

February 2006 Newsletter - Alpine Fly Fishers

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Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006

Puyallup Elks Club, 314-27th St. NE, Puyallup Telephone: 253-845-9515
Wet Line 6:30 P.M., Dry Line 7:30 P.M.

Stan the ChironoMan

Lake Lenore Champion Member Stan Calavan will double as our presenter and tier Wednesday. His topic will be chironomid

fishing and tying, with emphasis toward a club outing the third weekend in March at Lake Lenore. He's made the trip for several years in the early spring and has agreed to let the club tag along. If you haven't fished with Stan and shared his enthusiasm and excitement, especially when the fishing is hot, you've missed something special. Here's your chance.

Fly of the Month by Pat Blackwell

Hook - Mustad 3366 size 12 or 14
Antenna - Pearl Krystal Flash
Eyes - melted mono
Body - Pearl Flashabou Dubbing
(in a dubbing loop, trimmed to shape)
Thread - Orange 6/0

The pattern was originally shown to me by Gary Sandstrom from the Morning Hatch Fly Shop about 10 years ago. I don't know who the originator of the fly is or if it was named. You can substitute pink thread and/or pink Flashabou dubbing.

I recently received some samples of Alec Jackson's North-Country Fly Hooks that I'm going to try with this fly. The hook is a bright metal hook, limerick bend with a straight ring

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eye. The theory behind this hook is that it reflects the material making the hook invisible or at the least blend into the fly. I don't know if that is what really happens but I'm certainly willing to find out if the fish care.

Oh yes. What fish would we use this pattern on? How about resident coho and searun cutthroats. They both eat euphausid and amphipod which this fly will represent.

Tie the fly on with a fixed loop or a Duncan loop to allow the fly to have freedom of movement. Remember to check your loop every few fish or every half hour or so because the hook eye will wear on the tippet.

Thanks Department:

Good show, good program

"The Washington Sportsmen's Show was a success in part due to the enthusiasm, expertise, and helpfulness of the members from Alpine Fly Fishers, South Sound Fly Fishers and Puget Sound Fly Fishers.

"I also would like to thank Joe Uhlman, Larry Gibbs and Jim Higgins for their help in organizing and setting up the booth. A special thank you to all of the volunteers for a job well done." – Pat Blackwell

And let's extend similar plaudits to Steve Egge, Bob Alston and John Wenzel for sharing their journey down the John Day River at January's AFF meeting. It's great to see club members uncork their talents and provide excellent programs.

Dues make this club function

Your dues are a welcome part of our survival. They cover the cost of our club membership in the Federation of Fly Fishers and help us corral top-notch speakers each year. It's only \$20 annually.

Classified Ads:

As a service to our members, we offer a space dedicated to helping you unload some good equipment you've "outgrown" or a space to help you find something that fits. It can be a boat, rod, reel, waders or camping gear, just to mention a few examples. Let the editor know and we'll include it.

Web Site:

Continue to checkout Alpine Fly Fishers' website at www.alpineflyfishers.org

Another site: Bill Fox says he's found a Washington lakes website with lots of current information: <http://www.washingtonlakes.com/FAQ.aspx>

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