

Prez Says from Bill Rains

I have the distinct honor of continuing the 'Prez Says ' column that was made so memorable by the past President John Reynolds. We the readership were often surprised, many times amused and even informed by the comments made by John in his monthly musing about the club and the activities of the membership. His unique observations on the world around us were never cushioned by the concern for political correct responses. I for one will miss the sometimes (often) controversial observations made by the Past Prez.

I personally want to express my gratitude to John for his effort and contributions to our club. He assumed multiple responsibilities and was always willing to take on additional responsibilities when they were needed. He has even offered his whistle to me to control the backroom crowd noise during the meetings. I will certainly take advantage of the offer and use it in an appropriate manner. Again John, thanks for your good humor, your dedication to the club and the outstanding job of herding this group through 2 years of successful activities.

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The FFD Board authorized the donation of a Loomis Travel Rod to the NCCFFF Hall of Fame Dinner auction/drawing being held March 3rd at the Fort Mason Center in San Francisco.

NEW MEETING LOCATION AT DAVIS WASTE REMOVAL Meeting Room- 2727 2nd Street, Davis



FLY TYING CLASSES

Begin March 28th

Bob Z will be conducting his annual fly tying sessions starting March 28th and continuing for 8 weeks. Beginner classes will start the 28th and go the first 4 sessions. Advanced patterns will follow. Please call Bob, 753-2241 to confirm location, or sign up at the meeting. If no beginners sign up, then Advanced will start on the 28th. Location TBD

FFD CONSERVATION DONATIONS

Each year FFD considers donations to conservation efforts and our affiliate organizations such as the Federation of Fly Fishers, Cal Trout, Trout Unlimited, Nature Conservancy, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, and more. The Board would like your input related to these donations. Please contact Bill Rains or Lowell Ashbaugh regarding your recommendations.

THIS MONTH'S FLY PATTERN

By Bob Zasoski

[Thanks to Bob, we now have a monthly featured pattern. This will go along with the fly tying classes to begin shortly.]



Gold Rib Hare's Ear

The **Gold Rib Hare's Ear (GRHE)** nymph has been a staple for decades. It and the pheasant tail (PT) nymph are probably the most popular nymph patterns ever. As with all things, as new materials and techniques are tried patterns evolve. Bead head and flash-back versions of many standard pattern have gained favor with many anglers. The soft hackle version described below is similar to Andy Burk's GRHE that he tied at the club meeting last spring. This version adds a bead head and soft hackle. It has been effective on Putah Creek and at Davis Lake.

Soft Hackle Hares's Ear

Hook: Scud Hook – Tiemco- TMC 2457, 2488 or 2487 BL

Head: Gold tungsten bead.

Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 tan

Tail: A short bunch of pearl krystal flash or accent flash,

with longer wood duck flank over the krystal flash

Body: Tan dubbed fur, hare's ear, mink or rabbit body fur

Rib: Krystal flash

Thorax: Built up with dubbing

Wing case: Pearl krystal flash

Hackle: Olive partridge breast feather.

Tying Instructions: Debarb the hook, run the hook point through the tungsten bead and secure the hook in the vice with the bead near bend. Attach the tying thread and build up a thread base behind the eye so that the bead will just slip over the thread to the eye position. Secure and remove the thread. Apply head cement to the built up thread area and slip the bead forward to the eye.

Attach the thread and wind it to the tail position. On this fly the tail is attached behind the barb point, well down on the shank. Tie in 6-8 strands of krystal flash and cut them about 1/8 in long. Over the top of the krystal flash, added a bunch of wood duck flank fibers (8-10) about the length of the shank. Tie in a single strand of krystal flash and dub a tapered body about 2/3 the way up the shank. When the dubbing is at the wing position, wind the krystal flash ribbing forward and tie it off at the wing position. (Krystal flash makes for a wonderful ribbing, but it is fragile. Twisting the krystal flash with fine copper wire makes for a more durable tie.) Tie in a bunch of krystal flash (~15 strands) on top of the shank extending rearward about 1/2 to 2/3 of the shank length. The krystal flash should stand away from the body at about 30 to 45°. Continue dubbing the body about 2 wraps forward of the wings covering the base of the krystal flash wing pads. Tie in a dyed olive partridge breast feather and make two wraps. (The density of the hackle depends on the tiers taste, but less is probably better than more.) Tie off the partridge hackle and complete the thorax by dubbing the segment from the hackle to the bead head. There should be about 1/8 inch of dubbing in front of the hackle. Whip finish behind the bead head. It is important to get the bead head tight in the beginning as only the final dubbing secures the bead. When finishing the fly apply head cement to the tying thread as you do the whip finish. This soaks the thread and cements the materials in place without saturating the dubbing. The scud hook produces a fly with a large gape and better bite. It also function as a keel to keep the fly upright in the water. Variations on this pattern include tying the hackle beard style or trimming the hackle on the top to allow the krystal flash to be more visible. The krystal flash could be tied down over the thorax as a flash- back version and if you want to get the fly down, add lead to the body. A collar of black ostrich herl behind the bead head suggests a caddis fly. Light wire hooks (TMC 2488) and a glass bead head (or no bead head) would be more appropriate for suspending the fly near the surface or in the surface film.

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CLUB CALENDAR

----- OUTINGS -----

The January Lake Amador outing was a mixed bag. The fishmeister had the indecency to have his best day there landing 5 up to 21" and losing 5 others. Bob Z found some new water where he did well and Lowell took his largest so far. The rest unfortunately had hits but no great success. All, however, enjoyed the usual greasy spoon special. Lake Pardee was scheduled for the 11th, but rain postponed the trip to the 17th. More on the post-press time results at the February meeting. For those who want to go on the Redding outing, the date is April 7. I will contact all present signees. The check is due in by March 3. The amount is \$127.50, and this year tip will be extra. Please make the check out to THE FLY SHOP and mail or deliver to Cary Boyden, 819 Falcon Avenue, Davis, CA 95616.

There will probably be an interim outing in March. Details will be discussed at the February meeting. New members are particularly encouraged to come on these or any other trips of interest. The year's entire tentative schedule is:

TRIP	FISH	FISHMEISTER	DATE	Fee <small>(guided/private waters)</small>
Redding - Sac River	Trout	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	March	\$127.50
Kelsey Bass Ranch	Bass	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	April	\$ 50
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Jon Knapp 916-756-9056	April	
Upper Putah Smorgi	Bass, Trout	John Reynolds 916-753-2682	May	
Feather/Sac Rivers	Shad	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	June 2	
Davis Lake	Trout	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	June 9-10	
Sugar Creek Ranch	Trout	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	Tent June 30 th	\$130
Macumber/Manzanita	Trout	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	July 14-15	
Sierra Backpack	Trout	John Forsyth 916-750-1192	August	
Pleasant Valley Creek	Trout	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	August	\$ 60
Putah Creek	Trout	John Reynolds/John Forsyth 753-2682 916-750-1192	Various	
Klamath R. /Johnsons	Steelhead	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	Sept	
Upper Klamath	Steelhead	Jim Wirth 530-662-5388	Sept	
Upper Sac River	Trout	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	Oct 13 th	

----- 2001 MEETING DATES & PROGRAMS -----

February 27th	Fly Fishing Western Wyoming	Mike Kaul
March 27 th	Fly Fishing Nevada	Richard Dickerson
April 24 th	Mongolia	Gary Eblen, American Fly Fishing
May 29 th	Argentina	Don Childress
June 26 th	TBA	
July 31 st	Annual Picnic at City Park near Davis Art Center 6pm.	
August 15 th - 19 th	Yolo Fair Booth – Woodland (no regular meeting this month)	
September 25 th	TBA	
October 30 th	TBA	
November 27 th	TBA	
December 11th	TBA	

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