

Downey Fly Fishers



"The Fishingest Club Around"

Downey Fly Fishers Welcomes Eric Callow

Eric Callow is a California native having grown up in the shadow of Mt. Baldy. He learned about California trout in the High Sierra at a young age and has been enjoying our local streams ever since. Having joined the Pasadena Casting Club in 1994, Callow soon became active on the board resulting in a two-year term as President. At the same time, he became active in his son's Boy Scouts of America troop, ultimately leading several Fly Fishing Merit Badge Seminars and teaching boys how to fly fish on back packing trips.

Having been a strong supporter of Cal Trout since the 90's, Callow joined their board as a Governor in 2008. Since then, he has worked to get out the message of Cal Trout ("To protect and restore wild trout and steelhead and their waters throughout California") in Southern California. He currently serves as Chair of the Governance Committee.

California Trout seeks to be the conservation voice of California fly fishers and is engaged in a number of exciting initiatives throughout the state-from restoring Southern California steelhead to the Santa Clara watershed to protecting the Golden Trout Wilderness and guiding the legislative process in Sacramento. On Tuesday, March 9th, Eric will bring the Downey Fly Fishers up to date on what California Trout is doing to protect resources we hope will be there for us and our children.



Upcoming events

March 3 -7

Fred Hall Show

March 9

General meeting at Apollo Park at 7pm (fly tying at 6pm)

March 10

Free fly tying class begins at Apollo Park

March 13-14

The Fly Fishing Show

March 16

Board Meeting at Carl Laski's at 7pm-9pm

March 23

Fly tying night at Brian's from 6pm-8pm

Deadline for the April newsletter is March 24th 2010.

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



This month's "Fishing Tales" from the "**Fishingest Club Around**"

By: Tod Suttle

I really look forward to the second Tuesday of every month. This is a great club and I am very proud to be a member. There is no other organization that I am part of that does as many good and charitable things as the Downey Fly Fishers. From working with kids in the community to offering free fly-tying classes, there are a core group of members that consistently donate their time to make this club a helpful part of the community. For the rest of us that don't organize "Trout in the Classroom" or donate our weekends to "Project Healing Waters", we also have a responsibility to the club. That responsibility can be summarized in just a few words. Go Fish.

When I joined this club during my senior year of high school, I wanted to learn how to be a more productive angler. I didn't know too much at the time, but several guys from the club took me under their wing and showed me the ropes. I learned how to nymph Hot Creek, wade the lower Owens, and throw a pellet fly to hungry trout in a private pond. My point is that the central focus of the club was fishing. There were monthly outings when guys fished together and the "fish tales" portion of our monthly meetings used to be lengthy discussions. As our name implies in the heading of our newsletter, the 'fishingest club around' needs to fish and share the stories of our fishing trips. I ask all of you to start contributing your fishing adventures to our newsletter. I am going to dedicate a page of the newsletter every month to fish tales. Just send me a quick e-mail with the subject line Fish Tales and I will enter the information on this page. You don't have to compose a lengthy document or write an essay, just a simple place and date along with the flies used and the fish (if any) that were caught. If you have a photo, send it, if not, no problem. It is time to live up to our name and fish.

My brother Brian and I got to share a wonderful winter day on Hot Creek on the Friday of Presidents' Day weekend. The morning started at about 10 am; we were greeted with a snow packed road that required about a mile snow hike into the canyon. We started fishing with a tandem nymph rig and were into fish very quickly. After fishing for about an hour, insects started hatching and the dry fly action turned red hot. The fish were very active for about three hours and we both agreed that it was the most 'wide open' that we had ever experienced on this blue-ribbon stream. We ended the day pulling big streamers through the water and watching trout attack from all angles. We caught fish all day and more than half of them were over 15 inches. We caught our share of 16"-17" fish with the biggest measuring out at 19". The day was beautiful in many ways; snow on the ground, minimal crowds, and hungry trout. We hiked out enjoying a few cold beers that we had stashed in the snow. Please help me make this page of our newsletter a success and contribute a story next month. Send your tales to tsuttle@charter.net.



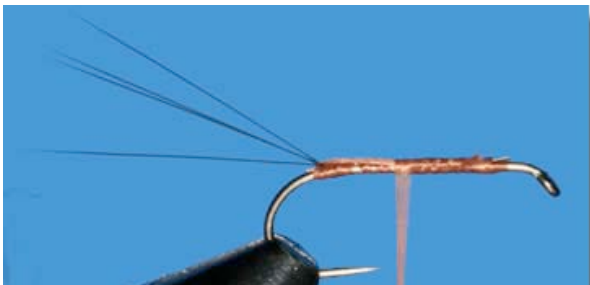
FLY OF THE MONTH – February 2010

March Brown by Bob Bates

Courtesy of www.fedflyfishers.org

Anglers who live in an area that has streams with March Brown hatches are truly fortunate. The March Brown (Genus *Rithrogena*) is a clinger mayfly that inhabits fast flowing streams. Where populations exist it is one of the earliest hatching mayflies, and it comes fairly large sizes (#12-14) which might be why it is so popular. People in Oregon are among the fortunate ones; their March Browns hatch is in late February to March. In the higher altitude streams of the Rocky Mountains or Canada the hatch might be as late as mid-May. March Browns attract the trout, and the trout attract anglers.

Fish it with a floating line and a drag free float. Depending on conditions there are several ways to achieve a drag free float. You can cast a little upstream and let the fly float back to you. You can wiggle the rod before the line hits the water so it will land with a bunch of "S" curves. You can lean your body and rod upstream as far as possible before the line hits the water to throw an upstream bend in the line. Often fly casters in your local fly club will help, or you can talk to a FFF Certified Fly Casting Instructor. Certified instructors are listed on the FFF website: www.fedflyfishers.org. *Editor note: March Brown hatches do occur in the Eastern Sierras on streams such as the Lower Owens, Hot Creek, and the East Walker.*



Materials

Hook: Dry fly 10 - 18

Thread: Brown, 6/0

Wing: Antron yarn (brown)

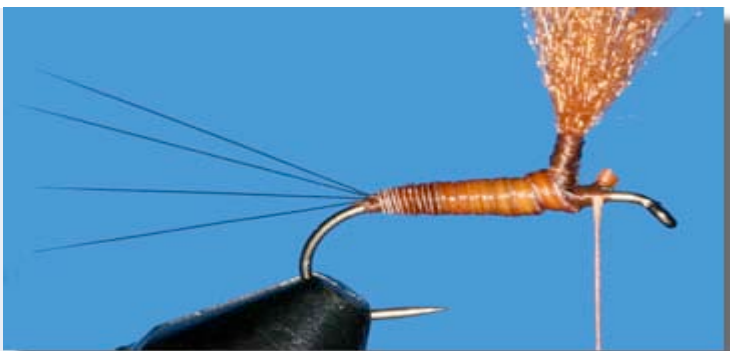
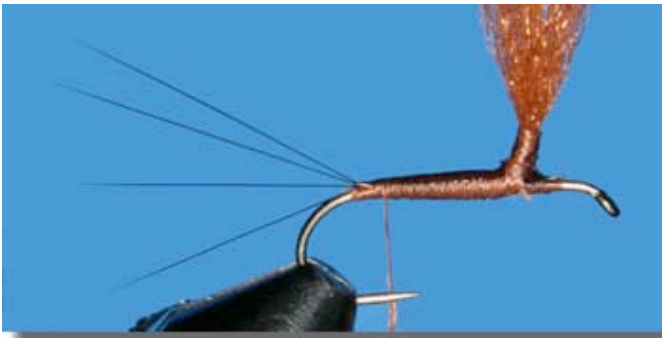
Tail: Microfibbets (dark)

Body: Hackle quill (brown, tan, or mixed)

Hackle: Brown rooster neck

Follow this link and click on February 2010 for more detailed tying instructions:

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4478>



Fred Hall Fishing Tackle, Boat & Travel Show

Submitted by Carl Laski

The Fred Hall Fishing Tackle, Boat & Travel Show will be at the Long Beach Convention Center March 3-7, 2010 (Wed - Sun).

LOCATION:

Long Beach Convention Center
300 E. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802

DATE & TIME:

March 3-7, 2010
Wednesday – Friday (2:00pm – 9:30pm)
Saturday (10:00am – 9:30pm)
Sunday (10:00am – 7:00pm)

ADMISSION PRICE:

Adults: \$15.00*
Children (15 years old & younger): Free
Military & Seniors \$14.00
Parking: Approximately \$10.00
*Join United Anglers of Southern California at the show and get **FREE ADMISSION**.

The Fred Hall Shows (<http://www.fredhall.com/>) are the only shows in America where over 50% of the proceeds go directly to protect your freedom to participate in outdoor recreation. When you choose to attend a Fred Hall Show, your choice makes a difference.

The Fly Fishing Show - Pasadena

Submitted by Carl Laski

The Fly Fishing Show will be at the Pasadena Convention Center on March 13th & 14th, 2010 (Sat & Sun). There will be over 30 programs per day on how-to-fish and where-to-go, continuous instructional fly tying and featured tyer presentations, casting demonstrations and 100-plus exhibitor booths.

LOCATION:

Pasadena Convention Center
300 East Green St
Pasadena, CA 91101

DATE:

March 13 & 14, 2010
Saturday 9:00am – 5:30pm
Sunday 9:00am – 4:30pm

ADMISSION PRICE:

Adults: \$15.00 one day; \$25 two-day pass
Children (under 5): Free
Children (under 12): \$2.00
Scouts in uniform (under 16): Free
Uniformed Military: \$10

WEBSITE:

<http://www.flyfishingshow.com/>

What is It?

Last month's 'What is It' went unanswered, so here is another try. This month's identification is a dry fly that is often the first one picked from our boxes during a fishing session. An Ohio-based attorney first used it on the Boardman River near Traverse City, Michigan. Be the first to provide the correct name of this fly and win 3 raffle tickets. Name the creator of the fly and you get 2 more. Good Luck and the first to respond wins. Please send answers to the following e-mail address.
tsuttle@charter.net



Our annual White Elephant fundraiser is a couple of months away in April. Flies tied by members of the club are always a great fundraising item for the sale. If you have items that you want to donate to the sale, you can bring them to our meetings prior to the sale or contact Zino Nakasuji, our Fundraising Chairperson

Fly Tying Night at Brian's

This month's fly tying night will be on Tuesday, March 23 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at 4729 Coldbrook Ave in Lakewood. 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. All members are welcome to come and learn some great new techniques from some well-rounded fly-tyers. Contact Brian at (562) 425-7936 or bnmandthegirls@verizon.net. Hope to see you there.

Board Meeting

There is a board meeting at Carl Laski's house on March 16. 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

President:	John Barnett
V. President:	Brian Matthews
Secretary:	Brian Matthews
Treasurer:	Mike Jedlick
Past President:	Carl Laski

Board of Directors

Alan Grosdider	Jim Buchannan
Mike Jedlick	Terry Mattsuura
Eric Rasmussen	Frank Russick
Phil "Doc" Solomon	

Chairpersons

Conservation and FFF rep	Carl Laski
Education	John Barnett Bob Stuart
Fly bank	Don Mulder Jerry Ferrin
Membership	Brian Matthews
Newsletter	Tod Suttle
Outings	Position Open
Potlucks	Brian Matthews
Programs	Zino Nakasuji Ray Sugiyama
Publicity	Brian Matthews John Barnett
Raffles	Brian Matthews
Refreshments	Mike Jedlick
Trout in the Classroom	Randy Teeple Richard Dekker
Video Library	Fred Roberts
Website	Jerry Phan

DFF Supports:



Cal Trout



-The Barbara J. Riley Community 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: March 9th, 2009
Barbara J. Riley Community Senior Center
7810 Quill Drive
Downey, CA 90242



PO Box 516
Downey, CA 90241

