

# BOUNCING BETTY



The next fly tying session will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo on Tuesday, March 28th at 6:30. Jim Snodgrass will demonstrate how to tie the Bouncing Betty, a fly he discovered from an article featured in the California Trout Magazine. Ralph and Lisa Cutter wrote the article on the Bouncing Betty that was created after the couple searched the Madison River for a lost anchor. The anchor was never found, but they did discover a large number of stonefly nymphs hiding under the boulders in a very swift river. They watched the black nymphs, from a one-quarter to two inches in length, jettison from the riverbed and pondered how to make a nymph fly that sinks like their lost anchor...thus the creation of the Bouncing Betty began.

The designers of the Bouncing Betty had to create a large nymph that would sink to the bottom in fast, 6-to-10-foot-deep water before it was sucked downstream. In addition, it had to be cheap and simple to tie, primarily because if it is designed to bounce among the boulders in swift water, it will frequently be lost to snags. No use spending a lot of time and expensive material for a fly that may be lost forever. Come to the March 28<sup>th</sup> fly tying session and learn the secrets of the Bouncing Betty.

Jim plans to try this fly on the Lower Sac, the Pit River, and Hat Creek this September. This will be the true test of the Bouncing Betty in those fast waters.

All materials will be supplied, but be sure and bring your own thread...black UNI 3/0, 6/0 or 8/0. The following are the material that will be used for the Bouncing Betty:

## **MATERIALS:**

Thread	-	Black UNI 3/0 (6/0 or 8/0 will work)
Hook	-	Tiemco 2457, size 8 to 18
Bead	-	Black Tungsten
Lead	-	.020 to .035 Lead Wire
Wings	-	White Goose or Turkey Biots
Collar	-	Brown Hareline Ice Dub

## **BOUNCING BETTY ARTICLE:**

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