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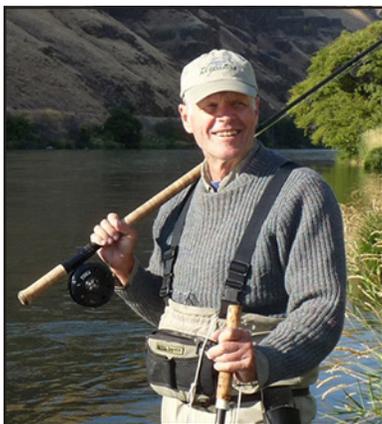


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## Leader's Line

*by John Hogg, GBF President*



Despite the depths of these winter months, February promises some outstanding activities: **Pete Koistinen** has again arranged a fishout on the Lower Yuba with access through the private properties of UC Davis—it is limited to 14 people. Check the fish out schedule on our website, and contact Pete if you would like to attend.

GBF's **Fly Fishing 101 Workshop** is coming up on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (Tues. and Thurs. evenings at the clubhouse). Targeted for novice fly anglers, it is conducted by master anglers and tyers, **Jim Holmes** and **Steve Reems**.

We also have scheduled a fascinating speaker for our next general meeting (Feb 11<sup>th</sup>) **Craig Nielsen**, who operates Shasta Trout Guide Services.

And finally, don't forget the **Annual Dinner**, which is only a few weeks away! It will be held on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sunset Community Center in Rocklin. This event, our primary fund raiser for the entire year, sells out every year so, if you haven't already gotten your ticket, don't delay and either get one at the next club meeting on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, or contact Mike Howes at [lifeisreel@aol.com](mailto:lifeisreel@aol.com).

## Bridgeport Fishout 2016 May 15 - 17

*Fishout Leader: Bill Hagopian*

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As you may know, we cancelled last year's fishout at the last minute due to bad weather. A couple of brave souls went and had some decent luck fishing.

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 provide 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 arrive on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Camping Reservations start on the 15<sup>th</sup> and are available at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). We will have a sign at our campsite (# 8) with "GBF" at the Lower Twin Lakes Campground. The campground is located approximately

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F E B R U A R Y 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	10.	11. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	12.	13.
14.	15.	16. Fly Tying Jam	17.	18.	19.	20. Yuba River Fishout
21.	22.	23. Fly Fishing 101	24.	25. Fly Fishing 101	26.	27.
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Monthly Program



Craig Nielsen

Our guest speaker this month is **Craig Nielsen**, the owner of Shasta Trout Guide Service, who will present a multimedia program, **"Best of the Best in the Shadow of Mt. Shasta,"** featuring Craig's favorite seasons on the local rivers. Craig will share proven tactics, strategies and techniques refined by local guides on the rivers in the **Shadow of Shasta**, including Hat Creek, the McCloud, Upper & Lower Sac, Pit, Klamath, Trinity and Fall Rivers which are renowned for their wild trout and steelhead. The techniques and strategies described on these rivers are easily adopted on other rivers by unguided anglers.

Craig has been guiding professionally since 1992, is an FFF certified casting instructor, a frequent presenter at ISE and other fly fishing shows, and holds a Master's degree from Chico State where he worked as an Instructor, Administrator and Counselor before following his passion to guide full time.

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

by Ted Way, VP Membership

Please join me in welcoming new members who have joined us recently. 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.

Dirk and Linda Reed  
Mike and Elma Kryss

Ben Asuncion  
Glenn Yoshioka

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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 creekside cabins, bed and breakfast inns, and motels in the area.

Bev and I will be hosting dinner on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 was 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.twinlakeresort.com/>

Mono Village (800) 280-CAMP. (760) 932-7071. <http://www.monovillage.com/>

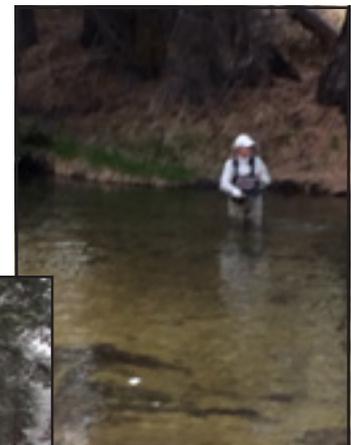
Doc and Al's Resort (760) 932-7051.

Bridgeport Ranger District (760) 932-7070.

If you are interested in coming up, post on the website or contact us at: [Billh07@comcast.net](mailto:Billh07@comcast.net) - 916-771-5837, cell: 916-847-904

See you in Bridgeport.

Bill and Bev



## GBF Rod Building Classes

This fall there were eight rod builders that went through GBF Rod Building class. Each builder had private instruction in which there were many great individual questions.

Rods built ranged from 3 wt. through 8 wt., and from 7'-9" to 9'-0". Each participant attended 3 sessions that lasted from 2 - 3 hours. The 3 building classes included selecting the blank and components (guides, reel seats, handles...), preparing handles and reel seats for gluing, marking guide locations, gluing on the tiptop, and then learning to tie on the guides. Builders then took the equipment home to finish tying on the guides. All rod building equipment and instruction was included in the cost of the rod.

In the final class, the semi-completed rod went through a thorough inspection, and builders' names were written onto their rods. In the final step, the epoxy was applied and left to spin to complete the rod. When builders came back to pick up their rods after approximately 24 hours (time for the epoxy to cure), there were all smiles and enthusiasm about going through the class. Additionally, persons going through rod building can get credit for GBF's Golden Trout Program.

GBF rod building classes continue all year, so talk to Larry Lee (L3Rods) at 916-601-7853 to get started.

## Annual Dinner Update

### With the Holidays behind us, it's time to think about Annual Dinner tickets and donations!

The Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner is always the biggest and best fly-fishing party around! We'd like everyone to join us for this wonderful and important evening. And, whether you can make the event or not, please consider donating something, fishing-related or otherwise, to help support the raffle...and your club...on this special night.

Here's everything you need to know about attending (and contributing to) this event...

- **Who:** Club members, friends, families, co-workers, neighbors...anyone who's interested in having a great time, winning great prizes, and supporting a great cause.

- **What:** Fantastic dinner, massive raffle, outstanding silent and live auctions, plus...a special performance by the local championship quartet, *The Artful Codgers!*

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- **When:** Saturday, March 5, 2016. The festivities start by 4:30PM (bar opens at 4:30; dinner begins at 6:00), and the closing remarks usually happen by 9:00PM.

- **Where:** The dinner, raffle & auction will be at the Rocklin Event Center, at 2650 Sunset Boulevard in Rocklin. It's easy to find, 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, trips, and other prizes.

- **How:** Buy your dinner tickets at the next club meeting, or just visit our website ([www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org)) to buy tickets securely online. Tickets are just \$40 each!

Lastly...If you can't attend the dinner, please consider making a donation for the raffle or auction. If you can help, just contact Mike Howes at [LifeIsReel@aol.com](mailto:LifeIsReel@aol.com).

## Yuba River/UC Davis Fishout February 20 2016

*by Pete Koistinen, Fishmaster*

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 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 picnic pavilion with a charcoal grill and a portable toilet.

I will lead the fishout on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. It's limited to 15 anglers, and there is no fee. If you have any questions or wish additional information, contact me at [peterkoistinen@att.net](mailto:peterkoistinen@att.net) or 916-622-3191, voice only no text.

Even though signups were taken at the January monthly meeting, if you're interested, contact me and I will put your name on a waiting list in case there is a cancellation.

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 standing on dry land. The usual mayfly and stone fly nymphs will catch fish. Dry flies include

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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.

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

## GBF President's Annual Picnic and 1-Fly Fish-Out!

Exciting changes coming this year! One event becomes two!

### **1-Fly Fishout will be held April 9<sup>th</sup> at Rancho Seco!**

Expect good catching as the annual SMUD/Rancho Seco Fishing Derby will be held the weekend prior, and there should be lots of fish waiting for us. The Awards Presentation will be held lakeside along with hamburgers and all the trimmings. Fish-out details, time and guidelines will be posted to our website under "Fish-Outs." Look for sign-up sheets at upcoming meetings.

### **President's Annual Picnic will be held June 11<sup>th</sup> at Rancho Seco!**

We will gather in Group Picnic Area 2b starting at 11:00 AM.

GBF will provide all the food including tri tip, chicken and hotdogs at 1:00 PM! You bring your easy chairs and your family for a fun-filled day at the lake and beach. Details about all the upgraded amenities at Rancho Seco are posted on the website under "Events." Look for sign-up sheets at upcoming meetings.

Wendell Edwards   [wendelledwards@mac.com](mailto:wendelledwards@mac.com)   916-508-7000

## Early Bird Raffle Winners

At the January general meeting the two early bird raffles were drawn. The winner of the *Membership Early Bird Raffle* out of 104 entries was **Ron and Jeannie English**.

At the *Annual Dinner Early Bird Raffle* **David Sterling's** name was drawn from 94 entries. Both winners received a \$100 bundle of annual dinner raffle tickets.

If you haven't renewed your membership or bought dinner tickets, go to [gbflycasters.org](http://gbflycasters.org), and in the right-hand column click on the GBF logo to do so.

## Fishing Photos Wanted!

The Annual Dinner Committee is looking for photos of club members doing what they love... trying to catch fish! The photos will be used for a slide show to be shown during our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner coming up on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

Any images of you or other GBF fishout participants catching fish or otherwise enjoying a fishing event, would be appropriate—and appreciated! If you can contribute in this special way, please contact Mike Howes by email at [LifeIsReel@aol.com](mailto:LifeIsReel@aol.com).



*Everyone's invited* to the  
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**Saturday, March 5, 2016** • Doors open @ 4:30pm

**Granite Bay Flycasters is one of the most active fly fishing clubs in the West! This event supports our famous scholarship and conservation programs, and is a great way to meet other local fly fishermen and women. Please join us for this special evening...and you could win great gear, fantastic trips, and much more!**

Entertainment provided by The Artful Codgers, the 2014 Super Senior Champions of the Far West District of the



Barbershop Harmony Society, as well as the 2015 Senior Champions for the Northeast Division!

BBQ dinner starts at 6pm.  
For tickets (just \$40/ea.) and all the event details, please visit our website: [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org).



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## Membership

Our 2016 membership and renewal drive is underway. We have lots of activities in store for 2016, and your membership renewal is your admission ticket! You can renew via PayPal (on our website), or by paying at our monthly meeting, or by sending me a check made out to **GBF** at: Ted Way, 113 Carmody Circle, Folsom 95630.

Ted Way, VP Membership  
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 916-861-7115

## Getting Wet on the North Yuba

*by Eric Palmer*

I'm not the superstitious type, but occasionally when faced with a particularly odd sequence of events, I may occasionally take a detour to fantasy-land contemplating the existence of some sort of greater force that could possibly be in play. Like, for example, when you have a day on the river where everything goes almost perfectly, only to be followed by a day that's the exact polar opposite. This has led me to speculate on the existence of a master cosmic balance sheet that must be periodically reconciled to ensure that all credits are offset by equal and opposite debits.

Regular readers of *The Leader*, may recall the January story about an errant trout net victimized by a fluke bungee clip malfunction, only to be miraculously recovered following a mad 100-yard scramble across the river and downstream, without so much as a banged shin nor molecule of moisture on a shirt cuff. In that telling, due to space constraints, I omitted comments on the quality of the fishing that day—or rather the catching. It was quite stellar, I have to say, with a trout stuck hard on every second or third cast over about a 90-minute period. This run of amazing good luck ended suddenly with both feet planted hard on the brake pedal, when my favorite, and much cherished GBF clinic net suddenly went missing. Yeah, but, you lost your net, you say; lost net equals bad luck equals bad day! Meh—a minor inconvenience, given my net's amazing recovery just minutes later, plus I didn't drown, as an added bonus. All's well that ends well.

On that first day of a two day North Yuba jaunt in July with fellow GBF'er Ted Way, my fly of choice on a two fly short-line nymphing rig could do no wrong. It was a #12 Caddis Pupa that I had only one copy of. I don't know where it came from, and I have not seen it's like since. I can best describe it as perhaps a cousin to the ubiquitous *Fox Caddis Poopah*, but on steroids with a body of tightly twisted fat dark brown yarn floating high off the hook. This fellow, tied on point, did all the heavy lifting for me that day, and I was beginning to think it was somehow imbued with mystical powers. As we called day one a wrap, I left it tied on, planning to fish it first thing the next morning. After all, if it ain't broken...

That next morning on the short trek from Ted's Outback down to the water, hopes and optimism ran high, as the previous day had been good to both of us. Weather was perfect; water, in the high 50s, if a tad low, was still perfect for mid-July. This just had to be another great day; how could it not be, especially armed with my seemingly enchanted lucky fly. Ted headed a good distance downstream; far enough to allow me ample elbow room, yet close enough should I require assistance (who, me?).

I approached the water with stealth, positioning myself at the edge of dry cobbles while carefully deciding where to direct my first cast. Following a downstream lob to water-load the line, I lob upstream mid-river. It's a decent cast followed by a passable drift. Halfway through the drift as I'm



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retrieving line to remove slack, I realize: oops, snag! Don't panic, I can fix this. For a fleeting moment, I consider: is the day now jinxed? Off to a bad start with a snag on my very first cast? Nah—stay positive, just a minor speed bump.

I feed line downstream then whip the rod back to give the fly a downstream tug. Nothing. I do the same at 90 degrees to my position tugging toward the far bank. Then again upstream. Nothing. I do the overhead "crack the whip" thing. Zip, nada. The leader is clamped hard in the jaws of a vice bolted to the river bottom. I consider wading out to retrieve my magic fly, but water speed and depth suggest otherwise. Resigned, and with an audible sigh, I give the line a smooth but forceful pull, and it snaps free. My rig is mostly intact, save for my prized fly. I re-rig, again, with a caddis pupa, but now of some unremarkable flavor, with nothing close to the distinctive characteristics of its predecessor, now the property into perpetuity of the North Yuba. There's now just the smallest chink in my confidence.

Having thoroughly bugged up that stretch of water with my sloppy de-snagging attempts, I moved downstream a bit to a very attractive and promising deep run. I get off one decent cast and drift, but on my second drift—another snag followed by a swear word. Serious concerns are now building; something is very wrong here. Two snags in three casts; a very bad start for the expected awesome day on the river. After exhausting my snag recovery repertoire that allows me to remain out of the water, I now reluctantly resolve to do some wading. One donation to the river is more than enough for the morning, and I want my fly back. High sticking the rod with leader taught, I assess the water to be about knee high with manageable current, so it looks doable. Let's go have a look. I carefully wade out to mid-river, and with the leader at 90 degrees and knees wet, execute a quarter turn, then reach down to my shoulder and easily unbutton the fly. I'm wearing a long sleeved synthetic shirt which will soon dry in the July heat, not to worry; mission accomplished, nice job. Now, back in a vertical plane, I eye the bank and contemplate completion of the critical "U" turn against stiff current before working my way back to dry land.

From my observations over the years, there are two primary ways in which we get wet in a river. There's that thing where we sense something is amiss, and that a bad thing is about to happen. We then witness, as if watching in slow motion from afar, our gradual collapse as knees buckle, often culminating in an awkward fanny plant, or perhaps we topple sideways, landing in horizontal repose on our side to the left or to the right.

This was not one of those. This was the second one, where one minute you are well in control, confident, and know exactly what you're doing, then a tiny immeasurable fraction of a pico-second later you are under water up to your chin, or perhaps even floating your hat, with your brain screaming "what the hell just happened?" At this point, it's human nature, as I have also observed, to instinctively leap to our feet before gaining secure footing, only to go down a second time, and maybe even a third, until we finally restored our grip on the river floor with both feet and staff. I find it easy to imagine the river saying "*Ah, not so fast smart-ass, not quite done with you yet—still too cocky, and not enough water in those waders, let's have one more go.*"

After the second and more thorough dunking, and shipping another gallon or two of water, I was able to regain footing, and ever so chastened and confused, make my way back to dry cobbles. For just a few minutes I had almost convinced myself that I could actually continue fishing in this state. After all, it's a 90 degree day in July; just man-up, it's only water—what's so terrible? It turns out plenty, when you're soaked to your skivvies, and lugging around several gallons of ice cold North Yuba with each step. I look down stream to see Ted close to where he'd started the morning. I hobble over and ask for his keys without explanation. None needed, judging from his wry smile.

Back at the car, I dig out a change of clothes, and fortunately we're parked in a remove spot free of traffic, foot or otherwise, as a full change is called for. Since the inside of my waders are also soaked, it will be an afternoon of wet-wading in cotton shorts, with extreme measures taken to avoid deep water, poison oak and rattle snakes.

The rest of the day was a total bust for me; no hits, no runs, no errors—well, maybe a few errors. This

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was my lot, while Ted managed to coax a few more trout from the river, totally immune to the black cloud following me around that day. I can't help but wonder if that first drift had gone without a snag—literally and figuratively—getting the day off to a bad start, it all might have turned out differently, but again, I'm not the superstitious type. On the other hand, I'm hoping that the great North Yuba balance sheet is now fully reconciled, notarized, and compliant with all state and federal regulations, so I can begin anew with a clean slate next summer.

As usual, noted author John Gierach has an insightful observation for days like this:

*"Fishing is a collection of instants: moments when it either comes together with amazing perfection or goes horribly wrong."*

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

## Conservation Corner

*by Mel Odemar, VP Conservation*

The rains have finally arrived, but we have a long way to go before we're out of this drought. It's a cruel twist of fate that the Los Angeles River, resembling a freeway more than a river, was flowing at a far greater volume than the Colorado River. The flow serves primarily to clean out the trash and pollution from the river, and doesn't improve our water picture. The encouraging news is that several Southern California water agencies are now exploring options for capturing some of that water. Hopefully, that will lessen somewhat their dependence on Northern California water.

It's not too early to start considering organizations you would like the GBF to financially support this budget year. The Conservation Committee meeting date is set for March 14<sup>th</sup> when we will know the earnings from the raffle and silent auction. All organizations we contributed to last year will serve as a base, and I will provide the financials for each organization. Additional organizations that are proposed for consideration must be submitted to me prior to the meeting, and I will distribute the necessary information so that everyone will work from the same page. More meeting details will be posted prior to the meeting.

Remember, the ability of the GBF to provide financial support for our conservation, education, and public outreach efforts depend on club members spending freely and often at the annual dinner and raffle. Last year the club contributed over \$13,000 to various philanthropic causes. So dig deep, and yes, credit cards will be accepted.

## Fly Fishing 101 February 23 and 25, 2016

Everything you need to know to get started in flyfishing.

Announcing the Granite Bay Flycaster's informational class on beginning fly fishing, Flyfishing 101, will be held Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and finishing on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at the Granite Bay Flycaster's clubhouse. We will start at about 6:30, and go no later than 9:00 each night. There is a lot of material to cover!

The class will be taught by 2 experienced fly fishermen with a ton of information to be shared. Some of the subjects to be covered are:

- Equipment (Rods, reels, nets, lines, etc.)
- Potential target species of fish
- Flies/Fly tying

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- Leaders/knots
- More equipment (waders, wading shoes, wading sticks, clothes, etc.)
- Types of fishing including wading, stillwater, warm water, ocean
- Entomology
- Conservation
- Still more equipment for still water
- Club stuff

And much, much more!

Your main instructors will be **Steve Reem** and **Jim Holmes**, both experienced fishermen. There is a small \$10 fee to cover the cost of materials. Any extra money above costs goes to the club. You need to be a club member to participate in this excellent class. You can sign up with an E-mail to: [jwholmesjr@aol.com](mailto:jwholmesjr@aol.com), or at the next meeting. If you have already signed up, don't do it again.

If you have any questions, shoot me a message at the above address. We are looking to see you there!!!

Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner  
(Taken from the Article Written in February 2012)

## Fly Patterns - Hacklestacker Midge



*Hacklestacker Midge*

### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	Tiemco 2487 or similar hook, sizes 20 to 16
<b>Thread:</b>	Black 8/0 (70 denier)
<b>Abdomen:</b>	Tying thread
<b>Ribbing:</b>	Fine silver wire
<b>Hackle post:</b>	5x monofilament
<b>Hackle:</b>	Dry fly quality grizzly rooster neck hackle
<b>Thorax:</b>	Black dry fly dubbing (such as "Fine and Dry" by Spirit River)

### Description

Winter trout fishing can be an exercise in mind-bending frustration if you fail to adjust your strategies and your mental vision of what the fish are up to during this time of cold, clear, low water. Contrary to some misconceptions out there, winter does not automatically mean high water—this year being a prime case in point. Last year—well, that's a fish of a different color.

During periods of cold, clear, low flows fish still must eat to survive. Yes, their metabolism slows down as a defense mechanism to deal with the cold and the paucity of available food; and no, they will not move far for a bug or fly. Reality: they are hunkered down at the bottom of deeper holes and runs and you have to practically hit them on the nose with your fly. But there are exceptions—a warm, sunny day presents a situation for one of those exceptions, because on such days the water surface may warm just enough to

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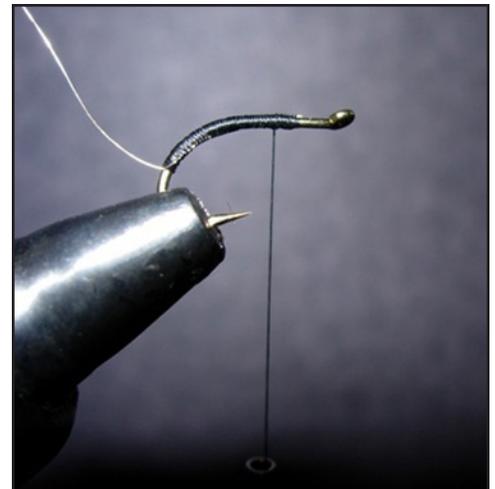
create a short time window when a hatch of tiny baetis may occur, or midges may become active. If that happens, fish may move up in the water column and feed more actively.

Typically, however, we are forced to dredge with midge larva patterns because they form the biggest portion of a fish's diet during winter conditions. But let's assume that conditions are right, and there is a midge hatch with adults on the surface. Should we automatically switch to a small "dry" imitation? My approach, while it may seem contrarian to some, is to use an emerger pattern as my first choice. The relatively simple pattern I've chosen for this month's fly resembles a midge that has become stuck in the surface tension or otherwise failed to complete its hatch cycle (i.e., a "cripple"), haplessly adrift and easy prey for hungry, predacious trout. Only the hackle shows above the water, while the abdomen is presented sub-surface in a realistic, enticing manner. This pattern was taken from a recent article in *Fly Tyer* magazine; because there were no tying instructions in the article to go with the fly, and because it's such an elegant little bug, I felt that it would be appropriate to use it for this article.

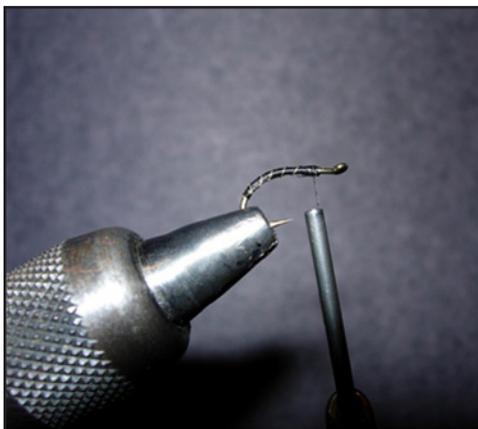
## Tying Instructions

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1. Smash the hook barb. Beginning at a point about 2 eye widths behind the hook eye, carefully cover the shank with even thread wraps; stop halfway down the hook bend.
2. At that point tie in a short piece of fine silver wire, and carefully wind the thread forward to form a smooth abdomen. Stop the wraps where the thread was originally tied on.



*Steps 1 & 2*



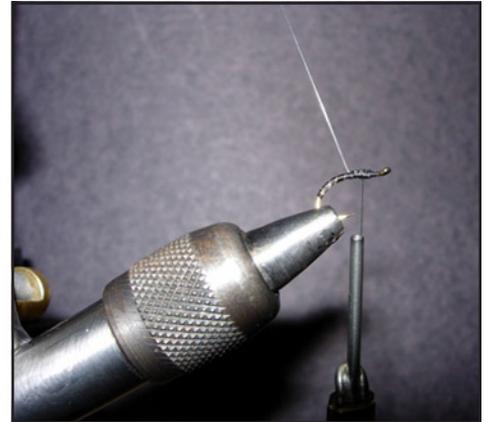
*Step 3*

3. Rib the abdomen with evenly spaced turns of wire and tie the wire off at the front of the abdomen.

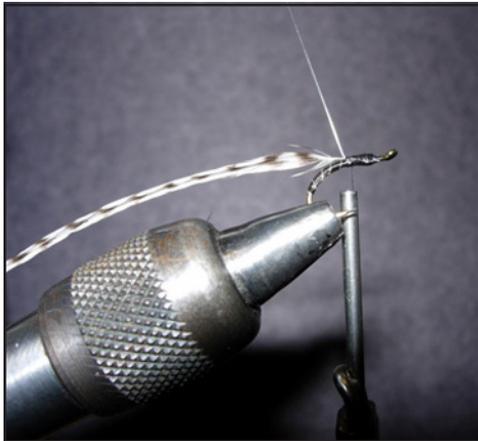
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4. Tie in a 7" piece of 5x monofilament at the front of the abdomen and wrap it down in a rearward direction from that point to about the halfway mark on the shank. Place the other end of the monofilament in the jaws of a gallows tool, or a jury-rigged clip attached to your light. When you are done with this step, the monofilament should be tightly stretched.



Step 4



Step 5

5. At the base of the monofilament, tie in a properly sized grizzly rooster hackle after cleaning the fuzz off the butt of the stem.



Step 6

6. Wrap 3 turns of the hackle clockwise up the monofilament, and then wrap the hackle in tight turns down to the shank. Tie it off there and clip the monofilament, leaving enough of it to form a "handle."

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Step 7

7. Dub a slender thorax with fine dry fly dubbing, leaving one eye-width open behind the hook eye.

8. Grab the tip of the monofilament and pull it forward so that it is tight over the top of the thorax; tie the monofilament down just behind the eye. If this step is done properly, all of the hackle will be stacked on top of the shank.

9. Wrap a nice, small thread head, whip finish, and trim the thread. Apply a tiny drop of superglue to the head with your bodkin.



Steps 8 & 9

## Tying & Fishing Tips

You're done. Don't apply floatant to the abdomen, because we want that part of the fly to sink. Do apply floatant to the pulled-over hackle. Enjoy, and....See ya on the creek.

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