



Flies and Lies



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A club member caught this brown trout thru the ice January 23.

-All Fish All Waters-

The Delaware Valley Fly Fishers an charter club of Fly Fishers International and is a **non-profit** 501 (c) (3), conservation and educational organization that has been promoting the sport of Fly Fishing and Fly Tying since 1984.

We meet the 2nd Thursday of the Month

Articles for the Flies and Lies newsletter must be submitted by the first week of the month to be published in the next month's issue.

DVFF Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/DVFlyFisher/>

From the President's Fly Tying Desk

Dear DVFF Members,

Hoping this newsletter finds you doing well this winter season. Hopefully all of this snow will help fill our streams with necessary water. With show and tying seasons upon us take the time to fill your boxes and attend the Fly-Fishing Shows and seminars. The first big show of the season was completed the last weekend of January. I would like to thank Johnny Kaminsky for coordinating this event. I also want to thank Gerry, Scott, Larry, Ed, Bill and Joe for helping out at the Edison Show.

We have an exciting speaker schedule for this year. Our February speaker is Henry Ramsey, he will present Mid-Season Hatches. He will have copies of his book with him for sale.

As presented at our January General Meeting, we have instituted a program named "Participation Raffle Program". This is a program to promote participation in the Club. For every general meeting you attend you will receive a raffle ticket that will be collected and you will have a chance to win a Fly Rod. This raffle will be drawn at the holiday party. You can also receive additional tickets by participating at other club events. These other events include helping at Fly Fishing Shows, stream cleanups, Bucks County Youth Fishing Derby, Veterans Fishing derby, Etc.

Be Safe and Stay Well.

Dale Jones



Meeting Location

Churchville Nature Center
 501 Churchville Lane
 Churchville, Pennsylvania 18966
 DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 pm
 MEETINGS START AT 7pm

This Month's Presentation



We are honored to have Henry Ramsay presenting "Mid-Season Hatches of Central PA". Henry is an Author, Photographer, a Custom Fly Tier, and Fly Tying Instructor from our region of Pennsylvania. He has authored the book *Matching Major Eastern Hatches, New Patterns for Selective Trout* and co-authored *Keystone Fly Fishing Guide*. He is a contributor to *Fly Fisherman* and *Eastern Fly Fishing* magazines. Henry is a contract fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants and a member of the Daiichi Hook and Regal Vise Pro Staffs.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
February 13 th	Henry Ramsay	Mid-Season Hatches in Central PA
March 12 th	Bart Lombardo	Pan Fish on the Fly
April 9 th	Anita Coulton	Pocket Fishing & Working Out for Fishing
May 14 th	Andrew Hamilton	Fly Fishing Jersey Coast - Stripers
June 11 th	Casting Clinic	Dave Zamos and Jay Kapolka
July 9 th	George Fallon	Dreamcatcher Lodge
August 13 th	TBD	

Delaware Valley Fly Fishers Overnight Trips

April 23-26	Kettle Creek	Sold Out	
May 13-15	Mink Pond	Sold Out	
June 5-7	Upper Delaware	Open	
August 21-23	Dreamcatcher Lodge	Sold Out	

For Overnight Trips information contact Bill Fretz

Delaware Valley Fly Fishers Weekday Trips

DATE	DAY/TIME	WATER	GPS Coordinates
February 26th	Thurs 10AM	Little Schuylkill River	40.679281,-76.002196
March 26th	Thurs 10AM	McMichaels Creek	40.961015,-75.249177
April 16th	Thurs 9AM	Brodhead Creek	41.032188,-75.208572
May 6th	Wed 9AM	Tulpehocken Creek	40.372674,-76.008779
June 18th	Thurs 4PM	Pohopoco Creek	40.847177,-75.642830
July 16th	Thurs 4PM	Little Lehigh Creek	40.564990,-75.506322
August 20th	Thurs 9AM	Neshaminy Creek	40.245379,-74.977891
September	?	?	
October 15th	Thurs 9AM	Brodhead Creek	41.012034,-75.195858
November	?	?	

For Day-Trip information contact Johnny Kaminski

Shops Supporting Delaware Valley Fly Fishers

Mainstream Outfitters 1121 N. Easton Rd. Doylestown, PA 18902 Phone: 215-766-1244 www.mainstreamoutfitters.com	Fretz's Furled Leaders www.fretzfurledleaders.com www.fretzfurledleaders.com	Anita Coulton Guiding from Cross-Current Outfitters 6048 Hancock Highway Starlight, PA Phone: 570-635-5151 www.crosscurrentguideservice.com
Tulpehocken Creek Outfitters 525 West Lancaster Avenue Haverford, PA 19041 Phone: 610-527-3388 www.tcoflyfishing.com	Ray Miller The Wandering Sportsman www.riversageoutdoors.com/	
	Sky Blue Outfitters www.skyblueoutfitters.com/	

SPECIAL EVENTS

DVFF member Volunteers Wanted

Friends of the Borough Dam
C/O Borough of Doylestown
10 Doyle Street,
Doylestown, PA 18901



DERBIES

- **Youth Derby:** Saturday, April 4, 8:00 AM. FREE for kids 16 and under. Free burgers, hot dogs, and refreshments provided.
- **Derby for Seniors (65+), Disabled Veterans, and People with Physical Disabilities:** Saturday, May 2, 8:00 AM Free food and refreshments. (Rain date 5/3)

CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, March 21
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Volunteers needed!
(Rain date 3/22)

FISH STOCKING

Wednesday, March 25, 11:00AM
Bring your kids to help stock the dam!
Free pizza, donated by Delizia, Nat's, & Dominick's
(Second stocking Thursday, 4/30, at 10:00AM)
Volunteers needed!

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AGAIN!

Help us keep the programs at the Borough Dam free! Donate today! Volunteers needed for all events!



CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Friends of the Borough Dam
10 Doyle Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

Scan QR code to donate via GoFundMe:



"Please Give a Dam!"

January 22, 2026

We need your support for the two fishing derbies, again!

We are happy to announce it is that time of year for the Borough Dam Fishing Project fundraiser appeal. Last year's Youth event was a **GREAT SUCCESS** and enjoyed by all who attended. We estimated about 500 attendees of all ages. About 1,200 trout (12"-15") were stocked including 20 tagged fish, 20 trout (16"-20") and 5 trout over 21", with a few that were 5-6 pounds. Our second derby for three regional Veterans Homes, one local nursing home, community members with disabilities, and local seniors was also a **great day for everyone**. Over 450 trout were stocked for this second derby with everyone catching fish. The leftover food & drinks were donated to a local Food Pantry. See our enclosed 2026 Fishing Derby Schedule for the dates and times of all this year's events on this flier.

These derbies are possible because of your generous donations each year. Thanks so much in advance! (All donations are tax deductible under section 170 C (1) of the Internal Revenue Code through the Doylestown Borough.)

We need your support again to keep this community project going!!! Please help us by lending a helping hand and sending in your donation. Scan the QR code to donate via GoFundMe. Checks may be made payable to "FRIENDS OF THE BORO DAM" and mailed to Doylestown Borough at 10 Doyle Street, Doylestown, PA 18901. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Gerry Higgins, Co-Chair at 267-266-5687 (leave a message & he will call you back) or Gene Houck, Doylestown Rotary Chairman of these events, at -267-374-5185.

Thank you for your support in advance.

Dave Windholz

Dave Windholz - Chairman Emeritus - Friends of Boro Dam
And supported by the Rotary Club of Doylestown



Contact Gerry Higgins for information about the Friends of Borough Dam events above.

Delaware Valley Fly Fishers Merchandise

Share your support of DVFF by wearing Shirts, Hats, Jackets, Vest, Beanie's, Etc.



Link below for the DVFF Store, Any issues or questions contact Scott Griffith at mrgrif3888@gmail.com

Video Library - Marie Roarty

Marie is the new Library Chair, she will bring the DVDs to the meeting for you to borrow.

If you would like to see the list of the DVDs you can access the list using the below link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1abTvoB00A-fsDL41pzHK8_mPugXXXisO/view?usp=sharing

Below are a few of the DVDs in the Library

- 1 Fly Fishing Made Easy- Bass, Panfish, Trout, Saltwater Fly Casting
- 2 Tandem Fly Fishing, Come Fish With Us- Malbaie River
- 3 Learning to Fly Fish for Trout Jack Dennis
- 4 Fly Fishing for Striped Bass Jeff Mancini
- 5 Tying Western Trout Flies Jack Dennis
- 6 Fly Fishing Alagnak, AK, Iliaska Rainbows and Grayling
- 7 Tying Basics Jack Dennis
- 8 Tying Salt Water Flies Volume 1 Jimmy Nix
- 9 Tying Salt Water Flies Volume 2 Jimmy Nix
- 10 Tying and Fishing Caddis Flies Gary Lafontaine
- 11 Tying Trout Flies Gary Lafontaine
- 12 Fishing for the American Shad, Practical Fly Casting
- 13 Hoppers, Hooked on Fly Fishing-Stripper School Harrison Street
- 14 Wet Fly Waterguides
- 15 Tying Nymphs in the Catskill Tradition Floyd Franke
- 19 Anglers Guide to New Zealand Jack Dennis

MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE

www.facebook.com/groups/

For Members to post fly fishing and fly tying discussions

A new feature has been created off the Delaware Valley Fly Fishers Facebook Page, it is a Facebook Group Page. You can find in on the DVFF Facebook page in the Group Box.

This was created because of a survey comment that asked for a way so members can communicate, comment and discuss with the group fly fishing, tying and any other topics you feel is important.

The difference between the DVFF Facebook Group Page and the DVFF Facebook Page is, the DVFF Facebook Page is accessible to the world but only comments can be left on the page. Only Admins and Editors can post to the DVFF Facebook Page. The DVFF Facebook Group Page is members only and only the members can post and comment on this page. This becomes an interactive page for our members to use for discussion topics.

This is a **PRIVATE GROUP** and if you would like to join it you need to click on the Group Page Link in the box and answer the questions and you will be accepted to the page if you are a paid member.

There are currently 3 Posted Topics in the Group Page now. **Online Meetings, September Fishing Outing and Online Fly Tying Workshops**, more topics will be created as needed.

DVFF Group Page rules:

Be Kind and Courteous

We're all in this together to create a welcoming environment. Let's treat everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required.

No Hate Speech or Bullying

Make sure everyone feels safe. Bullying of any kind isn't allowed, and degrading comments about things like race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, gender or identity will not be tolerated.

No Promotions or Spam

Give more than you take to this group. Self-promotion, spam and irrelevant links aren't allowed.

Respect Everyone's Privacy

Being part of this group requires mutual trust. Authentic, expressive discussions make groups great, but may also be sensitive and private. What's shared in the group should stay in the group

This page is moderated so any violations from a member, will cause the member will be removed.

Please enjoy and be responsible

Please if you have anything you are displeased with don't make public posts, a private email to the Delaware Valley Email will be the correct venue. Other Board Members have access to read those emails and would take the appropriate action.

FLY OF THE MONTH

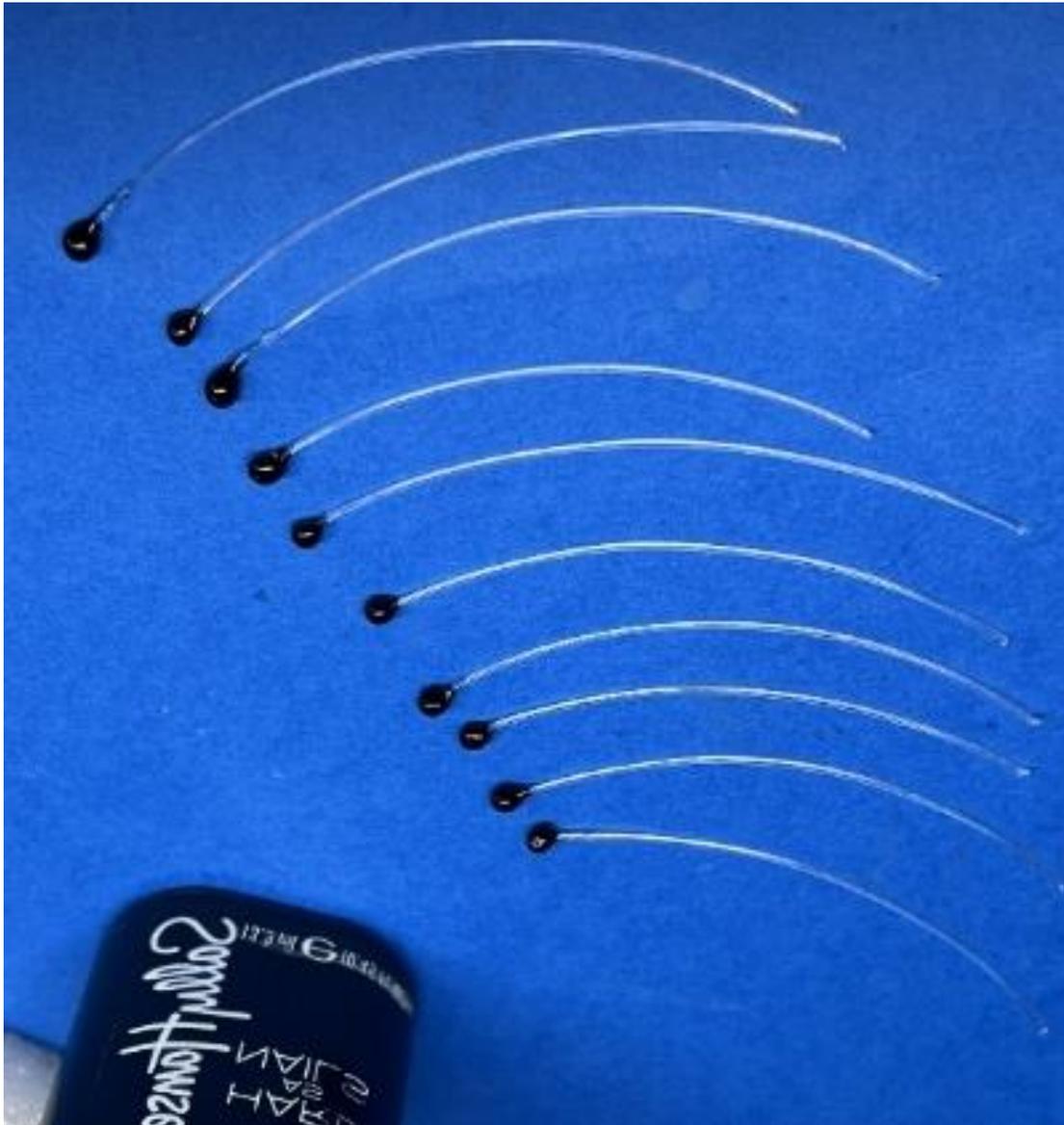
Whitlock's NearNuff Crayfish

Contributed by Larry S.

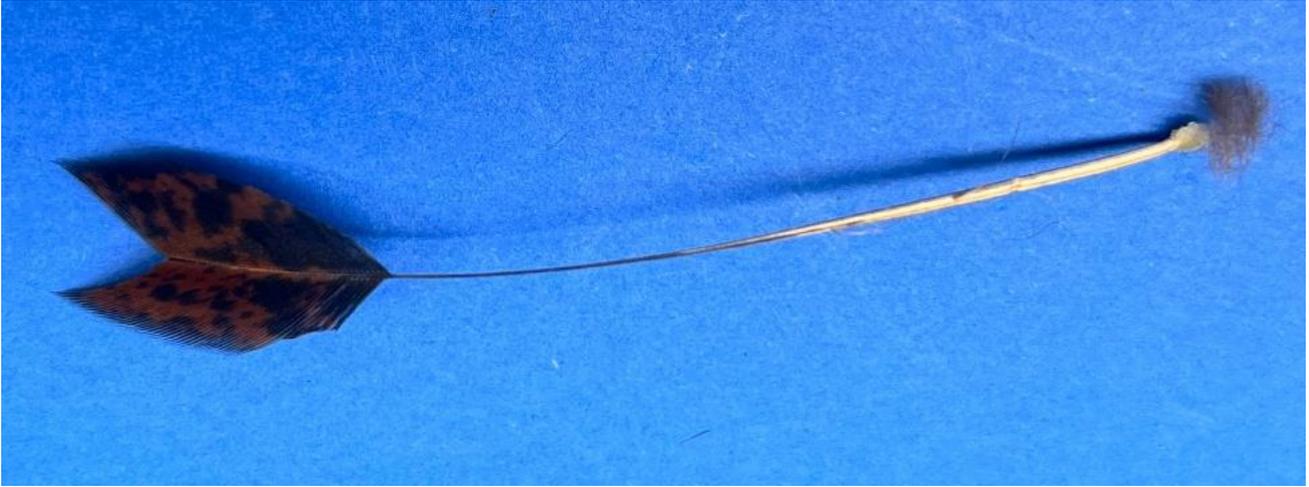


This fly is not all that hard to tie, but it is kinda involved with a lot of steps and it's best to make parts in advance. I don't know if either of these parts are really necessary, as you could probably catch fish without them, but I like the way they make the fly look and for me, cool looking is good.

First, I make my own eyes. I use monofilament, UV resin and black Sally Hansen. You can buy pre-made eyes. I'll put a blob of UV resin on a surface, then dip the end of the mono into the resin and form a ball on the end of the mono. Hit it with the light, and build up the size to fit what you are tying by re-dipping and curing to your preference. Then coat with the black Sally Hansen. You can use any color that suits what you are imitating. You can also do two tone/multicolor if you'd like too. They should look like these.



Next, I prepare the claws. I use hen neck feathers of a size appropriate to match the body size of the fly. This is about what they should look like after prepping.



Now you're ready to begin tying the fly.

Place your choice of hook in the vice. I tend to tie these on Mustad 9672. Attach your thread (I'm using 3/0 Danville) at the front and at the position for the lead dumbbell.



Attach a size of lead barbell eyes appropriate for the hook. Lash the heck out of them as they tend to spin if not well secured. I'll use some superglue gel to help.



Next is the antenna parts. First, I use a strand of Krystal Flash doubled and tied in back to the hook barb. I'm using gold. I usually cut them off at about a shank length.



Return the thread to the front and tie in a strand of spanflex or whatever thin rubber material. I'm using black. Again, tie the doubled strand back to the hook barb and trim this just a touch shorter than the Krystal Flash.

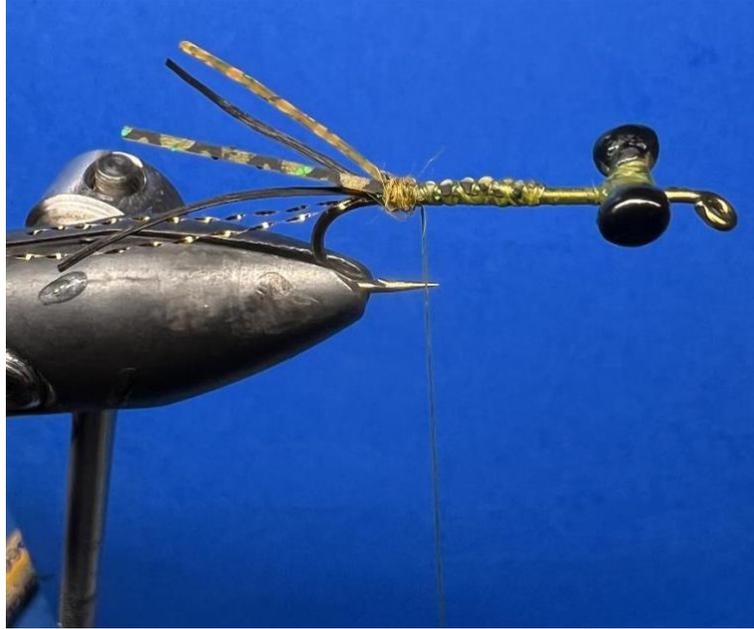
Then return your thread to the front. Next tie in a doubled strand of barred sili legs, once again tied back to the hook barb and trimmed slightly shorter than the rubber. You want different lengths to give them more motion.



It should look something like this at this point.



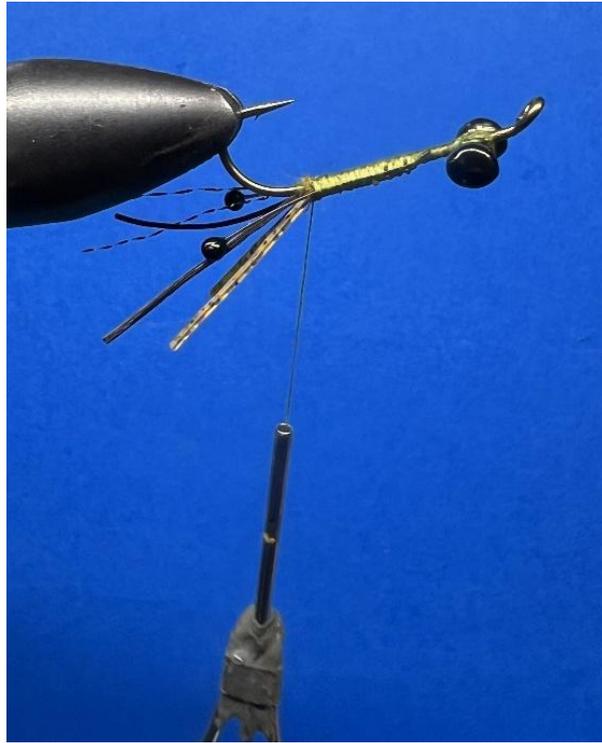
Next create a small band of dubbing at the back antenna tie in point. I'm using natural brown Whitlock's NearNuff crayfish blend, but I'm sure you could substitute.



Time to place the eyes. Take a pair of the eyes you created and tie them in so that they splay around the band of dubbing. I like to run the mono down the side of the hook to get a wider flatter body.



Next, I rotate the vice to attach the mouth parts.



I'm using rabbit. Get it positioned as you like, rotating the vice to be sure the placement is correct.



Once satisfied with the placement, bind down the butt ends.



Return the vice head to original position and dub another small band of dubbing at the base of the rabbit you just tied in.



Now it's claw time. Take one of the claws you prepared and position it to your liking something like this and tie the stem down. Remember, you are looking at the underside of the fly.



Once happy with the placement, take claw number two and also position it as you like. Once again I try to position the stems so they get tied along the side of the hook.



Dub another small band behind the claws. This band is to provide a small amount of separation between the claws and the palmered hackle which will be applied to the body.



Now attach either a piece of wire, monofilament or material of your choosing to anchor the hackle. I'm using black thread. Tie it down and return your thread to the rear.



Dub the thread and cover the body. Notice the black thread awaiting the future hackle.



Select a webby feather long enough to palmer the body and attach it behind the lead dumbbell.



Palmer the hackle back to the awaiting thread, then counter wrap the thread forward through the barbules to secure the palmer. Tie the anchoring thread off at the front and trim excess. I tend to leave my hackle pliers just hanging at the back and once secured I carefully trim the hackle tip off.



Dub your thread and cover the lead barbell.



Prepare a small clump of rabbit for the tail and attach it in front of the barbell. Rabbit can be kinda slippery to grab with your thread. I spin my bobbin in the opposite direction which lets the thread move towards the back and make it a little easier to tie in the rabbit. Trim the butts and bind them down.



One last dubbing of the thread, cover the exposed wraps, whip finish and yer done.



The finished fly.



Lots of things to customize to your choosing as far as color and sizes. I've taken a few I tied and checked them out swimming and they look sweet! I've never tied this pattern before and can't wait to cast some this coming season. Good tying!

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