



Sussex Branch Newsletter



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WEBSITE

Thanks to considerable time and effort by Mike Guest, we now have a completely re-vamped website. Do make a visit and sample the delights – any suggestions for further improvements or alterations please let us know. You now have access to back numbers of the Newsletter to November 2001.

“Brass Monkeys”

We have been taken to task by Chalk Springs for purloining the title of their famous Brass Monkeys Competition. Their prestigious event has been held for some 15 years and we would never wish to try to steal their thunder. Naively, I thought that, as ours is a closed event only for members of the Branch, there would be no confusion, but I underestimated the power of the Press! At least it shows Darren reads our Newsletter!

Unfortunately, as the trophy has already been engraved, it is too late to change the name of ours, but I have assured Darren that we will not be holding an April Fools, Summer Invitation or September Singles!!!

The following photos were too late to accompany the report last month, but may still be of interest:



Bill Smith and Wayne Duerden



Paul Davis nets his fish

CASTING CLINIC Thursday 14th May

A casting clinic will be held on the playing fields in front of Patcham House (opposite “The Black Lion”). We hope Albert Horne will be fit enough to demonstrate how to cast a full line with what appears to be a mere flick of the wrist, but our other qualified instructors will be there anyway. We will start soon after 6.30 pm, and continue till the light fades. Just bring your rod and line and improve your skills.

FLY-TYING COMPETITION 2009

The winners of this year’s competition are: -

Novice: Frank Wassel
Intermediate: George White
Open: Steve Mustchin

Many thanks again to Albert Horne for judging this competition - he commented that the Open winner was chosen on the quality of the wings and the Novice winner was good with all elements correctly proportioned. Whilst numbers entering are up overall, there is still much room for improvement.

Let us have your ideas as to how we can get **you** to enter – perhaps a prize winners’ cup to open up the “Open” category, salt-water cup????

ENVY CORNER

Just to make you all envious, Doug Chalmers, our guest at the Annual Dinner, has sent in this mouth watering photograph taken on his trip to Tierra del Fuego in February.



Thread Brand	Aught Size (X/0)	Denier	Decitex	Breaking Strength (oz)	Thickness (.000)	Material
Danville Flat Waxed Nylon	N/A	210	233	46	2	Nylon multifilament
Danville Fly Master Plus 140	N/A	140	156	32	1.8	Nylon multifilament
Danville Fly Master Plus 210	N/A	210	233	48	2.8	Nylon multifilament
Danville Flymaster	6/0	70	78	11	1.5	Nylon multifilament
Danville Nylon 3/0 Monocord	3/0	116	129	26	2.6	Polyester
Danville Spiderweb	N/A	30	33	5	2	Nylon monofilament
Euro Thread	12/0	45	50	15	1.3	Polyester
Giorgio Benecchi Fine	8/0	150	167	29	2.2	Polyester
Giorgio Benecchi Fluorescent Thread	4/0	?	?	?	?	Polyester
Giorgio Benecchi Ghost	N/A	60	67	11	3	Nylon monofilament
Giorgio Benecchi Strong Medium Thread	6/0	?	?	?	?	Polyester
Giorgio Benecchi Super Strong	10/0	50	56	38	1.3	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
Giorgio Benecchi Superfine	10/0	120	133	22	2	Polyester
Giorgio Benecchi Ultrafine	12/0	70	78	15	1.9	Polyester
Gordon Griffiths (Veniards) Cobweb	N/A	134	149	67	4.1	Polyester
Gordon Griffiths (Veniards) Shear	14/0	72	80	10	1.8	Polyester
Gordon Griffiths (Veniards) Wisp	8/0	108	120	15	2.2	Polyester
Gudebrod	10/0	50	56	43	4	Nylon monofilament
Gudebrod	10/0	45	50	9	1	Polyester
Gudebrod	3/0	176	196	38	4	Polyester
Gudebrod	6/0	143	159	43	6	Nylon monofilament
Gudebrod	8/0	67	74	15	1.8	Polyester
Gudebrod G	N/A	210	233	55	7	Nylon monofilament
Gudebrod G	N/A	330	367	59	3.5	Polyester
Gudebrod GX1	N/A	70	78	89	1	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
Gudebrod GX2	N/A	130	144	112	2	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
Gudebrod Kevlar	3/0	115	128	?	3.5	Kevlar
Gudebrod Nylon D	6/0	143	159	31	2.3	Polyester
Lagartun X Strong	N/A	75	83	16	1.2	Polyester
Lagartun X Strong	N/A	95	106	17	1.4	Polyester
Lagartun X Strong	N/A	150	167	32	1.9	Polyester
Lagartun XX Strong	N/A	50	56	?	?	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
Lagartun XX Strong	N/A	75	83	?	?	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
Lagartun XX Strong	N/A	100	111	?	?	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
Lagartun XX Strong	N/A	130	144	?	?	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
Marc Petitjean Split Second Thread	8/0	?	?	?	?	?
Pearsall's Gossamer Tying Silk	6/0	N/A	N/A	?	?	Natural Bombyx Silk
Pearsall's Marabou Floss Body Silk	?	N/A	N/A	?	?	Natural Bombyx Silk
Pearsall's Naples Silk	4/0	N/A	N/A	?	?	Natural Bombyx Silk
Pearsall's Stout Floss Body Silk	?	N/A	N/A	?	?	Natural Bombyx Silk
Roman Moser Power Silk	6/0	110	122	72	1.3	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
Roman Moser Power Silk	8/0	55	61	38	1.3	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
Sparton Fluorescent	N/A	162	180	32	?	Polyester
Sparton Macro	N/A	225	250	48	?	Polyester
Sparton Micro	N/A	72	80	20	?	Polyester
Sparton Professional	N/A	135	150	35	?	Polyester
UNI Big Fly Thread	N/A	400	444	100	3.5	Polyester
UNI Caenis	34/0	20	22	3	1.7	Nylon monofilament
UNI Cord 12/0 GSP	12/0	50	56	39	0.9	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
UNI Cord 7/0 GSP	7/0	100	111	89	1.4	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
UNI Cord 8/0 GSP	8/0	75	83	68	?	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
UNI Flexx	N/A	1620	1800	?	?	Spandex
UNI Floss	N/A	600	667	44	?	Polyester
UNI Kevlar	N/A	200	222	134	?	Kevlar
UNI Micro Tinsel 3/0	6/0	215	239	44	?	Tinsel
UNI Micro Tinsel 6/0	3/0	135	150	17	?	Tinsel
UNI Mono Thread Fine	N/A	?	?	22	4	Nylon monofilament
UNI Mono Thread Medium	N/A	?	?	59	6	Nylon monofilament
UNI Nylon 210	N/A	210	233	53	2	Nylon multifilament
UNI Nylon 70	N/A	70	78	15	?	Nylon multifilament
UNI Stretch	N/A	270	300	53	?	Polyester
UNI Thread 1/0 Neon Fluorescent	1/0	234	260	35	?	Polyester
UNI Thread 3/0	3/0	220	244	32	?	Polyester
UNI Thread 6/0	6/0	130	144	29	2.9	Nylon multifilament
UNI Thread 8/0	8/0	72	80	15	2	Polyester
UNI Thread A+	N/A	315	350	48	?	Polyester
UNI Trico 17/0	17/0	40	44	5	2	Polyester
UNI Yarn	N/A	436	484	34	?	Polyester
Virtual Nymph Dyneema	12/0	?	?	96	?	?
WAPSI GSP 100	N/A	100	111	111	1.2	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
WAPSI GSP 50	N/A	50	56	37	0.8	Gel Spun Polypropylene (GSP)
WAPSI UTC 140	N/A	140	156	44	1.6	Nylon multifilament
WAPSI UTC 210	N/A	210	233	53	3.2	Nylon multifilament
WAPSI UTC 280	N/A	280	311	62	2.7	Nylon multifilament
WAPSI UTC 70	N/A	70	78	13	1.1	Nylon multifilament

John Cranfield- an unusual “fly”

Some of you may recall John and his quest for flies for mahseer fishing. He is fortunate to be able to indulge in all sorts of exotic fishing and his latest efforts are chasing permit. He writes as follows:

Hello Roy,

Your saltwater men might find this of interest. It is prototype no 5 and hooked a big permit on its first (and last) outing ... fish, flyline and about 50 yards of backing cut off in coral. The upper part of the body is buoyant and the split shot ensures the fly swims in the correct sense. The fly can be chucked 70 feet without difficulty as weight and aerodynamic drag are balanced about right.

Regards to Richard F.

Cheers - John



Mantis karadesi



The kill tying

ENTRIES FOR OUTINGS

Despite Paul's efforts to get everyone to let him (or the individual organizer) know by 16th April what events they would be entering - or at least those which they might enter, subject to the inevitable clash of holidays, etc – there are still some which are undersubscribed. Please let the organizer know as soon as possible of your intentions, as otherwise it may be necessary to cancel if there does not appear to be sufficient support.

Get your diaries out and note the dates from our programme – and then tell someone!!

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT LINES

Good Company

At the end of March your committee and other Guild activists had their annual day out fishing together and once again I realised what good company they are. Most of my fishing is done on my own so these outings are really appreciated by me.

For those of you who have not attended one of our outings I can thoroughly recommend them. Do not be put off by thinking you are not a good enough angler to join in. There are some very good fly fishermen in the Guild but many, like me, are pretty competent at hooking trees, getting tangles, choosing the wrong fly and anything else that makes actually catching fish more infrequent and more interesting.

What makes these outings special is the cheerful companionship of friends joining together in an activity that we think of as being rather special. So don't be shy. Come and join us!

P.S. Don't forget to renew your rod licence.

Tight lines

John Plowman.

Ben Fitch

*Ben, one of our members, sends this message.
Let's back him up!!*

I am taking part in the Three Peaks Challenge from 4th-6th September 2009 to raise money for Meningitis Trust and I would love your help to ensure that I raise as much money as possible for a very important cause.

It's easy to sponsor me online by credit or debit card - just go to my Justgiving page:

<http://www.justgiving.com/benjaminfitch>

Justgiving sends your donation straight to Meningitis Trust and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you're a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more. I hope you'll join me in supporting Meningitis Trust.

A HUGE Thank you.

Ben Fitch

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