

May 2006 Newsletter - Alpine Fly Fishers

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Meeting - NOTE NEW MEETING PLACE AND DATE!

Tuesday, May. 23, 2006

Niftys Fiftys Pub and Grill,
8924 Canyon Road E, Puyallup
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Wet Line 6:30 P.M., Dry Line 7:30 P.M.

Program: **From physics to software to NW fly fishing guide**

Steve Buckner of Northwest Guide Service will present fly fishing Katmai National Park in Alaska at the May 23 meeting.

We asked Buckner to give us a biographical sketch and this is what he said:

"I was born in Hunter, Utah, a small town that no longer exists, and started fishing at age 7. My grandfather was a fly fisherman and some of my earliest memories are of tying bits of feathers around a hook. He died in 1975 and I inherited his tying equipment and use some of it to this day. I caught my first trout using a fly rod while fishing a worm on the Henry's Fork of the Snake in 1972.

"I became very serious about fly fishing at age 15 and took a fly tying class from a math teacher of mine. I have fished throughout the western states on many of the rivers found there (Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana). I've been fly fishing for about 25 years. I'm 40 now.

"About a decade ago, I moved to Oregon and began fishing for anadromous fish and those excursions have taken me all over Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska. I am also a Federation of Fly Fishers certified casting instructor and I am working on obtaining my THCI (two-handed certified instructor as well as my master certification).

"I graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in Applied Physics and worked as a software engineer for many years until deciding to quit my job to become a fly fishing guide. This will be my sixth season as a guide.

"I have guided in Oregon, Washington and Alaska. I guide for summer/winter steelhead, sea-run cutthroat and salmon throughout Washington state during the fall-spring, and then spend my summers in Alaska on the Alagnak River and surrounding Katmai National Park. I live on the Cowlitz River."

Buckner said the Katmai area is also known to some as the Bristol Bay region of Alaska. He works out of a lodge on the Alagnak River and guides for all five species of pacific salmon, trout, char, grayling and pike on flies in that area.

Fly of the Month by Steve EGge

Gurgle Pop

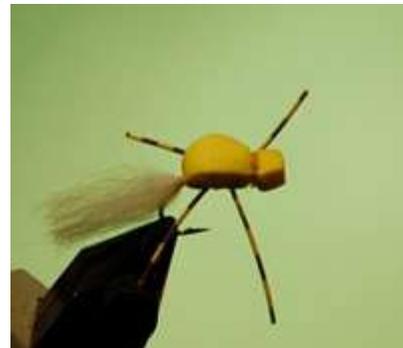
Fish can't resist this hybrid pattern By Steve Egge

This pattern is a take-off of the Gartside Gurgler and coined by Peter Frailey. You can "Google" gurgle pop for more information. This is the standard fly for many of us for small mouth bass on the John Day River. I like the Mustad Signature R48 hook in a size 8 as it gives me a size 12 hook with a large gap. Size 12 seems to be the ticket for the John Day. Feel free to play with different color combinations. Green, orange, black, and purple foam have all been used with same color or contrasting tail and legs. The white tail, yellow body, white legs seemed to be the favorite. Tied correctly, (good thread wraps and head cement) the fly is sturdy enough for a 100-fish day! I've tried "gurgle popping" it on retrieve and letting it dead drift. Both are effective. It is often snatched within seconds of splash down. Give it a try on your local bass waters.

How to tie the Gurgle Pop

Tie on a good thread base and add the tail. Coat the hook shank with cement and fold the body of the foam over the hook shank with the excess material lying over tail. Bind it down firmly at the back, mid-portion, (here you can add the rubber legs), and front. With your thread now behind the eye of the hook, fold the trailing foam over the body and tie down with generous wraps creating a head/wedge over the hook eye. Whip finish on the hook shank behind the eye. Coat the exposed thread and whip finish with head cement. Trim the head "corners" at 45 degrees.

Gurgle Pop



Materials

Hook: Mustad R48 Size 8 (2 x short)
Thread: 6-0 color of foam
Tail: Synthetic fibers of your choice & color (polypro or acrylic, long fibers)
Body: 2mm closed cell foam cut to width of hook gap and at least twice as long as hook.
Legs: Centipede Legs - Optional

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

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