



Cross Currents

Nov 2008

November 4 Meeting

It is Election Day. Don't forget to vote before coming to the meeting!

- PHOTO CONTEST -

Entries in the MMTU photo contest will be viewed and judged at the November meeting. Photo contest entrants will have an opportunity to talk about their entries.

It is not too late to enter. You can submit photos in digital format to Dean Rapp at dean.rapp@gmail.com through November 3. Remember that photos must be taken by or include a Mid-Missouri TU member, and the subject should promote trout fishing.

The winner will be announced at the December meeting and receive \$50.

The November meeting will be held 7 pm at D Rowe's, located off Forum, just north of the intersection with Nifong. We have a room to ourselves and a nice opportunity for dinner and at drink at this venue. Please join us.

You can view the winners of the national TU photo contest at: <http://www.tu.org/>

December Meeting

The annual chapter dinner will be held on December 2, socializing at 6 pm, dinner at 7. The dinner will be held at:

Rock Quarry House
Rock Quarry Park
2002 Grindstone Parkway
Columbia, MO 65201
573-443-1003 (at house)

Buckingham's will cater
Beef, Turkey and Pork
Smoked Baked Beans, Potato Salad and Cole Slaw for sides
Brownies for desert

\$10.00 per person in advance and
\$15.00 at the door

Seating will be limited so advanced registration is strongly encouraged.

Please bring a significant other or friend.

Please make checks payable to Mid-MO TU and send them to:
Dean Rapp
4505 Nathaniel Drive
Columbia, MO 65202

Soft drinks and water will be provided.
Alcoholic beverages will be BYOB.

Fishing in Wyoming in late summer and Colorado in early fall, one fly that was consistently successful, both during and between hatches, was a small beetle. The U.F.O. is a pattern that fits this Bill. The pattern recipe is taken from the TU website.

U.F.O. Fly Recipe

The U.F.O.

Hook: Tiemco TMC 100 #10-16

Thread: Uni-thread 6/0

Under Body: Peacock herl

Over Body: Black 2mm Closed Cell Foam Strip

Wings: Pearl Krystal Flash

Legs: Round Rubber Legs

Sight Indicator: Yellow 2mm Closed Cell Foam Strip

Step 1: Place the hook in the vise, start the thread and wind to the bend of the hook. Tie in the strip of black foam so that the strip is extending from the rear of the fly.

Step 2: Tie in three to four strands of peacock herl on top of the foam tie-in point and wind the thread towards the hook eye. Wrap the peacock herl forward so that 2/3rds of the shank is now covered with a peacock herl underbody. Secure and trim the remaining strands of peacock herl.

Step 3: Tie in a sparse wing of pearl krystal flash on top of the peacock herl tie-off point. The wing should be tied perpendicular to the hook shank and then secured with thread wraps in front and behind the krystal flash so that it flares out at a 45 degree angle from the hook shank. Pull the krystal flash behind the rear of the fly and trim just behind the bend of the hook.

Step 4: Pull the closed cell foam strip over the peacock herl body so that the foam strip extends over the eye of the hook and tie down just in front of the krystal flash wing. Trim the foam strip so that it extends just over the eye of the hook to form the head.

Step 5: Attach one strand of rubber leg material on both sides of the fly at the same tie-in point as the foam strip. Use thread tension to flare the rubber legs out from the body. Once the rubber legs have been securely attached, trim the rubber legs so they extend just past the length of the hook shank.

Step 6: Tie in a thin strip of yellow closed cell foam on top of the same tie in point for the rubber legs. Trim the yellow foam short enough that it does not extend over the sides or the body of the fly, but long enough so that it can a sight indicator.

Step 7: Due to the black foam strip extending over the hook eye, I prefer to use a half dozen half hitches instead of a whip finish to tie off the thread. Place a drop of head cement over the thread wraps and go fishing!



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Casting Corner

By Gary Eaton, CCI

1. I hear people talk about "hinging", what is it?

Hinging is the inability to transfer energy along a fly line. It has nothing to do with any type of monofilament connector or loop-to-loop system.

Hinging feels like the line has become a bit disconnected from your casting motion. Often it is sensed when one exceeds the head of a line beyond the tip, especially in roll casting. The lower mass of the running line cannot effectively pass energy into thicker belly and the cast dies out with the whole belly of the line going nowhere. This can also be seen when trying to reverse direction too early in an overhead cast or with so much running line beyond the rod tip that, a slack dead spot occurs near the rod tip. GE

2. I keep getting "wind knots" in my leader. Why are they a big problem for fishing? How can I prevent them from happening?

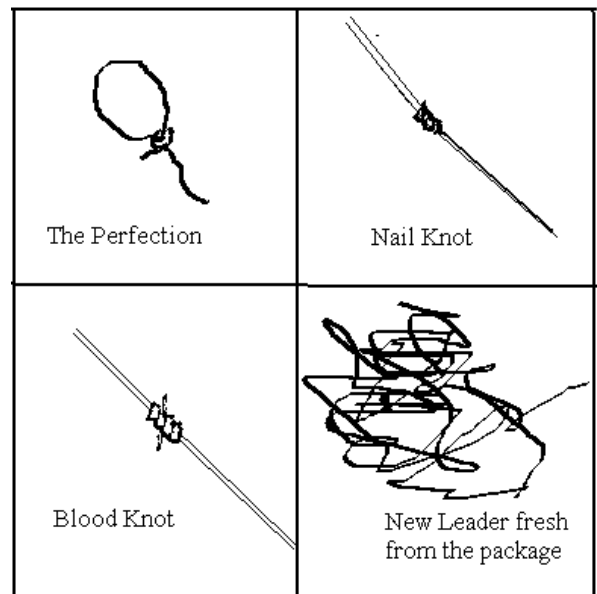
Wind knots have nothing to do with wind. They result from the misapplication of power during the acceleration phase producing tailing loops.

These simple overhand knots reduced breaking strength of the affected line by about 50%. In tippetts, they can account for break-offs that some attribute, incorrectly, to stiff rod tips or setting the

hook too vigorously. The cure is to not throw tailing loops and checking your entire leader after a bad cast slips into your delivery. Untie the knot and start again. GE

Note: Gary Eaton is a Certified Casting Instructor (CCI) who along with Jeff Trigg, CCI, teaches casting for all skill levels and styles of fly fishing. For information on upcoming clinics contact Gary at geaton@pol.net 573-447-2621 or Jeff at triggfly@gmail.com. If you have questions for the "Casting Corner" submit them by e-mail to Jeff or Gary.

Knots from Curt Morgret



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