



Ring of the Rise

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President's Message: by *Chiaki Harami (haramic)*

Well, it's mid-summer and the living is easy. It's almost been a year for the new board of directors and we must be having fun! The time is certainly flying by fast. There are a few important events right around corner:

Club Try-Outs: We'll be holding try-outs for the SWCFFF Inter-Club Tourney in a couple months. The exact date will be announced soon and will be dependent upon the weather and our low water conditions. The Inter-Club Tourney will be held on Saturday, November 2nd and is always tons of fun. Everyone should tryout so that our Club is well represented. The Tryouts will follow the same format as last year with the 2 highest scores from last year's event becoming Captains for this year and are already qualified to be on the team. The tryouts will be for the remaining 8 spots. We will be fielding two 5 person teams. The Captains for this year are Randy Skidgel and Bill Yearsley. We will need at least 10 controllers again this year to help monitor the participants. This Tourney is more about bragging rights than actual competition and we have a great time at the awards banquet dinner. I hope everyone can participate in one form or another. It's always a fun time and we need to win back the trophy!

SWCFFF Fly Fishing Faire: This event is scheduled for September 20 – 22 at Mammoth and sponsored by the Southwest Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. I went last year and had a blast. This year's event will be larger, with more on the water seminars, events, workshops, films, casting, fly tying and much more. Guy Jeans is one of the "on the water" instructors and I will be teaching a rod building class. The SWC puts in a lot of hard work organizing this event and it's a great fly fishing learning platform. For additional information and registration: www.SWC-FFF.org/Faire

2013 Rendezvous: This is our Club's biggest annual event for fund raising and membership drive. It will be held October 4th to 6th. We have changed locations to Frandy's Campground, which is located across the street from Guy's Fly Shop. I'm in the process of working out the details with Frandy's and announcements regarding campground sites and cost will be forth coming. We have kept the same basic format with a few changes. Freddy, from the Fresno Fly Club, has agreed to cater the Saturday night BBQ, Guy and the Stoneflys will provide entertainment on Friday night and Bernard Yim and Chum will be playing their surf music on Saturday night. We will have the Friday night pot luck, Saturday partner C&R Tourney, River cleanup, casting contest, raffles, auctions, BBQ dinner and our Heads or

Tails game. As the name represents, this is our once a year big get together; to catch up with old friends and make new friends. This is a must attend event and everyone has a great time. Since Bernard will be playing his surf music, let's all dress Hawaiian style with Aloha shirts and moo moos.

Silver Creek Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) Recovery Program: We are having a joint Club conservation outing to Silver Creek with the Carson City Fly Fishers Club on August 17 & 18. This is a program consist of the removal of non-native predatory brook trout from the LCT recovery area. The LCT is one of California heritage trout and is on the federally-listed Threatened Species List. Please email or call me for additional information.

I hope this summer finds everyone on the water doing that thing we love to do..... fly fishing.

Chiaki

River Report: by *Guy Jeans (Flyguy)*

Hello everybody, this is a fly fishing report for the week of 7-31-13 written on Wednesday 7-31-13.

The 20 mile roadside section of the upper Kern: Lower Kern is recommended! The river in the 20 mile section (North Fork) is fishing poor and the water is murky due to thunderstorms in the high country....water temps are starting at 65 degrees (in town) in the morning, warming up to 75 by afternoon and air temps are pushing 96 degrees today. We are now starting to see Caddis hatching in the 20 mile section as well as a few Golden Stones up river. Black Caddis are hatching and returning to the water in the early morning and evenings. Water is clear above Dry Meadow Creek

Recommended Nymphs: Tungsten Yellow Sallie size 16, Caddis Larva size 18–20, Kern Emerger yellow size 12-18.

Recommended Dry Flies: RL Stimulator size 8, Orange and Yellow Stimulator size 12-18 and H&L Variant size 12-18.

Recommended Streamers: Buggers-Olive and Black, Egg Sucking Leech – Black.

Other go to flies are Hares Ear nymphs of various colors. Great attractors right now are Tungsten Teddie, BH Pink Kern Emergers and Chartreuse Copper Johns and BH Prince size 18.

Flows in the 20 mile section are at 110 cfs. The flows are lower between Kr3 and Fairview.

If you fish the 20 mile section, please fish early, first light till 10am. Water temps in the 20 mile are reaching dangerous temps during the middle of the day.

Upper flows are at 110 cfs below Kr3 and above Fairview Dam and lower between these 2 points.

The 4 Mile Wild Trout Section: Open year round. Water is clear above Dry Meadow Creek. The fishing above the bridge is good. **Catch and Release, barbless hooks only!!** Flows are 200cfs and water temps are cooler at 60 degrees up here. Water temps get cooler the farther you go up the 50 miles of river.

Lake Isabella: Trout fishing is slow and the lake is very low but fishing various streamers with a floating line or sink tip is getting the job done. Rainbows are looking up early in the morning and taking midges on the surface with some top water action near Paradise Cove and the main dam,

Crappie fishing is excellent, Bass fly fishing is good in about 10ft of water, Carp fly fishing is excellent.

Lower Kern: From Isabella Dam down to Democrat the fishing is ok. The lower river is running at 300+cfs. Great flies to use down on the lower are Hares Ear size 12-18, Tungsten Yellow Sallie Nymphs size 14, Psycho Princes pink sizes 12-16, Copper Johns size 18 and WD40 sizes 18-20. Early morning hatches have been reported. Be very careful wading/fishing the lower. The small mouth fishing is ok in Section 1 and near Rio Bravo and Hart Park.

Tributaries of the North and South Fork Kern Open but low water! **Please don't fish here due to low flows!!!!**

South Fork of the Kern from Rockhouse North Open! **Please don't fish here due to low flows!!!!**

Guy



Conservation Report: by Shane Goslin (fishinXJ)

Liquid Gold

The SSFFC board voted to donate \$500 towards Cal Trout's movie "*Liquid Gold*" featuring the plight of the California Golden Trout.

The funding is presently at about 1/3 the amount needed. You can donate directly to Cal Trout or thru the club's website at <http://ssffclub.org/cal-trout-liquid-gold-donation/>

Your donation will go in the club's name to help fund the movie.

More about the film:

CalTrout and Keith Brauneis Productions' campaign to fund *Liquid Gold*, a film about the plight of California's Golden Trout, is a third of the way funded. The short film will raise awareness of this magnificent fish, its habitat and its plight and will be submitted to the Fly Fishing Film Tour, Wild & Scenic Film Tour and others. Join over fifty other supporters in our crowd-funding campaign to help us achieve our goal of \$20,000. The Golden Trout can't wait. CalTrout has assembled a team of six: 2 backcountry experts (Craig Ballenger and Ted Harbour), 2 master fly fishermen, (Mikey Wier and George Revel), and 2 nationally-aired filmmakers, (Keith Brauneis and Ben Paull). Together this group will embark on a 2-week journey from sea level to 14,000 feet and all points in between, scouring the creeks and alpine lakes of the Eastern Sierra mountain range, seeking out the various descendants and hybrids of the Golden Trout. They will examine current conditions and determine future threats to this species. The story of the California Golden Trout will be the overarching theme that will unfold within a real life adventure story about six men's quest to find Liquid Gold in the great American west. Filmmaker Keith Brauneis' recent film "Enough is Enough" (produced by CalTrout) was featured in the 2012 Fly Fishing Film Tour.

Shane

Outings Report: by Chris Chamberlain (ChrisC)

No report this month.

Chris



Finish Issues

There was a topic posted, on a forum I frequent, that asked if the new builder should start with Hi-build or Light. This deals with the thickness of the finish produced by the manufacturer. In a nut shell the builder was wondering 1) Why his finish wasn't perfect and 2) Would using a different finish help them out.

Well, in my opinion there is no one specific finish that is the cure all for getting good looking results. Practice and finding the technique that works best for you takes time and dedication. There are, however; a few things I have learned over time that causes you typical ugly results on your finishes. Granted I have not listed every issue, but I think I have hit on the top 3 or 4.

Possible causes that have plagued me in the past:

Too Much: As in I tried to apply too much finish at once. There is nothing that says you have to get it perfect in one or two coats. That doesn't make you a better builder than Johnny Four Coats.

Too Thick: Tried to stretch the pot life too much.

Too fast: How fast is your turner? Sometimes I think speed leads to centrifugal forces causing the finish to football. Especially on your Light build formulas. No proof, just theory.

Too Picky: Probably my #1 problem. In the past I have overworked applying the finish trying to get it just right. That leads to the finish starting to set up.... which leads to rushing the final few guides. It's an ugly cycle that leads to more work in the long run.

My fixes:

Keep It Thin: I go several coats. I am not a high volume builder so time is of no importance to me. I do thin my finish with a few drops of alcohol. Many builders will say not to, but to each his own. That's why it is custom rod building, if something works for you go with it. The alcohol extends the

pot life, but also increases the amount of time it takes to set up completely.

Multiple Batches: If I can't get everything coated in a single batch. Yes I have mixed up another batch just for two guides. I would rather apply multiple thin coats and achieve the low profile look I prefer than one thick coat. If it is too thick, let it dry and sand/ file it down and add another coat over it.

Don't Touch It Again: Once you lay down your finish..... STOP PLAYING WITH IT!!!! If you keep sticking your applicator in the finish you will screw it up. Just trust me on this one. Lay it down, wick off the extra finish and walk away. Just like in the "Multiple Batches" section above, sandpaper is your friend.

Finishes can be like just like the *Three Bears*: *One is too thick, one is too thin, and one is just right.* Experiment and find your happy finish. I don't really like the thin, plus with adding a few drops of alcohol I can make high build thinner.

Pete

Also, remember that SSFFC club members receive a 15% discount at Acid Rod. When you make your next rod building purchases please make sure to give Mark Griffin (Mark Griffin) a call at Acid Rod @ 909-394-7486 or stop by his shop at 910 N. Cataract Ave, San Dimas, CA and let him or Colleen know you're a member of SSFFC. - Gary

Check out the following link to see what Mark has to offer –

<http://www.acidrod.com/>



Club Meeting & Activities: by Chiaki Harami (haramic)

**** MEETING CANCELLATION ****



Due to current water and weather conditions, the August 10th General Meeting has been cancelled.

The next scheduled General Meeting will be Saturday, September 14th. Meeting details will be discussed in the August newsletter.



In what might be officially described as a three day three ring circus of all things fly-fishing, longtime anglers and newcomers to the sport will mingle at the Southwest Council International Federation of Fly Fishers end-of-summer Faire, Sept. 20-22.

Faire hours are Fri., 9-5; Sat., 9-5; and Sun., 9-3.

The intensive, all-encompassing homage to the ancient game of fly-fishing will be conducted by about 100 FFF volunteers, local fly-fishing guides and personalities at Cerro Coso College, 101 College Parkway in Mammoth, with "classrooms" stretching the Eastern Sierra from Bishop to Bridgeport.

"The Fly Fishing Faire will be a potpourri of the sport with clinics, workshops, films, casting, fly-tying, vendor displays and every aspect of fly-fishing," said Connie Bullock, Santa Clarita, who chairs the event.

Fly Fishing Faire admission is \$15 adult or \$20 per family; ages 16-years and younger are free. Eastern Sierra residents receive a \$5 discount. A single admission is good all Faire days.

Some workshops and seminars are included in the Faire admission; other classes will have separate registration, materials or participation fees. \$15 for one or \$20 for both films will be charged for motion picture showings.

There will be two film showings Fri. at the Minaret Theater in Mammoth Lakes. "*The Manzanar Fishing Club*" the story of the World War II Eastern Sierra Japanese-American internment camp, will be seen at 6.

The 2013 edition of the International Fly Fishing Film Festival screens at 8. Films in the IF4 include both full-length features and shorts: *Cast Alaska II*, *The Last Salmon Forest*, *Surf's Up*, *Only the River Knows*, *A Deliberate Life*, *Competition*, *Beard Chronicles*, *California Trout* and *Angry Rain*.

Saturday night's dinner will feature photographer, world traveler, writer and casting champion Brian O'Keefe.

Exhibiting vendors will have display booths including end-of-the-season sales on rods, reels, waders, boots and other tackle at reduced prices.

Classes, seminars and on-the-water educational activities include:

FLY CASTING

- Casting for Beginners;
- Double Haul for Distance;
- Improving Your Distance with Brian O'Keefe;
- Presentation and Accuracy;
- Using "Switch Rods" Effectively;
- Mending Strategies and Other Techniques; and
- Casting with Either Arm.

FLY TYING

- Beginning Fly Tying;
- Trout Flies with Buz Buszek Award Winner Steven Fernandez;
- Fly Tying Demonstrations;
- Tying Woven and Woven Wire Nymphs; and
- Tying Extended Body Flies.

FLY-FISHING

- Rush Creek;
- Just Women and Float Tubing;
- Learning the Lower Owens at High Flows;
- Lake Crowley Still Water Midge Fishing;
- Upper Owens Techniques;
- Introduction to Float Tubing;
- High Country Lakes; and
- Hot Creek.

Faire proceeds will be utilized for fly-fishing with Boy Scouts, conservation and education projects including Trout-in-the-Classroom; and Project Healing Waters activities with wounded veterans in cooperation with VA Hospitals.

The Southwest Council is composed of 23 individual conservation and education fly-fishing clubs in Southern California and Southern Nevada, part of the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF.)

"Our raffle prizes include a 'laundry list' of rods, reels, fly lines, flies, fishing trips, guided trips, fishing accessories and clothing including a \$750 value Sage Zero 4-weight fly rod," said Bullock.

Reservations for the Faire seminars, workshops and classes are on a first-come, first-served basis at www.swc-fff.org/faire or by calling (818) 200-1499.

**** EARLY REGISTRATION ****

Club members will receive five free raffle tickets with "Early Bird" paid admission (August 15 deadline) – rods, reels, flies and other tackle will be given away!

Chiaki

Tippets from the Fly Addict: by Allen Bell (Raider)

Notes from My End of the Trailer Park

There is just a time of year when there is little going on in the fishing world. Sometimes it is in the middle of winter, sometimes during rough water years, it is summer, as is the case this year. I tend to fish little when the fish are stressed from low or cold water, so I find other things to do. Usually, someone finds some kind of work for me to do. Sometimes I find work for me to do. I have to pay for this addiction somehow. Mostly, I just find fishing related things to do and think of better days, preferably spent fishing. This article will chronicle some of the things I think of and about when I'm not fishing all the time, my 'Notes from My End of the Trailer Park' kind of thoughts.

I guess the first story to make note of would be how the phrase used in the title came about. I was on a backcountry trip to the Kern Plateau with Guy Jeans. What an awesome trip. We were more than halfway through the week.

I guess, every trip has the serious drinking night, this was it. It was after the Jack Daniels worked its way around. The guys had brought many, many of those airplane bottles of top shelf Tequila. As they shared and passed them around the campfire, they all talked of their favorite and why they liked it. At the end of almost every discussion, it was noted that Jose Quervo was swill, not worthy of being bottled. When it was my turn, I really didn't know what to say. I drink little, a few beers at most and almost never firewater. So, I mused that in my end of the trailer park, Jose Quervo is the good stuff. Pretty funny, guess you had to be there, and drinking top shelf booze. When I woke up the next morning, I realized why it is kept on the top shelf and thought I'd just leave it there....for a long time!!

I've been on a waiting list for a Cree saddle for over two years. I called my hackle supplier, Elkhorn Reel Co in Loveland Co. to see if he could obtain another hackle, which I'm thinking is going to be harder to come by than the Cree. Cree hackle, the Holy Grail of fly tying. I just was looking for a Grizzly dyed Dun. Brian, owner of Elkhorn didn't have one, but mentioned he knew this Tom guy at Whiting, he was pretty much on top of the hackle thing and may be able to find something for me. Brian asked as we were hanging up if there was anything else I wanted from Whiting while he was ordering. I mentioned that I had been on a list for the Cree, kind of as a joke.

Elkhorn called back the next day and I now am the proud parent of a Cree hackle. It is sooo beautiful! Is it just me, or

is this fly fishing thing getting expensive? I mean, I like cool stuff and I definitely like buying more cool stuff, but seriously, I'm thinking it may be a better deal to just buy the chicken and harvest the hackles, as I need them. I think there is even historical precedence for this. Anyway, chickens are cool and even eat bugs and weeds in your yard. I think that is a winning deal all around. Certainly a better deal for the chicken in the long run.

Have you ever noticed that every spring a bunch of people have to publish a bunch of pictures of Rattlesnakes. I hate snakes, not all snakes, just the ones that rattle at me or try and bite me. You should have seen me trying to fish in Maryland and the south in general. At least our Rattlers have the common courtesy of telling us to leave them alone before they bite us.

I'll never forget my friend Brett in Maryland telling me to smell for cucumbers. If I smell cucumber, watch where I step, there's a Copperhead close by....WHAT!!!! I was fishing above the Johnsondale Bridge with my good friend and faithful warrior, Tony. Tony has been to Iraq and Afghanistan. He isn't afraid of a snake. Good thing because as we were hiking in, I almost stepped on a Rattler. It was 20 feet long!!!! Ok, maybe not quite that big, but it didn't matter. I screamed like a girl, threw my arms up, turned around and ran as fast as I could. I didn't care where I was going as long as it was the other way from the sneaky snake. Tony got me stopped and a few well-placed rocks convinced the snake to relocate. It was much more difficult to get me past that spot, but Tony the hero managed and we had a wonderful day, catching beautiful Kern Rainbows and enjoying life together. I still haven't gone back in there, maybe someday!!

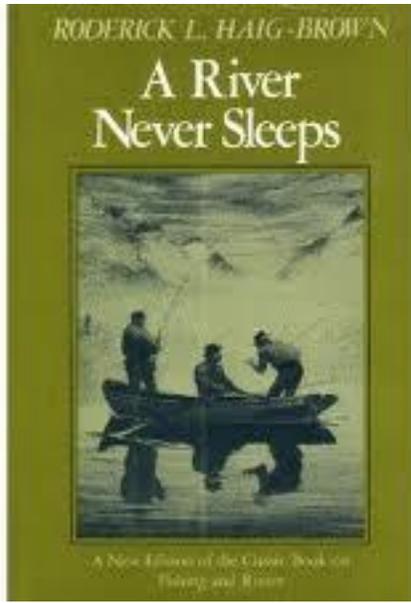
As I go to sleep, I think of the wonderful people and places I have enjoyed in this fly fishing journey. Some great, some not so great. Some hot, some cold, a few just right. It never seems to matter, well sometimes it does and I get a little irritable, that's just passion coming through. If I'm not going to be all in, I'm not going to be in at all. There are many places I love to be. Better yet, there are many people that make me feel good to be around. All the cold, hot, fish not biting or even snakes will never prevent me from frequenting the places and people I care so much about. Hey, I know, I'll get my new chickens to go protect me from the sneaky snakes and hike above the bridge again!!!!

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies,

Allen



Fly Fishing Book Review: by Ants Uiga (Ants)



A River Never Sleeps

By Roderick Haig-Brown

Illustrated by Louis Darling

Published 1974 Crown Publishing, Inc., New York

(Originally published in 1946)

352 pages

Roderick Haig-Brown was born in England in 1908, living there for about 18 years before settling along the Campbell River on Vancouver Island. The tales in the book are presented in chapters for the months of the year. While the tales are not presented chronologically or even grouped by topic or location, the book reads smoothly like a well-crafted patchwork quilt. Most of the smoothness can be attributed to excellent writing and editing. To further support the book, Louis Darling has added black and white drawings for the chapter headings and supporting illustrations. The black and white illustrations have always been a favorite of mine, especially when they are in style associated with graphic artists like Rockwell Kent.

The theme is the author's love of fishing and his fondness of conservation. The fishing tales are easy to appreciate and the year-round behavior of fish shows an appreciation for the understanding that can lead to fisheries support and conservation. The conservation component is subtle, as it tells what the Campbell River fisheries were like before significant changes caused by man.

The tales cover fishing experiences from England to Vancouver Island. From a fisheries viewpoint, the two locations cannot be more different. England had a tightly regulated fishery with strict seasons, and limits on fishing that are controlled as to what fish may be taken under a permit or who issues the permission. A reference is given to a book simply titled *Where To Fish* – the author refers to his 4th edition that was published in 1923. For any water in the UK, the book lists who regulates the water, what fish may be there, and the costs to fish the water (as well as how to pay for the privilege). In comparison, very few people in the US fished the Campbell River and fishing was naturally regulated (at that time) by the migration cycles of the steelhead and other fish.

The tales are a delight. I found myself wishing to be in either location, but the writing took me there. More importantly, in reading how the fishery (and fishing) changes throughout the year, it gave me incentive to understand more of my local waters.

AntsYour SSFFC Fishing Book Aficionado

Fly of the Month: by Rob Buhler (clouserfreak)



BROOKS BLONDE
BY JOE BROOKS

A fly introduced some 50 years ago by one of the true pioneers of American and worldwide fly fishing, Joe Brooks, the "Blonde," as Joe calls it, has clearly stood the test of time, although it is too often passed over for modern favorites like Deceivers, Clousers, and newer synthetic ties.

Joe was hailed by many writers and sportsman of his time as "the world's best fly fisherman." With such record breaking feats as a 29 ½ lb. striped bass, a 14 lb. barracuda, an 18 ½ lb. sea run brown trout, and a 148 ½ lb. tarpon it is difficult to dispute such claims. Add to this the story of Joe taking the first two tailing bonefish on the fly in 1947 and his legendary status is undeniable.

With his classic bucktail streamer design, Joe has caught everything from freshwater trout to sea run browns in Tierra Del Fuego to bass, snook, Atlantic salmon, and even tarpon when tied on 5/0 hooks. When I want a lighter bucktail streamer than the Clouser, or a dropper fly behind a Clouser in a tandem streamer setup, I often turn to the Blonde series of flies.

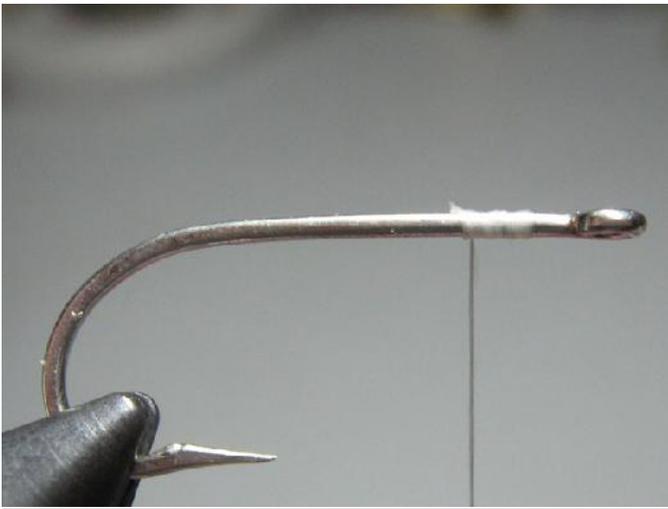
Joe claims the Argentine Blonde (light blue and white), Platinum Blonde (all white), Honey Blonde (yellow and white) and Strawberry Blonde (red and orange) as being "the best strike bringers". I add to this a dark blue and white, olive and white, and red and white as being superb "strike bringers" too.

The Blondes are tied with a long tail and matching length wing, intending to act as one large wing. This is a very easy tie that catches fish and one that is great for kids or first time tyers. The next time you are out give one a try, beautiful Blondes rarely disappoints!

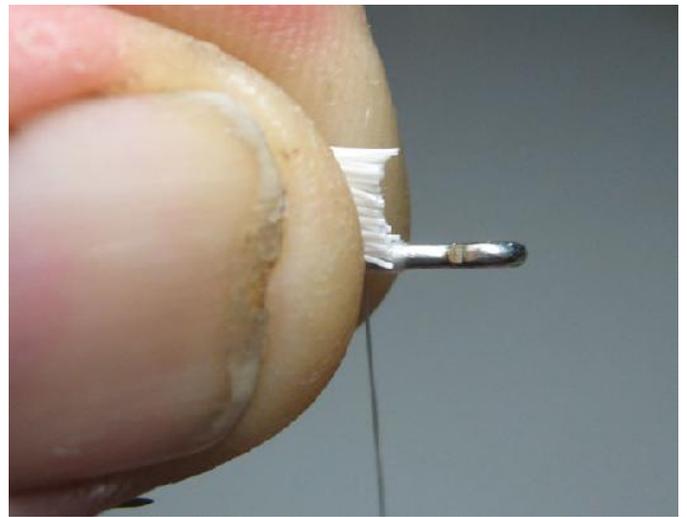
Materials:

Hook: Freshwater 3x streamer 2/0-10
Saltwater standard length 5/0-8
Thread: UTC 210 or 6/0 White or to match
Tail: White bucktail(flash optional)
Body: Silver mylar tinsel (Flashabou) - original, Flat
Diamond Braid-optional sub
Wing: Light Blue or Fluorescent Blue bucktail
Head: Thread or Flashabou to match

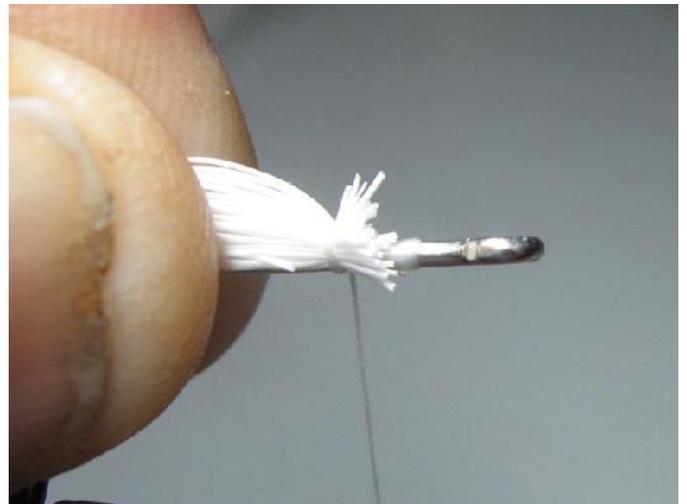
Tying Instructions:



1. Debarb or file hook before inserting into vise if you practice catch and release. Attach thread at the 85% mark on the shank.



2. Cut a section of bucktail close to the hide about the size of half a pencil width. Remove any fibers that are wildly long and then hold by the top inch and stroke out any short fibers. Measure to about 3 to 3 and 1/2 times the length of the shank and trim the butts smooth to prepare for tie in. Tie the butts in along the top of the shank with two wraps using the "up and between the fingers" technique.



3. The butts should look something like this after tie in.



4. While holding the hair in your material hand above the shank, wrap towards the rear of the hook securing the tail. Stop at the bend of the hook.



5. Attach flash for the tail at this point (optional) and attach body material (in this case, Flat Pearl Diamond Braid) at the bend in the shank.



6. Wrap body material forward in even wraps and tie off at the 85% area. Trim butts.



7. Repeat step #2 with wing color. Wing and tail butts should be about the same length when measuring for tie in.



8. Wrap butts down firmly and create a thread head.



9. Attach a couple strands of flash (optional) at the rear of the thread head and advance thread to the eye.



10. Wrap flash forward and tie off at eye. Trim flash butts and whip finish or add three half hitch knots.

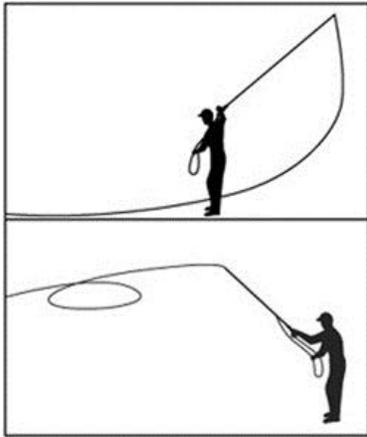
Superglue, epoxy, Hard as Hull or similar recommended for flash material on head and body.



11. Clockwise from top: Argentine Blonde, Strawberry Blonde, Honey Blonde, and Platinum Blonde flies.

Rob

Tips & Techniques: by *Ryan Buhler (ryan)*



Saving Flies When Snagged

A good roll cast can be very useful for us fly fishers. If we have no casting room behind us what saves us? A good roll cast. A roll cast is great when fishing sinking lines. It helps get your line organized and ready to cast. One thing a roll cast is also useful for and is often over looked is getting your fly out of snags.

Snags are part of fishing especially when fishing nymphs or streamers where you need to be on the bottom. Some fishers don't fish their rigs near the bottom because they get snagged once in a while and lose a fly or two. Those same fishers also don't catch a lot of fish because most fish are on the bottom. It surprises me how much we will spend on

rods, reels, lines, gas, lodging and everything else but we are afraid of losing a two dollar fly. This is where a good roll cast comes into play.

Once you get snagged try not to pull on the line towards you. Usually all that does is drive your fly deeper into your snag. If you can go to the side where your fly entered the area you got snagged in and pull on your line from there. If you can't access that side of the water try a roll cast to free your fly.

Start by getting your line organized so you can put a roll cast past where your flies are stuck.

Once you are organized and ready to cast throw your roll cast so your line is on the opposite side of your fly from you. When you have your line on the other side of the snag you are ready to try and free it. Point your rod tip towards the water and start to strip in line. Because your roll cast put your line on the other side of your snag. When you strip in line it pulls it away from you and also away from the snag in the direction that it entered the snag. Often the fly will pop right out of the area it was snagged in. It doesn't always work but more times than not it frees your fly. I've used it on rivers, lakes, and the ocean.

Rob and I learned this trick from Doug (Two Bug) Dolan a guide in the eastern sierras. It has saved me countless flies and gave me more confidence to fish on the bottom and be a more efficient angler.

Next time you get snagged try the roll cast to free your flies.

Ryan

Message from the Editor: by *Gary Silveira (CopperDropper)*

Last month I committed to keeping after those Morro Bay surf perch, and since I am a man of my word.....



There's plenty of beach by the big rock. Who is next?

Tight Lines, *Gary*

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