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On Saturday, the day was a very early start for Caddis (aka NJ Tom). He left the Princeton area well before daylight. He picked me up at my place along with one very annoying dog. A quick jump over to Clarks to pick up my nephew and we were off to fish somewhere between State College and Barree. After a quick phone call, we found out that Chooch was going to drive DaveS to meet us in the town of Spruce Creek.

This was going to be a new water for Tom and my nephew. Hell, I haven't been there in 2 years or so. We met Dave streamside and started to rig. Even with 2 vehicles in the parking area and 4 anglers rigging up, a car wedged in and 2 fly fishers ran down to the riff ahead of us. No biggie, we were busy flapping our gums and getting rigged up. We headed down and slid in above them. After 10 minutes, my nephew had the first fish of the day and the other guys left. Tom headed up river 150 yards to catch the head of a run and Dave hung out with us. After nymphing the riff, I walked in with my nephew and Dave moved in. He proceeded to take 3 fish on less than 10 casts. My nephew was amazed. I explained that you have to cover all of the water and be able to identify where the fish might be sitting. It does you no good to fish water that won't hold fish.

The 3 of us moved up toward Tom to see how he was making out. He had 5. Very good start for his first trip there. We took a short break to observe the bugs, turn over some rocks and Dave found the mother of all shrimp. Dave was also kind enough to explain free living caddis. :) We had several small fish rising and it seemed they only had interest in taking your fly as you went to pull it off the water.

Back to the car for some snacks and some of Pottsville's finest. We decided to move up river to see if it was fishing a bit better than where we were. Chooch handed out a quick azz whoopin to Kramer and we were off. We headed in past the old boat filled with human waste (very nice touch) and jumped into the riffle. Once again, the little guy drew first blood with the fish of the day. I think his smile says it all. He got so into it, you can see him trying not to piss in his waders. He didn't want to take a break. While taking a quick P break, Dave slid into the riff and took 3 more. Again, the nephew was amazed yet baffled why he didn't catch them first. Just above us Tom was hooked up with what appeared to be a good fish but it came unbuttoned before he could get a look at it.


We wrapped up the day by heading back toward town to fish the last hour or so before dark. Tom was surrounded by rising fish. I took several little ones in the fast water on a snowshoe sulphur. Dave was having fits with the random risers in his pool. I headed up and Dave told me to have a shot at them and see if I could do any better. I fished for 15 minutes or so and whiffed on one or two fish. I was squinting to see rises, casting frantically but couldn't seem to get hooked up. I hear a splash and giggling as Dave casts up behind me and hooks one. That was actually pretty funny and the guilty look on his face was priceless (Dave squatting near the bank). Thanks to Dave's good eyes, I was able to get one more before reeling my stuff in. "Hey, that fish took your fly. I'm pretty sure it was your fly".....and then I set the hook. LMAO. Not sure how that one even stayed on.

In summary we had some fun on a nice creek, some decent fishing and great company. This board has allowed me to meet some very good guys and some pretty handy anglers. Tom and Dave took time from their day to take my nephew under their wing and help. That is appreciated by me and Elijah. We will have to do it again.

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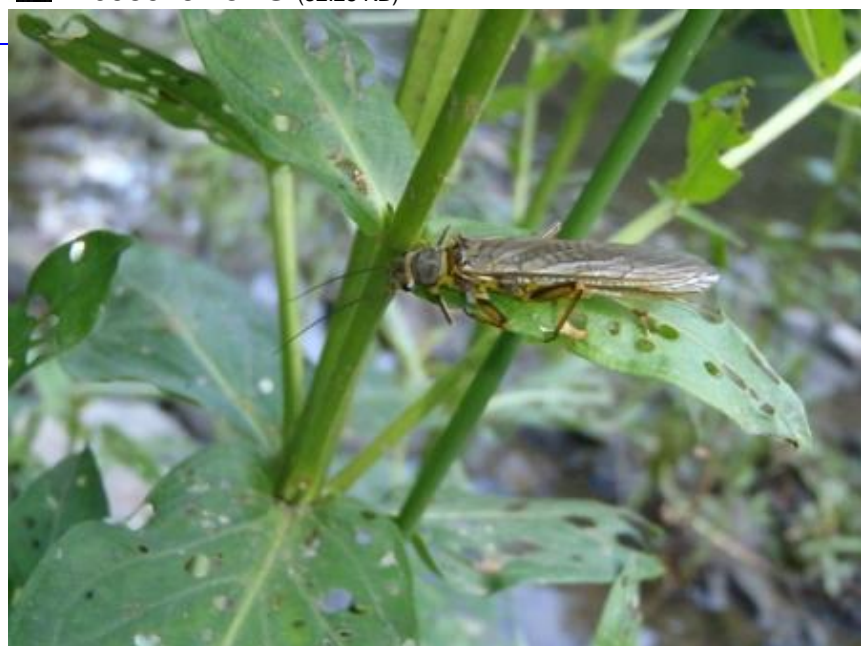
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