

Capital City Fly Fishers



10th Anniversary Newsletter

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March 2012

From Our Prez

Another successful season of Winter Fly Tying is almost complete and it is time to put those new patterns to use. Thanks John Walther for the time that you have put in preparing the material packages and for your instructional guidance of the program. The tyers prepared 12 dozen flies last week to be donated to the Reel Recovery Program. On behalf of the CCFF, thank you for the great work. Don't forget the Banquet on Saturday night. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Due to the date of the Banquet, there will be no CCFF Meeting on March 13.

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Heart of America FF Spring Seminar

Eleven of the CCFF members went up to Prairie Village, KS to hear Charlie Craven speak and ty flies at the Heart of America Fly Fishers Spring Seminar.

Charlie is the president of Charlie's Fly Box in Old Town Arvada, Colorado. He specializes in trout flies and designs flies for Umpqua Feather Merchants. Some of the patterns that Charlie demonstrated were the Charlie Boy Hopper, Poison Tung, Jujubee Midge, the 2 Bit Hooker, the Elk Hair Caddis, the Rusty Spinner, the Spant and the Hunpy.

Everyone who attended learned something new about fly tying.

Charlie has several books out and he also has a very good website: CharliesFlyBox.com.

April Meeting

Our next meeting will be on April 10, 2012 at the First Baptist Church of Jefferson City at 7:00pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Mark Van Patten and he will be doing a presentation on Aquatic Entomology For Fly Fishers.

A Board of Directors meeting will begin at 6:00pm.

Calendar

March

1--- Teach a Vet to Ty 3:00pm at the Truman VA Hospital Rm. C202

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10—Annual Banquet at Donita's Banquet Center.

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April

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10---CCFF Meeting 7:00pm at the 1st Baptist Church of JC. BOD meeting at 6:00pm

19--- Teach a Vet to Ty 3:00pm at the Truman VA Hospital Rm. C202

Monthly Fly Pattern



Ray Charles Fly

Matt Ridenhour called me the other night to let me know about a new pattern that he had come across on the internet and was telling me how simple it was to ty. I found several versions of it on various websites and even a few ideas as to how it got its name from the theory that a blind trout can chase this fly to one which states that a blind piano player can catch fish with this fly. I don't know how much truth there was in any of these reports but I do like the simplicity of the fly.

I assume that this fly can be tied weighted but did not find a version for it.

Recipe:

Hook: Mustad 3399A or any scud hook size 14-22

Thread: Uni thread 8/0 red, orange or pink

Body: Ostrich herl, 2 to 4 stands depending on hook size. Colors are pink, gray, olive or orange depending where you are fishing.

Back: Pearl tinsel.

Rib: Most recipes do not call for ribbing but I used copper wire for durability.

Instructions

1. Crimp the barb.
2. Place the hook in the vise.
3. Start the thread at the front of the hook and wrap to the curve of the hook.
4. Secure the back material.
5. Secure the wire.
6. Secure the ostrich herl.
7. Wrap the thread to about 2 eye lengths from the eye.

8. Palmer the ostrich herl to the ty off point and secure. Remove excess.
9. Lay the tinsel across the back of the herl and secure at the eye.
10. Wrap the rib to the eye and secure.
11. Whip finish and cement the head.

Matt assures me that it will catch fish. It is a very simple sow bug or scud imitation. Try them and let me know how they work.