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Leader's Line

by Tony Fabian, GBF President



Thank you to all members who attended the 2015 annual dinner for making it a great success. If there is something you can think of that would make it even better, please email me with your request, and I will see if I can make it happen. I would also like to thank the dinner committee for their time and commitment for another great dinner event.

We have some fun fishouts coming up in the next few months. Check out our website fishout page. Come to the meeting and sign up, and go have fun and make a friend.

And when you catch that beautiful trout...take a moment and look at it... and think, "Is that trout's life worth more than the landscape in your yard?"

We are in the fourth year of a drought. Landscape watering is responsible for about 70% of all urban water consumption in California. We can always grow a plant, but we can't grow a trout...

Here Fishy Fishy!

Pyramid Lake Doug Ouellette Clinic and Fishout

by Eric Palmer

Over March 23-25, a group of 18 hardy GBF'ers, seemingly immune to abusive weather, plied the waters of Pyramid Lake at the South Nets with good success. Most arrived by mid-day Monday, and immediately hit the water to begin catching fish. However, after sizing up conditions, several (unnamed) slackers chose to retire to the Nugget in Sparks to soak in a hot tub, suck on beers and watch TV, thus missing out on much of the early fun, but warm they were.

The weather the first day proved perfect for fishing Pyramid. A heavy dark cloud cover with brutal bone numbing cold wind blowing the fish, and the food the fish seek on-shore; the sort of day that makes a Pyramid fly-fisher encased in six layers of clothing and a rain-proof hooded jacket outer shell, glad to be alive, and relishing the anticipation of what the next cast could bring—as long as it does not involve prying a hook out of a shoulder or an ear.

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Wendell Edwards was the first I saw to hook up Monday afternoon with four to the net, and one lost all within his first 90 minutes on his ladder, much to the consternation of those—still fishless—watching from shore. We all want our fly fishing compatriots to get fish, but let's be reasonable. Wendell had apparently muttered just the right prayer to the Pyramid fishing gods as he climbed his ladder of success. His lucky fly: a **Michael**

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A P R I L 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1.	2.	3.	4. Casting Clinic
5.	6.	7. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	8.	9. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	10.	11.
12.	13.	14.	15. Rancho Murieta Fishout	16.	17. Rancho Seco Fishout	18.
19.	20.	21. Fly Tying Jam	22. Tenkara #1 Fishout	23.	24. Cameron Park Fishout	25.
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.		

Monthly Program



Doug Ouellette

Our speaker this month on a return visit to GBF is **Doug Ouellette**, owner of [Calvada Fly Fishing](#), and a Nevada "Master Guide" and a California fly fishing guide with over 45 years of fly fishing experience. His presentation on "Truckee River Trout Fishing" will shed some light on how to be successful on this challenging river.

He has fished extensively throughout the United States, Canada and New Zealand, and presented programs at fly fishing shows for over 30 years. Doug is a contract fly tier for Umpqua, and has also designed several fly patterns that have been proven on freestone streams throughout the Western United States and New Zealand. He is also a recipient of the prestigious "Cal Bird Fly Tying Cup."

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.

Richard Blankenship
Peter Brophy
Frances and Niles Kynett

Randy Lenehan
Michael Williams

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Kaul "Tui Chub." Over the course of the afternoon, many more fish were taken by others with the mettle to brave the wind, the cold and the rough seas pounding their ladder.

Tuesday at 9 AM, we convened at Crosby's Lodge to meet up with our guide/instructors, **Doug Ouellette** of [CalVada Fly Fishing](#), and **Matt "Gilligan" Koles** of [Gilligan's Guide Service](#) to begin a full day of instruction, coaching and netting with an assist from our coaches standing at the ready.

We next caravanned to an open area at the end of South Nets where Doug and Matt assembled tables and chairs for our clinic. The sight of the long line of trucks partially obscured by billowing clouds of dust must have struck terror in the hearts of the long arc of early birds watching from their ladders. However, much to their relief I'm sure, Doug and Matt settled us at the far end of the beach, which over the course of the day, proved to be quite productive water.

Once gathered-round the tables, we were shown how to rig for stripping buggers on a sinking line, or fishing nymphs with an indicator or "floater-no-cater" rig. The discussion included fly selection, leader material, knots, rods—the whole enchilada. We all had ample opportunity to tie up our rigs under the watchful eye of Doug or Matt, with one-on-one treatment as might be requested.

Out in the water after the formal instruction, Doug and Matt rotated between ladders, and between netting our fish, dispensed advice on how to improve a cast or more effectively strip line. There was also a demonstration on how to water load the rod with an indicator on the back cast for a strong lob forward for good distance against a strong wind in the face.

To say that Doug and Matt have Pyramid Lake "dialed in" does not do justice to their expertise on the lake, along with their ability to very effectively share what they know.

While the weather had improved just a tad Tuesday compared to Monday, the catching remained pretty much on par, and I think most got at least one to the net. Among the more fortunate was **M. Kaul**, who was three for six with two of his lost fish exceeding 20 lbs. (or so reports; and we know we can take Michael's word to the bank). **J. Hogg** reported three for three, and as Treasurer, his word must be golden or we're in big trouble. **A. Livingston** was three for five over the first two days.

Rick Chavez got so excited Tuesday morning at the prospects of hooking 25 lb. cutthroat trout that he tipped over his ladder for a full baptismal immersion, only to climb right back up on his perch and resume fishing, seemingly unfazed, while waiving off an assist offered by neighbor **Don Whitecar**. No girly-man, Rick, he would net two good sized cutts within the hour.

Monday and Tuesday evenings began with the requisite gathering at one of our hotel rooms for beers, munchies, lies, tall tales and war stories to be followed by an excellent dinner in one of the Hotel/casino restaurants with yet more sharing of tall tales.

Wednesday brought spring-like weather, and the catching was proportionately diminished, so many cut the day short. Unfortunately, Pyramid Lake is not a fair weather destination, unless you go to just marvel at the remnants of a former huge inland sea called **Lake Lahontan** that covered much of northwestern Nevada at the end

of the last ice age. The lake, originally at 890 feet deep, extended into California and Oregon and south below Lake Tahoe.

With the expert instruction and coaching from Doug and Matt, the catching, the stories and camaraderie over beers and meals at day end, I think all would agree that we had an awesome time.

Besides the attached photos, there are many more [here](#) to give a visual picture of the fishout and clinic. Note that to avoid offending any delicate sensibilities, all photos of guys in the hot tub have been omitted.



Conservation Corner

by Mel Odemar, VP Conservation

A work party was conducted February 21st at Secret Ravine attended by members from Dry Creek Conservancy, TU Sac-Sierra Chapter, John Williams of the City of Roseville, and at least one member of GBF. I was unable to attend, but **Joe Cammarando** did, and sent some photos. Unlike previous stream restoration projects we have participated in, we have the services of a professional, the backing of the City of Roseville with access to their equipment, and the cooperation of two other organizations.

A homeless encampment was discovered in the area along with refuse. We are concerned that the presence of a homeless encampment in the area will pose a threat to the volunteers and to the project itself. It was the presence of a similar encampment that caused us to abandon our previous efforts on Dry Creek. We were asked by John Williams to write to the mayors and police chiefs of Roseville and Rocklin alerting them of the situation, and requesting action to remove the problem. I followed through and got a prompt reply from the police chief of Rocklin. The encampment is in an area bordered by both cities, so it will take joint actions by both police departments. I feel confident that the two police departments will take the necessary actions to secure the area.



The Conservation Committee met on March 4th to allocate this budget year's conservation donations. In the end, we allocated funds to ten organizations. The Board will announce the total allocations later when this year's finances are better known. It became apparent that the process by which we choose recipients needs improvement. This will be the main topic of our next Conservation Committee meeting, June 3rd.

Bridgeport Fishout 2015

May 15 to 17

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 1850s. 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.

Bill and Bev will go up earlier, as it is open Camping. Reservations start on the 15th, and are available at www.recreation.gov. We will have a sign at our campsite (#8) with "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. Bill and Bev have campsite #8.

Bev and I will be hosting dinner on Saturday, May 16th, for everyone attending the Bridgeport fishout. It will be at our Lower Twin Lakes campsite #8 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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A word to the wise: Bridgeport is famous for its HIGH gas prices. The cheapest place to gas up is in Minden or Walker.

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

Equipment: See Website.

Ken's Sporting Goods has a good selection of fishing tackle, flies and is generous with fishing tips. Guide Services are also available (760) 932-7707. His website has a lot of information on fishing conditions in the area. <http://www.kenssport.com>

For more information about lodging, RV, and sites:

Camping Reservations: Recreation.gov Toll-free 1-877-444-6777, <http://www.recreation.gov>

Twin Lakes Resort at (760) 932-7751. <http://www.twinlakesresort.com/>

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Bill, Bev and Mike



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The History of Fly Fishing, Issue #16

by Ed Lloyd, Monthly Program Chairman

In our last issue, we learned more about how artificial flies came about, and though not much in the way of detailed written work is known, there is nevertheless, some evidence that indeed suggests that there were artificial flies used as far back as the 15th Century. This time we turn to the possible origins of three items: the reel, lines and rods.

Just like in the origins of flies, and in general origin of the sport of fly fishing, the exact dates are rather sketchy, and with few clues, it's possible that the Chinese might have actually invented the first reels as early as AD 300 or 400, even though some of the evidence is rather obscure. It is known that the Chinese definitely had the knowledge and technology to invent such a device, given the fact that they had invented the gear wheel by the year 200 BC, yet not much is known about the early development of the reel.

The evidence through the world of art is very informative, as in a painting by Ma Yaun dated 1195, *"showing a man fishing, using a rod that seems to have a reel attached."* Further evidence of the invention of the reel by the Chinese is shown by the first indisputable illustration of a reel in a painting of a Chinese turtle fisherman who is clearly using a reel attached to a rod. The picture was executed in 1600, which fits in very well with the first mentions of European reels, which begins to appear in the seventeenth century. As usual in the history of research on this beloved sport, this description is not entirely sure because a plate that rests in the J. Paul Getty Museum reveals a discovery that shows a fishing reel attached to a rod. Now if the origin and date of the plate are correct, then the first known date of the use of a fishing reel in Europe goes back as far as the 4th or 5th Century AD. There is speculation however, that more research will be revealed in the next few years.

So even though we know the exact origin of the reel is mysterious, the origin of the fly line is not nearly as difficult. Most, if not all the early accounts of fly lines, say that the line was attached to the top of the rod, which is considered the *"first stage of fly line evolution."* A precise idea of how a fly line was made goes something like this: *"hair was taken from the tail of a white horse and then dyed, using among other things, small ale, alum, vitriol, copperas, walnut leaves, tanner's ooze and soot."* Tanner's ooze, by the way, is the liquid from

something known as *"tanner's vats,"* which contained some tanbark juices, and only God alone knows what else. After each piece of line was made along with the use of these liquids, different pieces of line were *"twisted together"* using a device known as a woodcut. This line became a fixed line, and was cut at various lengths depending on the length of the rod which, as the case, was unknown. Now the next question that raised much speculation, was just how far away the fisherman was from his quarry (fish, just in case there is a question!).

We know now that the fishing rod itself was an ancient invention, although not as ancient as the sport of fishing. Again, the best evidence is found in art, not writing. The very first known angling scene comes from a painting on a tomb,

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which dates back to circa 2,000 BC, "showing a party of Egyptian fishermen at work." One member of the group is shown using a hand line, while another member is using a short rod. The gentleman appears to be using a bait fishing rod. This now makes it very difficult to locate a fly rod. It is at this point that references were made from the ancient writings of Greek, Assyrian, Roman, and Jewish descriptions. The evidence points to a small mention of "fly fishing" by the ancient writer, Elian.

So there you have it, a kind of general description of the origin of the reel, fly line, and rod. In our next issue, we will begin to look at the further development of fly fishing in the seventeenth century.

Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner (Taken from the Article Written in April 2011)

Fly Patterns - Billywog



Billywog

Materials:

Hook:	Tiemco 2312, Daiichi 1260, or similar shaped hook, sizes 8-12
Thread:	Black 8/0 or smaller
Tail:	Small bunch of muskrat fur, with guard hairs
Abdomen:	Dubbed muskrat
Rib:	Fine gold wire
Thorax:	Peacock herl (wrapped)
Hackle:	Pheasant after-shaft (immature feathers from pheasant back)
Eyes:	Small black plastic eyes
Weight:	(optional) .010" lead or substitute at thorax area
Head:	Thread

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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.

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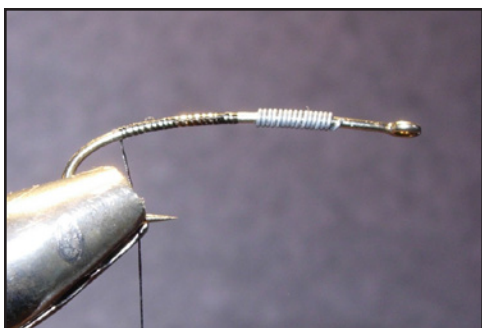
Trout fishing is a passion (and a job) for me. Nevertheless, bass and pan fish fishing is also high on the list. This has given me the opportunity to create some new patterns—some (but not all) of which have been successful. The Billywog is one of my successful still water creations.

Bass love frogs. Pollywogs—immature frogs—are plentiful and easy prey. So it's a no-brainer: You need a pollywog pattern in your bass fly box. This fly is so simple it will make you laugh. Well then, all the better—because I favor simplicity. Fish it with short strips; if that doesn't work, try variations in stripping speed and length. Visualize the soft after-shaft feather moving suggestively as you strip, with a predatory bass eying the passing morsel. Hang on! Here he comes!

P.S.—the Billywog may also suggest a swimming damsel nymph.

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. De-barb the hook and cover the rear half of the shank with thread; add weight at the thorax area, if desired.

2. Take a small bunch of muskrat fur and tie it in as a short tail at the hook bend, just above the back end of the barb.



Step 2

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Step 3

4. Tie in 4 strands of peacock herl by the tips, at this same point. Strengthen them by wrapping them around the tying thread. Now take the herl and thread together, and wrap a nice thorax forward to a point about 2 eye-lengths behind the eye of the hook.



Step 4

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5. If you opt for mono eyes, tie them in now, about 1 eye-length behind the eye of the hook.
6. Just behind the eyes, or at the point where the herl thorax ends (if you choose not to use eyes), tie in an immature feather (called an "after-shaft") from a pheasant back; it should be tied in by its tip. You will find these feathers behind the main, larger feathers on the back. Before tying it in, trim the feather material from one side of the feather.

7. Take two or three wraps of the after-shaft, stroking it back so it sweeps back over the thorax; tie it off and trim the excess. Care must be taken in handling these feathers, as they are quite fragile.
8. Form a nice, small head with the tying thread.

*Steps 6, 7 & 8*

Now go fish your Billywog. Spring is near and, if it's warm enough, the bass will be in shallower water. See ya on the creek...!!!

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

Fishmaster's Corner

by Eric Palmer

All about Fishouts

I typically explain how our Fishouts work once a year about this time for the benefit of new members, so here we go again.

A Fishout is simply a club-sponsored, one day or multi-day, fishing trip where a bunch of members get together to go fishing. And, here's the good part; they're almost always free! Exceptions would be if a guide is involved (rare), in which case we typically get a deep discount off the regular rate, or if a BBQ lunch is provided, where there's a nominal charge just to cover expenses. Fishouts are organized and led by a member volunteer who facilitates the event and provides information on appropriate tackle, rigging, flies, etc., how to get there and access points. Only GBF members can attend our Fishouts.

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 member to help you have a productive and fun outing, and you may make a new friend.

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Occasionally, there may be a spur-of-the-moment "no-host" Fishout instigated by a member who's an expert on a particular venue, but with little to no prep or hand-holding provided. It's just a "Hey, I'm going fishing, come join me" sort of thing. Of course, this does not mean you can't ask for advice on flies, rigging and access points.

The Fishout schedule is posted on the GBF website [here](#). Some dates may be left open early in the year, but are firmed up within a month or two of the event. Actually, there are two versions of the schedule, one public and a private one for members only that has more detailed information that we like to restrict to members only. See the link at the top of the public schedule page for the members-only schedule. You can email me (ejpalmer@pacbell.net), or contact a board member for the special members-only password. We are in the process of rearranging how we present the formerly private Fishout template (aka Fishout information page), and if you'd like to see what we're up to, check out the new [Fishouts and Clinics forum](#) on the Message Board. If you are a new member, you will need to register for the Message Board first with a user ID and password of your choosing. This new format for Fishout templates is a work in process with more info. to come later.

So, how do I sign up for Fishouts you ask? We place sign-up sheets on the table at the front of our meeting room at every meeting, 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 the Fishmaster directly or by emailing the Webmaster at the bottom of every page on our website. 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 on the list. 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 overflow. 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.

Who picks the Fishout leaders you may ask? Answer: members like you volunteer to lead Fishouts! Fishout leading is not restricted to uber-guru fly-fishers who have been fly fishing since the age of 10; 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.

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

Our website is designed to be a resource for club members who want to enhance their fly fishing experience through participation in various club activities. Check often at www.gbflycasters.org for information on club fishouts, conservation projects, classes & clinics, and other activities that support our mission.



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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 Ted Way at 916-761-7115, 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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