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President's Message

I just heard on the news that this September was the warmest in over 100 years. The trout streams all over the state are still running temperatures like bathwater. Under normal circumstances, we should have seen water temperatures drop steadily throughout the month. Not this year. If they survived at all, fish will be severely stressed, so be selective where you fish. Fish caught in waters with sustained high temperatures are likely to die, even if promptly released. Some deep ponds should have provided refuge, as well as some of the larger rivers up north.

Besides acid rain and invasive species, probably the biggest problem our local trout must deal with is thermal pollution. Much of our thermal problems stem from the hundreds (actually thousands) of dams that were built over the last three hundred years. Grist mills, saw mills and textile mills all were powered by water held back by dams. The mills are long out of service, but the dams remain. One of the activities that TU participates in is the River Restoration Task Force (RRTF) that meets monthly in Concord. Representatives from many state and federal government agencies and non-profit organizations, including myself representing TU, work together to get dams removed. It is a long slow process, heavily regulated as to the review and removal process and often rife with local politics that defy reason. You can follow the progress of NH dam removal on the DES web site: <http://des.nh.gov/Dam/DamRemoval/> I will continue to keep you posted on dates and locations of local hearings where we can speak or write letters in support of dam removal in our local area. A local dam moving through this process is the Merrimack Village dam on the Souhegan River in Merrimack. Pennichuck Waterworks owns the dam and doesn't want to spend money to maintain the dam. The town of Merrimack also does not want to assume the financial responsibility for the dam. Our TU chapter, speaking as an "interested party" lobbied in favor of removal. Hopefully we will see that dam removed and one more barrier to fish movement and source of warm water removed along with it. The shallow pond backed up by the dam would then be replaced by a free flowing reach of river. If you want to become more proactively involved in activities such as this, let me know.

Tight Lines,
Gerry Crow

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EDITORS NOTE: IF YOU
HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS OR
COMMENTS ON THE
NEWSLETTER SEND THEM TO:
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THANKS

FLY 'O THE MONTH
Tying the Klinkhåmer Special

Presented by Alan E. Lutz



This is the fly to use early in the hatch when the caddis flies are beginning to emerge. It was developed by Hans Van Klinken. Cul-de-Canard or CDC, as it is often referred to, is used to represent the wing of the insect. CDC is naturally oily and will give a good float to the fly, along with the parachute style hackle. With this pattern, the body hangs down into the water.

It can be tied in various colors depending on what's hatching. We will use tan or olive dubbing (shown at the left). With tan, use dun hackle and natural or gray CDC. With olive dubbing, use olive hackle and CDC.

To tie the Klinkhåmer , we will need the following materials:

Hook:	Size 12-22 Curved Caddis Hook (alternatively use a scud hook)
Thread:	Black 6/0
Body:	Tan Dubbing Fur
Thorax:	Peacock Herl
Wing:	Gray Cul-de-Canard
Hackle:	Blue-Gray or Dun Cock Hackle

This is how to make the fly:

1. Fix the hook into the vise and bend the front section of the hook down several degrees using pliers. (You can use a scud hook, but it will make a slightly shorter fly).
2. Tie on the thread at the eye and wrap on a thread base around the bend of the hook. Take some tan dubbing and wrap it just short of the center of the hook.
3. Wrap the thread back to the front of the hook and tie in four CDC feathers.
4. Tie in two strands of Peacock Herl in front of the body and wind forward to the CDC and let hang.
5. Tie in the hackle by the butt and wind around the base of the CDC and secure the hackle at the front of the fly. Note: Winding on the hackle may be facilitated by re-setting the hook in the vise so the CDC is horizontal.
6. Continue winding the Peacock Herl in front of the CDC leaving just enough room for a head, tie off and form a neat head and finish off with a whip finish.

Note: Excellent instructions with photographs may be found on page 62/63 of "the fly-tying Bible" available at Mountain Road Fly. Also, see the following web site for information by the fly's designer: <http://www.rackelhanen.se/eng/10029.htm> AEL

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

We are attempting to save the money normally spent for postage and printing of the monthly newsletter for more useful purposes. Therefore, the newsletter will NOT be mailed out (hard copy) each month. You will receive a hard copy only 4 times this year (Sept, Nov, March, and May). All other issues will be available ONLY ELECTRONICALLY. You can obtain the electronic copy one of two ways:

1. Download from our web site: www.merrimacktu.org
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5. Make any changes/additions to your email address
6. You are done. If you have any problems, email me (Ron Peimer) mrtunews@comcast.net

REMINDER: All meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Sweeny Post Lodge (see p. 4) in Manchester. Meeting Timeline:

6:30 pm Fly Tying
7:30 pm Chapter Business
7:45pm Speaker

OCTOBER SPEAKER:

Big AL Ron Peimer, backed up by Jim Norton, Richard Ruh, Jerry Bernier, and Gerry Crow
Topic: "How we survived an earthquake and a Horse Wreck and had a great time fishing southwest Montana this summer."

SWEENEY AMERICAN LEGION POST

251 MAPLE STREET MANCHESTER NH DIRECTIONS: ELM STREET TO VALLEY STREET TO MAPLE STREET (1ST LEFT AFTER STADIUM)



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Meeting Schedules, Pictures and Articles about Adopt-a-biologist program, Stream Restoration Projects, Chapter Outings, Fly Patterns, and a "Links Page" with links to interesting web sites

BARBLESS HOOK PAGE

As you all know by now, this is the first "electronic only" edition of the newsletter. Every other month, you will be getting local TU information via email and/or our website. Because of this change, we are no longer restricted by the cost of paper and postage. Therefore we would like to start a "guest editorial" section, or the "Barbless Hook Page". It has recently come to our attention that some of our members have strong opinions regarding a variety of issues facing fishermen and women not only in New Hampshire, but all over this country. Some of the opinions we have recently heard on the board of directors relates to TU National Policy, environmental concerns (global warming), activities (or lack thereof) by the NH Fish and Game Dept., and suggestions relating to changes in fishing regulations which may have a direct impact on NH anglers.

Therefore, we want to open up the back page of the newsletter in any month which is "electronic" only to any member who has an opinion and/or suggestion relating to fishing in NH, or the world. The only requirement for these "OPED" pieces is that they not be "nasty", or demeaning (hence the "barbless hook" sobriquet). The articles should in some way relate to fishing and/or the outdoor experience, but can be very broad in scope (i.e. habitat restoration), or narrow in focus (i.e. creel limits on a particular pond). In fact, you can even include color photos with your writing.

This is YOUR chance to say something to all our members. We only ask that you include a contact phone number to verify who actually sent the piece. Any editing done will be for only grammar, clarity, or possible space constraints.