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Leader's Line

by John Hogg, GBF President



On Saturday, December 5th, we had the annual GBF swap meet and chili cook off. It was a rousing success beginning with the continental breakfast that included donuts, bagels, hard cooked eggs, fruit cups and coffee. The doors opened at 8:30 AM instead of the old 6:30 AM, and everybody got a crack at buying some really nifty stuff. There were some really good bargains, and a lot of cash, (but not bitcoin) changed hands. I was very disappointed in the chili cook-off though, but only because I didn't win! (Oh well, next year with a little adjustment to the recipe, and spiking of the other guys' crockpots, I am sure I can get the title. Hats off to **Wendell Edwards** and **Don Van Sant** for organizing a great event.

Corley Phillips hosted the Trinity River Steelhead outing, and first reports are that the steelhead were stunned and humbled by the skills of GBF anglers. (But as I said, only first reports are in!)

Our December general meeting was the scene of our annual potluck dinner. All I can say is DELICIOUS!! Aside from salads, entrees, and appetizers, we were inundated with desserts; and folks overloaded on pumpkin and apple pies, chocolate candies, cookies, and much more. Over 50 people showed up, and the added benefit was that we skipped the business portion of the meeting.

Don't forget that you can still do on-line payment for dinner tickets and membership renewal. The renewal is tax deductible.

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And one more thing, the ISE show begins January 21, and we need members to take two-hour shifts to staff our booth. It's easy and fun, and gets you into the show for free. Sign up at the January meeting, or email to wendelledwards@mac.com.

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:**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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10.	11.	12. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	13.	14. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	15.	16.
17.	18.	19. Fly Tying Jam	20.	21.	22. ISE Show January 21 - 24	23.
24. ISE Show Jan. 21 - 24	31. 25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.

Monthly Program



Nick Fasiano

Our speaker this month is **Nick Fasiano, the Director of The Fly Shop's Outfitter Department**, who runs their guide service and private water programs. His presentation will be on **Fishing Small Creeks in Northern California**, and cover such topics as location, seasons, equipment, techniques and entomology as it relates to fly selection. If you like fishing small creeks, particularly in northern California, you won't want to miss this excellent program.

Nick is a Redding native and grew up on the area's lakes and streams where his world has always revolved around fish and the places they call home. He has been a commercial fly tier, spent a season guiding in Alaska, and most recently hosted a peacock bass angling adventure in South America.

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.

Tim Baker Jerry and Michelle Carlson Bill Macy and Susan Minneman Don Stevens Mike Stroud

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!*

- **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) 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.



Reflections on 2015

by Tony Jelinek

With the start of 2016 and a nice fresh fishing license in my possession just waiting to get dunked in some cold rushing water, I am looking forward to another great year of fishing. I was reflecting on the fishing outings of 2015, and how the *Granite Bay Flycasters* has made so much of my fishing possible.

In 2015, I spent 22 days fishing. Of those 22 days, all were spent fishing for trout, 20 were spent on rivers and streams, two were spent on lakes, and all were in the Northern California area. All were spent with anglers that

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I have met through GBF. For many of you, 22 days is just a drop in the bucket, but for me it was a personal record.

Thanks to the generosity of so many of you this past year, I have been introduced to new lakes, streams, and rivers to fish. I was able to build my own net (well...almost—still some filing, sanding, and net attachment to take care of), learn how to fish Tenkara, improve my casting, and improve my short-line nymphing technique. I had several firsts this year. Buy me a beer, and I will gladly regale you with the stories—some of which I am proud; others that are better not told (staying upright in a 900 cfs rushing river can be difficult). The fishing has always been wonderful—experiencing the water (sometimes too closely—dang slippery rocks), and the beautiful nature around us. The catching has been sometimes great, sometimes good, and sometimes just plain skunked, but if it were easy, without challenge, the reward would not be so great, and the stories not so fun to tell.

Thank you to all of you who led fish-outs in 2015. Without members leading fish-outs, I would never have been introduced to so many great places to fish, have learned so much about fly-fishing, or met others to fish with.

I hope you all have a great year of fishing in 2016. Find the big one that got away and bring him to net. And, of course, come back with many great tales.

Conservation Corner

by Mel Odemar, VP Conservation

The December meeting of the Conservation Committee had the best attendance yet. This was largely due to the announcement that *David Lass* of *TU* would be speaking, and the promise of pizza. David's presentation was on the *Little Truckee Fish Habitat Improvement Project* and the *Sierra Fish Camp*, a flyfishing camp for 9-11 year-olds sponsored by *TU* and the California School of Flyfishing. The camp is held at the UC Berkeley Field Station on Sagehen Creek. The GBF contributed to both programs in our last budget cycle, and I participated in this year's camp. David also described future plans for a fish habitat improvement project on the East Walker River.

The battle for Delta water continues with the passage of H.R.2898 by Rep. David Valadao (R-CA21) titled the *Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015*. Among the provisions that directly impact sportfishing are the removal of striped bass, black bass, and other non-native predatory species from the Stanislaus

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River; prohibits striped bass from being treated as anadromous for purposes of the CVP application; calls for removal or reduction of non-native species from the Delta; and many operational provisions making it easier to export water from the Delta. In addition, it calls for the repeal of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act, and transfers ownership, control, and operation of the CVP's New Melones Unit to interested local water and power companies. It is obvious to me that besides the goal of exporting more water, another goal is to burden State and Federal agencies with a complex regulatory system that will add greatly to the costs and time necessary to manage water transfers consistent with the need to protect aquatic resources. Since this has already passed the House, it is up to the Senate whether this Act will reach the President's desk. I do not know if the recent disagreements between Senator Feinstein with the House of Representatives regarding California drought relief have anything to do with H.R.2898.

On a positive note, I submitted a letter on behalf of the GBF to Representative Jared Huffman, US House of Representatives, in support of the Northwest California's Mountains and Rivers Heritage Campaign. The goal of this campaign is to protect the forests and wild salmon and steelhead rivers of California's north coast region. This includes the Trinity, Mad, Salmon, Redwood Creek and the Eel. Over 400,000 acres of new wilderness and 900 miles of new Wild and Scenic Rivers are identified for permanent protection.

Tips on Steelhead Fishing

by Corley Phillips

Steelhead may be trout, but you don't necessarily fish for them the same way. That's because steelhead are VERY STRONG trout, and so will hold in faster water than where you'd find trout. A good rule of thumb is to seek spots in which a steelhead can find a depression in the bottom which gives it a slight break from the fast current going over their backs—they like that, the way a dog likes his back scratched. You can find these kind of pockets all over the American River—a depression in the gravel bottom with a steelhead holding right at the bottom.

Which brings me to the second point—if you aren't losing flies, you aren't fishing right. You need your flies right at the bottom. For most of my Trinity trip, there was 11' from my indicator to the bottom fly, even though the river was much shallower than that.

If a run starts with a particularly strong current, you can find steelhead in the normal spots you'd consider for trout—the softer seam up near the head of the run, for example. But, you'll also find them where the current drops down to just the right speed, which is basically walking speed (3-4 mph). I would say the majority of the fish I hooked were in that kind of hard-to-distinguish runs—no bubble line, no rocks, just a fairly even gravel bottom and the right speed current.

Likewise, fishing the bubble line works for both trout and steelhead. But, if there is no bubble line, don't try to fish the bank. Trout tend to hold near the bank to stay out of the current. Steelhead aren't afraid to work a little harder, and will be 3-6 feet off the bank.

Another classic target is to fish drop-offs. The Trinity, in particular, has lots of shallow shelves that drop into deeper holes. With polarized glasses, they are obvious—the shelf is beige/light brown, and the hole is steelhead green. Starting your drift up on the shelf and having your flies drop into the hole is very productive, as is drifting along the break line in the green water (if that's how the current takes you).



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But, there are always exceptions. Guides always stop at the Walmart hole downriver from the Skye Ranch river access (can't be reached by foot). A shallow shelf drops into a very deep hole, which ends at a very large rock (I think that's the "Wal" of "Walmart"). If you throw an indicator into that deep hole, it will swirl around, and just about the time you think "this is crazy, there is no drift," your indicator goes under. It's just a big bucket in the river in which steelhead like to school up.

**ISE SHOW @ Cal Expo
January 21 - 24, 2016**

by Wendell Edwards, ISE Coordinator

Hello fellow fly fishers. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

This is your once-a-year chance to see all the best in outdoor gear and services right here in Sacramento! Don't miss this opportunity to find that great deal on a new fly rod, reel, tying vise, vacation getaway, or anything else that you need. Block out the dates and plan to come to the biggest outdoor show in California!

Again this year, Granite Bay Flycasters is sponsoring a club booth, and we need members to sign up to host the booth and provide info about the club to visitors for one or more shifts of two hours each.

It's a great time for new and old members to get together and promote Granite Bay Flycasters at this once-a-year activity as a way to invite prospective new members to visit our meeting and learn the art of fly tying, and rod and net building, along with learning casting skills.

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We will be asking for signups at our January meeting. Volunteers will get free admission to the show, so your only expense is for parking and whatever great gear and flyfishing expeditions you can't resist purchasing! There is one whole expo building devoted entirely to flyfishing!

GBF Volunteers Needed!

Exhibit Hours

Thursday & Friday	11 AM to 8 PM
Saturday	10 AM to 7 PM
Sunday	10 AM to 5 PM

To be sure you have your favorite time slot, email your request to me at wendelledwards@mac.com.

The Trout Net

by Eric Palmer

In July of last year I was fishing the North Yuba wild trout section just below Sierra City with another GBF member. We were doing our level best to outsmart trout on that excellent run of pocket water opposite the Kokanee Cabins, and the fish were being uncharacteristically accommodating on that particular day.

Anyone who has fished this stream will attest to its extreme ruggedness and agree that perhaps "It's no country for old men;" one careless misstep can result in serious injury or a snake bite. I was short-line nymphing as we started out in the morning, and in the process of releasing a fish. I reached into the net, grabbed the fish, and released the net from my grip to free my right hand in order to remove the hook. Gravity then took over as the net fell away presumably to be checked by its bungee cord fastened to the collar of my vest. Yet, there was an uneasy feeling that something was not quite right. Where's the gentle tug as the net reached the end of its tether?

I'm preoccupied releasing the fish, so it was 3-4 seconds before I could assess the net situation. With the fish safely on his way, I looked down, and to my absolute horror, there's just the dangling black bungee cord with its nylon clip fully intact on the end. Apparently, the thin split ring on the net handle had slipped thru an ever-so-tiny gap in the clip. A "one chance in a thousand" situation.



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Now, this was no ordinary big box sporting goods store \$15 "made in Bangladesh" net, but a painstakingly hand-crafted exotic rainforest hardwood net from the famous GBF Hawkins-Kaul net clinic. In fact, it was my very first creation dating from my early club years with a beautiful lacewood/maple handle with 9 or 10 coats of hand rubbed alkyd spar varnish (the old fashioned varnish your grandfather used in high school woodshop) with my name in gold paint under the top three coats of varnish. This varnish ages to a soft amber glow that gives it a rich aged look beyond its true years. And now, my cherished net is nowhere in sight. I check the pocket water at my feet; nothing. I check the next piece of white water, and the next. Zip-nada. I quickly lean my rod against a boulder and rush downstream over an obstacle course of cobbles, boulders and downed trees that only the devil himself could contrive to maim or cripple, examining each successive piece of pocket water expecting to see my net hung up on some debris. No net in sight! Deep sigh, followed by a bad swear word!!!

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Ultimately, I reach a spot far enough downstream where I can see the long pool below the last piece of white water. There's my net half way down the 50 yard pool trapped in an eddy and rotating in an orbit far from the bank. There's now a mixture of joy and "oh, crap." What if I can't get there before it breaks free and is half way to Downieville before I can reach the pool?

As I ponder how to quickly get down there, I'm aware I must cross the river first, and pronto, due to the huge rock wall blocking access on my side. Normally, when we consider crossing a stream, we carefully study the water upstream and down to locate a section of angler friendly shallow water. Not this time; no time to dally. I grip my staff tightly in my right hand and immediately take off at 90 degrees from the random spot where I just happened to be standing at that moment, with no concern whatsoever for degree of difficulty. In fact, the spot was the polar opposite to what I'd have selected given more time; but, I was on a mission and focused like a laser on the far bank. I had no idea I could wade so well when the chips were down, and to my astonishment, I reached the far bank quickly and without mishap, or even a close call. A strong sense of purpose with perhaps a near fatal dose of adrenalin can work wonders.

Once on the far bank, it's more of the cobble and boulder strewn terrain from hell, but within a few minutes, I'm even with my net and at the water's edge. Here the bank is sandy, but drops off quickly. I wade in and am immediately at the top of my waders, but still 20 ft. from the net, which continues circling ever so slowly in its elliptical orbit. There's no way I can wade out there and remain dry, and probably not without floating my hat even if I were willing to fill my waders, which was not off the table (remember? My very favorite net!).

I back up a step to be safe, since the bottom is sandy and steep, and stand there totally flummoxed; so close and yet so far. What to do? There must be a way. I get the bright idea of lobbing orange sized cobbles just behind the net to nudge it in to a closer orbit. My aim is awful, and I realize "what if I hit the middle of the net and it sinks?" An outcome far too terrible to even contemplate. That tactic quickly abandoned, it hits me; I should have brought my rod, but, what if I had a long stick? Ah-ha! On the bank I spot a 10-12 foot half-rotted oak branch. I wade over and grab the branch, break off a few non-helpful side branches, and wade back to my post. With the branch floating, and poised for action pointing directly at the net - but still 5-6 feet short—I wait.

And I wait. But what am I waiting for? Nothing is changing. The net seems locked in its fixed orbit going around and around without deviation. Then I recall this psychokinesis mind-over-matter wackiness from the 1970s where people allegedly could move objects, or bend spoons with brain power. What's to lose? No one's watching. So I focus intensely on the net and say to myself: "closer-closer-closer..." It takes a few minutes, but astonishingly the net slowly begins moving my way—and in a straight line right for the stick! I don't believe my eyes. Excitement builds. Within a few minutes I can grab it with the end of my improvised net retrieval tool (patent pending), and in seconds the net is in my hands. Was I one happy camper? Do trout love power bait?

On the way back upstream, I take the more conservative crossing I should have selected earlier, and I make it back to my rod resting against the boulder without incident. There are two take-aways I'm left with from this experience. No. 1, replace that bleppin bungee clip with something guaranteed fail-safe (see photo), and No. 2, we old guys can, perhaps, just maybe, and with sufficient motivation and focus, wade a little more aggressively and successfully than we think we can. Having said that, each of us must, of course, decide where our own limits lie, and not become fool-hardy. To borrow from an old Air Force saying about pilots: "There are old waders and bold waders but no old, bold waders." —and, I have every expectation of becoming an old wader.



A fail-safe bungee clip

So, do be careful out there, and make sure your gear is well secured.

Thanks for your time and see you on the water,

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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.



DINNER LOCATION:
 Rocklin Event Center
 2650 Sunset Blvd.
 Rocklin, Calif.
 916-774-5950

10% net proceeds benefit



of Northern California

Trinity River Fishout Report - Dec. 7-9, 2015

by Corley Phillips

Some of the members drove up on Sunday and the rest met up at Granzella's Monday morning to kick-off the trip.

On Monday, I hooked two and landed one, an 18" wild hen. No one else reported landing a fish. Monday night was the famous spaghetti feed in the cafe room of the Indian Creek Lodge.

Ready with the carbo-load from the evening before, we all took off for a day of fishing. I hooked four and landed one, a 21" hatchery buck. **Sam Pettinato** and **Randy Lenehan** hired a guide. Sam hooked and landed one; Randy hooked three and landed one. A couple of the other anglers on the trip also had success.

Wednesday was a glorious day on the Trinity. A light rain fell until 10 AM, and then blue sky broke through. There was no more rain the rest of the day, and we even had sun for a few hours. The temperature was in the low 50s, and I even took off not one, but two of my four layers of clothing (I rarely take off one, let alone two). The rain had definitely put the fish on the move and on the bite. I hooked three fish just wading in the general vicinity of the launch area. We observed steelhead migrating upstream, and rolling in holes. **Dennis Baker** and I hooked a total of 15 of them, landing nine. All the fish were in the 21"-24" range. I dare say, the one that the guide missed not once, but twice with the net would have exceeded that range.

We drifted all the way to Junction City Campground, which is 1.7 miles down from Skye Ranch. We hooked two in that stretch, justifying the extra float, but once we hit Canyon Creek, it was all over. Canyon Creek was running high and muddy, and the Trinity below there was coffee colored, full of debris, and basically unfishable.

The accommodations at the Indian Creek Lodge were great, and the staff was very helpful. All-in-all, a very successful trip—enjoyed by all.

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 30th 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 at 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 20th. 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, or 916-622-3191, voice only, no text.

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To sign up, use the signup sheet at the January general meeting, or contact me. No signups will be taken prior to January 7th—please don't try to sign up prior to January 7th. If more than 14 sign up, I'll use a lottery to determine the fortunate 14. All signups received before February 1st will be included in the drawing. Any signups received February 1st or later, and those who don't draw, will go on a waiting list.

The Yuba River is a wild rainbow trout fishery, with some fish over 20 inches. These fish are some of the strongest, fastest trout you'll catch anywhere. It's not uncommon for a 16-inch fish to take you into the backing. The Yuba River is about the same size as the lower American; a water flow rate of 1000 - 2000 CFS is ideal.

A few hints for success on the Yuba: keep moving—if 2 or 3 good drifts, or a few fly changes don't produce, move on to another spot. Also, the fish can be close to shore, so work the shoreline before you get in the river. It's possible you'll catch 50% of your fish standing on dry land. The usual mayfly and stone fly nymphs will catch fish. Dry flies include PMD and blue wing olive mayflies, and Skwala stoneflies. Check our website's Fly Tyer's Corner archives—[July 2006](#), [March 2008](#), and [February 2009](#), for Bill Carnazzo's and Paul Egan's excellent Skwala dry flies.

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

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 8' Water Skeeter pontoon boat. It comes with oars, stripping apron, motor mount and gear storage rack behind the seat. Been used very little and in excellent condition. **The price is \$175.**

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

Fly Patterns - Little Green Stonefly



Little Green Stonefly

Materials:

Hook:	Umpqua 2302, sizes 14, 16
Thread:	8/0 olive
Ribbing:	Ultra-fine copper wire
Hackle:	Dry fly quality dun rooster hackle
Body:	Fine olive dubbing mixed with pearl UV material
Under-wing:	Extra fine pearl Crystal Flash
Wing:	Fine light olive deer hair

Description

Before I launch into a discussion of this month's creature, I have a couple of things I want to mention regarding our newsletter, *The Leader*. First, I've read a lot of club newsletters; some are OK, some are good, and a few are excellent. Count *The Leader* among the latter group, and in fact, it is probably the best of all of them. GBF has been given awards for excellence in this regard, notably from the NCCFFF. Second, publication of this fine document doesn't happen automatically—no way is it on autopilot. Each month, our editor and publisher, **Frank Stolten**, spends hours generating articles by hounding the "usual suspects," putting it all together, and getting it to our formatting person. Frank deserves a huge round of applause for his excellence. Third, I am beginning to think that *The Leader* is read more by the general fly fishing community than by our membership. A recent example of this is an email message sent to **President Dennis Baker** by an individual in Maryland, regarding one of the *Fly Tyers Corner* articles. I seem to get questions all the time about matters that are covered in *The Leader*. If you are one of those who just glance at it (or worse, don't even bother), you are missing a lot of the benefit of belonging to GBF. Communication is the lifeblood of a fly club. So, here it is (and I get to say what I want because I'm old)...shame on you. There, I've done it. Thanks for listening and, hopefully, for reading *The Leader* cover to cover.

This month's fly carries an interesting story. Most of us are familiar with the term "Little Yellow Sally"—right? It's a small, very common stonefly species that predictably flies around in the afternoon. Its body is yellow—sometimes bright, sometimes pale (see January and February, 2011 tying articles, available on GBF's Web site). A perhaps little known fact: Sometimes they are a bright, insect green. The green variety is sometimes found in the winter months, on sunny, warm afternoons. So, on those same afternoons, if you are brave enough to get out and fish, have a couple of Little Green Stonefly patterns in your quiver. It's easy to tie and floats well.

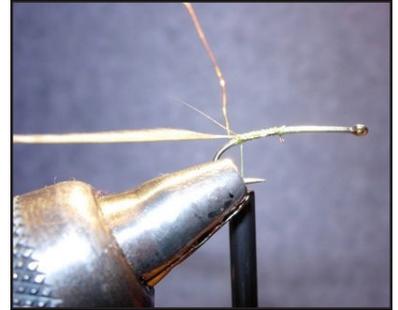
Tying Instructions

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1. Smash the hook barb and cover the shank with even thread wraps; stop at the back of the barb.
2. At that point tie in a 3" piece of ultra-fine copper wire, and a long dun hackle with barbules that are no longer than the hook gape.



Steps 1 & 2



Steps 3 & 4

3. Dub the body, ending about 1/16" behind the hook eye.
4. Rib the fly in close wraps, and then palmer the hackle to the front of the body and tie it off there. Rotate the vise and carefully trim the hackle from the underside of the body. The best way to do this is to use the very point of your scissors and work backward to the hook bend.

5. Cut, clean, and stack a small clump of fine light olive deer hair and tie it in at the same spot as the under wing was tied in. Apply a tiny drop of super glue to this spot with your bodkin.



Step 5



Step 6

6. With the hook back in the normal position, tie in about 6 or 7 strands of extra fine pearl Crystal Flash at the front of the body; trim them so that they extend just past the hook bend. This will be the under wing. Be sure not to allow the strands to roll off to the far side of the hook; keep them directly on top.

7. Pluck a smaller hackle from the neck or saddle, and tie it in where the wing and under wing were tied in. Apply a miniscule amount of the olive dubbing to the thread and leave the thread just behind the hook eye.
8. Wrap the hackle forward and tie it off, leaving room for a small thread head.
9. Whip finish, trim the thread, and apply a tiny drop of super glue to the head with your bodkin.



Steps 7, 8 & 9

Tying & Fishing Tips

You're done. I like to dunk all my freshly minted dries into a bottle of silicone sealant, and let them dry for 24 hours before putting them in my dry fly box. Enjoy, and....See ya on the creek.

Granite Bay Flycasters

Mission: The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat, advancement of the art of Fly Fishing, and good sportsmanship.

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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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