



Newsletter

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Let it rain no more!!!!

News From the Front

The 17th of November was to be our first fishing day of our winter program, but unfortunately it had to be cancelled early in the week because of heavy rain and flooding. Owing to the disastrous flooding in South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire of the previous week, I decided to go and look at the beats we were to fish that weekend. This year we were kindly offered the following waters to fish, Derby County's section of the River Derwent at Willersley Castle below Matlock Bath, The Peacock fly fishing Club on the River Wye at Rowsley, The Isaak Walton Fishing Club on the River Derwent at Baslow and Cressbrook and Litton Fly Fishing Club on the River Wye at Ashford in the Water.



River Derwent Willersley Castle



River Wye Rowsley



River Derwent Baslow
Cont:



River Derwent Calver



River Wye Ashford in the Water the gauge showing almost 1 Metre

As can be seen from the photographs river conditions were well out of condition and in flood. On the day the photographs were taken the river level at Baslow was about 2 metres, but a few days earlier the river level was just above 5 metres. As wading would have been allowed on some of the beats even a substantial drop in river levels would have made wading dangerous. At the time of writing (Saturday 16th October) the river level at Chatsworth monitoring station was 1.9 metres, still way above safe fishing levels. May be if the rain stops for a week or so fishing may be possible.

Grayling Fishers Evening

On the 13th of November David Southall came to give us a most interesting and informative talk about his fishing visits to the mountain streams and rivers of Austria. He told us about the different types of streams and rivers which of course were all crystal clear glacial melt waters, with more than a few being steep bolder strewn with small pocket holding areas for Brown and Brook trout. Grayling were also the target fish on some of the more gentle rivers. David also showed us some of the fishing techniques and flies he used to land fish in the variety of river conditions. Fishing Hotels where he stayed featured greatly in his talk, with the maps of the waters they control. This beautiful part of the Austrian Alps are a spectacular backdrop to what David showed was a wonderful fishing venue.



David having the full attention of the audience.



Half time, chatting with David

Cont;



David answering questions

If anyone wants more information about fishing in the Austrian Mountains David will be more than happy to help. To contact David email ; southalldavid@southalldavid.karoo.co.uk

Winter Program

December 11 th: Stuart Crofts

Sex, Insects and Fly-Fishing

January 15 th: Don Stazicker

Things I thought I knew about fly fishing

February 12 th: Steve Skuce

Fishing for Grayling and flies that work

March 11 th: Phil White

Lough Corrib and surrounding rivers

As usual the evening talks will be held at the Rutland Hotel Bakewell. Talks commence 7.30 pm

South Yorkshire Salmon & Trout Conservation

Events programme 2019/20 Meetings start at 7.30pm, at The Phoenix Club Brinsworth

Wednesday 4th December: Dave Woodhead. Fishing the River Wear: how, when and where. Drawing on his vast experience, Dave will talk about how to tackle fishing the Wear for salmon and sea trout and also look at how the river has fished this season.

Wednesday 8th January: Michael Charlton-Weedy: The River Ure and its Salmon. Author of the salmon fishing blog 'Just One Week', Michael (aka 'MCX Fisher') will talk about the history of the river Ure Salmon, it's recovery as a salmon river and how and where to fish it.

Wednesday 5th February: Howard Croston: Competition fly fishing. TBC. England international fly fisher will talk about competition fly fishing and report on the world championship in Tasmania.

You don't have to be a member All are welcome.

Fly Tying Masterclasses

18th January Stuart Crofts

"The Corners of my Fly Box"

15th February Don Stazicker

"Making your flies properly. Why proportions matter"

The days will be held at the village hall Ashford in the Water The cost of the day including tea, coffee, biscuits and Lunch will be £35.00. cheques made out to The Grayling Society Area 8.

At the time of writing there are three place left on Stuart's most popular day.

If interested contact Steve Langan
doclangan@hotmail.com

This Years Brew



This is the second batch of Sloe Gin this year, which should be ready for the first of the Trout season. Just in case it won't be ready, I still have just a little left from last years brew.



Brian

Fly Tiers Corner



Fly by; Stuart Crofts

A.B. Midge (bowtie wing version - updated 2018)

Back in the early 1980's David Calvert (now living in Cumbria) and I started to run fly-tying classes for anglers in a room above a local pub. These became very popular but of course the question was always are they coming to tie flies or just to sup ale? We will never know.

Anyhow, one of the chaps who came along was called Andy Bennet and on one of the evenings he came to have a chat during a beer break and with him he had a small midge pattern in his box. He said to David and I that this was proving to be a fantastic pattern on the River Don. Now we both knew Andy as a first class angler and if he said it was good then it needed to be taken seriously and tried. Sure enough it was just as he said and caught us plenty of fish. Since those early days the fly has changed slightly but, in real terms, it is the same pattern that Andy gave us all those years ago.

I used it then and I still use it now and is a perfect generic pattern to represent any one of a thousand midges or small terrestrial insects that we see just about everywhere we fish; just alter the body colour to match what you see. It is tied purposely short to allow plenty of hook to get through the meniscus, this in turn gives you a much better "take to hook up" ratio AND helps to combat the often critical enemy of drag.

The wing colour is key to your visibility of this fly; use the one that stands out best against water reflections and the surface colour that is in front of you. The body colour is dependent on the small midges you are seeing but this is commonly black, grey or olive/yellow, but if you are not sure, grey is a good starting point. The CDC is not there to float the fly but to give the fly an impression of "life".

Use it as a single fly on the leader of your choice to give you the best presentation. Before use very lightly gink the body and wing **but** avoid the CDC and metal work of the hook at all costs! Cast accurate without spooking the fish and always endeavor to get a drag-free drift. Have fun. Cont;

Materials

Hook – Partridge SLD size 18 – 20 or any similar type

Thread – 8/0 Unithread; colour to complement that of the body

Body - Veniard "Easy Dub" micro chenille (it **must** be this type!); colour to match the midges on the water you are fishing – commonly black, grey or olive/yellow

Wing – Poly yarn/aero wing (in either white, orange, pink or black) tied "bowtie" style

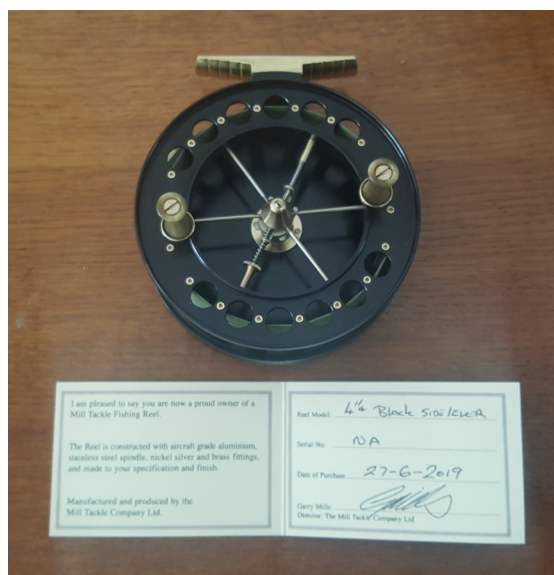
Thorax - Grey CDC (chopped and dubbed)

Tying sequence for this fly is:

- 1) Start the thread about 1mm behind the hook eye and work down the hook.
- 2) 1/3rd of way down the hook lift in the micro chenille as a detached body and secure with the thread back to the start point.
- 3) Cut off the waste chenille pointing over the hook eye and then cut the detached body to length so it reaches just past the bend of the hook - never shorter and not too **long as to look daft!**
- 4) Work the thread back (just a few turns) to a point midway between the hook eye and the start of the detached body.
- 5) Lift in the poly yarn wing (about 40mm to 50mm long), position & secure across the top of the hook "bow tie style" using figure-of-eight turns.
- 6) When secure work the thread back to the start of the body, dub the thread with chopped up bits of grey CDC feather fibers then wind this either side of the wing.
- 7) Tie off behind the eye in the usual way.
- 8) Cut the wing to give two short "sighter" tufts (around 3 to 4mm) and, if required, pick out some of the CDC to give a nice "leggy effect".

Stuart.

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Serial No: NA

Date of Purchase: 27-6-2019

Garry Mills
Director, The Mill Tackle Company Ltd

Last June was a rather significant birthday of mine, and Janet my wife was a little unsure of what I would like for my present. Several months earlier I visited Garry Mills at his works (Mill Tackle) to have some repairs carried out on an old reel I had just purchased. Whilst talking to Garry he mentioned that Geoff Bevan the Society's Area Secretary for South Wales, had recently been in the factory to make his own reel. My ears pricked up at this point and I asked for more information. Garry explained that you come down to the factory for a full day and make some of the parts for your reel and then put the reel together. He would also ask you exactly what specifications you would require for the reel, eg, diameter, width, style, colour, number of spokes, type of reel seat, etc, etc. Being a centre pin enthusiast this sounded too good to be true, all this went into the "memory box", so when asked what I would like for my birthday I just happened to mention my visit to Garry!!!! Janet arranged my visit to build a reel on my birthday. After driving down to Mill Tackle and being given an initial pep talk I started work on the reel under Garry's careful instruction. I made the spindles and threaded them, and then made spacers for the spool. The main parts of the reel were already made, but to build the reel I pressed in the spool spacers and fitted the spool spindles. Doing this gave me a fantastic in-site to the manufacture of Centre Pin reels.

For further information about this fantastic day, please contact ;

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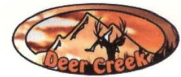
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What has this got to do with line recycling?

The amount of line UK anglers send to landfill or incineration every year would reach to the moon.

384,400 km

How do I recycle my fishing line?

Step 1

To find out where your local recycling point is you have two options;

Visit the Anglers National Line Recycling Scheme Facebook page where you will find a list of all participating shops/venues.

Visit our website www.anglers-nlrs.co.uk

Step 2

Keep your old monofilament and braid separate and take it along to your chosen recycling point. The shop may have separate bins for braid and mono but if they have a single bin please keep the braid bagged and place this in the bin.

Step 3

No recycling points near by? You can post it to us via ANLRS, c/o Tools n Tackle, 11 Bridge St, Newhaven BN9 9PH.

How is it recycled?

The waste line is sent to a recycling processor that returns it to a useable material. Recycled nylon is currently used to make traffic cones, wetsuits and sports clothing.



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Conservation

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Are you unknowingly spreading invasive species on your water sports equipment and clothing?

Invasive species can affect fish and other wildlife, restrict navigation, clog up propellers and be costly to manage. You can help protect the water sports you love by following three simple steps when you leave the water.

CHECK Check your equipment and clothing for live organisms - particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

CLEAN Clean and wash all equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly. If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.

DRY Dry all equipment and clothing - some species can live for many days in moist conditions. Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

For more information go to www.direct.gov.uk and search for Check Clean Dry

CORMORANT WATCH

Seen a cormorant or goosander?

Please help us by recording sightings to persuade governments to increase the number of licences to shoot these highly damaging birds

Report sightings online at www.cormorantwatch.com

Show your support and help spread awareness of this issue by downloading this poster from www.anglingtrust.net/cormorants

Produced with the support of... The Environment Project, P.A.G.

Join today at www.anglingtrust.net or 0343 5077 006

Scan the code

Angling Trust alongside Angling Trades Association, and the Predation Action Group has recently launched Cormorant Watch 2, a website where recordings of cormorant numbers and presence can be made as part of the campaign to increase the numbers which can be shot.

Whether you can shoot on your fisheries or not the attached poster can bring this campaign to the notice of your members and encourage them to report cormorants on your fisheries. This may result in us getting more birds on individual and group licences in the future and is an important way of keeping the need for cormorant control on fisheries in the Minister's mind.

Brian

Grayling Fishers DVD library

Grayling Fishers evening with Philip White A.P.G.A.I.



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Philip White's fly tying demonstration on the 8th November 2012 for the Grayling Fishers evening.

Grayling Fishers evening with Stuart Crofts



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Stuart Crofts fly tying demonstration on the 15th October 2013 for the Grayling Fishers evening.

Price £6.50 + p&p

For details contact :

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Subscriptions

In 2018 in line with some other Angling and Conservation organisations, we decided to put membership and subscription payments on line. This system will make administration of payments easier for the Society and members. By adopting this system we would be complying with the new Data Protection laws.

If you have not already made the switch you will need to take the following action;

- A) Cancel your current standing order at your bank.
- B) Let us have your email address, as this will be your user name for the membership system.
- C) Follow the logging guide on the website.
If you have any problems logging in contact the Membership Secretary.
- D) Ideally we would like you set up your Direct Debit on the Society system, but you can use a debit card via PayPal or just send a cheque to the Membership Secretary.
If you struggle with computing
- E) Contact the Membership Secretary he can set up a Direct Debit for you, all he needs is your Name, Sort Code and Account number.
- F) Every year we will send you an email asking you to confirm your details to "LoveAdmin.com" and stating that on January 1st you will be deducted your membership fee
- G) You will be get notification from "GoCardless" that the Society will take funds. You are given a grace period if you wish to cancel
- H) You can also set up a Direct Debit through PayPal, but the money is taken immediately we issue renewals.

If you have any queries either contact the Membership Secretary or Area Secretary.

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Thank you for your co-operation

Brian