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## President's Message

by Mike Howes, GBF President

The Annual Dinner lived up to all expectations. The night was fun, food was good, and many went away with some valuable fishing items and trips. Thanks to Dennis Baker and his team for putting on a great dinner.

The meeting in June will be our election for club Officers and Board of Directors. If you want to learn more about the club and be an integral part of it, give Frank Stolten or Mike Brune a call to find out more about the various positions. We are still looking for someone to take on our conservation effort.

At the dinner, recognition was given to five members for their dedication and time to the club. **Karl Wolff** was recognized for his communication skills in setting up the club fishouts. I know seeing May 14 as a fishout seems simple, but there is a lot of behind-the-scene effort to secure and prepare that date and fishout. **Art Livingston** was recognized for his efforts in setting up the various clinics used to educate the members. Art's task requires organizational skills and dedication. **Pete Peterson**, this guy was recognized for being him. Pete is involved in almost every aspect of the club, from general meetings to fly tying jams. **Tony Fabian** was recognized by **Robin Egan**, Conservation VP, for his dedication in the club's conservation efforts. Tony piled up the most volunteer hours on Robin's team. He was presented with the *Jim Coleman Conservation Award*. And, I am proud to say, I recognized Robin Egan as the recipient of the *President's Award*. Robin has done a tremendous job as Conservation VP. She implemented the short-notice team that can be called upon for projects requiring volunteers ASAP. She has started a hands-on conservation effort in adopting part



of the American River by Rio Americano School. Robin has established a tracking program to record volunteer hours. Robin has put in a lot of time being our Conservation VP. "Thank You" to the above members for helping in making our club the great club that it is.

We have two Stillwater fishouts on May 22nd (Saturday). The fishouts are for beginners, and anyone else that would like to attend. The Fuller Lake fishout off of I-80 is for trout. The Greenstone fishout off of 50 is for bass. Both are from float tubes, pontoon boat or a pram. If you are a new member and don't have a float tube, and you would like to attend, let the fish leaders know as soon as possible, so we can secure you a tube for the fishout. If you are interested in either of these fishouts, information can be found at our web site [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org). Sign-up sheets will be available at our next meeting. If you have any questions, contact Tony Hamamoto at [hamamoto@cwnet.com](mailto:hamamoto@cwnet.com) for the Greenstone fishout, and Dennis Baker for the Fuller Lake fishout at [baker0707@aol.com](mailto:baker0707@aol.com).

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Life is reel  
Mike

## M A Y 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2. Hot Creek Fishout	3.	4. 7:00 PM Conservation Committee Meeting	5.	6.	7.	8. Map and GPS Clinic
9.	10.	11.	12.	13. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	14. Bridgeport Fishout 14th - 16th	15.
16. Bridgeport Fishout	17.	18. Fly Tying Jam 6:30 PM	19.	20. 7:00 PM Board Meeting	21.	22. Greenstone Fishout  Fuller Lake Fishout
23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.
30.	31.					

## Monthly Program



Hal Janssen

The speaker for our May meeting will be Hal Janssen, a nationally known fly fisherman, writer, artist, lecturer, and video personality. He has been fly fishing for over 50 years, and has fished extensively throughout North and South America for nearly every species of fresh and salt water fish.

Hal has been responsible for developing significant portions of the fly fishing equipment and concepts in use today. He and *Scientific Anglers'* founder, Leon Martuch, developed S/A's wet tip fly line. He and John Agnew worked on the development of *Sunset Line Company's* fly lines; *Sunset's Cannonball*, the first tapered lead core line, and the invention of the density compensated uniform sink line. Hal came up with the idea of the Mastery Stillwater series

of clear fly lines, and was part of changing Amnesia from solid to fluorescent colors.

In 1979, he was one of the first in the Umpqua Feather Merchant's contract tyers program. Today, over 70 Janssen fly patterns are manufactured and have worldwide distribution. Hal's series of three 1980 videotapes: "Fly Fishing Secrets," was the first collection of instructional fly fishing videos that were, in part, responsible for the explosion of fly fishing video titles available today.

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As a pioneer of saltwater, steelhead, stillwater, and float tubing techniques, Hal has written over 25 articles for leading fly fishing magazines. His June 1979 *Fly Fisherman Magazine* article kicked off the popularization of float tubing, and he has contributed to 21 books as both an artist and an author.

Hal gained broad recognition as an instructor for his stillwater fly fishing seminars and schools, for his many years of presentations to fly clubs, and for entertaining thousands as a member of the Coors Outdoor Team, and Ed Rice's International Sportsman's Exposition Pro Staff. In January 2010, Hal was inducted into the California Outdoor Hall of Fame.

Despite his busy schedule, he has graciously accepted our invitation to speak to us. This is not Hal's first visit to GBF, as he was the featured guest speaker at our 1989 Annual Dinner. Hal's program will be primarily on "Fishing Stillwaters." As with all of his pursuits, Hal has developed his own extremely specific equipment and techniques for fishing the quiet water. His knowledge and success in this venue is unparalleled.

Please come early to our May 13<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. Hal will demonstrate some of his fly tying techniques and patterns prior to the actual club meeting.

### Upcoming Classes and Clinics

*by Art Livingston, Chair, Member Education*

Below is a list of clinics and classes that will be offered to members. Some have scheduled dates; the others will be scheduled shortly. If you have suggestions as to other clinics or classes, be sure to contact me and we can discuss your thoughts. Look for specifics on classes and clinics on the web site, and in future *Leader* articles.

#### Clinic/Class

Rod Building\*

GPS/Map Reading/Compass Use\*\*

N. Yuba Nymphing Clinic \*\*\*

#### Date(s)

Started February 16; Continuing

Saturday, May 8

Saturday, July 10th

\* Larry Lee and Bill Avery will schedule individuals to complete their rods.

\*\* Tom Ross and Art Livingston will teach this basic skills class. Sign-up sheet will be available at the May Meeting.

\*\*\* N. Yuba Nymphing Clinic will be hosted by Bill Carnazzo. Sign-up sheet will be available at the May and June Meetings.

### Cameron Park Lake

We were welcomed to the Cameron Park fishout with a beautiful spring day. Sixteen GBF members took part in the fishout, ate lunch, and shared stories of how slow the fishing had been. It may have been a little early in the year for a good bass bite, since the weather has fluctuated so much recently. A few actually caught bass, and others were less fortunate, but a good time was had by all. Unfortunately, the fishout conflicted with Kiene's Expo, which lowered our numbers a bit. There were several members who fished early and headed to Kiene's after enjoying lunch. Next year in April, we'll try to avoid conflicts with other events, and hope the bass will cooperate.

Ray Ito





## 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 so far

President  
Vice President, Membership  
Vice President, Conservation  
Secretary  
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Director, 3 year term  
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Dennis Baker  
Jerry Devlin  
Open  
Mel Odemar  
John Hogg  
Taylor Yates  
Open  
Tony Fabian

Nominations will be accepted and made final at the May general meeting, except for any position that does not have at least one candidate, in which case a member may be nominated at the June general meeting, and shall run as a write-in candidate. Like other club activities, being on the Board is actually fun, while being very educational. Just ask anyone who has ever served on it. It takes very little time (usually less than 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 a great organization, 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.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and assistance for any of these positions, or would like more information, please contact Frank Stolten 725-6894, or Mike Brune 723-4524 prior to the May meeting.

### 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's *Leader*.

### Welcome to Our Newest Members

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### Sagehen Entomology Clinic Sat/Sun, June 12th and 13th

This year's "bug class" will be held, once again, at UC Berkley's Sagehen Creek Research Station on June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup> (Sat-Sun). Sign-up sheets will be at the general meeting(s). Cost is **\$40.00 per person for overnight lodging** (includes 3 meals) and **\$25 per person for Saturday participation only** (includes 2 meals). As we did last year, minors, ages 6-17 may participate, with adult supervision, at no charge.

The field station has several bunkhouses reserved for us, and the nearby Sagehen and Prosser campgrounds are also available if you prefer a quieter location that guarantees you won't have someone snoring in the bunk bed next to, above or below you! The field station has nice facilities, including hot showers, kitchen, dining room and classroom. The campground is about a 10-minute walk, half a mile upstream from the field station on a separate, gated road. **Campers will be charged the same activity fee, which will include all presentations, field study, meals and access to the showers.** Check out the Sagehen website by clicking [here](#), and be sure not to miss their live [Fish-Cam](#) link at the top of their home page! Here's a link to their [Waiver](#), [Directions](#) (about 8 miles north of Truckee on Hwy. 89) and map in PDF format.

The clinic is on Saturday. Our instructor will be our very own GBF Member, Terry Eggleston. He'll be showing us the comparison between the real bugs vs. our tied flies in a classroom setting. There will also be a stream collection and observation time, and a casting demonstration by Rick Radoff which will be viewed under water in the stream-side viewing chamber so we can see exactly how a trout really looks at and takes (or refuses) a fly.

On Sunday you will have the opportunity to do some fishing on your own in the various creeks, rivers, and lakes in the area. More information will be posted on the website – maps, directions, etc.

**\*NOTE\* We NEED a cook, and you don't need to be a chef to volunteer!** Meals are simple – Sat, Lunch/Dinner and Sun, Breakfast. Please contact me ASAP if you can volunteer for this purpose. This, too, would count for conservation volunteer hours.

If you have any questions, you can contact me, Robin Egan, at [Tggr514@yahoo.com](mailto:Tggr514@yahoo.com) or John Carroz at [jwcarroz@surewest.net](mailto:jwcarroz@surewest.net).

### WARMWATER 101

This is the first of a series on fishing for bass and panfish. I did a series of articles several years ago, but we have so many new members that I was asked to bring this column back. I will cover large mouth, also known as bucket mouth, and black bass. A large bass will also be called a hog. Smallmouth are usually referred to as smallmouth, or bronze back. Spotted will only be covered lightly, as they will associate with large or smallmouth bass. Largemouth are not a true bass, but are a member of the sunfish family. I will cover crappie and bluegill also. I will cover equipment, weather, flies, locations, locating fish, bass habits and fishing the four seasons. Each month, I will cover a local lake that can be fished from a tube.

Why fish for bass? There are many reasons, but I think that Dave Whitlock said it best. Dave said, "Fly Fishing is the most totally fulfilling of the angling sports, and the bass is our most plentiful and widely distributed top game fish." The last part of this statement is one of the top reasons that other fly fishermen have told me as to why they fish bass. Now that we are in daylight savings time, is there a better way to break up the work week than stopping at a lake or pond for a couple of hours? Pack an extra sandwich, and take your waders or float tube to work with you. Do not go fishing when you have time. Put fishing time on your calendar, and live by it. You work hard, and owe it to yourself.

Today's bass fishing is completely different than when I started 61 years ago, or even 10-15 years ago. Tackle manufacturers have designed equipment with special lines, bass hooks and leaders that turn over large bass flies with ease. I have been using lines that have a fantastic ability for the line to shoot through the guides an extra 10-15 feet over the older line. Is this more expensive line necessary? NO!

In next month's article, I will cover equipment, both what is necessary, and what's just nice to have.

...Pete Peterson



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## Conservation Corner

Our April conservation committee meeting had 6 in attendance (besides me), including new member Bob Brown. A big thanks goes out to Tom Pettey, Tony Fabian, Mike Laing, John Carroz, and Mike Howes as well for their time and continued commitment to the conservation committee. We went over and approved the distribution of this budget year's conservation donations. Remember, attendance at the committee meetings counts toward your total volunteer hours for the year.

I'd like to congratulate Tony Fabian who was recently awarded the 2009/10 Jim Coleman Conservation Award at our Annual Dinner. Tony put in the most hours in 2009, with Mel Odemar being a close 2nd. Thank you all for your hard work last year. We are already well on our way to 500 hours this year with five members participating in the Middle Fork American River FERC Relicensing meetings 2-3 days/wk. What will you do to help your club and our local fisheries this year?

A final reminder, my term will end June 30th of this year, and I have recently been nominated for a director position for the Northern CA Council of the Federation of Flyfishers (NCCFFF). There are plenty of people around with all the guidance you will need for success, including me. Your club needs YOU! Nominations can still be made. For more information on what this position entails, please find me at the general meeting, or call/e-mail me.

### SPECIAL PROJECTS/MEETINGS/EVENTS

#### **CABY Western Placer Creeks Work Group meeting April 22nd**

Tony Fabian attended this meeting and reported that nothing new is going on as of yet. They are still currently working on obtaining funding for restoration work to be done on Auburn Ravine / Coon Creek to improve fish passage and improve habitat.

#### **Middle Fork American FERC relicensing meeting(s)**

We have 5 members going to these meetings right now – Tony Fabian, Mel Odemar, Bill Carnazzo, Bill Templin & Tom Bartos. I am told they are meeting weekly Mon/Tues and sometimes Wednesday too! Thank you for all your time and representing the fly-fishing community!

#### **Creek Week / Earth Day Activities**

Kaseberg Creek with Dry Creek Conservancy Saturday, April 10th and Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:

Bob Brown, a newly re-instated member, participated in this event on Saturday, April 10th in conjunction with Dry Creek Conservancy. They worked on Kaseberg Creek. He figures there were about 75 other volunteers there as well. Apparently, last year, they planted about 100 Valley Oak trees in an open meadow along the stream. The goal on April 10th was to remove invasive grass from around the base of those trees and lay down chip mulch. Thank you Bob for the report and your time spent!

Henry Sandigo, another new member, participated in this event on Saturday, April 17th as well. He reported the following: "There were many folks from Home Depot wearing the infamous HD T shirt, local high school and college folks, a family or two and some people who volunteered last year and other years. We planted approximately 100 plants; Blue Oak, and other oak, Willow, Elderberry and a few other names that escape me... It was a really nice day, but the digging made one hot. Fortunately the soil was still wet. After placing the plant we had to dust it with some natural fungicide inhibitor, clear at least a 2 foot path around to keep invasive grasses away (sucks the moisture away from the tree) one grass was even named Medusa!. Then placed mulch around the plant to thwart growth from other things and keep Voles away; learned something to apply to my own garden. The area we worked on is part of the Roseville, Placer County open space area. There were many folks walking, running and riding their bikes. We also saw a few wild critters including Pheasant and other birds. I plan on going back with my wife to enjoy the area." Thank you for you for the report and your time spent!

Bill Templin is participating in another clean up on Saturday, April 17th as well.

#### **Arcade Creek Electro-fishing Demo, Saturday, April 10th - as reported by Bill Templin:**

Tony Fabian and his wife joined Bill Templin and about 30 others creek side to take in a demo of electro fishing, seining, and water quality monitoring on Arcade Creek just east of Watt Avenue and Auburn Blvd. The results confirmed why Arcade Creek is on the Regional Water Board's 303d list of impacted creeks... the only signs of life found in the creek (other than the Entrix crew who led the demo) were 4 crawfish and 2 California Roach's (that's actually a native fish to these creeks). These aquatic species are very tough, as they must be to survive the water temperatures and pollutants from runoff from local residential lawns and streets. Mira Loma High School students comprised about 1/2 of the 30+ attendees and their school is actively involved with a long-term project to monitor the health of this

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creek <http://www.arcadecreekproject.org/>. They are definitely a prime example for other high schools in the region and highly deserving of any support that GBF may be able to provide them.

UC Davis Hardhead Temp Study – Fish-out Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

As of this writing, there were 10 GBF members scheduled to participate in this event. A full report will be in the next Leader in June.

Red Sesbania Removal: Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>— This is happening, whether we pull red Sesbania or yellow star thistle or install cages around trees in the area to protect them from beavers. As usual, we will meet at 8:30 am at Rio Americano High School ([4540 American River Drive](#)), in the parking lot next to the tennis courts. Bring work gloves, waterproof shoes/boots, long sleeves shirts and pants. 2-way radios are helpful too. Water and lunch will be provided.

Sagehen Entomology Clinic— Saturday/Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>: See the separate article in this month's *Leader*.

**CURRENT LEGISLATION**

**AB2336: Another anti-striper bill**— was scheduled to be heard in committee April 13th, but at the last minute, Assemblymember Fuller totally changed her legislation from the focus on striped bass to address “additional stressors to native fish in the Delta beyond state and federal water operations.” Striped bass is no longer identified in any way and they are not targeted for elimination. So, GBF members did not attend this particular hearing. The threat to stripers is subsided, at least for now. Thanks to all those that intended to go to the hearing. You are our true warriors!

**NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Round Table Pizza in Fair Oaks ([4400 San Juan Avenue](#)). I know I keep saying this, but this time it's for real: Steve Karr from [Putah Creek Trout](#) will be there to speak with us about possible riparian habitat rehabilitation we may be able to assist them with.

As always, all are welcome to attend.

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## Rod Building 204B (2 of 3)

### Tying Guides to Blank by Larry Lee

This is the second of three articles that provide direction for permanently tying the guides to the blank. The other articles in this series will describe how to: 1) tie the hook-keeper to the blank with thread, 2) reinforce the ferrules, 3) place thread onto or adjacent to the tiptop, 4) add some small single trim or trim bands, and 5) prepare the rod for epoxy application to the thread.

There are nineteen (19) pictures for these three articles. In this particular set of photos, I used a metallic colored thread that I hope shows the steps clearly. If you have a difficult time following the steps outlined here, it would probably be helpful to enroll in a rod building class and learn these techniques from the instructor. Again I must again say, this is not the only way to tie on guides, but it is a technique that learning rod builders seem to adapt to quite quickly.

#### **Tying on the guide continued:**

##### A few general notes before I begin:

Again, during the final wrapping, threads should ideally not overlap, but should be as closely adjacent to each succeeding wrap as possible so that the blank does not show through.



(1) Put in loop made from excess thread recently cut-off by placing under thread from thread spool to on top of blank (opposite guide)



(3) Hold down wrapped thread with finger

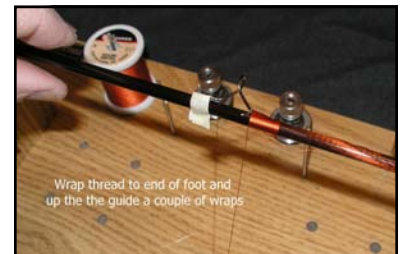


(5) Insert end of clipped thread through loop while still holding wrapped thread

To continue the wrapping sequence from the last article, you stop winding thread when you have approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the guide foot left to wrap and place the foot in the down position. Now you pick up the piece of string that you saved earlier, and make loop out of it. You will place the loop (loop facing towards the guide direction) under the string from the spool to on top of the blank. The tension on the string from the spool will hold your thread loop in place. This loop is installed to put the end of the thread back under the wraps to complete the wrap (see photo: (1) "put in the thread loop"). Now continue wrapping the thread until there are a couple of wraps past the foot (see photo: (2) "thread wrap to end of foot"). Now hold down the wrapped thread with your index finger (see photo: (3) "hold down wrapped thread"). Now clip the thread from the spool while holding down the thread at the wrap (see photo: (4) "clip thread from spool"). Now insert the end of the clipped thread through the loop, while still holding down the wrapped thread (see photo: (5) "insert end through loop"). Now take the opposite hand and hold the end of the thread firmly and put your small finger or fingers of that hand onto the blank to keep from rotating (see photo: (6) "hold end of thread tightly").

Because of space limitations in this newsletter, this article will continue in the next issue.

As always, rod building classes are available for learning these processes. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Larry Lee at [LLLee@L3rods.com](mailto:LLLee@L3rods.com) or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.



(2) Wrap thread to end of foot and up the guide a couple of wraps



(4) Clip thread from thread spool



(6) Hold end of rod tightly, and put fingers from same hand on blank to prevent rotation



## Fly Tyer's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

### Jim Pettis' Pulsating Caddis

I first met Jim Pettis at the CalExpo ISE show many years ago, where he was a featured tyer in the Fly Tying Theater (then run by Danny Byford). As I tend to be, Jim was quiet and soft-spoken; we became good friends over time. Jim guides on the Lower Sacramento River at Redding and, as I can personally attest, knows the river as well as anyone can. He has launch rights at a rather unique, privately owned spot some distance above the Posse Grounds where most everyone else puts in when fishing the upper runs. I've never seen anyone more skilled at mending line to a floating indicator placed far away from the boat (in some cases more than 60' out)—without moving the indicator. At the invitation the Golden Gate Casting Club in San Francisco, he's taught his methods to the club's members. One of Jim's talents—and the one that first drew my attention—was his ability to innovate fly designs that survive the test of time despite an ever-skeptical cadre of fly fishers, guides, and others. Principal among his successes is the Caddis series, one of which is the Pulsating Caddis, which Jim first tied in 1993. The fly is featured in Joe Warren's book "Tying Glass Bead Flies."

The Pulsating Caddis can, in various sizes and color combinations, represent many different Caddis flies. It is an excellent imitation for *Hydropsyche*, which abound on the Lower Sacramento River. Here are a few statistics on this bug:

Scientific name: genus *Hydropsyche*

Common names: spotted caddis; net-builder; net-spinning caddis; gray caddis

Size: 10-15mm

Color: tan, brown, yellow-tan with greenish or tan shroud

Here is an excellent summary of the habits and characteristics of *Hydropsyche*, taken from <http://www.west-fly-fishing.com/entomology/caddis/spotted.shtml#>, an excellent web site for fly fishing information:

"This case-less caddis acts like a spider: larvae build little nets in the crevices of rocks and capture drifting plankton for their meals. Their preferred habitat is riffles and runs. They often drift in the current, so where there are large populations, trout will feed on them year-round. A larva pattern dead-drifted near the bottom can be effective very effective in spring and fall, and even in winter. Many species are pale green and look a lot like the green rock worm or green caddis; they are often found in the same kind of water and can be imitated with the same patterns and tactics. In other waters, spotted caddis larvae are more tan or brown. Pupation occurs in the same water that the larvae lived in. During a hatch, dead-drift a pupa pattern near the bottom in riffly water or just below riffles. An unweighted pupa pattern can also be drifted near the surface, or you can present a soft hackle fly with a wet-fly swing. Another good strategy is a dry fly with a pupa pattern as a dropper or trailer; the dry fly acts as an indicator and sometimes is taken by the trout. After the hatch, errant and unlucky adults fall onto the water, and a dry fly is the right choice. Bankwater downwind or downstream from overhanging trees is a good place to cast your dry. Females swim or crawl underwater to lay eggs. You can fish a dry at this time, or go subsurface with a Soft Hackle or diving caddis pattern."



Let's get busy and tie one of Jim's gems.

#### Tying Instructions

1. Smash the hook barb and place some beads on the shank; the number will vary with the hook style and size. For example, if you are using a size 16 Tiemco 2457 hook, I suggest using three beads. Tip: start with a size 12 use 4 or 5 beads to get the feel of the proper number and then work down in sizes, experimenting as you go.

#### MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Tiemco 2457, Daiichi 1250, sizes 12-16 (Daiichi 1250 shown in pictures)
Thread:	Brown or tan 8/0
Body:	Three to five root beer colored glass beads with silver lining, small size
Bead dubbing:	Lava Brown (or similar color) Buggy Nymph Dubbing
Legs:	Wood duck flank feather barbules
Thorax:	Dark brown Buggy Nymph Dubbing

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## Fly Tyers Corner - Continued from Page 9



Step 1



Steps 3 and 4



Step 7

2. Once you've got the hook in the vise, start the thread near the hook eye and wrap the front 1/8 of the hook with thread (this will later become the area for the thorax) in front of the beads. Wrap rearward to the hook bend, securing the beads each in succession with several wraps. Leave the thread at the middle of the bend.
3. Place some of the lighter brown dubbing on the thread (here again you should experiment with the amount that you use, starting with smaller amounts, graduating to somewhat heavier amounts).
4. Place one wrap of dubbing behind the last bead, and move forward; place two wraps between each of the beads until you reach the thorax area. Place a half hitch there in preparation for the next step.
5. Using a piece of Velcro or a gun barrel brush (which is what I use), rub the dubbing with a circular motion; this has the effect of picking out the dubbing and standing it up.
6. Using your fingers, brush the dubbing rearward so that it resembles a sheath or shroud (remember Gary LaFontaine's patterns?).
7. Cut the very tip of the heart from a well-marked wood duck flank feather (set this aside for some other use). Clip out a 1/8" section of the stem; you now have a "v" shaped piece that you should place, shiny side up, on top of the hook directly in front of the leading bead. Tie it down there to form legs on each side of the hook.
8. Dub the thorax with the dark brown dubbing. Whip finish.



Step 2



Steps 5 and 6



Step 8 and completed fly

**Tying and Fishing Tips**

1. As mentioned above, experiment with your materials on this pattern, and on all of your patterns. This will enhance your creativity by forcing you to think about each step of the pattern instructions. Eventually, if you incorporate this into your repertoire, you will develop your own design skills.
2. Notice the picture above: the thorax area is the same diameter as the body, so your tying techniques should take this characteristic into account.
3. Once you have done the legs, wrap the thorax dubbing over the leg tie-in area and slightly over the legs; this will force the legs into their proper swept-back position.
4. Because these critters engage in behavioral drift (which accounts for their success on the Lower Sac), you should plan accordingly with your rig—whether you prefer floating indicators, short-lining, or a swinging approach.

Crank a few of Jim's jewels...and see ya on the creek.



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## GBF Annual Picnic And One-Fly Tournament June 3rd - 6th — Fuller Lake

This year our annual picnic will be better than ever. Every year we learn and improve. If you have any ideas to better the games please let us know.

**Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Arrive any time after 2 pm, set-up camp, open a soda, and kick back. Or go fish!

**Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** - Go Fish!

**Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** -

9:00AM - Start the One-Fly Tournament on Fuller Lake.

12:00 noon the tournament ends.

This is a chance to put your skills in a friendly competition for bragging rights and some great prizes. In categories of most fish, largest fish, smallest fish, first to loose their fly, etc.

After the tournament ends, the barbeques will be fired up. While chef Tony Hamamoto and the assistant chefs are busy cooking we'll hold the 5th annual "Frank Massey Memorial Not-So-Special Olympics". This is open to all. It's like picnic games combined with fly fishing skills. Thank you Dave and Dan for your willingness to plan fun games for everyone!

**Dinner** will begin at 6:00 PM. After dinner the Awards ceremony for the One-Fly tournament and the Massey games will be held. At dark we will start the bon-fire and roast marshmallows.

**Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>**: pack up and Go Fish!

**WHERE:** Bear Valley PG&E Group Campground

**DIRECTIONS:** From Roseville take I-80 east to the Highway 20 "Grass Valley exit". Go about 5 miles north to Bowman lake Road. This is the road to Fuller Lake. Go approximately 1/3rd of a mile on Bowman Lake Road to the campground. The Campground is on the left before you cross Bear River.

### THE DETAILS:

1. Bring your family
2. Have a great time
3. GBF will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas thanks to Grillmeister Tony and all the volunteers on Saturday eve. **In the spirit of a potluck event we are requesting members to bring a dish to share per the chart below:**

A-H    Salad                      I-R    Appetizer                      S-Z    Dessert

Campsites are first-come/first-served. We have limited space at the main campground for RVs, but plenty of space within walking distance just outside the campground. We will have signup sheets at the April and May meetings or you can email me with your name & headcount. All are welcome; but we need to know how much food to buy and who is participating in the 1-Fly Tournament.

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## GBF's Annual Dinner Review

GBF's 24th Annual Dinner was a great success. We had 184 Granite Bay Flycasters and guests in attendance. Frank Stolten once again provided over seventy silent auction items. Lots of big name guided fishing trips and discounts on equipment and merchandise. His tireless efforts go largely unnoticed all year long, but let me assure you he spends lots and lots of hours and effort in support of our Club.

Rick Radoff provided us with another engaging speaker. Our Local Fly Shops donated heavily to both our Live Auctions and Raffle, be sure to support them through out the year. Rick and Mike Howes raffled off over eighty five items in about thirty minutes. The doors opened at 4:30 pm and the event ended at 9:30 pm just five hours in duration. We had five winners from advances raffle sales. Robin Egan provided a very nice slide show with 170 different slides from many of the clubs activities. Jim Hunter and Pete Peterson raised additional funds by selling chances at fly rods and the Dave Scadden outlaw escape pontoon craft, not to mention several other activities performed by both men.

The food provided by The Back Forty Texas BBQ was outstanding and their staff did a great job with the preparation and food service. Mike Howes presented four awards: for Education, Art Livingston; for Participation, Pete Peterson; for Communication, Karl Wolff; and the Presidents Award to Robin Egan. Robin Egan presented the Jim Coleman Conservation award to Tony Fabian; this was well deserved. Mike Howes also presented the Wet Fly Award to Don Van Sant as he lost his shorts while reeling a nice fish. I want to thank the remaining members of the Annual Dinner Committee for their individual efforts through out the year which contributed so much to the success of this event: Dick Davis, Mike Brune, Bill & Beverley Hagopian, Jim Hunter, Rick Radoff & Mike Howes. Thank you for all your support and assistance.

Dennis Baker  
Annual Dinner Chair



### Greenstone Country Fishout

On May 22nd, there will be a fishout and clinic hosted by Tony Hamamoto at Greenstone Country. The lakes at Greenstone Country are perfect for beginning still water fly fishing. If you're planning on going to the Annual Picnic and participate in the Wet Fly contest, it's an excellent opportunity to learn, practice or sharpen your skills. Tony will be there from 8 AM to sunset to answer questions, teach or demonstrate the art and science of still water fishing. Tony knows those lakes better than anyone!

Due to the unusually cool weather this spring, May will be the ideal time to fish for Largemouth Bass and Bluegills. If the gods are willing, with more than three consecutive days of temperature over 70 degrees days, there will be a lot of "surface action". Bring your white poppers or chartreuse colored gurglers. Catching bluegills on the surface with a 3 weight rod is just as exciting as catching a striper. See if you catch more than 20 bluegills within an hour! However, a 5wt or 6 wt. rod is recommended for that challenge.

This fishout is for the beginners; however it is open to everyone. Tony would like to see the advanced still-water fly fishers there, because he believes the greatest teacher for any sporting activity is learning through observations. His reasoning, "all professional sports teams have scouts!" Please look at last month's Leader or Fishout section of the website for directions to get to Greenstone.

For more information contact:

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### North Yuba Nymphing Clinic

This annual event is one of GBF's signature clinics—it's always filled to the 20 person capacity. So sign up and enjoy!

**Where:** North Yuba River above Downieville

**When:** Saturday, July 10, 2010

**Chairperson:** Bill Carnazzo, Licensed Guide (CGL #2917)

**Fee:** None

**Signup limit:** 20 members; if more than 20 sign up, we will have a lottery so that everyone has an equal chance of participating.

**Equipment required:** A valid California fishing license is required—please be sure to purchase it, if necessary, prior to the date of the outing. Rod—4 or 5 wt, 9' (preferably, but an 8 ½' rod will do); floating line; leader—Bill's Short Line Leader System, and an extra package of tippet sections (both available at Kiene's Fly Shop); flies—to be determined. In July waders are optional. A wading staff is also an absolute requirement, for safety reasons. A complete equipment list and other information will be given to participants well in advance of the outing.

**Purpose:** Do you want to learn how to fish with nymphs in pocket water, or learn different techniques for this type of fishing? This is your opportunity to do so on a first-class river. You will learn rigging, reading water, spotting fish, proper approach/wading techniques, short line strategies, and much more.

**Signups:** Signups will be taken commencing with the May 13, general meeting, and continuing into the July meeting if the clinic doesn't fill up before then.

More information: Bill Carnazzo-- [bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net](mailto:bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net) ; (530) 367-5209 (home) or (916) 295-9353 (cell).

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## Granite Bay Flycasters

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

**Meetings:** General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org), or call Mike Howes at 916-863-6795.

Doors open between 6:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. The main program gets underway after a short refreshment break and usually involves a guest speaker and slide show, or other presentation. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are encouraged to attend.

**Membership:** Applications are available on-line at [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org) and at general meetings. Single membership: \$30; Family memberships: \$35; and youth (under 18): \$10. There is also an \$8 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated throughout the year. For membership information, call Jerry Devlin at 530-878-8934, or visit the website at [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org).

**The Leader:** To send articles, photos, ads and other materials, please e-mail to: Frank Stolten at [fstolten@comcast.net](mailto:fstolten@comcast.net). Please put **GBF Leader** in the subject line. Deadline for materials is the 15th of each month.

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