

2020 Susquehanna Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Basic Course Outline

(Basic, Intermediate and Advance Session Groups in Parallel)

Session	Topics - Beginners: Do 1 or two different flies each week; Intermediate & Advanced: proceed to additional flies and topics as your group desires in discussion with instructors	
1 Beginners	Introduction - Overview • Purpose, philosophy, approaches, etc. • Types of flies • Connection with stream ecology Tools - Demo Hooks - Shapes, types, terminology, sizes, etc. Basic techniques- demo and practice • Putting thread on hook, thread management • Index point • Thread breaking strength • Pinch, loop into pinch, pull down straight • Wrapping body material, half hitches • Whip finishing Flies to Tie (beginners do one or two) • Green Weenie • San Juan worm • Zebra Midge, Green/black Caddis pupae	Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Tuesdays in February and March Covenant Central Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall Basement Rear of 807 W. 4th Street (enter off of Campbell St.) Williamsport, PA 17701 For more info see: https://susquehannatu.com For additional resources, see <u>Step-by-Step Beginners Fly Tying Manual & DVD</u> , Ryan Keyes, No Nonsense Fly Tying Guidebooks (2013) Many books available to loan including: Hughes, Dave, <u>Trout Flies</u> , Stackpole Books, (1999) Van Vliet, John, <u>The Art of Fly Tying</u> , Creative Publishing International, Inc. (1994) Leiser, Eric, <u>The Book of Fly Patterns</u> , Alfred A. Knopf, (1987) C. Boyd Pfeiffer, <u>Tying Warmwater Flies</u> , Krause Publications (2003) And the internet - Huge amount of YouTube videos and information; just Google "Fly Tying" or "Fly patterns" and http://www.flyfisherman.com/fly-tying/ https://www.tu.org/go-fishing/fly-patterns https://flyfishingvideos.orvis.com/fly-tying/
2	Review techniques; Basic materials - Demo/show & tell Flies to Tie • Wooly worm, Wooly bugger • Soft hackle partridge wing, various colors	
3	Aquatic Insects - families and ecology Flies to Tie • Pheasant tail nymph • Gold ribbed hares ear nymph • Stonefly nymph (If time) • Prince nymph (If time)	
4	Dry flies - Classic types - Duck & Woodcock Flank Wings Flies to Tie • Hendrickson, Light Cahill, Quill Gordon • New variations of the above	
5	Dry Flies - Hackle tip and poly wings • Adams • Rusty spinner - poly wing • Adams parachute	
6	Deer/elk hair dry flies - hair stacker techniques Flies to Tie • Elk Hair caddis • Stimulator • Sulfur comparadun/sparkle duns • Brown deer hair spinner	
7	Foam terrestrials - Flies to Tie • Black beetles • Ants • Chernobyl hoppers	
Extra If Time	Streamers - Flies to Tie • Muddler minnow • Black marabou muddler • Rabbit strip zonker • Clouser minnows	
Extra If time	Bass Bugs Hellgrammites New Techniques & Materials	Appendices to our manual: • <i>Pointers</i> from Don Daughenbaugh • Directions for Using Whip Finisher • <i>Basic Dry Fly Proportion</i> - Orvis • <i>Fly Proportions</i> from Charlie Craven • <i>Hook Anatomy</i> - from Mustad • <i>Understanding Thread Sizing, Construction, and Materials</i> by Charlie Craven • <i>A Fly Angler's Introduction to Picking a Pattern</i> by Carl Haensel • Hatch Charts ○ Central PA - PSU Flyfishers ○ Penns Ck and Spring Ck - TCO ○ Uncle Orley's Hatch Cycle Chart • <i>A New Leader Formula</i>, George Harvey • <i>Knots Used in Fly Fishing</i> -various sources • Bibliography and website resources

Flies for each Weekly Session

Session 1

Green Weenie



San Juan Worm



Zebra Midge



Caddis Pupa



Session 2

Wooly Worm



Wooly Bugger



Soft Hackle Partridge



Session 3

Pheasant Tail Nymph



Gold Ribbed Hares Ear Nymph



Prince Nymph



Stonefly Nymph



Session 4

Hendrickson



Light Cahill



Quill Gordon



Session 5

Adams



Rusty Spinner



Adams Parachute



Session 6

Elk Hair Caddis



Stimulator



Sulfur Comparadun



Session 7

Black Beetles



Ants



Chernobyl Hopper



Dave's Hopper



Session 8

Muddler Minnow



Black Marabou Muddler



Rabbit Strip Zonker



Clouser Minnow

