



Michigan Fly Fishing Club



Tyer Of The Month

Ray Geitka

By Ray Geitka

Ray began fishing at an early age (see picture). He advanced from bait, level wind reels, spinning reels, to experiment with fly fishing, with a very cheap rod, as a teenager. He became serious about fly fishing after having success using flies Steelhead fishing. Of course, he took up fly tying to "save money tying flies!" Ha! He studied fly tying under Hollis Halliday. He has taught fly tying classes at Royal Oak and Birmingham Adult Education.

A long time member of MFFC, he joining the Club in 1980 after attending the second annual MFFC "Bamboo Rod Revival" Expo. He previously served as a Director of MFFC, run Steelhead Outings, served on the MFFC Conservation Grants Committee, assisted with other Club schools, and most recently put on the Club Banquet.

A Life Member of Trout Unlimited, Ray previously served as President of the Paul H. Young Chapter of TU, as well as an Instructor with the Michigan Council TU Fly Fishing School at Ranch Rudolf near Traverse City. He is also a member of IFF, Anglers of the Au Sable, NRA, and NPCA.

He is the proud owner of a complete MFFC Expo Show and Worker Pin collection, and a complete autographed Robert Traver book collection, first edition, dust jacketed.

He has accumulated a frighteningly large amount of fly tying vices, tools, hooks, feathers, furs, etc.

Slumpbuster



The Featured Fly for Activities Night will be John Barr's Slumpbuster.

Hook: Tiemco 5263, Sizes. 4-12, Mustad 9672, 9674, or equivalent Streamer hook.

Thread: Olive

Head: Gold Cone

Ribbing: Gold or Silver Wire

Body: Peacock or Olive Sparkle Braid

Tail, Wing, Collar: Olive Rabbit Strip for larger hooks; Pine Squirrel Strip for smaller hooks

Flash: A few strands of Krystal Flash tied in on both sides

Options: Thread, body, and rabbit/Pine Squirrel colors can be mixed or matched to suit the tyer.

Tying Instructions:

Step 1: Smash down hook barb and slide on cone head.

Step 2: Tie wire and braid on shank from slightly back of cone to bend of hook.

Step 3: Lay rabbit strip over hook allowing a tail of one shank length.

Step 4: Separate fur with bodkin at hook bend*, tie down with several turns.

Step 5: Move thread forward to short of cone. Tie body braid forward and tie off.

Step 6: Use wire to palmer and secure rabbit strip to body. Tie securely at cone.

Step 7: With care to sweep fur back, take one turn of rabbit strip around body at cone. Secure.

Step 8: Cut off remaining strip, tuck end into cone and secure again.

Step 9: A drop of cement to inside of cone will help anchor materials.

*Use saliva or water to separate rabbit fur. No, use water!

**After all this, you can do Step 5 following Step 2!