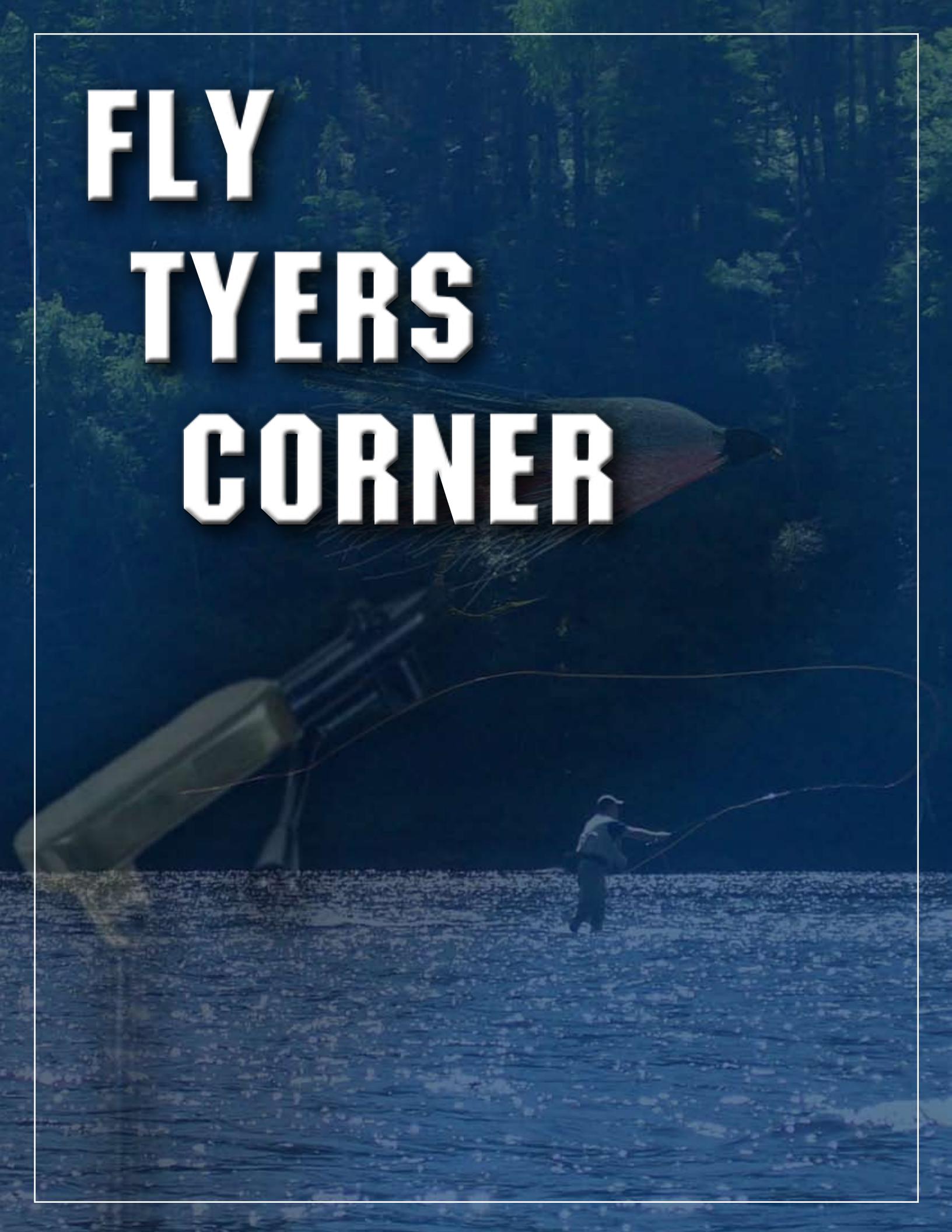


FLY TYERS CORNER



Dry Flies on Tube

innovative fly design

By Jester Fohrmann

Flies tied on big single hooks do not float well and you lose a lot of fish on big hooks. Innovative fly design from Danish salmon anglers solves these problems. Team up with gillie and fly-tier Jesper Fohrmann and learn a few tricks from the other side of the pond.



Tube Bomber™
New generation dry fly

For years I fished this tiny spot – far out in a big wild river. It was just a little glassy bit of water. I used a seven foot rod with a number seven line and I had to fight the elements just to get the fly in position. I used big single hook Bombers and the sheer impact of the fly hitting the water left it semi-sunk. The drag of the line would do the rest and soon the Bomber was non-floating.

For some time I worked on flies tied with cork and foam. I even made a fly on an air field cylinder—none of which were very successful. I returned to the traditional Bomber patterns but started tying them on tubes to bring down weight. I immediately had success and could now build huge Bombers with no considerable weight that would stay on top and could be fitted with a short shank hook.

When hooking up with salmon the fly would disconnect from the hook and move freely on the leader. There was no longer the leverage problems I was getting with the flies on big single hooks. Flies would also live longer as they no longer where clutched in the jaws of the fish.

Monster Tube Caddis™ *A super pattern for salmon*

The caddis family is a large group of water insects that comes in all sizes —some specimens being more than 20



One big female salmon and one small male resting in the eye of the pool. From my experience more than one fish and preferably more than two is better -- not only because more fish is advantageous, but because the chemistry of the fish seems to alter when more than two fish is near. The presence of a big female salmon is always positive and will often draw attention from other fish.

mm. (not including the antennas)

The adult caddis and its larva are present at the river from spring to late autumn and the behaviors and emergence of these critters has an unmistakable impact on the growing salmon and is a clear-cut cornerstone in the world of fly fishing for salmon.

The Monster Tube Caddis was created during a warm spell in the summer of 1995 where my local salmon river was packed with caddis of the Limnephilidae family. Some of

the adult salmon were acting much like the resident trout and kept rising to the stream of floating insects and a precise imitation was called upon. The caricature like: Monster Tube Caddis™ soon proved to be a good dry fly pattern – with an exclusive ability to draw big fish to the top.

A flat belly on this large dry fly ensured erratic and nervous movements and multiple long whiskers from rabbit gave the fly the final touch of something very much alive. ►►



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A 10 kg salmon the author caught on the tube bomber



Author with a bright summer fish that fell to a tube bomber ►►

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How to tie a tube fly on



Slide fly onto the leader



Tie on a hook and cut back the nylon snip to a minimum. Here we have tied on a short shank wide gap Owner 50188 # 2



Enter the eye of the hook into the hook rest - making sure to get the whole knot inside the tubing.



Position the hook as you desire

For More Information

To get more ideas on flies and surface fishing in general visit the homepage Jesper Fohrmann has on the subject go to:

www.fishmadman.com



Tying on a Tube Bomber



Heat the tube in one end, to form a tiny collar



Fix a small tube to a needle. Tie down a hook-guard - this is a second softer tube of larger diameter that connects to the tube the fly is tied on and in which sits the eventual hook eye. (In this case silicon tube.) Tie in a length of 0.04 Fireline (gel-spun poly ethylene or GSP) to use as rib later in the process. This is light, super strong, tying thread (ask your supplier about it).



Tie in a bunch of hair from a quality calf tail. Add strands of Mylar. The Mylar strands will help you keep track of the fly in low light and fast water.



Tie in two quality hackles. Add another bobbin holder with 0.04 Fireline to use in the following job. Add drops of Superglue to the tie down of wing and tail.



Tie down sections of deer body hair. Make sure to tighten each section securely with the Fireline.



Add all sections and finish up the Fireline with a couple of hitches.



Trim the deer body hair to a cigar-shaped style with your scissors or a razor blade. Add a little hump of fly tying tread to make the wing stand slightly upward.



Run the hackles down the deer hair body ensuring that the stem of the hackle gets inside the deer hair structure. Run the Fireline ribbing upwards through the body and hackles. Secure and whip-finish. Trim any excess material and add a drop of super-glue to the head.

Get the tube

For many anglers in Europe tube flies will be their first choice. Tube flies are easy to make and are very versatile in use. Possibilities are many and disadvantages are few.