

## We Must Stop Didymo from Invading Maine's Waters

*Didymo, or Didymosphenia geminata, or "Rock Snot," has been found in New Hampshire, and Threatens ALL New England Rivers.*

"This is perhaps the biggest and most serious threat to New England waters and fisheries that any of us have ever seen and we need to take it seriously. Everything and anything that we can do to prohibit the spread of this deadly algae has to be done." —Tom Remington

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**Field & Stream:**

<http://fieldandstream.blogs.com/news/2007/08/rock-snot-threa.html>

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## Tying with "Local" Materials: The Finn & Pancho

*Submitted by Ben Hunsberger*

I was feeling creative one day in early July before I went fishing in Montana, and I decided to tie up a fly using "local" materials to test out on the trip. My wife Nancy had been brushing out our cat, Finn, and I grabbed a bunch of his fur from the brush. He's got tiger markings and his fur looks really great when twisted onto thread for dubbing. I followed Nancy out to the barn where she was brushing her horse, Pancho, and I collected some of his mane hair. Horse hair has a natural shine to it that I thought would make a nice nymph body. And so, with a little experimentation, some red thread and tailing fibers, the "Finn & Pancho" fly was born.



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## MMBTU's Dick Soucy Offers Beginning Fly Tying Course Through Merrymeeting Bay Adult Education

***Class Starts Monday, September 10 — Register NOW!***

This is a fly tying course for beginners. We will start with tool selection, use and work area layout. The construction of streamers, nymphs and dry flies will be covered in depth and each type will be tied by the students. This will include thread and material handling and the process of finish knots to complete a durable fly that will catch fish. This is a rewarding and enjoyable art form that allows you to create your own flies for much less than the cost of purchasing them and to custom design them to imitate the specific variations found in fishing locations throughout the world. Required Text: Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple by Skip Morris, estimated cost \$19.95. Order from your local bookstore or Amazon.com. Equipment costs from \$25 to \$75 depending on equipment that student already owns. Materials provided by instructor for \$20 for the duration of the course payable at the first class. Call instructor with questions. 627-7399

**Start:** 9/10/2007

**Day(s):** Monday

**Course#:** 200608.208

**Location:** MTA

**Hours:** 6:00-9:00

**Register Now! Call 729-7323**

**Resident Fee:** \$72

**Weeks:** 6

[Merrymeeting Adult Ed Web Site](#)

# GLS Club Trip Report

Submitted by Dave Martel (Ye Olde Gray One) and Skip Elliot

Alright...if you weren't on the Club Trip to GLS in June.....a) Why not??.....and B) Man...you missed out on some great Salmon fishing.

They raised the water level from 220 fps when Tom and Steve Martin were there 10 days earlier to 350.....then to 450 the last 3 days. (I THOUGHT it was higher than 350...the flow chart just confirmed my suspicions).

There were 6 of us there....Ye Olde Gray One; Tom J; and Ben Huns from the "Old Guard"....Jim Albright; Skip Elliot and his Grandson Kyle from the "New Vanguard".

We had a ball. Stayed at Canal Side Cabins.....ate like proverbial pigs (ugg!)...caught Landlocks great some days....tough other days. Fish were moving up out of the stream and into the lake.....but other Landlocks were moving up to take the place of the departed ones.

Jim got into his first \*big\* landlock (Good for you, Jim). Skip went for a swim (as did I.....and I've got the bruised and bloody shin to prove it). Had one but didn't land (see story above re: shin) a nice LL on my Cecil Pierce Bamboo 6 wt (Cecil must be smiling down on us).....Ben sight-nymphed the crap out of the Glide (ask Kyle if polarized

sunglasses make a difference)...and we generally had a great time.

I nymphed the living ##### out of my riffle (wall area).....and took landlock after landlock one evening. Jim was just amazed watching me. Great fun.

Make plans for next June if you possibly can.

PS: I've been fly-fishing for almost 50 years.....and learned a great new (well...new to ME anyway) nymphing strategy from Tom Jewett...a fabulous nymph. Thanks Bud).

Ye Olde Gray One

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Dave,

I truly enjoyed reading your recap of our fly-fishing trip to GLS. When reading your account of some of the incidents we encountered and shared at GLS, it truly provided me a second opportunity to enjoy the wonderful 3 1/2 days of camaraderie.

Hello Ben, Tom, Jim and all others that were not able to participate in the annual GLS fly-

fishing event.

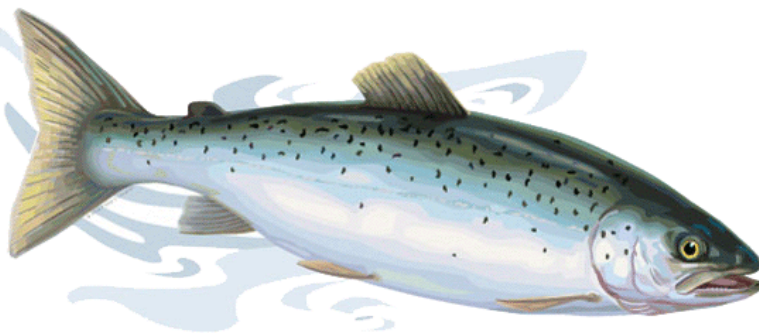
As Dave mentioned in his recap of the GLS event, our group included some from the "Old Guard" and myself, grandson and Jim from the "New Vanguard." The Old Guard watching over the New Vanguard similar to a mother duck watching over and protecting her "brood."

Concerning fishing flies evaluated on the stream attempting to entice the salmon to bite, I don't think it would be an exaggeration to suggest 100 plus different flies tried between the Old Guard and New Vanguard on the stream. However, though there was some success of salmon landings, it wasn't until one of the Old Guard, Dave Martel selected and proved the most productive fly for landing salmon the remainder of our trip!

Unfortunately he only had a few of the "Wicked Killer Flies" so wasn't able to distribute them to all of us. Jim Albright of the New Guard did get one and immediately confirmed Dave's success, landing a couple trophy salmon, himself.

As far as the proven "Wicked Killer Fly" discovered in Dave's endless fly collection, I yield to Dave to divulge the identify of the fly as well as prepare and distribute this fly to all those attending next June's GLS excursion.

Now food: Tom, your breakfast of scrambled eggs w/ ham & cheese accompanied by bagels, toast and Jim's



## About Merrymeeting Bay Trout Unlimited

Merrymeeting Bay TU Chapter 329 serves a membership of 200+ in the mid-coast area of Maine. For more information e-mail: [info@mmbtu.org](mailto:info@mmbtu.org), visit the web site, <http://www.mmbtu.org>, or mail PO Box 191, Richmond, ME 04357.

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## FLY of the MONTH: PMD Emerger

*Submitted by Dave Martel*

**Size** 16; 18; 20 (heavy on #18's)

**Hook:** Tiemco #100; Daiichi 1180; Mustad 94840

**Thread:** 14/0 Gordon Griffiths; 10/0 Gudebrod; 8/0 Uni

**Color:** Primrose Yellow

**Tail;** Mallard Flank Barbs (length of hook shank)

**Body:** Turkey Biots (light rusty Brown)

**Thorax:** PMD Dubbing

**Wing:** Metz or Whiting \*hen\* soft hackle (Dun color)

**DIRECTIONS:** Tie in the soft hackle wing \*first\*.....sticking out over the eye of the hook. Ignore it for now. Run your thread back and tie in the tail barbs.....then the biot body (I like the rib showing..so have the v-notch in the biot \*facing\* the hook eye)...then dub your pmd thorax



and leave the thread hanging as you wind the hackle backward toward the thorax. Catch the hackle with your thread and wind the thread through the wrapped hackle four or five times. Secure and tie off. Wrap a thread head....and cement if you so desire. (I never cement dry flies; but the choice is yours).

As you can see, the FOTM Column has returned to Tight Lines after a year-long hiatus. As several of us are heading for the Golden Triangle next July/August this is an EXCELLENT pattern to fish PMD Emergers. If

you've never headed West, and probably won't, just substitute sizes and dubbings for Eastern hatches. This same fly works gangbusters during Hendrickson or Olive hatches here in Maine. Enjoy.

If you have a special fly you'd like me to feature just drop me an [e-mail](#)...I'll see what I can do.

## The Finn & Pancho

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Did it work, you ask? It turned out to be a pretty good imitation of some of the small midges that were in every stream we fished. The fish were convinced the Finn & Pancho was just another little munchie floating their way and they took it without hesitation. The only problem was that the fly lasted exactly one fish; as soon as trout teeth nicked the horse hair, the fly would unravel. With suggestions from pro fly tier Peter Smith, I've modified the original design to be more resistant to bites.

Here's how you tie it.

1. Place a curved caddis hook (TMC 2457) size 20 in the vise and attach red 8/0 thread near the eye.
2. Tie in a few strands of tailing material and wrap the thread back into the bend of the hook.
3. Attach a strand of black horse hair and twist about an inch of the horse hair and thread together. This gives the hair better resistance to breakage.

4. Wrap the twisted hair and thread in a tight spiral toward the eye, leaving room for a dubbed thorax. Tie off and trim excess horse hair.

5. Twist a small amount of tiger cat fur dubbing onto the thread and wrap it around the hook a few times to create the thorax.

6. Wrap a small head, whip-finish and clip the thread.

If you want even better resistance to bite-breaks, add a fine, red wire rib between steps 3 and 4 (the "Ribbed Finn & Pancho"). The wire rib should be counter-wrapped to provide maximum protection.

Now I know most folks don't have a horse handy to supply mane for this fly.

Not to worry. You probably drive by a place that does have a horse on your way to work. Stop by, make friends with the owners, and ask if you can clean their horse brushes. Or show up at the next MMBTU meeting and I'll give you some. Or better yet, take a walk around your place and find something "local" for your next creation on the tying bench.

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wife's muffins, all to be repeated - I hope next year!

And much praise to Dave Martel's skill at barbecuing cheeseburgers and his pasta salad would make even Emeril Lagassi envious.

**Attn. Ben:** Shortly after you and Dave exited from Canal Side

Cabins, Kyle remembered the polarized glasses you loaned him to identify salmon from the rocks. Would you please email your address to me so I can mail your glasses to you?

Guys and ladies, I am prepared to commit to next year's annual GLS fly-fishing trip, my grandson has told me that he definitely would like to be included in the annual 2008 GLS fly-fishing trip, as well!

Kind regards,  
Skip Elliott (New Vanguard)

## Events: 2007-08 MMBTU Year

The general membership and the general public are welcome at all meetings including Directors' Meetings. General Membership Meetings are held at Graziano's Restaurant, Lisbon, Maine on the second Tuesday, unless otherwise noted. Phone: 353-4335, 6:00 pm to 9:00

**September 11: FISH TALES** *Renew old acquaintances and make new ones at the season's kick off informal get-together.*

**October 13: Club Trip to Fish the Shawmut** *New Event! Meet at the dam— more details next issue*

**November 13: 2006-07 Youth Programs Wrap-Up** *CTTF, Boy Scouts, Trout Camp*

**December 11: Christmas Party**

**January 8: Fisheries Biologist** *TBA*

**February 12: Canada/Alaska Slide Show**

**March 11: Fisheries Biologist** *TBA*

**April 26: Annual Banquet & Fundraising**

**Auction** *Knights of Columbus Hall, Brunswick*

### September General Meeting

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Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Graziano's Restaurant, Lisbon, ME

6-9 PM

**Directors' Meetings:** September 25, October 30, November 27, December 18, January 29, February 26, March 25, April 18, May 27

**Come, get involved, help out, support the cause, have fun!**