

Wambolt & Associates

Holiday Celebration



The team at Wambolt & Associates gathered in December to celebrate the holiday season. The evening was full of fun, laughter and great food! In place of our traditional gift exchange, we decided to do something different this year. Each team member drew a name and strategically purchased a toy that reminded them of that colleague. At the holiday party, each team member unwrapped a toy that would be donated to a local organization that provides gifts for children who would go without on Christmas day. It brought us joy knowing that we made a difference during the holiday season. We hope your holiday season was filled with joy as well!

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Fly of the Month • January 2019



We've all had days on the water when the fish just don't want to cooperate. We've sampled the water, matched the hatch, and even after tying on all of our tried and true patterns, these even fall short and fail to elicit a rise from trout. Trout get lazy or fly-shy for a number of reasons, including: heavy fishing pressure, low flows, and cold-water temperatures. If we want to avoid getting skunked and stir some life into these fish, we're going to need to dig a little deeper into our fly box and apply these three principles.

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FLY OF THE MONTH • DISCO BAETIS • SIZE: 18

Another pattern created by Ascent Fly Fishing bug geek, Peter Stichter - the Disco Baetis. This has fast become one of our go-to fly patterns for tempting a bite out of reluctant trout. A mashup of the Disco Midge and Juju Baetis, the Disco Baetis is attention hog and true attractor pattern. Tied with a thin dark tail and legs, a flashy mylar abdomen and flashback, dark peacock thorax, and thin skin of UV resin across the back. After you start fishing this pattern and landing fish left and right, your copper johns and rainbow warriors will start to feel unappreciated as they are left in your fly box!



Color: Blue | **Dry/Wet:** Wet | **Fly Category:** Attractor Pattern
Family: Mayflies | **Species:** N/A | **Life Stage:** Nymph

3 Tips for Targeting Reluctant Trout

Peter Stichter - Ascent Fly Fishing

- 1 Go Smaller – When fishing to skittish or lazy fish, casting a large fly on the water can elicit the same response as throwing a rock in the pond: you are going to scare the fish! Paring down your flies a couple of sizes that are slender in profile tends to put fish at ease. Small insects in (hook) sizes 18-22 make up the majority of the trout's diet year-round and presenting them with smaller flies get them ready to eat.
- 2 Go Deeper – Shy fish like to hang close to cover. When trying to tempt a strike from shy trout, we need to drift deep, dropping our flies close to snags and undercut banks and dredge the depths of the deepest pools where the trout like to take refuge.
- 3 Add Some Flash – If you want to turn around a slow day on the water, you will need to first grab the attention of the fish before you can actually catch the fish. The best way to do this is to offer them a fly that has some flash. Metal bead-heads, wire wraps, white biot wings, or mylar flashbacks act to draw the wandering eye of trout and tempt them to strike!

Here are a few proven patterns that will help you flip the script on reluctant trout:

BH Disco Baetis
Colors: Pearl, Red, Purple
Sizes: 18-22



S.O.S. Nymph
Colors: Olive, Black, Purple
Sizes: 16-22



BH Psycho Prince
Colors: Metallic Pink, Purple, Yellow
Sizes: 16-20

