



Michigan Fly Fishing Club

Tyer Of The Month

Todd Schotts

By Todd Schotts

For the October Activity meeting we will be rattling and rolling with our Featured/Spotlight Tyer as he brings us his version of a Rattling Gurgler, and if we have time, a surprise second fly maybe tied; the Tyer would be none other than our own Todd Schotts.

Todd is an active club member. He participates in our various outings and also volunteers his services to various club functions. He writes the "Fly Of The Month" for our club Newsletter. Todd has a Production Fly Tying Company, "Grizzly Flies by Schottsie," and supplies his flies to Red Fox Outfitters in Fenton along with the Painted Trout in Dexter. During the winter you can catch him tying at various fly fishing shows across the Midwest and tying at Cabela's in their featured tying Saturdays in Dundee and Grand Rapids.

Two of his different flies appear in two different articles: Eastern Fly Fishing magazine (2015) and this past spring in Fly Fusion Magazine (2017).

The fly Todd will bring us will be one of his favorite bass flies that he enhanced from the classic fly, the Gartside Gurgler. The changes are very pronounced as is the way it moves through the water when stripped. It is tremendous with the flat front on the fly, plus the addition of the rattle adds sound to this fly, and not to forget the pink indicator that makes it easy to see in any light condition.

When fishing this fly, "Give me Lilly Pads or "Give me weed beds." Find holes, open pockets in Lilley Pads...do some small strips and stop, then repeat. Or another way is to do a steady strip, stop and repeat along the edge of Lilly Pads or weed beds. Either way, you will draw attention from the inhabitants of the waters below.

So if you want to tie an effective fly to cast to either those dancing bucketmouths or bronzebacks in lakes or rivers than bring be ready to sling some bobbins at the October activity meeting.



HOOK: 3366 Mustad sizes 1/0 thru 6

THREAD: 6/0 or 140 denier color to match body

TAIL: Silicone Skirt Strips

BODY & SHELL: 2mm Closed Cell Craft Foam

RATTLE: Small Glass

UNDERBODY: Saddle Hackle

INDICATOR: Pink 2mm Closed Cell Foam

OPTIONAL: Sally Hansons Hard as Nails on the front lip