



## **NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER, 2013**

### **THE MEETING**

Has the chill in the air chilled your enthusiasm to be on the river? Would you rather meet in a noisy gathering in the toasty warmth of BJ's or be standing in near freezing water on slippery, ice cold rocks wondering why you weren't in a noisy, warm place like BJ's? Wouldn't you rather be quaffing a cold beer and listening to the hot exaggerations of a fellow angler or wondering why you can't feel your fingers and toes anymore? Dedication; schmedication. When it gets as cold as this, give me a warm fire, affectionate dogs and a good book. (Did I also fail to mention a loving wife?) I'll feel sorry for the wildlife through my window.

Anyway, we meet Tuesday, November 5 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**

Past and future Club presidents, Phil Romans and Doug Duff, will create envy and jealousy with a presentation on fishing Slovenia with Dan Shepard of

Grizzly Hackle. No translating services will be provided but you need not have any special immunizations to listen.

## **THOSE WHO SPAKE**

Pat (not Chris) Clancey, Fish, Wildlife & Parks fisheries biologist in Ennis, discussed westslope cutthroat trout restoration projects in FWP Region 3 (southwest Montana), focusing on the Cherry Creek Native Fish Introduction Project, the largest such project successfully completed to date in the United States.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings to all as we enter fall. Your board and officers have been busy recruiting new members to fill in for retiring folks who need a break. I am very pleased to announce the Dana Hendricks has agreed to be our new Membership Director. Denny Westover will be our new Newsletter Editor. We are thrilled to have them “on board”. There are rumors that a few more people are seriously considering stepping up to assume roles. We hope to officially announce them later.

We look forward to the fishing and hunting, “steelhead and pheasants” tales at the next meeting. This past June Phil Romans and Doug Duff traveled to Slovenia with Dan Shepard. Phil will be presenting at the November meeting. I encourage each of you to consider a presentation should you be so blessed to take a trip and share it with your fellow members.

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 and preventing you from squandering them in some casino.

## **MORE HELP NEEDED!**

We have been partially successful in getting assistance with Club duties. Dana Hendricks has graciously offered to take over membership duties from Judy Morrissey. You are now required to smile upon entering; no more snarling.

And Denny Westover has bravely assented to taking over the newsletter writing and editing from this author. Whew! Denny has long felt an obligation to support the Club (aside from the wonderful flies he donates). But his absence from the Valley for six of every twelve months (more or less) left him wondering how. Well, it turns out, one can put these little beauties together in the ether. We all look forward to a fresh hand on the newsletter.

In addition, several folks have indicated that they would like to join the Board of Directors. We are delighted to have them. They, and anybody else who wishes to join this elite command group, will be nominated and elected at the December meeting, barely a month away.

That still leaves the post of Recording Secretary. This entails nothing more than attending as many Board of Directors meetings as you can and writing up minutes of those meetings. I can show you how! Easy.

Jay Melzer has done a marvelous job as Program Director for two years. He's exhausted and has recently acquired other, consuming interests. One of you with a fresh imagination and a little energy, please replace Jay.

And 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. But who will be First Vice President this next year and thence to be President in 2015? Who?

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it's own page.**

# FLY OF THE MONTH

## The Kreelex

*By Jay Melzer*

### Recipe

Hook : 4X long streamer hook, size 6

Thread: White 3/0 flat-waxed nylon

Eyes: 3/16" Dumbbell, brass or lead

Tail: Silver Kreinik equal to hook  
shank  
length

Wing: Silver Kreinik, cut to length of  
hook shank



"Beard": Gold or copper Kreinik, same length as wing

It is the time for streamer fishing on the Bitterroot and here is an easy-to-tie and effective streamer pattern. The pattern was originally developed by Chuck Kraft and is tied with Kreinik - a metallic embroidery material. While this is not normally stocked in most fly shops it just so happens that Jeff Gray at Western Flies and Guides is packaging it up from bulk supplies so you can obtain it there.

I use any long shank hook (2X or 4X long) from size 10 to 4 although I prefer ring eyed hooks as this fly rides inverted. Use the dumbbell eyes of your choice. The fly as shown uses silver and gold kreinik but an even more effective color combination for the Bitterroot is silver and copper.

This fly is best fished when tied to the leader using a Non-slip loop knot. Lastly, I prefer a Rio 7 foot slow sinking (3.5 ips) sinktip and 3 feet of 1x tippet on a six-weight rod. Cast it across into likely looking water and strip it back. Like any streamer the Kreelex can be retrieved in short quick strips, very slowly with slow twitches, or simply allowed to swing downstream across the current steelhead

style. If a fish hits the fly during the retrieve without becoming hooked don't rear back and yank the fly away, continue the retrieve and sometimes the fish will hit it again. Most streamer eating fish hook themselves. If you get a bump or see a fish follow or flash, finish the retrieve and make the same cast again to cover the same water and the fish may attack the fly again. At the end of the retrieve allow the streamer to hang in the current for a moment with perhaps a twitch or two, this sometimes provokes a strike.

A link to an excellent YouTube video on how to tie it is:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0kF6We6MbU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0kF6We6MbU)

## FOR FUN

### Nymphomaniac Convention

A man boarded an airplane and took his seat.. As he settled in, he glanced up and saw the most beautiful woman boarding the plane.

He soon realized she was heading straight towards his seat .... As fate would have it, she took the seat right beside his.

Eager to strike up a conversation, he blurted out, "Business trip or pleasure?"

She turned, smiled and said, "Business. I'm going to the Annual Nymphomaniacs of America Convention in Boston."

He swallowed hard. Here was the most gorgeous woman he had ever seen sitting next to him, and she was going to a meeting of nymphomaniacs.

Struggling to maintain his composure, he calmly asked, "What's your business role at this convention?"

"Lecturer," she responded. "I use information that I have learned from my personal experiences to debunk some of the popular myths about sexuality."

"Really?" he said. "And what kind of myths are there?"

"Well," she explained, "one popular myth is that African-American men are the most well-endowed of all men, when in fact it is the Native American Indian who is most likely to possess that trait.

Another popular myth is that Frenchmen are the best lovers, when actually it is men of Jewish descent who are the best.

I have also discovered that the lover with absolutely the best stamina is the Southern Redneck."

Suddenly the woman became a little uncomfortable and blushed. "I'm sorry," she said, "I shouldn't really be discussing all of this with you. I don't even know your name."

"Tonto," the man said, "Tonto Goldstein, but my friends call me Bubba."

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## **THE AUTHOR**

This is the penultimate edition by this writer. It has been fun, mostly. Thanks to all who have helped. Please be kind to Denny Westover when he takes over. See you at the November meeting. You can reach me at 406-381-5611 or richmorrisey@q.com.

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