

Member profile Kent Kutney.

Passion is as describe in the Webster's Dictionary as a powerful feeling, lust a strong desire and Kent Kutney has these emotions when it comes to fly fishing. Kent started fishing when he was old enough to hold a fishing rod which was probably about 15 years ago considering he is one of the younger members in our club but as a fly rod goes it was about 7 years ago. He told me that it is one of his favourite pass times and a huge passion for the adventures that it takes him on.

Everyone has a favourite river or lake and Kent's are the Livingston and the Bow. With his companion Heather they do plenty of walk and wade trips as well as many float trips on the bow every year and their favourite winter adventures. Kent loves fishing the Bow during the winter months and I am sure he has the river to himself because I know fly fishers like me are nowhere near the Bow. Kent is one busy fly fisher, he just recently bought a boat and one of his goals is to learn the Bow like the back of his hand and I have know doubt that he will do just that.

Now I do not know what is up with fly rods, as in other member profiles many members have way too many rods but that is their passion and I am getting a little rod fever myself but I will try to keep it under 10. Now Heather and Kent own 21 rods and counting and he has built a handful of them which a few are gifts for other people and as Kent told me "it shows in the bank account". Now I own 1 sage rod and it is a 2 piece 9 weight for Pike fishing and I do love it so Kent and I do have one thing in common his Sage rod is his favourite.

This year has not been the best for fishing for me any ways and maybe a few of you also. The weather was not good in June and early July but after that it picked up. I know some members get out over 100 days a year and I would love to do that also and maybe some year but Kent a few years ago hit the rivers at least 150 times and lucky him maybe more. Kent has that passion after work, weekends, rain or shine and even winter months he finds a way to have an adventure.

My father in-law was a great inspiration to myself, his love for fly fishing and family outings were a huge reason why I took up fly fishing it was a way to get out of the city and spend time with family. Kent's inspiration was his father Chris who passed away last January; he was the man responsible for introducing Kent to the sport. His father was eager to learn, his ability to gain knowledge and his passion in life was passed down to Kent the never quite attitude and always learn as much as you can pushed Kent. Kent told me that it was him that introduced his dad to fly fishing and instantly the 2 of them shared the sport together.

Kent's passion will lead him to New Zealand and Ice Land someday where his increased knowledge will find him landing a huge trout and a great picture for our club. I had not a bad year of fishing since I did not get out a lot with my biggest being a 22" rainbow caught at Beaver lake but Kent landed a 24" brown and a 23" rainbow caught on the Bow and as he said "with many more to come". I am sure he has surpassed that and with the Iron Man coming up he has a great chance to maybe wrestle the trophy away from Dave.

Now I ask this question to every member I profile and it is "what member do you think is the luckiest fishermen". Kent's reply was Will Vanhorn and in his own words "I think I'm going to take the easy route on this one just to bug Will because he dishes it out to me just as much". I always out fish the guy, but he is a hell of a guy and a great friend of mine but I am sure one day he will get my number for sure and bragging rights will be all his lol.

There are many reasons why a person joins a club like ours and Kent joined mainly for the outdoor fishing activities and fish outs and also Clayton convinced him that it would be a hell of a lot of fun and it is. Kent was never to motivated to ty flies though, he could never grasp the concept of spending half an hour to tie one fly and get it stuck in the top of some freaking tree, come on Kent that is only some of us. Some day Kent might ty a fly but he loves to build rods and remember he has an ace in the hole and that is Heather, she must be busy tying flies or climbing trees.

My passion started with my father in-law and now it is my grand children they make waking up every day worthwhile and they motivate me to make the best of

each day and moment I spend on this planet. Kent's tip to you is to keep moving forward in life with a smile on your face and soak up all the knowledge you can because you could be hit by a bus tomorrow and I suppose then you'd be screwed anyways. Now the Iron Man tournament happens this Saturday and I hope there are no buses on the Bow.

I would like to thank Kent for his honesty and his straight forward answers and I hope his passion is contagious to the rest of us if we haven't already been infected.