

Leader's Line

by Mike Howes, GBF President

Merry Christmas!!

Give your fellow fisherperson a hug. It is time to reflect on all those great fishing days this year, and come to agreement on how big the fish really was. Our holiday potluck is the perfect time to share your tales with others and enjoy some good old fashion home cooking. To spread the type of food to bring, we chopped up the alphabet and assigned dishes:



A-D — Hors D'oeuvres

E-I - Salads

J-Q — Favorite Dish

R-Z — Dessert

Our membership drive for 2014 is still on. Paying your membership dues by January 1st will give you a chance to win \$100 in Annual Dinner Raffle tickets in our "Early Bird" raffle.

Annual Dinner tickets are on sale. The tickets this year are \$40 apiece. We are catering from Dickey's Barbeque Pit. The dinner is on March 15, 2014. The Rocklin Sunset Center has limited seating of 200. the event is usually sold out, so don't wait to buy your tickets. Tickets are available at the general meetings and on-line via **EventBrite**.

The Chili Cook-off and Swap Meet is on December 7th at the clubhouse. This year will be a special event— Ron and Jeanne English will be selling Bill Carnazzo's fly tying items. Our librarian, Kim Lloyd, will be selling vintage VHS tapes of famous tiers and other instructional tapes at a cheap

price. All proceeds from the VHS sales will be used to buy new DVDs for the Library. Don't forget to bring a chili. The competition will be fierce, with

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Ron and Jeanne English, Denny Welch and last year's winner, Lester Grisby, participating—no telling what they will cook up.

On December 14th, Art Livingston is planning a Veteran's Fishout at **Big M Fishery**. We will need members to help with casting and netting. At this time, we don't know how many veterans are going to participate. Art will alert us to what he needs when he finds out how many veterans will be participating.

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DECEMBER ²⁰¹³									
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.			
						Swap Meet & Chili Contest			
8.	9.	10.	11.	12. Monthly	13.	14.			
				Meeting 7:00 рм		Trinity River Fishout 14th - 16th			
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22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.			
29.	30.	31.							

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Beginning Fly Tying will start at the end of January. The course is four workshops held at a Raley's community center conference room. There is a slight charge of \$20 to cover cost of copying fly recipes, and the purchase of "<u>Concise Handbook of Fly Tying</u>" for each student. The course will be limited to 12 participants. If you don't have fly tying equipment, wait until after the first workshop to buy your equipment. GBF will be supplying the fly tying material, and for those without equipment, GBF will supply that also. Sign-up at the December potluck, or by contacting Jim Holmes, <u>jwholmes@aol.com</u>. Contact Jim if you need fly tying equipment.

I put out a request for volunteers to fill two vacancies on the Board of Directors. Before the ink dried on the email, I had two members requesting to be nominated for the positions. **Tim Billingsley** and **Ted Way** stated they would like to fill the positions of Conservation VP and Membership VP, respectfully. As per GBF Bylaws, the BOD must approve the nominations, and then the membership votes for the nominees. If there is anyone else that would like to be nominated for one of these positions, contact me at <u>lifeisreel@aol.com</u>. A vote to fill these positions will take place at the next general meeting for the remaining unexpired July 2013 – June 2014 term.

Happy Holidays

2014 Yuba River UC Davis Fishout

by Pete Koistinen

The University of California at Davis has an agricultural research station on the banks of the Lower Yuba River. This property is closed to the public, but fishing clubs are allowed yearly access for fishing. This is

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a great deal because we get private access on a river that typically gets fairly heavy angler pressure. The property is beautiful (and private); there are shade trees, a new picnic pavilion with a charcoal grill, and a porta potty.

Pete Koistinen (<u>peterkoistinen@att.net</u> 916-435-9530) will lead the fishout on February 1. It's limited to 15 anglers, and there is no fee. There are two ways to sign up: contact Pete, or use the signup sheet at the January meeting. If more than 14 sign up, anglers will be selected by lottery. Sign up before January 10th to be included in the drawing. Signups received January 10th or later, and those who don't draw, will go on a waiting list.

The Yuba River is a wild rainbow trout fishery, with some fish over 20 inches. These fish are some of the strongest, fastest trout you'll catch anywhere. It's not uncommon for a 16-inch fish to take you into the backing. The Yuba River is about the same size as the lower American; a water flow rate of 1000 -2000 CFS is ideal. A few hints for success on the Yuba: keep moving—if 2 or 3 good drifts, or a few fly changes don't produce, move on to another spot. Also, the fish can be close to shore, so work the shoreline before you get in the river. It's possible you'll catch 50% of your fish while standing on dry land.

The usual mayfly and stone fly nymphs will catch fish. Dry flies include PMD and blue wing olive mayflies, and Skwala stoneflies. Check our website's Fly Tyer's Corner archives July 2006, March 2008, and February 2009 for Bill Carnazzo's and Paul Egan's excellent Skwala dry flies. More detailed information about flies and rods will be available on our website's "Fishouts" section.

OK, I hope to see you on this great "private water" fishout.



Fishmaster's Corner

by Eric Palmer, Fishmaster

le•ver•age

- noun \'le-və-rij, 'lē-; 'lev-rij, 'lēv-\
- 1: the ability of one person to influence or impact many
- 2: influence or power used to achieve a desired result
- 3: the increase in force gained by using a lever

Last month I described how the ideas for many of these articles materialize out of thin air under unlikely circumstances. This one came to me in early September while knee deep in the middle Klamath swinging a fly in an attempt to coax a grab from balky half pounders. It was an idyllic scene on Green Riffle above Orleans for sure with not a soul in sight upstream nor down, enabling that cherished state of aloneness with just the rush of the riffle and my thoughts, while accompanied by a gentle breeze at my back carrying my line gracefully to its target. The fish's response to these seemingly optimum conditions? No sale!

Repeatedly casting while inching downriver a few steps at a time, my mind wanders then stumbles over... Fishouts. I reflect on my good fortune in the number of members who stepped up to the plate and agreed to lead fishouts on my watch, so I decided then and there to acknowledge their efforts here and hopefully encourage others to follow their lead. That morning was unproductive in fish to the net, but at least I got a Leader article for my troubles.

When I began in this role early last year, I stressed over being able to recruit new Fishout leaders, and wondered if I'd have to resort to the age-old, time-proven "Tony Soprano" methods of motivation. Not necessary; much to my glee I soon found that only a gentle nudge was required to encourage GBF members to step forward to make a powerful and lasting impact on their fellow club members.

So what's the deal with the whacky title for this article? I'm clearly not talking about buying stocks on margin, or flipping fixer-uppers on no money down. When I think of a Fishout, I like to think of an opportunity for one individual to expend just a little additional time and effort in order to make a significant impact on a larger group; One person does a little planning, sends some emails, maybe makes a phone call or two that results in 15, or 20, or possibly 30 people going fishing. That's leverage!

Furthermore, the Fishout participants may find themselves fishing a new destination they might otherwise never have explored; they might find they love the river or lake and return later on their own; it might even become an annual tradition for them. They will very likely make new friends and develop future fishing

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partners. And for sure, they will further hone their fly fishing skills. This is a very big deal and <u>huge</u> leverage! And all because one individual went just a little bit out of his way to plan and lead the excursion.

In the nearly two years that I've had this job, seven (7) new Fishout leaders have stepped forward and made a positive impact on their fellow members:

Ed Lloyd: Little Truckee, Sept of 2012 and 2013.

Doug Kytonen: Lake Amador, Ranch Seco, Sly Park, Stumpy Meadows

Ron Gadreault: Fuller Lake x 3

Mark Pinski: Baja, East Cape

Tony Jelinek: Upper Sac

Leaman Houston: Truckee River

Ted Way: Clay Hash Lower Yuba pontoon clinics x 2

Because of the efforts of these folks, in 2013 alone, over 100 members have gone fishing who otherwise might not have; again: leverage! And of course this is in addition to the large number of members who went fishing under the direction of our long-term, stalwart, steady-as-the-sun-rising-in-the-east members who have been heading up events to their favorite water for many years. Fortunately, there are too many to name here, but they're household names and you already know who they are. A huge thank-you to all Fishout leaders, and let's do it all again next year, and then some!

Have a great Holiday Season, thanks for your time and see you on the water...



Great Raffle and Auction 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).

<u>Please consider donating something to the Annual Dinner</u>. 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 that 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 Rick Radoff @ 916-870-9637. Any contribution is appreciated, and all donators are duly acknowledged at the dinner.

Shop Talk

Need to know what is happening in the fly shops in December?

Gary Eblen of **American Fly Fishing** wants to remind everyone that on December 7th, AFF is having a BBQ. The store will have equipment reps present and loads of specials.

Rick Anderson at **Fly Fishing Specialties** wishes everyone a Happy Holiday, and looks forward to a great 2014.

Tim Au Young of **Kiene's** wants everyone to know they are moving, and will change the shop name to "**FISHWEST**." They are having a big **ORVIS** event on December 14th and 15th at the new store located behind the old store at 2752 Marconi Ave, Sacramento.

GBF's "Adopt-a-Creek" Program

by Mike Howes, GBF President

GBF's "Adopt-a-Creek" program had three workdays in November. Sixteen members cleared an area on Dry Creek, collected cuttings and planted vegetation along the bank to help stop erosion of the bank. On the third day, two Girl Scout troops and their families helped plant the vegetation. Tim Billingsley gave the group a lecture on what we were doing and identified the various native plants. After the Sunday session GBF hosted a BBQ for the volunteers. We have adopted a mile stretch of Dry Creek, this last effort covered approximately 100 feet so there is a lot more work to do. Thanks to the



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following members for making this effort a success: Tim and Susan Billingsley, John Carroz, Patrick Dwyer, Wendell Edwards, Ron Ellis, Bus Gehring, Michael Gervais, David Jones, Dan Lopez, Don Lounsbury, Bill Mayer, Jim Miner, Lou Pope and Don Van Sant.



GBF and Girl Scouts Crew



Girl Scouts Planting New Trees

Tim Billingsley Plant Lecture

Membership Renewals are Due

by Taylor Yates, VP Membership

It's that time of year again! With the holidays fast approaching don't forget to give a gift to yourself.

Membership fees are \$30 for individual members and \$35 for family memberships. There are several payment options: cash, check, or credit card at the general meetings, OR, you can make your payment to PayPal through the email link sent by the Club.

This year there is an 'early bird' raffle for those renewing by January 1, 2014. By paying your dues prior to the New Year, your name will automatically be entered to win \$100 worth of Annual Dinner Raffle tickets. This is a terrific prize!

If you prefer to mail your renewal, please send your check made payable to **Granite Bay Flycasters** to the following address:

Granite Bay Flycasters c/o Taylor Yates 1069 Brock Circle Folsom, CA 95630

Membership fees and our annual dinner are the major sources of the funds needed to operate our club. As the best fly-fishing club around the 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 2014.

Trinity River Fishout

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 will be Weaverville. This is a good base when fishing the Lewiston-Pigeon Point area, and has a good choice of restaurants. The HQ is at **49**^{er} **Gold Country Inn, 718 Main Street (Hwy 299), Weaverville, California (530) 623-4937. Tell them you are on the GBFC trip and they'll give you a Deluxe room at Economy prices**.

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.

Saturday night we will plan to gather at Marino's (Italian), 1316 Nugget Lane, Weaverville (530) 623-6466, where the group can compare notes and strategize the next day's fishing.

Sunday 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.

For those who want to gather for breakfast, we'll be at the Nugget, 622 Main Street at 7:00 on Sunday and Monday. It is within walking distance of the 49^{er} Gold Country Inn.

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 <u>corely@surewest.net</u>.



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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 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 15th of the month to be included in the following month's *Leader*.

Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner (Taken from the Article Written in December 2008)

Fly Patterns - Bill's Emerging Thing



Materials:

Hook:Daiichi 1260 #8Thread:Orange 8/0Tail (shuck):Dun colored CDCAbdomen:Alternating orange and root beer glass seed beadsThorax:Creamy orange Buggy Nymph mixed with gold Lite BriteUnderwing:Orange crystal flash (sparse)Wing:Burnt orange deer hairHackle:Soft furnace hackle

Bill's Emerging Thing

Description

I owe this pattern to a couple of very innovative good friends. A very long time ago Joe Kimsey, guru of the Upper Sacramento River and former owner of the Ted Fay Fly Shop in Dunsmuir, created his famous "Maggie" to imitate an emerging October Caddis. I believe Joe may have gotten the idea from Ted Fay. The Maggie is made of orangish dubbing and trimmed deer hair. Don't be put off by its shaggy appearance because that is intentional. Air bubbles are trapped between the trimmed deer hair strands, creating the suggestion of life—so very important in any fly, but especially in an emerger imitation. Many, many trout have been caught on the Maggie—which, of course, is the proverbial proof of the pudding.

But over time patterns morph, partly in response to changing fish reaction to patterns that they have seen a lot, and partly because we fly tiers are constantly tinkering in the exercise of our personal creativity. Ron Rabun's Crystal Maggie is a good example of a creative tyer adapting to changing conditions with a "revision" of a long-standing fly pattern. Ron's pattern incorporates most of the qualities of the Maggie, but includes some of his own designs. A few of Ron's changes include the addition of crystal flash with the wing, some ribbing, and a furnace-type hackle at the front. Again, the results prove the theory; the Crystal Maggie has brought many a fish to the nets of anglers, including me.

My own version, which I call "Bill's Emerging Thing," is based on both the Maggie and the Crystal Maggie. I changed the color of the deer hair "wing," used tiny glass beads for the body, and added a shuck made of CDC. I've been testing this fly for several years and am now convinced that it is a fish-catcher, having caught a good number of large fish with it during the fall season of 2008.

Tying Instructions



- 1. Smash hook barb thoroughly—this is necessary (aside from normal barbless reasons) in order to slide the glass seed beads onto the hook.
- 2. Place the hook in the vise with the bend facing down and slide an orange bead over the point and around the bend. Follow this with a root beer bead. Continue with alternating colors until the shank is half covered with beads. Reposition the hook in the vise in the normal position.

Steps 1 & 2

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Steps 3 & 4

3. Mount the thread at the eye and wrap it back to the 1/3 point on the shank. Push the beads forward to the 1/3 point and begin wrapping the thread rearward between the beads. Keep the forward pressure on the beads in order to keep them from sliding too far to the rear. Build a thread dam behind the last of the beads

to keep them in place. You should, at this point, have sufficient room to tie in the CDC tail. Return the thread to the 1/3 point on the shank.

4. Match two CDC feathers

and pinch them between your thumb and forefinger. Measure them to 2/3 of the length of the shank and tie the tips in as a tail—in reality a shuck representation.

head.



Steps 5 & 6



5. Dub a small thorax of orange dubbing material just

ahead of the front bead, leaving room for the wing, hackle, and a small

6. Tie in several strands of orange crystal flash as an under wing. Top this with a small bunch of burnt orange deer hair. Don't stack the hair. Using a black Sharpie, make a strip along the top of the deer hair wing. Apply a tiny drop of super glue to the tie-in point.

7. Tie in a furnace hackle at the same point. Take 3 or 4 wraps and tie it off. Form a nice small head and whip finish.

Step 7

Tying and Fishing Tips

- 1. As mentioned in the text above, don't stack the hair—just pull out the "wild" strands so that the tips of the remaining strands are fairly close in length. This gives the fly a more sleek profile that gives the impression of life.
- 2. Don't use a lot of flash; it is unnecessary and can scare fish, especially in low-water fall conditions.
- 3. Fish the fly on the dropper with a Stick Caddis on the point, and perhaps even a "stinger" tied to the bend of the Stick Caddis. Allow the fly to swing through a normal short line drift, and then let it swing below you where it will rise in the water column and resemble a hatching October Caddis.

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

Welcome to our Newest Members!

by Taylor Yates, VP Membership

Please join me in welcoming new members who have joined us over the last few months. Make sure you keep an eye out for them at our meetings and events so that we can make them feel that they are an important part of our club.

Bruce Estes Lloyd Gillespie

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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**.

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 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 Taylor Yates at 916-608-4560, or visit the website at www.gbflycasters.org.

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