



February Tyer Of The Month

Featured Member Tyer

Bring On The Fish!

Ken Harfoot

Last fall when I was seeking Spotlight/Featured Tyers for our Activity Meetings, I approached the many, many tyers we have in our club. In the past, some of these tyers appeared on center stage and camera, but there are others that have not. This month I will be bringing someone that has never graced our center stage as our Spotlight/Featured Tyer - that would be Ken Harfoot. Ken will bring us three of his favorite patterns: Dust Mop Fly, Ken Harfoot's Estaz Nymph, and the Indestructible Woolly Bugger.

In case you are not familiar with Ken, the following river report on him is right from the email Ken sent me; "I joined the club around 1995 and I have been tying since 1996, to save money. Thanks to the Master Tyer's in club, I have learned enough to tie all my own flies I fish. I fish primarily Michigan and Ohio waters. I have also fished in Alaska for Dolly Vardens & Silver Salmon, and made the trip around Lake Superior fishing the many tributaries. I owe all the success I have had to the club. I have been privileged to be amongst what I call true sportsmen & women, people willing to share and teach unselfishly. This sport we call 'Fly Fishing' is a way of life and I am proud to be a participant. This is why I accepted the invitation to demonstrate my favorite patterns. It's my turn to share what I've learned."

I am fortunate enough to have fished with Ken on many different occasions, the flies he ties are amazing, and the results are many tight lines.

Ken mentioned he has caught everything ranging from Bluegill to Steelhead on his Ken Harfoot's Estaz Nymph pattern. Now that says a lot about this pattern. He also mentioned when tying this pattern, he uses lead weight to help get the flies with smaller hooks, down in the water column. During his presentation, Ken will cover necessary fishing techniques for these three patterns.

So bring your vise, tools, and note taking material to spend a night tying with Ken and three of his favorite patterns. Maybe these will be your favorite patterns also. Until next month, Tight Lines and Snazzy Flies.



KEN HARFOOT'S ESTAZ NYMPH

HOOK: size 8-3xl nymph for Steelhead; sizes 10-12 curved nymph 3xl for Trout

THREAD: Tan 140 denier or 6/0

TAIL/WING CASE: Squirrel Tail

BODY: Yellow Estaz over Yarn

EYE: Chain Bead med/small

WEIGHT: 0.10 (for the smaller sizes)



DUST MOP FLY

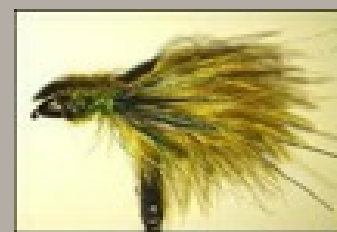
HOOK: size 10 or 12 nymph hook

THREAD: Black

TAIL: Dust Mop finger
(Auto detail cloth)

THORAX: Pheasant rump
aftershaft dubbed in

HACKLE: Pheasant rump



INDESTRUCTIBLE WOOLLY BUGGER

HOOK: 9671 Size 4-8

CONE: To match hook

TAIL: Strung Marabou
(soft hackle style)

TRANSITION HACKLE: Peacock
Body feather, grizzly to match tail color

FLASH: Krystal Flash/Flashabou to
match tail color

BODY: Med. Chenille match tail color

RIB: Size 20 Wire

THORAX: Ice Dub or Soft hackle to
match