Fuller Lake, the location of the One-Fly Contest at the Past Presidents’ Picnic

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President’s Message

GBF is a really great and vibrant club. Reflecting back on the past 11 months it is readily apparent why ~ active members that volunteer and get involved. We offer clinics to help members who are new to fly fishing to gain basic knowledge on the sport. Then there are fly tying clinics, the fly tying jam, rod building clinics, net building clinics, fishouts and the list goes on. That was really apparent at the May Members’ Night General Meeting. The tables around the room were fully occupied by members eager and willing to share their talents and knowledge. This provided members (especially new ones) with the opportunity to talk one-on-one with members who lead various activities in the Club and become aware of what activities will be scheduled in the future.

Additionally, there are those who take on jobs that recur monthly.

• Roger & Phyllis Mattson have put on outstanding arrays of food at our monthly meetings. Without their efforts I’m sure many of our members would be going without dinner based on how I’ve seen some chowing down at the break.

• Art Livingston has served as Editor of the Leader for the past year. Nothing like a recently retired person having to take on something with a real deadline each month.

• Paul Meyers as Program Coordinator lines up speakers as much as a year in advance and insures that the speaker is hosted at dinner on the night of the meeting and has all the necessary equipment available for their presentation.

• Kent Ripley has kept our website current on almost a daily basis and given it some real punch.

• Bob & Carolyn Williams diligently serve as the Librarians at each month’s meeting making fly fishing reference materials available to all wanting to expand their knowledge of the sport.

• Gary Flanagan did an incredible job of lining up a vast array of fishouts and clinics during the past year. Art Livingston recently volunteered to be the Fishmaster and took over this very important position.

• Michael Gervais is one of the unsung hero’s who has volunteered for years to be the Gatekeeper during the winter months allowing members to enter the park after closing hours. On occasion Jack Pueter has been his backup. Not only does the Gatekeeper brave the inclement weather but they also miss the social hour before each meeting.

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Annual Elections

The annual election of officers and directors takes place at the June general meeting. Below is a list of the positions to be voted on and the members who have been nominated.

President
Vice President, Membership
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Heath Wakelee
Rich Artru
Larry Lee, John Hogg
Art Livingston, Gary Flanagan, Karl Wolff, Ron English, Mac Hunter
Tom Bartos, Jack Ramos

Like other activities in the club, being on the Board is very educational. Just ask anyone who has ever served on it. It takes very little time (usually 2 hours a month) and is a great opportunity to become involved in the club and help chart its future direction. For GBF to remain the great organization it is, we totally depend upon the support of members willing to donate their time and talents. Please consider how you can help and become more involved.

Past Presidents’ Picnic
June 15 - 18

We hope you crossed off your calendars and informed your family that the annual Past Presidents’ weekend is this month. If you have not signed up, please do so ASAP, we need to buy food and other supplies for a great time.

WHERE: Bear Valley Group Picnic Area (PG&E Group Campground)

DIRECTIONS: From Roseville, take I-80 east to Highway 20 (Grass Valley) exit. Go approximately 5 miles to Bowman Lake Road. (This is the road to Fuller Lake.) Go approximately 1/4 mile on Bowman Lake Road to the campground. The campground is on the left.

WHEN: We have the campground reserved for the entire weekend. You can come up Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday or you can camp out for the entire weekend. Make it for part of the weekend or for the whole weekend...it’s entirely up to you. We’ll be setting up on Thursday morning and tearing down sometime Sunday afternoon.

THE RULES AND OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF: 1. Have a good time. 2. Bring the family. 3. Charge of $10 for each guest, not part of a GBF family membership

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to cover food cost. 4. GBF will provide food...Ribs, chicken, etc. on Saturday night. Side dishes will be assigned alphabetically. Other than that, BRING YOUR OWN FOOD, DRINKS, AND UTENSILS.

A thru M please bring salads or appetizers, N thru Z desserts.

Campsites are first come first served. We have limited space at the main campground for RVs. I believe we can fit 3 or 4 at the main campground others can park at the parking lot for the nature walk just up the road and within walking distance.

Activities:
The One-Fly Contest will be Saturday morning at Fuller Lake. (8:00 a.m. meeting and sign-up at the campground.)
The Not So Special Olympics will be on Saturday after the One Fly Contest and before the barbecue.
The Barbecue of Tony’s famous ribs and other food will be about 5:00 Saturday evening.
The Awards will be between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday.

RSVP AND QUESTIONS: Let us know via email Frank Massey (fmassey@jps.net) or Michael Powers (powers@cwnet.com) if you’re going to be there; how many are in your group; and what days you’ll attend. We need the head count for food. You can email us with any questions. (However, no questions about contest rules will be answered, as we will make them up as we go.) At the May meeting we will have sign-up sheets for attendees, volunteers, and participants.

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The Golden Trout Program

This is a Skills/Knowledge development program in which participants undertake various fly fishing and conservation – related activities in order to improve their skills and increase their understanding and enjoyment of the sport. Upon completion of program requirements, participants receive a Special ‘Golden Trout Award’ and Certificate of Completion, and have their name engraved on the club’s perpetual Golden Trout plaque.

The program was started in 1989 to provide a structure and curriculum that would facilitate and motivate the advancement of fly fishing skills (and related knowledge) among members and encourage club involvement. It is hoped that participation also serves to foster future club leaders and mentors – both so crucial to sustaining the foundation and function of the club. Most important, the program is intended to allow participants to have fun while learning!

The requirements are: To complete seven (7) of the ten (10) program categories shown in the handbook. Categories 1 – 4 are required to be completed. Categories 5 – 10 are elective: any three (3) may be completed, for a total of seven (7), to fulfill the requirement of the program. There is no time limit for completion. All that is needed to be done is sign up for the program, (a $10.00 fee for materials) and then complete the Categories. Upon completion of a category have the instructor, (sponsor) sign off that category in your Golden Trout Handbook.

As of this time the club has 55 Golden Trout Recipients, and we have 27 members working on their awards. If you want to know more and get involved in this great program the club offers to all of its members, contact Larry Goodell at either the general membership meetings or by calling (530) 268 – 8160.

. . . Larry Goodell

Knot-Tying Clinic
June 26th

Sturmer White will conduct a knot-tying clinic on the picnic tables at the GBF Clubhouse on Monday evening, June 26th. This will be a great opportunity to learn and practice all the simple (but crucial) fly-fishing knots that are used to connect your fly reel to your fly.

Golden Trout Program participants: This is your chance to complete the required knot-tying category – don’t miss it! Sturmer will gladly sign off your Golden Trout Handbook after you have demonstrated the designated knots.

The clinic gets underway around 6:00 pm and will last 60-90 minutes, as needed. There will be a sign-up sheet at the General Meeting on June 8. Please call Sturmer at 916-791-2618 with any questions. to good use.
June Fly Tying Jam Cancelled

Every June, we lose the use of the GBF Clubhouse for the Fly Tying Jam. California State Park Instructors conduct a week long Life Guard Training Class for their State Park Rangers and they have their training equipment spread out in the Clubhouse during that period. We will resume the Fly Tying Jam in July

New Members

*Individual membership:* Isaac English, David Ernce, Butch Brear
*Family membership:* David, Michele, Zachary and Breanne Salmassy, Bill and Jackie Merz

Davis Lake Fishout
June 2 - 4, 2006
In a Heart Beat

It took us six hours to drive to the trailhead so it was a good thing that we left Sacramento at six in the morning. At about 7,200 feet, the air was crisp at noon as we assembled our gear and prepared to begin our backpacking/fly fishing trip into the John Muir Wilderness. Mike Laing (little Mike) helped Kent Ripley get his backpack squared away and then we all took second and third looks to ensure that we did not leave any gear behind. There was excitement in the air when we finally started on the trail down to Lake Thomas Edison where we would meet the pontoon boat that would take us about four miles to the other end of the lake.

The air was crisp, clean and the scent of pine was slowly replacing the bitter sting of the brown valley smog. The boat let us off on a huge granite rock that invited us to enter the forest and turn our clocks back to a simpler time. We entered and felt the chill of being on our own to face whatever would confront us.

Within a few minutes we were gaining altitude and I was beginning to breathe hard. Suck it up, I told myself, the pain in my chest was from being out of shape and I promised myself to be in better shape next year. Then, after only a 15 second rest, the sharp pain went away and we continued up the trail. Mike and Kent probably did not even see me stop and even if they did, they probably thought I was just adjusting my backpack.

I now know that the chest pain was more than simply being out of shape and thinking back, the pain was different than simply being out of shape. What fooled me and I hope never fools you is that with as little as a fifteen second rest that the pain went away. Don’t ignore those warnings like I did. Given that I pressed on and completed the hike with only a few more incidents of sharp chest pain, I decided that I was OK. Well, I wasn’t. This trip actually took place last summer and my open-heart surgery was on April 29. Bottom line; don’t ignore those chest pains that go away. Do something about them before you are faced with a bad situation at 10,500 feet. I was lucky and I hope that telling this story will improve your “luck.” DON’T ignore the chest pains that go away.

... Heath Wakelee

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Virginia Lakes Fishout July 6-8, 2006

The snows are melting (hopefully) and the fish and beautiful scenery at Virginia Lakes are waiting for GBF. Virginia Lakes (elevation 9600') are on the eastern side of the Sierra just south of Bridgeport, just off Highway 395. There are three lakes within walking distance of the campground (at Trumbull Lake) though you can also drive to all of them. These lakes hold mostly Rainbows but also have Brown and Brook Trout. In addition, there are several lakes within easy hiking distance that have Brook Trout that willingly take to a dry fly (Tom and Jack reported 40 in a few hours last year). There at least one lake that holds Golden Trout that is within 3 miles. River fishing can be good, depending on flows on Virginia Creek, Green Creek, and both parts of the Walker. A three to five weight with an intermediate or type two sinking line works quite well. Small buggers in brown, green, purple or cinnamon (my favorite) work well, along with matukas, and a variety of nymphs. You can also do well with dries in the mornings and evenings. A float tube is the desired way to fish (I have an extra if you don’t have one) but you can also use a canoe or small non-motorized boat. Days of twenty plus fish are common.

We will be camping a Trumbull Lake and I will try to secure as many sites as necessary so please let me know as soon as possible if you are coming. Larger RVs can be a problem at Trumbull but unimproved camping is available just down the road along the creek. There are cabins available at Virginia Lakes Resort but they rent on

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Watershed Coordinator

Bill Templin
Watershed Coordinator,
North Fork American River Watershed

In June 2004, Bill was selected to fill a grant position funded for 3 years as the watershed coordinator for the North Fork American River Watershed. This area extends from Interstate 80 on the north to Georgetown Divide on the South and from the Sierra Crest to Folsom Lake.

Thanks to this grant from the California Department of Conservation and administered by the Placer County Resource Conservation District, he was able to exercise his angling interests and apply his 30 years of water resources experience to help learn and teach others about the health of this watershed.

Since his first week on this job, he has been exploring access to the North Fork and Middle Fork of the American River, including the Rubicon River that drains into the Middle Fork American River. Thanks to many people who have given him leads and help, he feels like he’s gotten a good start on identifying the health of this watershed and the high quality fishery that we have now.

We’ve learned more about the Wild Trout Streams within our watershed on the North Fork American River above Colfax and the Rubicon River above Ralston Dam/Oxbow Reservoir. From what he has learned, the wild trout in the Middle Fork American River may be larger and more plentiful than they are in either of our “designated” Wild Trout streams. Better fish surveys of the entire watershed are needed to be certain.

During the last half of this year he helped George Edwards with 3 sampling events as part of the California Department of Fish and Game’s “Central Valley Steelhead Genetics Project” in parts of the Middle Fork American and Rubicon Rivers. Samples from these surveys will be ana-
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alyzed and used to determine if the current populations of Rainbow Trout in our watershed are similar to those below Folsom Lake and along the California Coast so our understanding of the historic stocking of trout will be improved.

So far we know that the Browns are spawning in the fall, but results are inconclusive about the Rainbows and “more investigation is needed.” Telemetry has been useful as a tool in the Henry’s Fork, (as well as up near Truckee) to help improve knowledge of which river reaches and tributaries that are key to fish migration and spawning and we hope to develop enough interest in these issues to get similar projects funded here.

This job is not for everyone, as parts of this watershed are remote and not easily accessible presently, but somebody’s got to do it! If you want to help improve the access to, as well as the health of this watershed, please contact Bill Templin at 916-601-9954, or by email at wtemplin@surewest.net.

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Where: GBF Clubhouse

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a one-week minimum. A small store with a lunch counter is at Little Virginia Lake. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting and I will be available there and at the President’s Picnic if you have questions.

This is a terrific place for beginners, experienced fishermen, and non-fishing partners and families. I will be going up on the July 5 to secure campsites and will be staying through Sunday, July 9. I do a Taco dinner for everyone on Saturday evening and you don’t want to miss that. Please contact me at (530) 677-8022 or at Sandyk@directcon.net if you have any questions.

. . . Mike Kaul
President’s message
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- Jim Holmes has done a great job running the monthly Fly Tying Jam, coming up with seasonal flies to tie every 4 weeks.
- Paul Egan, a relatively new member, is doing the Fly Tyer’s Corner and sharing his knowledge of fly tying with our members.
- TR Bergen labels, stamps and mails 250+ Leaders each and every month. Thanks also go to his wife, Melissa, who also lends a helping hand.
- Larry Goodell spearheads the Golden Trout Program which is especially beneficial to members new to fly fishing.
- Jim Bitcom is our Merchandising Coordinator providing members with the opportunity to purchase GBF logo shirts and hats.

Add to this group the Officers and Directors of the Club that give tirelessly of themselves to keep the organization running smoothly and providing the many benefits of membership. Without their dedication the Club could be a rudderless ship.

- Paul Meyers – VP Membership. Paul maintains the Club’s roster in a database and provides labels each month for mailing the Leader. Additionally he orders, receives and mails to new members their name badge each month along with a welcome kit.
- Nick Burnett – Secretary. Nick provides the Board with minutes of each monthly meeting.
- Heath Wakelee – VP Conservation. Heath heads up the monthly Conservation Committee Meetings and addresses the various conservation issues that arise during the year.
- Larry Lee – Treasurer. Larry writes the checks, makes the deposits and creates the Club’s fiscal records providing monthly financial reports.
- Lastly, the Directors who not only serve on the Board but also volunteer to head up or work on other Club activities. Special thanks goes to Joe Aichroth, Michael Kaul, Mike Lang, Art Livingston, Kent Ripley and Craig Robertson for their service.

As you can readily tell, there are a lot of hard working people that make this club so special. I’m indebted to each of them for all their help this past year.

Tight Lines ... Art Hawkins

Short-Line Nymphing Clinic (N. Yuba River)
Saturday, June 24th

There are two types of fly-fishermen. Dry fly purists, and others that just want to catch fish. Ok, I fall under the category of those that want to catch fish. Therefore, I’ve invested time in learning what fish eat. What I’ve learned is that fish eat 80% or more of their food subsurface. If that is the case, then dry fly fishing is working with only 20% of the fish food. This doesn’t sound like the most productive way to fish, especially if I want to catch fish. Ok, I have two choices for presenting something to fish as an underwater food source, swinging or nymphing. For this clinic, I’m going to present a method that was developed by Ted Fay for the Upper Sacramento River. This method is called short-line nymphing.

Even though this technique was

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developed for the Upper Sac, it works great on many other moving waters as well. For me, the greatest thing about this technique is you don’t need to know how to cast. Actually, when taking someone fly fishing for the first time, this is the technique I prefer to teach. In addition, they catch fish and to risk a bad pun, they get ‘hooked’ on fly-fishing.

For the last several years, this clinic has been one of GBF’s most popular events. I don’t think it has ever not been “sold out.” The best thing, remember I’m the guy that likes to catch fish. Everyone ends up catching fish by the end of the day. Ok, I’ll admit it; the purpose of the clinic is not to catch fish. The purpose is to teach a highly effective nymph fishing skill, with a sprinkling of other skills such as rigging, reading the water, and wading safety. This skill is not hard to learn and anyone wanting to nymph fish should learn this technique.

Now that I’ve got you hooked (oops), let me explain how the day will go. The clinic is held in the morning, followed by self-provided lunch. The afternoon is spent fishing. I, along with the other instructors who are accomplished at short-line nymphing, will work with each individual to help eliminate problems and hone skills. As usual, we meet early in the morning (7:30 am) at the pizza joint in Downieville, and head for the river after assembling there. Note, for this clinic we are using a 4 to 6 weight rod with floating line. If you do not have one in this range, the Club has good quality rods, reels and lines that will work perfectly for this function and can be borrowed by contacting Larry Lee (916-962-0616). We can handle 20 members. We will have a waiting list in case of cancellations. The fee is $20.00, all of which goes to GBF. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting. I will check with those who signed up to make sure that they are committed to attend, so that those interested will have a chance to sign up. For details, or to have your name added to the list after the signups at the June meeting or added to the waiting list, call Paul Meyers at 916-759-8037 (cell); or send an email: paul.meyers@yahoo.com.

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As we move into the warmer weather our thoughts turn to spending more time outdoors and planning a few fishing trips. I’ve got some ideas for you that may improve your skill level, may introduce you to new water (Golden Trout!) and will leave some great fishing areas better off because you were there. For the past several years California Trout has identified a few backcountry areas that need some work and they seek volunteers to help. The general schedule is to fish early and late and do some restoration work during the middle of the day. This would be a great opportunity to take a son/daughter or grandson/granddaughter into the backcountry to catch Golden Trout, teach them backpacking skills and valuable conservation lessons.

Cal Trout currently has six trips planned (all are in the Kern River Watershed – East of Bakersfield): #1) A work Weekend at Monache Wildlife Area June 17-18 #2) Casa Vieja Fence Repair on June 28-30 #3) Population Estimates (electrofishing) in Mulkey Meadow late July or August (4 days) #4) Population estimates in Golden Trout Creek late July or August (6 days) #5) Templeton Barrier/Strawberry Monitoring (electrofishing) September 18-23 and #6) Monache Wildlife Area September 30 – Oct 1st for fence removal and electrofishing.

You don’t have to sign up for the full length of the project and all able-bodied people are welcome. You’ll generally need to supply your own camping/backpacking gear and those details are located on the Cal Trout web site.

For further information about these non-Granite Bay Flycasters sponsored events, please visit the California Trout website at www.caltrout.org and look under “Volunteer Opportunities.”

To make the club an active club, it takes volunteers. Help GBF remain active. Take the time to volunteer.
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Paul Egan’s Pseudo Seal Nymph

I began fly tying at age 12, when I took a beginner class at Kiene’s fly shop. I’ve been tying flies off and on for several years but really got going when I had a surgery and was laid up in the house for a few weeks. I became frustrated with the cheap vise I was using and went out and bought a nice one and started to put it to use. I tied flies for my dad and his fishing partner “Doc”. I still didn’t have a fly rod. The three of us took a trip to the Trinity River system and the only fish that were caught were on my flies. I was hooked. Ever since I lost a nice trout on the Provo River in Utah due to a hook that broke, I have been trying to tie better and better flies. My goal is to tie flies that are stronger, more life like, match the bug’s color, are more rugged to last longer, and simple to tie. The Pseudo Seal Nymph is one of those rugged, simple flies. It uses only four materials and will last through several fish. I have been tying this fly for some time but it really earned its place in my fly box when I was fishing with Pete Koistinen on the Yuba River after the high waters had changed the river so dramatically. Pete was fishing ahead of me. That is not a good position to be in because Pete can be a vacuum cleaner some times. Pete will hit every spot and usually pull out a fish or two. He was doing well this morning, picking up fish using an egg pattern. I changed to the Pseudo Seal Nymph and I started to pick up fish even after

Pete went through the hole. The fish that took the nymph were larger than the ones Pete had been catching. Large enough for Pete to ask what I was using. When I gave him one, he tied it on right away. That morning we caught over 20 fish up to 19 inches.

Tying Instructions
1. Mount hook in vise and smash down barb.
2. Eight wraps of lead wire centered in the thorax position.
3. Glue lead with zap-a-gap and let dry.
4. Attach thread in front of lead.
5. Build thread taper in front of and behind lead.
6. Wrap the thread back past the point of the barb well into the bend.
7. Take a small pinch of angora goat dubbing, twist it between your finger and thumb, and tie in for a tail.

MATERIALS
Hook: TMC 5262, size 12
Thread: Unithread 6/0 black
Tail: Black Angora Goat
Ribbing: Small Silver wire
Wing case: Molted Turkey Tail Feather pretreated with flexament

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Rod Building 201D
Preparing the Rod Blank for Gluing

The purpose of this article is to provide guidance for preparing the rod blank for gluing the reel seat onto the blank prior to gluing the handle, reel seat, and winding check to the blank.

Rod blanks must be prepared to accept the handle, reel seat, and winding check. Part of the preparation of the rod blank is to locate the spine (or spline) on the blank. Locating the spine was previously discussed in an article entitled “Blank Alignment for Reel Seat and Guides”. That article compared the process of finding and utilizing the spine to purchasing new tires for your car. When the tires are put on the car, they must be balanced correctly for optimum performance and wear. With fly rods, for optimum rod performance, the reel seat and guides must be fit to the proper side or parallel axis of each blank segment. If the reel seat and the rod guides are placed at random on the blank rather than the spine, the rod will not work as well when casting and playing fish. For more information regarding this subject, you can consult the aforementioned article, join a GFB rod building class, or contact Larry Lee (larrylee@13rods.com). Once the spine is located and marked, the rod builder can prepare the rest of the blank for accepting the reel seat and handle.

The first step is to make sure the rod blank is clean of any debris or oil. To accomplish this, clean the blank as necessary with acetone or rubbing alcohol. A word of caution: Be careful cleaning some blanks with acetone as the paint may come off! If this happens, alcohol works just as well for cleaning the blank.

Next, mount the reel seat and the handle on the blank. Mark the upper part of the blank at the handle with a white marking pencil (see Fig.1: ‘Marking for Roughing’). Now remove the reel seat and handle from the blank and wrap the blank with masking tape approximately 1/4 “ below the white mark. Take a piece of sand paper or a round file and “rough up” the blank slightly all the way around from the masking tape to the butt of the blank (see Fig.2: ‘Roughing Blank’). Be careful not to rough the blank too much because you can damage the blank. The “roughing up” process allows a good epoxy bond between the blank and the cork handle and reel seat.

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When this process is complete, remove the tape at the top of the roughed section and place the reel seat back onto the blank. Mark the upper end of the reel seat’s location with a white pencil (see Fig. 3: ‘Marking Reel Seat’). Then remove the reel seat and place concentric rings of masking tape on the blank up to the white mark you just made. Gaps of up to ¼” can be left between the masking tape rings.

Figure 4: ‘Wrapping Blank for Reel Seat’ shows installation of the reel seat over the masking tape rings.

The last step is shown in Figure 5: ‘Assembled Prior to Gluing’. The photo shows the winding check, cork handle and reel seat placed onto the blank for the last check before applying the epoxy.

The next rod building article will discuss the epoxy process of the winding check, cork handle and reel seat to the blank. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Larry Lee at larrylee@L3rods.com or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.

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Nymphing Clinic
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8. Tie in a length of silver wire (about 4 inches).
9. Twist dub an abdomen and tie off.
10. Rib with silver wire and secure.
11. Tie in a strip of turkey tail to be used as a wing case.
12. Form a dubbing loop and fill it with angora goat laying most of the fibers horizontal.
13. Spin or twist a dubbing rope and dub a thorax making it very bushy.
14. Fold turkey tail forward forming wing case, tie in and trim.
15. Form thread head, whip finish, and glue with head cement.
16. Tweeze out legs from the thorax with a bodkin or dubbing tweezer.
17. Insert fly in water containing trout and pay attention to your indicator!
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