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# FLY OF THE MONTH

## Norb's Peacock Bodied, Olive Bugger with Red Ribs

Photo and recipe by Norb Spitzer, notes by Lucky Ketcham, April 4, 2007

- Hook:** Tiemco 5263, 3X long streamer hook, Size #10
- Underbody:** Before applying thread, wind 6-8 turns of .020 lead just behind the head of the hook
- Thread:** Black 6/0
- Tail:** Olive Marabou topped by 6-8 strands of chartreuse Krystal flash. Don't try to spread it out, let it just ride on top and blend into the marabou.
- Body:** Peacock 3 or 4 strands. (Variation - green chenille with copper rib)
- Hackle:** Grizzly dyed olive, or olive
- Rib:** Medium red wire counter-wound through the hackle. Use relatively close turns, then carry the wire through the hackle and wind around the head, covering it completely. Ultra Wire by Wapsi is coated copper wire in several sizes and colors.
- Head:** Red wire wrapped over thread.



**S**imple size-10 Olive Woolly Buggers, dark olive and light olive, have been go to flies on Miramar Reservoir for the past two weeks. This variation shared by Norb Spitzer has been particularly attractive to the large Nebraska Rainbows. Norb has been fishing it as a single or in tandem with a green attractor, using a Teeny T200 sinking line, 1X, 3X or 4X -Fluorocarbon tippet. In the early morning and evening when fish were feeding on the surface he used the clear Camo intermediate sink line. If he did not catch 24 fish per day something was wrong. He also used a small black Seal Bugger, a black Pistol Pete and lately a Paul's Special. An Orange Crystal bugger fished in a slow or dead drift was a good choice for some of our members. It has also been a great fly for Norb on the Gunnison River.

**Instructions:** Pinch the barb and mount a 3X long streamer hook in the vise. Wrap 6 to 8 turns of .020 lead just behind the eye of the hook. Attach the 6/0 black thread behind the lead wraps. **Lead Technique** - Make a small bump of thread at the rear of the lead and then loosely spiral the thread to the front. Make another thread dam to keep the

thread from spreading the lead coils. Now you can wrap a thread layer over the lead coils to make a thread cocoon. Continue making an even thread base to the point above the barb. **Tip** - Always coat lead with head cement to prevent oxidation and white powder in your fly box. Lead oxide is a poison and it will discolor some of your flies. Select a small clump of dark olive marabou and size it to be one hook shank length. Attach at the rear of the hook with two soft pinch wraps. Adjust the length if necessary and then wrap with tight turns. Keep the marabou quills on top of the hook shank. **Tip:** To make a body without bumps do not trim the marabou at the tail, run the quills all the way to the start of the head. Trim it off two or three eye widths back from the eye. **Tip:** You have to plan for a clean space for the head - do not crowd the eye. Bring the thread to the bend. Select three or four strands of Chartreuse green Krystal-flash the length of the hook and tail. Place the center of the flash at the bend of the hook and secure with three tight turns. Keep on top of the tail, not to each side. Fold the forward ends of the flash back and wrap thread over the bend. It is best to use this folded material lock technique on slip-

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pery materials like flash. Attach three inches of red Wapsi Ultra Wire at the bend and pull to the rear. Attach an olive or olive dyed grizzly saddle hackle by the stem, shiny side forward, (wet fly style) and pull to the rear. Attach three or four peacock herl by the tips and marry to the thread. **Tip:** Wrap one turn around the rear of the wire and the hackle. It will keep the wire or hackle from slipping off the back of a fat bodied fly. Wrap the peacock rope forward in touching turns stopping at the rear of the clear head space. Secure with three tight turns and trim excess. Palmer the

hackle forward with 5 or 6 turns. Secure and trim. The red wire makes this fly special. Counter wrap it in the opposite direction of the hackle wraps. Norb adds weight and color to this fly with several wraps of thread at the bend and then closer than normal wraps crossing over the hackle stem for security. Continue wrapping the wire up onto the thread head. It produces the effect of a red bead and gives more weight. Secure behind the eye, trim excess wire and whip finish just behind the eye. Apply two or three coats of thin head cement and you are done.



# Annual Raffle Set for June 4th



**O**ur Annual Raffle and Silent Auction is only a few weeks away, **Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**. We will have our usual treasure trove of fly rods, reels, vises, fly tying material, books, art and trips. For those who would like to donate new or barely used equipment, please contact **Jim Tenuto**, in the evenings. Also, for those so inclined, a gift certificate from Stroud's Tackle always makes a nice donation.

As always, we will be donating our proceeds to worthy, local fly-fishing groups and associations. Our gifts in the past have included **California Trout, Chula Vista Nature Center, Otay Lakes Children's programs, and Abraxas Fishing Program.**

The raffle is a great time, so even if you are not a regular meeting participant come down, see old friends, cart away your prizes! And it's an opportunity to watch the Master of Ceremonies, **Bill Stroud**, wield a microphone, tell some jokes, and move things along in a proper military fashion!

Watch the June *Finny Facts* for a list of prizes.

Tickets will be mailed to all club members on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. They will be on sale at the May meeting as well, and you can pick up extra tickets at Stroud's.

*Jim Tenuto*

