



## **December 2013 Newsletter**

### **THE MEETING**

In these dank, dismal days of December, when fishing has become dim memory, what better than to gather with friends and equally misguided souls? You can hear of trips to distant waters; you can hear of the glories of this last season; you can hear of the 24 inch brown recently taken under the ice on a size 32 midge (I'm shamelessly starting a rumor here.); you can hear our speaker extoll the virtues of nearby waters; you can dream of next year. Mainly, you can have a beer or a drink and talk to someone just as crazed as you.

Has the chill in the air chilled your enthusiasm to be on the river? We meet Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 pm at BJ's in Hamilton with a program. Most come around 6:00 pm to hear all the places they should have been fishing and didn't and to swap tall tales with folks who don't believe them anyway.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Tim Tollet started fly fishing back in the early 60's as his dad was a very avid fly fisherman. In the early 1970's, he worked for the Powell Rod Company building some of the first graphite fly rods. In 1980, he and his wife, Teresa, opened Frontier Anglers in Dillon.

Title "Beaverhead Country" - An accumulation of 37 years of fishing the Beaverhead, Big Hole and other waters found in Southwestern Montana will be presented. From the best insect hatches, to the best times to fish these famous waters, Tim will cover it all.

## **THOSE WHO SPAKE**

Past Club president, Phil Romans, spoke of a trip taken with Doug Duff to Slovenia organized by Dan Shepard of Grizzly Hackle. Small flies. Huge trout. Great experience. Dazzling story.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As we end the year so will the end of our current slate of officers. We have added a few new members to the board. Your FFB board is the "heart" of the club. A really a great group of people who have a lot of fun, planning and preparing for club events and programs. We are still without anyone in the office of Vice President, so if you are at all interested please let us know. . We hope you can make time in your busy schedule to join us this coming Tuesday. We will have some special announcements and a great program on fishing the Big Hole, Beaverhead and other rivers "over the Divide"!

Remember to gather your photos and send them to Jeff Lowe for our January annual slideshow.

Tight Lines, Jim Cline

## **MEMBER DUES**

September was our annual dues collection month. Those who joined in April 2013, or since then, get to ride until next year. But the rest of you guys and gals need to pony up \$25.00 for a single or \$35.00 for a family membership. There will be a friendly face at the door of the meeting gladly relieving you of those extra dollars in your pocket.

## **MORE HELP NEEDED!**

After flogging the hustings (whatever "hustings" are), we have only been partially successful in getting assistance with Club duties for this next year. Doug Duff has agreed to take on presidential duties this next year. Hurray! And Denny Westover has bravely assented to taking over the newsletter writing and editing from this author.

Judy Morrissey has graciously offered to remain as membership chair this next year. Jay Melzer will book our programs for one more year. Rich Morrissey will continue in the secretary role for another year. Leon Powell will continue as the long suffering Treasurer. All these continuations in offices are not particularly voluntary. They are being done because nobody else stepped up.

Most importantly, we elect a First Vice President each year who then succeeds the President the following year. Doug Duff has been waiting patiently in the wings to depose our esteemed current President, Jim Cline, for 2014. But who will be First Vice President this next year and thence to be President in 2015? Who?

## MERCHANDISE

The Club maintains a small stock of merchandise embroidered with our logo. We do this to show members what is available in various styles, colors and sizes. Our Merchandise Mogul, Leon Powell, has assembled an inventory of what is on hand. He will have this at the members meeting on December 3. This is an excellent opportunity to do some good Christmas shopping.

### Logo Merchandise Inventory 11/21/2013

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Price</u>
Men's Long Sleeve Angler Shirts				\$45.00
	Oxford Tan	XL	1	
	Blue	XL	1	
	Blue	2XL	1	
	Light Foliage	L	2	
	Light Foliage	XL	1	
Men's Wick Advance Short Sleeve Tee Shirts				\$25.00
	Cool Blue	L	1	
	Cool Blue	XL	1	
	Garden Green	XL	1	
Cotton Short Sleeve Tee Shirts				\$25.00
	Fools Gold	L	1	
	Fools Gold	XL	1	
	Fools Gold	2XL	1	
	Fire Brick(red)	L	1	
	Heather Green	L	1	

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	Heather Green	XL	1	
	Heather Green	2XL	1	
Men's Snake River Fleece Vest				\$35.00
	Black	L	1	
	Black	XL	1	
	Navy	XL	1	
Woman's Snake				
River Jacket				\$35.00
	Black	XL	1	
Cotton Twill Caps				\$15.00
	Khaki	One size fits all	6	
	Olive	One size fits all	6	
Fly Fishing The Bitterroot Books			29	
	Books Retail			\$17.95
	Dec. Sales Price for Club Members			\$13.00

#### DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Our December meeting is traditionally the month in which Club members elect a slate of directors to operate the Club the following year. These directors then hold a meeting in December after the members meeting and elect a slate of officers for the new year. We shall not break tradition.

This year, several individuals, after serving long and faithfully, are retiring and several new folks have asked to join the Board of Directors. Our Bylaws specify only that a minimum of five individuals be directors. There is no upper limit. And, since we have no limit on directors, we do not run for specific "chairs." It is Club policy that anybody who wishes to run to be a director may do so and is very likely to be elected by the Club membership. This means that, while the outgoing Board is proposing a slate to be elected as directors for the coming year, if any Club member wishes to be included in

the nomination and election process, simply notify outgoing President Jim Cline before the election is held the evening of Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at BJ's.

The slate of directors proposed by the outgoing Board for 2014 follows: Doug Duff, Leon Powell, Rich Morrissey, Judy Morrissey, Dorreen Romans, Phil Romans, Jim Cline, Mike Taylor, Pierre Satkowiak, Greg Chester, Jay Melzer, Bob Prince, Denny Westover and Gary Brothers. Please feel very welcome to join this group. The slate will be proposed for acclamation Tuesday evening.

## **FLY OF THE MONTH**

### **BP Humpy**

*by Greg Chester*

#### **Recipe**

Hook: #16 Tiemco TMC 2488 or Dia Riki #125

Thread: 8/0 light cahill Unithread

Tail/shuck: Brown Zelon

Hump, wing: Yellow or light tan McFly Foam

Abdomen: PMD dubbing (or just thread for smaller patterns)

Hackle: Medium dun or light grizzlydry fly hackle

Head: Tying thread



Although replicating certain bugs as accurately as possible is a satisfying if not fussy challenge, it's also nice to have an arsenal of generic, easy to tie patterns in your box that by simply varying color and size will represent a wide variety of hatches. The BP Humpy certainly fills that bill for both mayfly and midge adults. You may recognize this pattern as Tim Tolletts "smidget," and, in fact, Tim's bug was the inspiration for this tie with only minor changes. I developed the BP with input from the Wednesday night gang at Bitterroot Brewery, therefore the name: Brew Pub or BP Humpy.

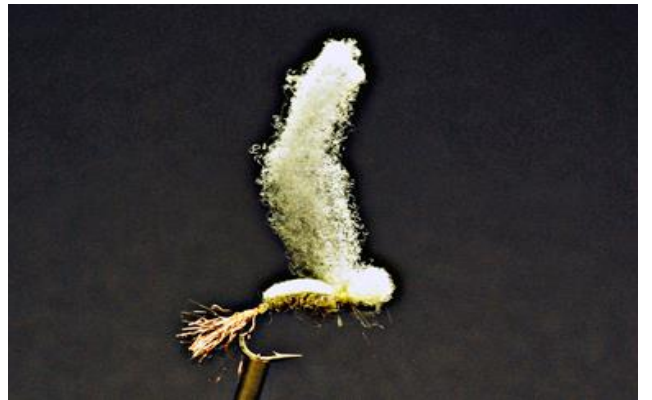
What you'll find unique in this pattern is the use of McFly Foam material for the hump and wing. The foam is more commonly used for brightly colored egg patterns and is offered in a wide variety of colors including those conducive to adult mayflies and midges - plus it floats like a cork.

The other favorable material for this pattern is the short shank, wide gape ring eye hook. I've been using this hook more and more these days for small adult patterns, especially for baetis, trico and midge imitations. The lighter, shorter hook promotes better floating and the wide gape equates to fewer missed strikes.

The pattern shown below replicates a PMD adult which might be easier for you to see versus the baetis and midges currently on the water. Again, just vary size and color to match seasonal hatches. Good luck and please call with any questions. 363-0033

#### Tying Instructions:

1. Mount hook in vice and tie in a small, short bunch of Zelon as a trailing shuck.
2. Separate a small hank of foam and tie in with excess extended over the shuck. You may find that applying hand cream before tying will help reduce snagging the "grabby" foam
3. Dub the abdomen up to thorax area
4. Pull the hank of foam over the abdomen creating a hump and tie down near the hook eye but don't trim off yet.
5. Form a small foam loop over the eye and tie off in the thorax area. The excess should now be extending toward the bend of the hook. Don't trim yet.
6. Tie in a properly sized hackle and wrap 2 – 3 turns at hump tie in point -- NOT between the foam loop and hook eye.
7. Trim excess foam leaving a short tuft over the abdomen.
8. Tie off thread and trim a "V" in the hackle at the bottom of the hook. This allows the fly to sit low and level in the surface film.
9. Apply head cement and go fish!



#### FOR FUN

##### DID I SAY THAT?

Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: "Give me all your money or I'll shoot", the man shouted, "That's not what I said!"

##### WILL THE REAL DUMMY PLEASE STAND UP?

AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.

## ARE WE COMMUNICATING?

A man spoke frantically into the phone: "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart." "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No!" the man shouted, "This is her husband!"

## NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED!

In Modesto, CA, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun. Unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. (hellooooooooo)!

## THE GRAND FINALE!

Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, an hour east of Bakersfield, CA, some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 foot boat going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power they applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted into a nearby marina, thinking someone there may be able to tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out-drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. NOW REMEMBER - THIS IS TRUE. Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer!

## THE AUTHOR

I have enjoyed my tour as scribe of the Club. You all have been kind in your comments and others have simply bitten your tongues. But all tasks, done repeatedly, become a little tiresome. Denny Westover will bring fresh imagination and energy to these pages. I look forward to his editorship.

I retain a strong paternal feeling toward the Club. It is prospering in the sense of gathering in new members. And its treasury is strong. And we offer many and diverse activities. But the core, I believe, is the kinship of the fly rod. We coalesce around a mutual passion, leaving other worldly interests behind. And we are generous with each other, knowing that one never knows all there is to know. And, finally, we are humble (well, mostly humble) because we have each been humbled in this art of fly fishing.

I look forward to seeing each of you in the coming months.

Rich Morrissey

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