Official Newsletter of California Fly Fishers Unlimited, a 501c(3) Non-profit - **April 2019**

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"I'VE NEVER BEEN A FISH!"

Question: What colors do fish see?

By Ken W. Davis

It happened frequently. I'd ask my father, a plumbing contractor and avid angler, questions about aquatic insects and fish. Something such as, "Dad, do fish in Battle Creek like yellow bugs or white bugs?" His typical and very honest answer was, "Ken, I don't know; I've never been a fish."

That said, I work with some of the top fishery biologists on the Green Earth and they will give me answers, from their cozy offices, that imply they indeed have been a fish. They use a myriad of scientific studies, models and general pontifications, to support actions and other statements that should come from the mouth of a rainbow trout. So, to whom do we turn to answer some of our fishy questions? The best combination is someone like CFFU's Dave Lentz, who has both an excellent education and many years of fly fishing. I'll listen to Dave, all day long.

I also look to the work done by Gary La Fontaine and other curious folk that don't rely on their education alone but prefer to jump in the water and investigate. As Albert Einstein once said: *" All knowledge come from experience."*

The people at Lake Hickory Scuba and Marine in Taylorville North Caroline did just that and recorded the colors that humans see at depths up to 150 feet. How does that compare to what colors fish see a various depth? I don't know. I've never been a fish. Check out the chart below.

I do know that we, and many others, have caught fish using flies that feature specific colors such as red and purple. It also seem apparent that fish change colors when in the spawning mood. Sockeye salmon go from "blue-backs" to "reds." Apparently that attracts mates and deters competitors. But that's just an observation

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CFFU Calendar - APRIL 2019

DISCLAIMER: Dates on this calendar are subject to change. Check the CFFU website for the most up-to-date event schedules. CFFU Calendar LINK

APRIL	EVENT	INFORMATION LINK
2	Board Meeting	LINK
2	General Meeting	LINK
2	Swap Meet	LINK
6	Fly Fishing Specialties Spring BBQ	LINK
13	Arcade Creek Clean-up	LINK
18	TECH Thursday - John Daniels Nymphing	LINK
20	Keines Annual Expo	LINK
24	Social: Topic: Small Stream and Tenkara Fishing	LINK
26	Redding Fly Shop - 2019 Opening Day Party	LINK
27	Girl Scout Outing	LINK

April 2019 Speaker - Jon Baiocchi

Join us to hear our good friend Jon Baiocchi talk about Northern California's beautiful trout country at our April meeting. The following is from Jon's website:

Baiocchi's Troutfitters is the premiere guide service for the Northern Sierra, and has become recognized as the leader in guest services and instruction. Stalking trout in the shallows of legendary lakes and prowling the banks of productive rivers is my specialty. Beginners can gain insight and knowledge from my simple yet effective approach to fly fishing, and for the accomplished expert I can eliminate countless hours of prospecting new waters, while teaching new and advanced techniques. Experience counts; I'm a native Northern Californian who has been a serious fly angler since 1972, and an independent fly fishing guide since 1997. No matter the venue, you'll walk away a better angler through my instruction and knowledge.

Jon working with a client to get that fish.

Message from the CFFU President - Mary Ellen Mueller

So, Get Out There...!

Happy Spring Everybody! I am pretty sure it is Spring because all my trees are blossoming, the birds are back and my weeds are growing like, well weeds. It should be a great time for fishing if only the rain would ease off just a little. But in the meantime, Spring makes us think of new beginnings, new growth, and an awakening from the Winter blahs. For me, it is a time to try new things. For instance, Laurie Banks and I tried a new fishing venue and I tried a new water craft. Hit or a miss? Both. Not so excited about the new fishing hole we tried, but kind of liked the new craft. That's the thing about our club. Always someone to fish with and have new adventures. So, get out there and try something you have not done before. New places with new people doing new things.

Mary Ellen with a Lower Sacramento Rainbow & Guide

MARCH General Meeting Speaker - Jim Cox

Submitted by Tim Au Young

"Fly Fishing Oregon's Scenic and Wild John Day River"

Presented by: Jim Cox, Director Donor Relations, Western Rivers Conservancy, Portland Oregon Office.

Hello California Fly Fishers Unlimited Members! Now that Jim has presented the information on the John Day River, what a presentation that was if y'all were not able to be present to find out what the Western Rivers Conservancy is all about! Wow.....

Jim began the program with an overall view of what the Western Rivers Conservancy does and basically how it does what it does. Rivers are not able to be owned, BUT the land on each side of the river is available, the Western Rivers Conservancy purchases the land to control the river. Then, donating the land into a trust or other means of keeping the land from being developed is part of the next stage in the process.

Jim then went into the fish: trout, steelhead, and small mouth bass information on the places to go, the times to fish, and methods of fishing. All of this information was a well organized presentation that inspired, educated, and stimulated CFFU members to actually:

1. Ask viable and important questions as to how to fish these waters.

2. Ask Political questions

3. Pose fishing trip questions like possible Guide Service, timing of when to go fishing for what kind of fish.

4. Sign up for future information from the Western Rivers Conservancy.

5. Hear discussions from members asking each other if they wanted to go and try this fishery was not uncommon.

With 3 river systems within a 3 hour drive from the John Day River, there is NO lack of viable fishing. Jim may be reached at: jcox@westernrivers.org

Question: What colors do fish see?

as I've never been a sockeye salmon. We also witnessed the incredible difference in reaction when the Arctic Char in Alaska refused several colors of beads until Laurie pointed out to our guide the actual color of the salmon eggs that the Char were eating. After the color change, BAM! A fish on almost every cast. For more information, check out the links below:

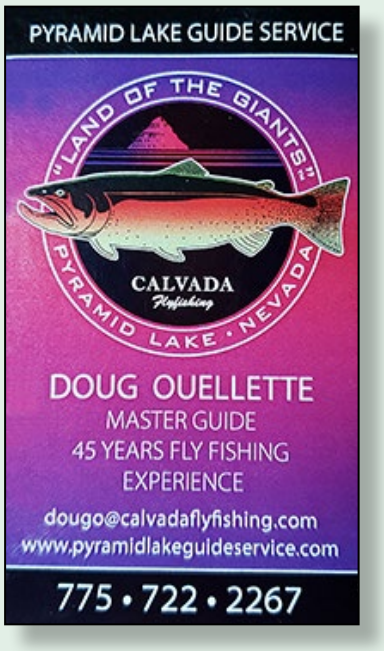
MIDCURRENT: Does color matter?
LINK HERE

Gary Borger: Color vision in trout and salmon.
LINK HERE

TroutPro: Color vision in trout.
LINK HERE

From: Lake Hickory Scuba and Marine

Editors Note: The divers at Lake Hickory photographed colored pipe above the surface and at various levels below the surface. Note this is what humans see, not necessarily fish, but it tends to support some conclusions about the subject.



[Doug Ouellette website link]

Big Catch at Pyramid Lake

Hey Buddy, stop shaking, get your hand away from the gills, and congratulations on a catching a beast. The question is, "Can you do it again?" Comments gleaned from a good friend. Albeit, a jealous friend!

By Ken W. Davis

Wow! What a week we had at Pyramid Lake. Laurie and I went there for two reasons. One was to join Julie's CFFU outing. The other reason was to collect aquatic invertebrates in this prehistoric lake. I obtained a permit from the Paiute Tribal Council to sample four times a year for two years. This fits into my interest in fly fishing, what fish eat and what all of that might mean for fly selection. This first invertebrate collection was limited to very few bugs. Some small chironomid larvae, scuds and to my surprise, mayflies.

Recently, I started tying flies again, after a 10-year hiatus. Tying and questioning my highly- experienced angling friends is educational and simply fun. It keeps me interested in fly fishing. I really wanted to test a fly that I have been working on. It's based on organisms I see in the multitude of waterways that I sample for work. I named my fly the "Borg Queen" as it has a green and purple translucence. (You Star Trek fans know what I'm talking about).

Doug Ouellette, Joe and Glenn were our Pyramid guides. Because their goal was to have us catch fish they wanted us to use their "proven" flies. Doug was at first hesitant when I said I wanted to use the Borg Queen. But he's a good friend of ours so he humored me and put her on. I wanted to see how she would measure up to the "proven" flies, which was my "control group". Laurie used the guide's midges and caught 10 on the 49'er pattern. (Now she is not just a fan of the team but the fly.) Dave Lentz caught even more stripping the Popcorn Beetle. So how did my fly compare? The Borg Queen nailed 10 fish including the 31 inch 14 pounder shown above. Like her namesake, she slayed them and proved to be a killer!

I've fished all my life and caught many fish larger than the 14-pound Lahontan, but it is without a doubt my favorite fish caught...EVER. The image of that Lahontan when I looked in Doug's net will be imprinted in my mind forever. I gasped and started shaking. I don't know if it was from the cold or the adrenaline. One thing is for certain, the experience with Doug, Laurie and friends was emotional. It wasn't just that it was such a gorgeous fish. It was also because it took the fly I designed, I got to share the experience with my CFFU friends on the outing and enjoy the very mysterious Pyramid Lake with all of its personalities.

What a day! Thank you Pyramid Lake! The Borg Queen is in beta testing, but I'll photograph it for next month's issue after I conduct more testing at Pyramid Lake. If anyone else has a fish or fly pattern story to share please send it to me for our newsletter.

Why I Fly Fish

Note from the Editors: Some people start fly fishing and then fade away from the club. The are many possible reasons, but we are thinking that maybe they don't understand that CFFU is more than just a fishing club and fly fishing is more than just catching fish. We are asking CFFU members to think about this and tell us why you fly fish. We will be including responses in future Newsletters.

Trevor Segelke

Fly fishing is my Zen. I can tie flies to relax for just a few moments to slough off the stress. I can plan and build a net or fly rod to stimulate my mind and keep me focused on being artful and productive. I can spend my lifetime to pursue perfection in a random environment that cannot be tamed. I can wander a canyon cut by ages of flowing water to simply take in all of its beauty. I can hunt a fish, trick it to take my fly then, battle it till one of us concedes. Spend time with friends and family. All of these things bring me joy. :)

Trout Season Opening Day Party 2019

Friday, April 26, 2019 - 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM Fly Shop website LINK

The Fly Shop

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Interview - Nick Ciani

By Laurie Banks

Nick with a nice Eagle Lake Rainbow

I met Nick downtown at Burgers and Brew. I had an hour to interview him between his job and picking up his grandkids. It was a gorgeous warm day; such a treat after months of rain. We sat outside and decided to order. Nick ordered a Veggie Burger and salad.

Laurie: Are you a vegetarian?

Nick: Not really. I just try to make healthy choices about what I eat.

Laurie: *I thought about what he said, but went ahead and ordered a rare bacon avocado cheeseburger and sweet potato fries.*

Have you lived in Sacramento all your life?

Nick: I was born and raised here. My grandmother was born on the river. Her father was a river boat captain.

Laurie: *I put money in the parking meter.*

Remember when an hour cost a quarter?

Nick: I remember when it cost a penny, I had a job collecting coins from the meters. A guy was caught stealing meter money. Just a little at a time, but over the course of many years he had taken thousands.

Laurie: Oh my gosh! That's crazy! Thanks for meeting me after work and before you babysit your grandkids. You are a busy guy. You teach adults, correct?

Nick: Yes, G.E.D. prep classes.

Laurie: How old are your grandkids?

Nick: I have three granddaughters under the age of 5.

Laurie: Wow! I had my hands full babysitting two at a time. It's nice to be a teacher and have summers off to fish. How did you get into fly fishing?

Nick: A friend and I grew up spin and bait fishing together. He moved to Washington and when he moved back, he was a fly fisher. We fly fished together for about 15 years. I tried it and just loved it. I fell hook, line and sinker, or should I say fly, line and indicator.

Laurie: Ha! How did you find out about CFFU?

Nick: I found out from Tim Au Young. I took a fly-tying class from him at Kienes'. He's a fantastic teacher. He mentioned the club. I didn't think much about it until I went to the ISE. I walked past the CFFU booth and talked to the members about the club. Then my friend and I checked it out. It was the meeting with the chili cook-off, and I immediately felt like it was the right place for me.

Laurie: So, you joined, but your friend didn't?

Nick: He has kids in high school, so he's busy. There will be a time when he's ready.

Laurie: What's your favorite place to fish?

Nick: I love Fuller Lake and I really enjoy float tubing.

Laurie: Have you had any notable fishing adventures?

Nick: At a meeting I overheard Forrest Oldham talking about pursuing the Heritage Trout Challenge and I told him I wanted to go with them. We fished such interesting streams and places. Also, Paul Wisheropp and I fished some beautiful streams in Yosemite.

Laurie: If you could only fish with one fly what would it be?

Nick: An Elk Hair Caddis. The first time I fished with it I saw the fish rise to the surface to take it. It was magical. I tried stripping it in too. I saw a flash and thought , "Is that a fish?" It was, and I caught six more fishing it that way.

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Interview with Nick Ciani - continued

Laurie: You once said you have learned a lot from CFFU.

Nick: The wealth of information available and generous people makes the club unique. I wanted to meet more people, so I started going to Socials and Tech Thursdays. I took the 101 class, completed the beginning Coachman Challenge and am working on the intermediate and advanced levels. It's Extraordinary all the things CFFU does. Instead of California Fly Fishers Unlimited, CFFU should stand for California Fly Fishers University. I learned more in one year with CFFU than I did in 15 years fishing alone. I like to have fly fishing goals. I reached a goal I had which was to complete the California Heritage Trout Challenge. I went to Arizona for the Giants' spring training camp and thought it would be fun to fish there. I think they have an Arizona Heritage Challenge.

Laurie: I know the Apache trout is on that list. There are so many slams. Nevada just started one, there's the Wyoming Cutthroat. Dave Lentz has agreed get us the information for the Western States Trout Challenge at the June social. Do you have other goals?

Nick: Trevor Segelke and I talked about becoming certified fly casters. At the fly-fishing show in Pleasanton you could meet with master casters who could get you started in the program. I met with Willy George, The president of the Golden Gate Angling Club. He had me show him my double haul, hit targets and fix tailing loops. When we were done, he asked me how I thought I did. I said I'd give myself a "B". He told me my skill level was novice. The levels are beginner, novice, intermediate, then master.

Laurie: That must have been tough to hear.

Nick: It was a fair assessment and he gave me an honest inventory to start.

> "CFFU should stand for California Fly Fishers University"

Laurie: So, are you still going to try it?

Nick: I need time to practice. Fly fishing can be addicting. There is magic when you make a great cast, magic in catching your first fish off a surface on a dry fly, the first fish you catch nymphing, the first caught on a fly you tied. It's hard to explain.

Laurie: Or the first big fish you catch. Like the cliché "the tug is the drug".

Nick: I like the catch and release philosophy. It makes me happy when I catch, and the fish are happy when I cut them loose. My friend catches and eats his fish. My brother is a big game hunter in Alaska. I went hunting with them one time and found it wasn't for me, but I love being out in the field. It's a vehicle for communing with the outdoors. Fly fishing does that for me.

Laurie: You have become very involved with CFFU. I think most members know you volunteered to be our club's vice president.

Nick: You approached me about the position, and I thought this is a way I can give back to a club that I've gotten so much from. It's an honor and I want to contribute.

Laurie: Last question, tell me one thing people don't know about you.

Nick: I play harmonica in a band called the Beatnik Blues. We play original music. I've written over 100 songs and we have released eight albums. It's blues, jazz and rock based.

Laurie: Do you sing too?

Nick: If you play harmonica, they expect you to sing. If you can sing and play you can get time on stage. I've been doing it for 40 years. I did the late-night bar scene when I was younger, but now I really like playing downtown at coffee shops.

Laurie: Thanks Nick! It's five o'clock and I don't want to make you late for the grandkids. Let me know when your next gig is. I'll get a bunch of CFFU'ers together and we'll come watch you play.

Link to Fly Fishing Specialties Website

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Wild Rivers to Blue Waters
6360 Tupelo Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Mentor & Casting Outing - High Hill Pond

By Rich Kendall

We had a strong group attend the New Members Orientation and the 101 classes. After that It was time to go fish. The date and location for the Mentor Outing was chosen. Then it rained.... and it snowed.... and it rained some more. Our destination was the High Hill Ranch pond at Apple Hill. After canceling and rescheduling three times, the third date was perfect. The sky was blue, and the air was cool. Ten new members showed up ready to fish. Forrest Oldham was our lead instructor and worked with a group roll casting on the water. Ken Giesser worked with a group on the lawn. Tremendous support was offered by mentors Trevor Segelke, Bill Conway, Paul Wisheropp, Mary Ellen Mueller, Laurie Banks, Meloney Welborn and me. After a bit of fishing and casting we gathered, and Forrest went through an extensive discussion of the fly-fishing experience. This included rigging, debarbing the hook, casting, retrieving, the hook set, fighting on and off reel, netting, dehooking and release of fish to be caught again another day. After lunch fishing was open. The group had varying degrees of success, but all had the casting portion easily mastered.

Our hope is that our new members can incorporated everything they have learned and have confidence to jump into any CFFU outing that looks interesting, or just get out and fish.

Thank you to everyone who came and made this a really good day for all.

Remember... Fly fishing is not a spectator sport! See you out on the water!!

March Social - The Coachman Program

The March Social was held on Wednesday the 20th. The topic was the coachman challenge. Program director, Paul Wisher-opp, explained the parameters of the challenge. Many of our new members attended the social. Because they were either experienced, or new to the sport but had attended the 101 Class and Mentor Outing they had already completed most of the beginning level tasks. We reviewed the difference between nymphs, dry flies, terrestrials and streamers. We used the fly testing tank and saw how each of these reacted in a current. By the end of the evening members could easily identify these flies and completed another beginning level competency.

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Alaska's Bearclaw Lodge website

Val Adams Website Link

CFFU, Let's Clean-up Arcade Creek!

Submitted by Bill Felts - Creek Week Meister

CFFU club members, it's time to clean Arcade Creek! This year, the date is Saturday, April 13th and the location, as always, is Del Paso Park on Auburn Blvd. The Park meeting place is east of Watt Avenue and just west of the confluence of Auburn Blvd and Winding Way. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Bridge Road entrance to the Park and park free at the parking lot just inside and to the right of the entrance. Please make sure you go to the Bridge Road entrance; not the Park Road entrance.

After coffee and refreshments, we will have a short orientation that advises everyone of the route, the time frame, the clean-up techniques and safety procedures. The trek is a hike along both sides of the creek with each individual choosing one side to walk. We travel from our meeting place and end our walk at the Park Street entrance, and then double-back. It is about one mile and takes about 90 to 120 minutes. I will have trash bags and other necessities. We will be done by noon, but if you must leave earlier, you don't need to walk the entire route.

NOTE: It is best to dress appropriately. This Sacramento County event goes on rain or shine. I suggest boots for everyone and waders for the hearty souls who are not afraid to get into the creek to pick up trash. Old clothes are a must as are gloves. Bring water if you want. Rain gear, if needed, or a hat and sun protection are advisable depending on the weather. It is a good idea to bring a pick-up gadget which can be purchased at any home improvement store. This saves a lot of stooping over. And, it is a convenient device to have around the house.

There may be other events of interest to us on this day, but the Arcade Creek Clean-up is more fun and satisfying that you might think. And, there is always a lot of trash that needs removal. Finally, it is a good way to earn your Presidential Pin. Hope to see you there on Saturday the 13th of APRIL.

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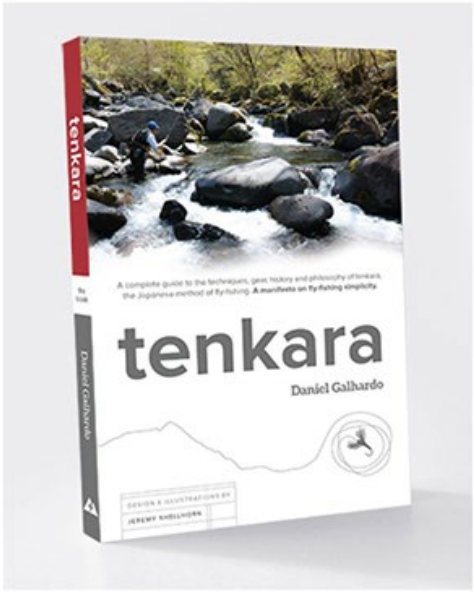


In the "t**enkara–the-book"** video, Tenkara USA founder Daniel Galhardo shows just how simple fly-fishing can be. This book is a complete guide to the techniques, gear, history and philosophy of tenkara, the Japanese method of fly-fishing. It is also a manifesto on fly-fishing simplicity.

Watch the Video!

Link to Tenkara USA

FLY TYERS EXCHANGE - FEBRUARY 2019

By Don Wallace - Photos by James Simon

Rob Scafe tied an A.P. Hendrickson Nymph on a size 12-14 Mustad 3906B hook using brown 6/0 thread. The tail is bronze mallard. The body is brown synthetic with 5 wraps of fine copper wire. The thorax and the head are reddish brown synthetic.

Tim Au-Young tied a Soft Hackle on a Tiemco 2457 or UMP C260BL (straight eye heavy wire, wide gape, extra short shank black nickel, barbless, needle point) size 12 hook using Pearsall's silk in primrose, wine or amber thread. The abdomen/body is the same thread with extra fine copper wire rib. The thorax is peacock herl. The hackle is hen pheasant, Hungarian partridge or pheasant rump.

William Conway tied a Cinnamon/Rust Hares Nest (weighted) on a size 10 hook using tan 210 thread. The tail is pheasant tail. The abdomen is cinnamon/rust dubbing with a copper rib. The thorax is cinnamon dubbing. The wingcase is turkey tail with clear coat. Use four wraps of 1.5 weight. Good for bottom fly when nymph fishing.

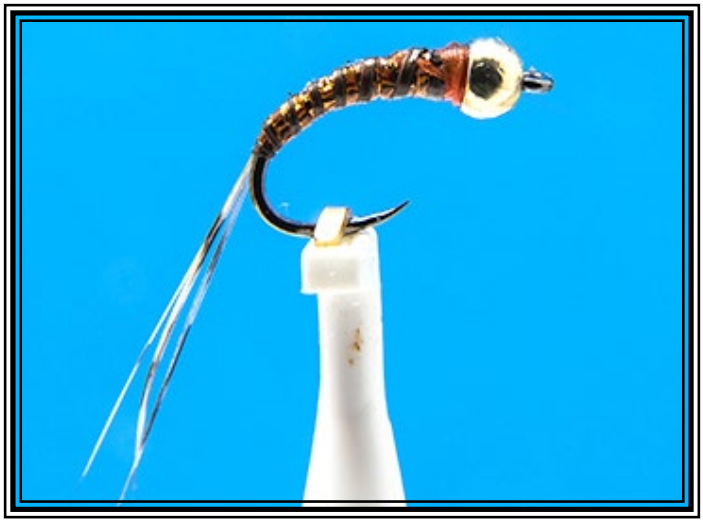
Tim Au-Young won the $25 gift certificate which was awarded in February. The next opportunity will be in April.

FLY TYERS EXCHANGE - MARCH 2019

By Don Wallace - Photos by James Simon

Christie Roberts tied a Buzz Hackle on a TMC 100 size 12 (10-16) hook using Danville 8/0 black thread. The tail is red hackle (can use dyed red bucktail which is more durable and buoyant). The after hackle is natural hackle over peacock herl and silver mylar tinsel. The forward hackle is grizzly brown hackle (slightly larger than the aft hackle) over gold mylar tinsel. This fly has an open palmered effect over mylar tinsel to show through. Peacock herl is made stronger with a dubbing loop rope twisted together. The original fly was created and renamed after a friend's (Al Lent) son "Buzz." Myrtle Powell lived in Marysville, CA. A reverse Buzz Hackle looks like the Renegade with the red tail. The Renegade doesn't show the tinsel under hackle and it has a silver tag at the back.

Tim Au-Young tied a Griffith's Gnat on a size 20 Masu D1 hook using UTC red 70 Denier thread. The abdomen body is peacock herl with UTC red small wire. The hackle is Whiting medium dun saddle hackle.



Rob Scafe tied a Perdigon Nymph on a size 18 Firehole 317 hook using Fire orange 14/0 Veesus thread. The nymph is weighted with .010 lead (7 wraps) The tail is Ginger speckled flor de Escobar coq de Leon fibers (6). The underbody is fine copper holographic tinsel and the overbody is hand stripped peacock quill. The body coating is Solarez ultra-thin bone dry. The wingcase is black marker coated with resin.

William Conway tied a Tan Soft Hackle on a size 12 hook using tan 200 thread. The body is tan thread with light red wire rib. The thorax is mixed brown and tan hare's dubbing. The hackle is wood duck breast feather. Tie in the wire to the bend of the hook. Keep thread as straight as possible using just enough to cover the hook. At 2/3 hook stop. Wrap the red wire using 5-6 wraps making even spacing. Dub in the thorax with mixture of dubbing. Tie in the hackle feather and try to roll all fibers to the hook end and whip finish.

FLY TYERS EXCHANGE - MARCH 2019 - CONTINUED

Trevor Segelke tied a Bighorn Baetis Wonder Nymph on a size 14 TMC 2487 using dun 8/0 or 75 denier thread. The hackle is grizzly hackle that is pulled over the body and not palmered.

Tim Landrus was the demonstration tier this month. He tied a Soft Hackle on a wet fly hook in sizes 12-18 using 8/0 black or color to match body. The body is copper or colored wire from front to rear. You can substitute thread or floss if you want a different texture. The soft hackle collar is partridge, black hen or similar. Wrap the body along the shank of the hook, laying a flat body. Your goal is to add a flat body while not adding a lot of bulk.

The next $25 gift certificate will be awarded in April.

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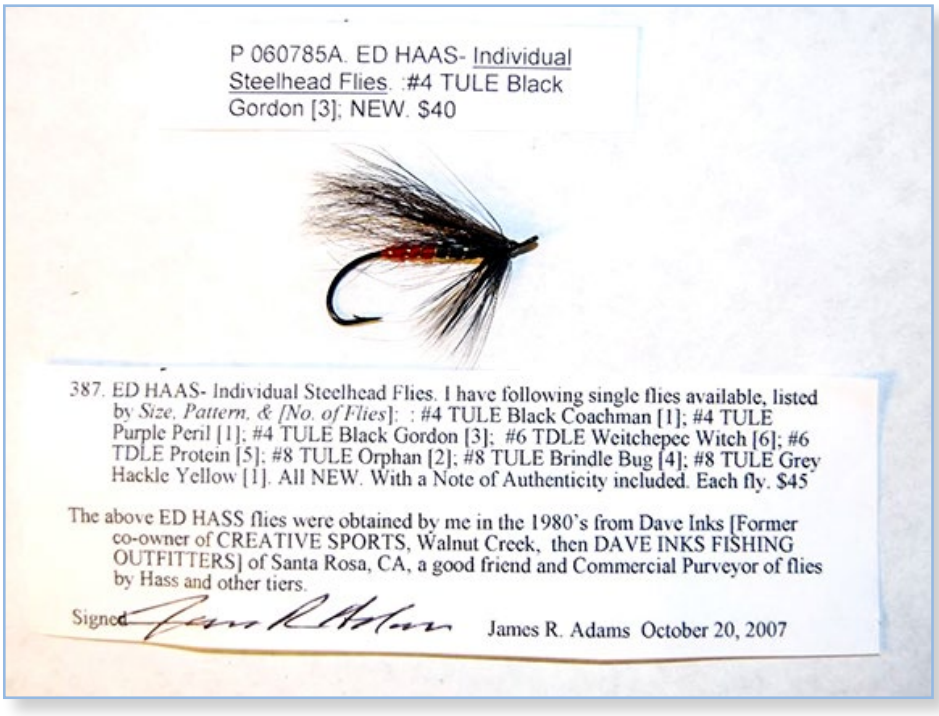
SCRIBNER BEND VINEYARDS

Link to Scribner Bend Website

Vintage Fly Corner - ED HAAS STEELHEAD FLIES

Submitted by Forrest Oldham

This month's fly is not so much a pattern as a technique. Ed was a self-taught fly tier of steelhead/salmon flies. His flies are characterized as very meticulous, durable, and having small compact heads. He purchased custom hooks with heavy wire and down turn loop eyes which were crucial to his style. He opened slightly the loop, started his thread inside and in turn inserted his carefully measured hair wing, then binding the butt ends backwards with tapering of the ends by cutting. He would then wrap the thread back to the tail and tie in whatever desired materials conventionally to the hackle area. It is possible the hackle butt could be tied in before the thread is wound to the tail area thus giving a real secure hackle butt, or the thread tied down the hackle ending in back of the hackle after the body materials. The hackle was then reverse wrapped towards the back and secured with the thread winding through and to the front. The thread would then be brought in front of the wing, following the removal of the hackle end, to tie back the wing with a small compact head.



The actual hooks used by Ed are probably not available any longer unless you want to purchase many thousands custom made. There are some substitutes available, one being the Mustad 9002, in some vintage angler's stores of tying materials. One may also use turn up eye Atlantic salmon hooks for a similar look on the compact head, though it would not match Haas's actual down eye look. Take a look at some of his flies that some have collected in a Google search.

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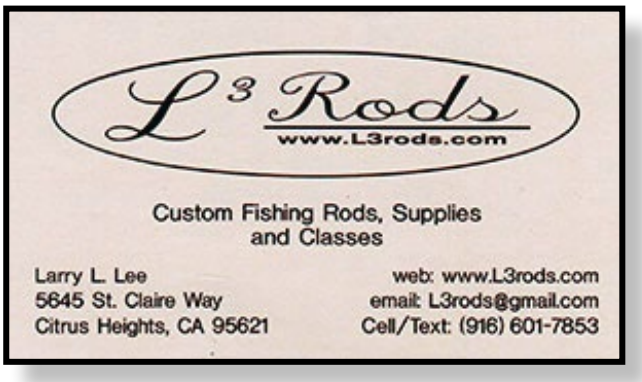

Link to Larry Lee's website

CFFU Club Meetings

First Tuesday of each month.

Richard Conzelmann Community Center (PDF Map Link)
2201 Cottage Way, Sac., CA 95825

General Meeting Schedule:

6:15 P.M.: Fly Tying Demo
7:00 P.M.: Club Information
7:20 P.M.: Program Presentation

CFFU Membership

New Member: Individual: $40.00

New Member: Family: $55.00
(Includes spouse and children under 18 years old.)

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