



Falling Springs Newsletter

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President's Message:

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells and a merry Christmas. I guess by now you all have had plenty of Thanksgiving turkey and now are shopping for those Christmas gifts. As I look back, the chapter had a great year. Two stream projects, the extension of the fly area, one eagle scout badge, two youths sent to the rivers camp and a successful fall banquet. I would love to see this again in 2006. But that only comes with all the support of the entire chapter.

As it looks right now, we do have some good stuff we are planning to work on in 2006. We will have fly tying coming up in January, some stream improvements are in the making which I believe are award winning! I would like to do better on the Thursday night work projects. We fell behind this year not for bad reasons, but some Guilford township meetings fell on the same days and it was very important that we were there.

The chapter has done a great job in 2005 and I wish you all the very best over the coming Christmas and New Years. Penn State plays on January 3 in the Orange Bowl so I want to see the blue/white spirit for the 8:00pm game! Go State!!

See you on the stream,
Mike Heck, President

YOUR E-MAILS ARE NEEDED

We are looking to start an e-mail database of our members. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Please send your e-mail address to Karl Shreiner at kshrein@innernet.net

Next Board Meetings

January 9, February 6 and March 25 Norlo Farm 6:15pm

Falling Springs Trout Unlimited

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Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at Norlo Park.

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Something new for the members. Take a look at our new chapter website if you haven't already done so:

www.fallingspringtu.com



Directions to Norlo Farm Complex: From Chambersburg, take Route 30E, approx. .25 miles past Snavely's Garden Center turn right in to Norlo Park.

NEWS AND EVENTS

ONE MORE CAST– MIKE HECK

It is cold ,so many have packed the rods away. Don't forget now is the time to wax the male section of your rod and clear your guides. If you have paraffin that is great, but non-scented white wax will do fine. Just hit the rod with four strokes and wipe off the excess wax. Guides can be cleaned with Windex along with the rod itself. For the cork handle, I like Soft-scrub.

If you like to fish, venture upstate to Spring Creek. This is one of my favorites for Winter fishing.

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The chapter will be holding their membership meetings on these dates.

January 9, February 6 and March 25 held at the Norlo Farm 7:00pm
Members and guest are welcomed.

ECOTONE UPDATE

Many of you have asked, "What has happened with the three stream projects". Well that was answered at the Greenway meeting in November. Scott McGill stated there was some hold-ups with the permits and that all is a go.

So we are looking at some work being done come March 2006. That if the weather permits.

First, Ecotone plans to begin work at the headwaters, followed by Gisele and then finish down on the Goods/Richard properties in downtown Chambersburg.

FLY TYING CLASSES

The FSTU chapter will once again be holding their winter fly tying classes. Bill Bashor will be leading the classes again this year. Bill will begin with the very basic and then challenge you as the classes go on. Classes will be held every Tuesday night at 7:00pm. Classes will be held at Gander Mnt. Classes will be starting on January 10, 2006. Interested people can call Mike Heck at 717-261-0070 or 717-816-7557 to sign up. Slots will be filled on a first come basis.

Dates Are:

January 10, 17, 24, 31

February 7,14,21,28

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renew memberships at a meeting or send your checks and forms to Mike Heck and he will send them to National so that we get in the chapter rebate program. Thank you.

M.H. Antron Woolly Bugger

The Woolly Bugger is probably the most versatile streamer of today. The Woolly Bugger can imitate such things as sculpins, crayfish, and leaches. This streamer can be color matched to imitate any underwater dweller, or add some sparkle to make it more of an attractor pattern. Because of its color and imitation diversities, this streamer is presumably the most used streamer there is.

One rainy afternoon, I was tying several LaFontaine Sparkle Pupas, and had several strips of Olive Antron left over. I thought how and why I had used Antron in the past as wing material, and making shell backs for crustaceans. Antron has a natural reflective nature to it, and I thought used as body material it would possibly give that little extra to some patterns.

I needed to tie some Woolly Buggers for an upcoming guide. I tied three using Light Olive Antron for body, Black Marabou for the tail, and Black Hackle. I then tied two using Dark Olive Antron and Grizzly Hackle. I was very impressed with what the Antron did to enhance this already proven pattern. I then took one of my own patterns and used Antron in it. I took my Mike's Baetis Nymph (April 96 Fly Fishing Guide), and tied the body with Dark Olive Antron instead of using olive pheasant tail. The final test would be with the trout.

I headed towards the Heritage Angling section of the Falling Springs one morning. I entered this one pool, and tied on one of the new Woolly Buggers. I made seven cast into that pool, and I released four nice rainbows. I waited until mid-morning to try my Baetis nymph. It was cool and, these nymphs usually start to get active around this time of day. I found a section of water that would hold Baetis nymphs, when I observed a decent rainbow feeding in the current just below some dying watercress. I carefully made my approach, waited a moment, made a precise cast. The end result was a well fed 16 inch rainbow. I didn't stay out much longer that day. I was satisfied to know these flies would catch trout.

I have used both these flies in all our Commonwealth waters. Both flies worked, whether it was a limestone spring creek or a freestone creek, wild trout or stocked. The Antron Woolly Bugger also proved effective on our rivers as Smallmouth Bass flies. If you have several chenille tied Woolly Buggers, give the Antron Woolly Bugger a try. If you never tried a Woolly Bugger, I hope this will spark your interest.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

Hook Orvis size 12 4x streamer 8808-00

Thread Black Sue Burgess

Tail Black Marabou

Body Olive Antron

Hackle Black

Head Black thread

Enjoy— Mike Heck

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