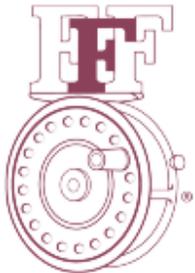


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HAPPY 4th of JULY

Presidents Line

By Larry Gibbs

At last the summer is upon us. Fishing season is in full swing and I hope all of you get out there and do some serious fishing. While you are doing that, take some digital photos, please. We want to display them at our December meeting.

Speaking of that, please send me your digital photos with a bit of data, like the name of the body of water and who was on the trip. I will start placing a word text on the photos so when they are displayed on the screen everyone will know where the photo was taken.

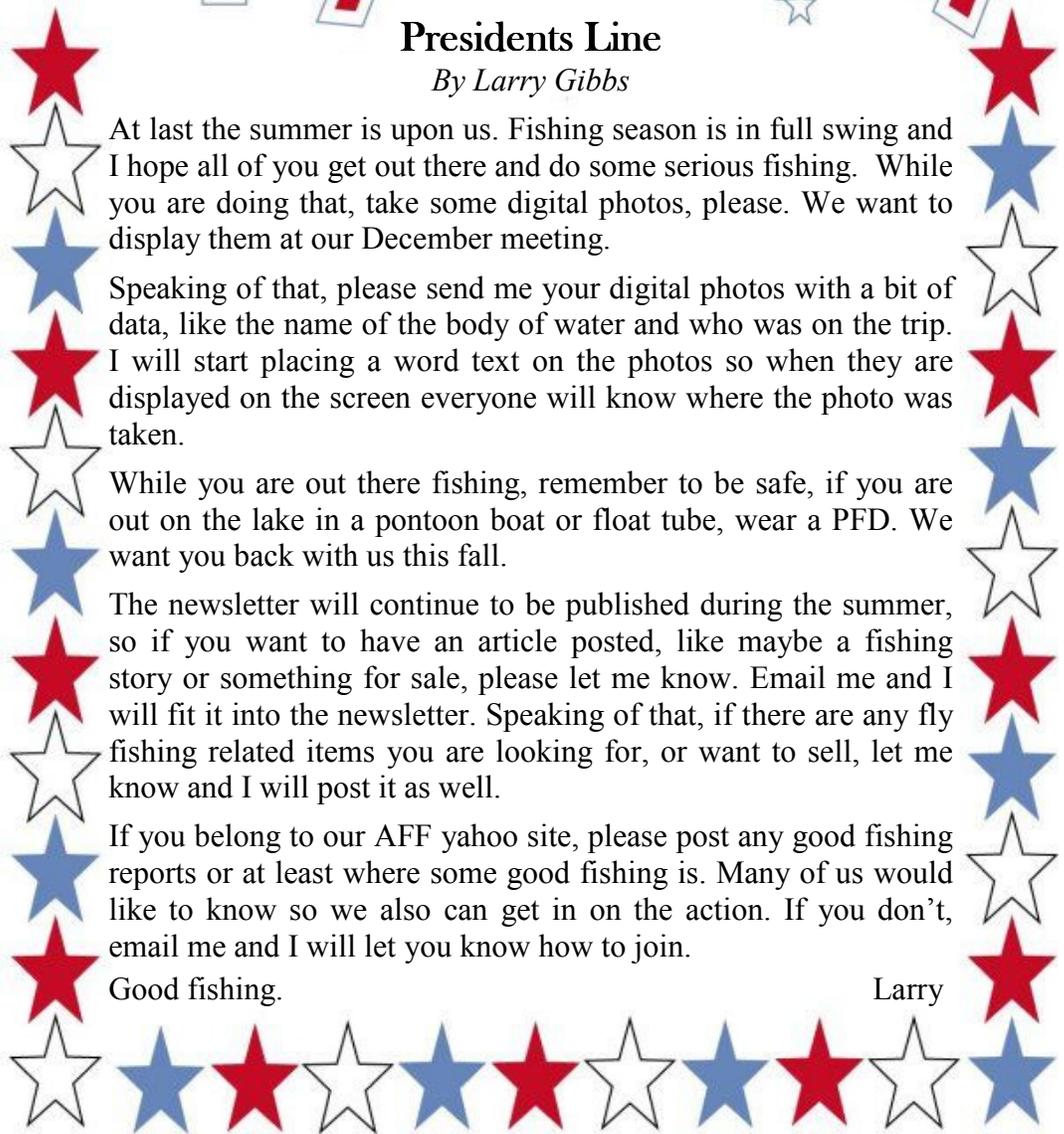
While you are out there fishing, remember to be safe, if you are out on the lake in a pontoon boat or float tube, wear a PFD. We want you back with us this fall.

The newsletter will continue to be published during the summer, so if you want to have an article posted, like maybe a fishing story or something for sale, please let me know. Email me and I will fit it into the newsletter. Speaking of that, if there are any fly fishing related items you are looking for, or want to sell, let me know and I will post it as well.

If you belong to our AFF yahoo site, please post any good fishing reports or at least where some good fishing is. Many of us would like to know so we also can get in on the action. If you don't, email me and I will let you know how to join.

Good fishing.

Larry



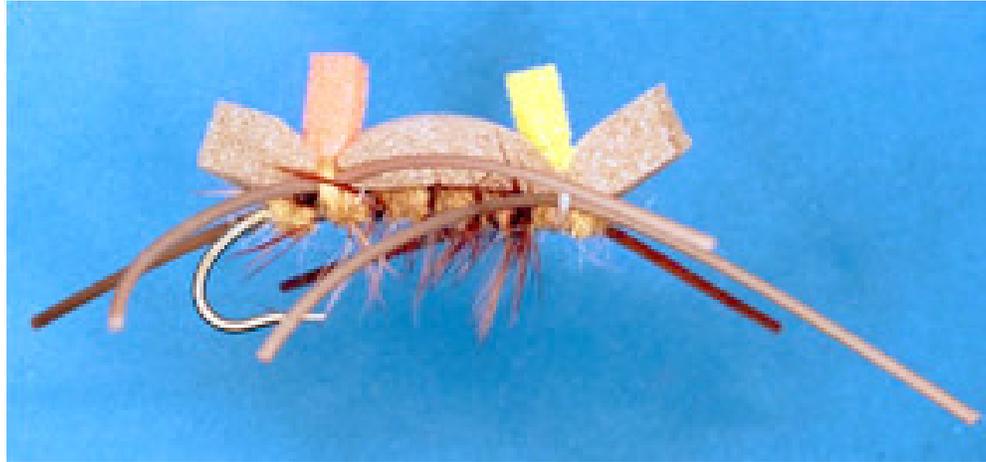


FFF Fly of the Month

Golden Stonefly

July 2004 FFF Fly of the month

By Bob Bates



Elden Berrett tied this high floating pattern at the 38th International Fly Fishing Conclave and Show, Idaho Falls, Idaho, August 2003. Elden is a Guide with South Fork Outfitters in Swan Valley about 45 miles east of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Many western U.S. folks are partial to the Golden stonefly because it is big, up to 1-1/4 inches long, hatches over a period of up to four weeks depending on weather and finally, fish like them. If you are not fortunate enough to have Golden's in your area, check for something similar and change the pattern accordingly.

Depending on where you are the hatches are in early June in the coastal states and late June to early July in the Rocky Mountain States. The nymphs crawl out of the stream bed usually at night. They will travel some distance from the stream side rocks and hatch in nearby vegetation. While the adults stay for several days some might be unfortunate enough to fall into the water and be recycled into fish. Mating takes place in the foliage, and the females when ready will fly back to the water to lay their eggs. The evening egg laying flights are considered inconsistent by some authors. However, when they come the fish are greedy enough to make dry fly fishing most satisfying.

The females fly upstream to lay their eggs, and the eggs drift downstream before lodging in rocks. Use a normal drag free float for most presentations, but it doesn't hurt to jiggle the fly a little to attract attention even in faster water. However, on smooth water giving the fly a little jiggle is a good idea.

Materials

Hook: Dai-riki 270 #4-10

Thread: Tan 6/0

Underbody: White open cell foam, 1/16-inch thick and 1/8-inch wide. Rainey

Body: Dubbed, Hairline #43 Ginger

Hackle: Brown

Overbody: Tan or brown closed cell foam, 1/8-inch thick by 3/16- to 1/4-inch wide

Legs: Medium round rubber, brown

Posts: Closed cell foam 1/16-inch thick 1/8-inch wide, 1/4-inch long, orange and yellow.

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Tying Steps

1. If you want to go barbless, flatten barb with smooth jaw pliers before starting to tie fly.
2. Start thread behind eye, and wind a smooth thread base to rear. If you hold the thread tag out to the side and wind against it, the result will be a smooth thread base.
3. Attach underbody foam above point of hook, and spiral thread forward to about two or three eye widths back from eye.
4. Start wrapping underbody forward overlapping it a little. Tie off underbody about two or three eye widths behind eye, trim excess and spiral thread rearward over underbody to just above the barb.
5. Put dubbing material on thread using your favorite method. Cover underbody with dubbing from bend to the eye. The last couple of wraps, with thin dubbing, should be moved rearward to where the hackle will be secured.
6. Select hackle with barbs that are a gap width long. Attach at front of hook, and spiral rearward with the thread. A long saddle hackle makes this easy. Secure hackle over point of hook and trim excess.
7. Cut a point on back of overbody foam by trimming off the square corners. Also "round off" the head by clipping the corners a little. Tie foam securely on top of hook above the point.
8. Fold two 2-inch pieces of round rubber around the thread and make one or two thread wraps. Position one lag on each side of body by sliding it under the thread. Hide the thread with a little dubbing on the last wrap.
9. Tie in orange foam on top of hook by the very end of the foam. Tie it tightly so it stands up.
10. Hold up overbody foam, pull back legs and spiral thread forward through the hackle.
11. Fold overbody forward and secure at a point 2 or 3 eye widths back from eye. Tie a 2-inch piece of round rubber on each side of the body for the front legs. Tie in yellow foam so it stands up. Whip finish over thread holding foam and legs.

There you have a fly that most of us can see on the water. With the orange and yellow foam patches you can follow it even in faster water. If you change the body, hackle and overbody colors you might want to keep the bright posts for visibility.



Key Dates In The Future

July & August - No club meetings
August 26/28 FFF Fly Fishing Fair in West
Yellowstone, MT

September 28 – Club Meeting

AFF 2010 Club Outings

By Bob Alston

1. Is anyone up for **Chupaka Lake** near Tonasket? A great lake for fly guys only, recently rehabilitated, with excellent reports. Pat Blackwell knows this lake

2. **Montana and the Clark Fork River.** This spring, summer and fall Larry Gibbs will be going to St. Regis, Montana to do drifts on the Clark Fork River. He will announce the dates at the AFF club meetings and if anyone is interested in coming along, please let him know. We may be able to stay at a house right on the river or if that is not available, then we will stay at the Super 8 Motel in St. Regis. You will use the Clark Fork Trout & Tackle shop for guided drift boat trips. This is owned by Brooks Sanford. Larry would need even numbers of people to go along with him, either 2 or 4 or 6 or 8. Big Browns, Rainbows, Cutthroats and Cuttbows and some large Whitefish, that is what the Clark Fork produces. Most of these drifts will be for two days of drifts but a third day is always an option.

3. **Lone Lake on Whidbey Island.** This will be a winter fishing trip in November, December or January. The best way to fish is to use red San Juan Worms just 6 inches off the bottom. Steve Egge has graciously offered his cabin as a place to stay if he is available to go and if you want to make this an overnighiter. This will be a Saturday and or Sunday trip. Due to the traffic through Seattle and up to Everett, the weekend is the best time to fish this lake. You drive to Mukilteo on Saturday morning, take the ferry to Whidbey Island and head for the lake. You can then either head back that afternoon, taking the ferry back to Mukilteo or stay the night at Steve's cabin and fish again on Sunday, then head back Sunday afternoon. The fishing is usually fairly good, sometimes hot, sometimes cold.

4. **Yakima River.** You can wade fish in the lower Canyon or go on drift boat floats had have the best chance of getting into some good fish. I use the Worley Bugger Fly Co. as my guide service when I fish the Yakima. Decent fishing in the summer, good fishing in the fall and winter and early spring.



Quote Of The Month

High Summer

“July fishing therefore requires all the angler’s skill to a superlative degree. It is the height of the trouts cunning, for in June he has not grown to his full craft, whilst by August he begins to grow a little careless. But in July he makes the most exacting call of your art.”



As taken from A Summer On The Test by John Waller Hills — 1924



FFF Fly Fishing Fair/Conclave Auction & Raffle Highlights



The auction and raffle will be in full swing this August at West Yellowstone during the Fly Fishing Fair. Be sure to join us on Friday August 27th for the annual live auction which is a main highlight of the show and the only fundraising auction held at the national level. A Cash Bar and great appetizers will be available during the Auction preview from 6:00-7:30 along with several raffle items and a silent auction - to get in for the preview from 6:00-7:30 reserve your ticket when you register. The live auction starts at 7:30 sharp and no ticket is required-just show up!!!

Here is a sneak peak of some fishing trips that will be up for bidding at the Fly Fishing Fair!

SW Wisconsin: A Wisconsin Spring Creek fly fishing trip offered by Jacquish Hollow Angler and Angler's Inn in southwest Wisconsin. The trip is for two people for 2 days of guided fishing and 3 nights lodging at the Angler's Inn B&B owned by David & Nancy Barron.

Western Montana: Brooks & Jackie Sanford of the Clark Fork Trout & Tackle fly shop have offered two days of drifting on the Clark Fork River in the St. Regis area plus a \$100 gift certificate towards the purchase of anything at the fly shop.

North-Central Idaho: Clearwater River Company LLC is once again offering some great trips. One trip in the live auction is a 2 person, 2 day guided drift boat fishing trip on the Clearwater River between Kooskia and Lewiston, ID with 2 nights lodging. Each fall over thirty-thousand Steelhead return to the Clearwater River. These fish offer ample angling opportunity from mid September thru March. These majestic fish are considered to be pound for pound the hardest fighting fish that swim the western rivers. The average Clearwater River Steelhead is 12-15 pounds with numerous over 20 pounds being landed each season. These fish will test the limits of every angler that ties into one of these brutes.

Kenai, Alaska: Blue Moose Rafting and Drake's on the Kenai offer an exceptional package trip to fish the Kenai area of Alaska. This will be a five (5) days of fishing for two (2) people. This is for the year 2011. The trip includes four (4) nights of lodging at Drake's on the Kenai, a 5,750 sq. ft. custom log B&B owned by Bill Drake.

Richard Mousseau of Blue Moose Rafting will handle the travel to and from the fishing locations. There are five (5) fishing systems to pick from. They are: The Russian, Quartz Creek, Anchor River, Swanson River, the Kenai, and the Kasilof. Some areas are a walk in type and others are with a drift boat.

This trip is for the 2011 year. Here are the dates of the various salmon runs:

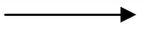
June 15th to July 4th –Sockeye Salmon – Limited productive Rainbow Trout and Dolly Varden fishing, with a chance of a few Kings

July 4th to July 15th – King Salmon – Rainbow and Dolly Varden

July 15th to August 15th – King Salmon limited on the spawn, 2nd run of Sockeye, Silvers and better Rainbow Trout and Dolly Varden fishing

August 15th to September 15th – Coho/Silver Salmon and the most productive Rainbow Trout and Dolly Varden fishing

Blue Ribbon Flies: Donated by Craig Mathews of Blue Ribbon Flies. A full day fishing backcountry stream(s) for 2 with Blue Ribbon Flies' Tylor Robinson. Included are lunches, soft drinks, and water. Transportation from and return to Blue Ribbon Flies on trip date. Date to be announced with Tylor, subject to availability – must be taken in Sept. 2010.

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Madison River: Donated by Brad Richey of Madison River Outfitters. Enjoy a guided float fishing trip for two anglers on the Madison River. Lunches, beverages and transportation are included. Trip can be taken during the Conclave or later in the 2010 season.

Here are some items you can expect to be able to win in raffles, bid on in silent auctions, or bid on in the live auction:

Custom built Sage Z-Axis Fly Rod –A 9 foot, 6 weight, 4 piece:

Larry Gibbs and expert custom fly rod builder Tyler Speir, www.tyrodffishing.com of TyRod Fishing have teamed together to bring you a beautiful custom built Sage Z-Axis fly rod. The rod is signed by Tyler and it is dedicated to the 2010 FFF Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave. Check it out when you come to West Yellowstone.

A Riverwood Design Original with Relief Carving:

Bob & Val Wagner have attended and supported the FFF & Fly Fishing Fair for numerous years, and this year is no exception. They are donating: One 36" Large Portable Fly Tying Table, black cherry trim with hand carved trout plus a matching 5 drawer materials cabinet, 17" wide by 29" tall. All are solid wood construction.

New Bamboo Fly Rod:

A new 7' 9" 6/7 wt rod donated by Volcano Fly Rods, Randy Johnson.

Jack Gartside book, pamphlet and box of flies:

Donated by Melvyn Harris, Bud Lilly & Bob Jacklin

Plus numerous other items such as:

Rods, reels, certificates, books, vehicle rod carrier, hats, sunglasses, DVD's, jackets, shirts, art and MUCH MORE!!

This year is guaranteed to be one of the best. We have a number of amazing items that have been donated by individuals and companies that support the FFF for you to bid on in the live and silent auctions and to win in the raffles. From guided fly fishing trips, beautiful fly plates, flies, and exceptional art, to the finest gear we are sure to have items for everyone who pursues a fly fishing lifestyle. There will also be a nice selection of non-fly fishing related items.

Larry Gibbs
Auction/Raffle Chairman



Have a safe 4th of July and a great summer. See you in September!!!



July / August

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No club meetings in July & August, see you in September

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