



Dear Fly Fishing Enthusiasts::

I can't remember a fishier June! Our fishermen across the country have been netting a ton of fish on DFI bugs and we've been chasing fish right along with them. We caught the stone fly hatch on the Deschutes River in early June and fished the Henry's Fork of the Snake River in the latter portion of June. Both trips were awesome. We also fished our local rivers in



between as the caddis and mayfly hatches began to intensify. As I think back on the giant fish I've seen in the net over the last 30 days, it still amazes me that for every fish we caught on a #4 Salmon fly we caught 2 on a size #18 or smaller mayfly or caddis. So often we associate large fish with large flies and we underestimate the power of a Small Bug. Yes a large bug has its window of opportunity, but fish survive on the constant nutrition provided by the main stay of small bugs size #16 and under.

While we're on the subject of small bugs, I'd like to share a very effective method to catch big smart fish. You've run into these fish before. He's feeding voraciously along a shallow edge or banging in the riffle at the head of a run. You serve your tie-on bug and he won't eat it. If you identify the bug he's eating, you obviously change flies to the proper species of bug in the correct size and colors and you'll probably hook that fish. What do you do if you can't pinpoint the bug he's eating? You know it's a small bug otherwise you would see it and make the proper change. I go to a group of flies called the "Sweet 6." These are my go-to bugs to catch that big smart fish and here's how I pick the right bug (See page 3)

As we move into July, here are the new hatches you should be preparing for. The timing may vary a little depending on the elevation of the rivers you fish:

PMD's
Callibaetis
Caddis
Cicada
Hoppers (mid to late July)
Gray Drakes
Ants and Beetles (especially for high elevation)
Pink Mayflies
Gray Mayflies
See page 2 for photos of upcoming hatches

We finish up our 2012 fly shows this month. The 12th through the 14th we'll be in Spokane for the FFF show. We'll be giving three presentations and putting on a fly tying class for 3 hours. Hopefully we'll have an opportunity to see you there.



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Bug Selection for July

Pink Mayfly



Cicada



Gray Mayfly



PMD Mayfly



Caddis



Callibaetis Mayfly



Ants



Hoppers



Gray Drake



“Sweet 6”



Caddisfly #22– Tie it on if the fish is in slow moving water on a smooth surface. Get above the fish, wait for him to surface , then serve it just above him and let it float naturally to his nose.



Adams Caddis #18 Green– Serve this fly if the fish in fast water and present it upstream and let it drift over the fish.



Emperor Caddis Black #20– Serve this fly in gentle riffles or smooth surface when your seeing small caddis in the surrounding bushes.



Tantalizer #18– Serve this fly if the fish is not breaking the surface when he eats. I like green or Callibaetis as my color preference for that fish.



Colored Emergers #22 or #20– Use this fly in slow moving current for fish that are feeding just under the surface.



Bare Belly Caddis Green #18– Use this fly if there’s medium fast riffle. The bug is small but floats well.

One of these 6 flies will catch that stubborn fish a remarkable amount of time!

July Fly Pack of the Month

Black Gold Stimulator

\$22.14



I've fished this fly for 18 years and of all the flies we've designed and fished, this fly has caught more giant fish than any other stimulator I've ever fished. It can be fished in early spring in size #10 on the Squala hatch, or worked on the edges in sizes #8 & #6 in the salmonfly and golden stone hatch, and in size #16, it's a killer bug for the late summer flav hatch. We also fish it in early winter with great success as a large clump of midges. In between those hatches it will lure fish out of holding water like a dredge. From New Zealand to Canada, to Alaska, to the great Northwest. This fly has been an overachiever.

Try this fly on sale now in our "Black Gold Fly Pack." You'll receive 12 Black Golds: 2 #16, 2 #14, 2 #12, 2 #10, 2 #8, and 2 #6. Price less 10%