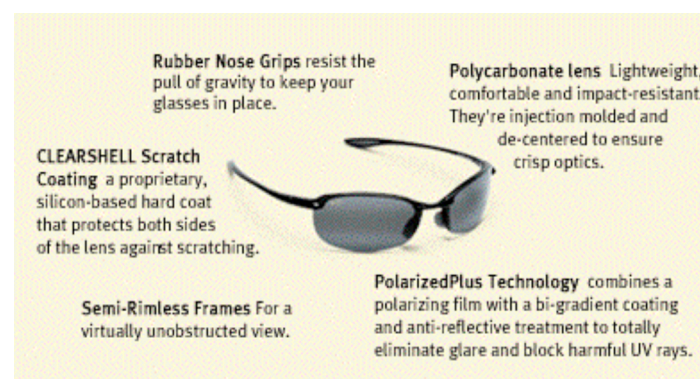
Right on cue, the salesperson in the store began to tell me about Maui Jim's PolarizedPlus lens technology. She must have sensed the moment of satori that had just come over me. PolarizedPlus is a patented lens construction process and layering application owned by Maui Jim that eliminates all three forms of glare, manages ultraviolet and visible blue light to provide the highest level of eye protection technology can afford, and minimizes edge distortion...without compromising the wearer's ability to see realistic colors. That's right – high quality polarized sunglasses that wipe out glare and distortion, but **still allow you to see realistic colors!**

I have to admit I was just as impressed with what I was seeing through these MJ Sport sunglasses as I was how they felt on my face. The salesperson asked me what I would be using them for the most. I told her I was an avid fly fisherman and bird hunter, and that I would also be wearing them to drive; and that these were top three performance priorities. She pulled out a pair of MJ Sport Kanaha-style black frames with HCL Bronze lenses and told me to try them on. As I exchanged pairs of glasses, she explained that the HCL Bronze lenses she had selected were the preferred choice of fishermen and drivers because they performed better in low-light conditions and had the best contrast and color perception of all the Maui Jim lens color options. Looking around the mall, I could see what she meant. I also really liked the way they looked on my face and so did my wife. So we shelled out the \$149.95 plus tax and my wife said, "Happy Birthday, honey."

That was eight months ago. And I have worn my MJ Sport Kanahas almost exclusively ever since. They are by far the best sunglasses I have ever owned in spite of costing almost a hundred dollars less than some I have purchased before. In fact, I still have those expensive Ray-Ban aviators that I had custom ordered. And they don't hold a candle to my Maui Jim glasses. One of the most remarkable advantages of the Maui Jim's is that I can continue to wear them for the increased ability to spot fish below the surface

of the water until well after sunset. Most polarized fishing glasses lose their effectiveness as soon as the light becomes indirect. Things just get too dark to see well. But I rarely remove my MJ Sports before full-on dusk – when the night sky is only faintly aglow with the last effects of sunlight, but you can already see the moon and stars. Likewise, I can even wear them at night while highway driving to eliminate the glare from oncoming headlights without a debilitating loss of detail. I don't make this a habit, but I have tried it just to see how they performed. But I do wear them long after most motorists have removed their sunglasses as the sun goes down.

The MJ Sport frames are just phenomenal. I have never had to adjust my glasses while engaged in sports or recreational activities, while driving long distances, etc. Glasses have always slid down my nose and/or earpieces dug into the tops and backs of my ears. But the MJ Sport glasses stay where you put them and go almost unnoticed even when worn all day long. I actually forget to take them off sometimes when I go indoors.



I also do not need a sport strap with them. I can shake my head vigorously and they do not budge. And I have a shaved head!

The only drawback I have found to the MJ Sport design is that, in order to provide this excellent combination of traction and comfort, the ear pieces extend a bit further behind and above the ears than most other styles of frames. So this limits one's choice of hats and/or the way one wears said head coverings. But this is a pretty minor and simple matter to compensate for. If you are wearing a hat and pair of MJ Sport Kanahas and your glasses is occasionally popping up off the bridge of your nose, just realize that the backs of the ear pieces are hitting your hat and adjust the hat. No big deal. Due to the almost imperceptible presence of the frames, it actually took me a few minutes to figure this out.



You can buy MJ Sport sunglasses along with dozens of other styles at almost any retailer that sells quality eyewear. And for more information on Maui Jim's complete line of eyewear, log on to www.mauijim.com.

Seven Days on a River

**By
Kim Schultz**

The weekend that followed the 4th of July holiday, I packed my 1990 GMC Safari van with camping gear, strapped down a twenty-five year old aluminum canoe to the roof of the van. My wife filled a cooler and a box full of supplies to last a week. My first destination was Montauk State Park to spend the weekend with Jenn, my daughter from St. Louis. She is completing her graduate work at Eden Theological Seminary and had a free weekend to fish. I left Springfield Friday morning to get a campsite since all of the reserved sites were taken. There are twenty-five sites available for first come campers. I was fortunate enough to find a vacant site recessed in a grove of trees to provide relief from the sun. Jenn arrived later that day; we finished setting camp, had a bite to eat and walked the park. The park was full of children on bikes riding the paved loops that facilitated the many families camping, seeking solitude from their busy urban lives. It was too crowded for me, but we made the best of it with the sounds of the insects drowning out most of the man made noise.

Saturday morning, we had a fine breakfast of eggs and toast. We took our time getting to the water, it was almost mid-day before wetting a line. We started in an area with shade and eddy pools with a few trout coming to the surface. It was our intention to take a few trout for dinner that evening, so we were very serious about our business to fool a trout or two. We managed to take a few on caddis dry flies, killing them quickly and placing them in a cooler we carried with us to keep them as fresh as possible in the sweltering heat. As we worked our way up stream, we found the water to be very crowded with families and friends fishing in groups of four to twelve moving down stream together with little regard to other fishermen.

Needless to say, the day passed with several wildlife sightings; a deer feeding near us, snakes sunning themselves along the waters edge; muskrats swimming and munching watercress. A woodchuck surprised us coming through the under brush, he retreated and later we saw him upstream swimming to the other bank.

Sunday, we broke camp and repacked the van. We decided to fish until 2 PM. Montauk was less crowded, the trout were cautious with a few takes. We started at the spring, walked down stream along the heavy traveled paths to a familiar spot and fished our way back. We had a carefree day, with an occasional snake sighting, finding a few trout in popular holes fishing in shaded water. Jenn returned to St. Louis and I continued my journey traveling highway 19 to Winona and to Greer, to camp and fish the Eleven Point River.

Montauk is a delightful destination, with plenty of trout throughout the park. I enjoy the natural surroundings and abundant wildlife. You will not be disappointed. Next month Kim will give us the next portion of his week of camping and fishing the Eleven Point River. Our space is limited, so we have to be patient.



Editor Note: It makes me want to pack up and GO. Take a look at this, don't you just want to grab your rod and get a line wet?

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