

2019 SOWBUG ROUNDUP FEATURED TYERS

Ralph Rhoades Thursday, March 28, 2019, 9 AM

Ralph started tying in 2005 using Jack Dennis's Western Trout Fly Tying Manual and VCR tape. Since then he has attended tying sessions in various fly shops, classes at the yearly Fly Fishers International Fair, and a class at Charlie Craven's Fly box taught by Charlie Craven. He enjoys teaching fly tying, helping with Boy Scouts, FFI High Plains Drifters Kid's Day, teaching a beginners class for Project Healing Waters, and demonstrating at the Fly Fishers International (FFI) Fair, the Denver Fly Fishing Show FFI Learning Center, Denver International Sportsmen's Expo, Southern Conference Conclave and at the Sowbug Roundup. His favorite trout flies are woven patterns, including Pott's Sandy Mite, Frizzle, and his other patterns, and woven Czech Nymphs. He also enjoys tying the Coachman family, wet flies, and the many BWO and Caddis flies used in Colorado. He recently started tying tenkara flies and a few steelhead patterns. He is a member of the High Plains Drifters FFI club in Denver CO, the FFI Fly tying Group, and Project Healing Water Fly Fishing - Denver.

John Shaner Thursday, March 28, 2019, 1 PM

John Shaner grew up in the Finger Lakes region of New York State and was fishing the Catskill Rivers as soon as he could drive. Over the years he has fished widely in the U.S. as well as England, Central America, and Florida. His first interest was Catskill style flies, but in the past 20 years his interest has been in "Spiders" or as Americans call them, "Soft Hackles". He is a traditionalist in his use of materials and prefers to use natural silk, fur, and feathers. His "library" is primarily focused on books detailing the development of trout flies and tying techniques but branches into most other aspects of fly fishing as well, especially the history of the sport. He has a wide range of experience in fly fishing, including managing fly shops, guiding, and sales representative for Orvis and Cortland. Since 2008 He has been associated with Hardy of Alnwick, England. Currently, He holds the position of Accounts Manager, Eastern Fly Fishing Business, for Pure Fishing, the parent company of Hardy, Fenwick, Pflueger, and Hodgman. He is a member of The Anglers' Club of New York, The Fly Fishers' Club of London, The Theodore Gordon Fly Fishers, The Fly Fishers' Club of Harrisburg, The IFFF, and TU, as well as a Trustee of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum. Currently he lives in southern New York State, just a few minutes from the Beaverkill and West Branch of the Delaware River.

Stack Scoville Friday, March 29, 2019 9 AM

Stack Scoville was born and reared in Middle Tennessee, fly fishing and, especially, fly dressing (tying), would not be hobbies usually associated with the area. His fly fishing journey and fly dressing passion had its origins in summer vacations in the Colorado Rockies. Eventually, the creative aspects of fly dressing superseded the utilitarian aspects of the craft. After dressing scores of Western trout flies, he explored bass and panfish flies, as well as the occasional saltwater patterns. Ultimately, his energies were directed toward the “holy grail” of fly dressing, the Classic Victorian Salmon Flies. After several years of collecting materials, research and tutelage by some of the most well known fly dressers (many with international stature), he embarked on this adventure. The quest for the “perfectly” dressed classic is, indeed, as elusive as the Holy Grail! As an Interventional Cardiologist, the drive for perfection guides him in his vocation as well as in his avocation. Stack has been fortunate enough to have written a book chapter describing various techniques for mounting wings on classic Atlantic salmon flies, as well as numerous magazine articles. He has had photographs of his flies appear in several books and in a national ad for a Daiichi Hooks. He has won awards for fly dressing from the Fly Anglers on Line Competition and from the Irish International Fly Tying Competition. Stack has been an invited fly dresser and lecturer at numerous national and international symposia and fishing fairs. Flies which I have donated to charities have raised thousands of dollars for worthy causes.

Rick Takahashi Friday, March 29, 2019 1 PM

Rick Takahashi has been tying flies for 65 years and his resume includes extensive educational experience in several areas outside of fly tying. His story is best told by himself. “I love to bring others into the realm of fly fishing. I am a demonstration fly tier and have tied at local and regional venues such as the *Denver Fly Show*, *West Denver Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Clinic*, *International Sportsmen Exhibition*, *Federation of Fly Fisherman Conclave* and at various regional fly shops near Denver. I have presented programs on Midge Fly Fishing, Fly Fishing Terrestrials, midge and terrestrial fly tying in Texas, Wisconsin and New Mexico. I have been an an illustrator and contributor to *Fly Fisherman Magazine*. My art has been used for the *Federation of Fly Fisherman Conclave*. I am a fly designer for *Umpqua Feather Merchants*. I have had several articles published in *Fly Fisherman Magazine* as well as some illustrations. My fly patterns have appeared in Randall Kaufmann’s book “*Fly Patterns*”, “*Fly Fishing Rocky Mountain National Park* by Steve Schwitzer, Landon Mayers “*Colorado’s Best Fly Fishing*”, Pat Dorsey’s “*Colorado Guide Flies*,” Todd Hosman’s book “*Colorado Flies*”, Bruce Staples “*Flies for the Greater Yellowstone Area*”, and *Chris Santella’s Hatch is On*.

I wrote my first book “*Modern Midges, Tying and Fishing the World’s Most Effective Pattern*” Stackpole/Headwater Books. Our book has done well, we are into

our third printing. My second book titled *“Modern Terrestrials, Tying and Fishing the World’s Most Effective Pattern”* deals with some of the more updated terrestrials from around the world. My goal has always been to share with others all of the various aspects of fly fishing and fly tying “it’s the teacher in myself that wants to share knowledge.” My third book has just been published this November 1, 2018 and it is titled *“The Fly Tying Artist, Creative Patterns for Common Hatches”*.

I am on the Pro Staff of Whiting Farms, CSIarez UV Resins, Daiichi Hooks, Flymen Fish Co., Semperfli, The Finest Fly Tying Benches, Canadian Llama and Force Fly Fishing; I have done some consulting work with C and F Designs in Japan. I have presented a program on Midge Fly Fishing to various conclaves and TU organizations in New Mexico, Texas and Wisconsin. I did a couple of podcasts on Ask About Fly Fishing on the subject of Midge Fly Fishing and Terrestrial Fly Fishing and will be doing a podcast on my new book “The Fly Tying Artist, Creative Patterns for Common Hatches (<http://www.askaboutflyfishing.com/speakers/rick-takahashi/midge-secrets.cfm>). I am a fly designer for UMPQUA Feather Merchants.

I am a retired art educator and former Art Department Chairperson at Rocky Mountain High School, Fort Collins, Colorado. I teach private fly tying courses and make my home in Timnath, Colorado with my wife Susan, daughter Haley and son Josh.”

Kyle Hand Saturday, March 30, 2019 9 AM

Kyle is a well known fly tier from Fort Worth, Texas. He is known for his beautiful Classic and Freestyle salmon flies, but he is also very adept at tying Classic bass and streamer flies as well. His work is very well known and respected world wide and he is in constant demand to tie flies at many shows. Kyle cut his teeth, so to speak, tying dry flies for many shops in the Rocky Mountain west in the ‘80’s and ‘90’s while living in Colorado. While he doesn’t tie commercially anymore, he spends most of his time chasing grandkids and creating at the vise.

Davy Wotton Saturday, March 30, 2019 1 PM

Davy Wotton is well known in the fly fishing community his teaching, guiding, and fly tying skills. He relocated to the Mountain Home area a number of years ago from Wales in the United Kingdom and brought with him a wealth of knowledge about fly tying materials, fly fishing equipment and tactics, and, of course, fly tying. He developed the SLF product line and has published many fly fishing and fly tying articles, as well a several fine DVD’s. Davy fly fished competitively around Europe for some years and also was successful as a professional banjo picker. Davy will first demonstrate the art of tying winged wet flies and soft hackles. This will be followed by a demonstration showing how to tie many different very effective caddis fly patterns.

