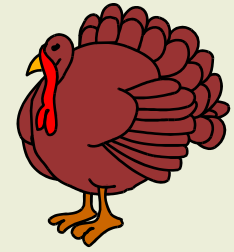


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President's Message

by Mike Howes, GBF President

This month we will have our Veteran's Day Delta fish-out—I can't wait to hear the stories. This is always a great event. The **Chili Cook-off and Swap Meet** will be on December 8th. Bring your chili by 8:30 so everyone will have a chance to taste and judge. Name your chili—some of the past chili names have been "Just passin' thru," "Road Kill," "Midnight express." Last year's winner was Doug Kytonen's "Holy Moly." So, come on and join the fun and bring your special chili to the meet. Also, bring your checkbook for the good deals on some used, but in good shape, fly fishing equipment.

Eric Palmer is doing a bang-up job on fish-outs. Later this month, we have a Trinity fish-out being lead by Corley Phillips (Corley@surewest.net). This is a three-day event from November 14-16 fishing for steelhead. Be sure to wear some warm clothes. Remember, when signing up for fish-outs, be responsible and let the fish-out leader know if you have a change of plans. If you have an idea for a fish-out, or would like to lead one, contact Eric at ejpalmer@pacbell.net.

GBF is teaming with the Military at McClellan Air Base to give grants of one year GBF membership to military personnel that are rotating through McClellan or have been recently discharged from the service. Our intent is to assign a GBF member to each serviceman/woman and welcome them to the community and to the friendship of our club. If you are interested in participating in this, contact Art Livingston at artlivings@surewest.net.

The conservation committee, led by Henry Sandigo, held a meeting on October 3rd. Henry has several ideas in the works for club members to become active in conservation projects. Once he formulates the projects, he will be presenting them to the club. If you want to know more about, or be on our conservation committee, contact Henry at hsandigo@mac.net.

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. At the Potluck, we will be judging



the member's fish photos submitted for a chance to be displayed in our booth at the International Sportsman Show (ISE). If you have a photo you would like to submit, send a digital copy to Tony Fabian at meritage@starstream.net. 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'oevres
- S-Z** - Favorite Dish.

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

Our Annual Dinner is not until March 16th, but it is not too early to start recognizing a member worthy of the Wet Fly Award. If you are fishing with another member that has the unfortunate slip in the water, or deflating float tube, s/he may be a wet fly recipient. Send in your wet fly nominee with a short description of what happened to lifisreel@aol.com. If you can take a picture of the happening, that is even better.

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NOVEMBER 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4.	5.	6.	7. Conservation Meeting	8. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	9.	10. Spey Casting Clinic
11. Veteran's Day Delta Fishout	12.	13.	14.	15. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	16.	17.
18.	19.	20. Fly Tying Jam Knot Clinic	21.	22. 	23.	24.
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2013 Membership renewal is upon us. There are several ways to renew. You can use the PayPal link sent to you on September 31st, pay at a general meeting, or you can **mail in your check made out to GBF** to 4120 Douglas Blvd. #306-356, Granite Bay, CA 95746-5936. Pay your membership by January 1st, 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 at lifisreel@aol.com. We are continually trying to make the club what the members want.

Monthly Program

This month we'll have two speakers who will address different aspects of fishing and conservation opportunities in our local area.

Scott Dietrich works for the City of Roseville Open Space Department (Adopt-A-Creek Coordinator), and has

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been working there for three years after graduating from Sacramento State University as a Civil Engineer

Scott will be talking about the new City of Roseville Adopt-A-Creek program that allows groups like Granite Bay Flycasters to adopt a section of creek to improve. Projects in the past have been trash cleanups, tree planting and creek bank stabilization. Roseville still has creeks with salmon and steelhead in them and great habitat to support a healthy fishery.

Matt Parr will be speaking on his **Big M Fishery Ranch/Park in Lincoln** where he has a series of ponds stocked with Bass, Bluegill, Catfish, and Trout. This is a "Pay to Fish" operation.

Knot Tying Workshop - Nov. 20th

If you're new to fly fishing, or would just like a tuneup, this workshop will show you a series of knots needed for connections from your fly to leader, to the line, and to the reel. (There are a minimum of 6 connections.)

These knots are reliable and easy to tie, (with a little practice), and are suitable for freshwater fly fishing tackle. Connections included are fly to tippet (improved clinch), tippet to leader (double surgeons), leader to butt section (perfection loops, or blood knot), butt section to line, (nail knot), line to backing, (Albright knot), and backing to reel, (arbor knot).

Handout instructions are provided for each knot.

So if you would like to be "tied up" for an evening, join Dennis Baker and myself at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 6:30 PM.

Handouts will be provided. I can email them to you in advance. For more information contact John Hogg at johnhogg@sbcglobal.net.

Conservation Corner

Understanding Environmental Jargon

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In the lexicon of environmental regulation, there are many acronyms that refer to the various agencies, legislation, and regulations that govern current environmental policy. Instead of addressing a specific issue this month, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss what some of these terms mean and why it is important for us, as environmentally concerned individuals, to understand them. Among the acronyms that are most relevant to us, I think that EIS and EIR are near the top of the list.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required of federal agencies by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA applies to projects that are carried out, financed, or approved in whole or part by federal agencies. Under NEPA, an EIS is required for major projects or legislative proposals that significantly affect the environment. An EIS provides federal agencies and the general public with detailed information on the significant environmental effects that could potentially result from a proposed action. The EIS describes the positive and negative effects of the undertaking and cites alternative actions. It is used as a tool for decision making by the agencies involved and provides an opportunity for the public to give feedback.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required of state agencies by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The goals of CEQA are for California's public agencies to identify the significant environmental effects of their actions, and, either avoid those significant environmental effects, where feasible, or mitigate those significant environmental effects, where feasible. CEQA applies to "projects" proposed to be undertaken

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or requiring approval by State and local government agencies. Although an EIR is not required of all projects, an EIR must be prepared when there is substantial evidence in the record that supports a fair argument that significant effects may occur. Similar to an EIS, the purpose of an EIR is to provide state and local agencies and the general public with detailed information on the potentially significant environmental effects that a proposed project is likely to have. In addition, the EIR lists ways which the significant environmental effects resulting from the project may be minimized, and must indicate alternatives to the project.

For many projects, such as CALFED or the Trinity River Project, both federal and state agencies are involved and a joint EIS/EIR can be prepared which meets the requirements of both NEPA and CEQA. This streamlines the process for both the federal and state agencies and results in a combined EIS/EIR.

As conservation-minded individuals or groups, we are often called upon to comment on draft Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) and Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) when they are released to the public. When a draft EIS (or EIR) is released, a review period usually extends for 45 days during which Public Comment is accepted. This Public Comment provides an important exchange through which the public can express their concerns about any negative environmental impacts that will result from the proposed action and allows the public to address any issues that were not considered sufficiently in the draft EIS. These comments are then addressed in the Final EIS, which is prepared at the end of the review period. As a result, it is important that we take the opportunity to express our concerns when the need arises because it can impact the final decision.

Much of the information found in this column comes from the following sites: <http://ceres.ca.gov/> and <http://www.epa.gov/>.

Upper Sac Fishout Report

by Eric Palmer

On the weekend of October 11-14, we held the 11th annual *Upper Sac Fishout and Bill Carnazzo Nymphing Clinic*. Attendance was strong at 25 members and we had close to that number at our three evening dinners at local restaurants. This Fishout has become a must-attend event with many "frequent flyers" year after year and is considered by many to be the premier GBF Fishout of the year; little wonder given the awesome outdoor wonderland setting, an accommodating easy-to-access river with big fish, and Bill's short-line nymphing clinic as icing on the cake. River access is abundant and varied in character with over 35 miles to easily accommodate our large group and any other clubs who may select the same weekend as ours for their Fishout.

As an additional enticement, the city of Dunsmuir for several years has been planting 4 to 12 lb. Lassen Rainbows within city limits and GBF members regularly tie into these monsters. This planting is in addition to the routine DFG planting program.

Thursday October the 11th was arrival day for most, with some trickling in on Friday, and some opting to fish their way up to town starting at the Volmers/Delta exit (McCardle Rd. access) 20 minutes below town. Participants are provided with ample fly selection and river access point documentation well ahead of the event and of course

there's the Ted Fay fly shop in town where owner Bob Grace is ready and willing to dispense additional information. Those new to fly fishing or new to this river are encouraged to attend as coaching from senior members is always available.

As with all Fishouts, some do better than others in the catching department, and this time some did really, really well and with some big fish. We were all glad to see Joe Tax and teenager son Joey after not seeing much of them for a year or so, and

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“fishing machine” Joey did not disappoint with his stellar catch rate of 20 on Friday on the McCloud—one at 16 inches—all on an orange stimulator dry followed by 15 on the Upper Sac Saturday; four on a brown Rubber Legs and the rest on an olive Elk Hair Caddis. Can that boy ever vacuum up fish! On Sunday Joe Senior said they fished Lost Creek (feeds Lake McCloud) and in Joe’s words they “got as many fish as you wanted on any fly” - What can you say.

Now back in the real world where most of us regular people fish, a few highlights: we had some first timers to fly fishing and/or the Upper Sac. New fly fisher Todd Hill got his first two trout on a fly under the expert tutelage of Jim Hood. Todd picked up the various nymphing techniques quickly and was off and running on his own in no time exploring water at Soda Creek none of us had touched before and promptly netting a good size fish. New-to-the-river member Eric Kellenberger got 2 at 14 inches on Bill’s Stick Caddis and a Prince. The big fish award goes to Ed Lloyd at 18 inches in the main city park and a second at 14 inches from Financial, and I think Ed is still hoarse from expressing himself after netting the big one. In terms of highest fish count for people over the age of 16 and not named “Tax”, the nod goes to David Baker at 17 including three 12 inchers. Dave is non-committal on location. Steve Reem pulled three 14 inchers and six at 10 inches or so out of Conant and elsewhere. Drake Johnson got six with one at 13 inches all on Bill’s Stick Caddis. Wendell Edwards netted two of good size and lost four or five at Financial on the drive up Thursday. Your Fishmaster netted six for the weekend and lost at least an equal number, mostly at Financial and Soda Creek. I tend to leave my dry fly from the previous evening rigged for my first few casts the following morning, and this netted me a nice 10-11 incher on a Par Adams in the I5 pool at Tauhindauli Park first thing Friday AM. I think I’ll stick with this practice.

At the end of the day, Soda Creek and Financial were probably the most productive spots (setting aside Joey’s insane success on the McCloud below the Conservancy) with most fish eating Bill’s Stick Caddis—Joey Tax being the exception, with his Upper Sac success on a Caddis Stimulator, but then that’s Joey.

If you were unable to join us this year, and if any of this sounds like your kind of fun, watch for the announcement for this event early next summer, then sign up and join us for a great time on the Upper Sac!

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



Bridgeport Fishout 2012 Report

by Bill Hagopian



It was a very interesting Fishout! The weather was absolutely wonderful, warm during the day and cool at night. During the Fishout we had a total of 12 folks show up. Not everyone fished; some of the ladies went sightseeing and some of them fished. Those that fished the East Walker River caught a few nice rainbows in the 16 to 18 inch range, while those who fished Robinson Creek got skunked! The Upper Twin Lake water temperature was in the mid 60's, and the fly fishing was slow compared to the bait fishermen, who used night crawlers. A few nice Rainbows in the 14 to 18 inch range were caught. Those who came had a great time fishing these waters. On Saturday night we had our annual Fishout barbeque. Except for the slow fishing, it was a great Fishout. (Photo by Gene Goss.)

The 2013 Annual Dinner Date is Official!

Mark your calendars for the Granite Bay Flycasters 27th Annual Dinner on Saturday, March 16, 2013! This is our biggest event of the year (you DO NOT want to miss it), so be sure to get this date in your planner, your spouse's planner, your flip-phone, your i-phone, your i-wish-i-was-an-i-phone, your TU calendar... or just scratched on the fridge.

You get the point...this is a must-attend event. It's important that you participate for at least two reasons: this event raises the funds your club needs to survive another year, AND... this event lets you mingle and break bread with your fellow fly-fishers (and their families) that you might otherwise never have the chance to really get to know very well.

As always, this evening will have a HUGE RAFFLE with incredible prizes ranging from rods, reels, and flies, to artwork, wines, and other great items. And, our famous silent auction is always your best shot at snagging incredible gear deals and a range of guided fly-fishing trips at prices so low that a *staycation* can seem expensive by comparison!

Lastly, we still need a few more folks to help bring this event to life (it's one of our club's most rewarding volunteer opportunities). If you want to be a part of making this evening a success, please contact Dennis Baker at (916) 580-7639, or baker0707@aol.com. In the meantime, start thinking about what you might be able to donate for the GIANT raffle!

Introductory Spey Casting Clinic November 10th

by John Hogg, Director of Education

Spey rods are the long, two-handed rods that are now appearing locally on the American River. They are big rods, 13 to 16 feet, and designed to deliver a fly an easy 100 feet or more, with little or no backcast space available.

GBF has several very proficient spey casters, and they have agreed to get together and offer an introductory

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clinic. Our instructors will be Jon Peterson, Jim Hunter, Jack Ramos and Tom Ross, all of whom practice regularly on Wednesday mornings, and have done so for years. They will demonstrate three casts, the Snap-T and Single Spey for river left and the Double Spey for river right. Additionally, the features of various spey rods and lines will be addressed, as well as cost ranges for those who are considering purchasing their own rod.

The Club owns 4 spey rods which are available for loan and for use in clinics, so we will have rods there to use. Naturally, if you have your own, feel free to bring it.

You should bring waders or prepare to wade wet if you want to participate in the clinic, as you will be casting in knee to thigh deep water.

The clinic is scheduled for 10:00 AM, Saturday, November 10th at the Granite Bay boat ramp on Folsom Lake.

Sign up at the November meeting, or contact Jim Hunter, jimfishon@wavecable.com.

Swap Meet and Chili Cook-off

by Denny Welch

Our annual Swap Meet and Chili Cookoff will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8th 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.

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I hope to see you all out there on Dec 2nd. 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.

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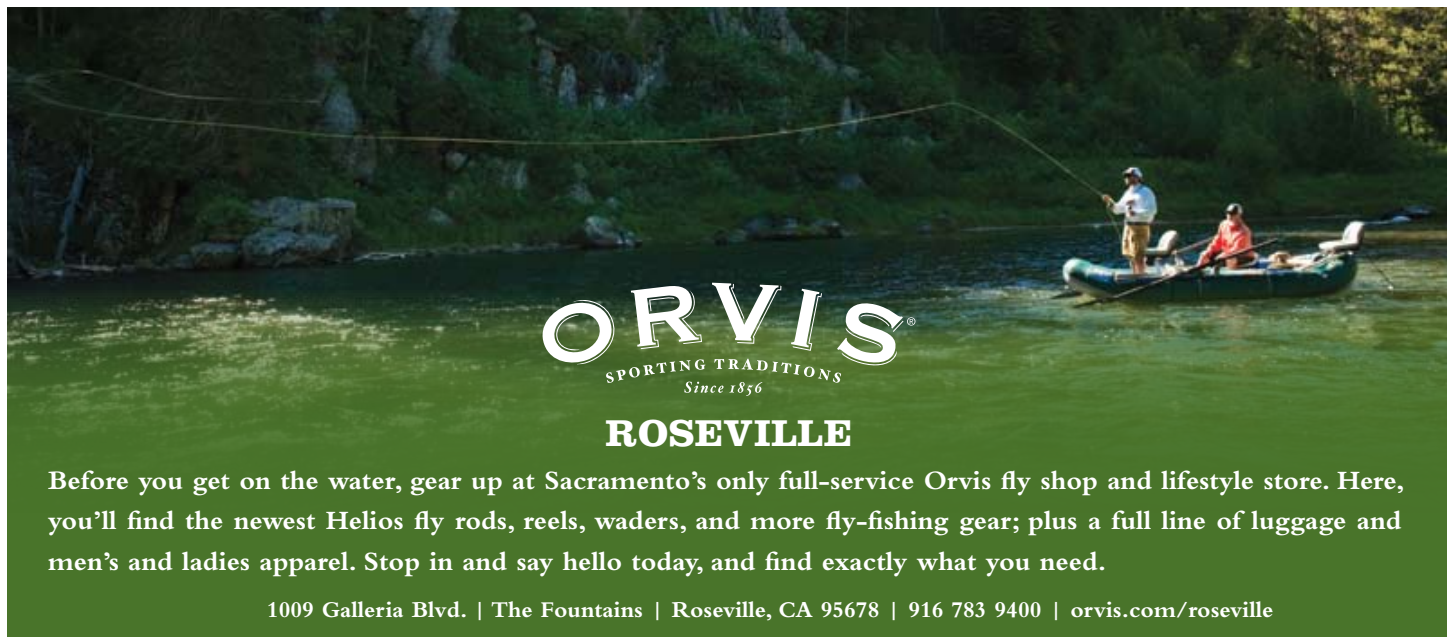
Fishmaster's Corner

by Eric Palmer

Anyone who has been reading my monthly offerings might have guessed that one of my hot buttons is simplifying fly selection for beginner and seasoned nymph lobster alike. In May it was Nor Cal guide Craig Nielson's top-10 summer flies from his June 2011 Cal Fly Fisher article, and in September it was my top 5 favorites. This is not a totally selfless effort, but a ploy to help me better learn both fly identification and how to separate the wheat from the chaff as I browse the fly bins. Each time I drilled down and surfaced new fly selection info I thought helpful, I was sure I'd beat the topic to death and would need to move on for next month...but I was wrong.

Enter Ralph Cutter's *Fish Food!* Ring a bell? I hope so since I've been pushing this book to everyone I know till they're sick of hearing about it. I have a club member-fishing buddy (I won't name names but it rhymes with

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"Mel") to thank for haranguing me for months to get this book and am I glad I finally caved. I'm now convinced that when our fly fishing grandkids (should we be fortunate enough to have any) are doddering old fools in their twilight years and no longer able to navigate the cobbles, willows, and boulders, they will be tossing this title around with the existing venerable old classics of the last century.

So why my obsession with Mr. Cutter's book? Cutter will often describe a given bug with its complexities and multiple metamorphic life phases leading the reader to anticipate a long list of complex proprietary flies required to match each life cycle only to have him conclude the chapter with "a Bird's Nest will work just fine." I love it!

He likes the easy-to-learn and easy-to-remember standards like Birds Nest, Hares Ear, Pheasant Tail, and Woolly Bugger for much of the target fish food we might assume something more elaborate – and expensive – is necessary. He is also an advocate of dunking your nymph in desiccant powder in order to coat it with tiny bubbles when you fish it as an emerger or ovipositing (egg laying) adult rising from the stream bed to the surface. So why should we listen to Ralph Cutter on fly selection? Years of lying in a stream bed hugging boulders for an anchor with a snorkel or SCUBA tank while watching and photographing fish under countless encounters with flies and natural bugs.

Here's a sampling of Cutter's advice on fly selection:

- While many will tell us matching color is a big deal for fish, Cutter argues that it's actually a matter of light and dark or "value" vs. color. Value being the shade of gray if the fly were viewed in a black and white photograph. Early and late-season, bugs tend to be dark to enhance thermal gain. Mid-season they tend to be light to reflect desiccating light. Contrasting values or colors can spark a trout's urge to bite. Dark or black flies fished against an evening sky (which appears silver from below) are deadly. Thus the success of the Silver Hilton (black with silver ribbing) on steelhead at dusk or on a gloomy overcast day. See page 32 for more.
- Glitter bugs: Many nymphs surround themselves with tiny bubbles which float them to the surface during

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the pupal hatch phase. For Caddis, Cutter likes the Lafontaine Sparkle Pupa tied with wool vs. Antron or the Birds Nest. Coat them with desiccant power (avoid paste floatants which gum up and mat the fibers), add some weight a few inches above the fly and fish in a down and across swing which mimics pupa rising from the river bed at the end of the swing.

- The aquatic moth - prolific on the Truckee – in ovipositing mode (egg lying on the river bottom) can be imitated by a Birds Nest coated with desiccant powder.
- For a Blood Midge fish a Brassie or tie up a simple tuft of orange squirrel dubbing treated with desiccant. Drift it under a long light leader with just enough shot to keep it below the surface. See page 75 for Cutter's personal Blood Midge tie.
- Sculpin: Fish a Wooly Bugger with a heavily hackled head. Cutter says it's as effective as any fancy, intricate Sculpin pattern. He dead drifts it along the bottom with weight placed a few inches above the fly.
- Crawdads (Crayfish): Cutter again uses a Wooly Bugger in cinnamon fished the same as a Sculpin.
- BWO/Blue Winged Olive Mayflies and BWO Spinners (adults): Use a Pheasant Tail in #18 or a Quigley Cripple. See page 81 on how to fish it.
- Brachycentrus, AKA Cased Caddis, the square and tapered "chimney" style and the round ones too: Cutter likes a Pheasant Tail as well as any commercial fly he's seen. You will need to find a big one.
- Callibaetis Mayfly nymph (on a lake or river bottom): Fish a Pheasant tail in spring and fall when the bugs are darker to absorb heat from the sun.
- Callibaetis Mayfly emerger (at the surface): Cutter fishes his Bivisible Dun and a Quigley Cripple.
- Callibaetis Spinner: Cutter is not happy with most commercial spinner flies, but recommends the CDC Biot Spinner, or his own simple tie as described on page 100.
- March Brown nymph; Fish a soft-hackle with a peacock herl body and a partridge wing. Coat with desiccant power. See page 106 for more.

So there you have just a few examples of what I like about Fish Food and there are many more. But, don't use this brief synopsis as an excuse not to get Ralph Cutter's book. If you should do so as a result of my urging, I promise that you will thank me later.

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

Eric

Fly Tyers Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

Jan Nemeč's Fast Water Baetis Emerger

I first saw this fly in the spring, 2012 issue of Sierra Fisherman magazine. Because I am a baetis aficionado, and because I tend to favor emergers over standard dry flies, it caught my interest immediately. Inevitably, I felt compelled to tweak it a bit to suit my style of canyon trout angling. That doesn't mean it's better than the original by any means; rather, it simply reflects my own perception (quirky as it may be) of what will or will not work in the gnarly places I find myself hunting down trout. Mr. Nemeč's pattern calls for a forward wing of foam for which I have substituted deer hair (because I like the Bob Quigley style); a shuck (or tail) of antron or z-lon yarn for which I have substituted "temple dog" fur; a marabou abdomen ribbed with pearl Flashabou, for which I have substituted a Flashabou body with an over-body of touch-dubbed natural dubbing; and a fully hackled front that I have trimmed to eliminate all of the barbules on the bottom of the fly. Still, it's Mr. Nemeč's design, and not mine. If you want to see the original pattern and instructions, see the magazine mentioned above.

Trout seem to prefer mayfly emergers over fully-emerged adults, at least much of the time. According to entomologists, the main reason for this appears to be the ease with which trout can capture hapless mayfly emergers stuck in the surface film, as opposed to the more agile and mobile adults (at least once they have dried their wings and begin to fly off). Imagine yourself to be a hungry, predacious trout happily feeding in the midst of a baetis hatch. You are (mostly) done feasting on nymphs and you are looking upward into the mirrored subsurface

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of the surface film for potential victims. At the edge of your cone of vision you see a shimmering bug, wiggling mightily as it tries to free itself from its exoskeleton. Instinctively you “know” (it seems somehow weird to attribute knowledge to a pea-brained trout) that the insect is both semi-stuck in its shell and trapped in the surface film. So, you liesurely rise up in the water column, tip your nose upward a bit, casually sip the insect into your maw, and sink back down into your watchful position in the feeding lane. Next you notice another insect with gossamer upright wings, and you begin moving upward to intercept it only to watch it lift off the water and out of danger. Do you see my point here?

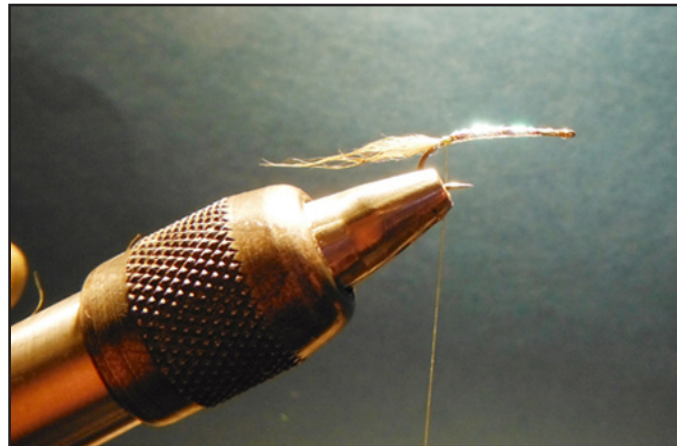
Note my use of the word “shimmering” in the last paragraph—if that doesn’t register with you, do a Google search on something like “water surface film from beneath” and you’ll gain an understanding of why it is important to impart a bit of translucence to your surface

flies (and, if you follow Ralph Cutter’s advice, to your subsurface flies). In case you missed it in the last two issues of the Leader, here’s how I achieve that effect: “The method I use to accomplish this result is to change the tying thread to black at the right step in the tying process and employ the “touch dubbing” technique that Gary LaFontaine (rest his soul) advocated in his books on tying caddis patterns. This technique creates translucency and an impression of life, unlike what would result if the fly’s abdomen was just an ordinary opaque dubbed body. The “shine through” technique, incidentally, is not new; it has been used for wet fly patterns (traditional winged wets, wingless wets, flymphs, soft hackles, and nymphs) for a very long time.”

Tying Instructions:

1. Start the thread at about mid-shank; stop immediately above the hook point and leave the bobbin there.
2. From the skin, remove a tiny pinch of temple dog fur and measure it to the length of the hook shank; trim the butt ends so that the bunch is slightly longer than the shank length, and tie the material in directly above the back of the hook barb making sure that all of the material stays on the top of the hook.
3. At the same point, tie in a strand of small pearl Flashabou and wrap it forward to the rear of the eye and then back to the tie-in point. Tie it off securely there and place a tiny drop of super glue on the thread wraps to secure the material in place.

MATERIALS NEEDED	
Hook:	Daiichi 1260 size 16
Thread:	Light olive 8/0 Unithread
Bead:	None
Tail:	Small pinch of olive Temple Dog fur
Body base:	Small pearl Flashabou
Over-body:	Light olive spiky dubbing
Ribbing:	None
Legs:	None
Wingpads:	Butts of wing hair
Thorax:	Same as body, but a bit fuller
Hackle:	Light dun dry fly hackle
Weight:	None
Wing:	Dun deer and a few strands of UV pearl dubbing
Head:	Thread



Steps 1, 2 and 3



Step 4

4. Using tacky dubbing wax, wax a 2 inch piece of the thread; be sure to get the wax right up to the hook shank. Take a pinch of light olive dubbing between your thumb and forefinger, and brush it along the length of the waxed thread, back and forth several times, twisting the thread as you do this. This will result in some of the dubbing fibers sticking to the wax. Move the thread forward using evenly spaced turns, ending a short distance behind the hook eye. Try to space the wraps so that some of the pearl Flashabou body shows through.

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Steps 5, 6, 7, & 8



Step 9 and completed fly

5. Pull three or four strands (no more than that) of UV pearl dubbing from the package and tie them in on top of the shank just behind the eye, so that the long ends protrude forward out over the hook eye. Trim the forward ends to about half the length of the shank and securely tie down the butts.
6. Cut and stack a small clump of the dun deer hair, measure it to the length of the UV pearl strands, and tie it in on top of the shank with the tips protruding out over the hook eye. Trim the butts so that there remains a small set of stubs sticking up; this will represent the wing pad of the natural.
7. Prepare a dun neck hackle by isolating the tip of the feather; this will be the end tied in, so it's important that it is isolated. To accomplish this, moisten the feather slightly (use tap water, not saliva) and gently stroke all of the barbules, except for the very tip, toward the butt end of the feather. Tie the feather in by the isolated tip at the same point that the deer hair was tied in, and place a tiny drop of super glue over the thread wraps.
8. Once the glue is dry, wrap the hackle perpendicular to the shank, using 6 or 7 turns. Tie it off behind the hook eye, trim the excess, and whip finish.
9. Turn the fly over by rotating the vise, and carefully trim out the barbules that protrude downward, using the point of your scissors. We want this fly to sit squarely in the surface film, and not awkwardly on top of the film in its front area.

Now go crank one of these bugs and fish it. I live by that simple philosophy.

Enjoy, and see
ya on the creek...!!!



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