

## Featured Tyer for September

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With summer ending soon, and the leaves changing, this is usually a good sign that the Lunker Bass (Smallmouth or Largemouth) will be starting their major feeding frenzy to get ready for the long, cold winter. With this knowledge, our featured tyer for September will be demonstrating a unique fly for those huge dancing creatures of lakes and the rivers!

Master tyer and fly designer Jim Weakland, will feature his weaving of flies; Jim has created many deadly fly patterns. The fly is one of the newest creations to come out of his fly tying lair, called "The Ava," named after his granddaughter.

"The Ava" is probably one of the deadliest bass patterns I have seen in a long time. I fish with Jim; watching him pull in bass after bass with this fly just left me speechless on one of our kayak fishing trips this year. It is a pattern that, as you strip and pause, the fly dives, comes up to float, and then dives again (sort of like a wounded minnow).

If you are fishing for bass, and want a new deadly fly; bring your tying vise and tools, and get ready to tie one on at our September 24<sup>th</sup> activity meeting. Tight lines and snazzy flies.

### The Ava

Tied & Created by Jim Weakland

**Hook:** 37160 Mustad or Gamakatsu C124 - Sizes vary

**Thread:** 140 Denier – 6/0 color to coordinate with materials

**Tail:** Small amount of Marabou or Flashabou – any colors

**Body:** Flashabou (wrap around the hook shank)

**Wing:** 2mm Close Cell Foam – ½" or ¾" inch strip

**Legs:** Round Rubber Legs or Silicone Skirt Material

**Head:** Dubbing - over and around rubber legs to form head

