

# March 2019 Fly of the Month

## The Anorexic Chubby Skwala— [AKS for short...]

by Bob Prince

### Fly originally designed and tied by Jeff Gray of Freestone Fly Shop

Hard to believe we are less than a month away from Skwala season with all this cold and snow. Believe it and they will come....

Lord knows I have enough Swkalas. Three boxes and counting, but one can never have enough flies right? I found a few of these sitting in the bins at Freestone a few years back and decided to try out a few. I've been a fan of peacock bodied skwala patterns for years and this pattern looked like it might fit the bill as an easy to see, good floating and fish catching Skwala.

A few days later and with many fish landed on the bug, I was sold. Since that spring I've been throwing the anorexic chubby skwala (or ACS for short) nearly exclusively for the past 3-4 Skwala seasons. It consistently outperforms other patterns even when I fish it tandem with other flies. Whether it be the top or bottom fly, it doesn't seem to matter. The fish just like it. No matter what I try, I still keep coming back to this pattern for a good reason. It works! It sits low, but is still easy to see, takes a beating and keeps on floating, and is a quick pattern to tie. All winning qualities to me.

Tying the ACS is not difficult at all. If you can tie a standard Chubby Chernobyl, you pretty much know everything you need to know. Just keep the body thin and the wing sparse. Thin to win as they say! Skwalas have some heft to them but I feel most factory ties are too bulky!

Whip some up and give 'em a try. Tight lines!- *Bob*

#### Materials

Hook: Any 2x Long curved shank hopper hook  
Thread: 6/0 Camel or Light Cahill (I like a little yellow on a skwala)  
Foam: 2mm brown foam  
Body: Peacock herl  
Legs: MFC small sized speckled gray Centipede legs  
Wing: Tan Widows Web  
Indicator: 1mm Yellow foam

#### Directions

1. Tie in the peacock herl body first. Makes everything easier
2. Tie in foam even with the hook point. Foam should extend just beyond the bend of the hook
3. Tie in first set of legs
4. Make 2-3 segments of foam as you advance the thread
5. Tie in wing at about the 2/3 point in the hook. Make wing slightly longer than back of the foam
6. Tie in indicator foam on top of wing
7. Tie in 2<sup>nd</sup> set of legs
8. Advance thread and make one more segment binding down brown and yellow foam.
9. Whip finish and trim the foam. You're done!

