



SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

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The Leader's Line

By President Wayne Dixon Sr.



Greetings everyone,

It's August and I feel like summer has just begun. There is still a lot of great warm weather fishing to be done. The August Chinook runs will be happening until September in the Puget sound Marine Area 11. In the later part of August, you may want to hit the lower Columbia and the tributaries.

We had a great outing last month at the Skookumchuck river and had several people show up for a beautiful day of fishing and socializing. Special thanks to Jim McCallister for being our outings chair and doing a spectacular job. September 8-9 we will be doing an overnight trip at the Cowlitz with Max Doerge acting as the Ghille for the trip, it will be a combination outing with the Clark -Skamania Fly Club.

Please don't forget about our picnic on August 21st @ Scott Lake. Hope to see you all there. We have a lot of events coming up so make sure you attend the meetings and talk with fellow members so you are informed of them all. Outings are always announced at the meetings.

There are also Introductory classes for fly-tying available through Olympia Parks and Recreation that are sponsored by our club. Be sure to let any friends or relatives who have an interest know about these.

The Dixon family just returned from our annual trip to Montana where we fished the Madison, Gallatin, and Yellowstone rivers. Heavy action on the dry flies but they should be also hitting terrestrials this time of year. I had the most success with the banshee and a hopper dropper set up with a copper john (purple). The browns loved it. I hope you all have a great August and we will see you soon.

Peace,

Wayne



Gwill Ging with a Beauty

Photo by Howard Nanto

The August Club Meeting

Gene Rivers Program Chair

The August meeting is our annual club picnic.

Socialize, enjoy a cool one and a famous SSFF potluck.

A big thank you goes to Jim McAllister for hosting the club picnic on the shores of Scott Lake. See Jim's article for all the details.

Gene



A Big One

Photo by Gene Rivers

THE SOAPBOX BY Don Freeman Conservation and Political chair



Photo by Howard Nanto

Greetings Anglers,

Let's talk about the one thing almost everyone agrees on, the weather. Despite our current brief respite, this summer is another one of extremes. The heat and the dry forest conditions will increasingly dictate how and where we spend the rest of our summer, having already screwed around with the spring Eastern Washington plans of about half our club members. High winds, lightening and fires followed the floods which had closed many of the lakes in the Okanogan leaving our high lakers at home mowing their lawns.

Low salmon forecasts have also restricted some of the ocean fisheries we typically enjoy currently, and crabbing is closed in MA 13, so what's a South Sounder to do? Hoot Owling is one option. During fire season, the guys who work in the woods switch over to "Hoot Owl" schedules. Since fire danger goes up with rising temps and dropping humidity no work can be done during the heat of the day. Loggers then start at dawn and work until it gets hot. They then wait out the midday and resume in the evening. It is during these twilight hours that they (supposedly) only hear the call of the hoot owl.

Our lakes and streams cool off during these times of day also. Not only is it more comfortable during the cool of the day, waters have cooled somewhat over night, so to avoid heat stressing your catch, at least to a degree (excuse pun please) fish when the water is coolest. Use the heaviest tippet you can get by with and play your catch for a quick release. Skip the grip and grin. Get a Teeny or Ketchum release tool and learn to return your fish without touching them. Infections grow faster in the summer when we disturb their slime coating.

If you fish moving water, choose a larger stream, which may be less affected by air and sun in the deeper runs. The same concerns remain about time of day; I believe that I read Oregon's Deschutes was closed after 2PM beginning last month.

So go out and have a good time fishing high lakes, deep holes and drink plenty of water.

Don Freeman

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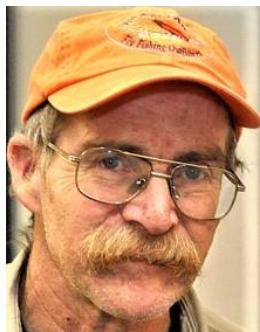


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Club Outings

Jim McAllister Outings chair



Hello Fellow Fly Fishers,

If it's August it's picnic time for all South Sound Fly Fishers. Traditionally we hold our Club picnic as the August meeting and outing and so this year the picnic is Tuesday August 21st, at Scott Lake. We'll start setting up about 5:30 pm like our regular meetings..

Please bring a pot-luck entrée, salad or dessert or any other surprises you want to share and a beverage of your choice. The Club will furnish plastic knives/forks/spoons, paper plates, sodas and ice water. A portable BBQ will be available for those wanting to make hamburgers or hotdogs. We will use the large picnic shelter by the lake. The shelter has picnic tables, water, and power if you need it for your crock-pot. If you have a favorite, comfy lawn chair, this is your friendly reminder to bring it.

Bring some cash for our dartboard fundraiser. The prices are outstanding—great gift certificates for Westport Winery, Applebee's Grill and The Fly Fisher in Lacey.

For those members that want to fish--here is the report on Scott Lake: This is the best time of year to hook some nice bass and bluegill. You may fish from the dock or bring your boat and I'll ensure your access to the lake for fishing. Those folks attending the Scott Lake outing know that the Lake can hold some big fish, but with the warm weather please just target the pan fish and let the trout hunker down without stressing them out.

Here are directions for the picnic area at Scott Lake:

- From I-5 take 93rd Ave SE (exit 99) and head East for 1 mile
- At the 4-way stop turn right (South) on Case Road and head Southwest about 2.4 miles
- At 113th Ave SW make a soft left into the Scott Lake community. Pass the store on the right hand side and stay on the main street until you see the park.
- Look for the boat launch / swimming area and you'll find the picnic shelter.

July's Outing Backcast

The July outing was at the Skookumchuck River in south Thurston County. This was a wonderful outing with some nice fish being hooked. The stream has some good runs and nice pools near good access points. Thank you President Wayne for helping as a ghillie on this outing. You know this river like the back of your hand and your knowledge was helpful for those that haven't fished the stream for a while.

Here are some outing notes and photos from Randy Allen club VP.

Jim McAllister and Wayne Dixon – *Thanks for a fabulous day on the Skookumchuck!*



Posed Pic: Pictured standing left to right are Steve Brown, Jay Paulson, Jim McAllister, Phil Jaramillo, and Ron Backman; kneeling are Gordon Forsha and Phil Parody. Yours truly is the shadow at the bottom. (I just saw an Alfred Hitchcock flick and figured a way to get into the picture.) But, our Prez Wayne Dixon, where's he? No one is more skookum about the Skook than Wayne.



Photo of Gordon, Jay, and Phil look on while Steve and Jim consult the topo map in search of Wayne.

Years ago I was directed to fish the Skookumchuck. I parked at a locked logging road gate and then descended to the river. I recall having about 70 feet of river access. Brush and foliage limited casting. I felt very fortunate to catch two trout. I grabbed the saplings to make my way back uphill to my car. Later I was told that reliable trout streams just don't exist on the west side, and you're unlikely to catch them tomorrow where you caught them today.

Whoever gave me that info skillfully minimized my fishing pressure. But, Wayne's been fishing the Skook for several years. Each time he enthusiastically reports the same great success with that same grin!

So, where was Wayne when we met at the meetup place in Tumwater? As we approached our destination parking we found Wayne fishing the river, scoping out the fish and flies we should use. He joined us to provide valuable knowledge on access and successful flies. Great river access, plenty of fish; he was describing Disneyland.

I don't know where I was years ago; this outing was so different. This was the stream I was looking for. Access via streamside trails and gravel bars was excellent. Phil Parody opted to hike across an open field to fish downstream. I want to hear his story at the next meeting. Hopefully many great fish greeted him!

Ron Backman wanted to survey the headwaters so he and I drove a few yards to the road's end. Where fishing begins, a fresh oxygenated riffle presented us about 8 feisty fish that jumped out of the water several times when caught. Downstream we found more riffles, each one presenting us with more great fish. The water from the dam was a consistent 52°. Tall trees provided plenty of shade from the warm sun while allowing adequate space to cast. It was a textbook stream. Cast to the seam and be ready for the strike! We caught 10" - 12" fish on nymphs, smaller fish on dries.

Did we find Guinness Book fish? No. But, we did find beautiful, scrappy, spirited rainbows full of fight for their 10" - 12" size. A 3-to-4 weight rod's dream on a local river with great access. It couldn't have been better. I came away with Wayne's same grin.

Jim and Wayne - thanks for showing this fisher a fabulous river and a great day!

Randy Allen



The Skookumchuck at Low Water

Fundraising

John Sabo Fundraising Chair



Greetings Fellow Fly Fishers,

SSFF Raffle News

There will no Raffle at the August Meeting/Club Picnic, due to the change in meeting format. However, we do have something new and different planned; so be sure to attend the picnic in order to participate in all the activities.

We will return to our regular raffle at the September meeting.

John



Photo by Howard Nanto

Membership

by Randy Allen, VP



Billie Heath – had tried spin fishing for salmon when a couple of friends suggested she learn to fly fish and join them. They helped outfit her, becoming a great resource for gear when they upgrade themselves. Nice friends! She fished with them several times, and she was hooked. Then life and career kept her too busy to continue the sport; a hiatus of about 10 years followed.

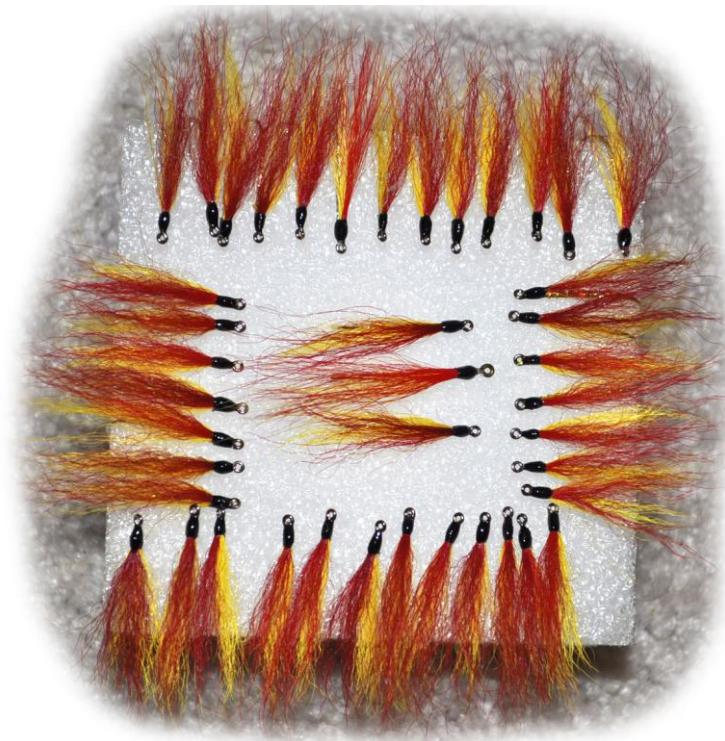
Looking ahead to retirement in 2019 Billie remembered how much she enjoyed fly fishing. She enrolled in our Intro to Fly Fishing class this past March and participated in the “Indoor Outing” and meetings when time permitted. She greatly appreciates how friendly and welcoming the club has been to her as a new fisher, trying to learn and absorb everything. She appreciates how freely our members share their knowledge and skills, remembering that they, too, were once beginners and remember what it’s like to get started. Keep it up, folks!

Lacking a suitable boat for the lakes Billie is more interested in river fishing right now. Unfortunately her work kept her from attending the Skookumchuck outing, but we have members well-skilled to help you there and on other streams as your schedule permits! Welcome, Billie!

Jerry Noviello – joined us a month ago. His travel plans place him on the East coast as I’m typing. His report is that the fabulous eastern streams are either very low right now, or they’ve been overrun with the flooding rains. We’ll see you when you return in early September, Jerry. Safe travels to you!

Membership Thanks-to Gene Rivers Thanks where Thanks are Due – This article is a long overdue thank you.

So, what do *forty-two* SSFF Finn Flies look like? They look like *this!*



We present each new member an SSFF Finn Fly, the same fly in our club logo. It follows that as our membership has increased so has our need to have a supply of Finns on hand. For the last several years Gene Rivers has personally tied and provided a regular supply of Finns. Over time he's handed me a dozen here, 18 there, another dozen later on. How many dozens? I've lost count; maybe Gene has too.

At the last Board meeting I was blown away when Gene handed me this block of **42 Finns**. Look at them closely – they're perfect clones of each other. Proportions, lengths, colors... you name it. Gene – you outdid yourself! You've been keeping us supplied with Finns for a long time, but this last contribution goes way above and beyond. As much as I'd like these to last, I also have to hope we give these out to new members as soon as possible!

I know our new members are grateful to receive them. Thanks again, Gene, for providing our new members their Finn Flies!

Tight Lines Fly Fishers!

Randy Allen

Washington State Council FFI Representative

Mike Clancy



Hello fly Fishers,

Here is the some of the news Releases passed along by the State Council of FFI that our club members should be informed of:

News Release from the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**
<http://wdfw.wa.gov> August 7, 2018

Nisqually River to close to all recreational angling on Sundays

Action: Close Nisqually River to all recreational angling on Sundays.

Effective date: Aug. 11 through Sept. 30, 2018.

Species affected: All species.

Location: Nisqually River from the mouth to military tank crossing bridge (located one mile upstream of mouth of Muck Creek). Pierce/Thurston counties. **Reason for action:** This rule is necessary to comply with fisheries agreements made with co-managers during North of Falcon proceedings. It is needed to avoid gear conflicts between tribal and recreational fishers.

Mouth of Deschutes River to close on mainstem Columbia River

Action: Certain waters of the Columbia River within Oregon are closed to fishing.

Effective date: August 9, 2018 until further notice.

Species affected: All species.

Location: Oregon's waters adjacent to the mouth of the Deschutes River south of a straight line projecting from the flashing red USCG light #2 upstream to the lower South Channel range marker.

Reason for action: The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission directed the closure of these joint state waters of the mainstem Columbia River. Anglers are permitted to fish within joint state waters with either a Washington or Oregon fishing license, but must follow regulations of the waters being fished. This notice is designed to inform Washington anglers of Oregon's fishing closure. **Additional information:** See the [ODFW website](#) for more information on the fishing rule change.

Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy 2018



ALAN HARGER A Man Who Loved to Fish, Because He Loved the Places Where Fish Live

The Man, The Myth, The Legend

Who was Alan Harger? To all the new members of our SSFF Club, Alan Harger was a member of the South Sound Fly Fishers from 1984 to 2009. In 2008, the Board of Directors recognized Alan for his sustained, superior service to the SSFF and the Board for the period of 1984 to 2007. For nearly a quarter of a century, Al served as a member of the Board in numerous capacities and has been counselor, advocate, champion, and voice of reason and experience on countless issues before the Board. His steadfast and valued guidance to the Board was essential to the success the Club enjoyed over the decades.

Alan died May 2009, after a long illness at the age of 62. Alan was fishing partners to many in the Club, mainly Burt & Ginger Sarve, Gary Oberbillig and Dave Field and many more. He was affectionately respected by all. The Board established a sponsorship fund in Alan's name to support the youth that attend The NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. Alan donated almost his entire fly fishing possessions to the Club to be sold to benefit The Academy. On March 1, 2010, the sponsorship fund beginning balance was \$5,258.00 and would contribute \$500.00 each year. The funds were established to sponsor one or more students or just to contribute funding for The Academy that year.

Hi - I'm Mike Clancy along with Jim Brosio, we're co-directors for The Academy. Jim has been on board since the beginning and I just experienced my 10th year. Jim and I assumed the responsibility of The Academy in 2008 after Dick Nye, the founder, retired. Dick deserves all the credit for founding The Academy. I will never know how Dick did, what Jim and I do every year for the success of the event. If it wasn't for the support that we receive from Club's like SSFF and TU Chapters and FFI Clubs, individuals and local businesses, it would not work.

There are two special funds that make us appreciate funding. There is the “Alan Harger Fund” managed by SSFF, and the “Bruce Ferguson Fund,” managed by Puget Sound Fly Fishers in Tacoma. Both funds were established by members of the Clubs that sold their possessions. The Bruce Ferguson will end next year, the Alan Harger will live on because of the Club’s devotion to sustain Alan’s legacy.

The Academy’s Alan Harger award is presented to a student with the following criteria:

“The NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy is pleased to present the Alan Harger award to the individual who best exemplifies the fishing partner everyone treasures. Their amicable nature, their respect for others, ideas, devotion to the environment and sport of fly fishing, eagerness to develop skills, and their readiness to share their skills and knowledge with others, distinguishing him and her among their comrades at the camp and merit this recognition.”



Easton Armstrong - 2018 Alan Harger Award Recipient

Mike Clancy

Around the Campfire

With Gary Oberbillig and Dave Field



This is another story from fly fisher, fly tier, mariner and longtime SSFF board member Gary Oberbillig

Greetings Fly Fishers,

This fish story takes us to Scotland which is considered to be one the first cradles of fly fishing. As explained in an earlier article, my Grandfather Simpson began teaching me to fly fish when I was just a young boy growing up near the Snake River. Grandfather taught me to fish just as he had been taught by his older kin folks. This knowledge was all brought from the Scottish Highlands many years ago.

Being in Scotland for me was to visit the country where it had all begun for the Simpson branch of my family. You see the Simpsons were part of the Fraser clan and they came from the shores of Lock Ness in Scottish highlands. This lake is situated in Glen Mor which means “great valley” in Scotch Gaelic. Lock Ness is connected at the southern end by the river Olch and canal to Loch Olich. At the northern end the River Lock Ness flows into the Moray Firth, a bay on the North Sea. Most folks in the states know little of the hundreds of lakes and rivers found in this part the Scotland.

Historically Scotland had legendary runs of Salmon and Sea Trout. So, my visit to these rivers of Scotland was like a golfer making a pilgrimage to play the links at Saint Andrews.

We crossed three important salmon rivers traveling from Edinburgh to the shores of Lock Ness at inverness.

The first was the Dee. This river is famed for its Spring run of Salmon. It flows past castles and royal estates and includes some of the most famous stretches of fly water in the world.

The second was the River Tay which has the largest run of Salmon in Scotland. During this run, some of the Salmon can be large and may easily tip the scales at 40 to 50 pounds.

The final great river we crossed was the Spey. The Spey is one of the most well known fly fishing rivers in the world and has some of the most beautiful and productive Salmon beats in all of Scotland. The River goes into Spey Bay about 40 miles to the east of Inverness.

Being a fly fisher I watched with fascination as the fly fishers plying these rivers. The majority used long two handed rods which the locals simply called Salmon rods, in the states we call them Spey rods.

Lock Ness is known the world over for the mythical “Lock Ness Monster” and this may be the reason my teenage daughter wanted to travel with me to Lock Ness. I still remember her nose pressed flat against the window watching for “Nessey” as our bus made its way to Inverness.



Loch Ness

The city of Inverness is the largest city in this part of Scotland. It sits at the mouth of the River Ness where it meets the salt water of Beauly firth.

The locals often tied on the Beauly fly. The fly is named for the River Beauly that runs into the salt at Beauly Firth. I'm familiar with this fly having tied it and discussed its effectiveness with Bjorn Beech who has filled orders of the Beauly for years.



The Beauly

The [watershed](#) of Loch Ness covers more than 700 square miles and the sharp rise and fall of the level of the loch is one reason for the lack of a growth of flora in the lake. It also has great depth near the shoreline which may be another reason for the absence of aquatic vegetation.

Up through to the 1980's, many rivers in Scotland experienced pollution, fish netting, physical barriers, extensive fish farming with its attendant diseases. This occurred even though Scotland was known for centuries for protecting its wild fish. Public pressure finally forced action and the runs of Salmon and Sea-Trout began to improve. With the gradual turnaround of fish runs, the Dee, Tay and Spey and many other highland rivers have once again become a prized destination for fly fishers around the world.

It was a thrill to be in this magical land to see the rivers of my ancestors. Yet the waters of the Pacific Northwest have a majesty of their own and the Pacific Salmon, Steelhead and the Coastal Cutthroat we catch are just as worthy of protection as the fish of Scotland.

The story next month continues with this trip to Scotland when we head to Island of Skye.



The River Spey



Club Bulletin Board...

SSFF offers Beginning Fly Tying Class

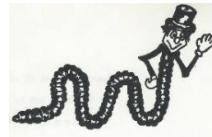
SSFF and the City of Olympia is holding a beginners fly tying class on Monday nights this October at the Olympia Center. The class will be taught by **Janet Schimpf** and assisted by **Jim Maus**. Registration for Fall recreation programs is **OPEN NOW!** You can register by phone at 360.753.8380, or in person at The Olympia Center (222 Columbia St NW, Olympia, WA 98501) Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 am-4 p.m.

One of SSFF's favorite tying instructors **Janet Schimpf** was inducted into the Washington State Council FFI Fly Tying Hall of Fame at the Ellensburg Fair. Janet is the first woman so honored. Schimpf, who estimates she ties "a couple of hundred dozen flies a year" for her commercial tying business, works at her bench most days. She teaches tying at the annual Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy and freely shares her tying knowhow at FFI events. After 40 years of commercial tying Janet still enjoys the process and tying sturdy beauty of flies such as the Olive Willie and her Crawdad with its feather claws.

Warning: Some lakes we fish may have heavy algae blooms. Thurston County Public Health recommends that affected lake waters should not be used for drinking, cooking, swimming or washing. If an algae bloom becomes toxic, it can cause serious illness and even death according to the Thurston County Public Health Dept. You cannot tell if algae is toxic by its appearance. This is why health officials must send samples to a laboratory for testing.

Help Coastal Cutthroat Trout. Volunteers are needed by the WDFW Coastal Cutthroat Trout Program. Learn about these iconic fish as you work to help further their recovery. If you would like to help--Call **Bill Young** at 360-426-8416. Bill has been a volunteer studying these fish and their habitat for many years. Please leave a message if Bill is out doing a redd count on a local stream. To learn more about these native fish, click on Coastal Cutthroat Coalition on the club website.

Please...keep the Fire Station's fire and medic truck driveway clear of vehicles during all SSFF meetings. If the designated parking spaces in front of the fire Station are full, please use the parking areas behind the building.



Willy Worm says thank you for parking in designated areas at the North Olympia Fire Station.

Fly of the Month

PURPLE HAZE



by Bob Bates

Ilene Hirsh from Salem Oregon called this a variation of the Parachute Adams as she tied it at the 25th Fly fishing Expo, in Albany, Oregon and later in an email. So out of curiosity I did an internet search. First I tried just "Purple Haze" and received 2.9 million hits for vegetation (cannabis), Jimmy Hendricks, etc. When I entered "Purple Haze fishing fly" I had only 139,000 hits, but there was a bewildering array of patterns: dry flies, wet flies, emergers, bead heads, streamers, etc. all named purple haze. Also two or three different people were given credit for designing it. When I looked at just parachutes there were many ways of tying it. The only common factor with this attractor was it caught a lot of fish. People caught fish in streams and lakes. Even my doctor used it, as does Ilene, on the Madison river.

Ilene wrote in an e-mail "It's used to match BWO, duns, drakes, and tricos." From the internet search it works great in the spring time and in the fall to match different hatches. Just change the size to match the insect. You can also change the hackle colors to match the insects.

For streams I always think "drag free drift." You want the fly to look like a drifting insect. If there a "v" wake coming off the fly that's drag, so change your ways. Cast upstream with a slight hook in the leader so the fly is slightly off to the side of the line. Cast across stream with an upstream mend. Remember when mending a line on the water, you cause drag. Cast downstream with a wiggle cast, and hope the fish hits before the line straightens. Another way of achieving the same effect is to throw your line up a little. It will fall with a series of curves like a wiggle cast. If you cast too high the line will land at your feet.

In lakes, remember the wind. If you can cast and let the fly sit, great. However, there are times when you want the fly to look alive, so wiggle it a little. If there is wind, use the above suggestions for moving water, and have fun.

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Hook: Tiemco 100, sizes 10 - 18 (Or other dry fly hook)

Thread: Black or color to match body

Tail: Natural brown elk

Body: Flex Floss, Purple, light green, light blue, and black seem best

Post: Calf tail or poly yarn, white

Hackle: Grizzly and brown

Thorax: Peacock herl

Tying steps



Step 1

Start with a good thread base, and leave the thread at the point.



Step 2

Tie on a small bunch of elk hair. Clip off excess flared elk hair.



Step 3

Tie in a piece of Flex Floss. Be sure it is secured to right in front of the tail. Wrap the thread forward to about the two thirds point and trim excess Flex Floss.



Step 4

Attach a bundle of poly or calf tail at the one quarter point.



Step 5

Pick up the poly or calf tail, and wind thread around it to stiffen the post, and create a base for the hackle. At first you might have to hold the poly up as you wind the thread around it. Leave the thread at the back of the post.



Step 6

Prepare two feathers, brown and grizzly, by trimming off some of the fibers at the base. If you use Whiting 100 feathers you must trim the fibers rather than pulling them off and thinning the shaft. Secure the feathers, tips forward and dull side down, one at a time to the shank of the hook. Wind thread over the feathers to the base of the post, hold both feathers upright along the post and wind thread around feathers and up post. Return thread to the hook shank, behind the post.



Step 7

Wrap the Flex Floss forward to the post, secure and trim. Secure one peacock herl in front of post and return thread to rear of post.



Step 8

Wrap peacock herl rearward and secure behind post. Trim excess.



Step 9

Wrap both hackles together down the post. Make each wrap tightly below the other. Make at least three wraps with each hackle. Anchor the feathers by passing the thread over the material there by catching the feathers and around the post. If you hold the feathers at a downward angle, just a little, it helps capture the material.



Step 10

Keep tension on the thread and wrap around the post 3 -4 times. Apply glue to the thread after the first two wraps and continue wrapping the thread around the post. This will anchor the thread. Trim the excess feather.

Half hitch or whip finish around the post and under the hackle. Trim poly to give a shank length post.



As I watched Ilene tie this pattern I thought it be a pretty fly for the Fly of the Month. It wasn't until later that I found out how popular and useful it is. Tie a few and test them in your waters. Ilene, thank you for reviewing and editing the article.

Thank you FFI for sharing this pattern.



Photo by Howard Nanto



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Club Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month except December. Doors usually open at 5:30PM with the meeting starting at 7:00pm. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month starting at 6:00 pm. All regularly scheduled meetings are held at the North Olympia Fire Station, 5046 Boston Harbor Road NE, Olympia WA. USA.

September 9, 2018 will be the deadline for the September edition of the Garden Hackle.