

CROSSROADS ANGLERS

FLY FISHING CLUB

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From the President

Crossroads Anglers will be trying several new ideas over the next few months. We will have four tables offering instruction in tying both fresh and saltwater flies and a beginners table. Information on each fly will be in the newsletter.

The club will also have a Swap Board set up to offer members the opportunity to swap flies. Leave a fly on the board and take one that catches your interest.

We are looking for four volunteers each month to help with refreshments, act as a greeter, teach in the structured monthly fly tying, and help at the beginners table.

Crossroads Anglers is only as good into it. We have a core group of people who put in a lot of time and effort to make the club run as well as it does. Please offer to help in the running of our club.

Thanks to Scott and the Bear's Den for their raffle gifts and support.

David Ferretti

Welcome New Members

Welcome Michael Galasso and Paul Wheeler.

Fly Swap Board

Bring a fly to share and take one from the Swap Board.

Fly Tying Tables

Sumner Levine



Pond Fly

Hook: Size 1/0 stainless steel

Thread: Guderbod GX2 (or any other thread), white

Body: Silver tinsel

Wing: Chartreuse Unique Hair

Forward wing: Olive Unique Hair

Underside: Polar Bear white Unique Hair

Flash: Dug's Bugs Electra Scale fluorescent yellow

Eyes: 1/4"

Prismacolor marking pen: dark green or yellow orange, and tuscan red

Head Cement: Sally Hansen clear thickened by leaving cap off for awhile

David Ferretti



Prince Nymph

Hook: 2XL (3XL a beadhead)

Thread: 6/0 Black

Weight: You may use lead or copper wire to get it down for sunken patterns

Tail: Goose Biots, Brown

Body: Peacock Herl; you may wish to reverse wrap fine copper wire to make the Peacock last longer. This will help some

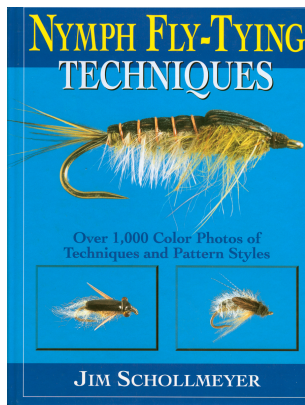
Rib: Oval Tinsel, Gold

Hackle: Hen Neck, Brown

Wing: Goose Biots, White

Beginners Table: Basic Techniques

Thread control, tying onto the hook, tying the various parts of the fly on top of the hook, the pinch technique, basic dubbing technique, proportions of parts, etc.



Book Review

Mike Cree

Nymph Fly-Tying Techniques, by Jim Schollmeyer, FrankAmato Publications, Inc., 2001

Jim Schollmeyer is a photographer and author, with whom most of us are familiar—especially for the *The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference*, which he co-authored with Ted Leeson. He has produced the best of the many nymph-tying books I have read.

This book takes a very different approach from those showing nymphs and listing their ingredients. Many nymph patterns have evolved as a result of varying basic designs and tying techniques. Schollmeyer explains these evolutions and shows you how a variety of modifications can be worked into your fly designs to produce a desired appearance or behavior.

The writing is clear and concise. A picture says a thousand words, and the color photographs (over 1,000 of them) clearly illustrate what is being said. *Nymph Fly-Tying Techniques* is also very well constructed, letting you pick up the book and start with whatever interests you the most.

For example, in the chapter “Herl, Barb, Feather and Quill Bodies,” Schollmeyer walks you through the steps to tie a pheasant tail nymph. In illustrating the basic fly, he lists three techniques and gives page-number references for where they are more fully described. He then takes you through variations of the pheasant tail nymph, such as the beadhead, thorax bead, flashback, and epoxy back.

This book is available in paperback or hardcover. I purchased my copy from the Bear's Den, and I'm very happy with my purchase. It was money well spent.

Newsletter, Website

I will be moving to Bristol, RI at the end of December. I'll really miss the meetings of the Crossroads Anglers. I learned a lot from many of you and have enjoyed our programs.

But I will continue editing the newsletter and website until May. And I'd like to train one or two people to take my place as Newsletter and Website Editor. At the minimum, the newsletter could be a simple set of announcements, and the website just needs updating on an easy program. Please let me know if you'd like to help out.

Dick Pearce
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"This looks like a good spot, mamma, bring grandma and the kids!"

**Newsletter Articles welcome.
300-500 words.**

Special Savings for Crossroads Members

Discounts will be offered to members of the Crossroads Anglers who show their club membership cards to the following businesses:

Captain David Porecca , River & Riptide Anglers--Fly & Light Tackle Charter and Guide Service, Fly fish the Wood & Farmington River or chase Striped Bass, Bluefish, & False Albacore. 10% discount for Crossroads Members 401/392-1919, <http://www.riverandriptide.com>

Captain Vern (Rob) Robinson & Son, Rock-N-Reel, 85 Seymour St., Berkley, MA 02779, 508/822-6756. He fishes out of Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound.

Captain Gary Swanson, Striper-Charters 13 Harbour Hill Run, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664, 508/353-4009, CaptSwanson@Striper-Charters.com

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