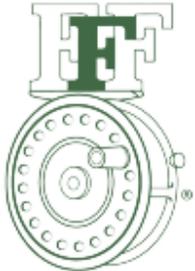


Alpine Fly Fishers

*No June Meeting BUT
We Will Be Having Our
Annual Club Picnic At
Duffy's Place
On Tuesday, June 28*



Charter
Club



The Dead Drift—June 2011

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By Larry Gibbs

I want to thank Bill Fox, PJ Hicks, Jim Dufficy and Dave Alberts for their help during the Washington Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg. Bill, PJ & Jim worked really hard for three days and Dave was a spotter during the live auction. Without the help from volunteers like them, the job would not get done.

We had a good event this year. Lots of fly tyers demonstrating their techniques. We had a number of certified casters on hand to help people correct some of their bad habits or just improve on their good habits. There were seminars and classes covering a wide range of topics. On Friday we had over 45 students from three different school districts attend classes on entomology, casting and fly tying. The highlight for them was when each group of 15+ students got to draw a raffle ticket for a free rod/reel/line outfit. We had three very happy students who won the raffles.

I was thinking it would really be great if all the students could receive a fly rod/reel outfit. Do you think our club could help sponsor such a donation? I am not suggesting we cover the whole cost, but maybe 1/3 of the cost? I will talk about this at our June meeting. I know all of the students would be thrilled to receive such a gift and that may spur them on to become fly fishers.

It is time for our annual club picnic. We will be having it at Duffy's place, thank you Duffy!!! I will be passing out directions on how to get to Duffy's place at the May meeting. If you can't attend the May meeting, just give me a call or email me and I will give you the directions. The picnic will be on the 4th Tuesday of June, that being June 28. Standard club meeting time around 5:30 PM to 6PM. The club will furnish the main course but salads, desserts and whatever you want to bring will be appreciated.

During July and August we will not be having any meetings as we are taking our summer break. Please take some digital photos or regular if that is what you take, and plan on giving them to Steve Egge so he can put together a slide presentation for our December meeting / Fund Raising Raffle. It is always fun to see where other club members have been fishing and what they did or didn't catch.

Good fishing.

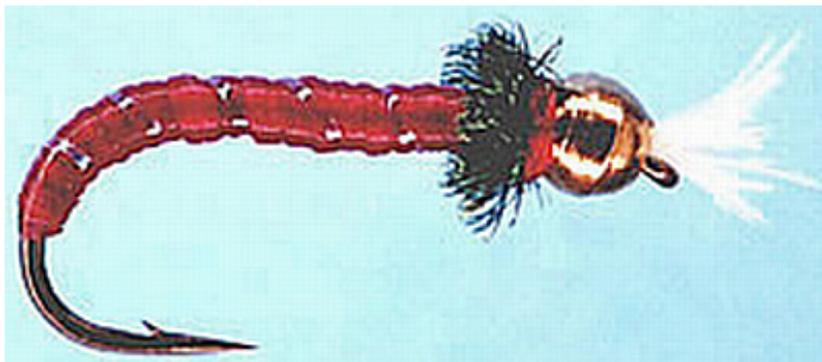
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FFF Fly of the Month

Bead Head Midge

By Bob Bates

June 2004 — FFF Fly Of The Month



Midge (chironomid) pupa or larva imitations might be the most important patterns available. Chironomids are all over the world and in all kinds of water. Lakes and slow water streams abound with them. They are in the water all year long, and different species hatch whenever there is open water. Usually species that hatch in the winter are tiny, but the spring and summer species are larger. Harold Patterson of Foster City, California tied this pattern at the 39th International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave in Idaho Falls, ID, August 2003.

Red has been a popular color since anglers years ago found red chironomid larva. It is the color of larva that live oxygen poor environments such as bottom mud and debris. They have extra hemoglobin, which makes them red. Other colors are also seen so keep a sharp lookout for bugs in your waters. Check the debris that clings to your anchor; there is a lot of information to be gained there.

How is a pattern like this fished? Two techniques may be used: Bobber fishing with a floating line or dredging with a sinking line. Neither sounds attractive to the "pure" fly angler. Using a strike indicator sounds better than a bobber. The strike indicator can be a piece of foam, yarn, cork or a dry fly. Put on enough tippet, fluorocarbon works great, to let the Bead Head Midge hang near the bottom or weeds. After letting the fly sink it is a matter of watching the indicator until it makes an odd movement. If nothing happens try something different: Depth, place or fly. Frequently the strike indicator will go down when you are looking at an eagle or other bird fly by.

For dredging select a slow to fast sinking line or sink tip line to reach the depth you wish to fish. Cast, let it sink and then start a retrieve. The speed of retrieve is optional, but a slow hand twist retrieve is a good way to start because chironomid pupa move slowly. One thing for sure is that with a solid connection to the fly there will be little question about the strike. One general recommendation about fishing this way is: Shorten the leader to something like 4 or 5 feet.

Materials

Hook: R30 #12-14

Bead: Brass, 3/32-inch

Thread: 8/0 Red

Gills: CDC puff, white

Rib: Tinsel, very fine silver or Crystal Flash, pearlescent

Body: Superfloss, red

Collar: Peacock herl

CDC, Cul de Canard, feathers come from around the preen gland on a duck. A duck uses oil from the gland to dress and waterproof all of its feathers. Such waterproofing makes CDC a natural choice for floating patterns. However, the fibers have a translucency and lifelike movement in water that makes CDC a good choice for wet flies also. Incidentally, never use a floatant on CDC dry flies just dry them with a cloth. Not all fly shops carry the CDC puffs, so look around or have the shop folks order them for you.

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Tying Steps

1. If you want to remove the barb, do it before you start tying the fly.
2. Put hook in vise point up. Pick up bead, and slide it onto hook with the larger opening toward the eye.
3. Turn the hook over, but keep the bead near the back of the hook.
4. Attach thread at the eye. Loosely tie a CDC puff on top of hook with tips sticking out over eye. Pull the puff back until less than 1/8-inch of the feather is exposed. Tighten thread, whip finish, cut thread and trim back of CDC as closely as possible. Apply a little head cement to let the bead slid. Move bead forward over the thread and puff. Reattach thread behind the bead.
5. First attach rib on top of hook behind bead. Then tie Superfloss on top of rib. Hold both materials as thread is wrapped rearward. Try to keep tinsel on the bottom, and both materials on top of hook. Continue wrapping around the bend a little. Wrap thread forward in close wraps.
6. Stretch the Superfloss at start of wrapping forward, ease tension as you move forward and really ease up on tension behind bead. Tie Superfloss tightly.
7. Spiral rib forward and secure tightly behind bead. The Crystal flash can be twisted to prevent it from going flat.
8. Attach a peacock herl behind bead, take three wraps of peacock herl, secure and trim excess.
9. Place two whip finishes between peacock herl collar and bead. Cut thread.

Now all that is needed is to decide where you will fish this simple pattern. Just remember if you are using a strike indicator, it will go down when you least expect it. Many of us find it difficult to sit and bobber fish, but it is a very effective way to catch trout and other fish.

Renew Your FFF Membership



We have been a FFF Charter Club for over one year. That means that those of you who joined at the end of 2009 or start of 2010 are at or near your expiration date. Please make sure you renew your FFF membership.

Thanks, Larry



In The FFF Corner
<http://www.fedflyfishers.org>

Upcoming FFF Events



**FFF Fly Fishing Fair / Conclave — West Yellowstone, MT,
August 30 thru September 3, 2011**

Become a Bouncer

RiverBum.com

April 22nd, 2010

We were a bit nervous as a fellow guide and I planned for a guide trip last week. There is flood level water right now in many of our rivers. I painstakingly searched the local stream flow charts for rivers with fishable flows. Our options were limited to say the least. We settled on the tailwater sections of the Provo River. The water was really high but at least it was clear. We used some high water techniques and, much to my relief, ended up catching quite a few fish. One of the techniques that worked was the bounce rig.

Here are a few tips on rigging and fishing the bounce rig:

Tie 2 sections of tippet with blood knots about 12 to 18 inches apart from each other at the end of the leader. I typically use 4X but this can vary according to fly size, water clarity and current speed. On both of the blood knots I leave long tag ends, about 8 to 10 inches. The last section of tippet should be longer than the last tag by about 6 inches. Tie a double overhand knot on the very end of this final tippet section. My usual total leader length is around 10 or 11 feet depending on water depth.

Next, attach flies to the 2 tags left unclipped. I usually tie the larger nymph on the tag that will be closer to the bottom. Lightly weighted nymphs may work a little better.

Attach split shot to the very end of the leader just above the overhand knot (make sure it's non-toxic for the sake of wildlife). The split shot will be stopped from sliding off the end of the leader by the small knot.

Fish this rig under an indicator. In my opinion, Thingamabobbers are by far the best for bounce rigs. Fish it much like you would normally fish an indicator rig but with about 1 1/2 to 2 times the weight. I used 3 and 4 of the largest split shot I carry on this last trip. You will know you have enough weight when the indicator bounces or ticks slightly along the bottom for most of the drift but doesn't pull the indicator under on its own.

The bounce rig, if it has enough weight, ensures that the flies are getting down to the bottom fast. However, because the flies are suspended just off the bottom and only the weights touch you don't snag as often as standard rigs that have weight above the flies.

The bounce rig largely saved my guide trip last week. Try it the next time you need to fish nymphs and get them deep fast.

Good luck and tight lines!

Jake Ricks

Fly Fishing Professional, Guide, and Author

Book a Trip with the Utah Fly Guides

Same Fish? You Be The Judge

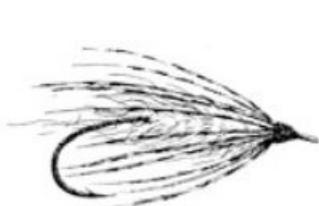


Bill Fox's Fish



Danferd Henke's Fish

In May of 2010, Brooks Sanford was guiding Bill and me when Bill caught this beautiful Cutthroat on the Clark Fork River from a very specific hole during the 14 mile drift. In September of 2010, Brooks was guiding another client when that person caught a very nice Cutthroat from the same hole. Brooks was going through his photos and noticed the similarities between the two fish. It sure looks to me like these are the same trout, you have to love Catch & Release!!!!



About Our WSCFFF

Washington State Council Federation of Fly Fishers

www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

By Larry Gibbs



At many of the events that the Washington State Council FFF attends and has a booth, one of the key things we do is support and promote fly casting. Some of your very own Alpine Fly Fishers & Puget Sound Flyfishers FFF Certified Casting Instructors and Certified Master Instructors attend these events and are there to give casting demonstrations and often will give one-on-one casting tips. Look for them at the below shows.

WSCFFF Booth Show Schedule

- o Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair- Monroe—July 30
- o Wenatchee River Salmon Festival - October 1—2
- o Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show - Pasco, Jan 2012
- o Washington Sportsman Show - Puyallup, Jan 2012
- o Central Washington Sportsman Show -Yakima, Feb 2012
- o Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Show— Sequim, April 2012
- o **2012 Washington Fly Fishing Fair - May 4 — 5, 2012**

2011 FFF Fly Fishing Fair / Conclave Announcement

By Larry Gibbs

It's OFFICIAL! Mark your calendars! The 46th Annual Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave will be held in West Yellowstone, MT on August 30th - September 3rd, 2011.

Plan to attend this spectacular event for people of all ages and abilities! The fishing and educational opportunities will be outstanding! More details to come soon! See you there!

West Yellowstone has to be one of the all time favorite locations for the FFF annual gathering. You can bring the entire family and be assured of finding many things to do that fly fishing enthusiasts as well as family members can enjoy.

One of the great things about the Fly Fishing Fair is that there are many activities going on at any time. Primarily the FFF presents the Fair to provide an educational experience for the beginner fly fisher to the advanced by providing topics on anything and everything about fly fishing. These opportunities come in the form of workshops which are available for a fee, to other offerings such as free programs and demonstrations.

Workshops will start on Tuesday August 30 and run through Saturday September 3. They are taught by experts on topics such as fly tying, fly casting, rod building, and on water fishing. Workshops with a classroom setting will take place in various locations including the Holiday Inn and various other meeting spaces. On water classes will take the attendee to nearby stream and standing water locations. All on stream classes (including casting) require a MT fishing license. In addition to general workshops, there will be a women's program and a kid's camp.

For those interested in attending the Exhibit hall and free demonstrations these will be available August 31 - September 3. The exhibit hall will be located at the Holiday Inn with indoor and some outdoor spaces that will include both commercial and non-profit exhibitors. Show hours are August 31st from 9am to 4pm, September 1st from 11am to 8pm and entry is FREE on this day, September 2nd from 9am to 5pm and September 3rd from 9am to 2pm.

Entrance to the Fair is included with your advanced registration or by just showing up and paying the day pass fee. The day pass fee can be purchased at the show and is only \$5.00 for adults, kids 15 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Thursday, September 1st will be FREE entry for everyone.

Costs to take workshops vary so check our schedules and registration pages for more information. The line-up of workshops will be available to view in May, 2011. We will be offering numerous walk-up workshops on-site. To ensure a place in a workshop, it is requested to sign up in advance.

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NO CLUB MEETING
GO FISHING!!!!!!!!!!!!

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