



The Evening

Hatch

The Newsletter of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club

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Tying & Fishing Midges

Written by Sybil Hunter

"My interest in midges? That's what the fish were eating," said Glenn Weisner of Glenn River Fly Company Limited when he addressed the Michigan Fly Fishing Club at the April speaker meeting. "Dig into books," Weisner said, at the start of his presentation, "There are plenty of resources out there." A list of places to start included books by Ed Engle, and Joe Brooks, along with magazines about patterns, entomology and fish behavior.

Glenn provided detailed information about the life cycle of midges, trout tendencies, techniques and systems, plus miscellaneous related information.

LIFE CYCLE

"Movement is a key trigger," said Weisner showing patterns in his slide presentation, "elongated bodies...looking like a worm." In the larval stage, midges swim free, are short and squat, have a pronounced thorax, and body segmentation, so it is important to incorporate those qualities into tying larvae flies.

"Red is a very common color because of the oxygen content," said Weisner, "blood worms. They thrive in non-oxygenated water." They can also be tied in black, brown or cream. When fishing them, remember that midge larvae reside in slow water, with muddy bottoms covered with debris or silt and aquatic vegetation.

"The pupa sits in the surface film," said Weisner. "There is something about blue. It's a major attractor." He suggested using a blue bead for the head, or even blue wire. "Eighteens, thirty-tuos - tie them in whatever size you need."

"Half of all the species in the world are midges. Multi-stages of multi-species (are present) in many waters." Dipteras are two winged true flies (e.g. mosquitos). Chironomids are the midges. "Adult midges in the midwest fit on your small finger." "Putting the right types of feathers that are going to make movement" is imperative when tying, Weisner reminded his audience. Then when fishing it, remember that "the adult rides the surface of the water."

TROUT TENDENCIES

"If you can identify how they are feeding...you're in. I use binoculars to inspect the rise forms," said Weisner. "I'll take fifteen minutes to figure that out and then I have hours and hours of fishing ahead." Look for subsurface signs like flashes, side darting, slashing and any surface changes.

TECHNIQUES & SYSTEMS

Weisner suggested greased leader. "Take floatant to part of the leader or part of the tippet." Fish with a dry-dropper or two fly rig, said Weisner. Use a larvae or pupa to control depth - a "longer dropper." A two dry rig utilizes two adult midge patterns with "longer tippet in between them. It gives a better drag," advised Weisner.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



May 8, 2013
Speaker: Wayne Snyder
Topic: Isle Royale Coastal Trout
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

May 22, 2013
Club Banquet
Speaker: Skip Morris
Italian American Center
Livonia, 5:30 p.m.

June 12, 2013
Activities Meeting
Costick Center
Farmington, 7:30 p.m.

July 10, 2013
Speaker: Todd Schotts



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Another system is the slinky - the use of a coiled leader system to detect strikes or suspend a midge/pupa emerger. "It's really popular overseas," said Weisner. "In New Zealand and France, it's deadly!" When it is fished, use a hand twist to add movement. "It will increase your hook-ups."

To slinky line: make a loop in the line, wrap it around a pen or dowel, make another loop at the other end, duct tape it down and stick it in the freezer. When you unwrap it from the pen, it will keep it's slinky form.

Weisner suggested the Leisenring Lift, developed by Jim Leisenring in the 1940's, which presents a dead drift of a single midge into the water, causing the fly to rise to the surface. The lift decreases the amount of drag on the line.

Other advise included: using a float if you are float fishing, and using a weight or two-fly system if you are dredging. When dredging, set the second fly at a medium depth. Weisner said to go deeper, use sink tips and sink lines.

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER
 "Don't mess around with midge tippet," said Weisner. "It's the only thing

between you and your fish. Use it for awhile and toss it out." Weisner suggested tippet includes: Orvis; Umqua; Dai-Riki; Varivas; "Baer Pearlion;" and Stroft.

"Floatant is very important. With alot of floatants....you put out an oil slick," warns Weisner. "Use powder floatant to avoid that." He suggests Dilly Wax Floatant by Fly Rite, or Umqua's Dry Magic. "The beauty of Dry Magic is that you can put in on anything - including CDC [feathers]."

"Tools I carry include a stomach pump. You have to use safety. You can harm a fish pretty easily. A couple of vials, a bright cloth, a lens cleaner cloth - it's the easiest way to clean the flies. Forceps, scissors, an eye tool, a magnetic fly box, tweezers, a compartmentalized fly box, floatant, a waste bag, a lanyard, and some bug spray."

Weisner carried his enthusiasm to the end. "I want you to say, 'He's excited about that,' not, 'He really knows everything.'" Weisner went on, "Before you go, repeat after me, 'Big trout eat small flies.'"



MFFC Public School

26 students attended the the MFFC Public School on April 13 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Thanks to all of the leaders and members who participated in the event, giving us a 1:2 teacher to student ratio. The weather cooperated, allowing the group to cast outside under the masterful instruction of our Club members. Knots were tied, flies were created, entomology was digested and safety was stressed, along with a wonderful gear show and tell. Several students contacted the MFFC following the event, and one student has already paid for a membership and attended his first meeting. A job well done for the MFFC.



Bonds, Friendships & Fly Fishing

By Todd A. Schotts

Our world of fly fishing and fly tying is much more than just fishing and tying. It's rod building, helping with events, politics, and even traveling to wonderful shows during the winter months. Once all those things are put aside, it is still a bond that is formed among us, bringing us closer than we think. We are in a world that only we can understand, laugh at, enjoy, and therein share our own little secrets (maybe just fishing locations or fly patterns, but we do share). This part could be considered a secret society that only we, as "Fly Heads" can truly appreciate.

A few years ago, I got to know Brian Frawley from East Lansing. At first, he kept pestering me to put my flies up on his published web site. Since I didn't really know him, I was very reluctant. I just smiled and humored him. He started this at the Great Lakes Federation of Fly Fishers Fly Tying Show in Mason.

After doing a tying demonstration for the Red Cedar Group in East Lansing in 2011, and then at a later date in 2011, I came back to give my presentation on "Smallmouth of the Flats." I talked to Brian more. I didn't realize until then, the depth of his tying knowledge, his passion for fly fishing smallies, or even how much he knew of the sport. I decided then to put a few of my flies on his web site.

On a blustery, cold, snowy day in February of 2012, we took close to 3000 step-by-step tying photos of three of my patterns: the Foamy Mouse, Big Ugly/HD Hellgrammite, and my EZ Dame Damsselfly. I really didn't have a name for my damsselfly, but when we took the pictures on that blustery day, Brian named it. I never realized how tiring it was just taking photos step by step of each pattern! After we finished, we did like we usually do - talk fly tying, compare tying materials, and discuss smallmouth fishing. We decided then and there, to fish together that coming summer. That spring he

was going to come up to the Michigan Fly Fishing Club's Annual Smallmouth Outing.

When we finally connected, our plans for tight lines took a back seat. Toward the end of March 2012 (just after our show) I was on my way home from the doctor's office. I had just been diagnosed with lymph node cancer, stage two. I didn't know who to talk to or what to do. But, since Brian was in his second year of battling cancer, I figured he would know what to tell me. So I called him. After discussing what things to expect, we once again returned to the comfort of talking about tying and fishing.

On the Friday of the 2012 Smallmouth Outing, Brian made the trek up to the thumb area to fish with us and get underwater video footage. On our way to the fishing grounds, we were armed with our normal gear, plus his video and still cameras. It was a sunny spring day. He got a few smallies, nothing like I was hoping he would. The one thing I regret is never getting to see the video footage he took. With my multiple treatments, his treatments, and his soccer coaching, we never fished again after that smallmouth outing.

Back in December before the Holt Show, I talked to Brian. He mentioned attending that show. He also wanted to know how I was doing, since I was in my fourth month of remission. He told me about fishing for peacock bass. When he didn't show up to the show, I called him the next day. As usual, we talked about fly tying and fishing this coming year for smallies. One thing you didn't hear was the big "C" word in our conversation - simply fishing and tying. There was a reason why we didn't talk about it.

Unfortunately, that first Sunday in December was the last time I heard from Brian. The battle with his cancer ended on December 17, 2012. The sport of fly fishing and fly tying lost another great ambassador of the sport; along with a dad, a husband, and a friend. In memorium, you can visit Brian's fly fishing site at: www.stillwaterfishingonline.com. Tight Lines to you Brian, may the smallmouth be plentiful for you and may you have plenty of your "Chartreuse Sparkle Grubs."



2013 Banquet

Wednesday May 22, 2013

Tickets available now

Still Only \$40.

Doors Open @ 5:30 PM

Dinner Served @ 7:00 PM

**See Jim Telinda @ Meetings
or e-mail at jtelinda@aol.com**

Speaker this year:

Skip Morris

Food Choices:

8 oz. New York Strip

Roasted Salmon

Chicken Piccata

Door Prizes Galore

Rods, Reels, Populated Fly Boxes, Fly Fishing Stuff you can't imagine

50/50 Ultimate Drawing

Expo Rod Contest Winners

Submitted by Joe Sprys



TFO 5/6 wt Rod/Reel/Line/Case Winners:

- **Grayson Eckland of Chelsea, MI.** 8 yrs. THRILLED!! He is an experienced fisher who fishes a lot with his dad and older sister on the Pere Marquette. His dad, Scott, has a website: www.fishingporn.com. They are considering becoming members and attending the Youth School.

- **Lucas Moor of Casco, MI.** 16 yrs. Experienced fly fisher of the Clinton River. He thinks the Clinton River rocks! Currently he owns an 8 wt. & a 2 wt. rod and was saving up for a 5 wt. to round out his rod selection. Because he already has two rods he really appreciates what it means to win this rod. He will send a picture of himself and the rod when he receives it. He wants to join MFFC.

Scott 5 wt. 9'0" rod / Solitude 2 reel Winners:

- **Elena Coppol of Sterling Heights, MI.** She has never fished before. She wanted to learn how so she can fish with her boyfriend. This was her first time at the Expo and her boyfriend was jealous when she won the rod! She would like to come to an activity meeting so she can cast her new rod in the Gym.

- **Ernest Domenick of Sterling Heights, MI.** He couldn't believe his luck. He's never won anything before. He takes care of his 96 year old mother and can't wait to get a chance to wet a line this summer. He has attended a few of our meetings.



Fins Official Hawk Fish



Boys,

I caught my first needle fish on a fly rod this morning - a 30" snake. Bob Clouser would be proud. That is a white and chartreuse Clouser in the photo, one that I tied last week. Yes, that is a club reel on my 8 wt. St. Croix. I am also including a picture of my office for the week.

*Tight lines,
Fins*



Kauai Needle Fish

Fin's Office
Surf fishing site in South Poipu, Kauai



2013 Trout Tune-Up



Tie-Cast-Catch-Clean-Cook



Boy Scout School





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Mr. Chris Hunter
President, Michigan Fly Fishing Club

January 22, 2013

Dear Mr. Hunter;

On behalf of The Little Manistee Conservation Council, I would like to express our sincere appreciation of your organization's support last year. Due to your generosity we were able to complete a repair of a major blow out of a high bank located in the Indian Bridge DNR access site near Irons. High waters had eroded the bank washing out an old dock and causing a great deal of sediment and large white pine tree to wash into the river.

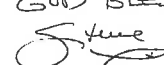
We were fortunate to secure the services of Kanouse Restoration Services on short notice to complete the stabilization of the bank thus preventing further damage to the river. I have attached some (poor quality - sorry) copies of photographs taken before and after. If you would like to go on-line to our web site -LMWCC.com- our webmaster has provided some better quality pictures of the project.

We appreciate the great work The Michigan Fly Fishing Club does throughout the entire state, and thank it for the generous support you in particular provided us.

Sincerely;


Tim Phillips
President LMWCC



FRIENDS;
THANK YOU ALL SO VERY
MUCH FOR A GREAT WEEKEND!
AS ALWAYS EVERYTHING WAS
TOP SHELF!
I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT
FISHING SEASON AND I HOPE
TO SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!
GOD BLESS,


Michigan Fly Fishing Club Minutes

March 13, 2013

Call To Order- Finstad - 7:29pm

Roll Call: Hunter; Finstad; Nowicki; Vanderhoof; Doyle; Schotts; Scott

Absent: Kramer-A; Center - A; Freeburg -A

Approval Of Minutes Moved- Hunter Second- Vanderhoof

Approval Of Agenda Moved -Scott Second - Schotts

Officers Report

President - Hunter

1. New Event Chair Update

J. Telinda Gave Report On Status Of Banquet

A. Some Costs Have Risen

B. Donations Slow

C. Need To Sell About 120 Tickets To Break Even

2. Public School Plan & Enrollment

A. Only Two Students So Far

B. Have Many Volunteers

C. E-Mail Blast Sent Out

D. Further Ads. To Be Sent Out

3. Oakland County Outdoor Recreation Program

A. Oakland County Has Acquired Land

B. Want To Develop Heritage Sport Center

C. Want Public To Participate In Outdoor Recreation

1. Shooting Sports, Fishing, Canoeing, ETC

D. Looking For Help In Developing Curriculum, Donate

Equipment Or Other Financial Resources, Provide Volunteers To Help Run The Program Or Help Develop and Implement.

E. Wants To Set Up Interview To See How MFFC Might Partner

And Benefit From Such A Program

F. Tabled For Further Investigation

Vice President - Finstad

Expo Recap

A. Very Well Attended

B. No Unhappy Vendors

Corresponding Secretary - Doyle

Speakers Set Until End Of Year

Hatch Has No Issues

Members School Had Record 120 People

Membership - Nowicki

25 Member Added From Expo Which Puts MFFC At 400 Members

Need To Update Data To See What's In "Constant Contact"

A. People Not Getting E-Mail

Events & Outings -

Review Of Calendar

A. Trout Tune Up April 6th

B. Boy Scout Merit Badge April 20th

C. Public School April 13th

D. Small Mouth Outing May 17, 18, and 19th

1. Chili Cook Off

2. Main Location Is The Blue Spruce Motel

E. MFFC Meetings April 10th - April 17th Board Meeting - April 24th Activity Meeting

New Business - J Telinda

Project Fish -A Program Through MSU To Expose Youth To Fishing.

A. Program Has Numerous Fish Hooks In Varies Sizes To Sell

Because Of Needs Of Program

B. Motion Made To Move Project To A Self Funded Activity

C. Motion To Fund Special Grant For MSU Project Fish

For Receipt Of 49,000 Hooks. Motion Finstad - Second Scott

D. Motion Passed

Project Healing Waters

Motion To Purchase A Table For The Up Coming Regional

Healing Waters Event. Table Will Be Purchased For Members

Of MFFC Who Work On The Healing Waters Program At The VA.

A. Motion By Hunter - Second Vanderhoof - Motion Passed

Old Business

Special Appreciation To Steve And Linda Bock For Work On Brochure.

New Calendar Still In Process

Proud Lake Adventure Day Chair -Tabled

Visitor Comments - None At This Time

Motion To Adjourn Vanderhoof - Hunter Motion Passed

Quigley Baetis Cripple

Hook: TMC 200R (#12 – 16)
Thread: Brown UNI 8/0
Tail: Natural Pheasant Tail
Rib: Olive or Brown UTC Ultra Wire –
Brassie
Abdomen: Pheasant Tail fibers
Thorax: Olive Antron dubbing
Wing: Natural deer hair
Hackle: Olive or Olive Grizzly



Quigley Film Critic (Green Drake)

Hook: TMC 2487 or 200R #10 – 12
Thread: Gray 8/0 UNI
Shuck/Tail: Amber Z-Lon and Wood Duck
flank
Rib: Single strand brown floss and UTC
Ultra Wire Hot Orange Brassie
Abdomen: Olive Antron dubbing
Post: Black poly yarn
Hackle: Grizzly dyed olive or Olive
Thorax: Olive Antron dubbing

