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Muddling Along #1

If you have something to give to fellow fly fishers and want it to be posted in our newsletter, please contact Ian (iandalestew@shaw.ca) and he will add it to the list for inclusion in our weekly notices.

Today's notice is the first of what I hope will be many contributions to be added over the following weeks.

Keeping Track of those Sink Tips

If you make use of sink tips for getting your line down to fish in cold water or fast river conditions, this idea might help with keeping your lines organized. I make my own sink tips using "off the roll" lines which can be purchased by the foot at tackle shops. The lines come in "T" sizes where the number tells you the number of grains of tungsten per inch in the line e.g. T17 has 17 grains of tungsten per inch and will have a sink rate of about 6 or 7 inches per second. My problem has always been tying up the tips, then forgetting what the T size is!

My solution was to wrap the tips at the loop join with different coloured thread to indicate the sink rate. I used the colours of the rainbow (ROYGBIV) to indicate sink rate with slowest being Red and fastest being violet.

I make my sink tips by forming a loop and tying it in place with two nail knots. I then tie in the appropriate colour for sink rate and put a few drops of UV Knot Sense on (and give it 5 to 10 seconds of UV light) to hold everything in place. In the photo below, I have a T8 (red) T13 (chartreuse—closest I had to yellow thread) T17 (green) and T20 (blue).

