



September 2016 Newsletter

**Tuesday September 6 at 6pm
BJ's Restaurant – Hamilton**

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

GONE FISHING!

Bob Prince
President - FFB

The Program

Originally we had Colin Cooney scheduled as our presenter. Colin is the person that TU employs to lobby against the Rio Tinto Mine near the Smith River. Greg Chester and I discovered that TU had also scheduled Colin to be their speaker on Sept 15th at the Elks Club. We agreed that only one presentation was necessary and I agreed to have FFB support the TU presentation since they were in

a large room and had scheduled it prior to my scheduling Colin. All FFB members are invited to attend the September 15th presentation by Colin at the Elks Club. It begins at 7:00PM. A dinner with the speaker is held next door at the Spice of Life beginning at 5:00 PM. Dave Ward – Program Chairman

Our own Chuck Stranahan will be presenting a program entitled “EFFECTIVE TECHNIQUES FOR FISHING LOCAL WATERS”. Chuck is the proprietor of Riverbend Flyfishing in downtown Hamilton and is the author of several books on fly fishing and fly tying. Chuck is a creative and innovative fly designer – the Brindle Chute and several other popular local patterns are products of his creative mind. Chuck’s program will be supplemented with numerous photographs.

If you want to improve your success rate on our local waters this program is your opportunity to learn from the MASTER!

For more information on our speaker go to www.chuck-stranhan.com

The Annual FFB Picnic

The annual FFB picnic & steak burn took place Sunday, August 21 at Steve Lilburn's lovely riverside property again this year. Our longtime chief cook & organizer, Rich Morrissey, was on a Cruise in the Baltics and unable to donate his services---"why" he would rather be on a Cruise than slaving over the BBQ & cooking our steaks as he has brilliantly done for so many years! Albert Henricks, also known as Chef Boy o Boy, of FFB Georgetown cookout fame, took the helm of steak burning. Dorreen Romans volunteered to organize the other aspects of the outing. And is a skilled outstanding manager. And with your help and RSVPs plus your wine, side dishes, salads, and desserts left of all with full bellies and happy hearts. Doreen remembers one year at Lake

Como when we got 2 salads & 11 desserts which did not happen this time. She made sure we had enough steak, beer, & supplies for all who wished to party! We also collected a number of new members from the event.

If you attended and enjoyed the FFB picnic be sure to thank especially Doreen, Albert and Steve. Others pitched in, but these three were our mainstay. Thank you all who attended, helped, and brought things, thoughts, and conversation.

56 signed up and more attended!!!!

Steve's riverside estate on the Bitterroot is a wonderful site for the event which he made available to us all.

Fly of the Month
The Little Green Machine
By
Dennis Westover

The Little Green Machine is the most popular mayfly nymph sold by Headhunters Fly shop. That in itself is a ringing endorsement for the effectiveness of this pattern. It's easy to tie, uses readily available materials and imitates a variety of aquatic insects. It's a killer imitation of the late season Pseudo and fall Baetis and does a nice job as a midge pupa in the winter. I tie it in sizes 16, 18 and 20 and mostly fish sizes 18 and 20. Fish it as a dropper off a larger and heavier lead fly to be sure you're getting the fly into the zone. As with most beaded patterns it's important to use a hook that's slightly longer than standard. The TMC 3761 is my choice for this pattern. Tie or buy a dozen and you'll be a believer!



Materials list

Hook: TMC 3761 1x long nymph #16, 18 and 20

Bead: Small copper (5/64th for size 18)

Thread: UTC 70 brown

Tail: Pheasant tail fibers

Body: Micro tubing –pheasant tail

Wings: Antron = white

Wing case: flat pearl mylar - small

Thorax: Ice dub – Olive Brown

Optional – I occasionally add a fine copper wire rib to the pattern but can't say it makes the fly more or less effective.

Time for a Change

This is my last issue as your Editor. It's been almost almost three years and 30 issues and I've enjoyed every minute of my tenure but I'm running out of ideas and enthusiasm so it's time to pass the oars to someone new.

Your new Editor, Jim Calvery has a strong computer background and a lot of enthusiasm for the job. Jim can be reached at jimmie.calvery@gmail.com or 406 961 0187