



Sea Runs and Turkey! Oh Boy!

November Program -

Steve Raymond



The Leader Line

By
Mike Trask

I normally write about where to fish; however, I would like to write about the prey we seek and provide a basic formula for improving your catching. I am new to fly fishing, and in the past four years I have met some great individuals who are talented casters, but were only average fishermen. However, I have met several individuals who are great in all aspects of fly fishing. I refer to these individuals as fish magnets because they have the ability to place the fly where the fish are, and they understand the environment and needs of the prey. All fish have the need to be true masters of their environment, and these needs will dictate their behavior.

It doesn't matter if it is a wild or hatchery raised fish—all fish have needs. Only the strongest and smartest survive the forces of nature such as: drought, seasonal runoff, temperature fluctuations, fire, floods, fishing pressure, spawning, and last but not least ... predators. All fish have the need to feed, and watching fish feed in a stream was one of the most valuable lessons that I ever learned. Watch the fish use the current flow to efficiently feed and then dart behind structures for protection. In most rivers or streams, the fish are only moving a few inches to obtain small morsels of food. In lakes and estuaries, they might have to travel to find food; however, security is still a very high priority, which will dictate where the fish will feed.

Fish feed in one of two ways: opportunistically or selectively. Basic opportunistically feeding is where the fish eats anything that comes its way. As an angler you will find this situation when there is no hatch or migrating prey. Nonselective feeding patterns can be difficult for an angler because there is no rhyme or reason for the feeding preferences. During these times

you must be willing to change fly patterns frequently because it is more difficult to trick the fish into taking your fly. Selective feeding occurs when there is a tremendous number of one particular food organisms available. For example, in streams it might be midge pupas, in lakes it might be damselfly nymphs, and in estuaries it might be seasonal shrimp. During these selective phases, fish key in on one particular food organism and ignore all the rest. I experienced this one spring day, when several hundred Coho and Cutthroat Trout were feeding close into the shore at Titlow Beach. No matter what bait fish pattern I used, I did not have a take. After two hours of fruitless casting, dejected I sat down on a log. Looking at the beach I noticed at the water edge little light pink shrimp. Shrimp when alive are not pink but tan or off white. Looking through my fly box, the only thing I had was a white woolly bugger. Using that for bait, it wasn't long before I was fighting a nice Coho. Understanding feeding fish might be the difference, because it only takes one hiccup in their instinct to land in a frying pan.

All fish have security needs, and once fry emerge they need immediate protection from the current or predators. For a short while they don't have the need to feed, but once they are large enough they will feed on just about any aquatic critter, including each other. Security is structure, such as: a downed tree, lily pads, weeds, boulders, undercut banks or deep drop offs. It allows a fish protection from the current and escape routes from predators. If you are fishing a stream and you're able to sight fish and the flow remains stable, you should find fish in the same lie, over and over again. This means you can catch a fish and release him and wait twenty minutes and catch him again. Because these lies provide food and security, fishing these types of lies will be very productive. There are three types of prime lies, feeding lies, shelter lies, and the combination lie which is the prime lie. A prime lie is an ideal spot for a fish because it provides food and shelter. A good place to start is protruding logs, where the substrate has been scoured, undercut banks, overhanging bushes and trees, weed beds with

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small openings, hearts of runs, and heavy foam or scum lines. Fishing these lies will normally produce a fish. The strongest and largest fish will take the best lies, and if they are spooked off their lie, another fish will quickly replace him.

Environmental conditions will affect fishing, because fish do not like it when it's too hot or too cold. Knowing fish morphology will help you identify environmental conditions that are best for the fish. Most fish also need oxygen in the water to breathe, which affects what depth they can be found at. As the temperature changes, so do the oxygen levels in the water. Small changes in the oxygen level will affect their feeding habits. I do not know if fish can tell the seasonal change; however, the fall is my favorite time to fish. It seems like the fish are trying to pack on a few more pounds before winter arrives. Knowing what the best environmental conditions for the body of water you are fishing will determine if your efforts will be fruitful. Having a thermometer in your fishing bag might make all the difference. On lakes and estuaries fish finders not only help you locate fish but inform you at what depth the fish are holding. Knowing the depths that are most comfortable for the fish will improve your catching. As the day progresses from sunrise to sunset these conditions change and having the

ability to make these changes will improve your fishing.

Spawning, the need to reproduce, is very strong in all species. Fish physically change when they enter spawning and most stop eating. However, they also become very territorial and will attack almost anything entering their spawning beds (redds). Spawning is very physically demanding on fish, and many do not survive. The need to spawn allows us to fish for salmon, steelhead, cutthroat, and other migrating fish. Knowing their life cycle will help to identify redds and other areas that will hold migrating fish.

Learning more about the species you are fishing for will help you be more productive and you will also enjoy fishing more. Learning how to read the water and finding the most productive area will improve your catch rate. Watching fish feed will help you identify what they are eating. Having the right fly or something that is very similar will improve your odds. Knowing the physiology of this fish you are targeting will also help. For example, knowing that the cones in the eyes of trout change very slowly, and by midday they are almost blind in shallow water. Knowing that they can see slightly better at depth will tell you how to target them. The more you learn the more productive you will be, and the more you will enjoy fishing.

PSFF NEWS

Our Next Meeting
Thursday, November 14th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.

November 2013 Program

Steve Raymond has been fishing the trout, steelhead and salmon waters of his native Pacific Northwest for more than 60 years, and has spent much of that time writing about it. He is author of nine fly-fishing books, most recently "Nervous Water: Variations on a Theme of Fly Fishing" (The Lyons Press, 2006), and his reviews of fly-fishing books have appeared in various publications for more than 40 years.

A veteran of 30 years as an editor and manager at The Seattle Times, Raymond also has been editor of two fly-fishing magazines, The Flyfisher and Fly Fishing in Salt Waters. He served as president of the Washington Fly Fishing Club, Western Vice President of the American Museum of Fly Fishing, and as an officer in the Federation of Fly Fishers, of which he is a charter and honorary life member.

Now retired, Raymond and his wife, Joan, make their home on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound.

IT'S A CONTEST!

How many times have you looked at the PSFF logo and thought "Man, that thing is butt ugly!" Well, now is your chance to put your artistic talents to the test. The Board of Directors has agreed to update our club logo with your help. Submit your finished artwork by the December meeting.

Contest Guidelines

Artwork must be no larger than 8"x10" and no smaller than 4"x6"

Black and white and color submissions are acceptable

All submissions become property of PSFF to use as deemed fit

Winning entry will be determined by membership vote no later than February, 2014 meeting

Multiple submissions per member are encouraged

All entries must include name and contact information

Contest open to PSFF members in good standing only

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries.

NOTE: Professional art skills not required. If your design has what it takes to be a winner, the BOD will have the winning design professionally rendered by a graphic artist

FFF EVENTS



FFF Events in 2013

None

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Fishing Report
provided by
The Gig Harbor Fly Shop

Ahh yes, November. Typically, by November, the last fleeting reminders of summer have long disappeared and even fall can seem to be in the rearview as winter-like conditions appear with greater frequency. Often, our attention begins to turn to the Holiday season and all that entails. For many, fishing may take a back seat during this time of year. But for the dedicated angler, there is still some excellent fishing to be had.

Don't discount the opportunity to continue picking up cutthroat from the beaches. Authors like Doug Rose and others have long extolled the virtues that early winter cutthroat can provide. It may be a case of quality over quantity, with less fish landed but some real dandies brought to hand. At the very least, you are more likely to have your spot to yourself as the crowds have thinned. It may also be worthwhile to look around for resident silvers, but these fish are likely to be smallish this early.

Of course, one of the primary reasons the crowds may have thinned is because folks are stacked up at the well known chum spots. And for good reason. Chum are ultra fun to catch on the fly rod and offer many newer anglers their first shot at "big fish." Like many other salmon fisheries, don't expect a lot of solitude at the well-known spots but for those willing to explore you can still find some less-pressured spots near creeks receiving chum runs. Chums and silvers should also be available in certain river systems.

For stillwater fans, Pass and Lone lakes can be good options for those willing to brave the diminishing water temps.

And finally, the first hatchery steelhead should begin to make their appearance. While not likely high in numbers, these are generally unmolested fish and you may find some willing players long before most others are thinking about steelhead.

Oh yeah... there is always fly tying on those days its just too gnarly to get out. We'll be doing some tying hang-outs and get-togethers down at the shop during the course of the winter.

Best of luck out there!

-James Harrington

Upcoming Outings

Case Inlet Fall SRC Outing Nov 2

Fall is fast approaching and its SRC time again. This is one of the best times of the year to catch SRC in the South Sound.

For those of you who have never attended this club outing here's a little of what we do:

We meet for Breakfast in Allyn at 08:00 at the Boat House Grill. Also known as Leonard K's. We will have a fly swap at that time for those that want to contribute to the drawing. SRC flies of course. For those of you wishing to go with someone who has a boat please go to our Yahoo site and ask if anyone has an open seat.

After fishing around 2-3 pm we will meet back at The Grill for lunch, refreshments and storytelling. If weather is really bad this could be 10 am.

If you prefer to beach fish there's several beaches close by.

I will have a signup sheet at the Oct meeting.

Date: 11/2/13
Place: Allyn, WA
Time: 08:00-15:00

This one's still "up in the air", but:

Terry and I are also working on the details for a new SRC outing this fall. We will be working out the details and discussing it at the November(?) Meeting.

What we know as of today.

Fresh water.

No Boat fishing. All fishing will be done from shore.

Time: November(?)

River fishing.

Walk-in access. Yes

Location: South Sound.

SRC 18-19" are common. (From a reliable source).

Breakfast at the Evergreen Truck Stop Restaurant at Lacey before fishing.

Terry Sanchez, Outing Chair Person.

Dan Carlton, Just a Fisherperson

Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

by Mike Clancy, Co-Director

It all started with idea of the founder, Dick Nye, a retired Tacoma middle school music teacher. Preparations for the Academy started in 2002 with Dick attending a youth camp, the nationally acclaimed, award winning Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp in Boiling Springs, PA. After 2 years of preparation, Dick conducted the first Academy on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. at the Gwinwood Christian Community Center in 2004.

The Academy is sponsored by The Washington Council of TU, The Washington State Council of the IFFF, hosted by The Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma, Olympia Chapter of TU and the South Sound Fly Fishers of Olympia.

Dick Nye retired after the 2009 Academy. Jim Brosio and I took over the responsibility of The Academy with our first challenge for the 2010 Academy. With the financial support of the Washington TU Chapters, the IFFF Fly Fishing Clubs, corporate and individual sponsors, we gave it our best and it worked. In all the years that Jim and I have been co-directors, we have been assisted by at least 50 volunteers, during the week of the Academy. Without the support of the groups I mentioned, this Academy would not happen. Ron Smorynski, TU/SSFF, has been involved since the very first Academy in 2004.

The curriculum is structured to provide students with a background in environmental science and includes lessons in ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, invasive species, watersheds, fish biology and behavior. Students also learn the skill of fly fishing, including fly tying, casting by CCI's, knot tying, stream side ethics and water safety. The Academy is for boys and girls, 12-16 years old. All equipment is supplied, tuition is still \$275, however; no one will be turned away because of money. Each applicant needs to write an essay, explaining why they would like to attend and a letter of recommendation from their school science teacher or counselor. The Academy for 2014 will be June 22-28 at The Gwinwood Center, on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA.

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Out of the Salt and into the Pan

by Steve Saville

Not too long back, while I was surfing one of the forums I belong to, I ran across a post by a fellow who was questioning whether or not he should purchase a pair of waders for fishing the Sound and other locations. My first reaction was, "this must be a joke. Is this guy really crazy enough to wet wade Puget Sound? This must be the Northwest socks and sandal guy from the T.V. commercials." Then I started thinking about it and remembered seeing people during the Pink Salmon runs that had actually done this. It doesn't change my question a bit. Hypothermia is nothing to fool around with, but as I started thinking about equipment, essential equipment, that's where I would have begun after a rod and reel of some type. People will do what they will do and there are plenty of times and places where "wet wading" can not only be a necessity but also might be desirable.

That got me thinking some more about essential equipment beyond the initial rod and reel. If I had to choose a single piece of equipment other than the obvious tackle, I would choose a stripping basket as maybe the most essential piece I use while wandering the beaches. There is a strong case for my choice. There are so many reasons why one would use one.

To begin with, line management is an important factor in successful fly fishing. We all know that. But while fishing the salt, it becomes more important because of water conditions. Most often, the tide is moving and line tends to drift one way or the other while collecting bits of seaweed all along the length of the line. If not cleaned off, it clogs the guides, slaps you in the face, and creates all sorts of other uncomfortable, slimy problems. Sometimes, it tangles up in a piece of driftwood or around and through a nasty jellyfish. The tide and wave action move back and forth, tangling and knotting the line and creating down time that could be more useful catching fish. Expensive lines can catch on sharp rocks and barnacles, tearing the coating and rendering the line useless for future trips. Sometimes this can go unnoticed until the line breaks under the weight of a hefty fish.

Getting hold of a stripping basket can be as easy or hard as you want to make it. There are commercially sold baskets from Orvis, William & Joseph, Linecurve, and others ranging in price from just over thirty dollars to more than eighty. It can be a hassle finding the right one and they are pricey but you can also make one pretty easily for as little a layout as

ten bucks. An old household dishpan and bungee cord will do the trick as long as it's comfortable. I've seen patterns for some pretty slick ones made from a child's stool from IKEA, also made for less than ten dollars, as well as a myriad of other concoctions that fill the bill.

One should think about the specific use of the basket while making the selection. By that I mean whether it is to be used primarily for beach fishing, in a boat, or on the river. Yes, there are applications for all and choosing the right basket can enhance the experience. Will it have cones or other devices to separate the line coils? How about drain holes? How big; Rigid or collapsible? I like rigid because it can make a nice pillow if I need to take a snooze in the afternoon, along the beach. It has cones to keep the line coils separated and convenient grooves to hold my rod should I need to change a fly. I can lay a fly box in the bottom without losing a fly or the box, and I can stand a coffee cup up in the corner while I take a break. There are so many uses.

One thing that remains true, however, is that the stripping basket is a very essential part of your fishing gear. They are like everything else you choose to make your favourite activity a quality experience. Make a wise choice. Borrow some different types from friends so you can make an educated decision.

Oh yea! A fellow on Washington Fly Fishing posted this great idea. Thanks FLY Flicker! What a great idea! Cheers everybody.



PSFF Boater Safety Course

On November 23rd, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, we have organized a private boater safety class for our members. The class will be conducted by members of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and will be held at the Sportsman's Warehouse in Puyallup. This all day class costs \$25, which covers a text book, numerous handouts, and a final exam.

So you may be asking yourself, "Exactly who will benefit from attending this class?" The short answer is "everyone". Even if you don't own a boat you will benefit by attending this class. I know as a boat owner I would love to have everyone that goes out with me to know basic boat safety! Plus the State of Washington says that if you are under 60 years old you are required to have a Washington Boater Safety Card to operate any watercraft with a motor larger than 10 HP. So if you have a spouse, child, or grandchild that you take out boating it would be beneficial to have them take this course. And finally, if you are over 60 years old or if you already have a WA Boater Safety Card (like I do) it is still important to get a refresher on boat safety!

I specifically organized this class to help club members that need to get a Washington Boaters Education Card but as I mentioned above this class will benefit everyone. If you need a WA Boaters Education Card, a copy of the course Certificate will need to be sent in with your application and \$10 to WA Parks to receive your lifetime Washington Boaters Education Card. A few final points. If you want to share your text book with a family member or friend, the class cost for that member is reduced to \$15. Also if you don't need a WA Boaters Education Card, you will not need to take the final exam!

If you have any questions about this class email me at gene.jackson@comcast.net or give me a call at 253-31-8818.

Hope to see you in class!

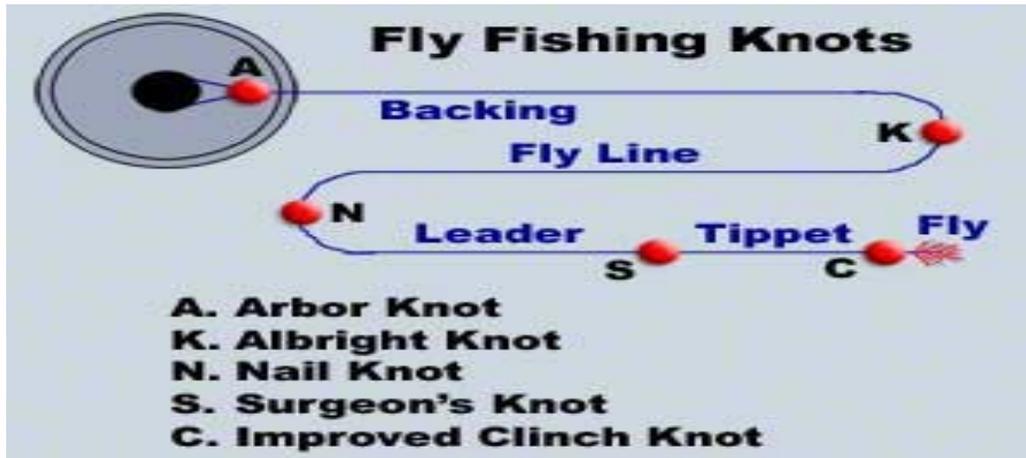
EDUCATION

We have not had a knot tying class in over a year, so with all the new members and some of the "more established" ones, now is a good time for all of us to review our tying techniques. Everyone has lost a fish because of a knot; this could be because of using the wrong knot or because you are not tying correctly. Saturday, December 7th @ 9:00am in one of the Tower Lanes conference rooms, we will review the best knots for several different situations and practice efficient tying. A sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting or you can contact me by phone – 253-265-3870 – or e-mail – jmbrett99@yahoo.com. Tying the wrong knot is not fun, so plan on adding this class to your calendar and remember to bring an appetite for lunch after the meeting.

(more information on the next page)

Knot Tying Workshop December 7, 2013

Tower Lanes, Tacoma 9am-noon



Knots we will be tying at this workshop:

Backing to Fly Reel / Arbor Knot

Backing to Fly Line / Albright Knot / Nail Knot / Surgeons Loop

Fly Line to Leader / Nail Knot / Loop to Loop via Perfection Loop / Blood Knot

Leader Construction / Surgeon's Knot / Barrel or Blood Knot

Leader to Tippet / Surgeon's Knot

Tippet to Fly / Improved Clinch Knot / Bowline Loop / Non-slip loop Knot/ San Diego Jam Knot

Additional Knots you may choose;

Fish 'n' Fool Knot (Google Knot Wars) / Duncan Loop Knot

Suggested web sites to visit to further your understanding of knots;

Animated Knots

<http://www.animatedknots.com/indexfishing.php>

Fly Fishing Knots;

<http://killroys.com/knots/>

<http://hookflyfishing.com>

<http://the.jump.net/>

<http://orvis.com/knots>

http://www.netknots.com/html/fishing_knots.html

Leader Construction

<http://www.flyfishusa.com/tackle-tips/leaders/about-leaders.html>

Knot tying books;

Guide to Fly Fishing Knots, Larry V. Notley, 1999, Frank Amato Publications, Inc.

Practical Fishing Knots, Mark Sosin and Lefty Kreh, 1991, The Lyons Press

Essential Knots and Rigs for Trout, Joe Mahler, 2010 Stackpole Books

Packaged fly line often has an insert showing how to tie your line to your reel through the terminal tying. (Rio and Scientific Anglers specifically). Keep it in your vest or gear bag.

HOT SCOOP

Classifieds

William Joseph Confluence vest for sale.
Lightly used with:

- great magnetic catches
- tippet dispenser
- twin zingers
- interior fly patch
- 4 compartments
- 5 pockets
- large back pouch for extra reels, lunch, etc.

New \$130, yours for \$100.
Mike Koslosky
253-514-8754

New Members

Kevin Gray

Steve Knowles

Thomas LaGrow

Mike Saville

Dike Yunker

Welcome!

Library Report By Galen Hansen

First...let me apologize for the lack of a library at the October meeting. Gordon Myers had emailed me that he would be unable to attend; I told him not to worry, that I would be able to handle it. On Friday morning, the 10th of October, I looked at the calendar and realized I had totally spaced the meeting. Many thanks to John Brett for accepting returned items and getting them to me at my home a few days later. They have all been checked in and anything that was due in October has been given a one month grace period. However, there are a few items that were due prior to October so check the following.

After my check of the library records, I see that there are 10 items that are overdue. I have emailed each of you that have the items out, requesting you return them at the next meeting. Always hand the cards at checkout, to me or my assistant so we can ensure that they are filled out correctly. Remember...the date to put on the card is in the form mm/yy. If you put on month and day, we may be hitting you up for a book that we think is years overdue because the date is entered wrong.

If there is additional material that you would like to see added to our inventory, please drop me a line, or let me know at the meetings what you think would be a good addition to the library. My email addresses are galen1943@gmail.com and galen1943@yahoo.com. Gordon Myers email address is gemy-ers50@msn.com.

A reminder...only club members that are current on their dues are eligible to check out materials from the library. Only 3 items may be checked out at one time.

I would appreciate help setting the library up before each meeting. Frequently the clubs storage closet is blocked by bowling alley materials and accessing it is a problem. Since we are not charged for the space we utilize, we can't complain to Tower Lanes and I, for one, very much appreciate all the do for us. So...if some of you that are early arrivals at the meetings would give me a hand, I would be very appreciative.



PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -
Easy on the eyes

A lot of tiers make their own fly eyes from mono line. It's sometimes hard to find small quantities of larger diameter mono without buying a whole spool. It's also a tedious process to melt the ends and then color those ends with paint or other colorant. Next time you're in the local Wally's check out the 'Hair Care' aisle. Look for a cheap hair brush that has mono bristles with the ends melted into round bulbs and already colored. I've seen black, red, yellow, blue and other colors. There is several hundred of these 'eyes' on a brush. Usually \$7.00 or less.

RAFFLE NEWS

Raffle Squares, drawing when all squares sold:

TIOGA deluxe PONTOON BOAT

- value \$500.00 \$4.00 per square / 50% sold

FLYCASTING Course, River Run Anglers

6 x 2 hour classes \$ 2.50 per square

JACK MITCHELL & THE EVENING HATCH

(more info coming) \$20.00 per square

TFO NXT series, rod/reel combo

4 pc, 9 ft, 5-6 wt + carry case

- value \$200 \$1.00 square 80% sold

Raffle Gear, 6 tickets & a cookie for \$ 5

drawing mid meeting,

great Christmas present ideas for your favorites

book "Orvis beginning fly fishing" - easy instructions with great illustrations

fly box with steelhead & woolly buggers

waist pack, pockets, large capacity by 'Recycled Waders' + temperature gauge

selection of tagged flies by our own Ned, PJ, Paul F, Dan C, Gordon, Galen, Gus, John B, Mike K, Terry, Jim M, Dave A, Bob W, Steve S, Thomas, Dennis E

Cabelas boot foot Bib Waders, youth size 6 with Caddis wader belt, boxed

Fly of The Month

Credit to FFF Website

It is with sad heart that we must report Bob Bates, longtime producer of the Fly of the Month, passed away on October 16, 2013. We pay tribute to Bob and all of his work he did to promote fly tying and the sport of fly fishing. If you would like to read more about Bob, please click the picture below.



Fly of the Month was produced by Bob Bates, a longtime Federator, serving the Washington Council of the IFFF.

Robert C. Bates, age 83, passed away peacefully at home on October 16th, 2013. He was born April 15th, 1930 in San Francisco to Beda Marie Stone and Thomas J. Bates. Robert married his wife of 53 years, Dora (Greenly), and they lived in Spokane while raising their three children: Hilary Bates, Felicia Bates and Eugene Bates.

Bob was a life long member of the IFFF where he served as editor of the "Fly of the Month". Bob was the 2013 recipient of the Dick Nelson Fly Tying Teaching Award. Bob was a gentle and kind teacher and relished the opportunity to share with people of all ages, especially children. Bob loved the Federation and especially enjoyed the recent International Fly Fishing Fair in West Yellowstone. Even though, in his words "the air was a little too thin in West Yellowstone" he enjoyed the time he spent with his Federation friends. We were all blessed to spend time with Bob at the president's awards dinner.

Bob was a mining engineer, graduating from the University of California-Berkley in 1955. Later he received two masters degrees in engineering and mathematics. At Gonzaga University he was at the forefront of the computing age and was the first student to be allowed to use FORTRAN to fulfill his foreign language degree requirements. He used his computing skills to serve the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club and Washington Council IFFF as newsletter editor and web master.

Bob served his country in the Korean War and was stationed in the Philippines as a survey engineer for the U.S. Army. Bob moved his family to Spokane in 1964, and took a position with the Bureau of Mines. Bob took up snow skiing after retiring from the Bureau of Mines in 1988. He loved to ski and served as a ski instructor and the ski school director at Mt. Spokane. He was a volunteer at the Little Spokane River Fish Hatchery, where he guided hundreds of guest through the facility and the hatchery process.

Bob's main passion was fly fishing. He spent many of his early years fishing alpine lakes with his family in the

Colorado Rockies. He received many awards for teaching and community service. Bob was considered one of the early pioneers of steelhead fishing in the Pacific Northwest, particularly on the Grand Ronde. He loved fishing all waters and, with age, his passion turned to still water. He spent many days fishing Amber, Medical, Coffee Pot and Silver lakes where he loved to test his special fly ties.

He is survived by his children, Hilary, Felicia and Eugene, daughter-in-law Leora Bates and his grandchildren Forest, Madison, Sierra and Melissa. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Dora. He was a caring and loving man and we will all miss him.

Len Zickler

DOC'S MAYFLY



Published by Bob Bates Federation of Fly Fishers- Washington Council

Opening Comments

Jeremy Gilbertson from Billings, MT tied this pattern at the 2011 FFF Fly Fishing Fair in West Yellowstone, Montana. He tied it to be a durable all-day fly, which guides like because they do not have to keep changing a guest's fly. He fishes it on the Missouri and Bighorn rivers where there are a lot of fish to catch if you know how to do it. If you are lucky, or very skillful you might even play with some of those big browns that lurk there.

Besides being an all-day fly it is also an all season fly. Jeremy uses it to imitate a female *Baetis*, size 18, in the spring, a PMD, sizes 16-14, in the summer and a *Pseudocloeon*, size 20, in the fall. The tying steps are the same for all sizes. (If the fancy names scare you just think in terms of a reasonable mayfly, 14, a smallish mayfly, 18, and a tiny mayfly, 20.) You can talk to someone who knows the river and the hatches to identify what fly to use.

Fishing the Missouri and Bighorn rivers will give you all kinds of water challenges. I fished both rivers with some degree of success. However, when you hook into something it is a lot of fun. Be prepared with floating and sink tip fly lines. There were times on the Bighorn when 200 very fussy fish were rising below me. If you are wondering where the name came from: "Doc" was Jeremy's nickname in his younger days.

Materials list

Hook: Tiemco 2488H, size 16 size for PMD

Thread: Light Cahill, 6/0

Tail: Brown dry fly hackle

Wingcase/ abdomen: Rainy's nymph stretch or scud back

Thorax/legs: Goose CDC

Tying steps



Step 1

Make a thread base from the eye to hook point.



Step 2

Pull a few fibers from a brown dry fly hackle. Try to keep the tips even. Secure fibers to hook, and wind thread rearward to behind the barb. Wind thread to eye, trim excess hackle barbs, and return to point of hook.



Step 3

Tie on a piece of nymph stretch or scud back. Leave a little excess in front and back. Wind thread rearward a little. This is the first segment. Now you are going to build two more segments with the thread.



Step 4

Hold the rear tag and spiral the thread rearward about the width of the first segment. Wind rearward over the tag to produce another segment. Stop winding rearward before you cover the tail tie down. Spiral the thread forward to front of first segment. Trim rear tag now if you wish. Pick up the front tag and wind thread on shank to a little in front of point.



Step 5

Wind thread forward over the front tag to make another segment equal to or slightly bigger the first segment. Fold the front tag back. If you are a goose hunter or have friends who hunt you can complete this step with goose CDC, otherwise substitute duck CDC. Spin CDC loosely on tying thread. Wind the dubbing and thread forward to behind eye. Some say that it is the bubbles that CDC attracts that interests the fish. But CDC moves easily in the water, and that might be what attracts fish.



Step 6

Pull front tag forward and secure behind hook eye and trim. Complete the fly with a whip finish. Pick out the CDC for legs. Trim CDC under fly.



Step 7

Top view of fly shows the segmentation and nice legs.

Closing Comments

This is a little different method of tying a fly. All of the segments are made with thread alternately hiding and exposing the nymph stretch material. Keep close eye on location of the thread so you can make the segments look good. Tie up a few and try them out. Start with the largest hook size and work to the smallest.

Credit FFF Website or FFF Clubwire with any use of the pattern.
You can direct any questions or comments to FOM at flyofthemonth@fedflyfishers.org.

PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 PSFF MTG	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 PSFF BD MTG	22	23 Boating Safe- ty class
24	25	26 Newsletter deadline 5PM	27	28	29	30

December 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Knot tying workshop
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Puget Sound Flyfishers

Club was founded in 1956 and has a long and proud history of involvement, action, camaraderie, and fun. The club's website is located at www.psff.org

Aims and Purposes of the Club are:

1. To improve and encourage the sport of flyfishing by social, educational and political means.
2. To encourage flyfishing and other selective fishing techniques as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
3. To encourage the conservation, enhancement of sport fishing.
4. To promote "Sportsmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
5. To aid in the eradication of pollution and other practices destructive to fisheries.
6. To actively assist and encourage the public to become flyfishers, and to adopt the club's philosophies.

General Membership Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except August). These meetings are for social, entertainment and educational purposes.

Educational Activities: The club offers classes and

instruction in fly fishing, fly-tying, fly-casting and rod building. The club has an extensive library of books and videos. The club sponsors an annual Spring Clinic to promote flyfishing.

Outings: The club organizes monthly outings to various lakes, rivers, and estuaries. Experienced gillies provide expert information and instruction on how, when and where to fish.

Conservation Activities: The club has a long and proud history of encouraging flyfishing (and other selective fishing techniques) as a means of conserving and increasing fishing opportunities. The club is active in many of the important conservation issues of the day and in helping to fund local conservation projects.

Membership / Dues: Membership is open to anyone 18 or over. Dues are \$40 (Family \$60) per year plus a one time (\$10 Initiation Fee) per member.

Affiliations: The club is an active member of the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers

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Once you are a member of Yahoo look at the top of the Yahoo page and find the search box. Enter PSFF in the box and press the 'Search' button. There will be a number of results as PSFF is used by several entities.

Scroll down though the list until you find Puget Sound Fly Fishers. Select the Puget Sound Fly Fishers and Yahoo will take you to the group site. You will notice a small box that asks you if you want to join the PSFF group. Select (yes.)

Another page will open up seeking your sign in information for the PSFF group. This information is separate from the information you entered for Yahoo itself. There will be a box for you to enter a short message telling the moderators why you want to join and basically who you are. Again you will be asked to select an email address where the PSFF group messages are sent.

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