

For The Love Of Fishing

Steve Bocks

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For our November Spotlight/Featured Tyer I will be bringing someone new to our front table camera. If you fish, especially in Montana or Colorado, the flies that will be demonstrated will cause the following symptoms: "Joy, Excitement, and Many Tight Lines." That tyer will be none other than Steve Bocks!

Here is the fishing report on our Spotlight/Featured Tyer: Steve Bocks is our Corresponding Secretary for the Michigan Fly Fishing Club and has served on the Board in other positions. He has been fishing his whole life and fly fishing for over 35 years. He considers one of his greatest blessings in life to be growing up in a family that enjoyed spending time outdoors in the woods and on the water. He will confess he is a diehard dry fly fisherman, although he has been known to tie on a nymph or two at times. Steve considers Bob Smock and Rusty Gates his mentors in fly tying and the knowledge he gained from their friendship an inspiration in developing his original patterns. Steve mentions he is blessed to have a family (Linda & Alek and his brother Bill) that also enjoy his passion for the sport. Having a brother in Colorado also allows him to travel west to explore some of the best

SB Flashback Midge



HOOK: *Daiichi 1130 Scud Hook*
BEAD: *5/64 Tungsten Nickel Black*
THREAD: *Black 140 Denier or 6/0 Thread*
WIRE: *Fine Silver*
THORAX: *Peacock Herl*
WING CASING: *Pearl Flash Tinsel*

rivers on the planet, although he will admit the AuSable is his home water.

The two flies he will be bringing us, are patterns that he developed for the Bighorn River in Montana. Both patterns are bead head nymphs and can be fished on a two-fly nymph rig or a dropper off a dry fly.

So if you want to tie two amazing fly patterns, bring your vises, tools, note taking material and get your bobbins ready to sling along with Steve Bocks!



HOOK: *Daiichi 1130 Scud Hook*
BEAD: *5/64 Tungsten Nickel Black*
THREAD: *Black 140 Denier or 6/0*
BODY: *Goose Quill dyed Dark Hendrickson*
THORAX: *UV Ice Dub Orange*
TAIL: *Sparkle Flash*
WING CASING: *Pearl Flash Tinsel*

