



NEWSLETTER

“Fly Fishing the Williamson and Wood Rivers”

with Bryan Carpenter



The KCFC program year will kick off in style on Tuesday, September 16th when we host local fisherman Bryan Carpenter as our speaker.

Here is how Bryan introduces himself: “I was raised from infancy in Klamath Falls. I served 7 years in the Navy after finishing school; then 30 years in public service as a police officer and firefighter. During these years I continued to visit Oregon’s wild country hunting, fishing, and studying the wildlife I love. After retirement, I became self-employed as a fly fishing guide. I guided for 6 years, primarily on the Williamson and Wood rivers.

No longer a guide, I have given my full-time attention to perfecting carving wildlife and fish. I reside in Klamath Falls with my wife and children. I am still an avid fisherman and continue to learn my craft while passing on my love of nature and God’s creation to my kids and grandkids.”

Be sure to come to the September meeting and learn what Bryan has to teach us about fishing right here in our own backyard.

Calendar

September 16: Club meeting with Bryan Carpenter

October 4: Club outing to Medicine Lake

October 21: Club meeting with Micolé Jensen

November 18: Club meeting with John Smeraglio

December 16: Club Christmas Party

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THE KCFC MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Klamath Country Fly Casters, out of a vital interest in the sport of fly fishing, do hereby join to promote fly fishing as a method of angling, to encourage youth to learn this method of angling, and to promote and participate in meetings to educate all persons in the many aspects of fly fishing as a sport. We agree to make every effort to protect and improve fishing resources in our area by encouraging the practice of catch and release fishing of wild, native fish and by supporting fly fishing organizations in other areas in the overall quest for improvement and perpetuity of fishing resources.

Regular KCFC meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at Elmer's Restaurant, 3030 S. 6th Street, Klamath Falls. Dinner starts at 6:00 with the meeting beginning at 7:00. Board members, please be there at 5:00.

The KCFC website is: www.klamathcountryflycasters.com

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Have you met someone this summer who would enjoy being a member of KCFC? Invite them to the September meeting! Tell them about the great speakers we have during the year, and encourage them to come, no strings attached. We would love to meet them!



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, by Dale Zemke



Welcome back from our Summer hiatus. Another productive and entertaining year of Club meetings and events is about to start. Having survived the first year of my tenure as your President, I am looking forward to a fun second year.

A couple of old business items - I had discussed the idea of doing some Seminars from 5:00 - 6:00 on meeting nights. But circumstances dictate that this be set aside. Instead, I am working on a booklet that will briefly cover fly fishing basics. In addition, it is my intent to have the booklet also give information regarding nearby fishing locations. I am hoping that an item of this nature will be of assistance to members who are new to the area, and/or new to the sport. I asked Bill Tinniswood for a list of his recommended places to fish and he gave me a list about a mile long. I then asked that he trim it to places within about a 45 minute drive from Klamath Falls. I now have a manageable list. The next step will require assistance from the membership. I will be putting out the list for members to adopt a location and give me a writeup regarding the location that will address specific information about each location, such as how to get there, what fish are there, gear recommendations, etc. All of this information will then be compiled into the booklet for the Club's use. I think it will be especially helpful to new members.

I also recently asked for someone to step up as the Program Chair to start filling the guest speaker's slots for the next couple of years. I have two members who are available to assist the person who takes this job, Marshal Moser and David Biddison. Needless to say the response to my request was not exactly a stampede to fill the position. So I would hope that someone out there would like to have primary input into the speakers we book and would step up between now and the September meeting. Send me an email or give me a call - both are in this newsletter and the Club directory or on the Club web site.

I have also decided to drop the monthly seafood recipes from the newsletter. We have asked for contributions and to date have not received any and I am personally running out of recipes. So this will be history unless someone wishes to contribute a recipe to the newsletter.

We canceled the rod building class this last year due to lack of interested participants. I do think, however, it is worth trying again for a Fall/Winter class. To make it worthwhile, we need 6 to 8 participants. We have two excellent instructors in Tom Whittemore and Tim Lancaster and a very well done text book, now we just need enough people who would like to build a rod. So we will be coming out with a request for interested members.

You will find an excellent writeup regarding conservation in this month's newsletter. We continue to be a front runner in this activity thanks to the untiring efforts of Greg Bulkley as our Conservation Chair. Please take the time to read it. And be ready to provide some labor when requested.

The Board has been entertaining the possibility of having the club sponsor a chapter of Project Healing Waters. This is a program that uses fly fishing as a means of helping our veterans who have been injured in many ways recover. However, as it is something that requires some dedication and strong support to make it work, it needs to be something that the Club as a whole wants to do, not just the Board nor just a couple of members who are passionate about this program. So think about it, and we will discuss it, probably at the September meeting.

Well I am sure there is more I should be saying - but this is enough for now. So, until the September meeting....Tight Lines!

CONGRATULATIONS, BILL TINNISWOOD!

Here is a reprint of the Herald and News article announcing that it looks like Bill Tinniswood will keep his job!

Biologist retains job Widespread support for Tinniswood tipped scales
By LACEY JARRELL, H&N Staff Reporter

Local fishermen can breathe a sigh of relief as a local state fish biologist's job, once targeted due to budget cuts, has been saved for now.

Under the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2015-17 preliminary biennium budget, six fish assistant district biologist (ADB) positions, including Bill Tinniswood of the Klamath Falls ODFW field office, were on the chopping block. A revised proposed budget sent this month to Gov. John Kitzhaber's office for review requests the state retain four of those positions through some financial restructuring.

Tinniswood said he is "cautiously optimistic." "I'm really happy they decided to turn it around," he said. "I'm still worried because we have a long way to go." According to ODFW spokesman Roger Fuhrman, the budget still needs to go through a series of technical steps before it is finalized and approved.

Fuhrman said the decision to keep Tinniswood and the three other biologists was largely driven by community feedback. A bevy of Klamath and Lake County fishermen, especially members of the Klamath County Flyfishers, filled town hall meetings earlier this summer demanding that Tinniswood keep his job. Comments submitted at the meeting and on the ODFW website reflect how valuable Tinniswood is to his office and the Klamath and Lake County communities.

Klamath Falls resident and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) member Karl Wenner wrote, "I can't overemphasize how important (Tinniswood's) role has been in many of the good projects that have been done by OWEB and other entities in the Basin ... We are on the threshold of passage of federal legislation that will facilitate massive restoration in the Klamath Basin. It would be tragic to lose Mr. Tinniswood at this historic moment."

Mark Tunno, of Fort Klamath, commented about Tinniswood's contribution to a red band trout habitat restoration project on his property. "Please retain his position to ensure quality stewardship that people of Oregon deserve," Tunno wrote.

According to Fuhrman, the revised budget proposes to keep Tinniswood's and the Bend ADB positions by rounding recreational license fees to the nearest 50 cents. The other two ADBs will be retained by eliminating unfilled aide positions elsewhere.

On Aug. 1, the ODFW commission met and approved the changes before passing the proposed budget to Gov. Kitzhaber's office. Kitzhaber will review the budget and decide what will be presented to the Oregon Legislature for funding approval.

According to Fuhrman, Kitzhaber has until Dec. 1 to review the budget and submit it to the Oregon Legislature. Fuhrman expects the budget to be introduced to the legislature in early 2015.



CONSERVATION REPORT, submitted by Greg Bulkley

We have had a busy summer with considerable success with our applications for grant funding, and consequently a lot of work for our volunteers is coming up. There is also some important news. Here is a summary:

Spring Creek Spawning Gravel: Bill Tinniswood, of behalf of the ODFW, again requested \$1500 for additional spawning gravel for Spring Creek. We have contributed to this project annually for several years, and each year the total surface area for the native redband of the Lower Williamson River increases; i.e.: gravel we have placed in previous years has not washed away or become inundated with silt; indeed, this area is so intensively used that the fish are still spawning on top of one another, so that as we add usable surface area each year, the number of spawning redds increases proportionately. Your Board has voted to fund this request with some of the money we raised at the May auction. (ODFW personnel place this gravel with heavy equipment so that our volunteers will not be required here.)



Spencer Creek Project: As you may recall, our original grant application requested \$15K from the Flyfishers Foundation of Oregon to plant large wood and shrubs in the riparian areas of Spencer Creek on the JWTR Property. I got a call a few weeks ago from Don Pynch on behalf of the Flyfishers Foundation telling me that they could offer us \$5K to do a scaled down version of the project. It turns out that KBRT has planned a sister project at the mouth of the Creek where it flows into the reservoir. So we have decided to accept the funding so as to combine it with the KBRT funding to do the equivalent work to that which was originally planned. The work will probably be done this Fall, and will not require any formal request for KCFC volunteers. (Our Club needs a full turnout of volunteers for the two projects listed below, and I think it is unrealistic to request such an effort more than once a season from the Club membership as a whole.) Christie Adelsberger of KBRT, a KCFC member, Jacqui and I will be there to fulfill our obligation for volunteers from the Club; anyone who wishes to join us is of course welcome. We will not need to spend Club money on this project.

North Ditch Project: The massive construction of the fish screen at North Ditch is well underway and they may well be able to finish the fish passage (our part of the project) this Fall as well. If so, we will need volunteers from the Club to plant and cage riparian shrubs in October or November this year. If you get a chance to drive by the new Elbow bridge on the North Fork Sprague on Road 3411 (the road to Lee Thomas Meadows and some great small brookie fishing in the beaver ponds), it's worth stopping and looking. And be prepared to lend us a hand this fall.

Wiest Ranch (Lower Williamson) Project: We are now officially funded from both the IFFF and the ORCIFFF @\$1500 each, which, with our Club's \$1500 donation will be a total KCFC contribution to the project of \$4500. This project is scheduled for this Fall and Spring. Our KCFC volunteer riparian planting brigade will be needed in the Spring of 2015 (April or May).

The diatom algae problem: There is a new threat to the macro invertebrates (mayfly and stonefly nymphs, caddis fly larvae and pupae) in our rivers, most noted in the Deschutes River. A thick pasty coating of goo is covering the rocks on the bottom, crowding out the normal flora upon which the macro invertebrates normally feed, and preventing their clinging to the rocks. The noted trout stream etymologist, Rick Hafele was here last month and told me that macro invertebrate levels are seriously depressed in the Deschutes (see this link for his report: <http://images.wolfpk.com/deschutesriveralliance/pdf/DRA-Macroinvert%20GuideReport-Last%20One.pdf>) Unlike "Didymo", this is not an invasive species from somewhere else, but a native

Conservation Report, continued

diatomaceous algae that is overgrowing for reasons unknown, but perhaps due to increased water temperatures and nutrient runoffs. While he was here, I asked Rick to kindly look at the Lower Williamson (at the boat launch site in the park just downstream from the sewerage drainage from Chiloquin) where I had noted heavy algae blooms and thick foam on the water at times. Rick and I found the same stuff there: a thick pasty goo that covers the upper surfaces of the rocks, gravel, and solid lava rock that make up the bottom there. The undersides of the rocks were relatively free and still had a plethora of October caddis pupae cases. Rick tells me that the cause and treatment approach(es) to this problem is (are) not known. Because it is a native species, it is not related to contamination from dirty wading boots or boat bilges.

ODFW Personnel Issue: As you have heard by now from the Herald and News, it appears that our efforts to educate the ODFW administration on the irreplaceable value of William Tinniswood as our Assistant Fish Biologist appear to have been successful. At the time of this writing it appears that Bill's position is secure. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who showed up at the ODFW public comment meeting this Spring. The turnout was nothing short of terrific. Your KCFC has earned a respected voice within the local, regional, and national conservation communities. (See below.) And perhaps at least one branch of our government has been reminded that they work for us, rather than the other way around.

IFFF Funding Request Letter: Many of us have recently received a letter from Philip Greenlee, the President and Chairman of the Board of the IFFF, requesting donations to support the IFFF programs. This is always a worthy cause and I would encourage each of our members to consider a donation to either the National IFFF (www.fedflyfishers.com) or the Oregon Council (www.fedflyfishers.org/Councils/Oregon/About.aspx). This letter is especially important because one of the four worthwhile conservation projects supported by the National IFFF that are listed in this fundraising letter as examples is the Sprague/Williamson River System Restoration. The IFFF, as well as the Oregon Council thereof have indeed been a generous sponsor of the work the KCFC has done over the past few years, as well as of two of the above upcoming projects. It is important that our membership appreciate and acknowledge this support, just as the IFFF has highlighted our work here in the Klamath Basin. Recently, Clint Brumitt, who serves as the Conservation Chair for the ORCIFFF wrote me an email which contained this comment: "I do believe that the Klamath Club is doing more for conservation than any other right now in the state. That may mean I do not know everything, but my goodness you are working hard for fish." It is good to know that all our members' hard work is appreciated. The fish can't talk, but their advocates have done so. Thank you all for your strong support of our conservation efforts.

GOLD LAKE OUTING REPORT

Toby Loetscher reports that they had a beautiful day fishing at Gold Lake. He said fish were rising all over, but were hard to catch. He caught 3 brookies. Thanks, Toby for leading this outing!



DIAMOND LAKE OUTING REPORT

Doug Barnes submitted the following report on the Club outing to Diamond Lake:

"The personal high point for me about the Diamond Lake outing was seeing it for the first time. The next best personal high point was the cheering that greeted me after Dick Siemens phoned to ask where I was, which wasn't where they were, waiting for me in the "south parking lot" at the Kla-Mo-Ya Casino. I'd been waiting for them for 15 minutes in the "front part of the casino parking lot." I didn't say much, but I sure felt sheepish. All six of us took off then for Diamond Lake, caravan-style, for the one-day trip. I'd asked Bob to lead out, him driving the heaviest load with their camper and towing his driftboat. Minutes later, we followers (Peter Calvo, me, Bill Tamplen and Dick Siemens) were scampering to keep up with Bob, who has since been renamed "Mario Andretti!" (Later, I called to ask Mario to bring it down to something almost-like freeway speed...) It was a good convoy of eager fly fishers who headed up Highway 97 that August morning. We pulled into the south parking lot of Diamond Lake pretty much on schedule.



Only a couple of the group had been to Diamond Lake, but not for many years, so we were all eager to see what the lake would produce. As we each went about launching our various boats, it was hard not looking at all the surrounding beauty of the timbered woods down to the water and the prominent mountain heads surrounding the lake. We all had our own ideas where to head for, so there wasn't much discussion, especially with us "pontooners," who pretty much like our solitude.

A hearty thanks from me has to go to Dick Siemens, who came to my rescue with an extra life jacket he had after I discovered I didn't have my own in my boat like I thought. FYI, if you go out in a boat without a life jacket and are caught, IT'S A \$400 FINE!

That outing day, I saw a nice 15" rainbow Bob had caught trolling. Peter Calvo, fishing with him, caught one, and Bob caught three more over the next day with Patty. Bob and Peter are the only two I know who caught fish. Going to the Diamond Lake Resort's website, you'll see that it really caters to the family fisherpeople. Most of the trout are caught on PowerBait, worms and trolling Ford Fenders from the fishing reports the Resort puts out. One of the most popular fishing spots on the lake is still called "The Cheese Hole."

I can say that as far as being a Streamkeeper for my next outing, I can promise you that it will be right after ice out or in the fall, either in September or October. It was fun to plan my first outing, this one-day Diamond Lake toe-dipper. Right now I'm getting started on the research for which lake I'll pick for next year. It's bound to involve some serious "research" trying out one or two lakes in the time left this year.

Taking up fly fishing at age 68 presents its own sets of challenges, but I do see one thing increasing: my enthusiasm. It's like I'm trying to make up for lost time by learning how to fly fish as seriously as a fun-lover can. One thing I pride myself on is being teachable, especially if it's really fun. Right now I'm in the middle of making a second anchor system for my pontooner. Between the Gold Lake trip on July 26th and this Diamond Lake trip, I knew I needed to get a second anchor set up to get rid of any wind sway which destroys any sense of fly retrieving control. The parts are already ordered, so I'm eagerly awaiting that delivery!

In the time left for this fishing season, may you each have tight lines, aching wrists and shoulders. See you at the kickoff meeting on September 16th!

KCFC PICNIC AT THE YAMSI RANCH

The 2014 KCFC picnic was held at the beautiful Yamsi Ranch on a sunny, warm afternoon. Hosted by Jerri, John and Gerda Hyde, the event was well attended by KCFC members, spouses and friends. Chief cook, John Krueger did an excellent job grilling the steaks, and potluck side dishes were enjoyed by all. Thank you, Hyde Family (including Jack!) for your gracious hospitality!



2014 WILLIAMSON RIVER CLEANUP, submitted by Marshal Moser

The 2014 Williamson River Cleanup took place on the first Saturday of August as it has for approximately 15 years. This year around 10 members of the Klamath Country Fly Casters participated with a total of some 40 people from different clubs, agencies and individuals. It even included a few people who just heard about the cleanup by newspaper or radio.

Most people assembled at 8 a.m. at the Chiloquin boat ramp for assignment of methods and sections of the river to pick up various forms of trash/waste/litter in the river or on the banks. A few came directly to the Lonesome Duck to help with the preparations for the free BBQ which took place there after most of the work on the river was done around noon.

There were more workers than usual, thanks in part to the KCFC members who helped. This allowed the river to be covered from Collier Park to Klamath Lake. There was even a contingent of two led by John Ward who had been camping and fishing on the Upper Williamson who picked up trash on U.S. Forest Service land below Yamsi and Sand Creek Ranches. John Ward, as usual, could be said to be wearing two hats, KCFC and the Rogue Fly Fishers.

Floating devices were used by many of the cleanup teams and several truckloads of trash from tires and an old dock to beverage cans were collected and taken to the Chiloquin transfer station – at no charge by them. It was a good day. Thanks to all who helped!



MEDICINE LAKE OUTING

John Staunton is putting together a KCFC outing to Medicine Lake in northern California. Although this was originally scheduled for September, John has moved the date to Saturday, October 4th. Our hot summer has caused low water levels at the lake, but by early October, things should cool enough to bring the trout out of the deep pockets. Plans are still somewhat flexible, but John is suggesting that everyone meet at the boat ramp at Medicine Lake at 9:00 that morning. Then, folks who wish to can meet at the Staunton cabin for lunch later in the day.

Please contact John at 541 884-9627 or jjstaunton@charter.net for further information!

PROJECT HEALING WATERS EVENT AT THE YAMSI RANCH

Jerri, John and Gerda Hyde hosted a Project Healing Waters event at their Yamsi Ranch in mid-August. About twenty veterans attended; half were recovering from a variety of war injuries, and the other half were their mentors. Some were fairly proficient fly fishers, and some were beginners. ALL had a great time! Here is a letter John passed along:

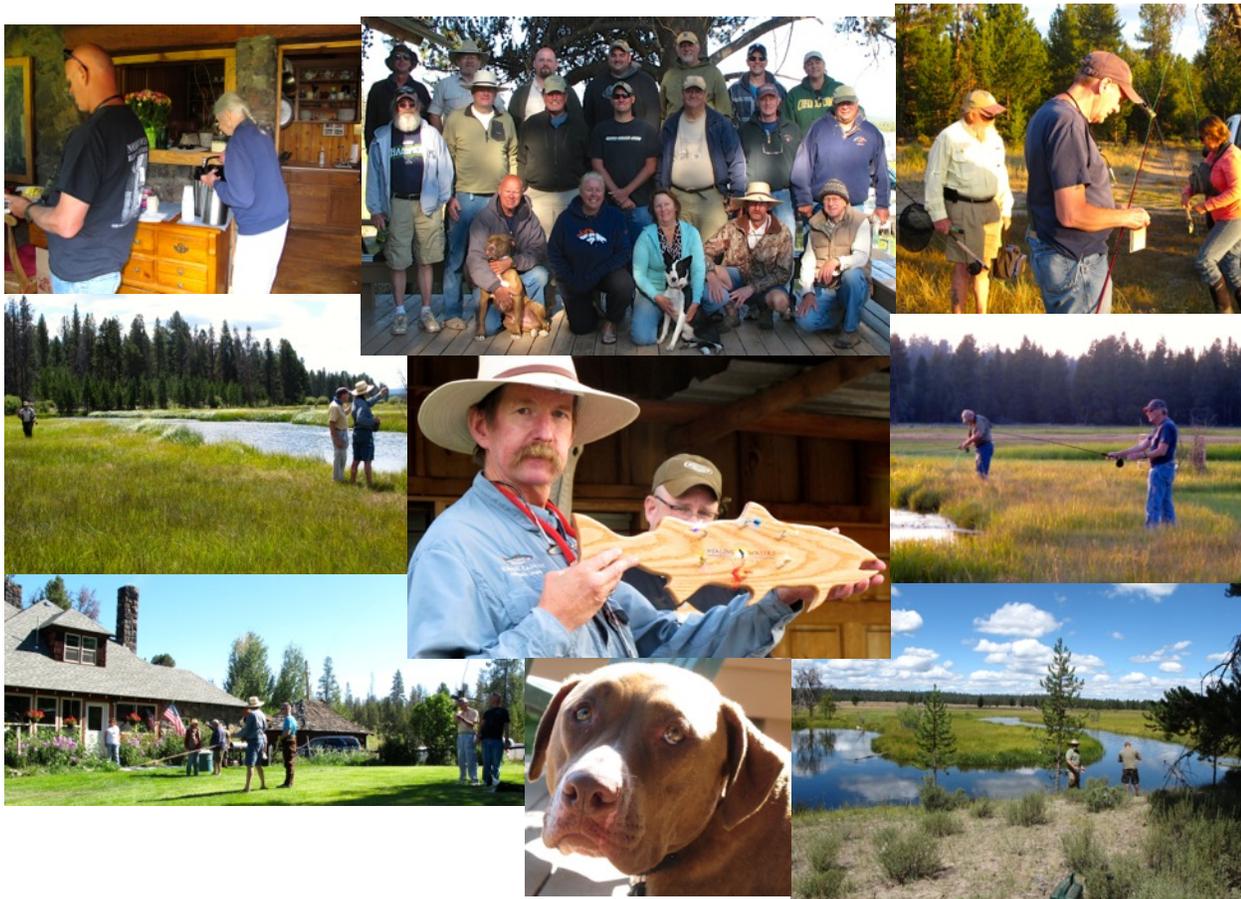
“John,

I want to start off and say thank you for such a wonderful time. You and your family welcomed all of us from project healing water in to your little piece of heaven. It was a true honor to be there and have the feeling that we all were part of the family. Me personally needed a reset its been ruff being out of the army since April. Going from a always busy life to a life were it all stops was ruff. I was getting in to a rut and my wife and kids knew it. With this trip it was a refreshing feeling and made me feel its all going to work out. I will be saving up to come back and hope to break my record of 4 doubles in a day lol. Keep up the wonderful job and thanks again.

V/R

Robert Clark”

Although this was not a Club event, several KCFC members helped in a variety of ways to make these vets feel welcomed.



INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

Charlie Boy Hopper

The Charlie Boy Hopper is a great foam hopper fly pattern. Tied to look just like a real hopper in profile, this terrestrial fly pattern was originally created by Charlie Craven. The Charlie Boy Hopper is one of the few realistic grasshopper patterns that fish incredibly well. The fly pattern uses a mix of foam and elk hair to stay well above water while creating a great presentation to fool those trout in the heat of summer. The Charlie Boy Hopper can be tied in Tan, Olive and Yellow. Try fishing this fly tying pattern on a windy day and see what results it brings.



Recipe:

Hook: Tiemco TMC 5262 #4-#8 TMC 100 for #10-#14

Thread: Tan 3/0 Monocord

Body: Tan 4mm X 2mm Thin Fly foam – Binder strip is 2mm X 2mm fly foam (tan, grey or yellow)

Legs: Yellow rubber legs

Wing: Natural Elk Hair or Deer Hair

Instructions:

Start the thread at the eye of the hook and wrap a tight thread base back to the bend.



Begin by cutting a strip of 2mm foam so it is as wide as the gap of the hook. Remove the hook from the vise and poke the hook point through the foam about 3/4 of an inch from the end of the strip.

Cut another strip of foam from the sheet. This strip should be about 2mm X 2mm. Tie this thinner "binder" strip of foam to the hook shank immediately behind the hook eye. Run the thread up the hook shank over the binder strip and back again to the bend, compressing the foam to the shank.

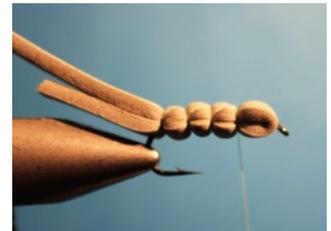


Pull the foam strip taut under the hook shank and measure where the hook eye lines up with the foam. Poke a hole through the foam from both the top and the bottom where the eye lines up. Push the foam over the hook eye so the eye protrudes through the front side of the foam.



Put a thin coat of Zap-A-Gap CA glue on the entire upper surface of the foam, including the hook shank/binder strip. Fold the front end of the foam back over the top of the shank, pinching it together all the way back off the bend of the hook.

Make three tight wraps over the foam right at the bend of the hook. Cross the thread lightly across the top of the foam body about one fourth of the way forward. Make another upright segment one fourth of the way forward on the hook shank with three more tight turns of thread. Continue forward by crossing on the top of the shank and make two more evenly spaced segments for a total of four bands of thread and three crosses.



Use a double edge razor blade to make a straight cut through the extended foam. This cut, once finished, appears to be made at an angle, but is truly a straight cut following along the top of the body.

Take a single two-inch long strand of round rubber leg and tie it in place along the side of the fly in the last segment with a single turn of thread. Cross the thread back along the top of the fly into the second segment back. Catch the rubber once again along the side of the hook in this segment with another single turn of thread. Note that the rubber leg is centered from top to bottom along the side of the foam body.





Wing time! Cut, clean and stack a generous bunch of deer hair. Measure this clump of hair against the shank so it is equal to about a shank length long. Place two soft turns of thread over the hair in the head segment. Pull down on the thread slightly to compress and crimp the hair a bit.

Make a three turn whip finish right through the butt ends of the hair. Cinch the thread down tightly after tying the knot and clip the thread close. Trim the hair to finish the fly.



TOP VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW



SIDE VIEW

North Umpqua 6th Annual Fly Tying



Sponsored by Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers

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Saturday September 13, 2014

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

North Umpqua Highway – Glide Community Center

Fly Tyers from Oregon, Washington and California

Raffles, Displays, Vendors, Presentations

Fishing Still Waters- Phil Hager & Knots/Leaders- Dan Hodler

Antique and Vintage Equipment Appraisals- Dan & Kelly Brock

Casting Pond and Casting Course

Guest Speaker Philip Greenlee

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