

The Leader

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Leader's Line

by Mike Howes, GBF President

Fishing season is upon us. **Eric Palmer** has lined up 15 fishouts between now and the end of June. Wow! So many opportunities to fish. Get out and wet a line.

Our May General meeting is Members' Night. At this meeting, we will not have a speaker. The meeting is designed to exhibit the various activities of the club, and also show members the various parts of fly fishing from knot tying to leader layout. It is an evening to come and browse the tables and ask questions about the club or fly fishing.

Our annual dinner was a great success. At the dinner I presented five recognition awards. They were as follows: **Participation Award to Doug Kytonen**. Doug led 6 fishouts in 2013, and is on plan to host 7 more in 2014. **Communication Award went to John Pellegrin** for his two years on the Board of Directors as Secretary, and introduced the club to Tenkara fly fishing. **Education Award went to Ed Lloyd**. Ed is the member that arranges for the various speakers at the general meetings. That over one hundred members attended each of the last three meetings is an indication that he is doing a great job. **The Jim Coleman Conservation Award was presented in memory of Dan Edwards**. He passed away in May. He was new to the club, but stepped up to taking on the Conservation lead, and initiated GBF's involvement in the Adopt-A-Creek program. **The President's Award went to Eric Palmer**. Eric has done an outstanding job on coordinating and scheduling our fishouts. He also helps out in the maintenance of our web site. Next time you see these members, show your appreciation to them for making our club one of the best.



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We have elections coming up at the June general meeting. **Tony Fabian** has been nominated, and he has accepted the nomination for the position of President next year (July to June). **Doug Kytonen** has accepted the nomination for Secretary, **Leaman Houston** is going for the Director-at-Large position, and **Lester Grigsby** has been nominated for a Director's position. The nominations will close at the May general meeting.

Last month, I talked about being on the Board of Directors, and I stated that volunteering is a great way to meet members and to hone your fly fishing skills. There are about 20 members that are volunteering in one capacity or another that enable our club to run at the high standard that it does. At the end of this newsletter, there is a list of these members and the activities for which they are responsible. If you would like to become involved, take a look at the list and contact the appropriate member to find out how you can help out.

Annual Dinner - Mike Howes

Annual Picnic - Don Van Sant

Casting Instruction - John Hogg, Rick Radoff

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M A Y 2014						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1.	2. Collins Lake Fishout Dry Creek Cleanup	3.
4.	5.	6. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	7.	8. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM Greenstone Fishout #1	9. Hot Creek Fishout 7 th - 10 th	10. Little Truckee Fishout
11.	12.	13. Fuller Lake Fishout	14.	15.	16. Bridgeport/Twin Lakes Fishout 16 th - 18 th	17.
18. Bridgeport/Twin Lakes Fishout 16 th - 18 th	19.	20. Fly Tying Jam	21.	22.	23.	24. Greenstone Fishout #2
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31. Stumpy Meadows Fishout

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Classroom Egg Program - Doug Groshong, Frank Stolten

Education - John Hogg

Fishmaster - Eric Palmer

Fly Tying - Jim Holmes

Fly Tying Jam - Jim Holmes

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Fishmaster's Corner

by Eric Palmer, Fishmaster

Zen and the Art of Nymph-Fishing

This title will sound familiar to anyone who's been reading my articles since June of 2012, but with many new members on board, I thought a rerun was in order. Having been Fishmaster for a while, I have a repository of past material I can recycle if the topic seems particularly significant, as I think this one is, so here goes...

As much as I'd like to take credit for that deep and profound sounding title, I cannot, since it's the title of Chapter 3 from [John Gierach's, Trout Bum](#), the first offering (1988) from the prolific author of 15 fly fishing classics. *Trout Bum* is a collection of essays, each one humorous, educational and thought provoking, and I highly recommend the book.

"What's the big deal with Chapter 3?" you might ask. Here's the big deal. It tackles head-on the issue that frustrates many of us, and dominates much of the stream-side chatter when we're nymphing for trout with what's variously referred to as Short-Line, Tight-Line, High Sticking or Euro-Nymphing. Many of us will likely be employing these techniques as we hit the Truckee, the Upper Sac, the Lower or Upper Yuba and any of many other comparably structured streams. Specifically, the question is, "*How do I know when to set the hook?*" To adjust expectations—don't get too excited; I'm not going to reveal Gierach's answer to that conundrum here, since to do so, I'd have to plagiarize the entire chapter. Rather, my purpose is to whet your appetite for some fascinating and enlightening reading, and motivate you to get the book and read it. It is in the GBF library.

Here's an excerpt from the beginning of Chapter 3 that sets the stage and illustrates how applicable this is to practitioners of the aforementioned nymphing techniques. John Gierach opens the chapter with this slightly facetious Master-Student exchange: *Student: "Master, how does one tell when the trout has taken the fly?" Master: "The moon is reflected in the still pond my son."* Gierach continues, a little more practically ... *"The actual mechanics of short-line nymph-fishing aren't very complicated or difficult—you don't even have to know how to properly cast a fly rod—but detecting the strike of an unseen trout to an unseen fly is one of the hardest things a fly-fisher will ever have to learn. It's a skill that relies largely on intuition and the ability to see things that aren't immediately evident, or rather, to see things that are evident in their own way."* The underlining is my emphasis, since that sentence—I believe—represents the crux of the matter, and is most likely the "Zen" in the equation.

So...your Fishmaster humbly offers the following 5 step program toward fly-fishing nirvana: 1) purchase or borrow this book from a friend or our library (I have no financial interest in said book); 2) select a comfortable spot on your patio or deck where you can contemplate the wonders of nature with your favorite beverage close at hand, then read Chapter 3; 3) slowly ponder and savor the message, then read the chapter again, savor, repeat, and then; 4) get to know the top fly-fishers (and fish-catchers) in our club, and talk to them about their perspective on this topic; and finally, and most importantly, 5) just go fishing!

To assist with step 5, your club is providing the following near term river and stream Fishout opportunities to further develop and hone your skills on your way toward becoming a hook-setting guru:

- May 7-10, Hot Creek
- May 10, Little Truckee
- May 16-18, Bridgeport/Twin Lakes (several great streams close by)
- June 6-8, Upper Sac at Dunsmuir
- June 21, North Yuba
- For more Fishout info including many lakes click [here](#).

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



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History of Fly Fishing

Issue #5

by Ed Lloyd, Program Chairman

In our last issue, we learned of the ancient "Macedonian Fly." Supposedly, it was created by someone in Macedonia who tied together various pieces of quilt, which would attract certain species of fish. Now, we turn to the question of just how fishing spread throughout Europe during "Medieval Times." The answer will not be easy to find. There are many issues that are of great concern. One issue has become very evident since I started with this series of writings, is the fact that Elian's ancient writings are now regarded as only one "isolated recording." There were no recordings of the origin of fly fishing before that, nor are there any recordings shortly after that. In addition, there was for a time, wide speculation that when Rome was sacked by the Visigoths (in addition to other barbaric tribes), any recollection at all on the origin of fly fishing simply vanished. Now, if this were the case, then just how was word spread about this ancient art of fishing with a fly?

One possibility was that when the Roman Army was spreading into various towns they brought their ideas with them. Then again, just how did they carry this equipment while carrying their weapons? The answer to this will probably remain unknown forever, simply because there were no records kept during this period. Another theory was that merchants spread the idea across the Balkans during the period, and long after that as well. Another possibility might be that nomadic shepherds might have spread the idea, because of their travels in search of quality pastures. The areas they were looking for usually had an elevation of say 1500-1800ft. This elevation just happens to be the same area where trout in southern Europe live. Also of note is that even today shepherds are very traditional fly fisherman. As the shepherds moved their sheep, they surely had time to cast a fly. In an area known as The Stara Planina, this was known as the central way of life, and these nomads still fish with flies today.

Through these above writings is a known fact that there are long periods with no records of time. As a matter of fact, there is more than a thousand years of no recording of fly fishing at all, yet we at least know that there was fly fishing going on, just simply no record of it. For instance, we know for a fact that fish is an important part of their diet throughout Europe, and that there are numerous ways to acquire fish for that purpose. During the late Middle Ages, churches dictated that "no fewer than 145 days a year when the Church dictated that only fruit and fish could be eaten." There was an occasional execution if they were non-compliant.

So, now we know that fly fishing has in fact gone for this period of time, even though there was no record of it. And the fact remains that the idea of fly fishing did indeed spread throughout Europe. For the next couple of issues anyway, I will stay focused on Europe in order to make a bold attempt to find out just how this idea of fly fishing spread. In the next issue, I will continue with the possible accounts of The Late Middle Ages and early Renaissance, which have early accounts of "comparatively rich lists of fly patterns."

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

by Ted Way, 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.

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Bridgeport Fishout 2014 May 16 to 18

Fishout Leaders: **Mike Kaul and Bill Hagopian**

Bridgeport is situated in the Eastern High Sierras. Historic Bridgeport Valley has changed little since cattlemen, and miners discovered its grassy pastures in the 1850's. Surrounded by vast National Forest lands, the region is an unspoiled recreational playground with pristine lakes, rivers, and streams. There is good fishing in both Robinson Creek and Twin Lakes, which provides excellent fishing for large rainbow and brown trout. Also northeast of Bridgeport is the East Walker River, a premier fly-fishing stream.

Mike and Bill will be going to the Lower Twin Lakes Campground on Friday, May 16. We probably will go up earlier, as it is open Camping. Reservations start on the 16th, and are available at www.recreation.gov. We will have a sign at our campsite "GBF." The campground is located approximately 10 miles southwest of Bridgeport, off of Twin Lakes Rd. The nights will be cold, since the campground is at 6500 feet. For those who would like to fish and not camp, there are many creek side cabins, bed and breakfast inns, and motels in the area. Mike has campsite 8, and Bill has campsite 4.

Bev and I will be hosting dinner on Saturday, May 18th, for everyone attending the Bridgeport fishout. It will be at our Lower Twin Lakes campsite # 4 at 5:30 PM. Please e-mail me to let us know if you will be joining us for dinner. All you need to bring is the beverage of your choice and a chair.

Directions: From Sacramento area, go to Highway 395 in Nevada and go south. US Highway 395 runs through Bridgeport. At the first street in Bridgeport, (at the Gas Station) turn right on to Twin Lakes Road. Travel on the Twin Lakes Road for about 9.5 miles, until you get to the Lower Twin Lakes Rd, follow the road and just after you cross over the bridge the Campground will be on the right.

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Please e-mail me back and let me know if you will be joining us.

Equipment: See Website.

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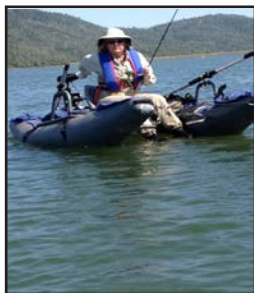
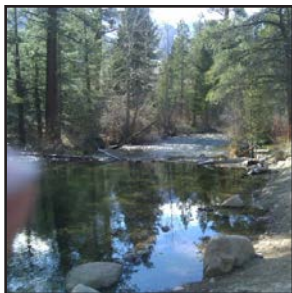
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Also see GBF's website with links.

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If you are interested in coming up, post on the website or contact us at: Billh07@comcast.net - 916-771-5837; Or Mike Kaul at michaelk@cal.net - 530-677-8022

See you in Bridgeport
Mike and Bill



Conservation Corner

by Tim Billingsley, VP Conservation

Earth Week, April 21-25, 2014. Hope you all enjoyed at least one of the many activities and /or events planned to celebrate and appreciate our wondrous planet. But why am I reminding you of events taking place in April when you're reading this in May? Well, one of the main themes this year is water conservation, and I couldn't think of a more important or appropriate subject for Northern Californians to focus on. We have all seen many strategies for using less water on a personal level, like showering with a friend or flushing solids immediately and liquids less frequently. But, the single biggest use of water domestically is landscape maintenance, just as (by far) the greatest single use of water statewide is agricultural. You may not have any control over the acre feet of water applied to rice in Sutter County, but I'll bet most of you reading this can influence the amount of water applied to lawns and household landscaping. So please, check sprinkler systems to be sure they are applying just enough to support plant life, there are no leaks and the water is applied to planting areas and not driveways or sidewalks. You'll feel better about yourself in the process.

May 3rd is the day for cleanup and inspection of our adopted reach of the Dry Creek watershed. I've spoken

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with John Williams with the city of Roseville, and he will supply us with all necessary tools and / or containers for use that day. The city will even remove all trash from designated pick-up sites along the creek. So, anyone planning to attend should bring a good pair of work gloves, and wear long sleeves and long pants, as there are many areas along the creek with blackberry thickets. A long handled pair of pruning shears might also be helpful to keep some of the invasive plants in check. We will meet at 9:30 AM and finish between 12:30 and 1:00 PM.

Our next Conservation Committee meeting is scheduled for June 4th at 6:30 PM. As usual, the meeting will take place at the Round Table Pizza on Sierra College Blvd. just south of Douglas Blvd. All members are welcome, so please come and take part in the discussion.

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.

For Sale:

I'm selling my Dave Scadden Skykomish Sunrise pontoon boat and accessories. This is the model with a stand-up casting platform. I've used it very little and it comes with the following accessories:

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Virginia Lakes Fishout June 25 - 29, 2014

Flycasters, it is time for the annual Virginia Lakes trip. We are looking at the 25th to the 29th of June. We will be going up on June 24th and coming home on June 29th. We will have a taco dinner on Saturday, the 28th for all who attend.

For those of you unfamiliar with Virginia Lakes, they are on the eastern slope of the Sierra just past Bridgeport and before you drop down to Mono Lake. The scenery is "eastern side incredible." We will be staying at Trumble Lake campground at 9,700 feet. This is a nice campground with water and incredibly nice pit toilets. Reservations can be made on line, but we usually are able to secure sites without them. There is also unimproved camping a short distance down the road by the creek (Road 139). This is also very beautiful, and right next to a main stream. The two Virginia Lakes are easy walking distance from the campground, which sits right next to Trumble Lake. There is excellent fishing at all three lakes. Great stream fishing is available all around: Virginia Creek, Green Creek and dry fly fishing for Brook trout in a couple of lakes a short walk up the trail. There is a store at Little Virginia with high-priced goods, a little restaurant, and hot showers. They also rent cabins (usually for a week), but will do a weekend at the last minute if they aren't rented: <http://www.virginalakesresort.com>. Bridgeport is a 30- to 45-minute drive, and there are motels, if camping is not your thing.

The fishing is generally float tube with sinking line (intermediate - fast). Catching twenty fish in a day is not extraordinary, and I will be available to help anyone who desires it. Flies will be plentiful, as I will bring my tying stuff, as will others. There will be extra equipment available for anyone to use. Rods from 3-6 wt. are the norm.

This is a great family outing, as there are a variety of things to do besides fishing. The hiking is excellent, with relatively short distances between lakes. Just down the road there is horseback riding, and the old gold ghost-town of Bodie is within 45 minutes. The city of Mammoth is less than an hour away, as is the entrance to Yosemite.

Please call me if you have any questions and let me know if you are planning to come so I can get enough camp sites and bring enough taco fixin's.

Michael Kaul, michaelk@cal.net
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Members' Night

Each year GBF dedicates a monthly meeting as an opportunity to learn about the many activities and programs available to our members.

Our May meeting will provide a chance to meet and talk to many of our very active members and to learn from their vast experience. Besides information on annual club events, several members will discuss their favorite areas to fish for bass, trout, stripers, and shad as well as saltwater varieties.

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Some of the activities being featured are:

- Rod Building
- Net Building
- Rod & Fly Tying Kit Loaner Program
- Entomology
- Conservation & Education
- Classroom Egg Program
- Fly Tying
- Knot Tying
- Golden Trout Program
- Bass and Striper Fishing
- Places to fish locally
- Casting
- Library
- Welding of fly lines
- Club Merchandise

Come prepared to learn and explore. The talents and expertise of our members comprise decades of experience. Many of our members have fished internationally and want to share their stories. If you are a new member, this is an excellent way to learn and become involved in GBF. If you know someone who may be interested in fly fishing, bring them to the meeting so they can see what GBF offers them to learn about the sport. It's also a great social time for all of our members, new and "old" alike.

Greenstone Country Fishouts

by Tony H

As announced at the March General Meeting, I am now retired, and so I can now have a fishout on both a weekday and weekend.

The weekday fishout is on **Thursday, May 8th**.

The weekend fishout is on **Saturday, May 24th**.

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What makes a person great at his chosen sport? Many will say natural talent. However, to succeed in any endeavor, I learned that you have to work hard: practice, analyze and more practice. Almost anybody could catch a fish when they are feeding aggressively. However, many times they are not. You could have the most expensive equipment, or be the world's best flycaster; however, if you could not feel the fish at the end of the line, you will never catch a fish.

I practice a lot at the ponds in Greenstone, especially during the winter months when Largemouth Bass are lethargic. During this period, when the water temperature is cold, the LMB will give a light tick on the line, which means they are just sucking in and blowing out the fly. The stripers in the delta act much the same way as LMB, so practicing here makes my time more enjoyable at the delta. I remember catching a 25 pounder at the delta; it was a very light tick on the line, like most of the stripers over 10 pounds I have caught.

During this time of season, mid-spring or later for this fishout, I love catching blue gills on a dry fly. This provides training for my eyes to focus on them prior to them hitting the fly. Practice casting the dry fly to land softly on the water with the right tension on the line, ready for a hookup.

I have witnessed people spending thousands of dollars going outside California because fishing is tough in this state. The more time you spend on the water practicing and gaining the feel of a strike, will greatly improve your chances of catching a lot of fish, anywhere. I save a lot of money and enjoy fishing locally. Come join me on one or both of the fishouts at Greenstone and practice. I will be sending you more information when you send me a message at the bulletin board. Also, as I predicted, the price of regular gas has gone over \$4.00 a gallon—don't give to the oil companies—save and spend it at your local fly shop!

If you have any questions, contact me at hatchandhama@sbcglobal.net, or at the website message board.



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

Fly Patterns - Zebra Midge



Zebra Midge

Materials:

Hook:	Tiemco 2457 (scud hook) #14-22
Bead:	Silver lined clear glass bead, sized to match hook
Thread:	Black 8/0
Rib:	Fine or medium silver wire, depending on hook size
Body:	Tying thread
Collar:	Black dubbing

Description

The Zebra Midge is my go-to midge pattern. It is typically tied in black, but variations can include red, silver, white, burnt orange and other colors and hues. It is the ultimate in simplicity, being composed of just a few materials. With a bit of practice, it's a 5-minute fly.

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In the summer of 2007, Jim Holmes, Mike Howes, John Peterson and I traveled up to eastern Oregon to fish several streams there. Our plan was to stay for 3 weeks or so—which we did. One of the rivers we fished was the Owyhee, a beautiful tailwater stream. We camped beside the upper stretch of the river and fished four days on the river. We caught a lot of very large brown trout—but, strangely, no rainbows.

One afternoon we parked several miles downstream from our camp area, to fish a section that we had not tried. I wandered away, looking for some good water upstream of the others. In an area where the stream braided out, I tossed my short line rig into a small pool in a tiny side channel, beneath an overhanging tree. The line stopped abruptly and I set the hook. Thinking I was snagged I began to try to loosen the flies from the bottom, only to have the line and leader burst from the pool. Stunned, I watched as the rig swiftly ran downstream. Regaining my senses, I put a little pressure on the fish, which I had not yet seen. I was thinking "foul hooked" but was secretly hoping it was a big toad fair hooked. My minute or two fight with the fish ended abruptly when it (uncharacteristically, for a brown trout) cleared the water in the tiny channel and managed to beach itself on the sand and cobble where it flopped about. I couldn't believe my eyes—was this the biggest brown I'd ever "caught"?

Well, as it turns out, it was the second biggest—but I cannot claim that I landed it because in effect it landed itself. I yelled for John, who was closest to me, but the downstream cataract was too noisy and he didn't hear me. I slipped the hook from the fish's hooked old jaw and slid it back into the stream, where it lazily swam off as if nothing had happened. I, on the other hand, was nearly a basket case, scratching my head wondering why such a large specimen was hanging out in that small pool in the tiny side channel—and how truly lucky I was to have had this odd experience. The fly, incidentally, was a #18 Zebra Midge.

The standard pattern calls for a brass or copper bead at the head. I prefer, however, a silver colored glass bead—the kind that are clear but have a silver lining in the hole. Let's tie the little imp using that bead.

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**Steps 4 & 5*

1. Crimp the hook barb and place the bead on the hook

2. Cover the hook shank with a layer of thread, working from the back of the bead to the hook bend. The thread should extend at least half-way down the bend.

3. Tie in a piece of silver wire at the point where the thread ends.

4. Wrap the thread back up the shank to the back of the bead and leave the bobbin there. Your wraps should be smooth and even, covering all gaps with no hook surface showing.

5. Wrap the ribbing material in even turns up the shank and tie it off behind the bead.

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Steps 6 & 7

6. Place a tiny bit of dubbing on the thread and dub a sparse collar just behind the bead.
7. Whip finish.

Tying & Fishing Tips

1. The two principal ways to fish this fly on a stream are to put it under an indicator rig, or use it as a trailer or "stinger" with about 16-20" of tippet material tied off to the bend of the main fly's hook.
2. When making the thread body, create a nice smooth finish, with no lumps or gaps.

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

Rancho Murieta Fishout Report, April 23rd

by Bill "Ozzie" Ossolinski

I don't know how we could have had a better fishout than last year, but we did!

First of all, we had the best weather—cool, sunny, breezy—very comfortable. Second of all, everyone attending caught fish! Jack Ramos had to leave early because his arm got sore from catching all those fish. Sturmer White killed them at Bass Lake. Plus the BBQ was better than ever! Ask Scott Vaughn—last I saw him, he was on his second plate, and it was piled high. Bob DeRoss, our cook, went from BBQ cook to executive chef status; expedient "take a number" for your gourmet burger/sausage.

Rancho Murieta is a gated community, and I had to get the RM Association to approve the 24 fishers from Granite Bay Flycasters. We had permission to fish at the four back lakes: Lake Clementia, Lake Chesbro, Lake Calero, and Bass Lake. There was a guide for each lake, and the BBQ was held at the lawn on Lake Clementia. The previous week, the Kiwanis Club had stocked the lake with trout for the Kids Day, so that gave us a great addition of trout in with the bass and bluegills. Everything was a "go" for a great day.

Here were the fishing highlights:

Mike Clifford (the mustard man) snuck off in the back of Lake Clementia, and on a secret Denny Rickards fly, he gave every bass a sore lip.

Frank Stolten gets the "wet fly award" for forgetting his waders! Art Hawkins brought the biggest net ever built to scoop in the huge fish he caught. Larry Lee brought his newly built bass fly rods to land the whoppers. We all had a chance to try out his new rods—extra light weight and strong. He did land the whoppers in Bass Lake with guide, Sturmer White, who gave lessons in long distance casting with some casters reaching over 100 feet. The trout fishermen, Peter Koistinen and his buddy Bill Avery, fished until dark, and lost track of the number of fish caught. The guide for Lake Calero, Dick Shannan, led them to those bass. John Carroz and his buddy Tony Fabian had big grins when they returned to the BBQ with whopper stories for the morning.

A few of the guys with their float tubes—Mel Odemar, Wendell Edwards, John Gilstrap, Chuck Honeycutt, Eric Palmer and Corley Phillips—snuck off to the middle lake (Lake Chesbro) with their guide Don Craig to catch smaller more aggressive spotted bass. Dick Davis held his own at Bass Lake. Doug Kytonen, Gil Siqueiros, Bruce Estes and John Wallace disappeared into the zone.

BBQ highlights:

Chef, Bob DeRoss, outdid himself with tasty hamburger and sausages gilled to perfection. The secret cook was my wife, Lynn, and her Polish Noodles and Rosemary Potatoes were a hit, along with chips, condiments, salads, and chili beans. It all washed down well with sodas and Belgian Blue Moon Beer.

Fun, fun, fun for all, and a great day for me and all my pals who helped me: Bob DeRoss, Sturmer White, Dick Shannon, and Don Craig.

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.

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