

Downey Fly Fishers



"The Fishingest Club Around"



Upcoming events

November 10
Club Meeting 7pm

November 17
Board Meeting at
John Barnett's

November 20 -21
Bob Marriott's Fly
Fishing Show

November 24
Fly-tying at Brian's
house

December 5
Christmas potluck

At This Month's Meeting: Mike Allen

By: Jerry Phan



Mike Allen produced and appeared in the Hobie kayaking DVD that is included with each Hobie kayak sold worldwide. Mike also appeared in the new "Hobie – Fish The World" DVD. He is a professional Kayak Fishing Guide, and is an FFF Certified Fly Casting Instructor. He loves surfing, diving, fishing, and most days can be found sharing his passions as a fishing guide and casting instructor in Southern California waters. In his earlier days, he was a Naval Aviator, surfboard shop owner, and high school science teacher and coach. Mike is currently scheduled to provide a program on "Fly Fishing with Kayaks" on November 10, 2009 at the Apollo Senior Center in Downey at 7:00pm. In the event that Mike cannot be there, a back up program will be provided.

Deadline for the
December
newsletter is
11/24/09.

Members can email
stories to
bnmandthegirls@verizon.net or
tsuttle@charter.net

"Quote of the Month"

"It is the constant -- or inconstant -- change, the infinite variety in fly fishing that binds us fast. It is impossible to grow weary of a sport that is never the same on any two days of the year. "

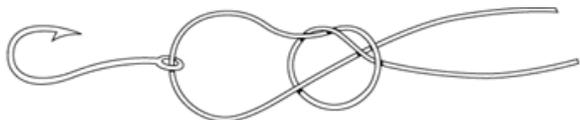
- Theodore Gordon (1914)

Knots and Rigging: The non-slip mono loop

By: Tod Suttle

Fishing is great for many reasons, but one of the qualities that attracts me the most is the fact that different techniques can be used to accomplish the same goal. As my dad would say, "There is more than one way to skin a cat" and this applies perfectly to each angler's choice of knot. I realize that many anglers learn a few basic knots like the improved clinch and double surgeons, and then call it a day. However, many anglers are constantly searching for new and better knots, practicing and perfecting them, so that we are prepared when it is time to call the new knot into action. If you find yourself interested in knots and rigging, then this new section of the newsletter is for you. The first knot that will be featured is the non-slip mono loop, which has many important uses. Many view the non-slip mono loop as a saltwater knot, but this is not true. Any time that you are retrieving a fly, using a loop knot as a connection will add more action to your offering. If you are dead drifting a dry fly, this knot does little to help your cause, however, if you are trolling or retrieving a streamer, this knot is a winner. A loop connection not only allows your fly to wiggle and undulate during the retrieve, but it also allows bead heads and Clouser style flies to sink "nose" first in a quick and natural way without interference from a binding knot. There are a few different ways to tie this knot, but I have included the one that was popularized by Lefty Kreh. Practice the knot at home so that you are prepared and ready when you are fishing and remember to always moisten your knots before pulling them tight. If you search the web for any knot, you will always find a vast number of pictures and videos to help you along the way. Good luck and if you have a knot or technique to share, please feel free to contact me so we can share it with our other members. The following illustrations and text were taken from:

<http://www.basspro.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/CFPage?storeId=10151&catalogId=10001&langId=-1&appID=84&template=knot4.cfm>



This is one of the few knots where you begin the knot before you insert the line in the hook's eye. Make a simple overhand knot. The smaller the overhand knot, the smaller your loop will be. Bring the tag end through the eye and back through the overhand knot. You must return the tag end through the overhand knot the same way you entered it (see illustration).

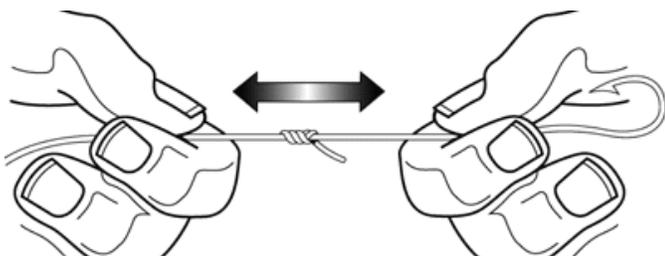


Make the recommended number of turns with the tag end around the standing line.

Pound Test	# of turns
2-6	7
8-12	5
15-40	4



Return the tag end through the overhand knot the same way you exited the knot (see illustration).



Draw on the tag end until the knot forms together. Then pull on the standing line to close the knot well. Finally, pull on both the tag end and standing line to assure the connection is as tight as possible.

The President's Message

By: John Barnett

Hi Guys,

I just returned from my fishing trips from Truckee, Boston, and Bishop. The fishing was great and the weather terrific except that we ran into some snow in Bishop.

We have the Kid's Day at Wilderness Park in Downey coming up on November 6 and 7 (Friday and Saturday). We have 17 members signed up to help. We will be putting the rods together on Friday the 6th at 5:00pm at Wilderness Park. On Saturday morning we will get to the park at 6:00am (because of parking). We have quite a few of our members to help with the program for the kids.

We have a club outing on November 1 which we had a sign-up sheet for at our last two meetings. There are 10 members showing up for the outing. We will be fishing in the surf at Belmont Beach just west of the big Long Beach Swimming Pool; far end of the parking lot. Meeting time is at 1:00pm. We'll have pizza and cold drinks before we get in the water; come hungry. Hopefully, at the next general meeting, we will have some fish tales to talk about.

At the last Board Meeting we were talking about fishing in Bishop where some of us had a problem with guides on our rods icing up. Up until now, I have always used a candle that I carry in my vest, and I use the paraffin in the candle to help the guides from icing up. Since then, I have found out there is a product on the market that supposedly will help keep the guides deiced. This product is Stanley's Ice off Paste. This can be found on line, or at fly shops.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next General Meeting.

Tight lines,
John Barnett

2009 Christmas Potluck

It's that time again. This is your reminder that we are having our annual Christmas Pot Luck on December 5th, 2009. This is our way of having family & friends get to get together for fun and eats. Please contact Brian at bnmandthegirls@verizon.net or call (562) 425-7936 to RSVP by **November 23rd** and let us know how many will be coming and what you will be bringing.

Your food dish will be in one of these categories:

- Appetizers** (need to be there by 4:00)
- Salads** (green salad, potato salad, bean salad, Chinese chicken, etc.)
- Side Dish** (vegetables, potatoes, lasagna, fried chicken, casseroles, etc)
- **Desserts** (pie, cake, cookies, etc)

We do need more side dishes and salads than desserts. Please bring your item in a serving dish and provide a serving utensil. The club will provide the main entree, sodas & coffee. If you want beer or wine, **BYOB**. Info about the Pot Luck as well as a map can be found at <http://www.downeyflyfishers.org/>.

FLY OF THE MONTH - January, 1998

Clouser Deep Minnow By Jim Abbs

Courtesy of www.fedflyfishers.org

The Clouser Minnow is one of the most famous American-designed flies. Bob Clouser of Middletown, PA tied this fly originally in the middle 1980's to catch smallmouth bass on the Susquehanna River and it does that job very well. Like some other very popular streamers, this fly has been adopted for many other species and fishing situations. From personal experience I can attest to its ability to also catch largemouth bass in small lakes, steelhead in Great Lakes rivers and brown trout in Lake Michigan.

John Kumiski, in his book, *Saltwater Fly Fishing* says that he has caught sea trout, redbreast, snook, tarpon black drum, bonefish, jacks, and ladyfish on the Clouser Deep Minnows. Flip Pallot calls it the best bonefish fly he has ever used. It is said that Lefty Kreh has caught over 50 species of fish on Clouser Deep Minnows, including permit and king mackerel.

The design of this fly causes it to simulate the swimming action of a baitfish heading for cover.. The lead barbell eyes toward the front of the fly cause it to sink in between stripping actions of the retrieve, like a baitfish heading for the safety of the bottom. Another valuable feature of the Clouser Minnow is that because the barbell eyes are on top of the hook shank, it rides with the hook pointing up and thus does not get snagged very often.

MATERIALS

- **Hook:** 1X or 2X long, heavy wire, although Mustad 3407 is recommended for saltwater
- **TAIL:** None
- **BODY:** None
- **WING:** Layered - White bucktail on top, Krystal flash in between and bucktail dyed chartreuse on bottom (colors may be varied to imitate different baitfish)
- **EYES:** Barbell lead eyes, matched to the hook size. For a #4 hook, use 1/100 ounce (4/32) ounce eyes. If you are fishing shallow water, use smaller eyes and with deeper water increase the size. Painting the eyes (red and black) is said to make this fly more effective.



TYING INSTRUCTIONS

Step One: Lay down a base of tying thread to about the length of the hook shank behind the eye. Attach the barbell eyes to the top of the hook shank about the distance along the hook shank with repeated figure 8's over and around the barbells. Cover these wrappings with some nail. Turn the fly over in your vise so it is upside down.

Step Two: Lay down a stable foundation of thread, stopping at point on the hook shank opposite from the hook point.

Step Three: Cut some white bucktail from the upper part of the tail and pull out the smaller fibers. This fly should be tied sparse, so start with a bunch of hair about half the size of a pencil. If you cut the butts of the bucktail on a taper, it will give a smoother transition to the hook shank between the eyes.

The bucktail should be long enough to extend beyond the bend of the hook about the distance of one hook shank. Tie the white bucktail in between the lead eyes and coat with nail polish.

Step Four: Select 6-12 strands of Krystal Flash that will extend from the front of the eyes to the tip of belly hair. Tie the flash in directly in front of the eyes on top of the white bucktail.

Step Five: For the upper wing, cut some chartreuse bucktail equal in length to the white belly hair. Use only a small amount, equal to or less than the white bucktail.. Cut the butts on a taper for a smooth transition..

Step Six: Wrap the thread forward to the eye and apply a whip finish. Coat the head and the wraps over the butts of the bucktail with a couple of coats of nail polish.

*** 4 detailed videos of Bob Clouser personally tying his fly can be found on www.youtube.com



Fly Tying Night at Brian's

This month it will be on Tuesday, November 24th at 4729 Coldbrook Ave in Lakewood from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. This is for those members or friends that want to get together and tie flies, learn new patterns, get tips and techniques, or just socialize. Contact Brian at (562) 425-7936 or bnmandthegirls@verizon.net. Hope to see you there.

Board Meeting

There is a board meeting at John Barnett's house on November 17th at John Barnett's house. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm and all club members are welcome. Please come and share your ideas about the club policies and practices. We are always looking for new ideas and helpful volunteers to keep the club going strong.

Club Officers

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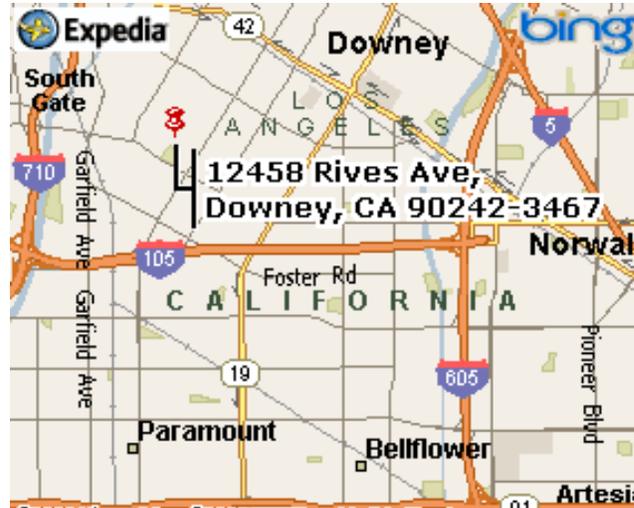
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Cal Trout



-The Apollo Park Senior Center is located on the corner of Rives Avenue and Quill Drive just west of Paramount Boulevard and just north of Imperial Highway.

This month's meeting:

November 10, 2009

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