

TYING CZECH FLIES

The Czech nymphing craze is fairly new to the fly fishing community and has demanded the attention of many anglers. This technique has been used widely overseas and has been recently popularized by Team U.S.A. and their endeavors in competition fly fishing. Similar to what many would call "high stick" or "short-line" nymphing, this technique utilizes a series of heavily weighted and slim profile flies that plummet to the river bed. Without the use of foam/yarn strike indicators and additional forms of weight you learn to evolve your drift to effectively "swim" your flies through the river. Any combination of fishing conditions, including heavy current and even pocket water, are perfect zones to put these techniques to use.

The Czech nymph fly tying course is for the angler who is looking to expand his or her fly tying repertoire. To the chagrin of many anglers, our fishing and fly tying days have been filled with trying to imitate and fish many minute creatures in the size 20 and smaller hook range. Czech-style patterns often use hooks anywhere from size 8 to size 12, an enticing feature for most anglers. Although trout fill their bellies with countless midge and mayfly snacks, they are readily willing to eat a giant meal that swims by when the opportunity arises. Caddis nymphs, stonefly nymphs, scuds and crane fly larvae, just to mention a few, are protein packed meals that trout relish. These morsels are often overlooked and can be devastatingly effective on the water.

This course will cover everything you need to know to become a successful Czech nymph fly tier. All materials and basic equipment will be provided; this includes a fly tying vice, tools, hooks, and all necessary materials. Flies that will be covered in this course include: the Polish Woven Nymph, Traditional Czech Nymph, Heavy May Micro Nymph, D-Grub, and the ever-popular Condom Worm. We will also cover the important attributes that make up a Czech fly and learn how to create your very own.

If you combine the ability of tying Czech nymphs and an understanding of how to fish these flies, you will have yet another weapon in your arsenal of fooling selective trout.

Currently, there are two fly tying courses available. The first is scheduled during the month of February, each Wednesday night, from 6-8pm. Dates include February 6, 13, 20, and 27. The second course is scheduled during the month of March, each Wednesday night, from 6-8pm. Dates for the second course include March 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Cost: \$100.00 per student, with a maximum of 6 students per course. Students receive a 10% discount on all fly tying materials and tools. Contact the Blue Quill Angler at 303-674-4700 or visit the website at: www.bluequillangler.com.