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Casting Lines: News from the President

by Bill Felts

Help Needed!

Would you like to help the Club for a few months? CFFU currently has several temporary vacancies on its Board. With the unfortunate passing of our Public Relations Director, Jim Gilwee, we need someone to take that post. And, until our dedicated Conservation Policy Director, Barbara Williams recovers from her back injury, we must find a person to fill that position.

So what is involved in these two Directorships?

The Public Relations Director is responsible for promoting the Club's activities, programs, and projects through the media and through the CFFU's membership. This is done primarily by writing short articles about the Club and sending them monthly to the "Outbound" editor of the Sacramento Bee. This is important because word of our charitable, educational and recreational pursuits can reach a very wide audience. This, in turn, builds interest in and support for our Club. It brings in new members, new ideas, and broadens the base of CFFU. Of course the person in this position can promote the Club in other ways such as distributing CFFU promotional materials to vendors, other forms of media, and various conservation, fly fishing, and other organizations. Being the Public Relations Director is an opportunity for being creative and advancing the public's percep-

tion of CFFU.

Then there is the opportunity to step in as Conservation Policy Director. This is a job for someone who practices their conservation ethic as part of their daily routine. The Conservation Director is responsible for providing members with the opportunity to better understand how we can improve the fish habitat and fisheries. This could take the form of encouraging CFFUers to participate in creek clean-ups or delivery of fish eggs to schools for the Fish in the Classroom Program. In addition, this Director can scan the Legislature's website for legislation related to fly fishing and fishing in general. The job entails writing a short report on a conservation issue for each publication of our newsletter. It involves writing and voicing the Club's position on legislation and political decisions. And, in general the Conservation Policy Director reports to the Club on the various conservation issues that arise at the local, state and federal governmental levels and which can significantly affect our fly fishing experiences.

I will be standing by my phone and computer to answer any questions about these two positions from any Club member. Please call! ♦

June Program

By Doug Calvert

June's speaker is well-known to CFFU. **Phil Greenlee** is a past president of CFFU 1999-2000, past president of the Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers 2004-2006 and currently on the national board for the Federation of Fly Fishers in Livingston, Montana. He has been working with Mel Krieger teaching casting and at one time ran the fly fishing schools for the Redding Fly Shop. He's retired but has started his own fly fishing school on the Trinity River and is currently under contract with a publisher to write a book on the Salmon and Steelhead rivers in northern California. Phil even continues to be a member of CFFU and has always provided excellent support for the club. He will speak about Northern CA rivers.

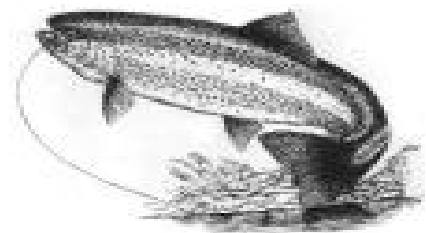
In May, **Keith Kaneko** presented his ideas on the ultimate fly-fishing destinations. We heard about a very exclusive trip to Montana for cutthroat, and about tarpon fishing in the Yucatan. Many thanks to Keith for sharing his perspectives and experience with us!♦

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Every Sunday from 10-3, Fly Fishing Specialties will be conducting FREE fly tying clinics at the store. They will teach new patterns and also help beginners get started in learning the basics.



Advanced Fly Tying, May 6

by Tim Au-Young

Gene Kaczmarek, what a man! As a Federation of Fly Fishers member and leader with positions on the Board, he brought with him the passion and expertise that only can be described by taking a fly tying class from him. The Advanced Fly Tying Class was held at the Asian Community Center on May 6, 2007.

Gene began the class with a brief and somewhat detailed discussion on the kinds and types of hooks used for tying Steelhead/Atlantic Salmon Flies. How many times have you put a set of hackled wings over the wrong part of this kind of hook? Yeah.....that's me.

He then went over many basic techniques in the progress of tying the first fly, a basic Purple Peril. Not just any Purple Peril, but a Purple Peril pertinent to this class. So what is the difference between yarn, wool and synthetic? We found out. And what does floss have to do with French silver wire when you wrap them together? So get your wing the wrong length and see what the fly looks like? And what kind of fly does it look like when you use a larger size hook to tie on than a hook used to fish with?

His second pattern of choice, the Winter's Hope brought to light a hearty discussion of fly-fishing techniques based upon fishing conditions. If you were not there, you missed Gene's thoughts and theory on how to make a silver tinsel body with no ridges. Sound simple? Think again when every wrap counts. This colorful fly is something to look for in the future—just remember this. What a colorful fly this is with the two colored hackles and the 2 sets of hackle tip wings in orange and yellow, highlighted or not with green bucktail

Gene's last and final fly, the Fire Storm was the ultimate in his choice for techniques. Golden pheasant crests, tag's, floss body (1/3), 2 different dubbed body sections of different color, ribbed, then "throated" with blue eared pheasant, red and fire orange marabou, THEN a married wing in red/black/orange/red goose shoulder finished the fly. What a piece of work!

Jeff Howard, Chuck Bucaria, Jim Berdan, and I dubbed, whip finished, stretch tinsel to the perfect tension, and all kinds of other techniques until the day concluded with us being asked to leave because our time was up.

A special "THANK YOU!" goes to Gene and the Federation, as his only requirements for the class were to be a Federation of Fly Fishers member, and to be able to keep up with the class. Look for Gene's donation of these 3 flies tied on showcase hooks at the Bittner Scholarship Dinner. ♦

Tips & Tricks: Altoid Tins by Rich Trimble

Tim Au-Young and others in the club have known for a long time that Altoid tins can be used for a lot more things than just holding candy mints. The tins are a very nice size for fitting in fly vests or shirt pockets. Fly boxes can be made by cutting 1/16" thick foam (available at Michael's for 99cents/sheet) to fit the bottom of an Altoid tin and gluing slitted strips of the same foam on top. These make fine fly boxes similar to the Scientific Anglers C&F fly boxes—admittedly not as high end, but serviceable and at a fraction of the cost (a small fraction and with mints to boot). I also discovered that the G.U.M tooth pick containers (tiny plastic boxes) fit perfectly inside an Altoid tin. These boxes are perfect for tiny nymphs, Chironomids, indicators and probably lots of other stuff I haven't thought of yet. Anyhow, there are lots of things out there that are useful and fairly inexpensive. Let your imagination be your guide. See photos online at cffu.org, scroll to lower menu and click "Tips & Tricks". ♦

CALIFORNIA FLY FISHERS UNLIMITED (CFFU)

CFFU is a non-profit community organization serving Sacramento and statewide. Since its inception in 1962, the club's objective has been to promote increased awareness and participation in the art of fly fishing, particularly among families. CFFU also promotes the enhancement and preservation of resources through conservation efforts and in-school programs. Club activities and membership participation include monthly fly fishing programs where special guest speakers provide information on angling around the world. The club also has at least one club outing a month on the water, technical fly fishing clinics and classes, and conservation projects.

Meetings are held at 7:00PM on the first Tuesday of the month at Camp Pollock, 467 Del Paso Blvd., Sacramento, CA.

Individual annual dues are \$30 per member, \$45 per family, renewed in January of each year and prorated after June 30th for those joining later, and a \$10 initiation fee.

Board of Directors meetings are held on the Monday preceding the regular first Tuesday meeting at the law offices of Hiroshima, Jacobs, Roth & Lewis, 1420 River Park Dr., Sacramento, 95815, 916-923-2223.

Classes and Tech Thursday clinics (Third Thursday of the month – 6:30PM) are generally held at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Ave., Sacramento, CA.

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Submission of articles and news items is welcomed and encouraged. Preferred format is in an e-mail attachment in plain text sent to irmcphoe@gmail.com or by disk sent to Ilana at 4308 Kenston Wy. Sacramento, 95822; 446-8140. Pictures will only be returned upon request.

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"OTTERS" Highlights

by Rich Wilson

OTTERS stands for "Old Timer's Tying, Eating and Recreation Society". Everyone is welcome at CFFU OTTERS events. Even "working" folks who may have a day off. An e-mail is sent on the CFFU listserv before each activity; please respond if you will be attending and then just show up.

Remember that the website (www.cffu.org) includes the last 30 days of OTTERS reports and is posted weekly. The website includes entire articles (as written) as well as all of the photos submitted. **On-the-Fly** usually includes a few highlights of their many activities.

Tuesday, April 17th Luncheon and fly tying

The OTTERS who attended were; Howard Ross, Floyd Ross, Chuck Bacaris, Jack Harris, Jack Myers, Ross Boehm, Wayne Reimers and Glenn Yee. After lunch they all gathered at Howards' home to tie the Elk Hair Caddis. I wasn't able to attend so sorry I don't have any photos or more information.

Wednesday, April 18th Big "M" Fishery Ponds

It was an excellent day to go duck hunting according to Larry Coulter. The die hard fishermen that braved the storm were Brian Thomas, Frank Nobles, Barry Tang, Larry Coulter and Glenn Yee. Glenn reported all these guys said they had ever been to Big "M" before and they all said they were glad they came despite the bad weather. Everyone caught fish. It was a slow start, then the action started to pick up and everyone caught fish at the same time. Glenn said, they all left early because the temperature turned colder and it began to rain hard. ♦

Join in the Conversation!

Join the CFFU listserv e-mail group at
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Reproduction Fish Mounts

by Andy Pennisi

The proper way to collect a trophy fish for reproduction mounting is to carefully measure and photograph the specimen. "Carefully" means not stressing the fish and not keeping it out of the water too long. I usually carry a 35mm pocket-size camera and a 36 inch by 1/4 inch tape measure attached to the camera. Or, you can use a stick-on 1/8 inch wide tape on your fly rod, which can be purchased through your local fly shop.

As the fish is landed, take a length measurement and, if possible, a girth measurement. Girths measurement could be difficult and can cause the fish much stress. The girth is always taken in front of the dorsal fin and perpendicular to the length, a total measurement around the fish. Then take a quick photo, and the trophy is released.

I started this method, catch, measure, photo and release, about 25 years ago when my real fish business started to shrink. More and more fly fishermen were catching and releasing and then would come to me and ask for fake fish mounts.

In the early 80s I met an engineer experimenting with making reproduction molds from real fish. Today the company can reproduce hundreds if not thousands of fish through these molds. Unlike our competitors, the fish molds we make are made of a rubbery acrylic material with flexible, transparent fins. The painting of these molds is so real and life-like because of the fine detail of the molded scales and the fin rays. The paints are of a highly refined water-based airbrush paint that produces a deep metallic wet look. The inside of the mouth and gills are complete in the molding and painting process, showing no seams. The reproduction fish mounts carry a lifetime warranty on the mold and the painting.

Andy Pennisi is a retired taxidermist and he still does reproduction fish mounts on a limited basis. Since retirement he has joined CFFU and is completing the Coachman Program, for which this article was written. ♦

OUTINGS CALENDAR

DATE	LOCATION	F = Fishmeister; Asst. F = Assistant Fishmeister; S = Species; T = Type of fishing; D = Distance; O = Overnight?; G = Gear; C = Cost; N = Notes.
June 3	Red Lake	F=Chuck Honeycutt/Denny Grandy
June 18-21	Antelope Creek Lodge	F=Glenn Yee
June 22-24	Truckee River	F=Dave Ford; S=Trout; O=Yes, C=\$15/person/night; N=See Web site for info! Reservations a Must, Sign up by June 19!!
July-August	North Fork Yuba River	F=Greg Van Koersel (Date to be determined by water conditions)

Rod Building 202A Epoxy Preparation and Rod Gluing *by Larry Lee*

The next two articles will provide guidance on how to prepare epoxy in anticipation of gluing of the reel seat, handle, and winding check onto the blank.

You begin by preparing the rod blanks to accept the handle, reel seat, and winding check (see articles Rod Building 201A through 201 D) Once this is complete, the next step is to prepare the epoxy to glue the components to the rod blank.

Tools and Materials Required

First, assemble all of the tools and materials that you will need to you're your rod components together (see photo: Gluing Materials and tools). These include:

- epoxy (You will typically use an epoxy consisting of 50% hardener and 50% resin, which can be in either liquid or paste form — (rod building epoxy or rod bond). You will be mixing these materials together.)
- paper bowls for holding epoxy when mixing
- sticks to mix epoxy thoroughly
- acetone for epoxy cleanup
- plastic cup for acetone
- old tooth brush for acetone cleanup of excess epoxy
- paper towels for epoxy cleanup
- masking tape for rod clamping,
- vapor mask to prevent inhalation of vapors from epoxy and acetone if doing much gluing
- rubber gloves to prevent epoxy and acetone skin contact

Now a quick word of caution: Please read the manufacturer's label on the epoxy containers! Do the gluing in a well ventilated area, and/or wear a vapor mask (especially if you are often around epoxy fumes). Also, always use vinyl gloves before and during the mixing and applying of epoxy. In addition, check the pot life of the epoxy, listed on the manufacturer's label. The pot life is dependent upon epoxy type (5 minute, 2 hour, or longer) and the temperature.

First, you will need to dispense the required amount of the two epoxy materials (hardener and resin) into a paper bowl. I usually put two equal sized blobs about the size of a half dollar next to one another. When mixed, this should give you enough epoxy to glue the reel seat, handle and winding check to the blank. You should then thoroughly mix the epoxy for approximately 30 to 60 seconds with the wooden stick. If you do not mix it thoroughly or have unequal portions of hardener and resin, the epoxy will not set and become hard. This can cause major issues with the integrity of the final product and the rod would need to be repaired.

After the epoxy is mixed, begin applying the epoxy to the reel seat area around the circumference of the blank with the stick. After the epoxy has been applied, install the reel seat in the blank by twisting it in. The twisting allows uniform application of the epoxy around the entire blank.

After the reel seat has been installed, begin applying the epoxy to the handle area around the circumference of the blank. Also, if you have an inletted reel seat, apply a small amount of epoxy around the entire top of the inletted part of the reel seat. After the epoxy has been applied, install the wooden handle to the blank by twisting it in (see photo: Installing Handle To Blank). For inletted reel seats, be careful when forcing the cork over the reel seat. If there is too much epoxy within the reel seat and the hooded cork, the excess pressure could cause the hooded cork to split and you will have to replace the cork handle.

The next rod building article will discuss gluing the winding check to the blank, cleanup of epoxy, and clamping the components just installed for drying. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Larry Lee at larrylee@L3rods.com or by telephone at (916) 962-0616. ♦



June 22-24 Truckee Outing Reminder *By Dave Ford*

This year's Truckee outing is from **Friday, June 22 to Sunday, June 24** with lodging at the Carmel Ski Club lodge for \$15/person/night. With the water dropping rapidly to summer lows, Truckee area streams should be in just about prime fishing condition.

This is a different type of outing. We use the CSC lodge as a base camp and fan out to different lakes and streams from there. There is always a free exchange of information about what flies are working, and where. And if you haven't been to a particular lake or stream before, there is always someone that will invite you to tag along.

In general, the best dry flies are yellow-bodied Humpies, Caddis patterns and yellow-bodied mayfly patterns. Also, little Yellow Sally stonefly imitations work. I am not much of a nymph fisher, but I know that a lot of fish are caught on nymph patterns. On occasions, streamers work too.

On Saturday, if there is interest, we will have a tour of the closer-in fishing sites (Truckee, Little Truckee, Boca Reservoir) showing where the access points are and discussing how to fish particular areas. This is especially good for people who are new to fishing the Truckee area.

For a variety of reasons, there is only one way to make a reservation—get a check to me (Dave Ford, 8450 Erika Jean Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628). If you should have to cancel, let me know as soon as possible. If a reservation is canceled within 24 hours of the planned arrival, I don't get charged—less than 24 hours and there is a good chance I will be charged. The deadline for getting a check in my hands is 19 June.

Whether you are new to the Truckee outing or an old hand, it's a lot of fun! See you up there.♦

Entomology Class & BBQ *By Tim Au-Young*

Hello hello hello! Please mark your calendars for this year's Entomology Class/BBQ. This class will fulfill your requirement for the Coachman Award for the entomology aspect of the award. Speak with Sam Yee for more details about the Coachman requirement.

This class is the Tech Thursday class for July, so takes place on the usual date—the third Thursday, which will be July 19. The class begins at 6 PM on the American River, at the Watt Avenue Access. Please bring:

1. Paper for note taking
2. Wading boots/waders for your "hands on" fun and exciting part of this class. Vials will be provided for your specimens
3. A folding chair for yourself

Jim Wright will lead a discussion on entomology, and then the class will go to the river for their "hands on" part of the class. After the practical side of the class is over, an all you can eat BBQ will be provided. The cost per person is \$10, and will go towards the vials, the BBQ and beverages.

Please contact Tim Au-Young for questions. Richard Slabaugh, Chef, will again grace us with his prowess at the BBQ. This is really one of the most practical and enjoyable club functions of the year. Just think, getting together with fellow club members, learning something about the river, entomology, and conservation in our own backyard, and then getting to spend time eating and partaking of beverages as the golden rays of the sun warm our bodies into submission.....♦

CFFU MEETING CALENDAR

Monday June 4
Board Meeting-6:30 PM
All Members welcome
Jacobs & Roth Law Office
1420 River Park Drive
Sacramento

Tuesday June 5
General CFFU Meeting
4:00PM Swap Meet,
7:00 PM: General Meeting,
Camp Pollock,
Northgate & Hwy 160
Sacramento

Thursday, June 21
Tech Thursday, 6:30 PM
Northminster Church
3235 Pope Avenue
Sacramento

Monday July 2
Board Meeting-6:30 PM
All Members welcome
Jacobs & Roth Law Office
1420 River Park Drive
Sacramento

Tuesday July 3
General CFFU Meeting
6:15 PM: Fly tying demo,
7:00 PM: General Meeting,
Camp Pollock,
Northgate & Hwy 160
Sacramento

Thursday, July 19
Tech Thursday, 6:30 PM
Entomology Class & BBQ
Watt Ave Access, AM River



FFF Conservation Update

Provided by Chuck Bucaria

Announcements:

The FFF wants to know what activities are happening in your Club or Council. You are encouraged to relay conservation related projects to the Conservation Coordinator.

Next deadline for our Conservation Grants program is July 15, 2007. The application and guidelines can be found on our website.

National Conclave will be in Livingston, MT on July 31 – August 4. We have scheduled a Conservation Forum, conservation programs at Conclave, for Saturday August 4th. Other conservation related topics will occur throughout the Conclave Program.

Positions & Letters:

1. Provided testimony in support of Montana Legislation regarding stream access at bridge points.
2. Submitted letter to senators to protect the Wild and Scenic Rogue River, Oregon with the purchase of a historic private in holding with an appropriation from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
3. Comments were submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Upper Yellowstone Special Area Management Plan (SAMP). This is the first time the Corps has written a SAMP for a water body in Montana, and the first time the Corps has written a SAMP for a river anywhere in the United States and could ultimately dictate national projects in the future.
4. Letter submitted to members of Congress and the US Forest Service on the development a land management plan for the Tongass National Forest in Alaska that protects the remaining road-free areas in the Tongass, maintains current environmental and regulatory safeguards, and sustainable timber program using the existing road system.
5. Participated in advertisement addressing charge that opponents to the Pebble Mine proposal in Alaska were Un-Alaskan and Un-American.
6. Joined sign on letter submitted to members Congress urging the support of comprehensive legislation to fight the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species.
7. Joined sign on letter submitted to grassroots coalitions in Wyoming that protect the WY Range and work for responsible energy development.
8. Submitted comments to the Bureau of Land Management on the Montana Statewide Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement and Amendment of the Powder River and Billing Resource Management Plans.

Conservation Committee Activities:

Held Conservation Committee meeting April 12th to determine grant recipients. Two proposals were reviewed and funds for "Trout in the Classroom" in California and "Hydrodynamics of trout and habitat study" in New York were recommended by the committee.

Staff Activities and Program Updates:

1. Secured an additional internship position for the FFF for the summer of 2007. This marketing intern will help promote conservation, conclave and education.
2. Submitted one grant proposal to fund coastal conservation programs.
3. Finalized new freshwater Catch and Release brochure. Brochures will be available in July 2007.
4. Provided editorial review on the "rough guide" to didymo field identification for the EPA.
5. Joined the advisory committee for the MT Legislative Sportsman's Caucus.
6. Converted and created conservation materials for the new FFF site.
7. Contacted 35 fly fishing magazines and 12 industry leaders in fly fishing equipment to take a partner pledge in the
8. Clean Angling and Boating Pledge campaigns.
9. Participated in numerous conference calls as part of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership Fish, Wildlife and Energy working group, Endangered Species Coalition, and Sportsmen for Energy Issues.

Legal Affairs:

Monday April 9th - The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the Bush Administration's salmon plan for dam operations on the Columbia and Snake rivers. The appellate court upheld a lower court ruling that the plan was illegal because is filed to comply with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This decision should compel the federal agencies to look at all recovery options – including removing dams. The Federation of Fly Fishers is a plaintiff in this case.

More information on any subject can be obtained by contacting:

Leah Elwell Conservation Coordinator 406-222-9369 ext 102 or conserve@fedflyfishers.org

Please inform Leah of any errors in this report. ♦

The annual dinner is one of CFFU's few money raising events. Donations of equipment and supplies for raffles, auctions and door prizes are received from supporters of CFFU's objective -- to promote increase awareness and participation in the art of fly fishing and preservation of our resources. Sponsors are recognized here and on our LINKS page for contributions in accordance with CFFU Policy. See this page on the CFFU website for more information on our sponsors!

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FLY TIERS EXCHANGE *by David Zook*



1. **Jim Berdan** tied a Black Ground Beetle, originated by John R. Gantner, using a TMC #9300-size 14 hook, 8/0 black thread, 2mm-black foam overbody, glo bright chenille-peacock underbody, sililegs-black w/red flake, original recipe can be found in Fly Fusion Magazine spring 2007 Terrestrial Time-All the Time, by John R. Gantner. Jim took the liberty to modify the fly with materials on hand and to simplify construction.
2. **Bob Calbo** tied a America River Caddis, originated by Joe Shirshack, using a Mustad Viking #94840 size 14 hook, black 6/0 thread, black thread rib, caddis green quick descent dubbing, ostrich hurl for the thorax and hackle.
3. **Ken Giesser** tied a Bead Head -Biot Body- Baetis Emerger, on a 2487 #16 hook, olive dun 6/0 thread, olive glass bead, wood duck flank for the tail, olive turkey biot body, white antron emergent wing ,rust ice dubbing, surprisingly these things are still legal in the state of Montana!
4. **Jim Wright** tied a Bob Clouser's Deep Minnow, with TMC 800s #4 hook, white thread, real-eyes plus 3/16", white deer-tail belly, peacock pearl krystal flash, chartreuse deer-tail back.
5. **Glenn Yee** tied a Western Coachman, originated by Andy Burk, using a Mustad 9671 #16 hook, black 8/0 thread, golden pt tail, cooper wire rib, peacock herl abdomen, white hackle fiber wing.
6. **Sam Yee** tied a Andy Burk Damsel, 1/0 Nickel Mustad hook, black 6/0 thread, Mylar tube dipped in flex cement for the tail, jay fair long chenille body, yellow foam wingcase, bunny strip thorax, blue hackle, Andy uses chenille dipped in flex cement in the original pattern. Use this fly for some top water bass action.
7. **David zook** tied a Blue Damsel, on TCM 900BL size 12 hook, extended body of furled blue poly w/ black flashabou, pearl krystal flash wing, blue poly body, grizzly hackle, black plastic eyes, Danville's 210 blue thread. This fly came about after looking at several different ones on line and wanting to use the furled technique I learned at Kiene's fly expo.

PS: due to the Swap Meet there will be no Fly Exchange for the month of June. That gives you two months to get some flies tied for the July meeting. Thank You to all that participated. Keep the flies coming! ♦

Fly Tier's Exchange \$25 Award

Anyone who ties a dozen or more flies and donates them to the Fly Exchange, or in support a club program, will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate to the American Fly Fishing Company. The drawing is held at each monthly meeting. A special thanks to Gary Eblen of

American Fly Fishing Company .

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*To be part of the **Fly Tier's Exchange**, tie up 12 flies, turn them in at the beginning of the meeting, and the exchange will distribute the participants flies to one another; you wont get yours back; you get everyone else's work! It has to be one of the best values that CFFU has. Your pattern can be of different sizes, but generally the flies are all the same pattern Give it a try!*



"BLACK SHEEP CREEK SPECIAL"

June 2007 Fly of the Month

Tied and photographed By
Dell Clark

MATERIALS

HOOK: 6—20, 1X to 4X long. Sizes 10 and 12 are my favorites.

THREAD: Black

TAIL: None. Instead wrap three or four wraps of black hackle at the bend of hook. Hackle should be just wider than hook gap and slightly flared back.

BODY: Small black chenille.

UNDER WING: Slip of well barred mallard flank (20—25 fibers) tied in beard style at the bottom of the head and reaching just short of the hackle at the rear of the hook. The tag end of the mallard flank is brought to the top of the fly, tied in, and cut off to form a wing stub.

The **Biggs Fly**, or **Sheep Creek Special**, was invented by George Biggs of Jerome, Idaho. It is an extremely productive fly and is known to most fly fishermen. I discovered the "**Black Sheep Creek**" pattern on the internet from an article written by Marv Taylor, a noted float tuber and author. This pattern provides a slightly different configuration of the original and is equally effective. (Ask Howard Ross or Floyd Ross!)

Tying Instructions

1. (Photo 1 at right) Wrap black hackle three or four wraps at bend of hook.

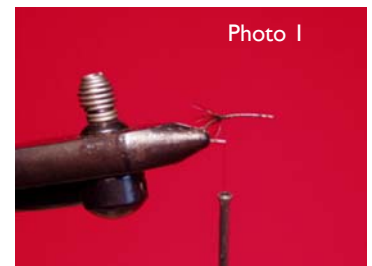


Photo 1

2. (Photo 2 at right) Wrap small black chenille to front, leaving room for the mallard flank and head.

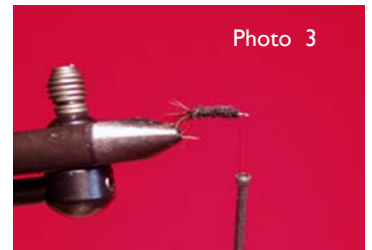


Photo 3

3. (Photo 3 at right) Tie in mallard flank beard style. Do not cut off tag end.




Photo 4

4. (Photo 4 at right) Bring tag end of mallard flank to the top and the back to form a wing stub. Whip finish and cement head. You're done.



BLACK SHEEP CREEK SPECIAL

June Swap Meet	Newsletter Distribution Change!
<p>Back by popular demand, on June 5th starting at 4:00pm the CFFU will be holding a swap meet before the general meeting. Members are encouraged to bring their unwanted-but-still-valuable fly fishing equipment to sell or trade with other members. Tables and chairs will be set up and made available to members wishing to sell/trade.</p> <p>Participating members are responsible for their own transactions so be sure to organize and mark your items with a price and bring small bills/coins for change. The club assumes no responsibility for any transactions.</p> <p>The swap meet will pause when the General Meeting begins, restart during the break, and close when the speaker starts. Snacks and drinks will be on sale with all proceeds going to the club.</p> <p>Got an old rod, reel, or line that is just collecting dust? Odds are someone else will either pay you good money for it, or perhaps trade something of equal value. Now's the time to sort through your equipment and find new value in your unused stuff. See you there! ♦</p> 	<p>This may be your last mailed newsletter!</p> <p>As announced at the May general meeting, there will be a change in the mailing of On The Fly, beginning with the July issue.</p> <p>You may recall from when you renewed or began your membership, selecting whether you wanted OTF mailed to you or if you preferred to get the online version. Until now, if you made no selection, a copy was automatically sent to you. That has changed. Now, if no preference is indicated, the club will assume that you prefer to check the newsletter at your convenience online.</p> <p>If you have already indicated to Rich Wilson, our membership director, that yes, you wish to receive a print newsletter, this change will not affect you! You will continue to receive the newsletter as usual.</p> <p>This change will result in cutting our distribution in half, saving the club close to \$1000 a year in printing and mailing costs.</p> <p>As usual, a small number of extra copies will be available at the general meetings. If you prefer to receive OTF in print and it is not mailed to you, please contact Rich Wilson to make your preference known.</p> <p>We apologize for any confusion during the transition—your patience and support is greatly appreciated! ♦</p>

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