

# THE THOMPSON STONEFLY

In the throes of the COVID-19 lockdown, Trevor Venables - an Osprey member from the early seventies - reached out to Peter Caverhill to see how things were going. While most of us have never had the pleasure of meeting Trevor, he will always have a place in Osprey folklore.

Trevor will forever be remembered for the Squamish Streaker and the scandalous story that goes along with the origins of that fly. A scandal in today's world ... perhaps not back in the seventies. If you are not familiar with the story, the Squamish Streaker was featured as an Osprey Original in The Osprey Fly Box - the book celebrating the Osprey's 50th Anniversary.

Another pattern originated by Trevor back in the 70's was The Thompson Stonefly. In Trevor's words ...

*I have had the Thompson as my home river since 1975 and spent countless hours chasing trout and steelhead.*

*I created this fly pattern back in the late 70s and have shared it with a few of friends - from Washington State to New Zealand.*

*Many years ago, I fished the Tire Run with Pete Pedersen and Jim Gibson. Following them through the run, I picked up a bunch of fish behind them on this fly.*

*Pete in his true Danish manor said "Show me your fly box". He proceeded to take all but one these flys, saying "Well you can go home and tie some more!" That is one of the best compliments any fly tier could ever get.*

*Please share this pattern with "The Ospreys". My few years with the club are very dear to me and I will always treasure them.*

*Tight lines and Long life.  
Trevor*



*A beautiful Thompson River Rainbow caught on one of Trevor's Thompson Stonefly patterns.*

**MATERIALS**

- Hook: Mustad 9672. Sizes: #6 to #10
- Thread: UNI 6/0 - Black
- Weight: Lead Wire
- Rib: Medium Wire - Red or Gold
- Body: Mohair Wool - Black
- Wing Case: Pheasant Tail
- Hackle: Brown Furnace

**TYING INSTRUCTIONS**



Bend the hook about one third the shank length back of the eye.



Tie in ribbing wire and mohair at the hook bend.

Over wrap with 12 to 15 turns of lead wire.

Wrap mohair forward to the bend.

Wrap wire forward forming the rib - 3 to 4 wraps.

Tie in pheasant tail fibres, 10 or so, butt first, and secure going slightly back over the mohair.



Tie in furnace hackle by the butt.

Wrap mohair forward to just back of the eye forming the thorax. Don't crowd the eye as the head is yet to be formed.



Wrap furnace hackle forward - 2 or 3 wraps. Secure and clip excess.

Split hackle fibres on top and pull pheasant tail forward.

Secure with two or three tight wraps of thread. Do not clip.



Behind the hook eye, make a few wraps of thread over and under the pheasant tail before trimming the tips.

Whip finish, don't be bashful and lots of head cement, stoneflies are a chunky build.