

The Tyer's Vise

"All the news that's fit to be tied"



United Fly Tyers of Rhode Island

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 4th, 2011, 6:30 PM, at the Impossible Dream



Education Directors' Message

May 4th will be our last tying meeting of the year. But the board is planning a streamside brief meeting and barbecue Wednesday June 1st under the beautiful new pavillion at the check station. Hopefully you will have caught a lot of fish by then, and you can fish before and after the barbecue. There should be several hatches by then.

UFTRI's Annual Meeting will be held May 4th before the fly tying. There will be annual reports by the Treasurer and Secretary. And an election of the President will be held. The Board will nominate Mike Maddalena, and more nominations may be made by the members present. We will also solicit members for three committees: an Auction Committee to plan for the dinner and auction, an Events Committee to plan for shows, and a committee to set up, make coffee, and take down at meetings.

Next year we hope to meet at the Knights of Columbus in Warwick.

Almost half of our members have not yet paid their dues for the year, but the club has had to pay for the Impossible Dream, newsletters, fly tying materials, and the Christmas dinner. Please pay your \$35 at the May meeting or send your check to PO BOX 8986 Cranston, RI 02920.

The Junior outing and Addieville East was very successful. 12 Juniors had a great time tying and learning to fly fish with the help of 35 adults. Though it was very windy on the pond, Austin Jackovonny caught 3 fish.

European Nymphing

Dick Pearce

On April 17th, Aaron Jasper taught twelve people about European Nymphing techniques, starting at River and Riptide Anglers and ending on the Wood River.

The advantage of European nymphing is that you're always in direct contact with the fly—unlike traditional nymphing, where the floating indicator and split shot are between you and the flies, causing the more subtle takes to go undetected.

There are three types of European nymphing: Czech, Polish, and French/Spanish, which is the best type for American rivers. While traditional nymphing may be best when the water on a small river like the Wood is low, Spanish Nymphing is best for the Wood when it's high and for the Farmington at any time.

Instead of a floating indicator, European nymphing uses a "sighter," or in-line sight—not *strike*—indicator. This is a high-viz golden or red monofilament, called Amnesia, or some other 15 lb. hard mono. As a result there is no

dead spot in your rigging, as there is with a *strike* indicator.

Our leaders, which Jasper made for us, were: a 40 inch butt of stiff .021 clear mono, followed by 20 inch sections of .019, .017, .015, and .13. The length of the tippet should be twice the depth of the water. We used 6 feet of 6x flourocarbon, since we were using small flies on the Wood.

European nymphing uses 9 to 11 foot rods, generally 2, 3, or 4 weight. The flies are presented by casting up and across stream, then leading (but not pulling) the flies with the rod tip until they pass you, and finally following them as far as your can reach. (The sighter should be visible to respond to the slightest change.) This is followed immediately with another cast to a closer seam.

Jasper's excellent DVD, European Nymphing, Techniques and Fly Tying is available at River and Riptide Anglers.

Fly Tying

Saltwater Intermediate

Steve Cook

Steve's Cinder Worm



Hook: #2 Eagle Claw 253 or similar hook
Support for Zonker: 10 red bucktail hairs
Flash: Red Krystal Flash or such
Tail: Red Zonker Strip about 1 3/4 inches long
Body: Red Bill's Body Braid
Hackle: Fine red saddle hackle

Thorax: Black, size small chenille

1. Wrap hook with foundation thread from eye to the area above the point of the hook, and back to the eye.
2. Tie in about 10 pieces of red bucktail to extend past the bend of the hook for about 3/4 of an inch.
3. Add about 4 or 6 strands of Crystal Flash.
4. Then, tie in the zonker strip just above the point of the hook.
5. Bring your thread forward to the eye of the hook, and tie in the Bill's Body Braid and move your thread back to the area above the point of the hook.
6. At this time/place, tie in the red saddle hackle. Now, wrap the body braid forward. Palmer the hackle forward to a spot about 1/16th of an inch from the eye.
7. Finally, tie in the chenille, about 2 turns should be enough. Tie off the thread, apply head cement.

Now... mix well with water... and hold on!!

Peter Devine

Angelo's Grab Bag Fly



Hook: 2 OT stainless steel hook
Thread: Black
Weight: Lead wire .020
Body: Bills Body Braid, pearl
Wing: Green, yellow, and white Slinky Flash, and peacock herl
Underbody: White bucktail

Freshwater Intermediate

Mike Maddalena

CDC Caddis



Hook: Dry Fly 14 or 16

Thread: Gray, or the color of your fly

Body: Superfine dubbing

Wing: Long CDC the color of your fly

Beginner's Table

Dick Pearce

Intermediate Tyers Welcome

Wings



See Beginners Table before meeting <http://www.uftri.org/beginnerstable.html>

Open Table



"A large bass will usually take the larger lure."

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