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President's Message

As I write the August President's Message, I hope that everyone is enjoying his or her summer holidays. We will have a lot of stories and the club will get a little more bigger. When I say bigger I mean the experiences and memories that we all share. We all seem to go fishing to all our special locations and have so many stories. Please remember the shared information helps us all! If anyone has a good story please sent it to Gary Applebee at glapplebee@gmail.com. Photos included! I will be back from British Columbia sometime near the beginning of August.

If anyone needs anything, please contact Ernie Gulley. I will not have a phone, television, microwave, or a computer. Its great! The guys and gals going this summer will also know how special this place is, Beautiful British Columbia. Who knows there is always next year?

Until then, Tight Lines!

Paul Sinclair

General Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday; Aug. 10, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: County Fire Station

Address: 19235 Yucca loma Rd.
Apple Valley

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HD Club Discount Locations

Arizona Flyfishers: www.azflyfishing.net

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www.stillwaterflyfishingadventures.com

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(760) 873-0010 10%
www.sierratroutmagnet.com

Crowley Minnow
Tied Wet Fly Style
By John Rose



This fly is a wet fly version of the Wayne's Special shown last month. I used the purple body and the red flashabou sides from the original and instead of hair I used a red Hairs Ear and Squirrel tail dubbing blend for the Thorax and about four wraps of Hungarian Partridge for the collar.

I have fished this fly in a lot of the lakes in the Sierra's and have found that it produces almost everywhere I have fished it.

Directions

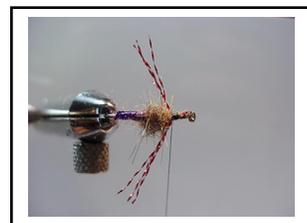
First photo shows the hook shank has enough thread to cover the entire shank and shows the purple sparkle braid tied towards the rear of the hook. The purple sparkle braid is wrapped forward to a little over half the shank length.



Step 2: blend a mixture of squirrel tail and a reddish rabbit mask in a blender and dub this material from where the Sparkle braid stops to a point approximately 1/8 to 3/16 behind the eye of the hook. By looking at the pictures it is easy to tell the proportions for the different hook sizes. I like and tie most of these patterns on a 14 2x1 wet fly hook.



Step 3: Take a length of red holographic, flashabou and cut it into 3 small strips about 1 1/2 inches long. Tie 2 or 3 strips of this length on both side of the hook. Cut the flashabou at the back of the hook.



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Step 4: pull a stem of Hungarian Partridge so the length, when wound on the head, would lay and back does not extend past the rear of the hook. The Partridge when wet will be held from lying on the body by the red Squirrel/ rabbit dubbing. This pattern when wet resembles the Sacramento Perch fry along with a lot of other species of fry.



flies we were using are midge patterns in size 16 to 20, (broke back midges) calibates nymphs in size 14 to 18 (Flash back PT midges) and any kind of small damsel pattern. You can use the midge patterns as your bottom fly and your upper fly a PT midge, damsel fly or a perch fry pattern both under an indicator fished in the middle of the channel.



BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR ON FIRE!

By Ernie Gulley

Bridgeport Reservoir right now and for the last month is quite possibly the best fishing reservoir in the Sierra's. Fishing has been excellent for rainbows and browns, some over 24 inches. The reservoir is at full water capacity, something we haven't seen in quite a few years. Currently the reservoir is going thru an algae bloom, however don't fear, this is one of the reasons why fishing is so fantastic in the Buckeye Bay area where Robinsons creek and Buckeye creek flow into the reservoir!

My trip to Bridgeport was in the 1st week of July. I called a few of my fishing buddies and all of them said they had previous engagements. I didn't let this stop me; I decided to make the trip solo. I have made thousands of trips solo so I loaded the truck, boat and started my 6 hour journey north up the 395 with the promise of excellent fishing and a chance at very big fish. As it turned out I wasn't disappointed. The fish are keying in on small midges, calibates nymphs, damsel nymphs and the perch fry that are very small at this time. The

I arrived at 12:30am and decided to launch the boat so I could get a quick getaway in the early morning. I started out of the marina and was in Buckeye Bay by 6am searching for the channel and a shot at some of the reservoir's very large rainbows and browns. The weeds are not quite all the way to the surface. But by using your depth finder to show you where the channel is works best. The channel runs from the front of the lake towards the back of the lake where the dam is. All you have to do is run your boat sideways. When you cross the channel you will find the water will drop from 7 feet down into 10 to 11 feet and then back up to 7 feet again. When it does this, you have found the channel, the highway the fish use to find food and keep cooler in the colder water. Turn back around and go over the channel again and when the depth goes back up to 7 feet, wait a few seconds and throw out the anchor so you can position your boat sideways to the channel and about 15 feet away from the drop off so the shadow of your boat does not disturb and make these fish scatter. Now you're ready to fish, put a small alligator clip to

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your bottom fly, toss it out into the channel and set your depth to your indicator about 2 feet from the bottom or a little lower and just start fishing.



The fishing was excellent for the first 3 hours of the morning; I had many take downs and landed 17 fish, most in the 14 to 15 inch class, one fat 22" rainbow and one in the four pound class. I was fishing a black broke back midge size 16 with amber ribbing and a copper head and the fly above that was a size 16 flashback PT midge.

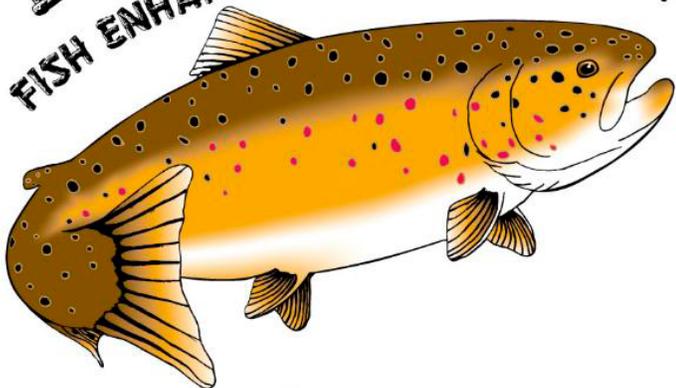
Fishing slowed so I moved way out into the lake and followed the channel. I picked up a few more fish, 2 over 18", but didn't have the action that I was looking for so I moved back up into the channel around where I started out in the morning. Fishing again picked up and I was into a lot of smaller fish, but happy to be into fish again. The bigger fish were kind of scarce, averaging 1 big fish 18" or above per every 10 fish caught. As the day continued on I made about half a dozen more moves, looking for a better spot or deeper spot in the channel that would hold bigger fish, but I did not find such a spot. This is a necessary part of the fishing process, moving to find the fish. This continued until nightfall and all of the boats in the bay and on the lake where gone!

The wind picked up to about 18 to 20 mph, some would think of heading in, however I think that as soon as the wind picks up the bigger fish show up and they didn't disappoint. From 7pm to 8pm I landed 15 fish, most in the 15" to 16" range and a few in the 18" class. There is something about high winds and big waves that bring out the bigger fish. Every single time I have been out on the water in windy conditions, I have had great fishing. Next day the alarm went off at 5am and 10 minutes later I was on my way back to the same area I fished the day before, Buckeye Bay. The fishing was so good in the last spot before dark I went back to the same spot, fished for about 40 minutes and never even had a take down. Decided to move farther back into the channel where I had spent most of my time the day before and started catching fish immediately. Everyone that had a boat on the lake decided to show up in Buckeye and fish the channel, at one count there were 22 boats and it was getting a little crowded. I continued to keep picking fish up at a consistent pace on my black and amber colored broke back midge and a small size 16 flash back pheasant tail midge. I made a few more moves to try to get things going again, but the fishing slowed until the wind picked up around 1pm.

The wind again around 18 to 20mph triggered the fish and the bite was on for the next 90 minutes. I picked up 5 more fish over 18" inches and one over 20". The afternoon was upon me and I had a 7 hour drive back home so I fished to 3pm and made my way back to the marina, packed up started my return back home. I don't know how it is with everyone else on the way home, but I am always trying to figure out how soon it will be for me to make the trip back up to the Sierra Stillwater's. Bridgeport Reservoir is still fishing excellent as you read this article and if you need any help you can contact me Ernie Gulley (909) 953-1770 or call Bridgeport Reservoir at (760) 932-7001 and ask for Jeffrey (the lake manager) will set you up with all the flies and information you will need or go online at: www.bridgeportreservoir.com

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BRIDGEPORT, CA
FISH ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION



www.bridgeportfishenhancement.com

Mission Statement: *To enhance Bridgeport area trout fisheries through non-profit means for the purpose of preservation while providing an improved angling experience for future generations.*

Started in 2003 by long time fishing guide Frank Killen, the Bridgeport Fish Enhancement Program (BFEF) has evolved from soliciting donations to purchase Alpers trout for planting in the Bridgeport Reservoir to enhancing the local trout populations by developing a community fish hatchery.



Our first facility was constructed in 2005 at Paradise Shores RV park. After completing mandatory testing and proving that the system is disease free we have been able to raise beautiful, healthy trout in a modified tomato bin using re-circulating well water. The second facility was constructed in 2006 at the Virginia Creek Settlement.



This facility was also found to be disease free in early 2007 and has allowed our program to increase our capacity to raise trout. This is a flow-through system that gets pure spring water from an Artesian well that will allow us to grow year round. We currently have the capacity to grow 20,000 fish annually for release up to catchable size.

Our goals, of course, are to keep our trout right here in Bridgeport. All of our local waters can now benefit from trout rearing efforts that are supported by non-profit donations that we receive through fund raising efforts such as fishing tournaments and letters.

As funds become available we will continue to expand this program to improve capacity and to purchase fish to directly plant in Bridgeport area waters. We purchase small fry (500 fish per pound), and our volunteers raise and care for these trout in our tomato bins over a two year period releasing the fish as they outgrow the

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system. The long term plan is to enhance the local fisheries and improve the angler experience in Bridgeport area waters.



Five Secrets to Summertime Success written by Craig Nielsen

A couple of updates:

As of May 2010 BFEF has stocked over 4000lbs of trout in the 2009/2010 fiscal period. The dates, pounds and locations are can be found @ www.bridgeportfishenhancement.com/ProgramUpdates

Currently, BFEF is growing approximately 2500 lbs of rainbow trout and 35,000 brown trout swim-ups.

For more details and information on this organization go to: www.bridgeportfishenhancement.com/



For many anglers, the summer heat, or the summer doldrums, often means few hatches and small fish. The prolific springtime hatches have come and gone. The rivers have become creeks, the water is crystal clear, the fish are spooky, and the most accessible runs have been fished over hard. By late summer, trout have seen it all, and running a big bright indicator through the run that produced in the middle of the day in the spring rarely produces. Summer flows might make fishing accessible and fun, but the catching can be downright challenging and technical.

Over the years we have discovered some strategies for approaching freestone rivers in the summer that helps to keep fishing fun, improves our success rates, and doesn't require that we purchase new, expensive equipment or develop completely new skill sets. Quite the opposite in fact, most of these techniques return our fishing to the simple approach we loved as a kids.

Fish Fast Water

Fish suffering from the higher water temps of summer

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will seek out cool oxygenated water. This most often means the heads of runs and fast moving riffles and pocket water will produce much better than the heart of the run that offered us so much action in spring. Deep water can also provide thermal relief so nymphing or running streamers through these water types is most often productive when fish are not showing on the surface.

Take a Nap

Taking a nap during the least productive middle part of a long summer day not only adds to your enjoyment but leaves you fresh and rested for early morning starts and allows you to save a few casts until the very last light in the evening, when hatches are best and the fishing turns magical.

Take a Hike

Finding fish that have not been heavily pressured on public water is not as hard as you might imagine if you are willing to walk for them. A half hour walk from access points is good, an hour or more is better. We usually fish our way back to access points in the evening and make our way further from access points in the morning to save the longest part of hikes for the middle of the day. Unpressured fish will more willing to forgive small errors in presentation and imitation and are a joy to catch particularly on dry flies. Summer is the ideal time to hike to out of the way spots on well known rivers or even better yet search out small creeks and wet wade while you cast small dries to eager trout.

Stealth

Frightened fish do not feed. When the water is low and clear and the fish have seen it all it is critical that we avoid spooking them prior to getting a fly in their feeding zone. Try to avoid wearing bright colors, wade cautiously and fish turbulent, oxygenated or deep water to mask your presence. This is a great time of year to

take the indicator off and high stick your nymphs in the whitewater heads of runs, pocket water and deep pools. In less turbulent water try presenting nymphs as droppers off a dry with a “Hopper, Copper, Dropper” rig.

Go Small

While it can be incredibly satisfying to get trout to grab your big Hopper dry, many more fish in summer are caught with small or tiny flies tied to light tippet. If you prefer to fish a large dry, try adding nymph droppers on 5X and 6X tippet and you can still enjoy a few fish on the “Hopper” while your nymphs do the busy work.

For a more complete treatise on beating the summer heat, check out our article “Fishing Freestones to Beat the Heat” available on our website: www.shastatrout.com and first published in California Fly Fisher Magazine in August of 2006.

Sierra Trout Magnet Fly Fishing - Summer/Fall 2010 Events

The summer fishing here in the Eastern Sierra has been nothing short of spectacular. The extra winters snow will have the fish swimming in cold and clear sierra water well into the fall. For those of you who have not made it up, it is a year that you should not miss. Hopper fishing with a Fly Rod can provide some great and explosive top water action. Check out my recent fly fishing reports for the Eastern Sierra at: www.sierratroutmagnet.com/reports

Please call the Fly Shop for more information or any questions at (760) 873-0010 or send an e-mail to: david@sierratroutmagnet.com

As far as events for this Fall I will be hosting a 6-10 person trip to my own home water where I grew up fly fishing and cut my teeth guiding on the Clarks Fork Of the Columbia River in Western MT. You find out more at: www.sierratroutmagnet.com