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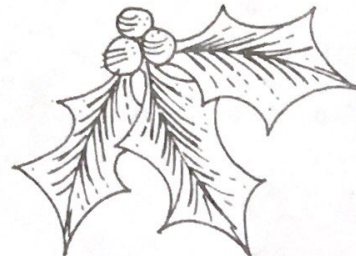
PROGRAM: "Annual Fly-Tying Seminar"
WHERE: Knight's of Columbus Hall on
Bloomfield Ave. in Windsor.
WHEN: Wednesday, December 13, 1978.
TIME: 7:30 p.m.



A panel of six to eight master fly tyers from CFFA will be on hand during an informal demonstration of popular fly patterns for Eastern streams. This is a follow-up to the October meeting, "Getting Started in Fly Tying," where we introduced tools and materials, and where to buy them. Each tyer will spend a half hour demonstrating a certain pattern, and then will switch to another pattern, allowing you to circulate around and observe the patterns that interest you.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

As the Holiday Season approaches, you may be wondering what unique gift idea you can buy for your son, father, wife, uncle, or closest friend. How about a junior or regular membership in CFFA to stuff in that "someone's" stocking on Christmas morning. On page 6 you will find a membership application. Attach a short note with the completed form, and we will send you the membership information to give to that special person on Christmas. Mail today to assure return by Christmas.



A Quill and a Flyrod



by Don Johnston

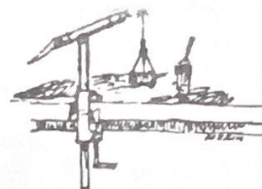
As the 1979 Holiday Season approaches, I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of CFFA and LINES AND LEADERS, to extend Seasons Greetings to you all.

The weather has been extremely mild to date, but the cold winter temperatures are not far away. To see you through until Spring, CFFA has some great programs planned, starting with this month's Fly Tying Seminar. The January meeting will feature rod building along with election of officers, followed by the Annual Banquet in February.

I must take this opportunity to make a plea for help. We need articles for publication in LINES AND LEADERS. You will notice that this issue has dwindled in size. If it wasn't for Leo and Mark Leggitt and myself, there wouldn't be any local matter in these pages. Let's show your support of the finest fly fishing club around.

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* May. Meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 500
* Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor, Connecticut. Eastern Council meetings
* are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Mansfield
* Middle School, Spring Hill Road, Mansfield, Connecticut.
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Under the Tyer's Lamp



Leo R. Leggitt

Mark S. Leggitt

"The Classics" The Black-Nose Dace

This month, we shall present the second in our series of classic flies, the Black-Nose Dace. It is a simple, yet killing pattern and considered by most to be a "must" item in every well stocked fly book.

This pattern is a tri-colored bucktail which was designed by Art Flick to imitate the small baitfish of the same name. It works very well in both the riffled areas of streams, where these minnows flourish, and in the larger pools. The best sizes are from size 4 to size 10; the smaller sizes being used after the spring run-offs.

1. Use a Mustad #79580 hook. This has a model perfect bend and a 4X long shank. Tie in black monocord thread behind the eye and wrap it down the shank to the bend of the hook.
2. At the bend, tie in a lenth of bright red yarn so that $\frac{1}{4}$ inch extends beyond the bend to the rear. Do not trim any excess off yet. There should be about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches remaining on the shank.
3. Tie in a 4 inch lenth of medium width, flat silver tinsel so that 3 inches extend beyond the bend and 1 inch lies along the top of the wool and hook shank. Wrap the thread forward in tight wraps while holding the excess yarn and tinsel taut on top of the shank. This will provide a neat, smooth base for the tinsel body. Tie off the yarn about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the eye (depending on the hook size) and trim the excess.
4. Gently fold the tinsel towards you so that it finishes at a 90 degree angle to the hook shank. (See illustration). Wrap the tinsel forward, butting each wrap against the previous yet not overlapping, and continue to a point where the yarn is tied off. Tie the tinsel off at this point and trim the excess. Now trim the yarn at the bend to a $\frac{1}{8}$ inch lenth. This completes the body.

At this point, we would like to digress a moment to talk about variations. Some noted tiers omit the red wool tag, adding either red hackle fibers or red yarn at the throat to act as a beard. Others spiral a silver oval tinsel rib over the flat body for extra flash. If you choose either or both of these, so much the better, but the original is as we describe it to be.

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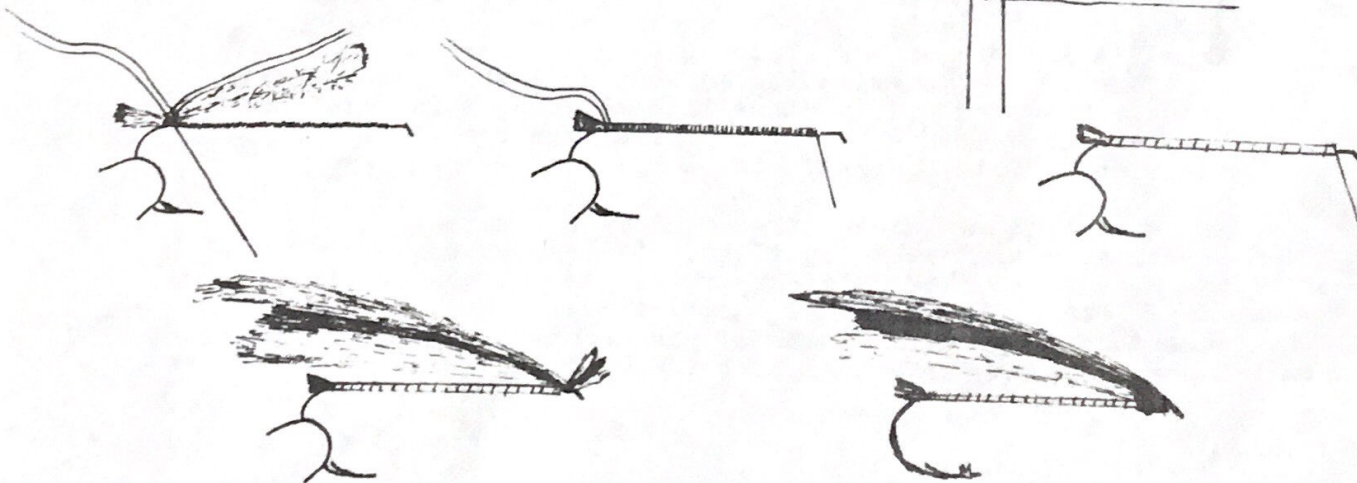
5. Wrap the thread forward to the eye and then back again to form a base for the wing materials.
6. The original pattern calls for a swatch of polar bear hair for the bottom wing layer. This is scarce stuff lately, as it is now prohibited from sale. If you can get ahold of some great, if not, use a substitute. Try either soft white bucktail, monga ring-tail, or white hackle fibers on the small sizes. We like the monga. Tie in a small bunch of this on top of the hook so that the tips extend beyond the bend for a distance equal to the gape of the hook. Use only a few wraps of thread to secure the hair. Cement the wraps.
7. Next, place a small bunch of black bear hair over the white and tie in place as above. This hair should be just a tad shorter than the white hair.
8. On top of this, tie in a small bunch of brown bucktail, which should extend slightly beyond the white hair. This will create a nice form to the fly when it is wet.
9. Trim the hair butts by holding them vertical to the hook shank and making a mighty snip horizontally. This will give you a nice taper automatically. Wrap the thread forward and back to form a neat head. Tie off with your favorite knot and cement.

There you go. Simple enough and yet effective.

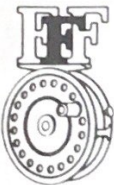
Mark is at work writing another series for future issues titled "Bait" which will delve into baitfish identification, habits, imitations and such. He'll talk more about bucktails then. Watch for it.

Oh yes, Mark has moved and now owns a home on his favorite river. This ought to give him some time to get into new areas of research for our newsletter. If you want to, reach him at:

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- December 6 Board of Director's Meeting
- December 10 Deadline for LINES AND LEADERS
- December 13 CFFA Membership Meeting, see page 1

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COMING EVENTS

- January 10 CFFA Membership Meeting & Election of Officers for 1979
- February 10 Annual CFFA Banquet.



*IT'S TIME
TO RENEW
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