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President's Corner

The miracle of all miracles occurred, the club fishing trip to Conneaut Creek was not cancelled due to rain. Four club members enjoyed good water conditions on Conneaut Creek on Nov. 21 and 22. The fishing was good but the catching was just OK.

Jim Napier was the star of the trip by hooking four Steelhead and landing two of them. Let him show you the picture of one of the fish he landed, it was huge. I hooked but did not land one although the two Chubs that I landed put up good fights. The food at Kay's was excellent as usual so the trip was successful. I will schedule another trip to Kingsbury Glen depending on the weather and availability of the Lodge.

Don't forget the Christmas Party Pot Luck on December 14. The Christmas Party always has the best of the best as far as good companionship and food. Come early and hungry. The exact details of the party are in this newsletter.

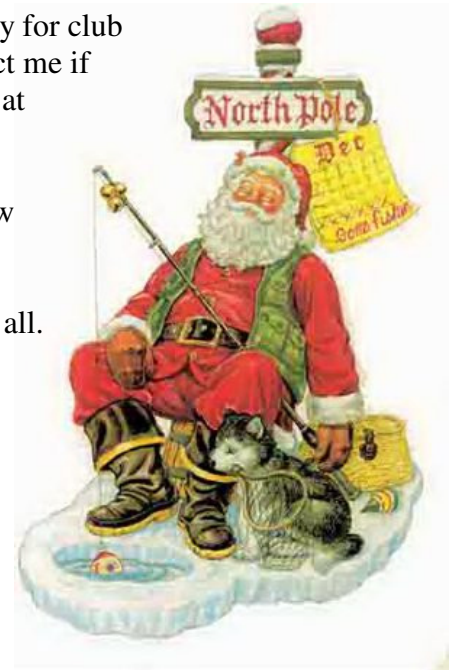
The Fly Fishing Shows season starts now. Reading this newsletter means you already missed the fly tying show in Holt, MI. on Dec 3. The North Coast show is January 14 and the club can always use fly tiers for the Firelands Fly Fishers table. There is an opportunity for club members to showcase their fly tying skills. Contact me if you are willing to donate a few hours of your time at the fly tying table.

Another year is about to end and hopefully the New Year will be better than the present year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all.

Good fishing!

Bill Grake,
President, Firelands Fly Fishers



Future Events

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

Meetings begin socially at 6:30 PM



2011-2012 Events and Meetings

December 14th – Christmas Party Pot Luck

January 11th – Firelands Meeting at French Creek

January 14th – North Coast Fly Fishing Expo

*Fly Tying Sessions at Gander Mountain in Sheffield
Wednesdays from 6 – 9 PM*

December 7, 21, 28 January 4, 18, 25

Next Meeting – December 14

CHRISTMAS PARTY POT LUCK DINNER

We will begin “grazing” at French Creek at 6:30 PM. The club will provide the main courses, refreshments and tableware. Spouses or a guest are welcomed. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share at this pot luck. The membership has been divided into three groups by last name initial.

If your last name begins with...

A – F = please bring an appetizer, hors d’oeuvres, finger food or similar to share

G – P = please bring a salad or similar type dish to share

R – Z = please bring a dessert to share



We will also be holding our Swap Shop during the party. Members are welcome to buy, sell and trade your fishing related gear, books, fly tying material, clothes, etc... Tables will be available for you to display your items. Sales and trades are between the individuals involved and the club is not a part of the transaction.

We will also begin collecting membership dues for 2012 at this meeting.

Previous Meeting – November, John Rochus

We finally got John Rochus in to talk about the Clear Fork River. He did not disappoint of course, and provided great stats and figures on how Ohio selected rivers for brown trout stocking. John also shared some entomology of the river and some photos of some great looking browns. Thank you John!

Fly of the Month, December – San Juan Worm

Hook: Daiichi # 1770, size 10 to 14. Photo example tied on size 12

Thread: 6/0 color to match the Chenille

Tail: The example was tied in Rumpf Ultra Chenille "Mini Worm Brown." Use any brand of ultra Chenille or fine Vernille. Alternate colors are red, dark orange, peach, yellow, purple and any range of natural brown worm colors.

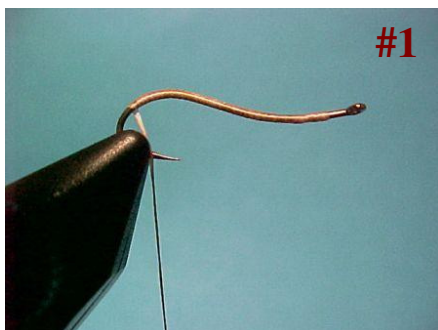


Photo # 1 Lay a solid smooth bed of thread from the eye to the hook bend.

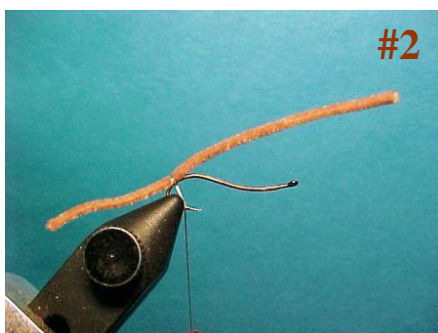


Photo # 2 Lay the Chenille on top of the hook with about 1 inch extending beyond both ends of the hook. Secure the chenille at the back with three turns directly overlapping.

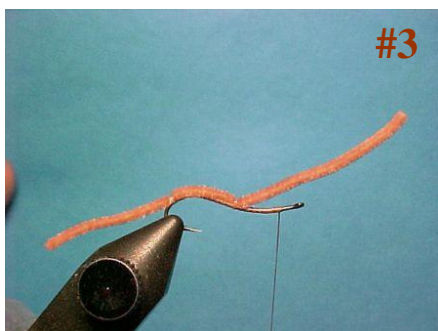


Photo # 3 Lift the piece of Chenille up and wrap the thread to the mid point of the hook shank. Secure the Chenille again with three turns directly overlapping. Lift the Chenille again and bring your thread to just behind the hook eye.

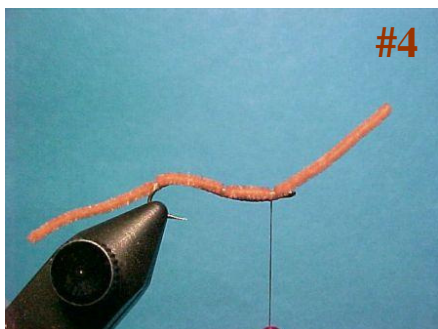


Photo # 4 Secure the Chenille again with three turns directly overlapping.

Photo # 5 Lift the Chenille again and whip finish at the eye. Trim off the excess thread. Use an open flame directly under the ends of the Chenille to melt / singe the tips of each end for a slight taper.

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

*Tom Zmina,
Director of Fly Tying,
Firelands Fly Fishers*

Fly Fishing and Tying Expos

In addition to our wonderful Wednesday night class offered at Gander Mountain in Sheffield, these following shows and expos take place around the Midwest this winter. Check back next month for additions and changes. If you are new or shopping, these expos are recommended. Ask at a meeting, we have members that have tied at or attended all of them. Carpools are recommended as well.

North Coast Fly Tying Expo – January 14 – <http://www.ncff.net/expo2012.htm>

Buckeye United Fly Fishers (Cincinnati) – Feb 4 - <http://buckeyeflyfishers.com/FlyFishingShow/2012show.htm>

Midwest Fly Fishing Expo – March 10 and 11 – Warren, MI - <http://www.midwestflyfishingexpo.com/index.php>

Cabela's Fly Tying Seminars – Saturdays, 10:00 – 4:00 – Dundee, MI

Jan. 7 Glenn Weisner & Wayne Samson - Bass & Trout Flies

Feb. 4 Kevin Feenstra - Steelhead Flies

Jan. 14 Dennis Potter - Terrestrials for Trout and Panfish

Feb. 11 Ron Dilbone - Foam Flies

Jan. 21 Kevin Morlock - Carp & Smallmouth Flies

Feb. 18 Jeff "Bear" Andrews - Steelhead & Trout Flies

Jan. 28 Chris Helm – Streamer Flies

Feb. 25 Jerry Darke - Steelhead Flies for Ohio and PA

Castalia Fishing Lottery, Ohio DOW

Castalia Fishing Application - accepting applications now through January 31!

The Division of Wildlife conducts an annual drawing to fish for trout in the 1/2 mile section of Cold Creek that runs through Castalia State Fish Hatchery. Participation is determined by computer generated random drawing which is held early February.

The application period is December 1 through January 31. Applications must be submitted online by January 31 or earlier to be considered. Go to the [Wild Ohio Customer Center](#) and click "Lottery Applications." Applicants 16 years old and older must hold a valid fishing license to apply.

The application fee is \$3.00 and anglers may apply once annually. If the same name appears on multiple applications, all applications will be disqualified and the fee(s) forfeited. Independent drawings will be held for both a youth season (summer) which includes 15 years old and younger, and an adult season (spring and fall) which includes 16 years old and older. Each person must submit a separate application.

Application fees are non-refundable.

Permit holders may bring two adults and three youths and you may participate **only once per season** as either the permittee or a partner. Participants 16 and older must hold a valid fishing license.

Anglers will be able to check the website (in the [Wild Ohio Customer Center](#)) under their customer number to find out if they were chosen as participants. **Applicants not chosen to participate will not be notified.** Anglers chosen to participate will receive instructions on how to download the necessary permit and instructions from our website, including the fishing date. The permit to fish applies to the successfully drawn applicant and his/her partner(s) and permits are transferable (adult to adult, youth to youth). All participants must be properly licensed.

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