

Sespe Flyfishers

MEETING NEWS

October 17, 2007

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Senior Rec. Center

Santa Clara and Oak

Program

Gary Borger!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING

November 14, 7:00 PM

Senior Rec. Center

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

November 12, 7:00 PM

Carrows – Seaward/Harbor

President's Message

October 2007

Vacation is over. Mary and I are back from our RV trip. Relax, no boring fish stories for me to recount. This was a site-seeing trip to fill in some gaps in our travels through the Southwest, and to revisit some places we really enjoy. For what it is worth, here are some observations. Get the AAA map of Indian Country. Visit the Grand Canyon. There is nothing like it in my book. We had been to the South Rim several times (even rode the mules to Phantom Ranch and back a few years ago). We wanted to see the North Rim. The views from the North are like the ones from the South. The elevation is higher and in most places the pine trees are right up to the edge of the canyon. The viewing sites are fewer and scattered. It requires quite a bit of driving to get to them. Some of the roads are not suitable for passenger cars even though some maps say otherwise. There are a lot fewer people. If you want to experience the magnificence of the Canyon in solitude, this is the place to do it. We had planned to visit the Toroweap overlook near Kanab, UT. It is a 120 mile round-trip over a rocky, gravel road. The overview is 3000 feet straight down, and the canyon is only one mile from rim to rim. We chickened-out after eight miles. Didn't want to shake our short wheel-base Tracker apart.

A real surprise was Capitol Reef National Park (NP). The landscape is spectacular. The drives are like traversing the bottom of the Grand Canyon with the cliffs on one side.

A real treat was the first 17 miles of the Burr Trail. The Trail is in a deep, red-cliff canyon. It starts at Boulder UT and ends at Bullfrog on Lake Powell about a 100 miles later. (We had visited the lake earlier in the trip at Page, AZ. We recommend the one-canyon boat trip vs. the longer ones. The lake is so low that viewing Rainbow Bridge requires a two-hour hike plus the boat-ride.)

Arches and Canyonlands National Parks have a beauty very different from the above. We deemed the southern part of Canyonlands so similar to other sights that the time and travel are better spent elsewhere.

We finished the trip in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. We enjoy visiting the Indian Pueblos. The Acoma Pueblo about 15 miles south of the Interstate, west of Albuquerque is a "must see". Its name is "Sky City". You will see why. Paul

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

GARY BORGER

Gary Borger holds a BS (1966), and an MS (1968) from Penn State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1971). He is Professor Emeritus of Biology at the University of Wisconsin Campus in Wausau where he taught for 28 years. During his career he offered Botany, Zoology lab, Natural History, Photography, Writing in the Sciences, Dendrology, Ecology, Taxonomy, and other topics. He was presented with the Teacher of the Year Award on two different occasions.

His achievements have been recognized in "Who's Who in the Midwest," "Who's Who in Science and Engineering," "Men of Achievement," the "Dictionary of International Biography," "Who's Who Among America's Teacher's," "Outstanding People of the 20th Century," and "Outstanding People of the Millennium."

He has been a fly fisher since 1955, and since 1972 has taught classes and lectured internationally on all aspects of fly fishing for trout and salmon. A free-lance writer and photographer and a former active member of the Outdoor Writer's Association of America, Gary is also Midwest Field Editor for Fly Fisherman magazine, Editor at Large for the Virtual Fly Shop, and Fly Fishing Columnist for Midwest Fly Fisher. He has written five best-selling books on fly fishing: "Nymphing," "Naturals," "The Borger Color System," "Designing Trout Flies," and "Presentation."

Gary pioneered fly fishing video instruction with his release of "Nymphing" in 1982. Since then he has appeared in four videos for the 3M Company; and in cooperation with the Federation of Fly Fishers, produced the environmental video "Where The Trout Are." His video production company has produced an additional 21 internationally acclaimed videos in the "Skills of Fly Fishing Series." This production work has earned him a listing in "Who's Who in Entertainment." Gary was also a consultant on Robert Redford's movie "A River Runs Through It." With his award-winning CD/cassette tape, "My Madison," he pioneered fly fishing, nature-music audios. In addition, Gary is a the designer of the Weinbrenner Ultimate Wading Shoe, the Gary Borger Fly Vest, the Gary Borger Signature Fly Lines, and many other innovative angling products and unique fly designs.

He is a founding board member of the River Alliance of Wisconsin, a member of the Board of Governors of the Federation of Fly Fisher's fly casting instructor certification program, a member of The Order of the Jungle Cock, Trout Unlimited, United Fly Tyers, the Federation of Fly Fishers, the American Museum of Fly Fishing, the Catskill Fly Fishing Center, and other conservation organizations.

He is a recipient of the Ross Allen Merigold Complete Angler Memorial Award, the Charles K. Fox Rising Trout Award, the Joan and Lee Wulf Conservation award, The Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award, and is internationally recognized for his conservation efforts; in recognition of this work he received the first Lew Jewett Memorial Life Membership in the Federation of Fly Fishers in 1979. Gary is currently Executive Vice president of Targus Fly and Feather, Inc.

FLY TYING WITH BILL BLACKSTONE

From last month's fly tying session at Brooks

Photo and Text By Earl Arnold

Woolly Bugger

Hook: Round bend, 3X long, heavy wire Nos. 2-10

Thread: Color to match body or color code for weight.

Weight: 7 – 15 turns lead wire

Tail: Marabou to match body

Flash: 3 strands of pearlescent crystal flash each side of the tail.

Hackle: Palmered, Color to contrast, complement or match.

Body: Chenille, or Peacock Hurl

Start thread at hook eye and wrap back to the hook point.

Wrap lead wire on hook centering the wraps between the point and the hook eye.

Build a thread "ramp" in front of and behind the weight and put a dab of head cement over the lead.

Wrap thread back to the bend or the point directly above the barb.

Select a marabou feather and even the tips and strip off the quill.

Measure to the length of the hook shank.

Tie in with a soft loop directly above the back of the barb.

Add another clump if desired.

Tie in 3 strands of crystal flash, pull back and tie to each side of the tail, Trim off just short of the Marabou.

Wrap butts back to the weight and trim off

Spiral thread back to the barb

Select a large saddle hackle and tie in by the tip, shiny side up. Note, the hackle size should be 1 ½ to 2 times the hook gape.

Tie in chenille thread, and spiral wrap the tying thread to the front of the hook two eye lengths back of the eye.

Take one turn of chenille behind the hackle and wrap forward to the thread, tie in and trim, advance the thread to one hook eye length behind the eye.

Palmer the hackle evenly spaced over the chenille and then make two to three turns in front of the chenille and tie in.

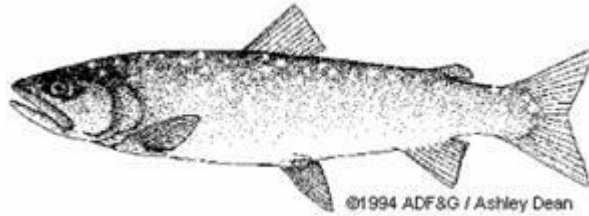
Clip off hackle and wrap a tapered head, Whip finish and cement.



Fish this fly across and down on the swing and hang on to something solid so the fish wont pull you in.

Fish of the Month

From Ann Scarborough Bull, Ph.D.



Dolly Varden (*Salvelinus malma*) are locally abundant in all coastal waters of Alaska. Dolly Varden belong to a group of fish called char and is not a trout. The original Dolly Varden is a character in the Charles Dickens's novel and was well known as being quite flirtatious, wearing her flashy attire and colorful dresses- -one of which was green with pink polka dots. Dollys run with sockeye salmon and greedily eat eggs and probably salmon fry that escape salmon redds and they may even poke at ripe female salmon to dislodge eggs. For these fish, you've got to get your egg pattern down through the salmon in a perfect dead drift. It was originally thought that Dolly Varden was a threat to the salmon population. There was actually a bounty put on Dolly tails and somewhere around 6 million were killed and discarded between 1921 & 1940. Anglers were paid for the tails. The U.S. Bureau of Fisheries later discovered most of the tails were from trout and coho salmon, so they stopped the program.

Dolly Varden

*There once was a fish, oh by golly
Who was spotted, and round, and so jolly
She ate salmon roe
Like some kinda 'ho
I think that her name it was Dolly*

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Glenn Derossett "retires" as the Club's Newsletter Chairman

Glenn Derossett passed the torch for the monthly club newsletter publication to Earl Arnold starting with this months edition. Glenn has produced our newsletter for over four years. A recent review of the clubs committee chairmen shows that a four-year stint in that position is exceptional. The publication of the newsletter requires unusual didication to a task that is repeated on a monthly schedule without exception. During Glenn's tenure, the newsletter distribution evolved from a task which required a trip to the print shop to create the copies for all the members, attaching the mailing labels and stamps, and a trip to the Post Office to mail them. Now, approximately 90% of the distribution is by e-mail. This change has greatly reduced the club's expense for printing and mailing, and eased the manual workload. Glenn dressed up the format for the newsletter a few months ago when he created a new format for the newsletter. In addition to be more of an eye appeal, pictures can more easily be integreated into the copy. Glenn, please accept our most sincere appreciation for your tireless effort. Well Done!

FRANCES AND BOB SMITH RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO THE FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

Frances and Bob Smith were recently recognized for their longstanding efforts in managing the auction at the annual conclave for the Federation. The Southwest Council of the FFF honored Frances and Bob by presenting them their Award of Excellence. As you all know, Frances manages our club's annual auction and we too appreciate their efforts. Congratulations Frances and Bob.

CORRECTION

In the August newsletter we incorrectly reported that Bob Smith had achieved certification by the Federation of Fly Fishers as a Master Casting instructor. Bob is a Certified Casting Instructor. Bob says he hasn't quite achieved the rating of "Master" yet. Although he was known as a Master Baiter before he took up the fly rod.

FROM THE OUTING CHAIRMAN

OUTINGS PLANNED FOR THE REMAINING OF THE YEAR

MONTH LOCATION HOST

A few months ago I received an e-mail from Richard French (rich@belizeflatsfishing.com) of Belize flats fishing announcing his 2008 Belize Bonefishing trips to Ambergris Caye. The dates he has available to fly clubs are as follows:

Jan 26 – Feb 2, 2 – 9 Feb, 16 – 23 Feb, 23 Feb – 1 Mar, 1 – 8 Mar and 8 -15 Mar.

The price for a week (7 nights lodging and six days of guided fishing) is \$1750 US per club member. Last Feb. Paul Wilson, Mark Whelan and myself attended and had a great time.

Attached is a description of the trip written by Mark of The Fly fishing Shop of Welches Or. Although I will not be able to attend next year I highly recommend this affordable trip.

Oct - Due to a surprise request to attend a conference in up state New York during the week of 8 Oct I will not be able to host an outing to the Mammoth area. I've heard good reports on the upper Owens so would encourage other to give it a try. If any member is willing to act as a host let me know and I will forward any pertinent information.

Nov 4 to 9 Paul Wilson and I are planning on hosting an outing to Mt. Shasta area early in November. Current plans are to leave on the 4th, fish the upper Sac/McCloud for two days and drift the Klamath for two days and return on the 9th. We plan on staying in Mt. Shasta although we have not yet determined where. If any members would like to join us let me know and I will try and coordinate transportation and guides if desired. I currently have room for two in my vehicle.

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Fly Tying Dates for the coming season: All dates are the 4th Monday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Brooks Institute's Ventura Campus Conference Room, 5301 N. Ventura Avenue (Rt. 33 to Canada Larga off ramp).

October	22
November	26
January	28
February	25
March	24
April	28
May	26



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