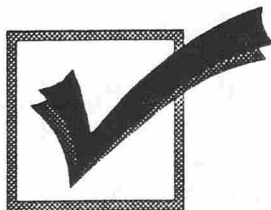




The Flyfisher

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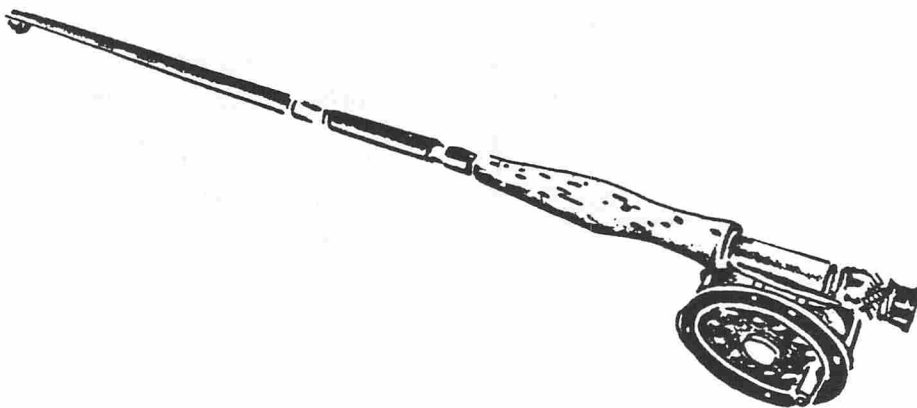
Your Calendar
Mark the Date

Wednesday April 8

7:30 PM -- Flytying at 6:00 PM
Oaks Mall Community Room

This month's meeting features the Master of the LeTort, Ed Shenk. Ed will be speaking on Flyfishing in Argentina. This is not another travelogue, but a chance to learn about flyfishing techniques good the world over. Don't miss this months meeting.

See You there!



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The purpose of the CVFF is to cultivate and advance the art, science and sport of fly fishing as a sporting and enjoyable method of angling and a way of fishing consistent with the preservation and use of game fish resources, to promote conservation of recreational resources, to facilitate and improve the knowledge of fly fishing, to elevate the standard of integrity, honor and courtesy of anglers and to cherish the spirit of fellowship among anglers everywhere.

I don't know about you, but I think last months meeting was a blast. Who would have thought that a fund raiser could be so much fun. But it sure was. March's meeting was a tremendous group effort and the response was overwhelming. There were over 50 members and guests at that meeting and the enthusiasm shown by all was great. As a result, your monetary response has allowed the CVFF to increase its savings account by a sizable amount, and this will be reflected in the coming months by the quality of our guest speakers. In fact, this months speaker, Ed Shenk, the Master of the LeTort, is the type of speaker that we are endeavoring to bring to the Conejo Valley. But we couldn't do it without your support. Thank you for a great March Fund Raiser.

Thanks are also given for the three persons that made March's meeting so memorable. Shirley Honus, Kathleen Kieling, and Linda Miner provided the culinary delights we all supped on at the meeting. The food was

wonderful. Thank you Shirley, Kathleen and Linda for giving your time and effort for March's meeting.

If you missed last months meeting, you missed a tremendous fly tier. Stan Beringhele tied inconspicuously in the corner while the festivities went on. But the flies he ties are not inconspicuous. Stan ties some of the best flies I've seen in quite a while. His Perch Frye, a Crowley killer, is one of the best minnow imitations around. I've included the pattern in this months newsletter in case you weren't at the meeting. A special thanks to Stan for tying for our March meeting.

A Note of Thanks From Rod

I wish to say thank you to all the members, old and new alike, of the Conejo Valley Fly Fishers for presenting me with a memorable plaque. Especially to the Board of Directors for their consideration. I now look forward to being an observer and participant with club activities in the future. Best of luck to all of you in angling experiences.

Sincerely
Rod Tochiara

Fly Tying Get Together

At the February meeting, several members showed interest in having informal fly tying get togethers. So, let's do it. With the change in the meeting night to Wed. April 8th, and many people going on vacation Easter week, how about "tying together" on Tuesday April 7 and again on April 21? Place and time to be determined. We will have a few vises, tools and instructions for the beginners, but if you have your own stuff, bring it. If interested, CALL MIKE WEIGAND, 498-9987.

Lower Owens Trip Set

April 10 thru the 12th are the dates for the 3rd Annual Lower Owens River trip. Mark your calendars and head on up to the Lower Owens for some great brown trout fishing. This years trip is shaping up to be a good one. Camping is available at Pleasant Valley Campground or you can motel it in Bishop. Anywhere you stay be sure and start your fishing season off with the CVFF at the Lower Owens River. See you there!

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Help Needed

The CVFF is in need of any able bodied person interested in working on setting up conservation projects for the club. Presently there is no one working on conservation and this is one area in the club where help is needed. This position requires someone who is concerned about the environment and is willing to put in some time to gather articles for the newsletter. These articles go a long way in helping raise the awareness of our members to what is going on in the world. If you are interested please give Tom Robison a call at (805)496-9371.

Yellowstone Rendezvous

This is rather short notice, but I am making a trip up to Yellowstone in the first part of July. The dates of this banzai run are roughly July 1 - 12th. I will be coming off of the Golden Trout Pack Trip sponsored by Malibu Fish'n Tackle and I plan to leave directly from Mammoth Lakes on Wednesday, July 1st. I will be arriving in Yellowstone on Thursday the 2nd. If you are interested in meeting up there give me, Tom Robison, a call at (805)496-9371 and we'll discuss logistics.



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Date: Nov 2 -7, 1992.

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Mid week (Monday thru Thursday).

I have 3 spots open for October 19-22, 1992.

Cost: \$250.00 per person (3 nights lodging, breakfast & lunch, and free instruction if needed.

\$50.00 deposit required with reservation

SaltWater and Bass Fly Tying offered At Malibu Fish'n Tackle

Malibu Fish'n Tackle is offering a two week tying class for saltwater and bass flies. The dates for these classes are April 30th and May 2nd (Thursday nights) and May 21st and May 28th (also Thursday nights). The tying instruction will be led by Rod Tochiara. Cost of the class will be \$20 which includes tying materials. Due to the nature of these flies, prior tying experience is highly recommended. This is not a beginning class. If you are interested in tying for fish other than trout, here is your chance to learn tying techniques for bigger fish. Contact Wayne at Malibu Fish'n Tackle at (805)496-7332, or Rod Tochiara at (805)492-3822 for more information.



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St. Francis Dam: DWP's Legacy of Dam Building

There are no signposts to mark its location. No historical plaques to tell its story. There is very little left to tell the visitor about the tragedy that took place 63 years ago. You must, in fact, look very closely to see any remains of the dam at San Fransquito Canyon. But if you look you can see the weathered remains of mans attempt to harness the elements; an immutable testament

The dam stood 180 feet above the canyon floor in a narrow stretch of San Fransquito Canyon, about 45 miles from the L.A. Civic Center. Los Angeles was beginning to prosper, having been assured of an "unlimited" source of clean water to slake its thirst. Less than a decade earlier, the 200+ mile aqueduct to the Owens Valley had been completed bringing not only water but the fury of the populous of the Owens Valley. Robbed of what the valley population had seen as their destiny, small groups of citizens began terrorist attacks on the aqueduct at different points along its route. It was these attacks that provided the impetus to build a reservoir large enough to provide water in case the aqueduct was damaged and out of commission for an extended period of time. The Saint

Francis dam was born.

Construction began in August of 1924. Even as the dam was being built, there were questions about the site and the geology of the surrounding terrain. Acting on these questions chief engineer, William Mulholland, a self taught geologist, had satisfied himself that the dam was being built on solid ground. Therefore work progressed, and continued for several years.

Water was diverted into the dam in March of 1926, nearly two months before its completion. As the reservoir filled, water began seeping at the dam's perimeters, causing concern for downstream residents. Mulholland and other engineers assured them that this was normal. Mulholland had even walked the crest of the dam and made a similar pronouncement the day the dam failed. And fail it did on Monday March 12, 1928.

At a little before midnight on March 12th the concrete structure built by Mulholland to insure a water supply in case of sabotage of the aqueduct by the citizens of Inyo County, gave way, sending 38,000 acre feet of water towards the town of Saugus and the Santa Clara River and its ultimate destination, the Pacific Ocean.

The initial stage of the flood was through the San Fransquito Canyon, where the flood reached speeds of about 18 mph. The scant

telephone lines that were available in this area were washed out so word about the torrent was shortcoming. As the flood reached Castaic Junction the Santa Clara River basin was ready to absorb the water and flotsam that had been picked up. The speed had been reduced to 12 mph as the flood spread out in the expanse of the Santa Clara river bed, but it still carried tremendous killing power. An Edison work crew camped at Kemp, some 18 miles from the dam was deluged and saw the loss of 84 men. The torrent raced on towards Santa Paula and the ocean. Finally making the sea nearly 6 hours after leaving the reservoir. The death toll was between 385-420. (Records are unsure on this number)

At inquiries held about the dam failure, Mulholland tried vainly to convince others that this had been the work of saboteurs from Inyo County. But in the end it was shown to have been caused by geological deficiencies in the dam site, and Mulholland took the blame as his alone.

Driving down San Fransquito Canyon today, it is difficult to find the remains of the DWP's legacy to water and greed. They want no reminders to their past. But if you look hard you can find them; reminders of the St. Francis Dam and the tremendous toll paid for water for Los Angeles.

CONEJO VALLEY FLYFISHERS
Annual Fund Raiser
March 10, 1992

I am happy to report that our annual fundraiser was a major success. Although the net figures are not finalized, it appears that we grossed over \$5,000 for the night. One factor that appears to have contributed to this success is the elimination of the \$25.00 per person chicken dinner. This was replaced by a gourmet chile (turkey and black bean) dinner which included tortilla chips and salsa, brownie desert, and soft drink for \$3.00. This allowed for more people with family members to attend with attendance of over 60 and chili dinners for 31. Although we planned on breaking even on the chile, we were happy to learn that the cooks, Shirley Honus, Kathleen Kieling, Jim Garrett, and Dan Millis all donated the cost of the chile to the club.

The idea for the special raffle for the Steffen Brothers prototype guide rod was a big success as each person who brought in a dozen flies received one raffle ticket. We collected 41 dozen flies of which some were used that night and the remaining will be used at our monthly meetings.

The highlight of the evening was the raffle of the donated bamboo Partridge rod by Bob Johns and wrapped by Tom Robison. We sold \$50.00 tickets and the happy winner was Dan Millis.

A very special award was made to Rod Tochiara paying tribute to his many years of running the club from its very beginning in 1984. He has been the guiding force in our club for all those years and has made the club the success it now is. He was presented with a special Oak plaque adorned with a carved wood Brown Trout by Lloyd Moore.

A special thanks goes out to Dan Millis who was able to extract a few additional dollars out of each silent auction item much to the humor of the crowd. This made a big difference in the total dollars collected.

Another special thanks goes to the shops who contributed to our successful event. Without their support we could not make this work. Please visit their stores and mention your appreciation for their support of our club. This goes a long way in repaying these people for these auction items.

Bob Johns	Cheap Sports
Malibu Fish'n Tackle	Fishermen's Spot
Able Reels	Patagonia
Steffen Brothers Fly Rods	

A final thanks to all the members who donated time to this event and to those members who donated money through their bids. This money will be used for our conservation projects and monthly speakers for the following year.

Bob Kieling

PERCH FRYE

After their illegal introduction into California's Crowley Lake, Sacramento perch first greeted with horror and as a disaster to one of the state's top trout fisheries. Now, of course, the fish have found their niche in the lake's ecology and the itineraries of fly anglers. Perch eagerly take a fly, fight like a big bluegill, are delicious to eat — and the trout love to dine on them! These are reasons enough for pro tier Stan Beringhele of Los Angeles, California, to pattern a fly after the bite-size young of Sacramento perch.

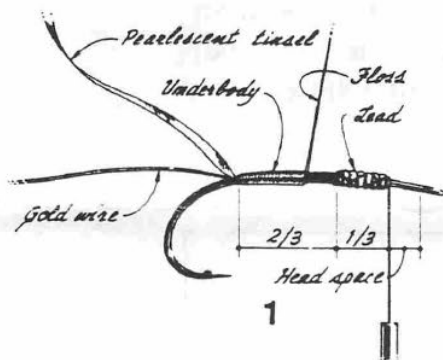
This fly is a consistent producer for brown, rainbow and brook trout at all elevations in the eastern High Sierra. Tie it also in purple and black.

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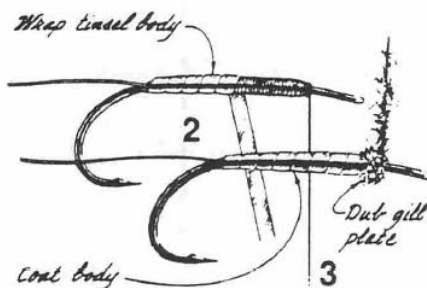


MATERIALS

Hook:	Size 6 — 12 x 2XL TMC
Thread:	2312 Ball Eye Bronzed
Weighting:	Size 6/0 Danville, Black
Ribbing:	.010 Lead Wire
Underbody:	Fine Gold Wire
Body:	Lime Green or Olive Floss
Gill Plate:	Wide Pearlescent Flat Tinsel
Wing:	Red Dubbing
Collar:	Hen Saddle Hackle; Olive Dyed or Grizzly
Head:	Small Hen Saddle Hackle; Olive Dyed or Grizzly
Other:	Black Tying Thread
	Dave's Flexament



1 Flatten barb; hone point. Leave head space. Wrap to above point. Weight forward a third of the shank with six wraps of lead; secure with thread. Above hook barb, tie successively: lengths of gold wire, floss, pearlescent tinsel. Advance thread to head space. Wrap tapered floss underbody; tie off; clip excess.

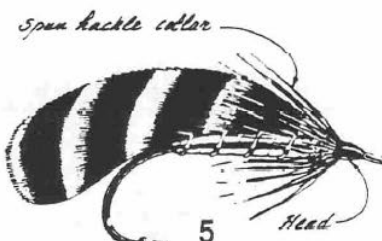


2 Smoothly wrap pearlescent tinsel body over floss underbody; tie off; clip excess. Coat body with Flexament.

3 Dub red gill plate.

4 Trim barbs off one side of two matching hen saddle hackle feathers. Place flat and upright together atop body, butts at head space. Rib gold wire forward, spreading and wrapping wire between wing feathers' barbs Matuka style. Tie off; clip excess.

5 Tie collar hackle in at head space, spin and tie off wet style. Form small head; whip finish; clip thread. Cement.



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Stan's Perch Frye



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