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## President's Message

by Mike Howes, GBF President

The Holidays are here—time to feel the warmth of family—and it is also time to visit the cold creeks/rivers inhabited by Steelhead. It is amazing that we forge our way through the snow and ice to catch an elusive Steelhead—wading in the river with guides frozen, fingers numb, but still a seriousness and focus that is hard to describe to a non-fly fisher. Exhilaration saps your body with the first tug of the line. The mighty steelhead is a prized fish, and one that is not caught on every outing. For those that haven't had the opportunity to fish for steelhead, or have not yet caught one, Corley Phillips [Corley@surewest.net](mailto:Corley@surewest.net) is leading a steelhead fishout to the Trinity River December 14 -16. (See his article on Page \_\_ in this issue of *The Leader*.) Dress warm.



The Swap Meet and Chili Cook-off will be on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Bring your chili by 8:30 so everyone will have a chance to taste and judge. Chili should be brought in a crock pot and be already cooked. If you have a special recipe for corn bread, cook some up and bring it to the meet—it goes great with chili. The swap meet offers great fly fishing bargains, so bring your checkbook.

The December General Meeting is our Holiday Pot Luck. We do not have a speaker. It is an informal gathering of club members and their spouses for an evening of eating and telling stories. To make sure we have a variety of food on hand at the Potluck, please use the following chart to determine what to bring. If your last name starts with:

- A-E — Salad
- F-K — Dessert
- L-R — Hors D'oeuvres
- S-Z — Favorite Dish

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Join the fun and help us bring in a great holiday season.

We, GBF, are pledging 10% of the proceeds from the Annual Dinner to [Casting for Recovery \(CFR\)](#). CFR is a non-profit organization that uses the "Art of Fly Fishing" to help ladies in the healing process from breast cancer. In the past ten years, many of our members have participated in CFR events.

Dinner tickets will go on sale this month. The dinner is on March 16, 2013 at the Maidu Center in Roseville.

The International Sportsmen Exposition, ISE, is going to be at Cal Expo January 10-13. GBF has a booth at the show. Two GBF members will greet show attendees at our booth, and we need volunteers to work the booth. Tony Fabian is leading this effort. At our pot luck in December, Tony will put on display our booth. You will also have the opportunity to sign up to work the show. If you can not make the pot luck and want to help out at the show, contact Tony at [meritage@starstream.net](mailto:meritage@starstream.net).

2013 Membership renewal is upon us. There are several ways to renew. You can use the PayPal link sent to you on September 31<sup>st</sup>, pay at a general meeting, or you can mail in your check made out to GBF to 4120 Douglas Blvd. #306-356, Granite Bay,

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<b>D E C E M B E R 2012</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2.	3.	4. Yuba River Clinic	5. Conservation Meeting	6. Yuba River Clinic	7.	8. Swap Meet & Chili Contest
9.	10.	11. Yuba River Clinic	12.	13. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	14. Trinity River Fishout Dec. 14 - 16 →	
16. Trinity River Fishout Dec. 14 - 16 →	17.	18. Fly Tying Jam Knot Tying Clinic	19.	20. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	21.	22.
23.	30. 24.	31. 25.	26.	27.	28.	29.

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CA 95746-5936. Pay your membership by January 1<sup>st</sup> and you will be entered into the Early Bird raffle. The prize is a \$100 packet of Annual Dinner Raffle tickets.

If you would like to volunteer, or have suggestions on how to better the club, send me an email [lifesreel@aol.com](mailto:lifesreel@aol.com). We are continually trying to make the club what the members want.

**Conservation Corner**

*by Henry Sandigo, VP Conservation*

Have you heard the news? There's salmon in the ladder in Auburn Ravine! 150 at last count. Can you imagine that? A few years back, I think in 2008, Granite Bay Flycasters donated \$10,000 dollars to a project that was just beginning to take shape. The project was spearhead by NID, DFG, Placer county, state and federal agencies and non-profit groups.

There's an article in the Sacramento Bee reporting the great news—take a look here:  
<http://www.sacbee.com/2012/11/13/4980757/auburn-ravine-fish-ladder-a-boon.html>

The purpose of the project was to bring migrating salmon back into Auburn Ravine. For the past 100 years Auburn Ravine became unfriendly to the fish that used to ply its waterways. In fact, its been said many, many years ago a man could walk across this waterway over the backs of salmon in the right time of the year (hundreds of thousands). But progress took its toll. Diversions were built, water was extracted, debris of all sorts were dumped in the natural waterway, well, there were some bungling decisions by bureaucrats too and, of course, it became tangled over with brambles, bushes and trees, to the point where no fish could possibly work its way up to an area to begin the miracle of completing their spawning cycle. Officials have also counted 13 spawning sites, or redds in the gravel creek bed upstream of the ladder. Geez, this is exciting. Maybe someday you will see what our ancestors saw when the great fish were swimming upriver to complete their deeply embedded natural wonder.

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You should take a quick trip to Lincoln to check out the gauging station where the new fish ladder was placed. To watch the water run over this ladder and hope to see a salmon, in fact to see any fish work its way up the ladder to the upper Ravine would have to send a chill up your spine. You can get there by driving to highway 65 to Ferrari Ranch Rd, turn left then follow the signs to Auburn Ravine Park, follow the well marked trail to the ladder—I hope you find comfort there. I know there are other projects planned further up the Ravine and at other tributaries, maybe GBF can help there too someday.

### 2012 Veteran's Day Delta Fishout Debrief

by Denny Welch

About 25 guys in about 10 or 11 boats made it to the fishout on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Almost all of the guys and most of the boats made it safely back home. A few are still unaccounted for, and the Coast Guard has not yet given up hope. Just kidding.

It never ceases to amaze me that some of those boats that always seem to show up can still float. Equally amazing is the willingness of our GBF guys to jump right in. It brings the meaning of a "die hard fisherman" to a whole new level.

I made a few observations:

- Imagine Mark Pinski (tall/lanky) and Dennis Baker (short/not lanky) standing in a 12' aluminum boat throwin' flies in opposite directions.
- Imagine Sturmer, Larry Lee and Bill Ossolinski giggling like little girls because they were catching a lot of fish. Disgusting.
- Corley, Art and Nic living the high life on Corley's yacht...probably sipping wine and eating caviar.
- Mike Howes and I spending an hour trying to fix my trolling motor...Don Van Sant having it fixed in about 5 minutes (and then muttering something about me being *stewpid*. I think he probably got me confused with Mike.) Don and Frank Stolten fished together.
- Wendell Edwards and Mel Odemar looking like they were rode hard and put away wet at the end of the day, but both with great big smiles.
- Rich Flanagan is brand new to the club and I hope he comes back. From what he observed, it's touch and go. Nice guy.
- I think John Wallace and Francis Valerio fished together. The last I saw, John's boat was being towed out to sea. They somehow got their fly line snagged on the back end of a big freighter heading towards Japan.
- Joe and Joey Tax fished together and it looked like they were having a blast. Joey reminds me of Alex Giannini...both growing up in the club.
- Mike, Ron English and I all fished together on my boat. Fishing with Ron brings a whole new meaning to that great Veteran's Day movie "The Longest Day." Just one example (of many): A while back, Ron almost fell off the back of the boat while trying to take a whiz...only went in to his knee. This trip he brought his own whiz bucket. It was a plastic jug the size of a footlocker. He bragged about it every time he "went." I threatened to punch ice pick holes in the bottom of it until Mike reminded me we were on my boat. (Talk about *stewpid*.)

My apologies for not mentioning everyone, but my memory no longer exists. We had a great time and I think almost everyone got fish. I didn't, but that's understandable. I acted as a guide for our boat and as a flyfishing instructor for Ron English.

"All accounted for, Sir." Until next year.

## Caster's Corner

*by John Hogg*

### Casting poppers, bass bugs, and other air resistant flies

Have you ever suffered the frustration of trying to cast a big air resistant popper? The fly drops on your back cast, so you have to play "chuck and duck?" And on the forward cast, the fly alley-oops over and plops in front of you while the line puddles up around the fly?

Here are some tips that will make your big fly casts smoother and farther:

First, some attention to your equipment: A large-sized fly—think bass bug—requires a lot of energy to turn it over, so that a loop forms in the fly line and carries the fly a good distance. To generate that energy, you first need a heavier weight rod, 8 or 9 weight, with a moderate fast, to fast action. (Sage actually makes a specialty bass rod that comes with its own custom fly line. It is an 8 weight, fast action, and 7 feet 11 inches in length—shorter than traditional 9 feet rods.)

Next, and equally important, a floating line with a "bass taper." This line will have a large diameter head with most of the weight concentrated in the first 28 to 30 feet of the line. And it will have an extremely short front taper—only 6 feet or so. A line of this design transfers a maximum amount of the rod's energy abruptly and directly to the fly, unlike fly lines with long heads which allow a smooth dissipation of energy and subsequent delicate presentation of a traditional small dry fly.

Now, we go to technique. First, and most important, forget false casting which entails a mid-air change of direction of the fly line. With that change of direction comes an unavoidable pause, where for a brief instant, line and fly are at a standstill...and guess what? They drop, and on the forward cast, the fly is now heading for the back of your head, or even lower!

So we need a cast that is continuous and has no pause, and that is the Belgian cast. This cast invokes an action where the back cast is brought back to the side of the caster and in one continuing motion, the rod follows an oval path until it is vertical, and the line and fly now travel forward at a height well above the caster's head. (You can "Google" this cast and see several demonstration videos.)

A related technique you will also want to practice is the roll cast pickup. Picking up a large fly and heavy line that is extended on the water is difficult due to the resistance created by the water's surface tension. By the time you strip in enough line so that you can pick it up, the line length is now so short that it is impractical for a Belgian cast. The way around that is to strip in only enough line until you can execute a roll cast that aerializes the line and fly just long enough so that you can now initiate the backcast movement of the Belgian cast.

## Black Friday Jumbo Minnow Fishing on Clear Lake

*by Denny Welch*

Sturmer, Larry Lee and I had a great day on Clear Lake on Black Friday, and the fishing wasn't bad either. We got to Limit Out Tackle early, and bought four dozen minnows. They threw in a few dozen small minnows at no charge just to get them out of their tank. We went through all but six or seven of them.

I started things off with a 4.5 pound largemouth, and that was pretty typical throughout the day. We had close to twenty bass, with the biggest at not quite 6 pounds, and the smallest at just over 3. We also caught three catfish...12, 14, and 15 or thereabouts.

Sturmer's not quite 85, I'm 66 and Larry's somewhere in between. In all candor, I'm quite a bit better looking than either of them, and I still have that youthful devil-may-care attitude about things. They don't, which brings me to the point.

### Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

*To place a classified ad, you must be a member in good standing of the Granite Bay Flycasters. Classified ads will run for only one issue of The Leader, unless the seller requests it to run longer.*

*Submit your listing to: [fstolten@comcast.net](mailto:fstolten@comcast.net) with subject line: 'GBF: Classified'. Or mail your info to: Frank Stolten, 8290 Country Lake Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662. All ads must arrive by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's Leader.*

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Larry caught two of the catfish, and Sturmer one. I don't pretend to be an expert on catfish, but I remember seeing a couple TV shows about "noodleing" for catfish. That's where you stick your hand into the fishes mouth. Therefore, I didn't see any risk in sticking my fingers into the fishes mouth so I could hold it for pictures. Big mistake. That sucker bit down on my fingers so hard I thought he was going to tear them off at the knuckles. I was screaming and running around the boat like a scared little girl. That catfish didn't let go for what seemed like hours...probably about 10 seconds. My fingers were a bloody mess, blood was dripping all over the carpet and windshield, and the catfish was belly flopping all over the deck. My good friends, Sturmer and Larry, who I thought would help me find my severed fingers, were too busy with hysterical laughter to be of any use at all. I'm sure they both peed in their pants, which Sturmer probably does anyhow because he's 84 years old. Larry probably does too, just because he likes the way it feels.

It was a 2 1/2 hour drive home, and those guys were yuckin' it up and high fivin' each other the whole way. I couldn't wait to drop them off. TPO (The Patient One) called (still shopping) and asked how the day went. I told her I got bit by a fish. There was silence for a moment and then the same hysterical laughter. Some days you can't win.

The Black Friday Jumbo Minnow Fishing Trip On Clear Lake is one of my favorite trips of the year. I don't know how much longer we'll be doing it, but I hope it goes on for many more years. Larry and I told Sturmer that if he has a stroke or something, we'll carry him onto the boat and strap him into the back seat. Sturmer said that was OK, but to make sure we tied a towel around his neck if he was drooling.

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

*The above is a sorry tale of how three erstwhile members succumbed to the lure of big bass and, when they thought nobody was looking on Black Friday, slipped quietly into the dark side, probably laden with minnow buckets, treble hooks and catfish bait. Alarmed by such shameful behavior an emergency meeting of the rules committee was held at the Limit Out bait shop to observe the highly effective minnow pattern, er, evidence. Citing a little known section of the Bylaws dealing with "cruelty to catfish" the committee determined the most effective punishment for such action would be to force the perpetrators to each eat a bowl of Denny's chili, that vile tasting stuff (think road kill, beans and a dash of hemlock) he tries to foist off on unsuspecting members each year at the swap meet. Paramedics will be on hand to treat survivors.*

### **Fishing and Boating Safety**

*by Frank Stolten*

Since many of us predominantly fish streams and rivers, and generally use safe practices (don't fish alone, use a wading staff, wear some kind of studded boots) we don't always automatically think of safety when in a boat. After all, you're in a boat not the water and there are flotation devices such as seat cushions and life jackets somewhere in the boat if they're needed, so you're feeling pretty safe. The resulting false sense of security can actually be one of the biggest dangers on the water. Keep in mind that fishing boats in the sizes most commonly used can be marginally unstable, especially in the rough conditions frequently encountered in the delta where wind, waves and wakes from large passing boats or cargo ships can present a challenging situation. Accidents can happen in the blink of an eye and, unless you're prepared, all those safety devices may not be much help if they're not used properly.

This point was driven home during the recent Veteran's Day Delta Fishout when my boat partner fell overboard and went for an unplanned swim in deep water. While it may seem humorous at first thought, and he's surely now in the running for the Wet Fly Award, this was a potentially tragic event in the making. Fortunately, he was wearing a fully secured life jacket that undoubtedly helped save his life. Whereas a fall in a typical trout stream may result in wet clothing and a bruised ego, a spill in stillwater can be life threatening. This is especially true in the case of a heavily clothed adult dressed for cold weather, in a panic, muscles cramping and in 55-60 degree water. Add to that the difficulty of somehow quickly getting the person back into the boat without tipping it, especially the lighter aluminum models, and you've got a complicated situation that has to be dealt with fast. Fortunately, it all turned out well, and he's game to go again.

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In retrospect, my partner had 3 things going for him.

1. He was wearing a life jacket, which was the most important thing of all.
2. It was a heavy fiberglass boat, Boston Whaler, so it was relatively stable and unlikely to tip while pulling him in.
3. He owed me \$20 bucks, so I wouldn't let him go (just kidding).

The overriding message to be gotten from this is the absolute necessity of wearing a life jacket when fishing the delta or any stillwater. Accidents aren't predictable, but we can do things to minimize their effects.

Some suggestions:

1. If you don't already have one, get a life jacket, one that fits well and is comfortable so you'll actually wear it. Don't rely on the extra one your buddy may have—it may not fit. You might have to spend a few bucks to get a really good one, but you're worth it. It's cheap life insurance. Christmas is just around the corner, so treat yourself.
2. Have a paddle on board so you can maneuver the boat a short distance without using the motor.
3. Have a floating rope handy to use as a throw rope. Not the anchor rope.
4. Make sure the air horn required for all powered boats is operational.
5. Have a 2-way radio on board so you can contact someone for help if needed.

Think safety out there above all else, so if the worst happens, you're prepared to handle it.

## Baja 2013 Fishout

*by Mark Pinski*

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The first time I was in Baja, my pangero (boat fishing guide) told me I had hooked a Bonita. I only had a general idea of what Bonita was. I knew it was torpedo shaped and swam fast and in lived in large schools. I could not believe what a bend this fish was putting in my eight weight rod. At the time, my eight weight was the largest rod owned that I used to target steelhead and salmon. When I got the fish up to the boat, the words that came out of mouth were "Where was the rest of the fish?" I was staring at a fish of about 4 ½ pounds, but somehow it pulled harder than a chrome bright 10 pound steelhead. I thought it was going to be a lot bigger. Ask anyone who fishes Baja and they will tell you that all of the fish fight incredibly well. In the saltwater world, its swim fast or be eaten by something bigger.

This trip will focus on the Dorado (aka Mahi mahi or Dolphin Fish) as the primary species. Dorado move up into the Sea of Cortez in the summer from the open ocean. Dorado range from 5 to 40 pounds and are very surface oriented. There is nothing more exciting then to see a dorado 50 yards to the side of you come screaming at your fly followed by the scream of your reel (called a "knuckle buster") and a deep pulsating bend in your rod. In a group outing of 10 fly fishers, at least one person will break a rod (no matter how good the warranty is). Another fun thing about fishing Baja is that sometimes you don't know what just chomped down on your fly. Bonita and Skipjack are usually found in solid numbers. Roosterfish will be present, as well as Pargo (Snapper), Carbillia (sea bass) and a bunch of miscellaneous inshore species. For the more experienced saltwater angler with big fly rods there is opportunity for sailfish and 3 species of Marlin. If you get lucky, you might stumble across a yellowtail, wahoo or yellowfin tuna that time of year.

This trip will likely be to Loreto, La Paz area or East Cape. The trip requires advanced planning and reserva-

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tions. Right now I'm collecting information from the destination areas and input from club members. This trip will be for 10 club fly fishers from a Saturday to Saturday, most likely in July, when Dorado are there in decent numbers. Once we have our 10 people and deposits mailed in, we will have a pre-trip clinic where we go over details and share techniques and flies. You will need to have 2 rods (a third as a back up won't hurt) in the 9 to 12 weight range, with saltwater fly reels capable of holding 200 yards of backing. You will also need a passport that doesn't expire within 6 months of travel as well ([www.travel.state.gov/passport/](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/)). If you are interested and want to get your name on the list serve for information, please shoot me an email [fishski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fishski@sbcglobal.net).

## Fishmaster's Corner

by Eric Palmer

I don't know how we got here, but its December already. Seems like just yesterday we were cursing the cold wind and cold water for the frozen ears, numb finger tips and toes and hoping against hope that warmer weather would soon arrive. It did, then summer came and it went, and here we are again; more cold weather to suffer, especially for the hardy and intrepid who stalk the winter steelhead—which reminds me; **Corley Philips** is running his annual December Trinity Steelhead Fishout December 14-16 based out of Indian Creek Lodge on 299 below Douglas City/Weaverville; shoot Corley an email to sign up. You'll have a ton of fun, enjoy Corley's great spaghetti feed the first night, learn how to indicator nymph steelhead, and maybe even return with photos of your 10 lb. trophy winter steelhead to brag about and hang on the refrigerator in time to impress your Holiday guests.

December seems like a good time to look back on what we've accomplished this year with fishouts and stream or lake-side clinics, and we've had a bunch; (28 Fishouts and 8 on-the-water clinics to be exact by year end), and six were multi-day events. For clinics, we had the two **Bill Carnazzo** short-line nymphing clinics on the Upper Sac and N. Yuba. We had a GBF first on Lake Davis with the June "Tour" of the entire lake presented by **Jim Holmes** and **John Peterson**, followed by the September Lake Davis "how-to" clinics presented by **Gene Goss**. And, we're closing out 2012 this month with a series of guided "How to Fish the Lower Yuba" clinics conducted by professional guide **Clay Hash**. Through these Fishouts and clinics—most are free—club members new to fly fishing and the more experienced alike have had excellent opportunities to go fishing, learn from club experts and professional guides, hone their skills, make new friends and establish future fishing partners.

Also notable are the two members who stepped forward to lead their first fishout, **Doug Kytonen** at Sly Park in June, and **Ed Lloyd** for the Little Truckee in September. Thank you Doug and Ed for your support! In fact, as Fishmaster, I want to thank every member who stepped up to lead a fishout or clinic this year, and some of you have been leading an event to your favorite spot year after year for many years. Thank you all, and let's aim for an equally, if not even more, active 2013!

As we gently slide into 2013, if you have never led a Fishout, and even if the thought of doing so seems a little intimidating, please consider this: a) I will walk you through the process and guarantee you will find it a fun and rewarding experience; b) you do not need to be an expert on the venue you choose, and in fact, you don't even have to be an expert fly fisher,

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or even close; c) your fly fishing knowledge and skills will advance more quickly because of your research and sharing of information before and during the event; and d) I guarantee that you will emerge from the process more experienced and with more friends than when you started. It worked for me and it can work for you!

If I've enticed you at all with any of this, and you have a fishing destination in mind, shoot me an email at [ejpalmer@pacbell.net](mailto:ejpalmer@pacbell.net) and we can discuss your ideas, and I'll help you become a GBF fishout leader.

Thanks for your time, and see you on the water...

Eric

### Membership Renewals are Due

This is a reminder that 2012 memberships lapse on December 31 and the Club would greatly appreciate your timely renewal by that date.

Membership fees are \$30 for individual members and \$35 for family memberships. The dues have been held at \$30 for so long that nobody can remember the last time they were raised. It's a real bargain for what the club provides to its members. As an added incentive, if you renew on time, your name will be entered into a drawing for \$100 in raffle tickets for the annual dinner.

We have several payment options: you can pay by cash, check, or credit card at the general meeting on December 13. Or, you can respond to the PayPal request being emailed each month to members who have not yet paid. And as a final option, you can mail a check to the Club. Send your check to,

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Membership fees and our annual dinner are the major sources of the funds needed to operate our club as one of the best fly-fishing clubs around, and timely payment by our members is an important element in balancing our expenses and income each year.

Thank you in advance for supporting your club, and we look forward to your continued participation in 2013.

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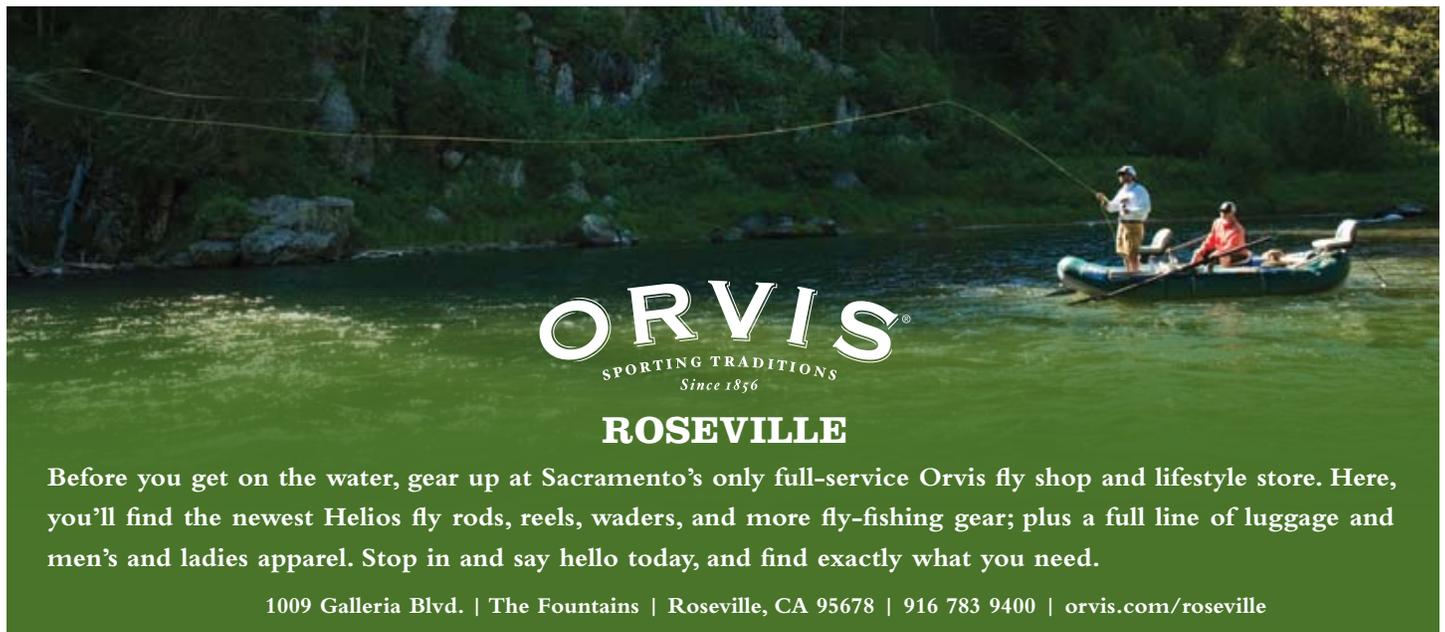
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## Trinity River Fishout

*by Corley Phillips*

There will be a fishout on the Trinity River the weekend of December 14-16. This time of the year can be cold, but it is also a great time of the year to catch a winter-run steelhead which can get up to 10 pounds. And the Trinity River is a gorgeous river with easy road access.

Our base of operations is the Indian Creek Lodge, near Douglas City about 8 minutes outside of Weaverville. The owners are a couple that retired from the Carmichael area. You can check out the Lodge accommodations at: <http://iclodge.net/stay-with-us/accommodations-rates-facilities/>

When making reservations, tell them you are with the GBF group and they'll put us close together.

The Fishout leader, Corley Phillips, has extensive experience on the Trinity River and will be advising people on fishing locations and tackle. The standard winter technique is indicator fishing. All typical trout patterns work, mostly in size 12. For those who want to meet Friday morning and plan their day, we will be having breakfast at 8:00 breakfast at Granzella's, 391 6th Street Williams, CA (530) 473-3310. Friday night, Corley will provide a "spaghetti feed" with homemade sauce, salad, and bread. BYOB whatever you want to drink. Bringing an appetizer to share would make things even better. Dinner will be at 6:30, and we'll be able to compare notes and plan the next day. The Indian Creek Lodge will open up their Café for us to gather and eat in.

Saturday night we will plan to gather at La Grange restaurant in Weaverville, where once again the group can compare notes and strategize the next day's fishing.

People will be on their own for breakfast and lunch. There are kitchenette units at the Indian Creek Lodge if you want to have a place to make a breakfast, or you can drive into Weaverville and eat at the Nugget. You can buy pre-made sandwiches at the grocery store in Weaverville, or just bring your own sandwich materials.

Additional fishout details are on the website. If you have any questions contact Corley at [corely@surewest.net](mailto:corely@surewest.net).

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### **Clear Creek Ranch, French Gulch, CA.**

\$175 - \$185 p/angler per day, dbl occ.

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## Annual Dinner - Great Raffle Prizes

At each year's Annual Dinner, club member contributions make a huge difference—whether it's donated merchandise or services, or just pitching in some extra funds to help the raffle committee buy more prizes (usually at 'wholesale' or other discounted prices).

Please consider donating something to the Annual Dinner. Our success at obtaining nice raffle and auction items is directly related to our success at raising the funds needed to pay for club activities in the year ahead. Contribute now and you'll benefit all year!

Here are some of the kinds of things club members have donated in years past:

- New, unused merchandise – fishing-related or otherwise.
- Flies you tied (favorite or specialty pattern?) in a flybox.
- Other handcrafted goods – fishing-related or otherwise.
- Professional services – in gift certificate or coupon form.
- Funds specifically designated for the purchase of prizes.

Getting any ideas? If you can help, please call Dennis Baker at 916-580-7639. Any contribution is appreciated, and all donators are duly acknowledged at the dinner.

## Fly Tyers Corner

*by Bill Carnazzo*

### **Bill's Gray Meme**

Using your online dictionary, look up the word "meme." I've been using this little fly for nigh onto 30 years now, all the while trying to figure out why despite its plain, bland appearance, it fools fish so regularly. Maybe it is a meme, a "trout whisperer" with a knack for palavering with trout: "Here I am; I am good food, come and eat me..." maybe?

Whatever. Along with some of the other patterns I've written about here and elsewhere, it is one of the secret, sneaky inhabitants of my fly box...always. When I'm pawing through the box and spot it, the darn little critter talks to me too: "Gimme a try, dummy; no, size 16, not 14." And so I do, and sometimes (not always) I'm glad I did. It's somewhat of a "retro" thing for me, I guess, when a trout eats it—a return to the days when flies were simple, unencumbered, and named for their color. The only thing newish about this little guy is the name. Still, look through modern fly pattern books, catalogs and other tying literature, and you will likely find nothing resembling my little friend, who seems to have been left far, far behind along the dusty road to the land of the new glitzy generation of flies.

So humor me and crank out some of these retro trout whisperers and house them in your fly box. They'll talk to you, so be prepared for that—but they'll also talk to trout if you dress them up well and don't skimp on the materials called for.

### **Tying Instructions:**

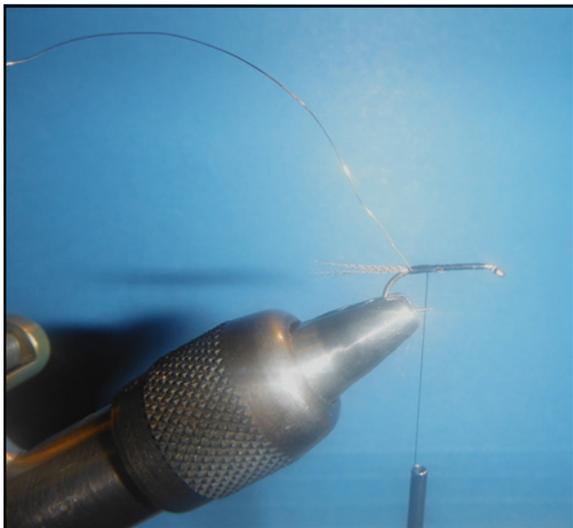
1. Debarb the hook and place it in your vise. Beginning behind the hook eye, cover the hook shank with a smooth, single layer of thread, leaving the thread just above the back of the barb.
2. Cut approximately six barbules from a well-marked wood duck flank feather. Don't use the fluffy stuff near the bottom of the feather shaft; rather, use the stiffer, brighter barbules near the top of the feather. Keeping

### **MATERIALS NEEDED**

Hook:	Any standard nymph hook, such as Tiemco 3761, size 14-18
Thread:	Black or grey 8/0 or 7/0 denier flat nylon
Bead:	None
Weight:	None
Tail:	Wood duck flank feather barbules
Rib:	Fine gold wire
Abdomen:	Natural (not synthetic) spiky dubbing (muskrat, cut from the skin, works fine)
Wing case:	Mottled turkey tail strip
Thorax:	Same as abdomen
Legs:	Same as tail
Head:	Thread

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Steps 1, 2 and 3

on top of the hook at the front of the abdomen, with the butt end sticking out to the rear past the hook bend. Be sure that there is no gap between the front of the abdomen and the tied-in turkey quill.

6. Dub the thorax, making it a bit more robust than the abdomen. End the dubbing about one hook eye length behind the hook eye. This will leave room for the remaining steps and a nice small head.



Steps 5, 6, and 7

8. Grasp the turkey feather strip and pull it forward over the top of the thorax and legs. Tie it off just behind the eye, to form the wing case.

9. Form a small, neat head and whip finish the fly.

When you open your fly box, listen for the meme. If you don't hear it, tie on a Copper John or some other nymph and....

*See ya on the creek!*

them directly on top of the hook shank, tie them in securely at the spot where you left the thread hanging and trim the excess.

3. At the same point, tie in a short piece of gold wire and leave the thread there.

4. Apply small amounts of the natural fur dubbing to the thread; don't use too much as small insects have thin, delicate bodies. To form the abdomen, wrap the dubbing forward to about the one-third point on the hook shank behind the hook eye and stop there. Try to achieve a taper from rear to front, as this is the natural insect's shape. Using your hackle pliers, grasp the gold wire and wrap it up the abdomen in even segments—4 wraps will do. Tie the wire off at the front of the abdomen and leave the thread there.

5. Cut a ¼" trip of mottled turkey quill feather and tie it in directly



Step 4

7. Using the same wood duck flank feather, cut a ½" bunch of barbules from the stem near the top of the feather. Measure them against the shank, so that they reach from the hook eye back to the hook point—no longer than that. Place them on the top of the shank and take two loose turns around them; pull the thread downward on the far side of the hook, releasing pressure on the barbules as you do so. This will enable them to distribute themselves half way around the hook shank, leaving them all on the bottom of the hook, spread 180 degrees. These barbules will represent the legs.



Step 8

## What Fly Fishing Teaches Me

*by Ed Lloyd*

When I first picked up a fly rod at around the age of 13, I didn't realize that fly fishing actually originated around the time of Ancient Mesopotamia, near the birth of civilization. That is more than 2000 years ago. A few weeks later I laid the rod down because I was very involved with high school and was preparing for college. It wasn't until after I graduated from college and was married for about a year, that I finally caught my first fish on a fly (Royal Wulff) and then after a couple of years, I put the rod down again and began teaching full time. Then five years ago, I purchased a St. Croix 5wt Rod and began working on my cast once again. It was actually 2 years after I bought that rod that I caught my first fish on it on the North Fork of the Yuba River, just above Sierra City. Each time I was casting the fly line, I began to discover that fly fishing is not only addicting, it is downright fun!!

Along the way I was discovering a new way of learning, from a different teacher, a teacher that I was exposed to when camping/fishing with my father, who unfortunately passed away in December of 2010. That teacher was nature. Nature, coupled with the ability to pick up a rod and cast a fly to a waiting Trout, at precisely the right time while being calm and focused, has caused me to realize that there are in fact many things Fly Fishing has taught me. For the sake of time and space, here are my Top 5:

**1. Oneness with Nature:**

Over the last few centuries, it has been said that the greatest rivalry in the world is that between Man and Nature. Fly fishing has taught me how to be "One" with Nature. In other words having a rapport (French word for "oneness") for Nature and then Functioning with Nature. When that happens, I feel calm and peaceful, first with myself, and then with Nature. When that happens, there is no place I would rather be.

**2. Meditate and Reflect:**

While on a River, on a creek, or just practicing flycasting, I'm able to enjoy many moments meditating and reflecting back on a previous cast, a previous river or creek I visited, or just simply on the day at work. When I'm totally relaxed, there is not even a "swoosh" sound in my forward or backcast.

**3. Patience**

Patience, a word I've not previously been known to exhibit consistently, changes the very moment I pick up a rod and start casting. Being patient at this time means success for me somewhere down the road, perhaps at the next river.

**4. Calmness**

While on the river practicing, the quicker I become calm, the better my focus, and the quicker my path opens up for the trip down the road of success.

**5. How to Create Art**

Finally, the previous four have brought me to the point where I've learned literally, how to create art. With the fly line, rod, and fly are my tools, and the water is my canvas. I know that someday I will know I've created a masterpiece. I got an early taste of what that might look like when last month, I landed the largest trout I've ever caught on a fly rod, and then shortly thereafter, landing another wild rainbow trout, on what

looked like a difficult part of the Upper Sac. All of this made possible because Nature and the sport of fly fishing have become my teacher.

See you on the River!!!!



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## Swap Meet and Chili Cook-off

*by Denny Welch*

Our annual Swap Meet and Chili Cookoff will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse. The official start time will be 8:00 A.M. and the official end time will be 12:00 noon. From past experience, however, people are going to start setting up at 7:00 and that's when you will start negotiating some pretty good deals. Chili's will start showing up by 8:00, they will be heated up by about 9:30, and will be gone (usually) by about 10:30. More about the chili later.

This is the one time each year where you are going to get some terrific deals on stuff you need and a better deal on stuff you don't. You'll get stuff cheaper this year but you'll sell it cheaper next year. We've had everything from golf clubs (don't ask me how that relates to fly fishing), to float tubes that don't float, to unicycle tires all in the name of a fly swap. Actually, what you'll find are the best deals around on fly rods, fly reels, fly lines, waders, boots, hackles, thread, splitshot, fly tying vices, wading vests, thermals, and anything else you can possibly think of that relates to fly fishing. You will find flies hand tied by our membership selling for less than 50 cents each. There will be too many items available to mention here but you won't go home disappointed (but you will go home with all your windows rolled down because of the chili.)

I'm going to copy some of the "rules" that we've used for past swap meets and chili cook-offs. They are every bit as true today as they've been for eons. Please give me a call on my cell, 916-276-5866, and let me know if you'll be bringing your own pot of chili. I'd encourage everybody to get involved with the chili making because it's what makes this whole event work. I'm going to have my famous "Just Passing Thru" again this year. It has proven to be a crowd pleasing favorite for many years and has left others like "Where's Rudolph," "Whore-Mel," and "Skunk Snot" in the dust.

Start saving your money and tell mama you're going out shopping for her mother's day gift. I hope to see you all out there on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Now, the rules:

1. Get there early for the best selection.
2. Stay late for the best price.
3. If you are bringing chili, bring it in a crock pot and make sure you have a serving spoon with it. Put your name on your pot, on the lid, etc.
4. If you want, bring some of your special cornbread.
5. We'll have coffee and water available. If you want to bring something else go ahead and we'll throw it in the communal ice chest. Sorry, but no alcohol is allowed....park rule.
6. Name your chili. My last two entries "Just Passin' Thru" and "True Blue Spaghetti Chili" were both crowd favorites, but due to some voting irregularities I was denied the crown. Without Ron English participating, I'm sure my "Just Passin' Thru II" will be victorious.
7. Bring cash.
8. If you have one, bring a short extension cord for your chili. Label it.
9. First come, first served re the table space. Space will be at a premium so be prepared to share the space.
10. Feel free to bring your boats, float tubes, prams, pontoons, etc., but set them up outside. Those things usually sell better if they are inflated (with air, not price).
11. Bring a friend. Bring your checkbook.

## Welcome to Our Newest Members!

*by John Hogg, VP Membership*

Please join me in welcoming our four newest members.

Lester Grigsby  
Milton Madden

Douglas McCully  
Mike McGee

Make sure you keep an eye out for them at our meetings and events so that we can all make them feel they are an active part of our great club!

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS

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## Granite Bay Flycasters

**Mission:** The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat, advancement of the art of Fly Fishing, and good sportsmanship.

**Meetings:** General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org), or call Dennis Baker at 916-580-7639.

Doors open between 6:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. The main program gets underway after a short refreshment break and usually involves a guest speaker and slide show, or other presentation. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are encouraged to attend.

**Membership:** Applications are available on-line at [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org) and at general meetings. Single membership: \$30; Family memberships: \$35; and youth (under 18): \$10. There is also an \$8 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated throughout the year. For membership information, call John Hogg at 916-663-2051, or visit the website at [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org).

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