

November 2006 Newsletter - Alpine Fly Fishers

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Meeting -

Tuesday, November 28, 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: No speaker has been planned for Tuesday's meeting.

Show Time! Keep a day open for the annual Washington State Sportsmen's Show Jan. 24-28, 2007, at the fairgrounds in Puyallup. Local organizers inform us that there aren't many spots left for volunteers, but ask anyhow at Tuesday's meeting. Fly tyers and general club information providers have been needed in the past.

Fly of the Month

Electric Purple Dressing

Rib: Thin gold wire (optional for durability)

Tag: Large Mirage Tinsel

Butt: Red (but looks pink) Legartun mini-flatbraid

Hackle: Palmered

Body: Spirit River Lightning Dub Hot Purple

Wing: Angel Hair – Electric Purple tied “just proud” of the hook bend

Horns: 4 strands of Mirage Flashabou (purple or plain) 1.5 x hook length

Collar: 2 turns of Purple Guinea
I have added Jungle Cock to the larger sizes. It looks great to me but I’m not sure the steelhead care.

The Electric Purple

By Steve Egge

I was shown this fly by Garry Sandtrom at the Morning Hatch Fly Shoppe. He didn't have a name for it but talked about how good it looked in the water. I tied some up and not only does it look good, it catches steelhead! It is now my number one fly. It is interesting that it is very similar to Dec Hogan's "No Name Summer Fly," but there are enough differences for me to just call it the Electric Purple, for that is how it looks in the water.

Try not to substitute materials. The fly as tied looks absolutely amazing in the water. It seems to glow on overcast days and this gives me the confidence needed in steelheading. I've tied it from 1/0 to size 8, but I have done the best on a size 6 which resulted in a three-fish morning on the Deschutes in September.

Notes from near and far...

- Dec. 19 is the Alpine Fly Fishers annual Christmas meeting/raffle at Niftys Fiftys. It's early – the third Tuesday of the month...
- If you're interested in helping at Madigan Hospital with "Fly Tying for Wounded Veterans" pick up an informational flyer at Tuesday's meeting.
- We still need pictures, slides, and digital images of your fishing/outdoor experiences this past year for the Dec. meeting. Contact Steve Egge or Pat Blackwell.

- Northwest Fly Tyers & Fly Fishing Expo 2007 is March 9-10, in Albany, OR. For the past 18 years, this event has been held in Eugene, OR, but will be expanded this year to the Linn County Expo Center. More information will be available at Tuesday's meeting.
- Here's a site you might want to peruse in your spare time: <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/ClubWireArchives/CWArchiveMain.htm> it is the newsletter archive of the FFF.

Don't Forget to view the club's web site at www.alpineflyfishers.org and join in on the club's Yahoo groups conversations.