



ANGLERPROFILE



Munn's Flies

FUN OF THE FAIR

Stevie Munn has chosen flies from some of the tyers who will be at this year's Irish Fly Fair.

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As this is the November issue of Irish Angler and November is the month of The Irish Fly Fair and International Angling Show, Ireland's greatest fly fishing show, held in the Galway Bay Hotel on the 9-10th, I have decided not to write about flies from my fishing experiences, but instead this I've picked flies from just three of the many great fly dressers that are coming to demonstrate their art at the event. So as I did in the past the fly dressers names went into a hat – there are around 60 of them – and I pulled out just three names and asked them would they kindly forward me a fly each that they loved.

The first name I picked was Leif Ehnstrom from Sweden. Leif is a fantastic fly dresser who has given demonstrations at many shows all over the world although this is the first time he has ever come to Ireland to dress flies for the Irish anglers. I really like his patterns and know they will work on trout in rivers and loughs.

The second name I picked was Dougie Loughridge from Scotland. Dougie is one of my mates. I first met him at the Dutch fly fair a few years ago when he was tying and I was giving fly casting demos. Dougie is also a fellow member of the Partridge Pro Team. He fishes for anything that

swims but is best known for his pike fishing, pike flies and saltwater flies, which what he will be showing at the event.

Last but not least, I drew from the hat my old friend Roy Christie, also a member of the Partridge Pro Team. I met Roy at the British Fly Fair many years ago. He lived in England for a long time where he fished the chalk streams for trout and grayling but now he has returned to his birthplace Co Antrim, where he grew up beside a small stream. He has been designing flies to match trout food for nearly 50 years. Roy loves wading a small stream, fishing with surface emergers. His flies are reversed parachute emergers, which he's developed over the last 40 years or so. They are great takers of trout.

I hope you like the patterns as much as me. There are many a great fly dressers from all over the world coming to show so I hope you will come to meet them. It's going to be excellent show if you're into fly fishing or even fishing in general, so please come along and support the show. Why not make a weekend of it? You will not be disappointed. This year it will be bigger and better than ever. I will be adding other patterns from some of the other great fly dressers in the coming months.

Tight lines!



Leif dresses the abdomen so it is wider nearer to the hook bend and then thins off towards the thorax. This fantastic caddis pupa imitation is marvellous on rivers and should also work well for trout on stillwaters and loughs. On the weighed cast

THE SUPA PUPA (LEIF EHNSTROM)

Hook: Partridge Klinkhamer 12-16

Abdomen: Supa Suede from Deer Creek

Wing buds: Burnt J-son generic wing

Thorax: SLF and squirrel dubbing

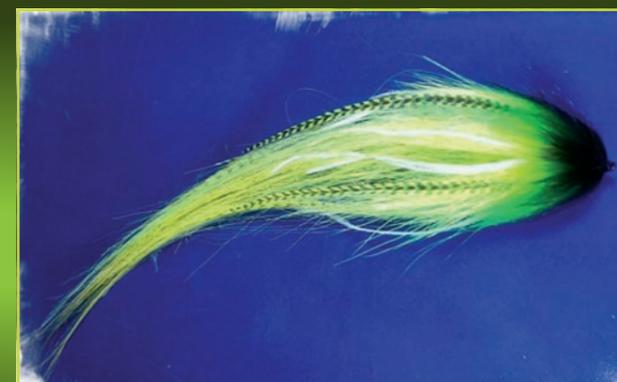
Legs: Hen saddle

Eyes: Burnt Amnesia line

Antennae: Elk hair

'THIS FANTASTIC CADDIS PUPA IMITATION IS MARVELLOUS ON RIVERS.'

the Supa Suede gives the fly a fine hairy look. If you cure it in floatant, it will shine like silver under the water making it even more deadly. One I can't wait to try out next season!



This is one of Dougie Loughridge's favourite pike flies. Pike fly-fishing is a saviour for me in the closed game fishing season and a great way to prevent cabin fever. If you've never tried fly-fishing for pike give it a go – you'll love it from the moment

PIKE TUBE (DOUGIE LOUGHRIDGE)

Hook: 4/0 Partridge Universal Predator X

Stinger hook: Partridge Intruder Z4

(on tube) Chartreuse Bucktail

Chartreuse & Yellow Big Fly Fiber

Polar Pony

Chartreuse Grizzle hackles

White Ostrich herl

Pearl Lateral Scale Flash

UV flash

Chartreuse/black Tanuki Finn Raccoon

that you feel the first surge of power down the fly line to the final cartwheel jump. Get out there and do it!



REVERSED PARACHUTE EMERGER (ROY CHRISTIE)

Hook: Partridge 15BN size to match natural

Thread: Pearsall's silk

Tail: Cock hackle fibres

Rib: Wire rib for strength

Body: Home dyed fur mix

Hackle: Cock hackle parachuted outside the gape, opposite the barb

'IT HAS PROVEN HIGHLY EFFECTIVE ACROSS THE WORLD AS A SEARCH FLY.'

Roy Christie is well known for his unique perspective on fly design. He visualises trout food from a trout's eye perspective, draws that image according to the attitude of the insect in or on the water then, using these drawings he designs his flies to mimic specific insects using home dyed materials. His favoured small stream design, the Reversed Parachute Emerger, is constructed to hang the body of the artificial through the surface and sink the last foot of tippet. It has proven highly effective across the world as a search fly and as

a specific imitation. Besides this design he will be demonstrating his many radical presentations like the Easy Peasy USD, his upside down dry fly, the Flat Spent Spinner and his Copper Wire Hare's Ear, a variant of the Sawyer PTN which he ties at the riverside to minimise tackle and match the hatch locally as it changes. Christie has been described as having "gone beyond the Masters" so don't forget to check out his myriad designs which he has refined over fifty years of testing.