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President's Corner

The Firelands Fly Fishers are gaining more of a reputation as an “eating club” with a slight fly fishing addiction. This is the first year we have met the minimum of 50 at the clam bake and ended up with a total of 60 attending.

It was nice not having to make excuses to Pogie about not meeting the minimum and the reasons why. The clambake is a definite go for next year. We also achieved another milestone at the clambake; Tom Zmina and family suffered a complete shut at the raffle - not even one prize. Better luck next time Tom and Earl!

The fly fishing classes at the Boy Scout Campout was outstanding this past weekend. We had eight club members who introduced 65 Boy Scouts to the great pastime of fly fishing. We had enough help that there were two scouts per instructor. It was a real joy to have so many members willing to give up a Saturday to introduce fly fishing to so many Boy Scouts.

Many thanks to **Mike Janasko, Dick Fujita, Eric Bauman, Lynn Collins, Carl Kocian, Leonard Oliveri, and Ron Camp** for all their time and efforts in making the class an outstanding event!

The opening meeting of the year was well attended and Glen Blackwood of Great Lakes Fly Fishing gave an outstanding presentation on the Fly Fishing as it relates to Sports Psychology and reading the water. It was a great kick-off event for the upcoming club year.

See you all at the meeting on October 8th.

Good Fishing!!

Bill Grake,
President, Firelands Fly Fishers

Fly of the Month, October Steelhead Egg Pattern

Hook: Short shank, heavy wire, scud or curved hook similar to a Mustad #9174

Thread: Strong Kevlar or Gel spun thread. Colors are white, clear or red for accent.

Body: "Glo-bug Yarn" or "McFly Foam."

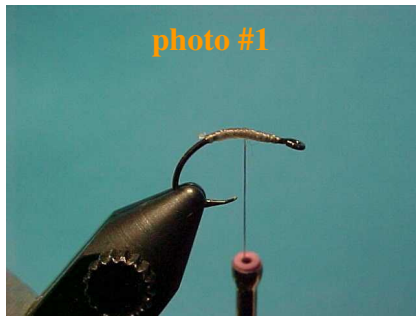


Photo # 1 Tie in a solid base of thread and leave the thread about centered on the shank. I add head cement to secure it from twisting out.

Photo # 2 Cut three sections of yarn about an inch long and stack them like logs across the top of the hook shank. Loosely take two wraps of thread across the middle of the yarn. Hold up on the yarn ends and then cinch downward (tight) with the thread to form a crown of the yarn. Once it is as tight as you can cinch, wrap the thread around the hook and whip finish off the thread at the hook eye. Add head cement to the whip finished thread only.

Photo # 3 Gather the ends of the yarn and pull them straight up over the hook. With sharp scissors, take one shear action across the yarn, near the hook, to cut off the excess yarn. Shape the yarn foam downward to form a ball shaped egg.

Common colors are light pastel colors in small patterns for low/clear water ranging up to bold fluorescent colors in larger sizes for high muddy water.

For Fly of the Month recipes and patterns, please visit our web site at www.firelandsflyfishers.org

Tom Zmina,
Director of Fly Tying, Firelands Fly Fishers

Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land.

It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend
triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn.

~ Chuck Clark

Future Events

General Club Meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at French Creek Nature Center, 4530 Colorado Ave. Sheffield Village. Meetings begin socially at 6:30 PM.

October General Meeting

We will meet again at French Creek Nature Center on Wednesday, October 8th. **Larry Elswick** (Studio-e Outdoors - <http://www.studioeoutdoors.com> and Al-Lure brand Alpaca dubbing fibers) will be here to share some of his photos and memories from many years of fishing the Boundary Waters region.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Oct. 8th – General Meeting, French Creek NC, guest speaker **Larry Elswick** (Boundary Waters)

Nov. 12th – General Meeting, French Creek NC, guest speaker **Dale Kotowski** (Fly Fishing Ohio/Pylye area)

Dec. 10th – Annual Christmas Pot Luck Party, French Creek NC (eat, eat, eat...)

Fly Tying Classes

Please note** There will be one fly tying class at Gander Mountain this month.** Fly tying is open to everyone, so bring a friend or family member. The club does have some tools and vices available for your use and there are plenty of people available for instructions, advice or just to talk about fishing! Gander Mountain is located in Cobblestone Square in Sheffield Village, near Rt. 301/Rt. 254 and I-90.

Classes are 6 PM until 9 PM

Lodge Room at Gander Mountain: Thursday, October 9

Lodge Room at Gander Mountain: Fridays in November 7, 14, 21, 28

Lodge Room at Gander Mountain: Fridays in December 5, 12, 19

Northern Ohio Fly Tying Expo

The date and location are set for the 8th Annual Northern Ohio Fly Tying Expo; Saturday, January 10th at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland. <http://www.expo2009.ncff.net/>

GLC Fly Tying Expo

The Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers will host the 9th Annual Fly Tying Exposition at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason, Michigan on Saturday, December 6, 2008. The expo will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. <http://www.fffglc.org/index.html>

Editor's Notes

Busy September

It was a busy month to kick off the new season at Firelands Fly Fishers. With our first general meeting of the fall, Fly Tying resumed at Gander Mountain for two sessions, the Lorain Metroparks/Vermillion River Casting and Tying Clinic, The Clam Bake and the Boy Scout Camp...all in 17 days!! Thanks to the members of the board for pulling together these functions and big kudos to all that were involved in the success of these events.

The Clam Bake was a big hit again, with great food and 60 people attending. It was great to see so many new faces this year. Thanks to everyone that came out, and for buying and selling tickets for the food and raffle!!

Firelands Fly Fishers Library

In case you have forgotten or if you are a new member – Firelands Fly Fishers has a library of books and videos available on various fly fishing and tying methods and techniques. You can borrow a DVD, book or tape from our Librarian, Mike Janosko. E-mail Mike to request a loaned item - mjanosko@aol.com

If you would like to submit a fishing story, a favorite fly, web link or information that would be helpful to fellow members, please contact me at t_timefff@yahoo.com. Deadline for entries is the last Wednesday of each month.

Tim Schulz
Director of Communications, Firelands Fly Fishers

Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/cr/seafoodwatch.asp> - A program of Monterey Bay Aquarium designed to raise consumer awareness about the importance of buying seafood from sustainable sources. Also helpful in choosing seafood that is safer to eat or low in mercury.

<http://www.catchmagazine.net/> - An amazing collection of high quality professional photographs can be viewed at this web-magazine dedicated to fishing print and film. New “issues” are expected bi-monthly.

<http://www.floatmasterco.net/> - Firelands Fly Fishers member and very active fisherman, **Steve Vorkapich**, is also a very busy businessman with his own company – Float Master Strike Indicators. Check out Steve’s products at this site and find out where to buy locally. New for fall – Fluorescent red and a 3/8 in. teardrop.

<http://www.lssu.edu/ar/fishcam.php> - Every time I have checked this page out (probably for over 5 years) there has been a salmon or trout in the photo. This live updated image is provided by Lake Superior State University Aquatic Research Laboratory and is located near the US/Canada border on the St. Mary River.

Firelands Fly Fishers Board of Directors

Board meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

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