



Ring of the Rise

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

First, I need to congratulate Shane Goslin for another fantastic job putting on the 2014 Kids Academy. I don't know how he does it year after year, but it went smoothly again this year. The kids had a blast. The Kids Academy is one of our premier programs and such a worthy investment to the future of our passion. Ten kids graduated with complete fly fishing outfits, sunglasses, flies, fly boxes, etc. They were taught how to cast, tie knots, identify bugs, conservation, tie flies, etc. They were served a great lunch and caught trout for the very first time. What a way to start out a fly fishing career.

I also need to thank the volunteers that help make this the successful event. These folks gave up their weekend to teach the next generation of fly fishers the proper way. We also had help from the Aguabonita and Kern River Fly Clubs. It's great to see the Fly Clubs working together for a common goal. We also had two Kids Academy former graduates help teach this current class. Everyone is paying it forward. Congratulations to the 2014 Kids Academy Graduates.

We had Club elections for the Board of Director of our Club and the following people were elected:

Chiaki Harami – President
Allen Bell – Vice President
Keith Penguilley – Secretary
Pete Emmel – Treasurer
Tim Michaels – Conservation
Gary Silveira – Director
Guy Jeans – Director

We need to thank Shane Goslin and Randy Skidgel for their past service on the Board. They spent countless hours working on behalf of the Club and I appreciate everything they've done. But don't worry, they won't be far. SSFFC runs in their blood.

The Board is planning the 2015 calendar with many outings, classes, speakers and fun times. If you have any suggestions, please contact me or any of the Board members and you'll be heard.

The 2014 SWC Inter-Club Tourney will be held on November 8th and we are the defending champions. We have two great teams that will give the other Clubs a run for their money. Many of these members have learned fly fishing through SSFFC and its members. We have a strong family. Good Luck to our Teams.

Our next meeting will be the Fly Fisher of The Year banquet in January 2015. Please think of the individuals that need to be nominated. Nominations and election will be held in December.

Hope to see you on the water.

Chiaki

River Report: by Guy Jeans (*Flyguy*)

As a reminder, the fishing reports are available in video format on Facebook and can be accessed via the forum under the heading "Kern River Fly Fishing Reports - Daily Video and Kern Fly Fishing Reports."

Guy



Conservation Report: by Tim Michaels

No report submitted this month.

Tim

Outings Report: by Chris Chamberlain (*ChrisC*)

No report submitted this month.

Chris

Rod Building: by Pete Emmel (Pete)

No report submitted this month, but a reminder that we will be concluding and judging the Inter-Club Rod Building Challenge at the Inter-Club Tournament on November 8th.

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)

As noted previously, there will be no November meeting as we will be hosting the Inter-Club Tournament on November 8th.

Additionally, as is tradition, there will be no December meeting due to the holidays; therefore the next general meeting will be the Fly Fisher of The Year banquet in January 2015. Please think of the individuals that need to be nominated. Nominations and election will be held in December. Please make sure to keep yourself up to date on the forum.



2014 SWCFFF Inter-Club Fly Fishing Tournament

We will be holding our Kids Academy's major fund raiser Friday November 7 at the Kernville Golf Course Clubhouse with no host bar at 6:00 PM and cards fly at 7:00 pm. We'll be playing Texas Hold'em with a \$25 buy-in. Since this is a fund raiser, you'll be able to buy-in as many times as you want, with last buy-in at the beginning of the Final Table.

Members from the other SWC Clubs are invited with the Inter-Club Tourney the following day. The Team from Carson City FF has been boasting about their Texas Hold'em skills and we need to show them how it's really played. Even the President of the SWCFFFF plays every year and "donates" his \$25 in the 1st 10 minutes of play.

You know how important this event is to our Kids Academy program. We need to fund next year's Kids Academy and the majority of funds come from this event. So let's buy-in and go all in to help the kids, the future of our sport.

Chiaki

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

Famous Waters...Notes on a travel Itinerary...Or

Famous waters!! Welcome to a few notes on my travel itinerary... Or we could call this, "It Never Rains in Southern California, but It Sure does in Southern Montana." Either one works and both seem to be true. It didn't rain on us all the time, it did clear off from time to time and as usual, and the last day was really nice weather.

You know, you can get so used to fishing in bad weather that it seems odd when the weather changes to what normal people like to fish in. Personally, I think I'd rather have the rain. To me, there is something about fishing in the rain. There are fewer people fishing for sure and I've caught some really nice fish during a rainstorm. That's not really it though. There's more to it than just bigger fish and fewer people. There is a sort of comfort in enduring a little weather to be in a place you would rather be than almost any other place. It doesn't really matter the name of the river, just to be on the water, the rain creating your own little world, internalizing everything going on around you is special to me.



Rainy day sunshine!!

The Beaverhead River

The best description I can think of for the Beaverhead is, that it is a few really good spots in a river full of good spots. Sometimes the spots change and sometimes you actually may have to change a fly, but more or less, if you are lucky enough to find just the right really good spot and just the right, really good fly, the Beav can be a really groovy place. We have been lucky to find such spots and flies two years in a row. The Beaverhead is a pretty little river, much like our East Walker, just bigger fish and many more of them. We fished nymphs and streamers during most of the day and in the afternoons went upstream to a long flat stretch and fished to sippers. I had no idea you could catch whitefish on an Adams. You can also catch really big trout if you can manage a perfect drift through the moss and other debris. Challenging but too enjoyable not to do.



A really good spot on a really good river!!

The Big Hole River

Along the middle of the trip, we decided we had to leave our little fishing heaven on the Beav and check out some different water. After getting the full report (and a handful of flies) from the guy at Frontier Fly Shop, off we went. All was going according to plan, except for my happy rainy day had turned to really unhappy windy day. My hate/hate relationship with fishing in the wind has been well documented.

The Big Hole is a beautiful place. The locals say they have eleven months of winter and one month of mosquitos. I could add one more thing!! Anyway, The Big Hole is a typical big western river. Wide, swift and about knee deep. Oh, I almost forgot, the rocks are slicker than any I have ever tried to fish on. They are big and not entirely fastened to anything, although some seem to be. It is amazing how quickly excited enthusiasm can turn to something totally different. I tried to wade into the river, but burned my legs out in a few minutes. We tried, but just couldn't figure this place out. Still, I'll never forget the look on the fly shop guy's face when I called the Big Hole a drainage ditch. It's not; actually, the Big Hole is one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen. I'll go back, maybe with felt boots, for sure in some kind of floatation craft. This river was created to float on, not wade.



Standing in the only safe place on the Big Hole... unless a grizzly happens by!!

The Madison River

The Madison is the river dreams are made of. Well, at least some of my childhood dreams. As I planned this trip, I couldn't get over the fact I was really going to get to fish this river. Usually this level of excitement leads to a big letdown.

As we drove with our awesome guide, Cody Benzel, he was telling us that the Madison hadn't really been producing many big fish, but they were ok and really beautiful, hard fighters. That isn't what we found. Cody was stoked when near the end of the day; he announced that for whatever reason, the big fish were out today. He was right; the big fish were out, in force!! Fishing was fantastic, but the Madison is more than fishing. The Madison is one of the American Mecca's for fly fishing. The natural beauty here is amazing. We even saw an adult bull moose. "Hey Rocky!!!" I thought it was funny that my first thought immediately upon seeing my first moose was Bullwinkle. Unfortunately, I was the only one that thought it was funny. It rained almost all the day, but that was normal for the trip. I never was able to see the Madison mountain range, guess I'll have to go back and that sounds like as good an excuse as any.



Happy days on the Madison!!

Fishing in the rain is like singing in the rain to me. Free, happy, easy going days. The feeling of a big fish on the Madison, wondering if you have enough backing is a feeling I want to repeat. Pushing tired legs to one more spot where fish might be rising on the Beaverhead, knowing chances are good you will find a few. These are the experiences and adventures I live for. I can't imagine not doing them. The good and bad, all worthwhile. When it comes down to it, the simple things make me just as happy as the awesome fishing; the things I enjoy at home make me just as happy as the trips I love so much. Especially when the thing I so enjoy doing at home I am doing at Poindexter House in Dillon, Montana!!!

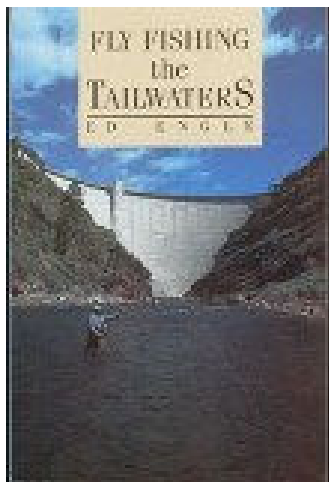


No matter where I am, there is little better than a warm fire and a cold beer with friends!!!

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies,

Allen

Fly Fishing Book Review: by Ants Uiga (Ants)



Fly Fishing the Tailwaters
By Ed Engle

Published 1991 Stackpole Books, Harrisburg, PA
159 pages

My interest in understanding Fly Fishing the Tailwaters was a result of the dam that formed Isabella Lake and controlled flows in the lower Kern River. The conditions were different than the 20-mile section of the river, as well as the high county fishing and creeks. I was stumped. I enlisted many friends in an effort to provide insight, and to a large extent, they were stumped also.

Tailwater, the release from a dam is notably different. The temperature of the release water is higher or lower than the receiving stream and water flows are regulated. The source of nutrients coming past the dam is usually different also. The fishing in the tailwater is controlled by circumstances that are manipulated for other purposes – power generation is a typical one.

If the reservoir water is deep and flows are drawn from the bottom of the reservoir, the discharge water is colder and the water temperature can be consistently colder throughout the year. The section of the San Juan River below Navajo is governed by consistent cold conditions. The water temperature was a year round temperature of about 40 degrees and the growth of large aquatic bugs is not favored. Midges grow quickly and the San Juan River close to the dam is noted for the midge hatch and other small flies.

Another consequence of cold-water discharge is the rapid change in the composition of the aquatic bugs as the water warms and proceeds downstream. I have observed hatches that may be 300 feet downstream on the Lower Kern that I did not see closer to the dam. Some variation is likely due to the differences in depth and composition for the discharge pool, but as the stream progresses away from the dam, the bugs are more likely to change than in the 20-mile section of the Upper Kern.

Finally, due to provisions in the stream channel to pass much higher levels of flow, the depth and consistency of the bottom may be similar or starkly different. Again, using the Lower Kern as an example, the variation in bottom depth and width is a result of naturally occurring rock / granite structures that are not subject to erosion. A tailwater channel in an area that would be eroded by higher flows would be protected with some variation of channel lining or riprap to prevent streambed erosion.

While the Lower Kern is subject to water manipulation to generate power as well as maintain minimal flow level for fish protection, other notable dams / tailwater's, such as Lees Ferry and Green River have their specific operating conditions. When efforts are made to enhance the fisheries, the results are impressive.

AntsYour SSFFC Fishing Book Aficionado

Fly of the Month: by Rob Buhler (clouserfreak)



Doc's Twin Lakes Special

By Bill "Doc" Randol

Following up another successful Kids Academy (huge thank you to Shane Goslin & Co.) we are going to tie a pattern that will be easy for beginners and fun for advanced tyers.

A somewhat unheralded pattern that hails from the eastern Sierra's, the Doc's Twin Lakes Special is a local favorite from retired veterinarian of Mammoth Lakes, Bill "Doc" Randol. Up to a couple of years ago you could still purchase some "Specials" hand tied by Doc himself in local fly shops (don't know if they're still available). Doc borrowed the marabou tail and chenille body from the classic Wooly Bugger, omitting the palmer hackle through the body, and added a soft hackle reminiscent of New Zealand's Matuka. Tied in the traditional Charles Brooks, "in the round" style, this versatile pattern can be tied in countless colors and size variations. Try it tied sparsely for a damselfly imitation, a bit beefier for fry and even thicker for dragonfly nymphs. Black Twin Lakes Specials work well for leeches, discolored water or low light conditions. Substitute "pearl" or "crystal" chenille for added attraction.

Take some time out for that proud Kids Academy grad or other youngster and have some fun with this easy yet productive fly. Tie some up, throw 'em in the box and go fishing!

Materials:

Hook: Streamer 3x long 8-12

Weight: .020 lead-free wire

Thread: Black

Tail: Marabou

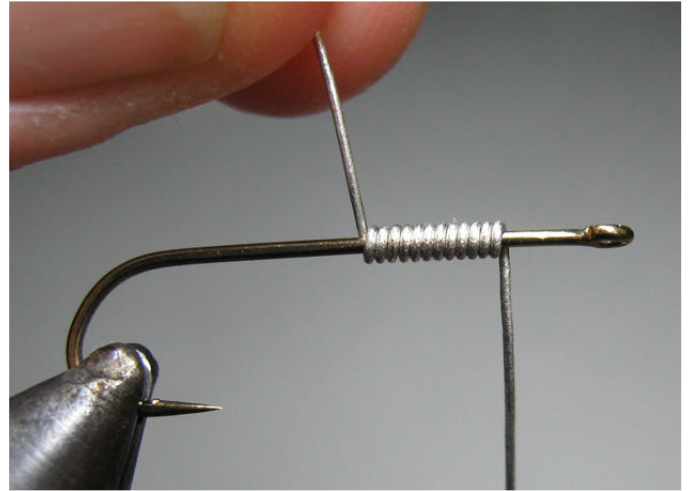
Flash: Pearl Krystal Flash

Body: Olive chenille and red chenille for the throat

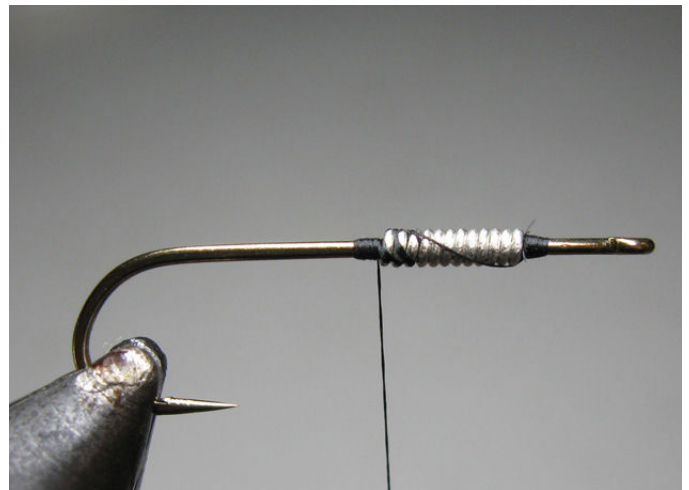
Hackle: Olive Grizzly Hen Saddle

(Indian Hen Saddle is a great substitute)

Tying Instructions:



1. Remove or smash barbs prior to inserting hook into the vise. Take 10-12 wraps of wire on the front/middle portion of the shank. Instead of cutting, hold wire and shank tightly with one hand and spin the excess wire with tension until it falls off. Repeat on other end.



2. Take a few thread wraps at the head of the wire and proceed to build a small "thread dam" with several more wraps. Move thread to the rear of the wire and repeat.



3. Select a marabou blood quill. Measure the tips to about the same length as the hook shank. Then align on top of the shank.



4. Switch the marabou to your material hand (left hand for right handed tyers), keeping the marabou aligned atop the shank. I like to trim the excess butts at this point, but you may tie in and trim later. Tie down marabou behind the wire and wrap toward the rear of the hook while keeping the material atop the shank by pulling up lightly as you proceed. Stop at the bend of the hook and take a few securing wraps to keep from spinning on the shank.



5. Select 2-3 strands of flash and attach to the side of the shank with a few wraps of thread. Repeat on the opposite side by either utilizing your rotating vise or inverting your hook.



6. Tie in a piece of chenille by the tip at the rear of the shank and move thread to the front portion of the wire wraps.



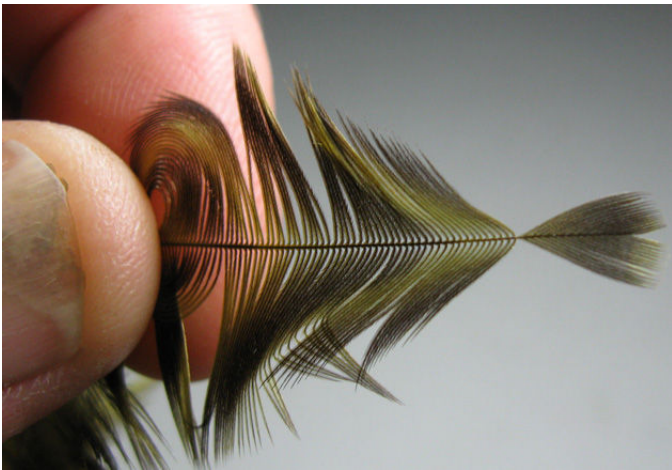
7. Wrap chenille forward, keeping the body smooth and even. Tie off at front portion of the wire wraps.



8. Repeat with only 1-2 wraps of red chenille. Remember to leave space directly behind the hook eye for the hackle tie in.



9. Select an appropriate sized hackle.



10. Prepare for tie in by stroking the fibers back away from the tip. Then trim the tip to appropriate size for tie in (not shown...sorry).

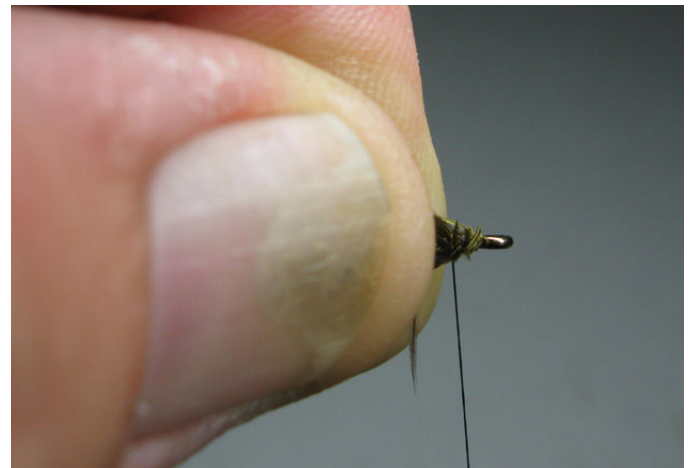


11. Tie the tip in at the space behind the eye with the concave side facing the fly. Wrap back to the

chenille with your thread. Then move thread forward to behind the hook eye.



12. Make 2-3 turns of hackle, tie off and trim excess. Don't worry if the hackle looks scraggly, we can fix that later. The hackle shown is a bit undersized for general purposes, but nice for damsel nymphs.



13. Stroke all fibers back with your material hand, being careful of the hook point. Wrap thread back over hackle fibers while holding in place to secure and orient toward the rear of the hook.



14. Complete a thread head if necessary, whip finish or half hitch and add head cement if desired.



15. Olive "crystal" Twin Lakes Special



16. Black "crystal" Twin Lakes Special

Rob

Tips & Techniques: by Ryan Buhler (ryan)

No report submitted this month.

Ryan

Message from the Editor: by Gary Silveira (CopperDropper)

Kids Academy and the Inter-Club Tourney, yep the fall is officially upon us! And personally, it's all wonderful news to me as the fall is my favorite time of year.

What's not to like about fall? For me it used to be hunting season, out of state for deer and waterfowl in the central

valley. But since being bitten by the fly fishing bug it's now my favorite time to be out on the river. It's time for the changing of the colors and cooler weather. That also translates into smaller crowds in the area to finding nobody else on your favorite stretch of the river. How magical is that? Wading in what seems like your own little piece of fly fishing paradise. Nothing else matters but your own personal thoughts and the sounds of the river and wind blowing through the trees. A little later into the season it gets even better when the river banks are carpeted with the falling leaves.

And a bonus to the beautiful surroundings is that fact that the changing of the seasons is not wasted on the trout either. They too sense these changes and start aggressively feeding in preparation for the upcoming winter. Now that's a bonus in anybody's book!

Whether its time spent on the water, enjoying a favorite cold weather beverage while sitting in front of the fireplace in the evening or getting together with family and friends for the upcoming holiday season, fall is a magical time of year for many.

I hope that whether or not fall is your personal favorite season, you are able to spend time on the river and enjoy what this wonderful area has to offer.

Yep, like I said before..... what's not to like about fall?

Tight Lines, *Gary*



Quotable Quotes

"I fish because fishing takes me to places where land is still as it has always been, and as long as such places still exist, there is hope for mankind.

I fish because fishing humbles a man, and humility is a rare virtue. But most of all, I fish because it makes me feel closer to myself."

~ Steve Raymond, *The Year of the Angler*, 1995 ~

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