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Wingshot,

I fish Chartiers often as it is practically my back yard. A few thoughts. If you have not yet read "Carp on the Fly", I highly recommend it! Yes Carp are spooky and finicky, but the biggest lesson I learned was understanding Carp behavior. Being able to know the difference between cruising, clooping, and feeding.

As generic as it sounds, I have found my very best luck on CT with anything black and weighted. I tie a modified wooly bugger in all black with rubber legs added. I also add dumbbell eyes so it rides hook point up. More important than pattern is Stealth, especially as the water levels start to come down towards the summer and the clarity goes up. I fish there often. If you are looking for someone to throw a few lines, drop me a message. I go sometimes after work when I have a few hours before dark. Usually hook into some nice smallies and cats along the way. Brown lining at its finest!

Lee

Lee,

I have in fact read Barry's book as well as the "Pike on the fly" books and agree with you that there is some very important info to be had regarding Carp behavior. I will take you up on your generous offer and PM you to get some time in the near future to fish with you. It is not surprising that fly design and presentation become a key focus as one spends more and more time targeting these fish, as the fly you describe is almost exactly what I have been playing around with at the vice. I was not aware however that there are smallies to be had on CT! That is great news to me and I look forward to getting some time on the water with you.

Jeff