

Mending Lines

January
2019



CLUB MEETING
LANCE WILT
January 17

FLY FISHING/
FLY TYING SHOW
February 9

CLUB MEETING
KEVIN FEENSTRA
February 21

Upcoming Events

- CLUB MEETING - JANUARY 17
LANCE WILT - FLY FISHING
PENNSYLVANIA & ARKANSAS
- FLY FISHING / FLY TYING SHOW
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
9:00 - 4:30 AT THE CLASSIC CAFE
- CLUB MEETING - FEBRUARY 21
KEVIN FEENSTRA
- CLUB AUCTION - MARCH 21
- CLUB MEETING - APRIL 18
MEMBERS FAVORITE FLIES

All club meetings are held at the Classic Cafe from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. See www.3rff.org for more details.

Curly's Creel

It's that time of the year, time to pay your Club Membership dues. The dues are still \$5.00 Junior, \$25.00 Individual, \$35.00 Family, \$50.00 Corporate. If you joined the Club and paid your dues in the last quarter of 2018, your dues carried over to 2019.

Election time is right around the corner. Our Club Officers: President, Treasurer, and Secretary are up for election each year. Our Board Members have a two year term and half of our Board Members are up for election every year. If you are interested in giving a bit of your time and talents to the Club please contact a Board member. We will be asking for nominations at the upcoming Club meetings. Election is in April.

We were fortunate enough in 2018 to include a lot of New Members. Please get to know them and make them feel welcome.

The Members Favorite Flies Club Program is coming up in April. It would be great if you would be part of this program which allows you to get up in front of the Club and tie your favorite fly and tell us a little bit about it. I know Fly Fisherman don't have Fish Tales. We could use some new Tyers and Stories. If interested please contact me.

We have a tremendous schedule of programs lined up for winter and spring. Lance Wilt from Pennsylvania, owner of Outcast Anglers and Limestone Lodge will be doing our January program on Fly Fishing in Pennsylvania. Kevin Feenstra from Michigan, owner of Feenstra Guide Service will be doing our February program on Steelhead Fishing. The annual Club Auction will be in March so start digging through you unwanted, not to be used anymore gear, and pass it on to another Club Member. One man's junk is another man's treasure. Hillegas Road is now open from the north and south. We have our Members Favorite Flies program in April. For more information about the Club programs, Club related events, and directions make sure you check out the Club website www.3rff.org.

The Board had our planning meeting in December for our Club Meetings and Outings for May of 2019 to April of 2020. I believe we came up with a great slate of guest speakers and events. We will post the schedule as soon as everything is confirmed.

Our annual TRFF Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Show is coming up February 9, 2019. We will need a lot of help from Club Members to make this program a success. The Fly Show Committee could use some help for planning and Steve Harris will have a sign-up sheet to help with the Show for Friday and Saturday. We are expanding the Show this year with more Vendors and Tyers since we obtained the space where the American Legion was. Please contact Steve Harris to help with the Show.

I would like to thank the Board and all of the Club Members for making 2018 the successful year that it was.

The Club can only be as good as the Members make it.

Get Out and Wet a Line

Curly Hodson



Lance Wilt-

January Club Meeting

Founder/Owner, Outcast Anglers

Lance was born and raised in Central Pennsylvania on the banks of Big Fishing Creek, near the town of Lamar. He began working as a fly fishing guide in 2003, while earning a degree in Outdoor Recreation Management from Lock Haven University. His 14 years of professional experience span across five states and three continents. In addition to his career as a full-time fly fishing guide, Lance coached the 2011 United States Youth Fly Fishing team to the United States' first medal in international competition and has served as a clinician and instructor for various organizations and universities. Lance's articles and photographs have been featured in periodicals as well as best-selling fishing books. Lance is the founder and manager of Outcast Anglers since 2010. He also manages the exclusive Limestone Lodge and its adjacent fly shop.



Kevin Feenstra-

February Club Meeting

Founder/Owner, Feenstra Guide Service

Captain Kevin Feenstra, Owner: Born and raised in West Michigan, Kevin has been fishing West Michigan streams his whole life. Soon after graduating from Calvin College in 1995, he became a fishing guide. He regularly contributes articles to magazines such as Midwest Flyfishing and his flies have been published in many books, magazines, and fly tying manuals. He is a member of the national pro staff of the Scott Fly Rod Company, Ross Reels, and Daiichi Hooks.



TRFF 25th Anniversary Shirts

Three Rivers Fly Fishers is offering two types of long sleeve shirts to celebrate 25 years as a Club. In these pictures the green shirt is polyester and the gray shirt is cotton. Both shirts are showing the print on the back and the gray shirt is showing the Club logo which is on the front of both styles. The Poly shirts are now \$20.00 each and the Cotton shirts are still \$18.00. The Club is paying \$8 of the first shirt you purchase. You can buy as many shirts as you want at the regular price. Both shirts have different color Charts.

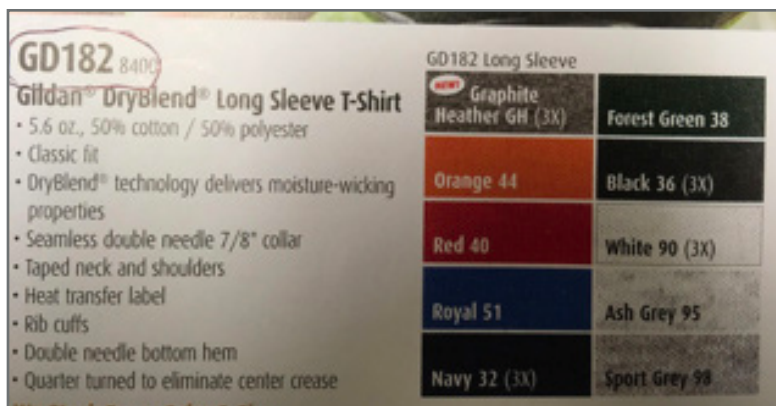
- The **BA287** color chart is for the Polyester shirt.
- The **GD182** color chart is for the Cotton shirt.

When ordering we need the style of shirt, color code, and size. *Remember ladies the shirts are men's sizes when ordering. You do not have to be a member of the Club to order shirts. You just won't get the discount on you first shirt unless you are a member. You can order shirts at the Club meetings or by contacting Steve Harris, Ron Dixon, or me. You can order shirts at the Club Fly Fishing/Fly Tying Show. **You can order shirts and get them before our show by contacting Ron Dixon and arranging payment with him.

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Each Newsletter, favorite fly patterns from our members are highlighted. Please submit your favorite fly for the next newsletter!

Member's Favorite Flies

BLACK CADDIS EMERGER

- HOOK: TIEMCO 2487, #14-#18
- THREAD: BLACK, 8/0
- BEAD: TUNGSTEN, BLACK, 3/32 OR MATCH HOOK SIZE)
- BODY: MARABOU, BLACK, 5-6 STRANDS
- RIB: SILVER WIRE, SMALL
- HACKLE: PARTRIDGE
- COLLAR: OSTRICH HERL, BLACK, 2 STRANDS



CURLYS SUPER BUGGER (OLIVE)

- HOOK: MUSTAD 3906B, #8
- THREAD: OLIVE, 6/0
- EYES: DUMBELL, SMALL, LEAD, YELLOW/BLACK PUPIL
- TAIL: MARABOU, OLIVE GRIZZLY
- TAIL: KRYSTAL FLASH, FLUORESCENT CHARTREUSE (4 STRANDS)
- ABDOMEN: ANTRON DUBBING, MEDIUM OLIVE
- THORAX: ANTRON DUBBING, LIGHT OLIVE
- HACKLE: SADDLE, OLIVE, PALMERED
- COLLAR: PHEASANT AFTER SHAFT, OLIVE
- HEAD: ANTRON DUBBING, LIGHT OLIVE
- LEGS: SILI-LEGS, BARRED OLIVE/BLACK, (4)





UNDERSTANDING FLY TYING THREAD SIZES

(Without getting all tied up in a knot.)

By: Lynn W. Burry

I have been tying flies for more years than I can remember or would care to admit. Like many that enjoy this form of art, I have sometimes been confused trying to understand and compare thread sizes. When I first started tying, many of the common threads were designated by a letter size. "G" was a good high strength size usually used for spinning deer hair. I still have a partial spool of this stuff. You could really pull on it and not be too concerned with it breaking. We also had the "Aught System." 3/0, 6/0 and 8/0 were the most commonly used sizes. But unlike fish hooks, the larger the number on the spool, the smaller the thread's diameter and its breaking point.

While 6/0 was the standard size used in most tying recipes, 8/0 was called out for the very small flies or used when there was a large number of different materials used in a pattern. The Classic Atlantic Salmon flies are good examples where 8/0 would be used. I have seen some of these recipes call for 14/0. As easy as I can break 8/0, I can imagine trying to tie with 14/0. If you needed to get really small, UNI makes a 20/0 thread. This is a single strand thread and has a breaking point of 3 ounces. For comparison, 6/0 breaks at about 16 ounces.

One problem with the Aught designation was that one brand of 6/0 might be slightly different in specifications to another brand. Even the breaking strength might vary slightly. Using 6/0 nylon for this example, Danville's brand of 6/0 has a slightly larger diameter than Wapsi's. The breaking strength of both brands is similar. This brought us the "Denier System."

So what is a Denier? Without getting too technical, the Denier designation is based on the weight in grams of a 9000 meter length of the thread. The larger the Denier number, the larger the thread diameter and the greater its breaking point.

Confused yet? So am I and I'm the one writing this article. So I'll give you a quick, general comparison reference. 70 Denier is similar to 8/0 and 140 Denier compares to 6/0. Or simply put, the larger the Denier number, the heavier the thread. Remember that point and your tying headaches shouldn't get any worse.

I sometimes buy tying materials on line from J. Stockard Fly Fishing. I have always been pleased with their prices and service. Their web page is <https://www.jsflyfishing.com>. They sent out this comparison chart that I have found it quite helpful. While it doesn't cover it all, it does compare most of the thread brands readily available here in the United States. I trust you will find it as useful as well.

In the meantime, pour yourself 2 fingers of single malt and keep tying. "May the inside of your waders (or boats) always be dry!"

Lynn

Comparison of Popular Fly Tying Thread

Definitions & Notes: Denier (textile industry convention) = gram weight of 9,000 meters of thread. Aught (0) size is an older, less accurate definition with the more '0's' indicating finer thread. This data was collected from a number of public sources. We have done our best to provide accurate information. We always welcome additions and clarifications.

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Brand	Thread	JS Item #	Material	Estimated		
				Aught Size	Denier	Breaking Strength (ounces)
Size 20 and Smaller Flies						
Danville	Spider Web	TW-006180	nylon mono	18/0	30	4
SemperFli	Nano Silk	TW-151180	Multi -strand GSP	18/0	30	40
UNI	Caenis	TW-030020	single strand	20/0	20	3
UNI	Trico	TW-030017	polyester	17/0	40	4-5
UNI	Clear Mono—fine	TW-030085	nylon mono	-	-	16
VEEVUS	14/0	TW-150140	polyester	14/0	-	16
VEEVUS	16/0	TW-150160	polyester	16/0	-	14
VEEVUS	GSP 30	TW-150260	GSP	-	30	>25
Size 10—22 Flies, low bulk						
Danville	Unwaxed Flymaster	TW-006060	nylon	6/0	79	16
Danville	Waxed Flymaster	TW-006062	nylon	6/0	79	16
G Griffiths	14/0 Sheer Ultrafine	TW-125014	polyester	14/0	72	10-16
Pearsall	Gossamer Silk	TW-140050	silk	6/0	-	8
Wapsi	Ultra 70	TW-025070	nylon	6/0	70	13-16
UNI	Waxed Midge	TW-030080	polyester	8/0	72	16-19
UNI	Clear Mono—medium	TW-030085	nylon mono	-	-	36-44
UNI	Nylon 70	TW-030100	nylon	-	70	15
VEEVUS	10/0	TW-150100	polyester	10/0	-	25
VEEVUS	12/0	TW-150120	polyester	12/0	-	17
Size 10—22 flies, low bulk plus high strength						
SemperFli	Nano Silk	TW-151120	Multi-strand GSP	12/0	50	67
VEEVUS	6/0	TW-150060	polyester	6/0	-	>32
VEEVUS	8/0	TW-150080	polyester	8/0	-	>32
Wapsi	Ultra GSP 50	TW-025160	GSP	-	50	37-48
Size 10—20 flies, high strength						
Danville	3/0 Mono	TW-006030	nylon	3/0	115	>25
Danville	Flymaster+ 140	TW-006064	nylon	-	140	>25
UNI	6/0 Waxed	TW-030060	polyester	6/0	130-135	29-33
VEEVUS	GSP 100	TW-150260	GSP	-	100	>100
VEEVUS	Power 140	TW-150280	polyester	-	140	>30
Wapsi	Ultra 140	TW-025140	nylon	-	140	33-44
Wapsi	Ultra GSP 75	TW-025160	GSP	-	75	96
Wapsi	Ultra GSP 100	TW-025160	GSP	-	100	28
Large flies and other high strength needs						
Danville	Flymaster+	TW-006020	nylon	-	230	60
Danville	Flat Waxed Nylon	TW-006050	nylon	-	210	65
UNI	Big Fly	TW-030010	polyester	-	400	100
UNI	3/0 Waxed	TW-030030	polyester	3/0	213-220	32-40
UNI	Nylon 210	TW-030100	nylon	-	210	53
UNI	8/0 Cord	TW-030090	GSP	8/0	75	68
VEEVUS	Power 240	TW-150290	polyester	-	280	>50
VEEVUS	GSP 150	TW-150260	GSP	-	150	>150
VEEVUS	GSP 200	TW-150260	GSP	-	200	>200
Wapsi	Ultra GSP 200	TW-025160	GSP	-	200	>250

Please send your information to a board member to be listed in the next newsletter.

Member Content

Mending Lines is looking for member content!

Some suggestions are:

- Pictures of fish caught by members, families, friends... Look at the fishing pictures in the local papers for ideas.
- Pictures and notes from trips. Your notes do not need to be a final article. They can be turned in and reviewed for inclusion in Mending Lines.
- Items for sale.
- Fishing and casting lessons learned.
- Favorite websites or blogs.
- Short stories - fact or fiction!

For Sale

Curlys Fly Shop
White River Guide Book
\$24.50 tax included
(Qty 2 available)



For Sale

Curlys Fly Shop
Pro-Lite FTL230
\$105.00 tax included
(Qty 3 available)



Membership Rates

Dues are for one year beginning January 1 through December 31.

Individual Rate: \$25.00 per year

Family Rate: \$35.00 per year

Junior Rate: \$5.00 per year

Corporate Rate: \$50.00 per year

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