

The Leader

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Leader's Line

by Mike Howes, GBF President

This time of year the Annual Dinner consumes my thoughts, for it is the one fundraiser for the club. The proceeds from the dinner, combined with our membership dues, enable us to pay for, or put on:

- Free fly fishing clinics/workshops
- Educational and informative speakers at our general meetings.
- Our insurance
- State and Federal taxes and fees
- Credit card fees
- Club activities "Eggs in the Classroom, Veterans programs, ISE show, etc."
- Annual Picnic
- Member recognition
- Humboldt State University Fellowship grant(\$2160)
- Support for other Non Profit organizations (i.e. Trout Unlimited, Casting for Recovery, Cal Trout, etc.)
- Our in-house conservation efforts



This year the dinner, being run by Rick Radoff, will have one of the best silent auctions of all times. There are plenty of rods and reels, good deals on trips, and wine galore. The dinner has the makings of one of the best ever. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, it is not too late.

The dinner is on March 15th at the Rocklin Event Center. Doors open at 4:30. There will be free wine tasting. Our speaker is Mikey Wier, Burl productions. We will have the all-time crowd pleaser, Haagen-Dazs ice cream bars for dessert. Don't miss out, and support the club by purchasing tickets to the dinner. You can contact Henry Sandigo, hsandigo@gmail.com, or go on line at www.gbfc.eventbrite.com to purchase tickets. Tickets will not be on sale the night of the dinner. The cutoff for ticket sales is March 13th.

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Last call for Membership renewal. If you don't renew in March, your name will be removed from the membership list, and you will not be eligible to participate in GBF activities.

Jim Holmes is putting together Advanced Fly Tying workshops. The workshops are scheduled for March 12, 19, April 2 and 9th. They will be held at the Douglas and Rocky Ridge Raley's community center. There is a limit of 12 participants. If you sign up, please attend. Our Beginning Fly Tying also had a limit of 12, but three members that signed up didn't show up, depriving other members the opportunity to learn how to fly tie. If you sign up, show up.

MARCH 2014						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1.
2.	3.	4.	5. Conservation Committee Meeting	6.	7.	8.
9.	10.	11.	12. Advanced Fly Tying	13. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	14.	15. Annual Dinner
16.	17.	18. Fly Tying Jam	19. Advanced Fly Tying	20. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	21.	22. Lake Amador Fishout Fly Casting Clinic
23.	30.	24.	31.	25.	26.	27.
						28.
						29. Fly Casting Clinic

Monthly Program



For our March program, Steve Galletta, Co-owner and Outfitter of [Bighorn Angler Fly Shop & Lodge](#), will be doing a slide show presentation on the legendary Bighorn River. He will be taking an in-depth look into when to go, hatches, seasons, stretches, and techniques as they relate to this famous tailwater fishery.

Membership Renewals are Due

by Ted Way, VP Membership

This is a last call to renew your membership for 2014. Membership in GBF is a true bargain considering all the benefits and services the club offers. With approximately 30 fishouts and numerous clinics scheduled for 2014, that alone is reason enough to maintain your membership.

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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.

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

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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.



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Fishmaster's Corner

by Eric Palmer, Fishmaster

All About Fishouts

I explained all about Fishouts in June of last year, but we have many new members, so it seems fitting as a new fishing season gets underway to review how we do Fishouts in our little club in order to get everyone on the same page.

A Fishout is simply a club-sponsored outing where a bunch of members get together to go fishing. There's a volunteer Fishout leader who facilitates the event and provides useful info on appropriate tackle, rigging, flies, how to get there and access points. **Only GBF members can attend our Fishouts**, which is a major reason to maintain your membership. If you're new to the sport or new to the particular venue, the Fishout leader will attempt to hook you up with a more experienced participant to help you have a productive and fun outing. We typically have on the order of 30 Fishouts per year give or take, and here's the good part... they are all free! The only exception would be if we hire a guide to provide a clinic on how to fish the lake or river, but this is not common. A Fishout can be a one day or multi-day outing and the Fishout leader will provide info on suitable camping and low-cost lodging opportunities.

The Fishout schedule is posted on the GBF website [here](#); some dates may be left vague but are firmed up within a month or so of the event. Actually, there are two versions of the schedule, one public and a private one for members only. See the link at the top of the public schedule page for the members-only schedule. Why two schedules, you ask?

The GBF website is wide open for the general public to browse, including the schedule at the link above, and in fact we do have people from around the world browsing our site every day. But on the restricted page we've gone the extra mile to provide members with all the detailed information needed to fish the given venue. This includes recommended flies, line/leader/tippet rigging, the best rods to bring, all the gear you'll need, expected weather conditions, a map to the location if necessary, maybe photos from last year's outing, and the event leader's phone and email contact info; in other words—everything you need for a successful trip, except catching the fish; that's your job.

You get to this extra information by either clicking the link indicated at the top of the public schedule, or by going directly to the GBF site [Message Board \(MB\)](#). Once on the MB, if you have not already done so, you will need to register. In registering, you select any desired user ID and personal password known only to you.

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You then log in to the MB. Once you log in, you will immediately see two new forums appear in the forum list, one being the members-only Fishout schedule and the second, our Fishouts archives going back many years. When you click on either one, you will be prompted for a second password known only to club members. To get this password, ask another member or any board member at the next meeting, or shoot me an email.

Here's a tip: Once your browser is on the members-only schedule, bookmark it so you can go to it directly anytime in the future without logging in. The only downside is you may forget the special password.

OK, how do I sign up for Fishouts you ask? We place sign-up sheets on the table at the front of our meeting room two meetings before the event. If you are unable to make a meeting or two and miss the signup sheet, you have the option of emailing or phoning the leader directly to get your name on the list, or you can contact me (see below) and I'll get you signed up. If you sign up, then later find you are unable to attend, please show the Fishout leader the courtesy of an email stating that you must cancel. Or, at the next meeting, simply cross out your name. This is important so the Fishout leader knows how many participants to expect and can plan accordingly.

Occasionally, a Fishout will have a limit placed on participation if it's a small or fragile venue with limited elbow room. In this case, we typically run a lottery to manage an overflow situation. And finally, when you place your name on the signup sheet, take note of the leader's phone number and enter it in your cell phone. This way, if you are running late the day of the event, you can call ahead to give the leader a heads-up.

Next question: **Who leads Fishouts?** Answer: **Members like you do!** Fishout leading is not restricted to uber-guru fly-fishers who have been waving sticks at fish since the age of 7 and have memorized the name of every fly in the bins at the local fly shop; anyone can lead a Fishout! All it takes is a desire to really learn a given lake or river, make new friends and establish fishing partners all while learning more about fly fishing and perfecting your skills. Give it a try, I guarantee you'll be glad you did. If any questions remain, my contact info is below.

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

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Our HUGE Annual Dinner Event is Almost Here!

The famous Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner is almost here. This is our club’s biggest bash of the year—and is absolutely the best way for you to show your support in 2014. Here are all the details on this important, yet super-fun event:

- **Who:** Club members, friends, families, neighbors, co-workers...anyone who’d enjoy an evening out with good food, a great speaker, and an incredible raffle & silent auction.
- **What:** Delicious BBQ dinner, huge raffle and silent auction, and special guest speaker, Mikey Wier, a famous fishing videographer who will amaze and inspire us!
- **When:** Saturday, March 15th, 2014. Bar opens at 4:30; dinner starts around 6:00.
- **Where:** The dinner, raffle, auction will be held at the Rocklin Event Center in Rocklin. The facility address is 2650 Sunset Blvd—and there’s plenty of free parking.
- **Why:** Because you want an evening of fun, fellowship, and fishing stories—along with the chance to win thousands of dollars in fishing gear, guided trips, and other prizes.
- **How:** Buy your tickets (only \$40/ea.) at this month’s club meeting, or online (gbfc.eventbrite.com), or by calling Henry Sandigo at 916-434-7792. Hurry—as this is written **there are only a few tickets left.**
- **Lastly:** If you can’t attend the dinner, please consider making a donation for the raffle or auction. If you can help in any possible way, just call Rick Radoff at (916) 870-9637.

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Fly Casting Clinics Announced

by John Hogg

This is to announce GBF's annual Fly Casting clinics. These clinics are appropriate for all skill levels of casters. If you are a novice, we will get you going, and if you are experienced we will make you better. The clinics are conducted over two consecutive Saturdays – each day will offer new material.

Dates and times:

Saturday, March 22, 10 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday, March 29, 10 AM to 2:00 PM

The agenda will include a 30-minute break for lunch. We recommend you bring a sack lunch, as the lunch time period will be insufficient to drive to a restaurant.

All classes will be held at Gibson Ranch Regional Park. There is a car pass charge of \$5.00 to enter the park.

We will address the following casts, topics, and techniques:

The 6 essential elements of a fly cast.

Why most fly casters can never throw more than 50 feet.

Roll cast

Pickup – Laydown forward cast

False casting

Shooting line to add distance

Introduction to the double haul

Maximizing your distance cast

Specialty casts

Signups will be at the next general meeting, or email me at johnhogg@sbcglobal.net.

Conservation Corner

by Tim Billingsley, VP Conservation

A couple of weeks ago I was down at my local haunt, the Lower Yuba, grumbling that the fishing was rather slow. It had rained a few days before and the river was expectedly up a bit. But the reason I think I had to work so hard for my one fish in four hours, was the fact that the water was a bit cloudy. The turbidity, a natural process of runoff, begins in all reaches of the watershed, and works its way downstream, terminating of course, at the sea. I didn't think much about it beyond the fact that I was working way too hard to catch fish, then it dawned on me. All that stuff showing up as murky water was washing off the surface of the earth! The road grime off Highway 20 not far above me, the pesticides and fertilizer people apply to their lawns and gardens, the accidental spills at gas stations or the unknown gunk dripping from dumpsters all has the potential to end up in the waters we fish. So that rather slow day down on the Yuba

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brought home the importance of being mindful of what we as good members of society apply, discard or accidentally drop on the surface of our earth. A lot of that stuff has the very real potential of getting in our most beloved watersheds.

Ok boys and girls, here's a bit of related news that might interest you. At our last general meeting I had a conversation (thanks Mel) that made me aware of an issue that has the potential to make Dunsmuir 1991 seem like a picnic. At first I thought it was a proposal, but it seems that California has been importing millions of barrels of crude from tar sands originating as far away as Canada by rail. Huge long trains with a hundred or more tanker cars filled with really, really poisonous stuff making its way to refineries on the western edge of our state. And where are the tracks that carry those trains located? You guessed it. Right alongside some of our favorite rivers, the American, Feather and Sacramento just to name a few. And even if the tracks aren't right next to a flowing stream, as we learned in the previous paragraph, a good storm will wash that nasty goo right where fish and the bugs they eat live. A concerned person might want to keep a close eye on this issue. Maybe even write a letter or two, or better yet, support candidates who take a dim view on these activities regardless of party affiliation.

Third time is charm! The long awaited cleanup day on Dry Creek has been rescheduled.

On Saturday, May 3rd, we will take a sweep of your adopted stretch of the Dry Creek watershed picking up trash, whacking invasive plants and making note of any potential problems to the stream. It's a good way to get a good look at our adopted creek, and maybe even work on that cherished Golden Trout pin. Sign-up sheets will be at our next couple of meetings.

And speaking of meetings, our next Conservation Committee meeting is Wed., March 5th at 6:30PM. We will again be discussing annual club donations—all members are welcome.

History of Fly Fishing

Issue #3

by Ed Lloyd

In our last issue, we learned about the "Macedonian way" of fishing. We also learned about the journey of the poet Elian who told of a way that fisherman would catch fish in an ancient river known as the Astraeus. Today though, if one were to attempt to locate this river, he would be met most assuredly with a great deal of difficulty. Since this river existed many centuries ago, and the fact that ancient geography is confusing enough, especially when one has to deal with many redundant names, not to mention a "chequered" political history, this means that maps would simply not be what they seem. A noted professor by the name of N.G.L. Hammond, whose specialty is Macedonian History, stated that "a considerable drainage project took place in the region in the early twentieth century and that the river Heroditus that Elian knew was probably subsumed into a regional channel which carried the water from the western foothills of the plain of Beroea to the river Haliacmon." If this were the case, then the location puts the ancient river somewhere in modern day Greece. Ongoing research by Professor Hammond further suggests that the modern day river Arapitsa might actually be the ancient Astraeus.

Today in Macedonia, the only "speckled fish" found is the trout, which is described as really the only species seen. This is said to differ from Balkan Trout" because the majority of spots are black, with red spots being absent.

Now Elian's description of the types of fisherman, as we have learned, may actually be third hand info. The "fly fisherman" he wrote of may actually have been reported by a merchant, who heard the information from a soldier, or even an "administrator" traveling along the Via Egnatia (road) to Thessalonika, a town, or region. Beyond that town lay the Silk Road. It is believed Elian's sources may have been travelers who

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had escorted bales of silk on their way to Rome, and bartered their silk with fishers, who in turn bartered their catch with the travelers. From here, the fishers may have obtained the material which would go into the actual making of a fly necessary for their angling purposes. There is much speculation that this source is of great truth, especially by the description of "natural horsehair, white, and black, and flame-colored, and half-gray, or of true sea-purple, for the rest, they say, are pretty poor. They use, too, the straight bristles of the swine, and thread, and much copper and lead, and cords and feathers, chiefly white, or black, or various. They use two wools, red and blue."

It was later revealed however, that some of Elian's work conflicted with that of the Roman fishermen. For example, the Romans used copper and lead as well, which further suggests that this was used for sea fishing, rather than for rivers, like Elian suggested. It was learned that some of Elian's work was in fact plagiarized from some of the works of Oppian, an ancient writer.

So as one can see, it is rather difficult, to ascertain just how the ancient fisherman, especially from Rome and Macedonia, actually caught fish, although it is certain that these fishermen did in fact use some sort of fly. In the next installment, we will learn about "The Macedonian Fly," as well as fishing in Medieval Europe.

Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner
(Taken from the Article Written in March 2009)

Fly Patterns - Bill's Baby Bass Fly



Bill's Baby Bass Fly

Materials:

- Hook:** Tiemco 800S or similar type, size 1/0 or 2/0
Thread: White 6/0 Uni-thread or similar type, and then flat waxed white nylon for the head of the fly
Belly: Pearl Radfloss or similar 3/8" wide mylar ribbon wrapped around shank
Under-wing: White Superhair or similar product
Over-wing: Blue-green Superhair or similar product
Interior Flash: Krystal Flash UV pearl color
Side Flash: Gold Flashabou (fine)
Topping: Mixture of fine black crystal hair and Krystal Flash UV Herring Back color
Throat: Red antron yarn
Eyes: Silver 3/8" 3-D molded eyes
Head: White flat waxed nylon thread covered with epoxy

Description

In both September and December of 2008, I fished Mexico's premiere trophy bass lakes. There are two main bait fish that the bass in these lakes voraciously consume, leading to their unusually large size: Tilapia, and Threadfin Shad. Here are pictures of these two species:



Tilapia (a la carte)



Threadfin Shad

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Using subsurface patterns designed to replicate these two bait fish, I did reasonably well. But, like many fly anglers, I like to experiment—actually, in my case, it's a contrarian philosophy, which leads me to push the envelope by trying flies that perhaps no one else has thought to use (although that may be a bit presumptuous on my part).

So, I asked myself this question: Why wouldn't these carnivorous, aggressive fish also be cannibals? In other words, don't they also eat baby bass? Fortunately, I had included in my vast array of bass bugs a few that look like baby bass, based on a pattern I saw in one of the bass magazines. As usual, I modified it significantly to suit my own theories of imitation, and the result is the bug featured here. The results? Here's one picture, but you'll have to ask my El Salto December trip companions for the full "truth."

Tying Instructions For best viewing: (1) Maximize your Computer Screen Window. (2) Type "Ctrl + or -" to enlarge or contract the photograph display. (3) Use the Horizontal and Vertical Scroll Bars to scroll right and up/down to display larger photos on your screen.



Step 1

1. Cover the hook shank with the 6/0 thread from the hook eye to the back end of the barb, leaving the thread behind the eye. At that point tie in an 8" piece of Radfloss (see below under "hints" for a picture of Radfloss) or similar 3/8" wide mylar ribbon. Wrap the thread over it to the back end of the barb, and return the thread to the hook eye.

2. Wrap the Radfloss forward to a point about 3/8" behind the eye; wrap it rearward in wide wraps, then forward again to achieve a cigar shaped taper. Tie it off and again move the thread to the eye.



Step 2



Step 3

3. Turn the fly over and tie in a throat of red antron yarn. It should extend rearward only to the point of the hook.

4. Return the fly to the upright position and tie in a bunch of Superhair equal to about two pencils width. Begin tying it in just behind the eye, and rearward to that same 3/8" point (where the Radfloss ends). Make sure it is tied in directly on top of the shank, and make



Step 4

adjustments as needed to achieve this goal. Place a tiny drop of superglue on the top of the thread winds.

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Step 5



Step 7



Step 11



Step 13

5. Tie in about 12 strands of pearl UV Krystal Flash at the same point by doubling the material around the thread. This will make the interior of the fly come alive. Wrap it down to the rear of the head area.

6. Tie in a bunch of blue-green Superhair (same size bunch as white) in the same manner as the white Superhair was tied in.

7. Tie in about 12 strands of gold Flashabou in the same manner as the interior flash, except pull 1/2 of the material down onto either side of the fly. This will form the side flash.

8. Tie in about 12 strands of the UV Herring color Krystal Flash. This time tie it down in the middle of the bunch, allowing the front half of the bunch to stick out over the hook eye, with the rear half extending back over the top of the fly.

9. Using the same method, tie in a similar bunch of fine black Crystal Flash. Be sure to wrap it down all the way to the back of the eye.

10. Whip finish the 6/0 thread and then tie on the flat waxed nylon thread, wrapping a nice even head. Leave the thread at the rear of the head area.

11. Take the UV Krystal Flash and the black Crystal Flash that are sticking out over the eye, and pull them tightly rearward. They will mix but that is a good result. Tie them down with a few wraps at the rear of the head and whip finish there. This forms a "stripe" over the top of the head. Place a tiny drop of superglue on top of the head.

12. After allowing the superglue time to dry, place the eyes evenly onto the sides of the head.

13. Coat the head with a nice coat of epoxy, extending it rearward about 1/8" beyond the end of the head. Place the fly on a rotating dryer and leave it there until the epoxy is firmly set (the setting time will vary with the type of epoxy used).



Step 6



Steps 8, 9, & 10



Step 12

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Tying & Fishing Tips

1. If you want to add a weed guard, tie in 30 or 40# Hard mason onto the hook bend before step 2, and finish the weed guard by tying it in just behind the eye, before step 13.
2. After the fly is complete and the epoxy is dried, taper the fly by barbering the rear ends of the Superhair material.
3. Here is a picture of "Radfloss."



Radfloss

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

Salmon and Steelhead Classroom Egg Program

by Frank Stolten



On Feb. 13th the club delivered steelhead eggs to 42 teachers enrolled in the program. The teachers are trained and fully supported by GBF with an insulated aquarium provided by the club at no cost. This was an exciting day for the students as they eagerly awaited the eggs being delivered by 13 dedicated GBF members. The photo is from Golden Hills Elementary in El Dorado Hills, in teacher Beverly Werling's 2nd grade class, which created a very impressive exhibit on salmon and steelhead for the school's science fair.

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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.

The Leader: To send articles, photos, ads and other materials, please e-mail to: Frank Stolten at fstolten@comcast.net. Please put **GBF Leader** in the subject line. Deadline for materials is the 15th of each month.

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