

Hi-Desert Flyfishers

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The Hi-Desert Flyfishing Club

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Mike St. Clair of St. Clair and Hynes Bamboo Fly Rods has volunteered to be our guest speaker in November. He will be discussing the manufacture of bamboo fly rods.

October Tying Class

We will discuss this again at the meeting! I am open on Wednesday evenings so we can have it on the Wednesday following the meeting or the following Wednesday. We can discuss what will be tying at the General meeting.

September Meeting Summary

For those that couldn't make it. We voted and approved to obtain a Web site for our club. Paul Sinclair is looking into it and has a source. We had a yard sale of nice fly fishing gear. Most everyone got something useful at a good price.

General Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM please be on Time!

Place: County Fire Station

Located: Apple Valley Road and Yucca Loma Rd

Physical Address: 19235 Yucca Loma Rd,
Apple Valley CA.92308

Program

Richard Bean is giving a talk titled "Trout in the San Bernardino's" which will discuss fishing at Deep Creek, Santa Ana River, Bear Creek, and Big Bear Lake.

HD Club Discount Locations

Paul has told me that the following locations give us a break, if you mention you belong to HD-Flyfishers: Sierra Trading Post and Arizona Flyfishing (AZ). Added in September is the Sierra Trout Magnet, this is located west of the Owens River fly shop's old location. They will give our club a 10% discount. David D'Beaupre is the owner and his number is 760 8730010. David will also be our guest speaker in December at our monthly meeting.

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Streamborn Fall Classic

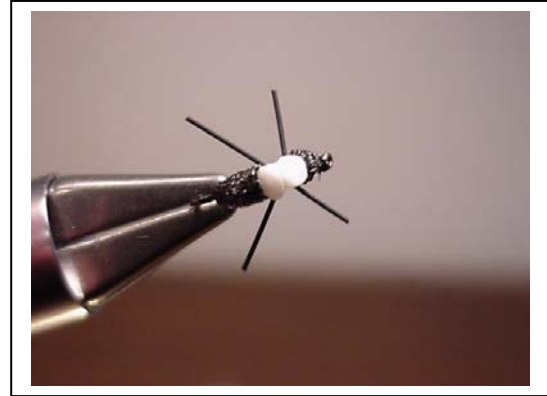
This year again I attended Streamborn Fly fishing club annual Fall outing.

We really should plan a similar outing. The total cost for the full seven days, including all food, my portion of the Chalet with all drinks including beer, wine and bourbon, was \$232.00. Now that is not including gas but that is divided up on how many go in one vehicle.

Far as fishing, we went to Crowley Lake, Saddleback lake , Saddleback Creek, Tioga Lake, East and West Walker River, Lake Mamie and the Upper Owens River. We caught numerous fish at all locations and every one had a ball. We also went to Upper Twin Lakes and saw of all things, Spawning Salmon at the upper lake. They were small, around 12 inches or so and they were in a protected area for observing only, but they were beautiful. By the way the Beetle Pattern below was very effective on Saddleback Creek.

Beetle's in the Fall

With Fall coming and the winds beginning to blow! This Beetle pattern produces well any where! This one produced well for me in the Sierra's, for Brook Trout, Rainbows and Browns. It also produced well for Blue Gill and small bass in our local lakes. I know you will like it and everyone should have a few in the fly boxes.



I have had excellent success at Hot Creek with their version of a little black Beetle. This Beetle is simple to tie and gives a good representation of the natural. This pattern works very well at any place when the wind comes up.

Recipe

Hook: 94840 size 14 or equivalent.

Body: Larva Lace Foam strips, Color Black

Legs: Small size rubber leg strips, Color Black

Post: 1/8 inch diameter closed cell foam dows, Color White

Fig 1 and Fig 2



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Step 1 as shown in Fig 1. Wrap a black thread base from the head to cover the shank of the hook. Adam gives the fly a good thread base and then ties in the foam at the rear of the hook. Adam says if the right foam is used the fly will never sink.

Step 2 With the foam is hanging back, wrap the thread back towards the eye stopping about a third of the distance of the shank from the eye of the hook. Now as shown in Fig 2 pull down the foam and with a slight pull of the foam tie it down forming the beetles body. You can trim the remainder of the foam if you want but be sure to leave some hanging over the hook eye.

Step 3 Tie in the legs on each side of the hook, shown in Fig 3 and Fig 4. Tying the legs in after the foam body is tied down allows for easier positioning of the legs.

Fig 3

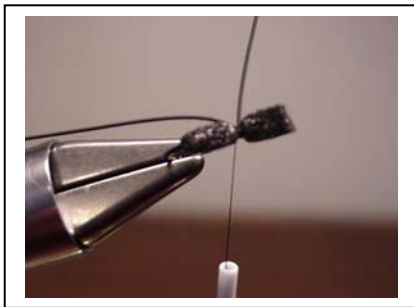


Fig 4



Step 4 Tie in a small portion of the white foam at the same location you segmented the beetle, shown in Fig 5. Trim the excess white foam and tie down the black foam at the eye of the hook and whip finish.

Step 5 shown in Fig 6 is trimming the legs so that the approximate length is the length of the hook shank. Adam will cut the rear legs a little shorter than the length of the hook shank.

One could vary the length depending on what the tier wants to duplicate. Example, longer legs would make it look more like a spider. I also tried giving the fly a foam base on top of the thread base. I tied the black Larva Lace foam in, about 1/8 inch from the eye and pulled the foam back and with wide wraps took the thread back to the end of the hook shank. This gives the beetle a little bigger body and may further assist in its floatation.

The tier can also use a colored marker to change the color of the post to make it easier to see in the water. Example: color the post red or yellow. You can also leave the Beetle as it is in Fig 5 and make it even more visible.

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Fig 5



Fig 6



HD picnic at Jess Ranch

Our picnic and Jess Ranch as reported by Craig Bullock, was a big success. Robert let us set up the B.B.Q. right on the fishing lake. We had about 30 members attend and everybody caught fish. Craig Bullock caught a 9 pound trout!

There was plenty to eat and everyone was able to relax and visit. Lots of pictures were taken and we will be showing them at the next meeting. Thanks to everybody who participated. Here are the pictures that Craig sent me!

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