

Salmon Camp's

The Crystal Bullet

By Scott Freeburg

This past September I was fortunate enough to be invited again to John Beuter's infamous Salmon Camp on the Pere Marquette River.

Salmon Camp is not an MFFC outing but has been a reoccurring event for the past 29 years. The camp was founded on the concept of "This is too much fun to keep to ourselves" and is sponsored by John and Rhonda Bueter, who own the Cloud Nine Motel in Baldwin Michigan.

This year the salmon were huge with most averaging between 30 and 40 pounds. Most of the fishing was done after dark when the salmon were more active and aggressive.

Unfortunately neither myself or fishing buddy Bob were able to land any of the Salmon hooked. But, during the day on Saturday, Bob did land a nice Brown Trout on a fly we learned to tie at camp. At least we came home without a skunk smell on us.

Evidently that magic fly has been a staple at Salmon Camp for many years with numerous articles, recipe reprints and videos done on it. It's called the Crystal Bullet and has a lot of similarities to a Thunder Creek minnow.

I really enjoyed learning to tie them, not only because they were fairly simple, but because they caught fish.

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For my session at the vise as the November Featured Tyer, I will share with you:

"The Crystal Bullet....."

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HOOK: #4 or #6 heavy wire
Streamer or Salmon Hook

THREAD: 3/0 or flat waxed nylon
fluorescent pink

BODY: *Various colors of sparkle braid or pearl diamond braid*

WING & TAIL: *Pearl Flashabou and/or Glow in the Dark Flashabou*