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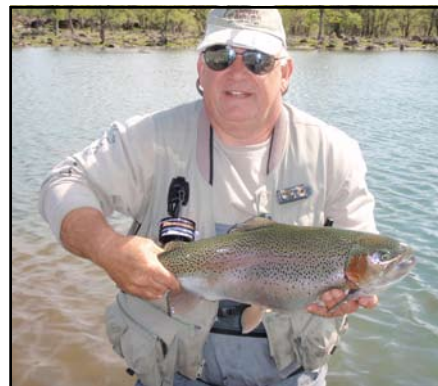
## President's Message

*by Dennis Baker, GBF President*

I am pleased to announce that the Annual Dinner Committee is planning another great evening for you all on February 25, 2012 at the Rocklin Sunset Center. The event will once again be catered by the Back Forty Texas BBQ featuring, as always, a large raffle, and Silent and Live Auctions.

Our Guest Speaker will be Kelly Gallop from Fly Fishing TV. Kelly will be doing, in addition to his dinner presentation, a day program on the day of the dinner, and a special four-hour Fly Tying with Kelly Gallop for the first ten GBF members to sign up and pay a fifty dollar participation fee. Proceeds go to the GBD general fund. Ticket will go on sale at the October 13, 2011 meeting—same price as last year—just \$35.00 per person. So get your tickets soon, and sign up to Tie Flies with Kelly Gallop on Sunday October 14, 2012.

I am also pleased to welcome Art Livingston to the GBF Board of Directors. Art has accepted an appointment as Director of Education for GBF. It is the desire of the Board of Directors to formalize our education classes and create longer term schedules and lesson plans for many of our clinics.



## The Fishmaster's Corner

*by Mel Odemar, Fishmaster*

I presented a proposal for a fishing atlas, briefly described in the last issue of *The Leader*, to the Board of Directors at their last meeting. After thoughtful deliberation, the Board voted to reject the proposal. The proposed atlas was meant to provide easier access to past fishout information and include new sites. Not only was the proposed atlas rejected, but the Board voted to remove the existing listing of past and proposed fishout data sheets from the website. This decision may be modified if a system of password protection can be applied to our website to control non-member access to the information.

The issue primarily revolves around the universal access by anyone to the contents of our website. This was clearly demonstrated in our last fishout at Truckee where local guides and fly fishers accessed our website, causing great angst amongst the locals regarding our “invasion” of the Truckee River. They knew the fishout leader’s name, phone number, email address and number of attendees. The Board agreed that we do not want that level of public exposure. The solution, for now, is to remove this information from our website and look for a better way to communicate fishout information to the membership. The Board also reasoned that one of the rewards of fly fishing is to have your own private data base of good fishing sites, and if you want to share it, take someone new fishing with you.

Another issue that arose from the Truckee fishout was fly fishing etiquette. New, and some experienced, fly fishers may not be aware of fly fishing etiquette and the proper way to practice catch-and-release. Bill Carnazzo was contacted and he offered the fly-fishing etiquette guidelines he developed for his class at Sierra College, and added a section on proper catch-and-release techniques. These will be posted on our website.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2.	3.	4. 7:00 PM Conservation Committee Meeting	5.	6.	7.	8.
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16. Upper Sac Fishout 3th - 16th →	17.	18. Fly Tying Jam	19.	20. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	21.	22.
23. / 30.	24. / 31.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.

### Monthly Program

#### Fly Fishing Venues of the Truckee Area



“Wild Trout” angling regulations. Currently there are eight (8) state-mandated “catch & release” waters within one hour’s drive of Truckee.

Frank R. Pisciotta is a “born & raised” Californian, and one of the state’s most experienced fly fishing guides. Frank started fly fishing in 1970, and he is now the acknowledged “Dean of Guides” in the Tahoe region. He established his Thy Rod & Staff guide service in Truckee in 1984, and has guided & instructed there exclusively since then. In 1991 he founded the Reel School of Fly Fishing, the only fly fishing school based in Truckee.

The Lake Tahoe area has always been known as a world-renowned, recreational paradise in the High Sierra. In 1979 Frank built his first home there in Truckee, the historic and increasingly up-scale ski town. At that time there were few fly anglers on the area’s waters. During the ‘80’s, the “north shore” waters of Martis Lake and the Truckee River progressively attracted more fly casters because of their



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Now, unbelievably, the region has arguably become a destination fly angling venue, with the big Truckee and the Little Truckee being the crown-jewels.

The presentation will provide an overview of the fly fishing waters within the aforementioned one hour's drive from the town of Truckee. There will be no precise diagrams of suggested riggings, preferred techniques, close-up images of bugs or flies. Frank intends to provide a free-flowing commentary of all the areas imaged relative to their uniqueness, most productive techniques, bugs, seasons and flies...and whatever else that may be pertinent from a fly fishing perspective. The intent is to inform the members of what is available in the Truckee area and how to improve one's success in some of the area's challenging waters.

Frank is fond of making a couple of comments about the area's featured waters. "If you can consistently catch trout on the Truckee River; you will be very successful fly fishing in any other freestone stream." He once started an article on the Truckee River with "If you're looking for easy fly fishing, don't come here!" As for the Little Truckee; "If you prefer challenging angling to very selective, surface-feeding trout, then the LT is the place...bring your spring-creek-type A-game. "

Don't miss this fantastic program on fisheries that are within easy reach, presented by a first class guide, and a friendly, knowledgeable, personable angler.

**Conservation Corner**

Mel Odemar

In 2010, [AB 2376](#) (Huffman) was signed into law. This bill requires the California Natural Resources Agency to convene a cabinet-level committee to develop a strategic vision for the Department of Fish and Game and the Fish and Game Commission, and submit it to the governor and Legislature by July 1, 2012. The legislation is intended to establish a long-term goal to improve and enhance the Department of Fish and Game's capacity and effectiveness in fulfilling its public trust responsibilities for the protection and management of the state's fish and wildlife, for their ecological values, and for the benefit of the people of the state. To fulfill this task the legislation established a seven member Executive Committee, a seven member Citizens Blue Ribbon Committee, and a 50 member Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAG). The Executive and Citizens Blue-Ribbon Committees are comprised of administrators and scientists at the highest levels. The SAG is comprised of stakeholders representing seventeen different interests, organized into six working groups—sounds complicated, and it is. All meetings are subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and must include opportunities for public comment. Essentially, all aspects of the Department's and Commission's operations and authorities are open for review.

I was asked by the Conservation Committee to apply for a Stakeholder position to represent the GBF as well as the NCCFFF. I was not chosen. Chuck Bonham, President of Trout Unlimited, was selected to represent sport-fishing. Not a bad choice, especially since Chuck has since been appointed Director, California Department of Fish and Game and therefore now moves from a Stakeholder to the Executive Committee. Our interests will no doubt be fully considered. Curtis Knight of Cal Trout has been named as Chuck's replacement on the SAG.

I attended my first meeting of the SAG as a member of the public on September 2, 2011 in the Resources Building auditorium. Documents and notes of previous meetings pertaining to AB 2376 can be found on [www.vision.ca.gov](http://www.vision.ca.gov).

The only action item on the agenda was the SAG Ground Rules. However, they lacked a quorum so no action could be taken. This brought up a lengthy discussion on the compressed timetable they were working under, the frequency of meetings of the working groups and the inability of members to attend all meetings. Many expressed the desire to have the July 1, 2012 completion moved back, but that would take legislative action which is unlikely. It was noted that because of the open meeting requirement it is difficult for sub-groups to meet separately.

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The task before them is difficult. I hope they do not spend too much time reinventing the wheel but instead focus on existing documents. The Department developed Seven Strategic Initiatives in 2006 that cover many of the issues I heard discussed. Also the 2009 Treanor Report, (Bob Treanor is a former executive director of the Fish and Game Commission) gives an excellent critique of the Department and Commission with suggestions for reform.

I will try to track these efforts as time will allow and report back in *The Leader*.

### Classes and Clinics

*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.

#### **Scheduled Clinics/Classes**

Fly Tying Jam: Jim Holmes, Pete Peterson

#### **Date(s)**

Third Tuesday Each Month (Continuing)

#### **Upcoming Clinics/Classes**

Rod Building: Larry Lee

Ongoing

Fly Tying Basics:

Dates TBD in the Fall

Casting: John Hogg

October 8th

Net Building: Art Hawkins

Jan, Feb, March 2012

#### **Other Possible Clinics**

Spey Casting

Swinging Flies

Steelhead/Shad Fishing

Stripper Fishing in the Delta

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*John Hogg*

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The program measures the arc of the rod, and its speed through the arc. The abruptness of the stop of the rod, and resulting transmission of energy into the line; the length of the pause on both the forward and back casts; and faults such as creep, weak stop, too fast a rod stroke, and curving rod tip path which are all graphed and then overlaid on the graph of an expert's cast.

This is a fun exercise and you can get a lot of value from it. It is not a competition, only an assessment.

Additionally, if you would like to, we will conduct a visual analysis of your casting, and note strengths and areas for improvement that will be provided to you in a written report.

When you're not doing the testing, enjoy casting on the pond or on our distance course.

Bring sunscreen and water, and appropriate clothing for the weather that day. I will provide some goodies.

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Turn left and go 2.5 miles to Auburn-Folsom Road

Turn left and go 1.5 miles to Newcastle Road

Turn right and go 1 mile to Rattlesnake Road

Bear left at Y and go .5 mile to Hayes Drive

Turn left and go .5 mile to 10101 Hayes – turn in driveway and park in field below pond.

Sorry, but there is no fishing allowed on the pond – I have named them all.

Please rsvp to [johnhogg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnhogg@sbcglobal.net) or 916-709-7340, so I have an estimate of how many are coming.

### Water Safety In and Out of the Boat

Chuck Stewart

Years ago, while fish up at Parks Bar Bridge, we shared the river with the Nevada County swift water rescue unit. During their training we watched and talked to them. It was interesting watching them work together and learning how to approach and evade river obstacles.

If you happen to fall while wading in swift water point your legs downstream and float on your back. You need to use your arms like oars and backstroke and ferry towards the shore at a 45 degree angle. Point your legs downstream so you can see rocks and use your legs to push off and steer around the rocks. Keep your feet up so they don't get trapped in a rock and flip you over and place you face down in the river. Obstacles such as fallen trees or a pile of drift wood in the river are known as strainers. If you see these obstacles approaching you need to turn and face downstream and swim at an angle around it, if you can. If not, swim at it and lunge over it or on top of it. **DO NOT GO UNDER IT!!**

When you get to the river or stream one of the first things you look at is how swift the current is, and after that scan it for possible drop offs or holes and the best place to cross. If you question whether or not you can make it across by looking at the water, don't even try. Wading should always be done facing in an upstream direction even though it is more physically demanding. You can also reduce the current's pull on you when in deep water by turning sideways, facing the bank, rather than standing broadside. This creates less surface area for the current to catch your legs than if you face it head-on. If you are pushed further downstream from your intended exit point, and no hazards or obstacles are present who cares?

Work with the water, rather than trying to "fight" it and you'll be much better off. You should only wade downstream when you are very familiar with the riverbed because often the current can carry you into deeper water than what you are prepared for. When you have to cross high or swift water, use a wading staff. If wading with a staff, lean on the staff as if it were a third leg. A wading staff can also help you test the depth of the stream before taking your next step.

Always have a solid foot hold on the bottom before taking the next step. This sounds simple, but it's still important. If the water is over the top of your feet, don't pick up your feet. Instead, raise your feet up just a little and shuffle along the bottom. Getting in a hurry causes a lot of people to slip and fall while wading. Take your time; the fish will still be there.

Last but not least, you need good wading shoes to handle uneven creek bottoms and keep your feet from slipping off rocks. While felt-soled wading boots have been popular for years, newer vibram soles are said to reduce the concerns about invasive plants and New Zealand mud snails in our streams. If you are fishing in rocky rivers with quick currents cleats or wading shoes with studs are recommended.

One important factor if you're wading in the rivers - Never fish alone.

## Fly Tyer's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

### Bill's Stick Caddis, Fall Phase

This article is a "rerun" for 2011. I don't usually like to do reruns, but since our Upper Sacramento River outing will be held this October, and because this fly has been phenomenally successful (even on a year-round basis), and also because I've been asked about how to tie the bug, it seemed appropriate to feature this fly again. So, here it is.

**Bill's Stick Caddis - Fall Phase.** The Stick Caddis pattern has been very successful over the years. It was born many years ago in its original form on the North Yuba, one of my favorite streams. The current versions of the fly (there are several), now marketed by Spirit River, reflect a long metamorphic history of tweaks and improvements. One of my favorite versions is the one I call the "Fall Phase." Although I use the Stick Caddis in one form or another all year long (even for Winter steelies on certain rivers), the Fall Phase is reserved for the magic months of late September, October, and November when the October Caddis hatch is in full swing. Those who have fished the fly can attest to the fact that it is deadly when fished properly—meaning fished as a "rock roller" as Andy Burk would say, right on the bottom. I combine this fly with an emerger on the rigging—but that's another article. For now, let's kick out a few Fall Phase Stick Caddis.

#### MATERIALS NEEDED

Hook:	Daiichi 1260 or similar bent shank 2x Long hook, sizes 6-10
Bead:	Burnt orange glass bead with silver lining
Thread:	Brown 6/0
Tail:	Small tuft of dark brown marabou
Body:	Brown dubbing mix—Paxton's Buggy Nymph highlighted with bronze brown Lite Brite
"Sticks":	Pheasant tail fibers mixed into the body
Collar:	1st collar: burnt orange Buggy Nymph; 2nd collar: black Buggy Nymph
Legs:	Dark brown or black hen (Optional)
Weight:	15-20 wraps of .020 lead or substitute



Step 1

#### Tying Instructions:

1. Smash the hook barb unless you are using a barbless hook. Place the bead on the hook and cover the shank with 15-20 wraps of lead or substitute. Push the wire up against the bead and cover the



Steps 2, 3 & 4

shank and wire with thread. Apply a coat of Flexament to hold it all together.

2. For the tail, cut a small bunch of dark brown marabou and tie it in just above the back end of the barb. With your thumb and forefinger shorten the marabou by pulling on it sharply—don't use scissors to cut it as it results in a blunt, non-lifelike appearance.

3. Form a dubbing loop and insert your dubbing loop tool into the loop. Fill the loop with the dark brown dubbing mix by pulling small bunches of it from a wad held in your hand. This technique is very important to the overall silhouette of the fly.

4. Twist the loop into a "chenille" by spinning the dubbing

loop tool. It helps to hold the loop closed at the point where the dubbing inserted into the loop ends and then spin the tool.

5. Using hackle pliers, grab the "chenille" at its bottom end, cut the thread below the pliers, and wrap the rear 1/3 of the body. Don't cut the "chenille;" rather, keep the hackle pliers attached and move them out of the way.



Steps 5 & 6

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Steps 7 &amp; 8



Step 9b

6. Tie in six pheasant tail fibers, two at a time, spread around the hook. Sweep them back and take a few wraps in front of them. These are the "sticks;" they should be of random lengths when you are done.

7. Move the thread forward and repeat steps 5 and 6 for the middle 1/3 of the body.

8. Take two wraps of dubbing in front of the last set of sticks and tie off and cut the dubbing loop. Place a few more "sticks" in front of these last wraps.

9. Form a second dubbing loop; place three small bunches of burnt orange dubbing and two small bunches of black dubbing into the loop. Twist the loop as in step 4 and wrap the "chenille" forward to behind the bead. This creates the two collars—first the burnt orange, and then the black. Tie off and trim the loop.

10. Tie in a black or dark brown hen hackle wet fly style and take three wraps behind the bead. Tie off and trim the hackle. Whip finish.



Step 9a



Finished fly

### Tying Tips

1. Don't blunt-cut marabou after it's been tied in as a tail. Instead, use your fingernails to "pop" it off at the proper length. This creates a more lifelike, uneven appearance that looks much better in the water.

2. When forming a dubbing loop, always close the top of the loop by dropping the bobbin over the loop and then wrapping forward on the shank. This makes it much easier to keep the material inside the loop as you work with it.

3. You can also tie the fly in a grayish-brown color, mixing the dubbing with some gold Lite-Brite. In this case, however, you will want to clip the "sticks" close to the body so that they resemble brown/black pebbles instead of sticks. The reason for this color is that some October

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Caddis larvae live in areas where there is little or no streamside vegetation. In that situation they build their cases out of tiny pebbles most of which are a grayish-brown color.

Fish this beast in pocket water. The reason I call it the "Fall Phase" is because during the emergence the larva changes color from pale yellow to a burnt orange tone. See ya on the creek.

### Truckee River Fishout Report

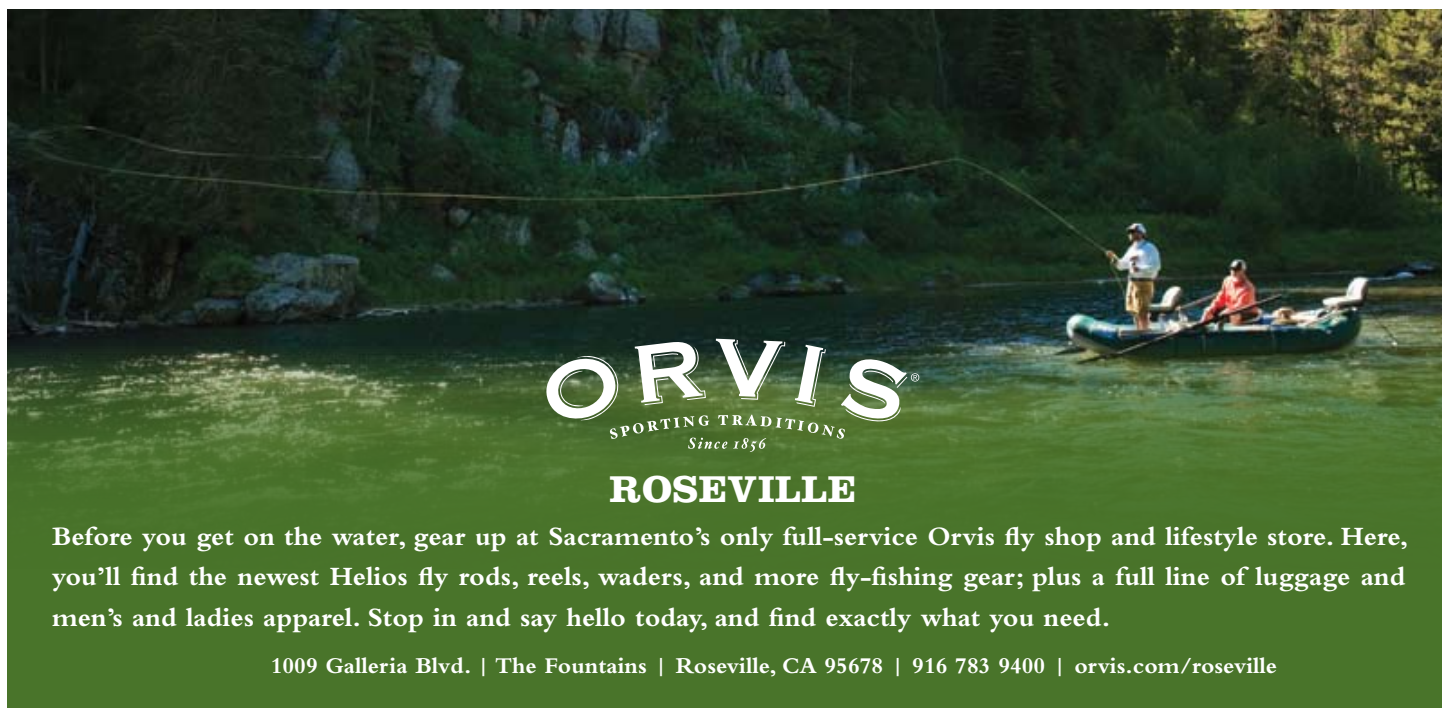
On Saturday August 27th, we held our 2nd annual August Truckee River fishout with an attendance nearly double that of last year. We had 30 participants plus the four expert "coaches" I recruited to assist in launching new members on their path to successful fly fishing. The response was excellent with John Hogg, Dennis Baker, Taylor Yates and David Baker graciously rising to the occasion. Between the five of us, we spent most of the day working with those in our charge at a 2 to 1 ratio and watched with some satisfaction as our beginners landed fish. In my case, Ed Lloyd proved a quick-study as he hooked his first trout ever on a nymph just minutes into practicing the short-line technique under the Glenshire Bridge. This was a moving moment for Ed who grew up in Truckee fishing dries as a kid with his Dad and had not been on the river nor fly fished in decades.

New member and beginner Susan Stewart landed a respectable brown on a dry under the tutelage of Dennis Baker and Taylor Yates, and Dennis was rewarded for his coaching efforts with a brown of his own. On the Little Truckee fishing partners Jerry Kerstulovich and Henry Sandigo had a chance encounter with another fly fisherman and retired guide who took the time for some spontaneous one-on-one coaching that netted Jerry a respectable brown on a dry fly, making his day.

All told, at least 13-14 fish were netted on a challenging river that takes some getting to know to come even close to mastering. For future reference, most of the fish came from the Hirschdale area, below the Boca Bridge or along the tracks. Hopefully fishout participants learned some new access points, further honed their nymphing techniques and will return to this beautiful river with greater frequency.

### 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*.



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## Upper Sac Fishout — October 13 - 16

### Fishout Notice!

Announcing signups for the annual GBF Upper Sac at Dunsmuir fishout and nymphing clinic with Bill Carnazzo scheduled for Thursday, October 13th thru Sunday the 16th.

This is the official notice for anyone interested in fishing this awesome river to sign up and book your lodging now! Fishout dates are Thursday Oct 13 through Sunday the 16th, but some come on Friday or Saturday and still have fun and get fish. There is no charge for this fishout and no limit on attendance (GBF members only, no guests please). I will organize "no host" dinners for the three nights, providing great fun and camaraderie and ample opportunity to tell big lies about huge fish. Actually, you may not have to lie!

As you may know, Fall is prime time on this world famous free stone trout stream and lodging fills up fast. It's not mandatory to attend all four days if other commitments conflict, but any participation will be rewarded with fine fishing in an exquisite locale with excellent camaraderie. You will particularly not want to miss Bill Carnazzo's famous (and free) tight-line nymphing clinic Saturday morning in the Dunsmuir city park. Bill is a professional guide, so ordinary civilians pay dearly for the benefit of Bill's instruction, which he has graciously agreed to present to GBF members gratis (you might consider an optional gratuity at your discretion). Past participants have landed nice fish on their first or second practice cast during Bill's training session with this highly effective technique.

Dunsmuir lodging and camping recommendations are listed below. We are shifting gears this year and the Dunsmuir Lodge will now be our main base of operations, and is where I will be staying. It's nicer, cleaner and quieter than the other options yet still very convenient to I5. Mention my name on booking for a 10% club discount from the rates below. The Dunsmuir Lodge is at the first Dunsmuir exit heading North, about ½ mile on the right.

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530-235-2884, Rates from \$79/single, \$89/double.
- \* **Cave Springs** <http://www.cavesprings.com/>  
530-235-2721 (where we used to stay) , Rates from \$56/single. A bit noisy as it's right on I5.
- \* **Sims Flat National Forest campground on Sims Rd.**  
<http://www.forestcamping.com/dow/pacificsw/shascmp.htm#sims%20flat>
- \* **Castle Craigs State Park off I5** [http://parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=454](http://parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=454)
- \* **For other lodging options, see:** [Dunsmuir area lodging](#) or <http://www.parks.ca.gov/>

All camp grounds are located about 10 miles or 10 minutes south of Dunsmuir on I5.

Please sign up by going to the GBF website message board <http://gbflycasters.websitetoolbox.com/>. After clicking on the Fishouts link, find the notice for this event and click Reply to indicate your interest and make any comments or ask questions. Also, please let me know if you are a new member and/or new to fly fishing (<2 yrs) or returning after years of inactivity. BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER, PREFERABLY CELL PHONE.

If you should have any difficulty registering for the message board, please email or call me for help. Each morning of the event, we will rendezvous at 8AM in the parking lot of the Dunsmuir Lodge.

A detailed agenda and fly selection info to follow via email for those who register.

Eric Palmer

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## GBF Upper American River Area Cleanup Outing

*by Bill Carnazzo*



*GBF members gearing up to fish Duncan Creek after cleanup*

On Thursday, September 15, 2011, a group of 13 GBF members (including me) met in Foreshill and visited three places in the Upper Middle Fork American River drainage area to clean up other people's trash. When doing a cleanup, it seems that the first thought that enters a person's mind is "Why would anyone do this?" In some instances, what we found is, in a word, unsuitable for print. We first visited Talbot Campground, which is at about the 6200' elevation level. Surprisingly, the area was relatively clean, but still had trash lying about. When we finished there, we backtracked to Ahart Campground, which is just above French Meadows Reservoir, on the Upper Middle Fork. There was a good deal of trash there, but we made short work of it. Henry Sandigo had brought Subway sandwiches for the group, so we spent an hour or so having lunch in a pleasant, shady spot near the river. From there we went to the Duncan Creek diversion area, where there is an "informal" campground. This area was indescribably filthy, but the group did a super job of slogging through it and cleaning it up. There was

everything imaginable on the ground, from dirty diapers to drink containers, broken glass, old automobile parts (including two old vehicle hoods), and other miscellaneous garbage. Some IQ challenged folks had taken it upon themselves to erect two plywood potties after digging shallow holes on which to set their handiwork. One of these was quite close to the creek. We did not remove the heavy trash or attempt to deal with the disgusting potties. I contacted the USFS and they will be taking care of those matters, along with a complete four-cylinder engine that we found adjacent to the creek (undoubtedly containing hydrocarbons).

Once we completed the Duncan cleanup, members geared up for fishing the creek. Plenty of fish were caught, mostly on dry flies—all beautiful rainbows except for one brown trout landed by Art Hawkins.

A big thanks to our Conservation Committee Chairperson, Henry Sandigo, for attending the outing and for handling lunch and other details, and to those members who volunteered and showed up for the work: John Hogg, Steve Pitts, Art Hawkins, Ron Davidson, Don Van Sant, Frank Stolten, Eric Palmer, Wendell Edwards, Jerry Kerstolovich, Dave Jones, and Harry Schoonbaert.

Next on the Middle Fork drainage area agenda is some trail work along the North Fork of the Middle Fork. I will be asking for volunteers for that one in the near future. This type of outing is a great way to learn about places to fish that are close to home, and to learn about the Upper American River area and why it needs to be cared for, cherished and protected for our future generations.

## 2012 Annual Dinner - The Wet Fly Award

The Board has begun accepting nominations for the club's infamous Wet Fly Award. This annual recognition is bestowed on the club member that has demonstrated the highest level of 'oneness' with the waters we fish...who has taken that fateful extra step leading to an intimate bonding with the environment of our quarry...who has gone above and beyond the limit of mere waders to immerse him/herself in the world of our noble nemesis...who, in other words, has fallen in the water while fishing!

Who do you know who's slipped, tripped, stumbled, fallen, crashed, capsized, or otherwise gotten soaked while fishing – and won't mind having the story recounted aloud at our annual dinner on February 25th? If you have someone in mind, just contact any Board member to relay the deserving story. And remember...think wet!



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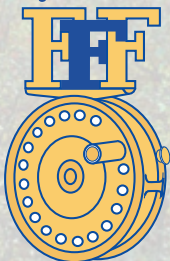
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