

THE BACKCAST



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Wednesday-July 5th, at 6:30

**BFFA Club Meeting
at the Italian American Club
1471 Cypress Ave
Melbourne**

Important reminder to everyone that our next meeting will **not** be on Tuesday due to that being July 4th but instead it will be on **Wednesday, July 5th**.

Our July 5th speaker will be Bob Clouser, creator of the famed Clouser Minnow fly pattern. Bob is the innovator of many fine fly patterns, all of which have gained worldwide popularity. His flies include The Clouser Minnow, The Half and Half, Clouser Crayfish, Swimming Nymph, Crippled Minnow, Mad Tom, The Darter, Hellgrammite, E-Z Popper, Floating Minnow and many others. Bob's Clouser Minnow is claimed to be the most effective underwater fly ever developed, rated as #1 by Field and Stream Magazine. He has designed a fly line (The Clouser Taper) manufactured by Cortland that makes casting heavy wind-resistant fly patterns a dream to cast. He is on the advisory staff for Temple Fork Outfitters and has designed a line of rods (Clouser Series Fly Rods) with Temple Fork Outfitters. He is also on the staff of Rainy's Flies Inc. and Renzetti Inc.

Bob has been presented numerous awards for his strong conservation work, especially work done to enhance smallmouth bass fishing in Pennsylvania. Most notable among his awards are his induction into the national Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame as Legendary Angler induction into the Catskill Fly Fishing Hall of Fame in 2009, the Warm Water Committee Achievement Award, a national award presented by The Federation of Fly Fishers, the Dr. Henshall Award presented by The Federation of Fly Fishers, and National Angler of the Year 2000 by Fly Rod and Reel Magazine. He is a strong supporter of recreational fishing as well as conservation. He was awarded the 1995 Conservation Award of the Year, presented by the Susquehanna Smallmouth Alliance, and in 1997 the Charles K. Fox Rising Trout Conservation Award, presented by the Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Lately Bob has been helping with the Brevard County 4-H fly fishing classes for 4-H enrolled youth 12 to 18 which our club is helping to sponsor. The following two pictures show Bob instructing one of the 4-H attendees on casting principles using the rope on the lawn method. In the other picture is Ron Winn instructing are pictures of Bob instructing some of the other attendees on casting.

Bob Clouser teaching some of the attendees on flyline casting.



Ron Winn showing attendees casting techniques



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Ramblings and other news

We recently had our first knot tying session with the 4-H group led by Gus Koerner, Program Assistant 4-H Youth Development. The next event is fly casting on July 1st. The rest of the schedule is here as well. If anyone is interested in helping, get in touch with Frank Catino and let him know.

The day/time of the next fly casting event is Saturday, July 1st from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. The activities can be adjusted from the below designations, depending on how well the program progresses. We may be adding in rigging of the fly line to the butt leader and then continuing down the leader sections to the fly itself. Once again that will depend on the progress of the kids themselves.

The location for casing is at the Dr. Robert A. Anderson Park in Rockledge 1220 Pluckebaum Rd, Rockledge, FL 32955. It is at the corner of Clearlake Road and Pluckebaum Road.

Saturday, June 3—Casting instruction
Thursday, June 15---Knots and fly tying
Saturday, July 1---Casting instruction/Fishing
Thursday July 13th---Knots and fly tying
Saturday, August 5th—Casting instructions/Fishing

If you have some spare time and want to help in these activities above, feel free to attend.



Fly Tying with Jeff Ward

July's fly is a Congo Baitfish Fly

Recipe:

Hook: FTD ST5500 #2/0

Thread: Mono or 210 White

Back: Congo Baitfish Minnow Back Steel

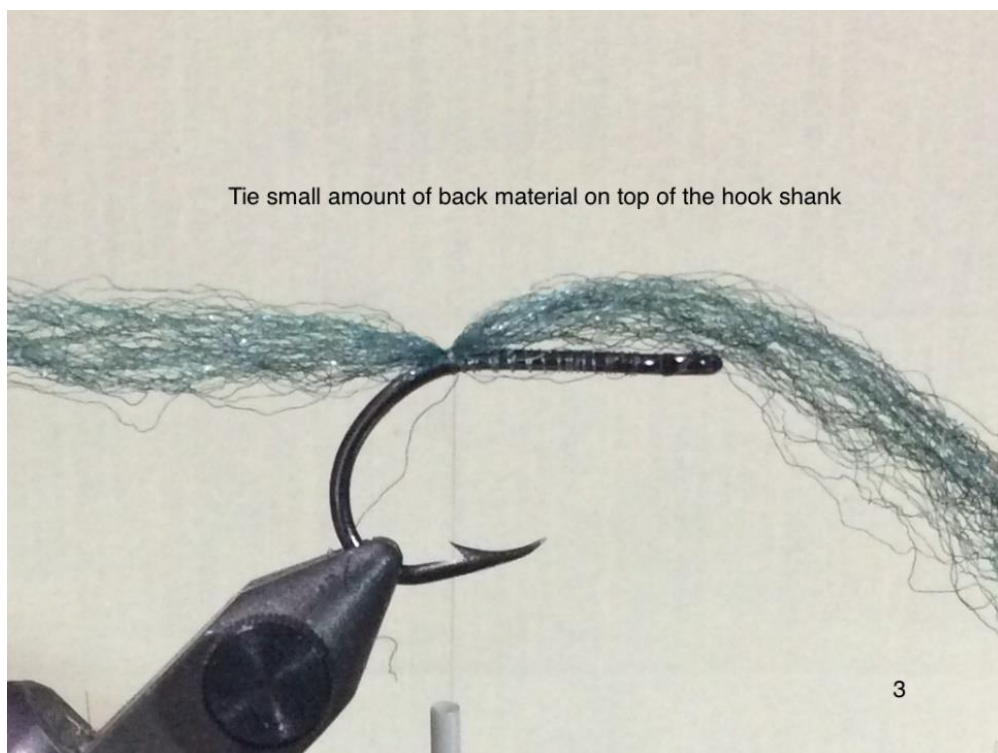
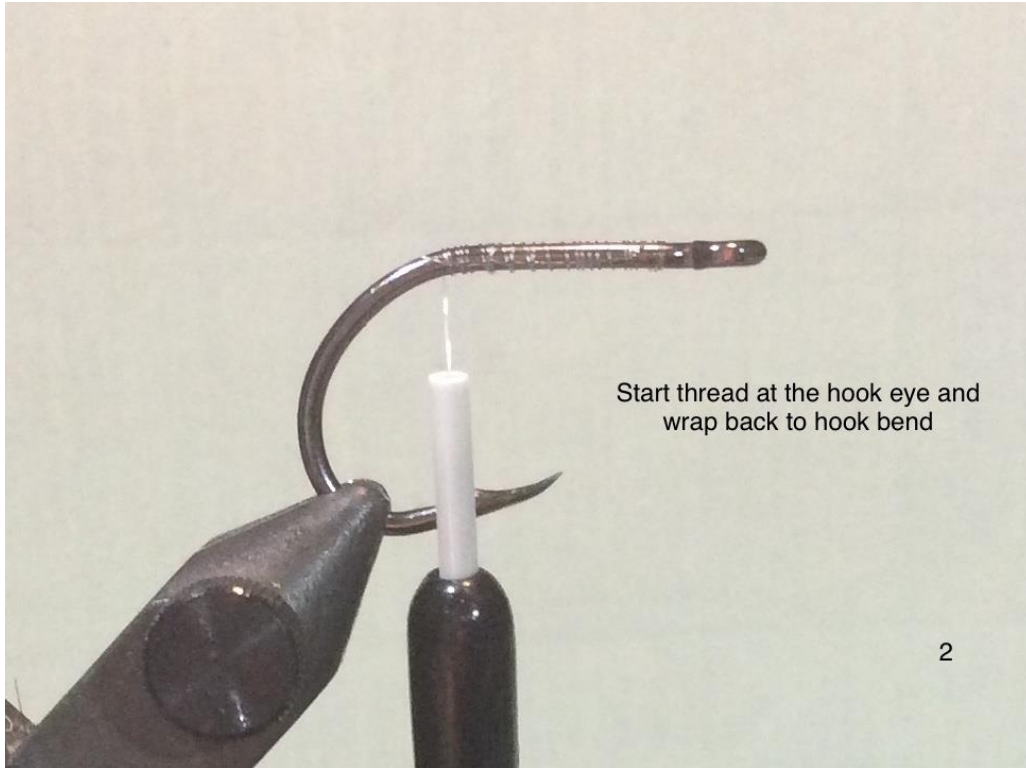
Belly: Congo Baitfish Gray Shinner

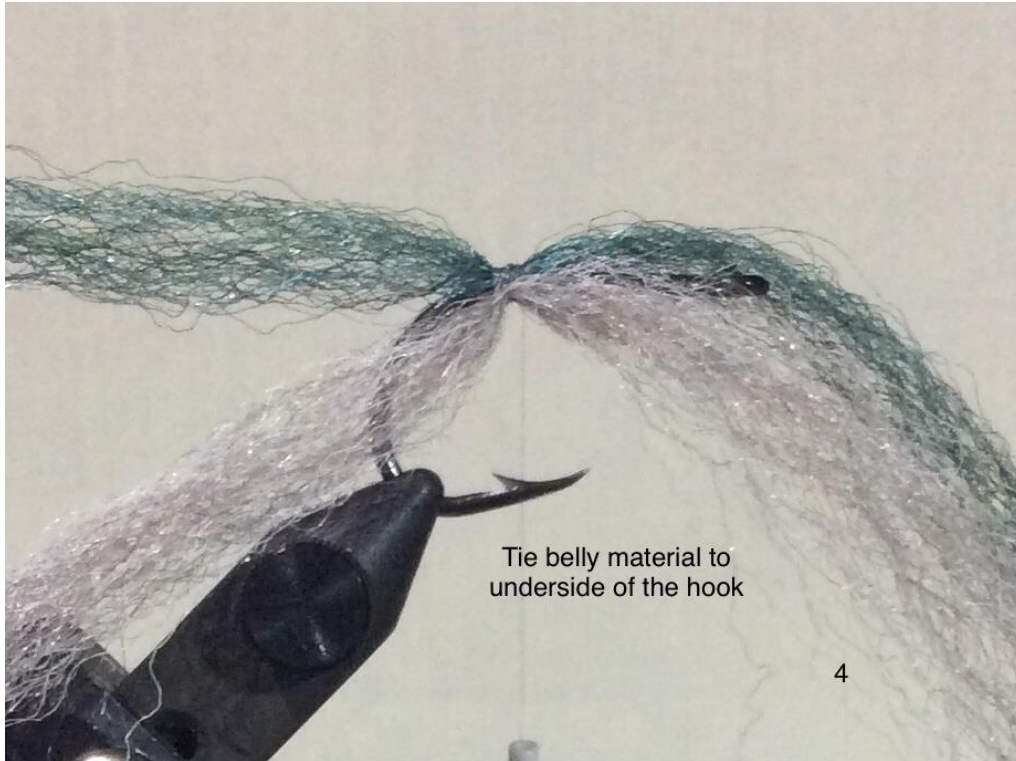
Spine: Shimmer Fringe Blue

Eyes: 8mm Silver

Pics 1-3







Tie belly material to
underside of the hook

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Pull back material and tie down
Repeat back and belly ties up to the eye
of the hook

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BFFA July 2023 Events

Monthly Dinner Meeting:

July 5th at 6:30
Italian American Club—
1471 Cypress Ave. Melbourne

Fly Tying:

Melbourne Library
July 17th at 6:00 pm

Outings:

Nothing scheduled

Board Meeting:

July 11th 5:00 meet at Ron Winn's office
2103 Grant Place Melbourne
All members are welcome to join. We typically
eat at Megs first and then rejoin at Ron's office
around 6:00



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