

Crossroads Anglers

FLYFISHING CLUB SINCE 1994

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 • 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

From the President

Well, it's January of a new year and I hope everyone had a safe holiday season.

Last month the Club sponsored a pizza dinner which seemed to be enjoyed by all. Also, there was a great raffle from which, I hope, everyone took something home.

Speaking of the raffle – there are still tickets available for the trip with Dave Porreca. Remember, that this can be used for a Wood River trip for the hex hatch, or the worm hatch, in Rhode Island. Dave is a great guide and I suspect he will give a lot of pointers to the winners (since it is a trip for two).

Elections are this month and it appears that I am running unopposed, again, for president. I would love to have some help on the board. Anyone interested please contact me. We are always looking for new people.



Dr. Gary Nelson

In March, we are going to have an exciting speaker. Dr. Gary Nelson, of the MA Division of Marine Fisheries, is presenting a hot topic: *The State of the Striped Bass in the Atlantic*. This should be very interesting!

Remember the Marlborough show is this month followed by the Bears Den show in February.

Hope everyone can make the next meeting on January 22, 2013.

Make this year exciting to fish and get out more often!

Joel



January Guest Speaker: Capt. Ray Stachelek

the worm hatch

Captain Ray Stachelek will lend his expertise on the worm hatch at the Club's January meeting.

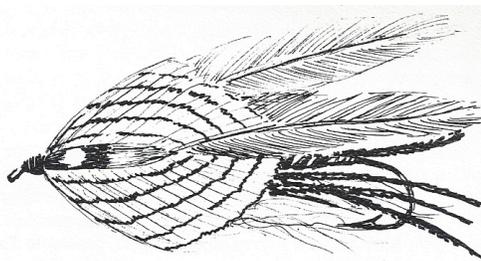


Captain Ray Stachelek

Capt. Ray is a recognized, authoritative saltwater guide in Southern New England. He is known for his resourcefulness and canny ways of putting clients on trophy fish with a fly. No matter what the species, Ray has the insight to target them. His knowledge, experience, and performance records are second to none. His clients can attest after catching their personal best. Capt. Ray is also a professional fly tier, another asset that works well on the water. His patterns are featured in fly shops and catalogs around the nation. His innovative flies are time tested, proven; often duplicated.

A licensed U.S.C.G Captain, Ray operates Cast a Fly Charters full time since retiring from the educational field. He has seen many changes in the state of the fishery and environment over the last fifty years. All this accumulated knowledge naturally helps each season with the many changes in migration and fish stock assessments.

As a former teacher, his thirty-three years of presenting information comes across natural and refreshing. His honed classroom skills make learning interesting and fun. The Power Point Presentations hold your attention with captivating photography and pertinent information. The subject matter is presented logically, systematically and easy to understand regardless of skill level. Continued on page 4. 🐟



GREY GHOST

by Tom Pero

The Gray Ghost is, without a doubt, the most popular streamer ever originated by Mrs. Carrie G. Stevens. Mrs Stevens was a self-taught fly tier; an artist. She did not use a vice and produced flies of great beauty and artistry. Mrs. Stevens past away at the age of 88. She will long be remembered as one of the truly greats in American fly tying.

Her Gray Ghost is conceded by American anglers to be one of the nation's top ten streamers for taking trout and landlocked salmon. It is certainly one of the more famous of the Maine-type streamers, if not THE most famous.

Mrs. Stevens originated the fly to imitate the landlocked form of the American smelt, prevalent in many Maine lakes. Smelt are one of the most important baitfish forms for trout and landlocked salmon and when they make their annual spring spawning run, just after ice-out, truly fabulous fishing is to be had by trolling large streamers with fly rods.

It was with this notion that Mrs. Stevens tied the Gray Ghost. She specialized in trolling flies tied on long (5X and 6X) hooks as well as tandem hooked streamers. Her streamers had little action, and, were thus to be fished.

MATERIALS NEEDED

Silver Pheasant	Yellow-orange Silk Floss
Jungle Cock	Olive-gray Saddle Hackle
White Bucktail	Large White Hackle (Neck or Saddle)
Peacock Herl	Narrow (Med.) Flat Silver Tinsel
White Tread	Golden Pheasant Crest
Black Thread	Mustad-Viking Qual. 79582 - Size 2 or 4

1. White thread wound on hook. Overbody is dressed thinly with yellow-orange silk floss, sparsely ribbed with narrow flat silver tinsel. The body is stopped four-fifths of the way to the eye of the fly, leaving one-fifth dressed only by the white tying thread.

2. Four to six strands of peacock herl as long as the wing are tied in underneath the body, to lie on straight and curve downward.

3. A small bunch of white bucktail extending beyond the barb is tied in pointing backward, close to the shank, rather than backward and downward.

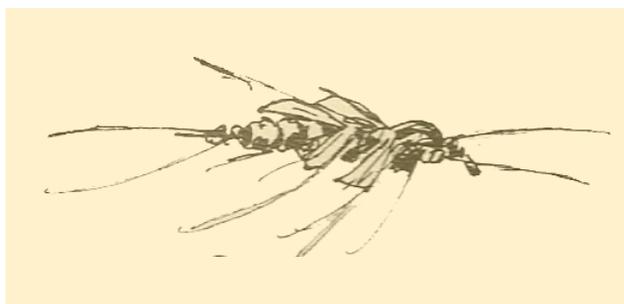
4. Next, a small bunch of white hackle is tied in immediately ahead of the bucktail, to hold the bucktail up and to extend the whiteness of the throat forward.

5. One heavy golden pheasant crest feather as long as the wing is tied in on top, arching over the body. The white thread is now tied off and black substituted for it. A small crest, 1/2 the length of the shank, is tied over the throat, curving upward.

6. Wing & Shoulder Assemblies: Take a matching right and left pair each, from a silver pheasant skin (narrow-banded body feathers), and a jungle cock neck. Prepare 2 pairs of opposite right and left olive-gray saddle hackles and cement each pair to the respective shoulder at the butt.

7. Identical but opposite right and left wing assemblies 1 1/2 times as long as the hook and laid on one at a time, on the sides of the body, NOT on top and scored. Whip off: cement.

Note: The above is the authentic dressing of the Gray Ghost as originally tied by Mrs. Carrie G. Stevens. Occasionally she tied it with the peacock above the body. Source: "Streamer Fly Tying and fishing" by Joe Bates.



The Little Yellow Stone

by Louis F. Lopez

Although this pattern was tied to imitate a specific nymph, what I am trying to show is the ease in imitating the double wing case of stonefly nymphs on hook sizes 12 or smaller. I'm sure the idea is nothing new, but it's worth repeating. The same method can be used in tying small mayfly nymph imitations. It also makes a good emerged wing by just leaving the wing case a bit longer and using beard hackle rather than hackle tied in on the sides.

The use of folded goose quill fibers [leading edge] lends itself nicely to wing cases on small flies. Goose quill also dye easily.

Last October I spent a week on the East Walker below Bridgeport Reservoir in California. The water was low enough to wade so I had a chance to sample the insect life. The stream was looted with olive stonefly nymphs. A good imitation would be a size 10 or 12 3XL. On my olive stone imitation, I leave out the two pieces of goose quill and just make two or three turns of

olive dun hackle between the wing cases. I also use horse hair or goose quill fibers for tail and antennae. The dubbing is a blend of dark olive seal, light olive seal, olive rabbit and light olive rabbit. The rib is clear mono. The wing case are olive dyed goose quill.

The little Yellow Stone was tied to imitate the nymphs that I have sampled along the San Gabriel River, which is a stream close to my home. These nymphs run from size 10 to 16. I choose to imitate the nymph in its middle range. The Little Yellow Stone should do well wherever you find these small stoneflies.

PATTERN

Hook: Mustad 9672, size 12-14 with .021 lead strips on sides.

Rib: 4 or 6 pound test mono tinted brown with felt tip marker.

Abdomen: Golden yellow fur or Fly-Rite poly.

Wing Cases: Folded goose quill (leading edge) dyed brown.

Thorax: Golden yellow dubbing.

Legs: Horse hair.

Note: Make sure tinted mono is dry before ribbing.

1. Tie lead strips on each side. Dub small fur ball behind lead strips. Tie tails on side.
2. Tie on rib. Dub abdomen 2/3 of way towards eye and wind rib. Tie on first pair of legs by using one piece of hair.
3. Tie on first wing case by folding goose quill fiber. Trim ends.
4. Tie on second pair of legs. Add a little dubbing. Tie on second wing case using same procedure.
5. Tie on two pieces of goose quill by butts. Tie on third pair of legs. Dub to a point behind eye. Tie on antennae. Bring goose quills over to complete thorax area.
6. Fold antennae forward and tie down. The legs and antennae can also be tied on by tying in four pieces of horse hair as in Step 5, using three on each side for legs and tying two forward for antennae. Trim tail, legs and antennae to suit.

"The gods do not deduct from man's allotted span the hours spent in fishing."

— Herber Hoover

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Capt. Ray also has a reputation as being one of saltwater's leading fly designers. His nationally known "Angel Hair Series" pioneered the use of Angel Hair some thirteen years ago. Glitter flies have become a main staple in blue water fishing. Capt. Ray's newest pattern, the Squid-Sicle is now available in fly shops. He is a member of the Umpqua Feather Merchants Signature Fly Designer Team.

Ray's articles and photography are frequently published in such national magazines as Saltwater Fly Fishing, Fly

Fishing Saltwater, and Fly Tier Magazine. He supplies fish reports to newspapers and web sites during the season.

During the winter months, Ray demonstrates his tying techniques and does educational seminars at many of the national fly fishing shows along the east coast. He frequently lectures and runs tying classes at area fishing clubs on topics that range from fly tying to light tackle angling. He is active in such local affiliates as Rhody Fly Rodders and United Fly Tyers of RI. He has served on both boards.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Super Bowl	4	5 Board Meeting 6:30pm	6	7	8	9
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