



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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May 2010

Club Meeting

PLACE: Silliman Community Activity Center
6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
510- 742-4400

DATE: Wednesday, May 26, 2010

TIME: **6:30pm** (Note new time)

COMING EVENTS

Sat. May 8	CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
Wed. May 12	FLY TYING - 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School Room N-9
Sat. May 15	Kisler Ranch fish out and potluck BBQ. Contact Craig Gittings
Fridays	Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10am to 11:30am
Wed. May 19	Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30
Wed. May 26	CLUB MEETING –6:30pm Silliman Community Activity Center
Wed. June 2	Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am
Wed. June 2	BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School Room N-9
Wed. June 9	FLY TYING - 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School Room N-9
Sat. June 12	CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
Wed. June 16	Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am
Wed. June 23	CLUB MEETING –6:30pm Silliman Community Activity Center

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Members

The Newsletter will be coming out on the 15th of each month. Send your articles or information to the editor by the 12th of each month at maljdunn@earthlink.net.

BUDDING FLY FISHING WRITERS

Here is your chance to gain some experience writing about your fabulous fly fishing trips to places near and far. The club newsletter is seriously lacking in members written and photographic accounts of our fishouts. Of course you may not think a trip to Putah Creek is worthy of such notoriety, but remember, many members have never been there and would welcome a description of how your fishout went. And as for a trip to Alaska or Baja, a story of your adventure would be most appreciated. Send articles to the editor

NOTE FROM TREASURER, BILL PEAKES – Mission Peak Fly Angler's patches and pins are available from Bill at a nominal price. New members should have received either a pin or a patch when they joined; if not, call Bill Peakes

The President's Message

Want to talk about unsung hero's? I know one!

We all know a guy who is always there for the club: Whenever there is something that needs to be done, he is there, whenever a project needs support, he is there, if a program needs some one to make a long term commitment, he is there, when the club needs an officer, he is there. Who is this guy anyway? He is the one who does not make a lot of noise or commotion, he does not call attention to himself, he is not critical of the contributions of others, but when you need some one and he can help, he is there.

This was further evidenced on Thursday May 6th when several of us participated in the EBRPD Special needs kids fishing event at Shadow Cliffs, where this same guy jumped right in and participated along with Larry Dennis in conducting the kids casting game, then later that morning with the VA Veterans Nursing Convalescent patients fishing, we were about to leave for the day we found that the VFW leader of the Thursday veterans fishing event had been left with out any help to clean the 100+ fish those veterans caught, one more time, when someone was needed to help, he was there.

When it was learned that the Pleasanton Lions Club was not going to make breakfast and that we were not going to partake in the VA Potluck on Friday May 7th and he was asked about cooking for the Veterans Fly Fishing event once again, you guessed it, he was there.

This man is our Malcolm Dunn!

I know Malcolm as the newsletter editor will find this hard to publish; however I have Erny's word that he will!

Wayne Culp, President/Ken Brunskill



***** Video Library *****



MPFA Maintains a 200+ library for the benefit of its members and we need the help of every member to keep it available to the entire membership.



We ask that you check out a video (Honor system) and return it within 2-3 months, After the 2nd month the librarian will send the borrower an email or note reminding them that there is a video(s) checked out in their name.



After the 3rd month the librarian and/or the secretary will send a note asking for the video or \$40 to cover the purchase of its replacement. Thanks



Your Video Librarian
Pheo Truong



PEANUT BUTTER CUPS

Makes 36 cups

- 2 BAGS CHOCOLATE CHIPS EACH 11.5 OZ.
- 3/4 CUP OF BUTTER NO SUBSTITUTE
- 4 TABLESPOONS OF SHORTENING
- BUTTER FLAVORED STICKS
- 24 OZ OF CREAMY PEANUT BUTTER
- 2 TABLESPOONS OF POWDERED SUGAR
- 36 PAPER CUP CAKES INSERTS
- 6 TRAYS OF CUP CAKE BAKING PANS

START WITH A LARGE BOWL THAT WILL FIT INTO THE MICRO WAVE.

ADD HALF OF THE BUTTER THEN MELT ON LOW HEAT.

ADD HALF OF THE SHORTENING MELT ON LOW HEAT AND MIX.

ADD HALF OF THE CHOCOLATE MELT ON LOW HEAT AND MIX.

IF YOU GET IT TOO WARM IT WILL HARDEN QUICKLY.

ADD THE PAPER INSERTS TO THE TRAYS.

WITH A SMALL SPOON POUR THE MIX INTO THE CUPS. ONCE YOU HAVE ALL THE CUPS

FILLED IN YOUR TRAY, SHAKE THE TRAY IT WILL MAKE A NICE SMOOTH SURFACE.

NOW YOU NEED TO LET THEM COOL. HEAT THE PEANUT BUTTER IN THE MICROWAVE ON

LOW HEAT. ADD POWDERED SUGAR. WITH A SPOON POUR THE PEANUT BUTTER MIX ON

TOP OF THE CHOCOLATE. SHAKE THE TRAYS AGAIN TO SMOOTH OUT THE TOP,

ALLOW TO COOL. MAKE A SECOND BATCH OF CHOCOLATE. SHAKE THE TRAYS AGAIN TO

SMOOTH OUT THE TOP, ALLOW TO COOL. ONCE THEY COOL THEN YOU CAN STACK

THEM AND PLACE INTO ZIP LOCK BAGS AND PLACE THE CUPS INTO THE FREEZER

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting – May 5, 2010

President Wayne Culp brought the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Present were VP Ray Gauthier, Secretary Dean Lewis, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members: Frank Rodriquez, Malcolm Dunn and Marilu Sawyer and past President Craig Gittings.. Also present was August Abellar and Ken Brunskill..

Old Business:

- **Kistler Fishout – May 15:** Early arrivals need to leave a place for us to set up the tents, tables, cookers, etc. Last year early arrivals parked their cars in the set-up area so set-up was difficult. Also, if you bring stuff that we need for the setup, drop it off in the set-up area before you go fishing. We have 33 paid so far plus 10 scouts and a few adults. Malcolm is cooing ribs, sausage, and asparagus. Wayne is cooking up something too. Dean is bringing tables, Everyone bring your own chairs, water and drinks. Paper towels and garbage bags will be available. Craig thought he could round up utensils, but he will be out of town so bring your own just in case.
- **Silliman Center:** Craig will check on our contract for the last ½ of this year. If we can't get it signed soon, we will need to look for a new place. The new Fremont Bank at Decoto and Fremont Blvd is a possible site..
- **By-Law Changes:** The members approved the proposed By-Law changes at the last regular meeting. Dean will prepare a modified document and send it to the members via e-mail..

New Business:

- **Budget and Treasures Report:** The rest of the meeting was spent talking about budget items. Ken Brunskill requested \$20 for the Boy Scout Handbook as that was all he needed to cover the expense. Marilou gave him the \$20 as her donation to the cause. Bill moved, Ray seconded that we pay Malcolm for his expenses for food, etc at Kistler. Motion passed.

Stephen had a couple of organizations that he thought we should look at for a possible donation. Instead of sending the money through Trout Unlimited, we asked him to find the address of the organizations so that if we decide to donate, we can send it directly.

Dean brought up the fact that we don't really have a budget and suggested a budget plan for the club. He passed out a hypothetical budget that could be used at the first of each year. Set asides for all the programs and activities we support would appear on the budget. Example: We might set aside \$200 each for the year for "Project Healing Waters" and "Fly Tying". Ken or Gene, the person responsible for the program would be able to spend money, up to \$200 without coming to the Board for approval of every purchase or expense. Another example might be the meat at the Manzinita fishout, which we have supported for the last few years. In all, Dean came up with between 15 and 20 budget items including the Silliman Center, web site and our annual insurance. Three Board members volunteered to help Dean come up with the budget (Craig, Bill, Marilou). Lots of discussion on the matter.

Ray moved and Dean seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectively submitted:

Dean Lewis, Secretary.

Kistler Ranch May 2010

Boy Scouts of America Fly Fishing Merit Badge

For two consecutive Sundays several of our members gave the entire day to assisting eleven young men and one dad learn about and pass on our passion about Fly Fishing. The basics of this merit badge require the scouts to learn:

- How select and apply the, clothing, waders, vests and other gear associated with fly fishing.
- How to understand (read) the water they might encounter
- How to match a fly rod line & leader to obtain a balanced set up.
- How to tie the five (5) knots required to complete a set up from the reel to the fly.
- How, why & when to use Dry, Wet, Nymphs, Streamers & Bass Bug/ Poppers.
- How to Roll & Overhead cast
- What the regulations cover and why they were adopted.
- What good fly fishing etiquette is all about and how the outdoor code applies to fly fishing.
- Safety and first aid of fishing.

All culminating in our Kistler ranch trip where the scouts have a fairly good chance of connecting with a fish or two. The photo shows Chris Hanna who fished for a solid 10+ hrs and successfully landed fish this bass and a nice bluegill.

Thanks go to the following instructors (Class & Kistler):
Malcolm Dunn, Ed Huff, Mitch Matsumoto, Gene Kaczmarek, Larry Dennis,
Rich Lobrovich (I truly hope I am not leaving anyone off this list).

Ken Brunskill, MPFA Youth Chairman



Chris Hanna with his first fly caught fish



Looks like everyone is waiting for lunch

Conservation News

By Larry Dennis, May 2010

Fly Fishing is a little like praying – to be done right it must be done alone. Anon

New U.S. panel aims to unify smelt, salmon protection

Sacramento Bee-5/4/10

By Michael Doyle

The Obama administration on Monday set up a new task force to wrangle California water decisions, with long-term hopes of consolidating protections for smelt and salmon.

The new task force eventually envisions one unified environmental management plan assisting the fish species dependent upon the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Guided by an Interior Department veteran with considerable California experience, the task force has shorter-term goals, as well.

"(This will) ensure that we are coordinating to use state-of-the-art science and to find the best alternatives to protect both endangered fish and water supplies," Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said in a statement.

Salazar and his Commerce Department counterpart, Gary Locke, oversee the two federal agencies responsible for protection of the smelt and salmon. Under intense pressure from California lawmakers, both have been scrambling to free up more water and to show that they feel the state's pain.

The task force, and a unified environmental management plan, are supposed to address worries that federal agencies aren't properly coordinating their actions.

The Interior Department wrote one "biological opinion," spelling out protection measures for the Delta smelt. Separately, the Commerce Department wrote another biological opinion spelling out protection measures for steelhead and chinook salmon.

Last year, in part because of the environmental protections, farmers on the San Joaquin Valley's west side received only 10 percent of their normal water allocation. So far this year, officials have indicated farmers can expect at least 30 percent.

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein on Monday applauded the possibility of merging the Interior and Commerce department opinions, saying it "makes good common sense." The nonpartisan National Research Council, in a preliminary report issued in March, similarly cited the potential virtues of merging management plans.

"The lack of a systematic, well-framed overall analysis is a serious scientific deficiency," the council warned in March.

The new task force is supposed to come up with a list of "near-term actions" by May 30. By November, the task force will be looking at ways to integrate the Interior and Commerce department management plans with the state's Bay-Delta Conservation Plan.

The integrated biological opinion is expected to come out in early 2012.

"We welcome the federal effort," Lester Snow, California's secretary of natural resources, said in a statement.#

<http://www.sacbee.com/2010/05/04/2724644/new-us-panel-aims-to-unify-smelt.html>

1st Annual Fly Fishing for Veterans Day – Shadow Cliffs

I bet most if not all of you saw the article in the local paper about “Fly Fishing form of therapy for Veterans” that title pretty well describes what it means to all of us fly Fishermen as well, right?

It would be just plain wrong to not write up something for our Newsletter about how this came about and how so many fly fishermen came from Diablo Valley Fly Fishers, Peninsula Fly Fishers, Tracy Fly Fishers and Mission Peak Fly Anglers. They were:

Diablo Valley Fly Fishers: (5) *Plus funding for the event.*

Gerry Ng, John Rueff, Dan Johnson, Steve Hess & David Lipscomb

Peninsula Fly Fishers: (5) *Plus funding for the event.*

Homer Eaton, Barbara Stevens, Dave Peterson, John and Karen Margaroni, & Jose Lopez

Tracy Fly Fishers: (1) *Plus funding for the event.*

Steve Potter

Mission Peak Fly Anglers: (8) *Plus funding for the event*

Our President Wayne Culp, Gene Kaczmarek, Malcolm Dunn, Jan Van Zandt, Jim McGoff, Rich Lobrovich, Dave Fulthorpe, Cathy Sechrist & myself

A big THANK YOU goes to each and every one of them! This years event held at Shadow Cliffs saw us hosting about 20-25 veterans who all are undergoing some form of stress treatment within the VA medical system. These vets ranged in age and service from their late 20's and Iraq-Afghanistan deployment to in their 60s and Viet Nam deployment.

Last year several of us that volunteer at the VA hospital participated in a Thursday fishing event at Shadow Cliffs where we helped the veterans who live in the nursing convalescent unit called the CLC (Community Living Center) enjoy a day out doors, something they get very little of, where the fish they caught were then taken to the CLC for a potluck meal the next day Friday. We learned that the fish were stocked on Wednesday, the Special Needs Kids fished for them on Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 AM, then the veterans fished from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Nobody fished on Friday and then another group of Special Needs Kids fished on Saturday. After obtaining permission to see how the fish would react to a fly on Friday following the bait fishing event, Gene Kaczmarek & I went out and I tried several flies & Gene recorded the result, you probably can guess were this is leading.....

When the date of the Shadow Cliffs Event for this year was learned, EBRPD was contacted and an agreement was achieved to leave the nets up, so we could hold the Fly Fishing for Veterans Event, they were going to pull them Thursday as there was not going to be a Saturday event. Then with a bit more coordination we got a fee waiver for the Event, Parking and Fishing for the Veterans. Now we had a plan in place and we could start inviting veterans. When we looked at the population of veterans we worked with during our monthly visits to Livermore and Menlo Park we thought Oh maybe 10-12 and if we got to Shadow Cliffs early enough we could be done in time to make the potluck and we could all partake in that event. This year the VA staff at the CLC was worried about two things, having enough food, last year they ran short, and the impact of the age groups of the two populations might not work out. So it was determined that we do our own food event.

As the late Paul Harvey would say ‘Now for The Rest of The Story’.

The Pleasanton Lions Club have always been at Shadow Cliffs with their little trailer kitchen making breakfast for the kids, parents, teachers & volunteers participating at the Thursday and Saturday events. Well this year with a Thursday only event they naturally had only budgeted for the Thursday (Food & Volunteers). When approached about staying and preparing for Friday it turned out it was a day past their BOD meeting and too late to get them to make breakfast for this years event.

Enter Malcolm Dunn, when I asked him if he would be willing to cook breakfast and lunch – YES BREAKFAST & LUNCH! He did not bat an eye and said “sure I can do that!” Well that was such a huge relief knowing that this was something that required absolutely no more thought and that it was taken care of. Come Friday we all then watched in absolute wonder and amazement as Malcom in his quiet way guided Gerry Ng of DVFF, Jose Lopez of PFF, our Jim McGoff, Larry Dennis, Jan Van Zandt, and Ed Huff, cook up a fantastic Breakfast of Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage then cleaning up and making a Lunch of Hamburgers with all the fixings, Hot Dogs, plus Bacon & Fish for the 50+ veterans, VA staff & volunteers.

Those fish were not from a market and already cleaned, they were caught and cleaned the same day, so a big Kudo needs to go to Wayne Culp, Jim McGoff and Diana Van Konynenberg (New VA volunteer who also helped Cathy Sechrist with registration.), they cleaned the 33 fish the vets caught.

As I watched the volunteers work with the veterans and listened to the veterans or talked with them about how they were enjoying the day there was no doubt whatsoever about whether we ought to make this a tradition. All I encountered from the veterans, volunteers, and VA staff was smiles, and comments about what a great day and experience everyone was having. I pledge that I will do everything possible to see this become an annual event.

Ken Brunskill, Program Lead
Mission Peak Fly Anglers, Veteran Fly Fishing
Project Healing Waters, SF Bay Area

Monthly Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
May 26	Mark Cottrell	Stanislaus River
June 23	Jay Murakoshi	Baja
July 28	Casting night	Casting and Pizza Night

May Program

Mark Cottrell is a fly fishing guide from Sonora, Ca. He will speak on fly fishing the Stanislaus River from Kennedy Meadows to Oakdale. Mark grew up in the Burney, Ca. area fly fishing Hat Crk., the Pit River and other trout waters in N. Calif. He has tied commercially and taught fly tying for over 25 yrs. He has guided for 10years; both for the Mother Lode Fly Shop and independently.



Members of MPFA enjoying the shade



Dean resting after fishing hard all day

Annual Trout Bum Award

Starts Jan 1, 2010

Awarded by MPFA Board of Directors at December board meeting

Requirements: *AMPLIFICATION*

Candidates must:

Have fished 10 or more waters during the calendar year (no private pay to play waters) *This means that the general public have unrestricted access at all times, without any special fees to the waters fished*

Waters may be tributaries of any river or lakes domestic or international *Meaning any named stream, river, or section of river (As in Upper Sacramento R. or Lower Sacramento R. - would be two waters) in any country.*

Used fly fishing tackle only *Simply that!*

Have fished for trout (This is a Trout Bum Award) *Simply that!*
The award generally will go to the person who fly fished for trout in the most public waters

Have reported to the club and shown photos to the club at a regular meeting

Reporting means informing the membership-simple as that - Does not mean that the person must give a slide show presentation, just tell the club where you fished, how you did, what you used - show some pictures.

The purpose of the award is to encourage members to explore, fish as many new waters as they can, tell the membership about the experience there-fore encouraging others to do likewise.

Chairperson: Ken Brunskill

PROJECT HEALING WATERS Attention Mission Peak MembersPROJECT HEALING WATERS

Who would like to join us and be part of helping our veterans through this worthwhile program?

What you might ask is involved? It can be as little as a group of us going out to Livermore and and/or Palo Alto once a month to teach fly casting and fly tying to our wounded veterans. It could go as far as accompanying a group of veterans on a fishing trip to be their 'gillie' and personal assistant on that trip. I have made the initial contact at Livermore VA Nursing unit and their seems to be an interest, but I cannot do it alone.

I'd bet we can get funding help from the FFF, NCCFFF, the Elks Lodge, Kiwanis, VFW, and other service organizations, all we need to do is give a little of our own time to those who have given so much for us.

If interested please contact me, Thanks Ken Brunskill Email:steamntrout@comcast.net, Phone: 510.793.7913

Editorial

As editor of this newsletter I have the responsibility of controlling what articles are suitable for publication and edit if necessary. This month there are two articles I have no control on it's content. I had promise the authors of these articles that I would print them as written.

The fishout at Kistler Ranch was a complete success again. The food was excellent and the company was fantastic. I'm requesting that everyone who brought an item for the potluck send me their recipes and I will publish it in the newsletter so the members can continue to enjoy your special dishes.

Now that the weather is warming up maybe the fishing will warm up also. Until next month keep those lines tight and wiggling.

Malcolm Dunn, Editor

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
May 15	Kisler Ranch	Bass and Panfish	Craig Gittings	Saturday fishout and BBQ
May 22	American River	Shad	Ken Brunskill	
May 23	Lower Owens Float	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	Sierra Drifters Guide Service - \$395 per boat for 2 anglers
May	Burney Area	Trout	Wayne Culp	Weekday fishout
June	Yuba or American River	Shad	Jack Davis	Float Trip with Al Smatsky Excellent Adventures Dates available: 6/2, 6/3, 6/6
<u>June</u>	Davis Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
June 18-20	Manzanita Lake	Trout	Mark Kaharick	Potluck BBQ – Make your reservations now!
<u>June - July</u>	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O’Dark 30
Sept	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Wayne Culp	Camp Out
Sept 11 – Oct 5	Eastern Sierra Ramble	Trout	Ken Brunskill	Combined with Clark’s Fork fishout
Sept 11-12	Clark’s Fork	Trout	Bill Peakes	Potluck BBQ
Oct	Eagle Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
Oct 15-17	Eastern Sierra	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	

The above fishout calendar is tentative and subject to change. Always contact the fishmaster the week of the fishout to be notified of changes due to weather and unforeseen circumstances. Also check the newsletter for detailed information on fishing tackle, flies, directions and accommodations, as recommended by the fishmaster.

Note that only the fishouts shown in BOLD on this calendar are actually confirmed at this time; all others are tentative. The actual dates of wintertime fishouts are highly dependent upon the weather conditions and will be confirmed by the fishmaster the week of the fishout.

Your ideas for fishout locations are always welcomed by the club. Phone Jeff Lorelli @ 510-505-0136 to volunteer as a fishmaster. The qualifications for a fishmaster are that you have a place in mind, know how to get there, and would welcome some fishing companions. That is it, so sign up now!

Kistler Ranch Fishout May 15th

Kistler Ranch is a working ranch and youth camp located about 18 miles east of the Yosemite Ave 108/120 intersection in Oakdale. Traditionally, this fish out provides the angler the opportunity to target large mouth bass and blue gill. The fresh shoots of tules along the shoreline provides not only structure, but great spawning habitat for bass. The face of the dams and trees provide deeper water and blue gills. Small panfish poppers will work just fine for both bass and blue gill. For the angler that brings a float tube, deer hair poppers, Dahlberg divers and frog patterns will be the standard fare. Damsel and dragon fly nymphs work as well in the weedy areas close to shore. Below is an ariel map of the ranch along Highway 120

For those not familiar with Kistler Ranch, look for the ranch after you drop down the hilly area east of Oakdale along the divided highway. The ranch buildings are visible from the highway on your left. The left turn onto the property is before you pass the buildings themselves. If you miss the turn, there is a cut in the berm wall just past the ranch that will get you back on track. It is indicated as the road from the east on the north side of the Highway.

The club will provide BBQ ribs, Italian sausage, and asparagus prepared by Stephen and Wayne Culp. The club will provide paper plates, eating utensils and napkins. Otherwise, the remainder is pot luck. Bring folding chairs and if you have shade canopies, bring them. Water is not a bad idea to bring. Temps can be either cold or hot and dependent on the weather patterns for the weekend. The club normally assembles adjacent to the first pond on the left. We have exclusive trespass rights to the ponds along the road and directly behind the ranch buildings. The fourth pond to the far right is not included in the trespass permit, as it belongs to someone other than the Kistler’s. There is a fence protecting this pond from the cattle on the Kistler property. It is also to keep unsuspecting intruders as well. Know your trespass laws if you venture off the property.

The Two-Tone Stone Fly

By John Ryzanych

Building the Two-Tone Stone Fly will be a process familiar to anyone who has tied classic nymphs such as the Hare's Ear, Birds Nest or the Puyans AP. Like these patterns it uses dubbing furs to create a body that tapers up from hook bend to eye incorporating a contrasting feather or hair material to form the tail and wing case of the fly. However, the Two-Tone technique is different in that it uses a single piece of SOFTEX treated feather to form a skin over the entire body of the fly. Legs and tails are also sourced from the same feather to produce a consistent color character throughout the entire pattern. In fact, combining this technique with other patterns and materials such as pheasant tails, copper wire, peacock and bead heads can add new character to an old fly. For this example the three basic body parts of an aquatic insect will be constructed, but with a little practice and imagination one could use this technique to produce segmented bodies multiple wing cases and other enhanced body parts.

Tools and Materials:

There are only two materials and one tool unique to this pattern. All other materials and tools necessary to tie a nymph should be part of a basically stocked tying kit. Applying this technique to your favorite pattern is highly recommended.

Drying Surface - Any flat piece of smooth glazed, non-vitreous material such as a tile square, dinner plate or section of glass - beer or wine bottle - will do the job well as long as it is clean and dry.

Hackles - Any high quality domestic or cheap imported hackle exhibiting the color character and markings of the aquatic insect you are interested in reproducing. Select hackle size as you would for a dry fly and move one size up for standard nymphs, and two sizes for wider flies. SOFTEX - Clear, flexible body forming material.

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To get started:

- 1) Set hook in vise. Add four to five wraps of 0.030 lead wire in thorax area. Coat lead with drop of SOFTEX and allow to dry. This will anchor lead and allow thread to tie over the lead.
- 2) Tie thread in between lead and hook eye and continue wrapping back covering the hook and lead.
- 3) Select hackle that has been turned into a body skin as per instructions in story body. Remove four to eight loose barbs from same feather and tie them in as the tail.
- 4) Tie in wire for ribbing.
- 5) Tie in tip of body skin.
- 6) Select appropriate dubbing material a shade or two lighter than the treated feather or to match specific insect. Create tapered dubbed body up to base of lead wire. Stop thread here. and cut away. Body skin should be sticking 90° up from hook



- 7) Grasp body skin and pull over the dubbed body. Wrap down with ribbing wire tight enough to create a segmented look on skin. Stop wire at lead base, secure with thread and cut away. Body skin should be sticking 90 up from hook
- 8) Cut the section of body skin not treated with SOFTEX away from skin. This should be the thick section of the quill and the intact barbs should be loose. Tie in quill between lead and dubbed body so barbs are pointing to back of fly when laying flat.
- 9) Dub thorax section of fly and one to two wraps in front of lead. Pull thick quill section over dubbed thorax and tie down in front of lead to form legs. Trim excess quill.
- 10) Pull body skin over thorax section and tie down in front of lead. Continue tying over skin all the way up to the hook eye. Stop thread at hook eye. Body skin should be laying over and forward of the hook eye.
- 11) Dub a head section equal to or slightly larger than the thorax by dubbing back from hook eye to lead. Knot the thread at this point. Cut off so about a foot of thread remains hanging from the fly between the head and thorax.
- 12) Pull the body skin back over the dubbed head section. Folding it over a bodkin can help shape this into a clean forehead edge. Place two overhand loops of thread over the body skin in a clove hitch manner to secure the skin to the fly. Trim body skin over thorax section so it looks like a wing case.
- 13) Add a small drop of SOFTEX to the abdomen section of the fly so it coats the skin and ribbing wire. Repeat with thorax and head sections. Allow to dry.

For complete tying details see the June 2010 issue of California Fly Fisher

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