



The Evening

Hatch

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Fly Fishing Argentina

By Sybil Hunter

“If it swims and eats, I’ll throw a fly at it,” said Phil Rowley, MFFC’s 2019 international banquet speaker.

“Argentina is riddled with clean waters and gargantuan fish,” he continued with his travelogue of fly fishing Argentina. Landing for a layover in Buenos Aires, Rowley learned to appreciate the city’s culture, Eva Paron, history, and traffic.

“It’s like living in a Mario Cart game. The lines are only a guideline,” noted Rowley, showing pictures of their taxi ride. “The light turned yellow and our driver stomped it!” The lights are different down there. Life is not so bad, “After you realize you aren’t going to die...”

“Parking is unique,” said Rowley. An image showed cars parked bumper touching bumper. “They do the bump and bounce to get their way out.”

Next, southeast to El Calafate — the airport (LATAM). On the border of Patagonia (east) and Argentina (west), north of the city, is Mt. Fitz Roy, the Paramount movie mountain. The area is very Bavarian in influence, due to the World War II influx.

“There is so much wildlife,” including guanaco, a lamoid (llama, alpaca, vicuna) from the camelid (camel) family, that



roam the mountains. There are also interesting rodents of all sizes and caracara (large hawk-like birds of prey). Dogs run rampant.

And food. “As soon as you get there, they meet you with food,” said Rowley. “The Argentinians like to eat.” The food spreads were as gratuitous as the fish they caught. “I wasn’t much of a wine drinker when I got there but...”

When fishing, the numbers are one guide for every two visitors. All gear is disinfected before fishing can begin.

“The guides are very sensitive.” Rowley said that while waiting, “The first time I went down looking for a fly shop. The

MFFC Calendar



September 25, 2019

Activities Meeting
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

October 2, 2019

Speaker Meeting
Speaker: Austin Wentke
Topic: Grayling Fish Hatchery
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

October 16, 2019

Activity Meeting
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

November 6, 2019

Speaker Meeting
Speaker: John Satkowski
Topic: Streamer Tying Demo
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.



Sammy Queen

On The Fly



We had a great time at the Youth School. Len and Mary did a great job setting everything up. I was lucky to fish with Sammy Queen...the nicest 12 year old you ever saw...and a good fisherwoman.

She caught 32 fish...Blue Gills, Crappie and Large Mouth Bass...mostly with a fly she tied.

She caught one real nice Bass (see picture).

She casted well...tied a great fly...and had a great attitude. I don't think she ever stopped fishing, smiling and joking.

She was an absolute delight...I wish I knew her mom's e-mail...moms like to hear that.

Submitted by Steve Isgrigg

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second time I was a bit more cosmopolitan." There is plenty to see, including local petroglyphs.

There was local access to 13 lagunas, where guides take visitors for a test spin. These lakes are stocked with four to six pound Rainbow Trout. Rowley's guide chose Laguna Verde which is 12 miles by 9 miles in size. "It's not uncommon for fish to be cruising around with just enough water to cover their backs," said Rowley. "Anything that creates a wake, cast it out and wait for the toilet to flush under your fly."

Slugs are the primary food source there. Fishing was offshore, Rowley recommends a floating line.

Next they fished Strobel Lake aka Jurassic Lake, where the water is alkaline, and the rocks are pitted. "They are beautiful blue waters, crystal clear. Most of the time you carry a minimal amount of gear on you. You don't need big flies," said Rowley. Some of the rocks are encrusted in calcium. "Be careful not to get your line wedged up in these rocks."

"You can see fish cruising in like submarines, swinging around in incredibly thin water. These are magnificent fish." Scuds are the primary food source in that lake. "By the first day, your idea of size is just skewed." A solid nine pound fish is typical.

"It can be windy," cue a picture with huge waves, "When the wind whips up, there is good fishing. When the wind was up, my favorite cast was a roll cast; you could roll cast to Mars." Cue a picture with even larger waves, "You would roll cast to Jupiter that day!" Click. Still waters. "The next day it was a mill pond," said Rowley. "That's when the fishing was the worst. The fish were spooky."

"The guides stand up on the rocks and spot. They tell you where to cast."

Speaker Meeting: Austin Wentke - Oct 2, 2019



"If you like to river fish, this is the place to go," said Rowley, showing a high water picture. "Spring run off...is in their December. The water is low and clear in (their) winter." (Their fall is in April.)

Moving on to fish the Barrancoso River. "Jig flies are popular there because of all the rocks. Olive is a very popular color. Use small patterns...scud patterns..the Prince Nymph...size six, eight, maybe four for mouse patterns..Chubby Chernobyl, the Moorish Mouse..." and take line designed for the wind.

After all the wonderful fishing, comes the big feast. "You eat until you throw up," explained Rowley. "They budget one kilo of meat per person. They can't quite figure out a vegetarian, down there it is kinda like a unicorn."

"The pace of life is tough," said Rowley, "hangin' and chillin'." He fished and chilled at Estancia Laguna Verde from December 7th to 14th. The trip was \$5,800 USD + airfare. In addition, if you feel you need a little guidance, download the Stillwater Fly Fishing app, available on iPhone or Android, "It's like having Brian and I on the trip with you," joked Rowley.

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MFFFC Business



Michigan Fly Fishing Club

2019-2020 Meeting Calendar
Clarenceville Middle School

Date	Meeting Type	Room Requirements
September 11, 2019	Speaker	Cafeteria
September 18, 2019	Board	Board Room
September 25, 2019	Activity	Cafeteria and Gym
October 2, 2019	Speaker	Cafeteria
October 9, 2019	Board	Board Room
October 16, 2019	Activity	Cafeteria and Gym
November 6, 2019	Speaker	Cafeteria
November 13, 2019	Board	Board Room
November 20, 2019	Activity	Cafeteria and Gym
December 4, 2019	Speaker	Cafeteria
December 11, 2019	Board	Board Room
December 18, 2019	Activity	Cafeteria and Gym
January 8, 2020	Speaker	Cafeteria
January 15, 2020	Board	Board Room
January 22, 2020	Activity	Cafeteria and Gym
February 5, 2020	Speaker	Cafeteria
February 12, 2020	Board	Board Room
February 19, 2020	Activity	Cafeteria and Gym
March 4, 2020	Activity	Cafeteria and Gym
March 11, 2020	Board	Board Room
March 18, 2020	Speaker	Cafeteria
April 1, 2020	Speaker	Cafeteria
April 8, 2020	Board	Board Room
April 15, 2020	Activity	Cafeteria and Gym
May 6, 2020	Activity	Cafeteria and Gym
May 13, 2020	Board	Board Room



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June Fly Of The Month

Smallmouth Look Out

Perdigon Nymph

By Todd A. Schotts

June's fly pattern, will be enticing to those wariest fish, a tiny, sleek, little morsel that will descend to the depths of the river's rough-fast waters for those lunkers lying in wait. This month's pattern is a staple in my nymph box, especially if I plan to fish the Muskegon River in and around Pine Street access, or on the Manistee River in the fast turbulent waters downstream below the mighty Tippy Dam. The fly that can handle these extreme conditions is the famed Perdigon Nymph and is our fly of the month.

The river report on this fly: these small enticing nymphs were first developed and perfected by the Spanish Competitive Fly Fishing Team, close to beginning of 2000. They designed these tiny beauties to cut through fast difficult waters. These flies were not really popularized until the French Competitive Fly Fishing Team starting using them. From there they have made there way across Europe, the UK, and the U.S. with great popularity.

One great thing, the slender design of this nymph offers little or no resistance when it enters the water until it hits the river bed. One of its main characteristics is a good size tungsten bead on a small hook. When tying this fly, the tail material in majority of the fly recipes calls for Coq de Leon. Which help holds it appearance better than most other materials. One amazing thing is the body can consist of

thread, biots, quill, floss, herl, or tinsel. But whatever you use, make sure you retain the slim profile of the nymph with a big head (bead). To help or aid the fly to descend quickly in the depths of the fast water, in addition to the bead, use UV Glue to cover the body of the fly and the bead head. One last thing to finish this fly is to take black, olive, or dark brown Fingernail Polish or UV Glue and make a dot on top of the fly by the bead. This will resemble a wing case and give that much more of definition. But just remember to make sure that the body is smooth and slender when you are done. Maybe you are asking, "How do I choose sizes and colors when tying, especially since there is so many unique and well crafted patterns that are out there?" Well here is a brief guide I found in my research: "For Big flies, natural colors like olive, cream, ginger, or black; and for those Small flies, dark colors combined with hot spots. If the waters are muddy rivers, dark colors like black, brown combined with UV purple, red, and or orange. For those waters that are ginger clear use small flies with copper or black beads. They did mention beginning of season use big flies with strong hot spots or vivid body color; but for end of the season use small and very small Perdigon nymphs in natural colors."

When fishing this fly, make sure you have a fine but strong tippet so that the tippet won't be dragged by the current. The way I like fishing these flies is to use the Tuck Cast and the do the famous Czech Nymphing style of fishing as the fly is tumbling, bouncing, and drifting along the river bottom. One of the competitors in the fly fishing competitions mentioned in an article;

Rainbow Warrior Perdigon Nymph

(by RiverKeeper Flies)



HOOK: Size 16 Barbless Competition Style Hook (1X long 2X gap)

BEAD: Silver Tungsten – silver 3.0mm

THREAD: White 70 denier or 8/0

TAIL: Coq de Leon'

BODY: Mirage Tinsel – Medium

THORAX HOTSPOT: Veevus Body Quill – Hot Pink (BQ12)

WING PAD: Black UV Glue or Fingernail Polish

COATING: UV Glue (I like to use UV Loon Clear Fly Finish Thin or Solarez Ultra-Thin Bone Dry)

"after you have gone through your beat with other nymphs and picked off what fish you can; another run through with these Perdigon flies will produce some extra scores on your card."

So now get your bobbins ready to sling to tie up some of these tiny-sleek Perdigon Flies that you can take out to your favorite fast waters and do the river bed bounce. Until next time, Tight Lines and Snazzy



MFFC Youth School

Submitted By Mary Dixon

MFFC 2019 Youth School



Can you answer these questions?

- * What is “matching the hatch”?
- * Do bugs have thoughts? (ask Spence)
- * Why is proportion important in fly tying?
- * What materials give movement to underwater flies?
- * Why fish with a buddy, wear eye protection and carry a wading stick?
- * What are a few basic knots for fly fishing?

You would know the answers to these questions and so many more if you were a part of the MFFC Youth School. Just think of the trivia you could share at the next office function or backyard picnic.

Saturday, May 4, 2019 was a picture-perfect day for fishing here in SE Michigan. Seven youth were led, instructed and mentored by the following members of your MFFC: Rick Annesser, Len Dixon, Steve Gudich, Terry Herron, Steve Isgrigg, John Klobuchar, Norm Tabaka, Spencer Vanderhoof, and Jim Weakland. A HUGE thank you goes out to these gentlemen for sharing their Saturday and their love of fly fishing with the fly fisher people of tomorrow.

In the Youth category, there were four returning youth, two of whom were

attending the Youth School for the fifth consecutive time. Their previous experience showed in their quickly and expertly-tied flies, with which they caught multiple species of fish.

Spencer Vanderhoof taught entomology, Terry Herron and Jim Weakland instructed the fly tying portion, Jim Weakland covered basic fly fishing equipment, Norm Tabaka taught several knots, Len Dixon covered safety, John Klobuchar instructed rod and reel assembly and casting. The youth were ably assisted by the wonderful mentors each step of the way.

A special thank you to Steve Gudich for gifting the youth with an excellent fly tying book and flies he tied for them. Another special thank you to Steve Isgrigg who also gifted the youth with flies expertly tied by him. These youth now have flies for several different fishing conditions.

The culmination of the day at MSU Tollgate was the actual fishing event on the pond. The fish were plentiful and the youth were definitely bringing them in (and releasing them for another day). There were LOTS of fish hooked and landed. What a terrific thrill for both the youth and MFFC Club members who spent the day with them.

If you have the opportunity, I hope you will follow the lead of these fine MFFC members – reach out and share your love of fly fishing with the younger generation. HOOK A YOUTH!!!!





July Fly Of The Month

The Famed & Fabled

New Age G2

By Todd A. Schotts

For July, I had a great pattern all picked out, one that led to many tight lines for me this summer and spring with Smallmouths, but I have been getting a lot of emails, regarding my New Age G2 panfish fly, from fellow club members wanting info and suggesting I use it as fly of the month. So for July's fly pattern, by popular demand, here is my New Age G2!

The pattern I call "New Age G2" is actually a re-designed version of the famed Gilley Getter, designed by Coca, Florida fly tier Tom Lentz. This fly, was designed many, many moons ago. But of all the flies that Tom designed for bream or panfish, the "Gill Getter" is considered one of his very best, and was rumored to be his favorite. The original pattern was designed on a wet fly hook, had moose mane for tail and shell back, and a fluorescent green chenille body that was originally pipe cleaner. The moose mane back/shell was treated with Dave's Flex Cement to help secure the moose mane down, with four legs on each side. This is truly a remarkable pattern. It is staple in my fly box. However, the one thing that bothered me, after a few pesky panfish attacks, was that the shell back would break apart. This is a major issue. The shell back was only tied down in the front and back, then coated with flex cement, which did not hold up for long. For fly shops, that would be great to sell more flies, but as a tier I wanted something that would last longer.

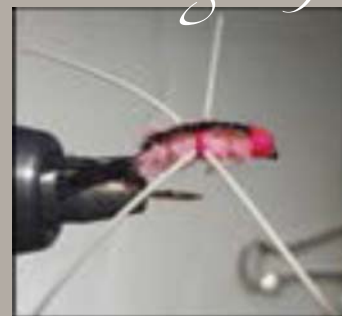
I came up with the New Age G2 because I wanted a more durable fly with even more movement in the water. This version of the fly

was designed roughly six years ago; I have narrowed it down to two colors that I use regularly: florescent pink and orange. My newest version of the fly, has landed: panfish, Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Perch, Rainbows, Brook Trout, and Pike just to name a few of the fish.

I changed up most of the fly, but kept the concept of the yarn body, shell back and legs. I changed the hook to a scud hook, and the body I change to Trilobal Yarn, which breaths in the water like Antron Yarn does. Actually Trilobal Yarn is a cousin of Antron yarn. If you ever watched any videos or read any tying information about the late Gary Lafontaine, he mentions how much Antron breaths in the water, like the insects do. Naturally I wanted more flash in the fly and something more durable for the shell back, so I finally settled on Black Krystal Flash or Black Pearl Krystal Flash. I tie it in like tying thunder creek minnows, tying in in front of the hook and then pulling it over the back. The original was tied in back and pulled over to the front, which is easier, but less secure. As for falling apart, I discussed this with a few of my fishing companions. We came up with the idea of something like wire or maybe mono to hold the shell back down. So with a lot of testing, I settled on Ultra Small Red wire, wrapped up the body to the hook eye, to help secure the shell back down. I make one wraps at the back of the fly, one wrap behind the back legs, one wrap in the middle, and the last wrap in front of the front legs. One other thing I altered is to tie in the legs over the body, instead of wrapping the body through and around the legs. It is much easier, and doesn't affect the performance of the fly. I only put two legs on each side, instead of four, to adjust for the scud hook I use instead of a wet fly/nymph hook. (If you want to put four legs on each side, it would be no problem.)

When fishing this amazing pattern,

New Age G2



HOOK: Scud Hook size 8 or 10

THREAD: 70 Denier or 8/0 color to match body

WEIGHT: .015 and up to .025 for late summer on drop offs

BODY: Trilobal Medium yarn (florescent Pink or Orange)

TAIL/SHELL BACK: Black Krystal Flash or Black Pearl Krystal Flash

RIB: Ultra Small Red Wire

LEGS: Medium round white rubber legs

FINISH: Sally Hanson's or Dave's Flex-cement on shell back

remember it was designed as a nymph style pattern and to be fished deep and slow, in and around structure and drop offs. Remember you don't want to weight it more than you have to, as you don't want it to drop like a rock, but instead sink slowly. I like letting it drop and then do slow retrieves back with a couple of jig type movements. If you use the original pattern, or my newer version, either way you will have many tight lines and a ton of fun.

So if you want to enjoy catching those fish that you grew up fishing as a kid, sling your bobbins, and tie up some New Age G2's and you will have many tight lines. Until next month, tight lines and snazzy flies.



July Speaker Of The Month

Conservation Officers

Fishing With The Law

By Sybil Hunter

In July, the Club welcomed Conservation Officer Luther, who accompanied by his partner Conservation Officer Walzak, are stationed out of Detroit. They fielded a Club Q&A Session about Conservation Law.

Officer Luther graduated Law Enforcement Academy at Schoolcraft College. "When you graduate from a certified academy, you have one year to find a certified job." In 2011 he started working with the State Parks. "I worked for the DNR for about a month before I realized this is what I wanted to do." He worked with law enforcement, youth groups and eventually met his partner, Conservation Officer Walzak.

"I had to retrain in Lansing for six months," said Luther. He lived in the barracks. Students go home Friday - IF everyone is good. There are no cell phones allowed on campus. "You learn to live minute to minute, second to second." There, a one week class includes an entire term of academic content. With a test every Friday, you either passed, or tried again Sunday. If students do not score 80% or better, they are dismissed from the program.

"Each officer is assigned a county," explained Luther. "We work from home. Our patrol truck is our office." Counties have one or two officers. Some counties only have one. Wayne County has three. "1.7 million people are living in Wayne County," said Luther. "This means we need your help." Residents are encouraged to report what they see as it is happening, so officers can respond to the event in a timely manner. "Education first," said Luther. That's the first line of defense. The second is a citation. "It's pen and ink to me, it's money to you." Be a good witness with good information. "If we don't write

good quality tickets, we (all) spend more time in court," said Walzak. "We need good complaints," added Luther.

"One of the things I don't like is when adults say, 'The cops are here you better behave,'" said Luther. "I hate for any little person to think" fearfully of officers. "Please never do that."

Fielding a question about deer wasting disease, Luther said all of the lower peninsula is no bait, no feed. Deer with wasting disease sneeze and cough, spreading the disease. A bate pile is communal, so sickness spreads easily, whereas a food plot (like an orchard or corn field) is better as it can lessen the spread.

"If it's got fur, fins or feathers, it falls under my jurisdiction," said Luther. "I'm a sworn police officer. We can enforce all the laws of the State of Michigan, but we focus on fur, fins and feathers. This (Wayne County) has some of the best water fowl in the area," said Luther. "I see more birds here than" up state.

When queried about licenses Luther said, "If you purchase an e-license...take a picture of your e-license." Fishers need an e-license and ID on your person. "If you carry an expired license..that tells me you don't have a valid driver's license," said Luther. "A valid driver license is law." Cindy Center asked about a sport card. "A sport card is okay," said Luther, "whatever ID you used to purchase that license," it should be with you. He then asked a club member to provide their license. Chris Hunter handed C.O. Luther his cell phone and driver's license. "I'm sorry sir, this e-license is expired," said Luther matter-of-fact, as the room filled with laughter.

When asked the favorite part of his job, Luther replied, "We have a kind of unique opportunity when it comes to scheduling. You don't know when we are going to be there." Someone shouted, "No fair!" "Not fair?" asked Luther. "There are three of us and 1.7 million of you!" Laughter erupted once again. "I love that part of my job," said Luther, "that you are out there recreating. If you are having a good time, I am having a good time."

"Unfortunately, I need some people to not follow the rules, or I wouldn't have a job," said Luther. "Sometimes people just need an education. I hate to scold mom or dad in front of



their families," and does his best to avoid that situation. "For most officers, you determine how that situation is going to go."

Todd Schotts brought up an altercation with a jetski while he was kayak fishing. C.O. Walzak responded, "Call. Observe, observe, observe. Get as much info as you can." If you can, figure out who the operator is, it is not always the owner, and get a good description of the vessel. "Sometimes if you can educate in a polite manner," that is a good place to start. But, as Walsak said, "You can't change somebody's behavior. Let them go by, then finish fishing. Beer changes people."

When asked what fly fishing gear he uses, Walzak replied, "An Orvis Silver (Label rod). 5 wt. forward line. Tapered leaders. Barstock reels." Cheers of approval. "It's alot of fun."

Next, asked what were some of the craziest things he has seen, after a long pause Walzak replied, "I've knocked on a shanty and have heard from the inside, 'Dave's not here!'" Again, laughter. Less humorous, he had also been tipped off to "check he trash can," only to find a pair of pajama bottoms with knotted legs, filled with fish inside. Also, upon checking a car, he found fish on a bed sheet in the back. "Nothing really surprises me."

"A lot of statues are a misdemeanor," said Luther. "You are still under arrest, but I don't take you to jail." Typically the person goes to see a judge and pays fees. "We will come and get you to see the judge," said Luther. "We will provide transportation." Chuckles erupted. "It goes back to integrity."

"I enjoy educating...doing this, followed by watching you fish when you don't know I'm there, watching you recreating...and to be able to protect the State's natural resources. I'm making a difference for me, for you...I'm making a difference for my three year old daughter, the love of my life," said Luther.



August Fly Of The Month

Look Out Below!

Woolhead Muddler

By Todd A. Schotts

The fly for August is a relative of a famous fly everyone knows — one of the most popular flies. This pattern, allowed me to have many tight lines. This past May, it allowed me to catch one of the biggest Smallmouths I have ever landed! So with all that fanfare, here is this month's fly: the "Woolhead Muddler" by Ward Bean.

Here is the fishing report on Ward Bean. He was an educator who took early retirement to pursue his natural love of fishing for Bass and panfish. His writings about our great sport have appeared in various periodicals such as *Fly Tyer Magazine* and *Warmwater Fly Fishing*, just to name a few. Beside writing for magazines, his fly patterns have graced many periodicals and websites. He runs the site warmwaterflies.com which covers the art of fly tying and fly fishing for warmwater species.

This month's fly pattern, actually comes from a long family line of some great patterns and the families' monarch is the original Muddler Minnow. The Muddler Minnow was designed back in the late 1930's by Don Gapen. The pattern imitates the slippery, slimy sculpin in clear waters fishing for Trout. This pattern never really gained fame until Dan Bailey from Montana publicized this amazing pattern. Then around the 1950's Dan Bailey changed the head on this pattern, and another relative was created in the mid '50's with his Marabou Muddler. There are many relatives to the original Muddler such as the Spuddler, Muddler Hopper, and Mizzoulian Spook and others. With all the muddlers, the versatility of these patterns is amazing, covering sculpins, hoppers, leeches, spent mayflies, mice, and minnows, just for starters. This month's fly pattern has a wool head and marabou body/tail with flash in between. The series of "Woolhead Muddlers"

that Ward designed (Brown Woolhead, Baby Bluegill, and Baby Bass, etc.) was an inspiration from the Marabou Muddler Dan Bailey designed.

Tying this pattern is actually is pretty easy and a lot of fun. I do recommend using Blood Quill Marabou when tying it, to get a lot better quality of feathers. The flash, I like to use is Flashabou Pearl Opalescent Lateral Line. Attach the marabou and flash down, with Red 8/0 or 70 Denier thread. Once the tail/wing is tied in, switch over to Brown 6/0 or 140 Denier thread. When stacking the ram's wool, once you get the clump from the hide, comb out the fuzzy material, trim both ends, center the eye of the hook in the middle, then push in and make couple of wraps in the middle. Push it back repeating the same process until you have a dense head of wool. Trim it down, remembering to make it flat on bottom and tapered on the sides and top, like the original Muddler. Remember when trimming the head, is to make sure you do not trim the collar off. This is very easy to do, and I have a trick to that may help. Cut a straw in half, then (McDonald's straws are best) take a rubber band and run it through the straw. With the rubber band sticking out of both ends, this basically becomes a noose. Before you put the wool head on, slide the noose over the collar and pull the other end of the rubber band to pull the collar down out of the way. Use hackle pliers to hold the rubber band on the end away from the collar.

For the eyes (You can fish this without eyes, but why would you?), take either your scissors or a cauterizing tool, and make a divot on each side of the trimmed ram's wool to the size of eyes you will be using. Then take Dave's Flex Cement to coat the inside both divots. Wait for it to dry, then take some Gel Super Glue, put it in each divot, and drop in the eyes. Gel Super Glue doesn't sink into the material and it gives a good base of glue to secure eyes. You can add a weed guard if you want; I do not.

Fishing this amazing pattern depends on the water conditions, water levels, line used, etc. I actually prefer to use a floating line; once the ram's wool is soaked the fly will drop down in the top foot of the water column. I like floating line because, when stripping, it will bring the fly up and when you stop, it will drop back down.

Woolhead Muddler



HOOK: Mustad 3366 size 4

THREAD: 8/0 Red and 6/0 Brown

FLASH: Flashabou Pearl Opalescent Lateral Line

TAIL/WING: Red Blood Quill Marabou - Then Flash over red - Then Yellow Blood Quill Marabou over flash

Then Flash over yellow
Then Yellow Marabou over the flash
Then Flash over the yellow
Then Brown Marabou over the flash.

COLLAR: Brown Hen Neck Feather

HEAD: Brown Wool

EYES: 3mm Stick on Eyes. Original recipe calls for gold, I prefer red.

This makes really awesome movement with the flash and marabou. If the water is higher than normal or when fishing deep pockets, use an intermediate line, sink tip, or even add a split ship just in front of the fly.

When retrieving this fly, use a couple of strips and a twitch, set and repeat. This gives the fly a lot of movement.

Until next month Tight Lines and Snazzy Flies!



S and In My S hoe

John Pinto

The Salty Tail Of Jerry

There I was....it was 1996 and I was working with my then-partner Newton Williamson on Acklins Island to open our bonefishing lodge. We had spent several weeks getting his place ready – painting, cement work, plus taking time out when the tide permitted to “check out” the bonefishing from our newly arrived canoes. Living the life of a Bahamian on a remote island was a real experience. I quickly learned how valuable rain water was, as during each downpour we collected water from the roof into galvanized tubs. First thing we did was take a rain water bath/shower and yes, shampooing your hair with rain water does make your hair tingle. Then the water went to Mrs. Williamson for laundry purposes and then the semi-dirty water was used for making concrete. Nothing got wasted, except me when I went to Club Rolex at Mason’s Bay and drank with the locals!

When I was heading home through Nassau and was waiting in the departure lounge, I was sitting next to a fella who was wearing a fly fishing vest with a patch that read “World Record Holder.” My curiosity finally forced me to ask him what record he held. “Tiger fish! Caught in the Zambezi River in Africa,” he replied. He noticed my fly rods I was carrying and asked what island I had fished. I replied Acklins and

told him about the lodge we were planning to open in three months. He said that he had been to Pittstown Point Landing on Crooked Island, his name was Jerry from Dayton, Ohio and I should contact him when we were fully operational. I took his phone number home with me.

We opened the lodge in February and kept pretty full through the spring season. I took care of the marketing from Michigan while Newton and his son ran the lodge. One day I ran across Jerry’s phone number and decided to call him and give him a report on the lodge. He replied he’d like to come down and we penciled in a week in September.

I had been at the lodge for a few days prior to Jerry’s arrival as old pal Thomas Michael from Germany had brought over three anglers. Jerry arrived the following Wednesday, got checked in and I asked him if he wanted to go fishing. To my surprise he replied, “No! Maybe tomorrow.” And then he asked me what was our “wind policy.” This caught me by surprise and I told him I had not heard of such a policy. He explained, “At most lodges now if the wind is blowing too hard to fly fish you do not have to pay for that day.” I was in constant contact with other Bahamian bonefishing lodges and none of them had such a policy. I told Jerry we’d see what the week would bring. Breakfast was served between 7am and 8am and the Germans were at the table at 6:45am anxious to go fishing. Jerry got to the table at 8:30, ate and looked out the window.

“Blowing pretty hard out there,” he stated.

I replied, “Sorry Jerry. The Germans are out there fishing already!”

I went fishing with Jerry and soon observed that he had most definitely lost his fastball. He did not want to wade and when our guide Joe poled the boat into some fish Jerry could hardly make a 30-ft cast. He told me to go wade with Joe and he’d just sit in the boat. Joe and I stalked some fish and upon returning found Jerry had drank all five beers from the cooler.

The next day I told Jerry I would take him out in the canoe as there were some sand bars and it was easy fishing. He declined saying he’d just stay in the lodge and watch Barbara May bake loaves of bread. I decided to let him do what he wanted as he seemed to be enjoying himself. I took one of the canoes and paddled out to a large sand bar, anchored the canoe and proceeded to have one the best hours of bonefishing in my life. I caught six fish before my fly line separated from the backing and left with the last fish. (I no longer use that knot!)

Somewhere in Relief Bay on Acklins Island is a light blue S.A. Affinity floating fly line tangled in some mangroves. And Jerry...he reminded me of an old lion who wanted to prove he could still roar.





Michigan Fly Fishing Club

Club Information



Tyer Of The Month

Ray Geitka

It was a chilly evening for June. I had just settled in front of a roaring fire in the old cabin's fireplace.

Relaxing, I reached for an old fishing magazine* to read. A fly tying article jumped out at me. The pattern used a feather quill for a segmented body. I hadn't used a feather quill for a fly body in many years.

The article by William Tapply described a fly called the "Nearenuf." It was "near enough" to matching several fly hatches. The story was that his father, Tap Tapply, after several years of observing natural fly hatches had developed a fly as "the only dry you really need." At one point he had given his son, William, a box of Nearenuf flies tied in various sizes to fish solely for one season. The experience was effective but also proved Taps Theory that presentation was even more important than imitation when a fly is fished properly.

The Nearenuf resembles the classic "Quill Gordon" which was developed by Theodore Gordon, the father of American Dry Fly Fishing. Both flies utilize a segmented body tied with a stripped quill feather. The fly patterns are presented here to indicate their differences:

Nearenuf

Hook: Mustad #94840 or #94833 dry fly hook, sizes 12-18

Thread: Gray 6/0

Tail: 2 stripped Grizzly hackles, tied splayed

Wing: Wood-duck flank feather

Body: Stripped peacock herl **

Hackles: Grizzly and Ginger feathers

From Spencer

A Moment Of Levity

Today 12:48 PM



The pic on the left is a famous pic of the late great Jack Gartside. The one on the right is Pat Breen channeling Mr Gartside.

Quill Gordon

Hook: Mustad #94840 or #94833 dry fly hook, sizes 12-20

Thread: Black monocord or nylon

Tail: Sparse Blue Dun barbules

Wings: Wood-duck flank feathers

Body: Stripped quill from Peacock Eye ##

Ribbing: Very fine gold wire

Hackles: Two medium Blue Dun feathers

Needed

Website Pictures

The goal is to have a scrolling picture feed on the updated website. If you have club event pictures, or pictures of your fishing exploits you would like to see scrolling across your screen, please get them to me via memory stick, Dropbox, Google Drive or email. Thanks!

John Long

Memorial



This past August the Club lost a long time member, John Long. His daughter, Jenn McCurdy, is holding a small memorial gathering October 12 from 4-8pm at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth.

* "American Angler Magazine", Nov/Dec 2002, pgs 46-49.

** I had difficulties with Peacock feathers and settled on Grizzly hackle Quills.

Also, many dry quills will crack when wound on a hook. Immersing quills in a solution of glycerin will moisten and soften the quill allowing its use without cracking.



Michigan Fly Fishing Club

Club Events



Howard Gellar Volunteer
Of The Year Award

Peter Albertson



This year we recognized Peter Albertson for his selfless service and volunteerism in support of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club. We cannot thank him enough for the extensive hours he has spent volunteering in support of our Club.

The Evening Hatch

Submissions

Just as a reminder, the deadline for The Evening Hatch submissions is the 10th of each month. Fishing pictures are also appreciated for the monthly Member's on the Fly column. Send submissions to evening.hatch.mffc@gmail.com.



MFFC Banquet

The Guild Of Past Presidents



Needed

Social Media Pictures

Calling all club members! Do you have a favorite image or two (JPG only!) that you have taken while fishing, preparing to fish, or simply scenery that captures that special moment and beauty of our sport? We are looking for images that make you proud and, most importantly, that you would not mind sharing. These would be considered for some of our social media blasts (Facebook and Instagram)

promoting fly fishing and upcoming Midwest Fly Fishing Expo. They make great attention getters as we promote the Expo. If you would like to share with us we would be happy to consider several for posting.

Please forward images to email address dpm8906@gmail.com. Please include any appropriate comments or descriptions to help clarify the image."

Speaker Meeting: Ray Schmidt - Dec 4, 2019



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