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AROUND THE BEND



February Meeting Thursday, Feb 20, 2014

Farmhouse Restaurant

Wet Fly: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Our February program features Phil Rowley, At the age of 6 Phil Rowley was introduced to coarse fishing in England and has been hooked ever since. For over 20 years Phil Rowley has been fly-fishing stillwaters almost exclusively. His love of stillwater fly fishing has taken him all over British Columbia and Washington in the pursuit of trout and char.

2014 – Events

On Wednesday, February 19th, Phil Rowley will be at the Confluence Fly Shop teaching two fly tying classes: “Conquering Chironomids” and “Stillwater Favorites”. The classes are \$60 per person each and they are limited to only 4 people. In the evening, Phil will be giving a seminar on “How to Find Trout in Productive Stillwaters”. If you are interested in any of these, contact The Confluence Fly Shop immediately at 360.312.7978 or scott@theconfluenceflyshop.com.

Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show – February 15th and 16th. I hope that many of you can go and support this event. I due believe many carpool down to this event.

May 17-18 for the Atlantic salmon fly expo in Renton. You can view the particulars by going to www.asfi-expo.com. Or, if your browser won't open that link (and apparently some browsers won't), just Google Atlantic Salmon Fly International.

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This promises to be a historic gathering of tyers from all over the world. I note the roster of U.S. tyers also includes Steve Gobin and Ted Niemeyer. Steve is a Tulalip Indian, an incredible fly tyer and a bamboo rod builder. Ted has been tying flies locally (and beautifully) almost since Adam.



Fly Fishing Our Saltwater Shorelines

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this unique summer program on Thursday night, **July 17th** for a fly tying demonstration, buffet dinner, and program by Loren Elliott on fly fishing Puget Sound and Vancouver Island shorelines.

Loren is a talented young guy who is a guide, writer, and photographer. This summer he will be working as an intern for the Seattle Magazine. Most importantly, he is an avid fly fisher with a passion for fishing our regional saltwater. Elliott's presentation provides an engaging and informative look at the tactics and techniques necessary for success in catching sea-run cutthroat trout, bull trout, and salmon. His presentation is heavy on visuals

so as to provide a better understanding of the concepts.

If you have been thinking of getting more serious about fishing the saltwater shorelines, this will likely be the night that will convince you to jump in!

Members Corner



Steve Aguilu and Dick Raisler

Steve Aguilu rejoined the Fidalgo Fly Fishers at the January 2014 meeting.

Steve was an active member of the club during the 1980s and early 1990s. During his absence he joined the Wenatchee Valley Club. When he returned to the west side one of his priorities was returning to Fidalgo membership. Club members who remember Steve are pleased to have him back.

His contact information will be coming soon in the 2014 roster update.



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JANICE LAKE 2014

The 2014 Janice Lake outing is set for June 5-9. It will start with the evening meal on Thursday, June 5th and end with the noon meal on Monday, June 9th. This amounts to three full days and two half days of fishing or four days in total.

The price remains at \$150. (in Canadian funds) per night making the total price \$CDN 600. per person which includes three meals per day, a tent cabin, and use of the camp boats. Be advised however the camp boats are not much and you would be better off bringing your own. We may also have boats and a small motor to lend.



The Janice Lake Fish Camp is one of the last of the

old time British Columbia Fish camps. It is located just west of Little Fort about a 6 hour drive from here. It has been in operation by the Cartwright family for 54 years and not much has changed except for four new tent cabins in 2007. There are also two log cabins. Each tent or cabin accommodates up to three guests on single spring and foam mattress beds (BYO sleeping bag) with wood

stoves for heat. There is a large lodge where the meals are prepared and served; the lodge is a great place to sit, eat, watch the lake, and take a break.

The camp lacks modern amenities, and first timers are advised to check with Dan Farmer to discuss the state of affairs. If you are looking for a wonderful fishing experience with congenial companions, this is for you. Cell phone and internet connections are not available without leaving camp. Driving down into the camp requires a four wheel drive vehicle (especially to get back out); 2WD vehicles can be parked approximately 1/4 mile away by the main highway. The fish in Janice Lake are not large but they are typically numerous. It is easily the most beautiful lake in BC. There are also several walk in lakes nearby, some with boats. Depending on weather and spring trail clearing, these lakes may be accessible for the more adventurous.

A reservation deposit of \$US155. is required by April 15. If you cancel your reservation by May 2, your deposit will be returned, but not afterwards. Payment of the balance due is expected in Canadian funds, cash only, on the last day of camp. Contact Dan Farmer at fidalgoflyfishers@gmail.com or 293-0187 for reservations and more information.



Janice Lake Resident

Dan Farmer

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Balanced Leech

By Phil Rowley

Hook: Mustad Ultra Point 32833BL Up-eye Jig Hook #8-#10

Thread: 8/0, Black

Tail: Marabou or Rabbit Fur , Mixed With a Few Strands of Pearl or UV Pearl Flash-abou

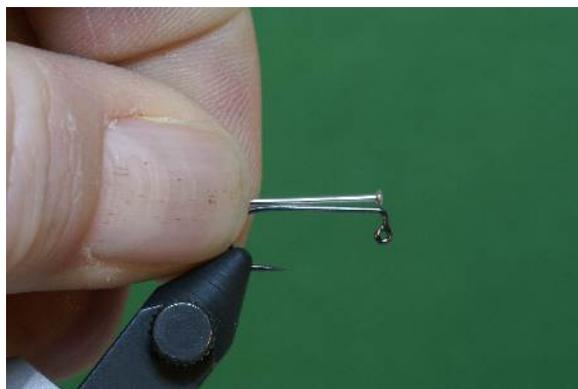
Rib (Optional): Fine Red Wire

Body: Arizona Simi Seal

Bead: Gold Tungsten, Mounted on a Straight Pin and Secured to the hook Shank

Tying Note: Vary the body and tail colors. Personal favourites include Claret, Burnt Orange (tail) & Olive, and brown. You can also use crystal chenille or marabou for the bodies as well.

1) Using a pair of side cutters cut a common sewing pin equal to the distance from the hook eye to the point of the hook.



2) Slide the tungsten bead onto the pin. Place the pin into the jaws of the vise. Build up a tapered thread dam behind the bead forcing it tight against the pin head.



3) Place the de-barbed hook into the jaws of the vise. Cover the shank with tying thread. Secure the bead/pin assembly onto the shank so the bead protrudes out in front of the hook eye. About two bead widths should be fine. Whip finish and remove the tying thread.



4) Remove the hook from the vise. Insert a length of tippet material through the hook eye. Hold both ends of the tippet, let the fly hang and check its balance. If the bend hangs down, carefully wiggle the pin assembly forward tipping the hook down. If the bead nose-dives, wiggle the pin back. Balancing the initial hook and chassis combination, may take a few attempts. It is not necessary to complete this step with all subsequent patterns. Once balanced, build the remaining hook and pin assemblies to the same specifications and they will all balance. Coat the finished chassis with super glue and let dry.

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5) Re-attach the tying thread. Tie in a shank length marabou tail at the rear of the pin. Measure do not pinch the tail to length. Natural tapered tails move better in the water. Tie in two strands of Flashabou along the sides of the tail. Trim the Flashabou slightly longer than the tail.



6) Tie in the rib. Form a thread dubbing loop at the base of the tail. Load the dubbing loop equally along its length with Sparkle Blend dubbing. Twist the dubbing loop tight until the dubbing fibres radiate 90 degrees to the dubbing loop. Wind the dubbing loop forward past the hook eye to the rear of the bead. After each wrap sweep the dubbing fibres back out of the way to avoid trapping them down. Tie off and trim the excess dubbing loop. Brush the body of the fly on all four sides using a Velcro dubbing teaser.



7) Counter wind the rib forward using a zig-zag motion over the body to avoid trapping dubbing fibres down. Tie off the rib and using a pulling and twisting motion break away the excess wire. Coat 3/8ths of an inch of tying thread with super glue or head cement. Wind the coated thread behind the bead. Whip finish and remove the tying thread. If necessary brush the body once again.



Dip the finished fly in near boiling water to style and flow the dubbing fibres into a slender leech-like profile.



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THE COCK'S WATTLES

and other

FLY-FISHING TERMS

Hackle Stacker Fly – a tying style for Mayfly emerger patterns that stacks the hackles on top of the thorax allowing the body and thorax to ride suspended in the surface film. Tying instructions are to wrap the hackle around a looped monofilament post, parachute style, then the monofilament and hackles are laid forward and tied off at the head of the fly, “stacking” the hackle fibers in an upright direction atop of the thorax.



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