

November 2005 Newsletter - Alpine Fly Fishers

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Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Puyallup Elks Club, 314-27th St. NE, Puyallup Telephone: 253-845-9515

Wet Line 6:30 P.M., Dry Line 7:30 P.M.

Program: Mike Martin, the guy with the smile behind the counter at The Morning Hatch Fly Shoppe, is scheduled to present a photographic journey on stream fishing at this Wednesday's meeting. Martin said he had to cull from more than 500 photos to come up with his program. Promises to be a good one.

Web Site: Continue to checkout Alpine Fly Fishers' new website www.alpineflyfishers.org Steve Egge is tending the site, but he can't update material unless we provide him with new information and images.

December Program: Here's a repeat of Pat Blackwell's request for images for a club "year in review" show next month. He needs "any type of film, media: slides, negatives, prints or digital...if members that have any of this type of media (please) bring it to the November meeting. We can get the pictures on a disc. For those that have gone digital, bring your pictures on a disc...while we are looking for pictures of fishing, fish and fishermen we would also like something with camping, someone cooking their favorite camp meal, a little wildlife, in other words anything that our members took pictures of while out in piscatorial pursuit."

Annual Fundraiser: Hold space in your busy December calendar for the 21st, the third Wednesday and the date for our annual dinner and raffle. Besides an array of items donated by individuals and fly shops, we annually collect flies from club members to decorate an artificial tree which is also raffled. If you're the lucky winner, it can mean dozens of flies to fill your depleted fly box. Tie a few and donate them this month or next.

Fly of the Month - Searun Cutthroat Darter

(contributed by P.J. Hicks)



“I’ve had very good response to this fly on searun cutts at most times of the year. It has out-fished many of the standard flies my partners and I have tried. It is fished in the normal manner, from a boat cast into the shallows with varied length retrieves and short pauses. Wading, cast up current slightly and retrieve as the fly swings down and in. The fly shows up very well in even moderate light and seems to glow in the water.”

Searun Cutthroat Darter Tying Materials

Thread: Clear monofilament

Hook: #2-6 standard shank stainless with straight eye

Body: Pink, white, yellow or light green filler (comes inside mylar tubing)

Overbody: Holographic mylar tubing. Other light colors will work

Tail: Matching color of flash and/or foptail

Eyes: Prizim eyes, 1/8" or 3/32"

Finish: Epoxy

Tying Steps

1. Tie in sparse amount of foptail a little longer than hook length
2. Tie in a couple strands of flash on each side of the tail hairs and trim
3. Bring the mono up to the eye and tie in the mylar tubing with the length equal to the hook and tail plus 1/4" and extending out from the hook eye; wrap the thread to the tail end
4. Wrap a tapered body ending at the tail end and tie off; trim the body material
5. Push the mylar tubing back over the body wrap, sort of turning it inside out
6. Swage it down tightly to the underbody and tie if off; do not trim the mylar, instead use a bodkin to unravel the stands forming the major part of the tail
7. Trim the mono
8. Glue on the eyes about 1/3 back from the hook eye and epoxy the head forming a smooth, tapered body

Address: Club correspondence can be sent to: Alpine Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 3486, Federal Way, WA 98036. If you have an email address, allow us to send this newsletter via the Internet. If your email address has changed recently, please share your new address.

