



# Ring of the Rise

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

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing great and getting time on the water. 2FlySue and I just got back from a float tube trip outing, fishing San Diego Bay with our host Richard Cullip. Richard has been posting his float tube trips to SD Bay just about every other day. He really knows the Bay and how to catch Spotted Bay Bass. I think he knows each bass by name. Richard's favorite fly is the SD Bay Crazy Dad. It's a very effective fly on the Bay. I caught all my spotties on this fly.

It was a first for 2FlySue in many respects: 1<sup>st</sup> time float tubing, 1<sup>st</sup> time fishing the salt water and 1<sup>st</sup> time catching spotted bay bass. Coachscott also attended this outing and fished from his kayak. He was able to zip across the bay quickly and also put up some impressive numbers. We all had a great time and plan to fish the Bay again soon.

Shane and Guy have been working very hard addressing the trash situation on the Kern. They attended a meeting with the US Forest Service and some progress has been made. The trash is a huge issue on the Kern and the solution will take the cooperation from many organizations. The US Forest Service will be the keystone to this issue because of its funding and jurisdiction over the Kern River. This will take many months and possibly years to resolve. Our Club has been and will continue to be a key player, protecting our home waters.

Shane is also coordinating one of our most important events, the Kids Academy. It's great to see so many members helping out at this event and to see many former students return as instructors. I'll be assisting in the conservation class this year. Under Shane's guidance, this event is always very well organized and the kids have tons of fun. They are the future of our sport and are being well taught.

Our Rendezvous is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have new entertainment this year with a surf band lead by Bernard Yin – aka *LA River*. I've been to many of his performances and he really does an outstanding job. We also hope to hold this year Vows at a new venue. Announcements will be coming out soon. As you know, this is our biggest fund raiser event for the Club. Please plan to attend; you don't want to miss it.

I want to thank everyone for their membership and thank the Board of Directors for their time and service. Please let

me know if you want to see something new at the Club. I want this Club to be the best.

*Chiaki*

## River Report: by Guy Jeans (Flyguy)

Hello everybody, this is a fly fishing report for the week of 4-25-13 written on Thursday 4-25-13.

**The 20 mile roadside section of the upper Kern** The river is fishing good...water temps are starting at 50 degrees in the morning, warming up top 55 by afternoon, and air temps are pushing 70-80 degrees today. We are now starting to see Yellow Sallies hatching in the 20 mile section as well as a few Golden Stones. Caddis are hatching and returning to the water in the early morning and evenings.

**Recommended Nymphs:** Tungsten Yellow Sallie size 16, Caddis Larva sizes 18-20, Kern Emerger (yellow) sizes 12-18.

**Recommended Dry Flies** RL Stimulator size 8, Orange and Yellow Stimulator sizes 12-18, Hand L Variant sizes 12 and 18.

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

Flows in the 20 mile section are at 800 cfs. The water is clearer above KR3 to Fairview dam. The water is cloudy above Fairview dam to KR3... murky below, but still fishable.

This weeks guided trips by me, Brandon, Dano and Joe has produced some steady top water action. There hasn't been much of a hatch, but the fish are eating dry flies anyway. When fishing the 20 mile stretch, fish the pocket water and shallow water areas. There are lots of wild fish to report in the 20 mile section and this section of the upper Kern is very healthy. Dry/Dropper rigs are doing the trick. Flows will increase in 2 weeks if we get some warmer weather but as of right now the river is fishing excellent.

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

Remember to catch and release those trophy fish so somebody else has a chance to enjoy those big fish too. Somebody else has probably caught and released that fish so you could catch it. Pretty Cool!!!

**The 4 mile wild trout section Open year round** The fishing above the bridge is good. **Catch and Release barbless hooks only!!**

**Lake Isabella trout fishing is excellent** and the lake is very low. 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 great top water action near Paradise Cove and the main dam. Crappie fishing is ok. Bass fly fishing is ok in about 20ft of water. Carp fly fishing is turning on.

**Lower Kern** I've been getting some nice hatch reports from the lower river and it is fishing ok. The lower river is flowing at 400+cfs.

Great flies to use down on the lower are Hares Ear sizes 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 slow in the canyon ok outside. Rising rainbows fish in the evenings!

**Tributaries of the North and South Fork Kern** Closed

**South Fork of the Kern from Rockhouse North** Closed

*Guy*



**Conservation Report:** by Shane Goslin (fishinXJ)

Here's a great opportunity to get involved with the planning and direction of the Sequoia and Inyo National Forests. Our regional Forest Service office is one year into gathering info for their vision of the future use of the forest. They are testing a new program that seeks public input and have jumped into the digital age to make it easier for the public to generate their input. A great idea, however, they are

disappointed in the lack of public involvement so far. Last month the SSFF and TU attended the public workshops and the FFF is also getting involved. Here's your chance to make a difference! Create an account at <http://ourforestplace.ning.com/> and send them your input.

Cast it forward,

*Shane*

More info

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sequoia/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprdb5404227>The Sequoia

*National Forest is one of three national forests in the Pacific Southwest Region (Region) of the Forest Service to revise its land and resource management plan (Forest Plan) this year, implementing the new **National Forest System Planning Rule**. The forest plan revision process is grounded in science and public input, and seeks to deliver stronger protections for forests, water, and wildlife while supporting the economic vitality of our rural communities. It will provide opportunities for public involvement and collaboration throughout all stages of the planning process, as well as opportunities for Tribal consultation and coordination with state and local governments and other federal agencies. The revision process involves three phases: assessment of forest resource condition and trend, development of a revised plan, and monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of plan direction. Each phase will include opportunities for public participation and collaboration.*

## **Collaboration**

*The Sequoia National Forest welcomes and invites you to be involved in its collaborative forest plan revision process. The Collaboration and Communication Plan for the Sequoia National Forest is being developed in conjunction with stakeholders and will be available soon.*

## **Sierra Cascades Dialog**

*The Sierra Cascade Dialog focuses on the future of the Sierra Nevada and Cascades, specifically the national forests, providing an opportunity for learning, shared meaning, aligned actions, and understanding different perspectives. The intent is to hold regular conversations among engaged stakeholders on a range of issues across the Sierra Nevada and the Cascades. The term "stakeholder" refers to any individual or organization that has a direct interest in public lands. This would include the Forest Service as the convener. The goal is to create shared understanding among participants with diverse opinions.*

## Assessment

*The assessment phase is underway. The purposes of the assessment are to: Rapidly evaluate the sustainability of existing ecological, economic, and social conditions and trends within the context of the broader landscape. To gain understanding of these existing ecological, economic, and social conditions and trends in relationship to current land management plans. And consider and evaluate the sustainability of possible future social, economic, and ecological conditions and trends both within the plan area and in the context of the broader landscape. The assessments will be used to help identify the needs for changing the existing 1988 Sequoia Forest Plan, and will inform the development of plan components and content. The Region is currently working with the Pacific Southwest Research Station (PSW) to integrate scientific information across disciplines to inform decisions throughout the plan revision process. A Science Synthesis is expected to be completed in December 2012. In addition, regional assessment teams are consolidating existing information and considering ecological, social, and economic conditions and trends. The bioregional assessments will look at a larger landscape scale, while the forest assessments will cover the smaller, individual national forest scale, for the following topics: The topics covered by the bioregional and forest assessments include:*

Terrestrial ecosystems, aquatic ecosystems, and watersheds  
Air, soil, riparian areas, and water resources and quality  
System drivers and stressors  
Carbon  
At-risk species  
Social, cultural, and economic conditions  
Benefits people obtain from the NFS plan area  
Multiple uses  
Recreation settings, opportunities and access, and scenic character  
Renewable and nonrenewable energy and mineral resources  
Infrastructure  
Areas of Tribal importance  
Cultural resources and uses  
Land status and ownership, and access patterns  
Designated areas

*As the Forest Service continues to work on these assessments, draft current condition white papers and executive summaries will be posted on [Our Forest Place](#) in January 2013. Bioregional and forest assessments are expected to be completed by December 2013.*

## The Eyes of Conservation

Submitted by Debbie Sharpton,  
Conservation Director

There are many good laws on the books of our society – the Clean Water Act of 1972 is one of them. It's hard to believe it is over 40 years old, and although the big polluters were the first targets, the hardest one for everyone to get their hands around is what is called “non-point source pollution”. This is the type that comes from many different points instead of one discharge pipe.

In California the State Water Board and its multiple regional water quality control boards are responsible, and under court order, to create and implement the regulations to meet the Clean Water Act objectives. Several regulations have been in place dealing with acceptable levels of pollutants in waters of the state, one being trash. The acceptable level of trash in the water is zero. That's a pretty lofty goal, but how could anyone say that trash is acceptable at any other level? There was much resistance from the jurisdictional agencies but the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board passed the regulation some time ago. This means that agencies must do their part in cleaning up trash from the waters, if they don't they stand to be in violation of the regulation and their permits.

Several years ago Erick Burres, Conservation Biologist and head of the State's Clean Water Team, passed on some great information about how people can be part of the solution. Here is an excerpt from the IBM Research Lab's internet site about one of the great things Erick is doing;

Water is one of our most precious resources -- vital for our survival. This week, its significance of those facts is highlighted in several commemorations: World Water Day and World Water Monitoring Day on March 22, and Earth Day (International) on March 27.

Protecting and improving water quality are extremely important issues for all societies. And now with the [Creek Watch](#) iPhone App, every time a person sees a stream they can take a photo of it to help collect water quality data such as:

1. What is the amount of water?
2. What is the rate of flow?
3. And what is the amount of trash?

... all based on location and the photograph.

### Citizen Science

Over the years, water quality concern has prompted a rise in citizen science of monitoring streams, rivers, lakes, estuaries and oceans. These activities have included collecting water quality data, evaluating fish and wildlife habitat, or making visual observations of stream health.

In California, as in other regions, citizen water quality monitors have been collecting water quality data for more than a decade, saving government agencies many tens of



millions of dollars in monitoring costs and providing water quality data that would otherwise not get collected. Citizen data are being used to guide local watershed management and are a critical element of regional and statewide assessments of surface water quality for drinking, fishing, swimming, ecosystem health and other beneficial uses.



The Creek Watch App is useful in promoting all of these efforts. It turns all of us into scientists, contributing water quality data -- data that can lead to increased understanding and protection of the very water that we use and need. Creek Watch as a learning tool introduces people to their streams and water quality concepts. It is also great crowd-sourcing tool that collects much needed water quality data from around the world. Additionally, Creek Watch provides a tool that enables individuals and groups to build monitoring programs with, and answer local questions about, water supply and water quality.

Water quality depends on all of us. So join the Clean Water Team by [downloading the Creek Watch App](#) to start monitoring the creeks, streams and rivers in your community.

*Erick Burres is a conservation biologist that has been involved with many projects benefiting the protection of terrestrial and aquatic habitats, the species that depend on those habitats and the recovery of threatened and endangered species. Mr. Burres has a Master of Public Administration degree from California State University Long Beach and a Bachelors of Science in Zoology from San Diego State University. He has worked for non-profit organizations, private businesses and government agencies. His goals have been to actualize constructive and sustainable environmental stewardship activities by enrolling citizens in conservation management activities. Currently, he lives in Los Angeles and leads the state's Citizen Monitoring Program, the Clean Water Team. An app like Creek Watch was a dream of his and on the Clean Water Team's wish list. He is thankful that IBM created Creek Watch and shared an interest in promoting environmental education, citizen monitoring and water quality.*

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### **Outings Report:** by Chris Chamberlain (ChrisC)

No report this month.

*Chris*

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### **Rod Building:** by Pete Emmel (Pete)

Ok, I'm just about all tapped out on rod building topics. Short of spending a few months showing the step-by-step process to build a rod, I need topics. Don't get me wrong, doing articles on a step-by-step build would be the easy way out. But.....since this club is stocked with so many rod builders, compared to other clubs that might be boring for many of you. So let's try this approach: You tell me what you want to know about building custom rods. If I don't know the answer or technique, we'll find somebody who does.

Last thing we want if for the newsletter to stagnate, so bring on any and all questions. But, many of you top builders better be ready to answer some questions. Writing the articles does not, repeat not, make me the expert. And I prove that fact every time I muddle thru a build.

So to sum it up; shoot me any and all questions. Or give me feedback as to what you want to see. A build from start to finish including turning the seat insert, handle, winding check, wrapping the guides and maybe some beyond the basics techniques?

Don't forget I have also asked for builder profiles and we would be more than happy to post your builds, specifications and any other information you want to share about your builds. It doesn't matter what it is, just e-mail me any thoughts and ideas. Otherwise you will get what you get. And that will probably be me dodging responsibility and going with a step-by-step. And with nine builds on my bench, as I write this, you would get more than you bargained for! ☺

Let's make this an interactive process. Bring on the suggestions, profiles, or builds: [p-emmel5@hotmail.com](mailto:p-emmel5@hotmail.com)

Thanks in advance,

*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:** by Chiaki Harami (haramic)

The May event will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Academy on May 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information check out the following Forum link.

<http://www.kernriverflyfishing.com/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.pl?num=1363016814>



**Event:** 2013 Fly Fishing Faire

**Where:** Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

**Venue:** Cerro Coso Community College  
101 College Parkway  
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**When:** September 20-22, 2013

**What:** A cornucopia of all things fly-fishing in Mammoth Lakes, the heart of California's fly-fishing world; an introduction to all aspects of the sport including beginner and intermediate fly casting, fly tying demonstrations and instruction.

\*Where-to-go and how-to-do-it with local guides. Workshops and programs on virtually every Sierra water including Hot Creek, the upper and lower Owens River, Lake Crowley, Walker River Basin, Merced River, small stream tactics, and bass in the lower Owens.

Wildlife photography, fly fishing films, Sierra sightseeing; conservation raffles and auctions. Vendor display booths.

Programs, demos and hands-on lessons by writer, photographer and Champion Fly Caster Brian O'Keefe.

**Hours:** Fri. – 9-5; Sat. – 9-5; Sun. – 9-3

**Admission:** \$15 adults. Age 16 and under free. (Single admission is good all Faire days.)

**Sponsor:** Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers (SWC-FFF)

**Registration:** Opens June 30, 2013 on-line (Classes and seminars are limited by size.)

**Website:** [SWC-FFF.org/faire](http://SWC-FFF.org/faire)

**Registration Phone:** (818) 200-1499

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\*Some activities and classes will require individual registration fees.

*Chiaki*

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

The other day I was fishing, much like normal. Fishing started slowly and after a while I found myself doing my usual thing, going through my fly boxes, trying to figure out what these fish were taking. I do this a lot sometimes. Sometimes, I get lucky and what I start with works. Truthfully, I carry way too many flies. But, I like flies. I like the easy to tie flies and I also like the complicated to tie flies. I think I like them all.



A while ago, I kind of made a rule to use only flies I tie. I stuck with that for about an hour until someone catching fish



handed me one he bought that the fish were eating with gusto.

I do tie a lot of flies. Sometimes it is to give to friends. Or I tie for fundraisers to help out if I can. Those are the nice, pretty flies I tie. Most of the time, I tie to refill my boxes. Those are usually easy to tie, well, easy because I tie those I use, often.



*Charlie's "Caddistrophic Pupa"*

Another thing I like to do is buy a book and tie most of the flies in it. This fly is a very effective, lucky find. I bought Charlie Craven's book, "*Charlie's Fly Box*". I liked it so much; I bought all the stuff to tie all the flies in the book. Only cost me around 400 bucks. Maybe I'll get to tying the rest of the flies in the book sometime. This is a good one though!!

My very favorite fly tying though, is creating my own patterns. Chuck N. taught us about variants in his tying class. Funny, when he looked at my variant he mentioned something about mine being a mutant. There is probably a reason for that. I bought Mike Mercer's book, "*Creative Fly Tying*". This was a meaningful book for me. It totally changed how I think of tying flies. I began changing the flies I copied. I was surprised at how much better the flies worked with a tweak here and there. I moved on to coming up with my own patterns. All mine!!! There is something about catching a fish on a fly that you just created. After all the notes and study to get the bug to look as it should, but more than that, it has to look like what you saw fish eating.



*The latest "New Thing"*

This fly hasn't been named yet. I haven't been able to even fish it. Mark and I got into a pretty nice hatch and the fish we were easily catching a few minutes ago suddenly became very difficult. As I watched the Blue Wings floating along, one landed on my hand and allowed me to look. I noticed how its wings really look and compared that with how they look on the water. Who knows what will happen with this. Maybe it will work. That is just the best, to me. Create a fly and have it work right off the bat.

So why is all this important? I mean really, I carry 7 fly boxes with me. I could easily estimate I have over 1000 flies on my person all the time I fish. Truthfully, 90% of the time I use 3 or 4 flies. All the time and effort I put into finding and creating new stuff. Well, I do enjoy the time I spend in search and create mode. There's always new materials I have to buy. I do enjoy buying stuff for fishing. Going through 7 fly boxes, fly by fly if fish aren't biting, is worth it. I mean, sometimes everyone has a tough day.

I remember a day on the Owyhee the fall. Things had gotten slow, so I did what I always do and started changing flies. It only took me 10 changes to catch a nice Brown.



I'll tie 10 new knots for this any day!!! Caught on a simple brown midge with peacock just behind the bead. This fly was years old. The reason I had the peacock on there is because I couldn't figure out how to knot the fly and make it look good. I have a few in my box now. Because no matter how long I fish, I'm always discovering my fly box.

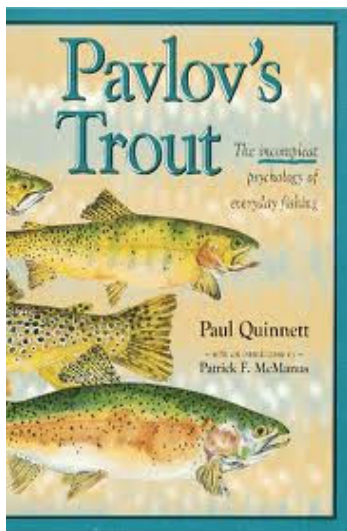
Blue Skies and Fishy Flies,

*Allen*

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**Fly Fishing Book Review:** by Ants Uiga (Ants)



**Pavlov's Trout**  
*The Incomplete psychology of everyday fishing*

By Paul Quinnett  
Published 1994 Keokee Co. Publishing, Sand Point, ID  
212 pages

According to the introductory write-ups, Paul Quinnett has been a fly fisherman for 25 years as well as a psychologist. Quinnett obviously enjoys both since his enthusiasm for both are high. The book has 16 chapters which cover a broad range of topics. As I read them, I found myself thinking, gosh, this makes a lot of sense. Why didn't I think of this earlier?

The chapter entitled the Neuropsychology of Fly Selection is chosen to illustrate the book (hopefully, well instead of poorly). The chapter opens with a quote from Mark Twain – “*You can't depend on your judgment when your imagination is out of focus.*”

The author uses a Willy Wonder, the World's Greatest Fly Fisherman to illustrate his point. In the most basic level, learning is by random occurrences. An event happens that produces a desirable result and it is remembered. From a neuropsychology viewpoint, this occurs in the frontal lobes. Each learning event causes connections in the brain to occur that remember the event. (A crash to the brain from falling on a rock on the river would do the opposite, just like a car crash.) As these learning events accrue, the mind is able, with its imagination, to compile these in a real-life scenario before the event occurs. So, for a new stream, a new set of hatch circumstances, the mind (with enough events) can predict which fly, casts, and / or fishing location will catch the trout. Willy Wonder has the title because Willy is always adding to his knowledge, whether it comes from books, fishing guides, other fisherman, or Grandpa Buck.

In addition, the capabilities for physical activities are also stored in the brain. So, that improved clinch knot is not a step by step process that was used as the learning aid, but

an innate process that doesn't require thought other than time to tie that knot. The result for Willy is that for a various situation, the probability of a combination of fly / cast / location is known before the rod is cast. Since Willy likes to catch fish, Willy fishes only in the circumstances that are most likely to produce results. Does that remind you of folks you fish with that do well consistently? Does that seem familiar when you are having a good day on the river?

As for the book's title – Pavlov's Trout – I leave that explanation for you to read in the book. Here is a clue. It relates to why, as fisherman, we immensely enjoy the tug on the end of the line.

*Ants* .....Your SSFFC Fishing Book Aficionado

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**Fly of the Month:** by Rob Buhler (clouserfreak)



**THE MINI HOT**

By Greg Garcia

Far too often, new patterns introduced to the market are nothing more than an older standard pattern with a minor variation. This may appear to be the case with the Mini Hot at first glance. With further review though, the Mini Hot is a pattern that clearly stands by itself bringing along with it some freestone dry fly tradition.

A quick look at the Mini Hot and it's hard not to call it a Stimulator or Sofa Pillow imposter. Noticing the alterations and additions to these two classic freestone patterns and realizing their advantages quickly lifts this fly into the original category. The most notable adjustment is due to the lack of a tail and body hackle with a substitute of clear micro tubing. This provides a sleek abdomen profile while keeping some of the floating properties and allowing the body to sit “in” and not on the surface of the water for a more realistic impression. Removing the hackle and tail also creates an easier fly to tie in smaller sizes that are so tedious for classic western freestone dries like the Wulff and Stimulator. The underbody is usually a fluorescent thread with a unique dry fly tag that is often found on many traditional salmon wet fly patterns. An underwing and thorax of flashy fibers adds to the attention this fly is sure to attract from freestone trout.

In natural colors it is well representative of many caddis and small stoneflies. In brighter colors the Mini Hot should prove to be a phenomenal western freestone attractor (I've even stuck a few on a popular tailwater late last fall). Put some in your dry box for spring through fall on the Kern, or better



yet, fill up a compartment box and enjoy prospecting with a great new pattern from Greg Garcia.

### **Materials:**

Hook: TMC 200 or any natural bend hook 14-20

Thread: 70 denier UTC, color of choice

Overbody: Clear Micro Tubing

Tag: Red Holographic Flashabou

Abdomen: Fl. Cerise UTC

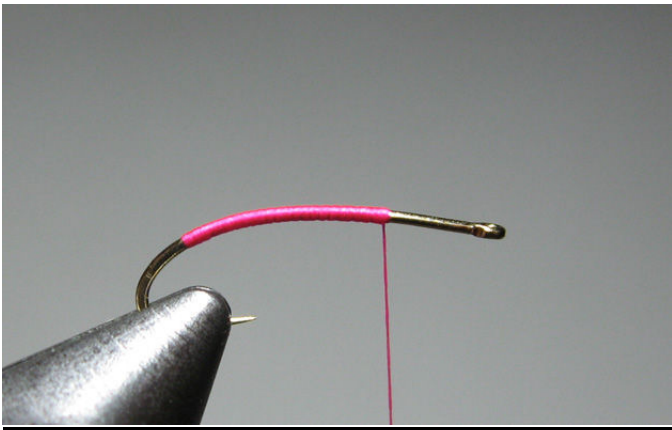
Underwing: SLF Prism Dubbing- Sand (I substituted Pearl Ice Dub)

Overwing: Bleached Deer Hock (I used standard Bleached Deer)

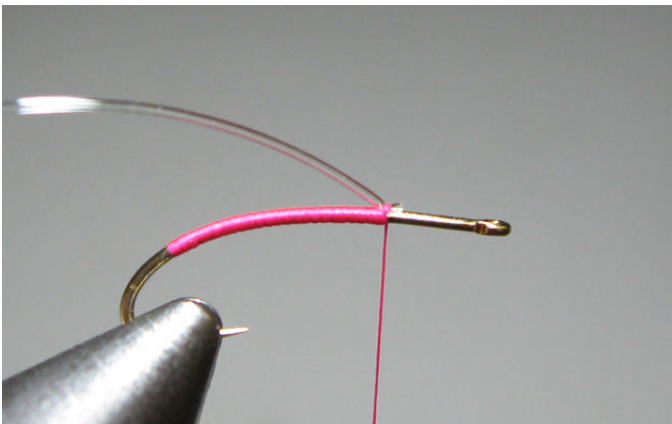
Hackle: Brown Rooster Saddle or Neck (sub with grizzly, dun, ginger etc.)

Thorax: SLF Prism Dub (tutorial shows Red Ice Dub)

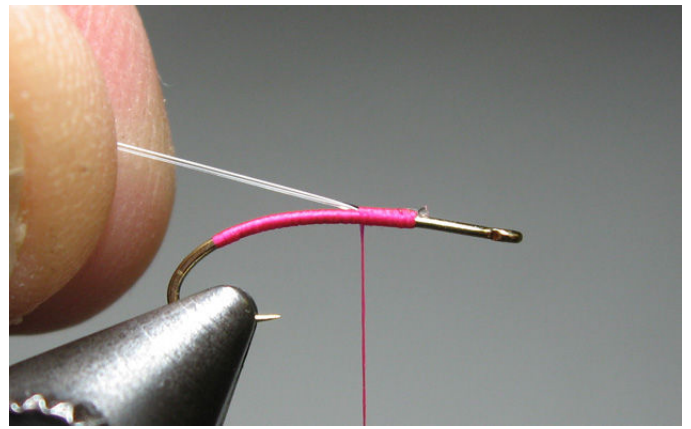
### **Tying Instructions:**



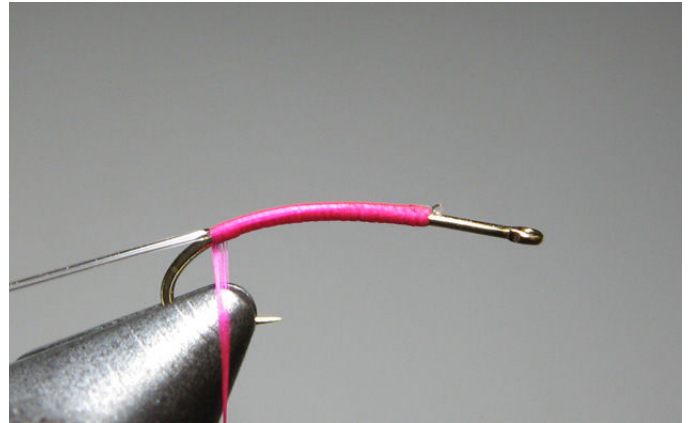
1. Debarb hook and insert into vise. Attach thread 1/3 of a hook shank from the eye and wrap back to the where the hook barb point used to be. Wrap thread back then forward to starting point while keeping the thread lying flat (this is the advantage of the UTC thread).



2. Attach the micro tubing at the 1/3 mark. Either tie in by the tip or tie in leaving a tag to be trimmed later.



3. Wrap back toward the bend with the thread while stretching the tubing to reduce bulk.

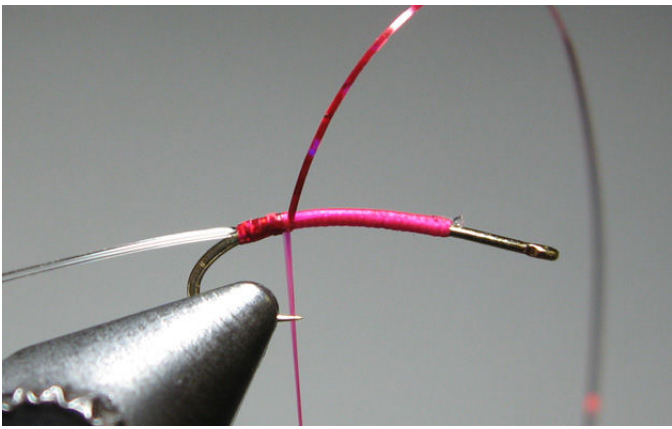


4. Make sure to keep thread flat while wrapping the body. Twist counterclockwise to flatten and clockwise to rope.

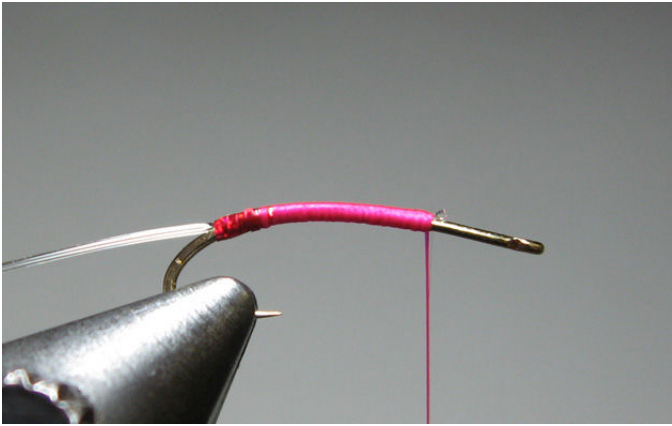


5. Attach one piece of Red Holo Flashabou and wrap thread smoothly to the hook point.





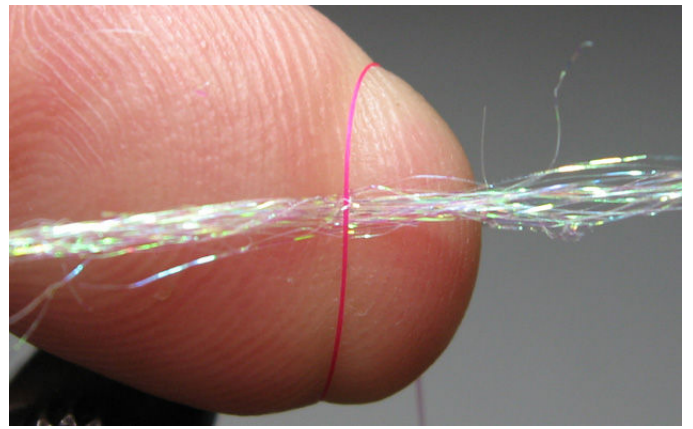
6. Take several wraps forward with the Flashabou, making sure to overlap each wrap and tie off at hook point.



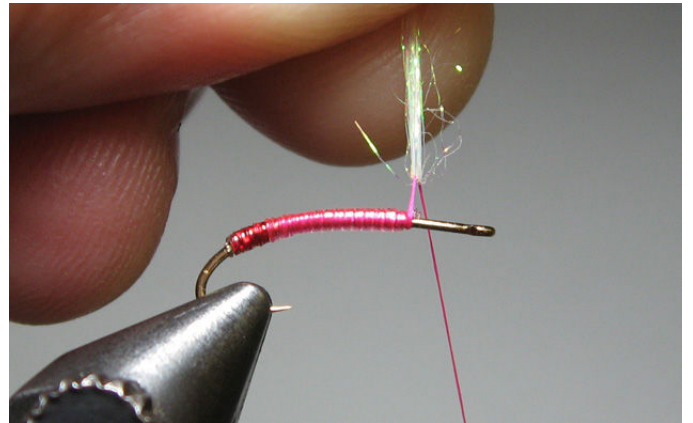
7. Trim off any remaining tags and keeping thread flat, wrap forward to starting point.



8. Now wrap tubing forward over the flash and thread body. Make certain that each wrap butts up against the previous one leaving no gaps. Trim remaining tag.



9. Prepare SLF or Ice Dub by removing a small amount from the bag and rolling into a small rope. Holding the dubbing with your thumb and index finger, wrap thread over your index finger until gaining control.



10. Then with your thumb, fold the forward portion of flash back over onto itself allowing total control over placement and doubling the quantity of material with minimal wraps.



11. Tighten thread to the hook with the flash directly on top and at the front of the abdomen with one tight thread wrap. Take two or three more wraps folding the flash wing back over the body. You may skip the last two steps and tie flash in on top of body,

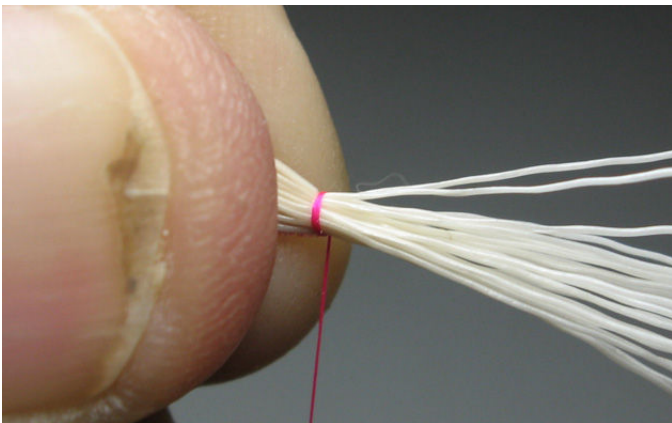
then double front end over with more securing wraps, but this will add a bit more bulk.



12. Trim flash at the rear of the abdomen.



13. Cut, clean and stack a small amount of bleached deer hair. Measure the tips to the end of the hook or just past the flash.



14. Transfer the hair to your material index finger and thumb. Take two wraps at front of abdomen keeping the hair on the top of the hook shank.



15. Take two more wraps forward securing and flaring the hair.



16. Trim butts at an angle to taper the thorax.



17. Wrap through butts before wrapping cleanly over the top to secure tightly to shank. Create a tight, nicely tapered thorax.





18. Select an appropriate sized hackle (approx. 1 and 1/2 the width of the hook gape) and strip hackle fibers from the stem at the base to prepare for tie in. Tie onto the thorax with the shiny side of the feather facing forward keeping the thread flat while wrapping a smooth thorax. Leave a small amount of bare stem above the tie in to deter the hackle from spreading on the first turn.



19. Dub a small amount of SLF Prism dubbing or Ice Dub onto thread and wrap forward to just behind the hook eye.



20. Wrap hackle forward in 4-6 evenly spaced wraps and tie off with a couple of wraps of thread behind the hook eye. Trim hackle and wrap a small thread head. Half hitch 3 times or whip finish.



21. Purple, Fluorescent Cerise, Orange, Fluorescent Green, and Yellow Mini Hot's.

*Rob*

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### Carrying the Frog



One of the product that I carry at all times while fly fishing for trout is Frog's Fanny.

It's a dry fly powder that is great for not only dry flies but also nymphs. It has a brush applicator that makes it easy to apply. Not only does it help your fly ride high on the water, it also makes it easier to see. Put it on a tiny dry fly that you normally can't see and you will be surprised at how much it will stand out with the Frog's Fanny.

You can also apply it to your nymphs and it will hold air bubbles on your fly. It looks like a caddis with an air bubble splitting open its casing and is a great product to use when caddis are emerging. It is simply a great product that will help you catch more fish.

A bottle will last you quite some time and it's well worth the five bucks you will spend on it.

One warning I have is to be careful when you open the bottle in the wind. It can blow some out especially when the bottle is full. If you don't already use Frog's Fanny give it a try.

Keep your fly on the water!

*Ryan*



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