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| 7:00-7:15 | Welcome and Club business |
| 7:15-8:15 | Entertainment – Guest speaker: Matt Holmes |
| 8:15-8:30 | Raffle and adjourn |

October Speaker – Matt Holmes

Matt Holmes has been to Alaska fishing over 60 times. He has been fishing the Northwest, including Oregon, Washington, BC and Alaska for the last 25 years. In Alaska he has fished many of the waters on the road system. From dry fly fishing for Grayling to swinging flies on spey rods for big bows, he has done it all. Matt will share his tips and tricks on the where, when and how to put together an affordable DIY trip to Alaska.



President's Message

October 2023

As we move into the holiday season, it seems that the year is flying by. It is too easy to just say – “I am too busy to fish!”! I am not sure that is possible, but family, work, friends and many other things can easily side track a day of fishing. Our outings have been sparsely attended this year and perhaps people are just too busy. But, comradery, fishing and the out of doors are all good reasons to try to attend. Do your best and support your club.

We still have three spots available in the Josh Linn tour of the Sandy River on December 3. This will be a special opportunity to learn where to fish for steelhead on the Sandy River from the bank. Josh will share many spots that work well, as well as a review of the equipment and flies you will need. Cost is only \$50 which is significantly less than the same outing sponsored by the fly shops. Please let me or Chuck Cooney know if you would like one of the remaining three spots.

The club is looking for someone who is expert in website design and WordPress that could assist Galen Flinn with the maintenance and development of our website. It is an important tool for communicating with both members and prospective members on club activities and benefits of being a member. We could really use your help! Please contact Galen or me if you can help.

The Board is beginning to consider the holiday get together in December. No plans yet, but be sure to mark December 6 on your calendar.

Again, it's time to go fishing. Wet a line, tie some flies and enjoy our Oregon fall.

Tight Lines,

Rick Pay, President

WCFF Programs

We have some great programs set for this year. Be sure to put the first Wednesday of the month on your calendar!

- October 4 – Matt Holmes – Alaska on A Budget
- November 1 – Josh Linn – Winter Steelheading
- December 6 – Holiday Meeting
- January 3 – Mark Bachman – Steelhead Fishing
- February 7 – Nick Wheeler – Lake Fishing
- March 6 – Brian Mars – Spring Fishing on the Williamson and McKenzie



WCFF October Outings

Oct. 14 Hagg Lake

8:30 AM Boat lunch "C"

The Henry Hagg Lake Outing will be the Club outing .The other date and place listed below will be other Fly fishing destinations I plan to fish. Club members are welcome to join me. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Chuck Cooney

Oct. 26 Deschutes River

Oct. 30 Merrill Lake, WA

All events are subject to Cancellation due to weather or lack of support.

FLY OF THE MONTH “Blow Torch Nymph”

Note – this pattern works great for Euro Nymph and for lakes



Blow Torch Nymph

Edition: March 2020 **Written by:** Jerry Coviello **Photographed By:** Jerry Coviello **Creator:** Devin Olsen
Tier: Jerry Coviello

Here is a pattern that Devin Olsen created for the Euro nymph/competition genre. Simple, pattern, hook rides upside down with the jig hook and slotted bead head. Also, the slotted bead weight is above the hook shank to help the hook ride upside down with the hook point up.

Materials:

Hook: Daiichi 4647 Jig Hook Sizes 8 through 16

Thread: Fire Orange 6/0 or 8/0

Bead: Copper Slotted Bead to match the hook

Weight: .015 Lead Free Wire (6 to 8 turns) behind the bead

Tail: Fire Orange Antron Yarn not to extend past the bend of the hook **Rib:** Holographic Small Green Tinsel

Body: Peacock Ice Dubbing, you can use peacock

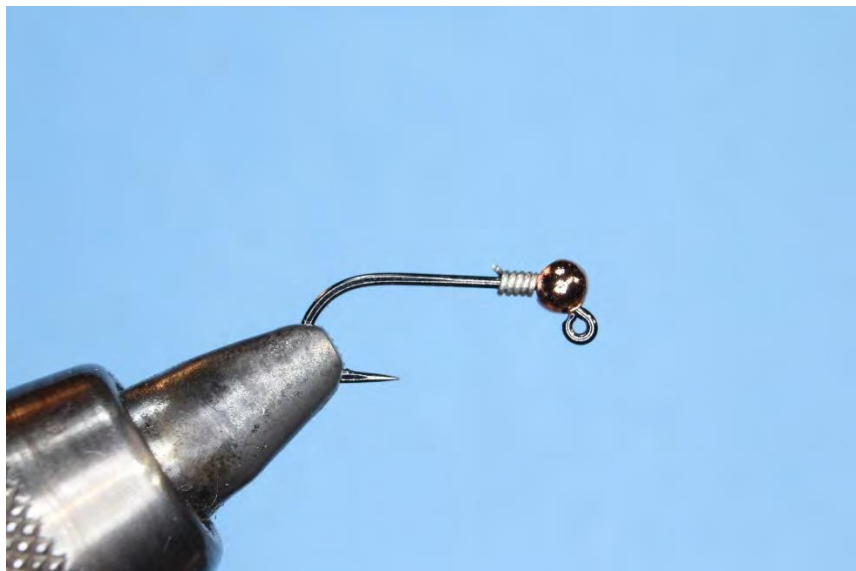
Collar: Fire Orange thread coated with either UV Resin or Head Cement **Hackle:** Hen well marked fibers

Tying Steps



Step 1

Place your bead on the hook and place it in the vise.



Step 2

Take .015 Lead Free Wire. Wrap 5 to 8 turns around the shank of the hook. Slide the wraps tight against the Bead.



Step 3

Attach your thread behind the bead. Wrap to the bend of the hook.



Step 4

Tie in a strand of Orange Antron yarn for the tail



Step 5

Trim the Antron yarn. The tail should be in line with the bend of the hook. Also trim the yarn behind the bead.

Tie in the Green Holographic Tinsel at the bend of the hook



Step 6

You can either use real peacock herl as a rope for the body or use Peacock Ice Dubbing.

Dub a tapered body



Step 7

Dub a tapered body right behind the bead



Step 8

Rib the body in the opposite direction of the dubbing. Even spaces and secure behind the bead



Step 9

Take a well marked hen neck feather. Tie the fibers behind the bead and have the hackle fiber tips point back towards the bend. Tips should not exceed past the point of the hook.

Tie them on both sides of the hook



Step 10

Build a hot spot collar behind the bead.



Step 11

Whip Finish

Either coat the hot spot collar with head cement or UV Resin.

Fly Pattern courtesy of the *Fly Fishers International Fly Tying Group*

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