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# Flylines



*The newsletter of the Black Hills Flyfishers*

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## Feb. Meeting In NH A Fly To Tie

The BHFF will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Clyde Ice cabin, across I-90 from the Spearfish Airport.

The program? It's going to be a good one. Bob McDowell of the Wyoming Fish & Game Department will present a program on Sand Creek, the phenomenally productive fishery just over the Wyoming border.

This promises to be an outstanding program, particularly for those of you in the Northern Hills. Be there!

### Dues Still Due, Dude

This is the first of what will be a long line of harassments to pay your dues. If your name on this mailing's label is colored red, our records show that you are a distinguished angler who realizes that supporting local conservation projects is important. If your label is in black, well, let's just say I won't sic the telemarketers on you yet. Please pay your dues. \$15 gets it done. \$35 for the contributor level. A dues form is included on the back of this letter.

### Other News and Notes

1. **The Powder River Flycasters** of Gillette called to announce that Ed Engel will present a program at 9 a.m., Feb. 16, at the Campbell County Public Library. Based in Colorado, Ed is a well-known guide, fly-tyer, and fishing buddy of John Gierach and A.K. Best. Among other topics, Ed will discuss tail-water fisheries. A \$15 donation is requested.

2. **The BHFF will host** West Yellowstone's Bob Jacklin as our nationally-known BIG SPEAKER of the year. Details will follow, but this will be a great program. Bob is a certified master casting instructor, a gifted tyer, and an all-around good guy. Stay tuned for details on this informative and entertaining program.

3. **The Auction.** Why, it's going to be on April 20 at the Alex Johnson Hotel Ballroom in Rapid City. Put this one on your calendar. It's still early, but indications are this will be our best auction ever. We'll have a mountain of good stuff.

From the bench of Hans Stephenson

### The Infamous "Gurgler"

**Hook:** Bass fly hook sizes 1/0-10

**Thread:** 3/0 Brand and Color of your choice

**Tail:** Olive Grizzly, yellow, and white saddle hackles or Neer hair with a Krystal Flash accent

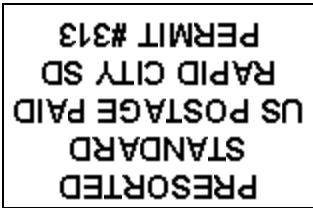
**Overbody/ Lip:** 2mm foam (Color of your choice)

**Body:** Estaz, with hackle palmered through it.

**Rib:** Stainless steel wire

#### Tying Instructions:

1. Attach your thread behind the eye of the hook, wrap back to the bend. This will create a nice thread base.
2. Tie in your tails. For the Neer Hair tail, follow these instructions: Tie in your roughly 8-10 strands Krystal Flash for your accent. Next, select a clump of Neer hair thick enough to match the size of hook you are using. Anchor the Neer Hair to the top of the hook. Do not clip of the access just above the tie in point, rather secure the Neer Hair down the length of the hook shank to about an eighth of an inch in front of the eye.
3. Wrap back to the tie in point of the accent and the tail. Tie in a piece of 2mm foam, approximately 3/8-1/2" wide and about 2 1/2-3" long, laying back over the tails. (It will be pulled over the body much like a giant wing case.)
4. Now tie in your estaz, rib, and hackle. Wrap the estaz forward to just behind the eye, and trim off the excess. Wrap your hackle through the estaz, tie off, and trim the excess. Next, wrap the rib through the body to protect the hackle from coming unwound. Trim the excess wire.
5. Pull the foam over the body, and secure initially with two or three loose wraps. Gently tighten the wraps to compress the foam. Be careful you can cut the foam.
6. Now take the foam that is extending over the eye of the hook and fold it back over and secure it with two to three thread wraps. The result should be a "popping lip" that extends over the front of the hook by about a quarter of an inch.
7. Whip finish, and fish.



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## Black Hills Flyfishers / Membership Application

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Dues payments are \$15 for a regular membership, and \$35 for a “contributor” membership. Please mail your payment to the Black Hills Flyfishers at the following address:

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*The fish thank you*

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