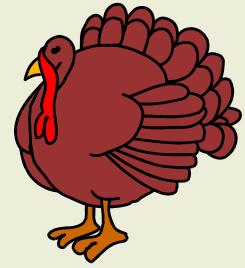


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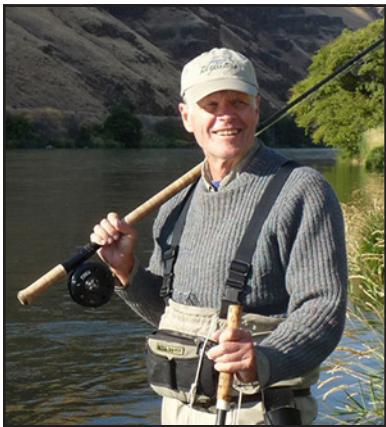


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## Leader's Line

by John Hogg, GBF President



The Annual Swap Meet is coming up **Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** starting at **8:00 AM** at the Clubhouse. Start organizing all that extra stuff you need to unload, and bring it in—and be ready to deal!! See **Wendell Edwards'** article on Pages 1 & 3 in this issue of the newsletter.

Did you hear about the grand prizes for the Annual Dinner Raffle? A Sage One rod, reel and line combo, retail value over \$1000! And an Orvis Helios 2 6wt, retail value \$825! A \$2.00 ticket will win one! Dinner and raffle tickets will be available at the November meeting, or buy them [here](#) on the website.

Please start thinking about donations to our Annual Dinner—if you make them before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, you will get a tax write off for 2016. Also, renew your dues before year-end, and take that deduction too! Renew at the monthly meeting or [here](#) on the website.

Our speaker for November is **Denis Peirce, Radio Personality and Outdoor Writer**, who will be giving us some tips on fishing streamers in lakes.

Lots of activities scheduled for November:

- Larry Lee is taking students for rod building. Contact him at [L3rods@gmail.com](mailto:L3rods@gmail.com) if you're interested.
- Nov. 11: Doug Kytonen leads the annual Veteran's Day Fishout on the Sacramento Delta
- Nov. 15: Eric Palmer has a workshop, "All About Leaders," and will teach you how to make your own
- Nov. 15: Jim Holmes' monthly Fly tying Jam will show you some new techniques

Phew!! See inside this newsletter and the [GBF website](#) for more details.

### Annual Swap Meet and Chili Cook-off Saturday, December 3, 8:00AM at the Clubhouse

This is the one time each year where you are going to get some terrific deals on stuff you need, and a better deal on stuff you don't. You'll get stuff cheaper this year, but you'll sell it cheaper next year. We've had everything from float tubes that don't float, to sinking lines that don't sink. Actually, what you'll find are the best deals around on fly rods, fly reels, fly lines, waders, boots, hackles, thread, split shot, fly tying vices, wading vests, thermals, and anything else you can possibly think of that relates to fly fishing. You will find flies hand-tied by our membership selling for less than \$1.00 each. There will be too many items available

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                       | FRIDAY                    | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|--|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
|        |        | 1.   | 2.        | 3.                             | 4.                        | 5.       |
| 6.     | 7.     | 8. Board Meeting<br>7:00 PM                                  | 9.        | 10. Monthly Meeting<br>7:00 PM | 11. Veteran's Day Fishout | 12.      |
| 13.    | 14.    | 15. Fly Tying Jam - 6:30 PM<br>Leader Tying Clinic - 6:30 PM | 16.       | 17.                            | 18.                       | 19.      |
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| 27.    | 28.    | 29.  | 30.       |                                |                           |          |

## Monthly Program



Stillwater Streamers

Stillwater fishing has its own challenges and our speaker this month, **Denis Peirce**, will offer some insights to improve your success with his presentation, **"Fishing Streamers in lakes—a new look at an old technique."**

Denis hails from Nevada County where he has a weekly "Fishing and Outdoor Report" show on KNCO AM 830, and is the Fishing Columnist for "The Union" newspaper in Grass Valley. A prolific writer about regional outdoor issues, he's a member of the "Outdoor Writers Association of California," from which he received the "Feature Article of the Year" award for 2015. He also operates "Denis Peirce Flies," a wholesale distributor of flies and fly fishing accessories.

## Gate Closure Time Change

Effective November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Granite Bay State Park will close and lock its entrance gate at 7:00 PM.

Our general meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> will be affected by this policy, so please be sure to be inside the park before 7:00 PM, or you will miss the meeting.

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to mention here, but you won't go home disappointed (but you will go home with all your windows rolled down because of the chili).

Chili Cook-off featuring club members' finest chili and cornbread!

I'd encourage everybody to get involved with the chili making, because it's what makes this whole event work. If you want to, bring some of your special cornbread.

Chili will be served about 9:00:00AM, and will be gone (usually) by noon.

1. If you are bringing chili, bring it in a crock-pot and make sure you have a serving spoon with it. Put your name on your pot, on the lid, etc.
2. Name your chili.
3. Bring a short extension cord for your chili. Label it.
4. Winner will receive a fly box with one dozen flies.
5. Raffle winner will receive a fly box with one dozen flies.

E-mail David Jones and advise him if you are bringing a pot of chili: [djj6451@yahoo.com](mailto:djj6451@yahoo.com)

Swap Meet and Continental Breakfast!

We'll have coffee, water and a continental-style breakfast available for \$3.00.

Sorry, no alcohol is allowed...park rule.

1. Sellers—reserve your table space today.
2. Sellers will start setting up at 8:00AM. Sale starts as soon as sellers are ready.
3. Get here at 8:15AM for the best selection.
4. Stay late for the best price.
5. Bring cash.
6. Feel free to bring your boats, float tubes, prams, pontoons, etc., but set them up outside. Those things usually sell better if they are inflated (with air, not price).
7. Bring a friend. Bring your checkbook.

Start saving your money and tell Mama you're going out shopping for her Mother's Day gift. I hope to see you all out there on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Reserve your table space by calling Wendell Edwards at 916-508-7000, or e-mail: [wendelledwards@mac.com](mailto:wendelledwards@mac.com)

Coordinators: Wendell Edwards and David Jones



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## Veteran's Day Delta Fishout, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Discovery Bay

*by Doug Kytonen*

Last year was very successful. Approximately 14 float tubers, including pontoon boats and kayaks, arrived just after sunrise, about 7:00 AM, in the chill of the morning and light fog, viewing our breaths as we spoke. **Scott Vaughn** was pumping up his float tube; others were stringing up their rod with anticipation of catching a large mouth bass or a striped of any size. The security guard collected the \$5.00 launch fee from each person launching a mode of fishing in Discovery Bay for the day. Everyone seemed eager to get to the water and fish.

Shortly after launching, the sun came out, the fog lifted and it turned out to be a great day of fishing. It was wonderful; no wind, the sun was warm with many of us shedding jackets early in the day. As the day went on, there was chatter on the walkie talkies on Ch. 6 of some black bass and stripers being caught. Then, for many, the bite was on, with reports of crappie and red ear sunfish 12-plus inches being caught along the rock wall and along the boat docks that line the backyards of the mansions in Discovery Bay.

**If this sounds like your type of fishout, join us this year on Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Power boats welcome, but not restricted to the protected bay area. Join the fun. You will be surprised on what you may catch in the Delta.**



*Aerial View of Discovery Bay*

## Welcome to Our Newest Members!

*by Don Whitecar, 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.

Tom Kuzmich

## The Upper Sac Fishout Report

by Eric Palmer



*Castle Crags in Fall Colors*

interested in a formal clinic, Ron decided to simply take the interested parties out for a more intensive ad hoc one-on-one session, and did that ever pay off for Freshly minted new GBF member and Upper Sac/Short-Line virgin, **Gary Embree**. Under Ron's watchful eye, and working one of the more obscure spots marked with an "X" on my city map handout (see hint in photo), Gary landed 28-29 fish over the weekend, including a few in the city parks. That's pretty stellar performance by any measure. **Dennis Baker** and **Michael Gervais**, who had partnered up, each netted 12 rainbows for the weekend, while Gary's sidekick **Drake Johnson** landed 10; again, thanks to the close guidance from Ron on the optimal execution of the Short-Line nymphing technique, not to mention knowing where to find the fish.



*Gary's Catch. Where Was He Fishing?*

The rest of us had to settle for numbers in the lower single-digits, including **Dave Fujiyama**, who scored the largest catch at 13 ½ inches at Conant. Way to go Dave!

Talking about scoring, there were a couple unexpected "finds" on the river this trip. At Flume Creek, **Chris Warren** spotted a fly line floating in the water. On following the line, he found it attached to a fully intact fly reel and Sage rod, including all the terminal tackle with flies and shot. Chris says he landed no fish at that spot, but this nice rig was definitely a "keeper." He's since added it to the club's inventory of loaner gear. Thank you Chris! Ebay's loss is the club's gain.

At Financial Ave. with **Wendell Edwards** on Saturday, I spotted a simple straight back chair sitting in a break in the Willows on the far bank as if it was inviting a weary angler to "take a load off" and rest a bit. On my return trip downstream after the long and fruitless



*Dave Fujiyama Deep in the Cantara Loop Gorge*

upstream slog, I had decided to take the chair up on its kind and considerate offer, and just sit a spell in quiet contemplation of my lack of success while watching Wendell work the water directly across from me from the far bank. However, on approaching the chair, much to my dismay, I found it sorely lacking in even

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the most basic functionality. After more than a long moment of serious contemplation on a potential restoration project (My garage does not need yet another broken down chair), I concluded that the chair belonged in the back of my truck, so I decided to use it in conjunction with my staff in the right hand to wade back across the stream. I was at mid river before it hit me that while Wendell had been busying his fingers for quite some time I'm guessing on a stubborn tangle, or perhaps a full re-rig, I was walking right through the very piece of water he had intended to continue casting to, and a choice deep run it was too. Well, harm already done and any fish scattered I reasoned, so stay the course, plus Wendell was not cursing at me, not that I could hear anyway. Sorry, Wendell, but you can sit in my chair and tell me a long fish story when it's finished, and I'll even throw in a beer.

The top flies that worked for us were: Black and brown Rubber Legs or Jimmy Legs, Bill's Stick Caddis, red and plain Copper Johns and dark Micro-May "stingers" (3rd fly on point), Caddis Pupa's, Black Zebra Midge, and Red Fox Squirrel.

Thanks again to all those participating, and let's do this again next October. And...do not forget the Upper Sac. fishout in the spring!

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



*My Big "Catch" of the Day*

### Conservation Corner

*by Mel Odemar, VP Conservation*

The Putah Creek electrofishing was a bit of a disappointment. Zero trout were captured in the two sites surveyed. This is at variance with every previous survey of these side channels when variable numbers of trout were captured. **Steve Karr** of *Putah Creek Trout* has a theory related to the heavy siltation event that occurred last March which buried spawning beds under several inches of silt. The crop from that spawn would have been in the alevin stage in the gravel, and likely suffocated under the silt load. Steve says there is no way to prove it, but it makes this coming spawning season critical to replacement of small fish, and the spawning bed augmentation project is central to achieving that. I described the spawning gravel augmentation planned for the creek in the October issue of *The Leader*. A work party to install spawning gravel is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>. It may be too late to volunteer, but if interested, contact Steve Karr at [SK60@putahcreektrout.org](mailto:SK60@putahcreektrout.org).

On October 15<sup>th</sup> **David Jones, Ron Fay, Dave Fijiyama, Kim Lloyd** and I were guided on a tour of the Putah Creek work sites by Steve Karr. The creek was running at 50 cfs, down from the 150 cfs flow during the electroshock survey, which dewatered many of the side channels that are important nursery areas. That, along with a very heavy silt deposition of about 2 ft. of muck, made for a very difficult tour of the work sites. Steve will bring up the issue of inadequate flows with the local irrigation district, and if called to, I will support Steve's request for improved flows on behalf of the GBF.

Moving to another issue, the parasite infestation of Lake Davis trout has been of concern to many of our club members that frequently fish Lake Davis. There have been many theories and rumors regarding how and by whom this has occurred. I have contacted Dr. Mark Adkison, Research Scientist Supervisor and Statewide Fish Health Coordinator of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and he has agreed to make a presentation at the December 5<sup>th</sup> conservation meeting. Although he is not involved with the management of Lake Davis, he is an expert on fish diseases and parasite infestations, and will describe the state-wide fish health program, and provide some insights on the Lake Davis infestation. As usual, the meeting will be held at Roundtable Pizza near the corner of Douglas and Sierra College at 6:30, and pizza will be served.

## Boy Scout Merit Badge



*Jim Holmes Teaching*

**Jim Holmes** and **John Peterson** helped the Boy Scouts of Troop 121, headed by Scoutmaster **Eric Kellenberger** (one of our club members), finish one of the components of the Fly Fishing Merit Badge on October 2, 2016.

The Fly Fishing Merit Badge is quite complete in showing knowledge of fly fishing. Each Scout is to tie two flies, demonstrate three kinds of casts, take an entomology class, catch a fish, and clean and eat it among other things.

This is the second time we have helped Troop 121 with the fly fishing badge, and look forward to doing it again!



*John Peterson Teaching*

## Membership

Our 2017 membership and renewal drive is underway. We have lots of activities in store for 2017, and your membership renewal is your admission ticket! You can renew [here](#) on our website, or by paying at our monthly meeting.

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## Montana — Tales of a First-Time, All-Inclusive Lodge Attendee

*by Tony Jelinek*

Many of you have had the chance to enjoy wonderful trips all throughout the U.S. and the world. Most of my fly-fishing has been confined to Northern California. I have had the opportunity, while on company business trips, to wade a stream in Colorado and float part of the Snake River near Jackson Hole, but have never done the all-inclusive fishing lodge with lodging, meals, and guides. I finally had my chance this month to venture out to Montana with a fishing buddy who has fished in Montana for several years, and shown me pictures of beautiful browns that he has caught. I wasn't sure what to expect, only knowing that I was going to be enjoying three days of guided fishing near Dillon, Montana, and this trip was going to be a little (lot) more expensive than my ventures on the Upper Sac.

We flew into Bozeman, Montana, located in a large valley surrounded by gorgeous mountains. The pace is slow, and there were a lot of rod cases to be seen. Dillon is about 107 miles from Bozeman, or 80 miles west, as the crow flies. The speed limit on the freeway is 80 miles per hour. Even on the side highways, it is 70 mph, unless it is night, when the speed limit drops to 65 mph. It is probably not a bad idea to slow



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down, as there are mule and white tail deer everywhere. On the side roads and in the small towns, you need to learn the "Montana wave." When passing a vehicle, you either lift four fingers from the top of the steering wheel to acknowledge the passing driver, or one finger (no, not that one), the index finger. There is even the index finger up off the steering wheel, pointing through the windshield, which means, "Look, up on that mountain over there; there are a bunch of big horn sheep." We arrived at our destination, the Crane Meadow Lodge, unloaded our gear, and headed over for our first meal. I could talk about the good food, the comfortable accommodations, the friendly staff, the sitting around telling tales with the other guests, and listening to the Sand Hill Cranes in the surrounding meadows, but this is a fishing club; so I best get to the fishing.

Our destinations were the Beaverhead, Big Hole, and Ruby (a tributary of the Beaverhead) rivers. The first day we fished the Beaverhead, using a nymphing rig with two droppers tied on with blood knots, and one split shot attached at the bottom of the leader about eight inches from the lower fly, and a Thingamabobber float (whoops, I mean, strike indicator) about eighteen inches above the first fly. After a few drifts, I had no strikes. The guide added a split shot to the bottom and on the first drift, wham! a nice twelve-inch brown. Adding the extra split shot showed how important it is to get the nymph down to the bottom. With the extra split shot, the line had that nice bumping action along the bottom. One of the nymphs we used was the good ol' tried-and-true Prince Nymph. After a few more fish, and working about 80 feet of the stream, we moved on to fish a stream running into a lake.

The area around the lake was a mucky mess. At one point, I thought the mud was going to suck off my boot. The wind was blowing like crazy. If you fish Montana, be ready for wind. The large valleys are sure to get some, at least for part of the day. We started throwing and stripping large streamers to entice a big brown. Some follows, but no fish, and the wind was getting to be a hassle; so we headed to quieter pastures.

The quieter pasture was actually a quieter pasture. The guide had access to a ranch; so we drove onto the ranch and fished the stream meandering through the pastureland, making sure to watch out for the cow patties. We went back to nymphing, and I found the honey hole. I am not certain how many browns I pulled out of the hole, but I had my hands full—even catching two at once—and the largest being about twenty inches. What a great hour of fishing! From there we moved onto another ranch and streamer fishing. Two fish caught, and the end of the day.

The next day was the Big Hole, a day of drifting and getting out from time-to-time to fish the side channels, and possibly find a large brown hanging around the redds that the fish had been making. The rig of choice was a big dry with a nymph dropper. I found the honey hole for whitefish on this day. Whitefish are not necessarily the desired fish to catch, but my reward was a sixteen-inch Western Slope cutthroat—a beautiful fish that hit my dry fly. We had a nice relaxing day on the river, catching some browns, rainbows and, of course, more whitefish.

The final day was spent on the Ruby River. David Letterman's spread could be seen in the distance. The Ruby is a meandering stream winding down to the Beaverhead. We spent the day wading, stripping streamers, and marveling at the gorgeous mountains looming in the distance. Unfortunately, we had a short day, as we had to get back to Bozeman to catch our flight home. I caught a nice brown and missed several, including a large beast that I tried twice to hook but couldn't get it set. Oh well, at least I have one more reason to come back.

My first all-inclusive fishing adventure was a success, and extremely enjoyable. Montana is definitely Big Sky country with absolutely incredible scenery and wonderful fishing. Hopefully, this account of my experience has helped you remember the great trips that you have experienced. I went through withdrawal upon arriving home, but found comfort in knowing that great fishing is right out my back door in one of the many streams surrounding our area.



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*With special guest speaker, JD Richey*

**Saturday, March 18, 2017 • Doors open @ 4:30pm**

JD Richey is a famous Nor-Cal/Sac-Delta fishing guide and accomplished author with decades of local experience – and a lifetime of angling stories and lessons to share! On this evening, he'll reveal his top secrets for finding fish on the beautiful waters of our beloved local Sacramento Delta!



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

Catered Italian dinner @ 6pm.  
For tickets (just \$40/ea.) and all the event details, please visit our official website:  
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## Classes and Clinics

*by Gordon Tornberg, Director of Education*

During this year, the following classes and clinics have been offered to club members:

Fly Tying Jam  
Net Building  
Rod Building  
Fly Fishing 101  
Workshop on Novelty Flies  
Tenkara Fishing Clinic  
Fly Casting Fundamentals

Introduction to Float Tubing  
Introduction to Spey Casting  
Fundamentals of Knots  
Tailing Loops Clinic  
Short Line Nymphing Clinic  
Introduction to Rod Building  
Pontoon Boat Fishout and Clinic

In addition, the following are upcoming classes and clinics. Some have scheduled dates, while others will be scheduled shortly:

### **Scheduled Classes and Clinics**

Fly Tying Jam  
All About Leaders  
Rod Building

### **Dates**

Third Tuesday of each month  
November 15<sup>th</sup>  
On-going as needed

### **Classes and Clinics for 2017**

Net Building  
Fly Fishing 101  
Fly Casting Fundamentals

January – April 2017  
February 2017  
March 25, April 1 & 8, 2017

If you have suggestions for other classes or clinics, be sure to contact me to discuss your needs and ideas. Look for specific dates and times on the web site, at upcoming meetings and in future *Leader* articles.

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

## Fly Patterns - Jan Nemec's Fast Water Baetis Emerger

### Materials:



Jan Nemec's Fast Water Baetis Emerger

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>Hook:</b>      | Daiichi 1260 size 16                            |
| <b>Thread:</b>    | Light olive 8/0 Unithread                       |
| <b>Bead:</b>      | None  |
| <b>Tail:</b>      | Small pinch of olive Temple Dog fur             |
| <b>Body base:</b> | Small pearl Flashabou                           |
| <b>Over-body:</b> | Light olive spiky dubbing                       |
| <b>Ribbing:</b>   | None  |
| <b>Legs:</b>      | None  |
| <b>Wingpads:</b>  | Butts of wing hair                              |
| <b>Thorax:</b>    | Same as body, but a bit fuller                  |
| <b>Hackle:</b>    | Light dun dry fly hackle                        |
| <b>Weight:</b>    | None  |
| <b>Wing:</b>      | Dune deer and a few strands of UV pearl dubbing |
| <b>Head:</b>      | Thread  |

### Description

I first saw this fly in the spring, 2012 issue of *Sierra Fisherman* magazine. Because I am a *baetis* aficionado, and because I tend to favor emergers over standard dry flies, it caught my interest immediately. Inevitably, I felt compelled to tweak it a bit to suit my style of canyon trout angling. That doesn't mean it's better than the original by any means; rather, it simply reflects my own perception (quirky as it may be) of what will or will not work in the gnarly places I find myself hunting down trout. Mr. Nemec's pattern calls for a forward

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wing of foam for which I have substituted deer hair (because I like the Bob Quigley style); a shuck (or tail) of antron or z-lon yarn for which I have substituted "temple dog" fur; a marabou abdomen ribbed with pearl Flashabou, for which I have substituted a Flashabou body with an overbody of touch-dubbed natural dubbing; and a fully hackled front that I have trimmed to eliminate all of the barbules on the bottom of the fly. Still, it's Mr. Nemec's design, and not mine. If you want to see the original pattern and instructions, see the magazine mentioned above.

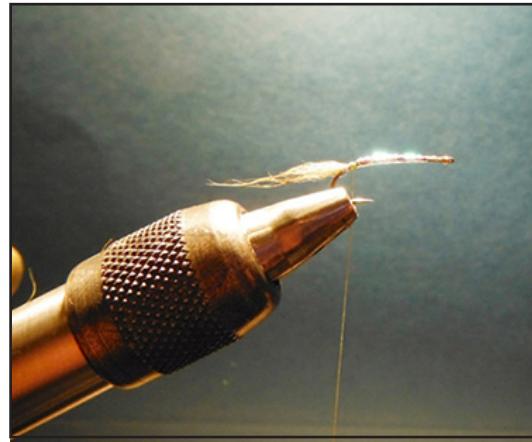
Trout seem to prefer mayfly emergers over fully-emerged adults, at least much of the time. According to entomologists, the main reason for this appears to be the ease with which trout can capture hapless mayfly emergers stuck in the surface film, as opposed to the more agile and mobile adults (at least once they have dried their wings and begin to fly off). Imagine yourself to be a hungry, predacious trout happily feeding in the midst of a *baetis* hatch. You are (mostly) done feasting on nymphs and you are looking upward into the mirrored subsurface of the surface film for potential victims. At the edge of your cone of vision you see a shimmering bug, wiggling mightily as it tries to free itself from its exoskeleton. Instinctively, you "know" (it seems somehow weird to attribute knowledge to a pea-brained trout) that the insect is both semi-stuck in its shell and trapped in the surface film. So, you leisurely rise up in the water column, tip your nose upward a bit, casually sip the insect into your maw, and sink back down into your watchful position in the feeding lane. Next, you notice another insect with gossamer upright wings, and you begin moving upward to intercept it only to watch it lift off the water and out of danger. Do you see my point here?

Note my use of the word "shimmering" in the last paragraph—if that doesn't register with you, do a Google search on something like "water surface film from beneath," and you'll gain an understanding of why it is important to impart a bit of translucence to your surface flies (and, if you follow Ralph Cutter's advice, to your subsurface flies). In case you missed it in the last two issues of *The Leader*, here's how I achieve that effect: "The method I use to accomplish this result is to change the tying thread to black at the right step in the tying process, and employ the "touch dubbing" technique that Gary LaFontaine (rest his soul) advocated in his books on tying caddis patterns. This technique creates translucency and an impression of life, unlike what would result if the fly's abdomen was just an ordinary opaque dubbed body. The "shine through" technique, incidentally, is not new; it has been used for wet fly patterns (traditional winged wets, wingless wets, flymphs, soft hackles, and nymphs) for a very long time."

## Tying Instructions

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1. Start the thread at about mid-shank; stop immediately above the hook point and leave the bobbin there.
2. From the skin, remove a tiny pinch of temple dog fur and measure it to the length of the hook shank; trim the butt ends so that the bunch is slightly longer than the shank length, and tie the material in directly above the back of the hook barb making sure that all of the material stays on the top of the hook.
3. At the same point, tie in a strand of small pearl Flashabou and wrap it forward to the rear of the eye and then back to the tie-in point. Tie it off securely there and place a tiny drop of super glue on the thread wraps to secure the material in place.



*Steps 1, 2, & 3*

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Step 4

4. Using tacky dubbing wax, wax a 2 inch piece of the thread; be sure to get the wax right up to the hook shank. Take a pinch of light olive dubbing between your thumb and forefinger, and brush it along the length of the waxed thread, back and forth several times, twisting the thread as you do this. This will result in some of the dubbing fibers sticking to the wax. Move the thread forward using evenly spaced turns, ending a short distance behind the hook eye. Try to space the wraps so that some of the pearl Flashabou body shows through.
  
5. Pull three or four strands (no more than that) of UV pearl dubbing from the package and tie them in on top of the shank just behind the eye, so that the long ends protrude forward out over the hook eye. Trim the forward ends to about half the length of the shank and securely tie down the butts.
  
6. Cut and stack a small clump of the dun deer hair, measure it to the length of the UV pearl strands, and tie it in on top of the shank with the tips protruding out over the hook eye. Trim the butts so that there remains a small set of stubs sticking up; this will represent the wing pad of the natural.
  
7. Prepare a dun neck hackle by isolating the tip of the feather; this will be the end tied in, so it's important that it is isolated. To accomplish this, moisten the feather slightly (use tap water, not saliva) and gently stroke all of the barbules, except for the very tip, toward the butt end of the feather. Tie the feather in by the isolated tip at the same point that the deer hair was tied in, and place a tiny drop of super glue over the thread wraps.
  
8. Once the glue is dry, wrap the hackle perpendicular to the shank, using 6 or 7 turns. Tie it off behind the hook eye, trim the excess, and whip finish.



Steps 5, 6, 7, &amp; 8



Step 9 and completed fly

9. Turn the fly over by rotating the vise, and carefully trim out the barbules that protrude downward, using the point of your scissors. We want this fly to sit squarely in the surface film, and not awkwardly on top of the film in its front area.

Now, go crank one of these bugs and fish it. I live by that simple philosophy.

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

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS

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