

Flies of the Month – Thanks to Bob Olach – He'll be glad to answer any questions at the meeting.



The Killer Bugs (top) use red colored copper wire and “Killer Bug Yarn” obtained from the UK (I couldn't find any similar US-made yarns), on size 12 and 14 hooks. The copper wire on the Killer Bugs is tied from the hook bend up towards the eye and then back down the hook shank towards the bend of the hook. The KB yarn is then wound three times on the hook shank, starting at the eye to the bend; back towards the hook eye; and then wound back to the bend where it's tied off. From the information I can find, this is the same way that Frank Sawyer tied his Killer Bugs (except he used Chadwick's 477 yarn which is no longer available.) Although it's my understanding that Frank Sawyer used only wire with pheasant or goose feathers, I prefer to use black thread to tie in the wires (gold on the PT and silver on the GG) and use peacock herl (green for the PT and black for the GG) for the thorax area.

Killer Bug - Hook: #12 - #14 Wet Fly or Nymph hook (top pair of flies)

Body: “Killer Bug Yarn” (from the UK) three shank wraps.

Wire: Red colored copper wire – two shank wraps

Grey Goose Nymph - Hook: #12 - #18 Wet Fly or Nymph hook (middle pair of flies)

Thread: Black Pearsall Gossamer Silk

Ribbing: fine silver wire

Tail / Body & Wingcase: Dark Gray Canada Goose Wing Feather

Thorax: Black Peacock Herl

Pheasant Tail Nymph - Hook: #12 - #18 Wet Fly or Nymph hook (bottom pair of flies)

Thread: Brown, Black or Orange Pearsall Gossamer Silk

Ribbing: fine gold / brass wire

Tail / Body & Wingcase: Ringneck Pheasant Tail Feather

Thorax: Natural (green) Peacock Herl