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## President's Message

*by Dennis Baker, GBF President*

Well, it's time to go fishing. The weather is great and water levels have improved statewide. Our Annual Picnic is coming up May 31 – June 3, 2012. For all you new members, this event is paid for by GBF. The Club has reserved the Bear River Campground just below Fuller Lake for your use. Bring you RV, Fifth Wheel or Tent and join us for the event.

On Saturday there is a one-fly tournament on Fuller Lake. The rules are simple, and the fishing a lot of fun. Lunch will be provided after the tournament, along with our Not-So-Special Fly Fishing Olympics.

Our May meeting is a Member's Night, well planned by Rick Radoff, and should be a great time for all to learn a little more about our sport and club activities. May 12<sup>th</sup> will be our Annual Swap Meet and Chili Cook-Off; that is a Saturday. Contact Denny Welch with your home-cooked chili entry. I will be entering my favorite in the competition. The Swap Meet is a great place to get some great deals on all kinds of new and used fishing stuff.



## Cameron Park Lake Fishout — Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Ray Ito Ray Ito will lead a fishout at [Cameron Park Lake](#) on Saturday, May 5th at 8 AM. Last year, bass were caught although not in big numbers or size. The weather conditions were perfect. Hopefully, the weather will again cooperate.

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[Cameron Park Lake](#) is a catch and release fishery (artificial lures only). The lake is managed as a recreational fishery for residents of and visitors to Cameron Park. The lake holds black bass, crappie and blue gill. Standard bass patterns such as woolly buggers, poppers, and leaches fished along the weed beds should produce. There have been some large bass caught in the lake. Some of you may have seen pictures of the big bass caught by our former fishout coordinator, Karl

Wolff. Plans are being worked on with the community services district to allow GBF members into the park/lake for the resident fee, \$3 per person. Those 62 years and older, the fee is \$2. There was no booth attendant last year so it was a free day of fishing.

[Cameron Park Lake](#) has tennis courts, a swimming area, a walking/jogging path around the lake, non motorized boat rental, grassy areas with barbecues and picnic tables. The lake can be fished by float tube, non-motorized boat (there is a small boat/pontoon launch area near the entrance) or from the shore.

BBQ burgers/ hot dogs and some side dishes will be served by your host. A fee of \$5 will be collected for lunch. This will help to offset the cost of food. Please let us know if you plan on having lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next general meeting. Come join in the festivities.

For more information go [here](#) or contact Ray Ito ([itor@pacbell.net](mailto:itor@pacbell.net)) (530) 677-5250.

## M A Y 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1. 7:00 PM Conservation Committee Meeting	2.	3.	4.	5. Cameron Park Fishout
6.	7.	8.	9.	10. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	11.	12. Swap Meet & Chili Contest
13.	14.	15. Fly Tying Jam	16.	17. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	18.	19. Kirman Lake Fishout
20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	Annual Picnic May 31st - June 3rd	

## Monthly Program - Member's Night

Each year GBF dedicates a monthly meeting as an opportunity to learn about the many activities and programs available to our members.

Our May meeting will provide a chance to meet and talk to many of our very active members and to learn from their vast experience. Besides information on annual club events, several members will discuss their favorite areas to fish for bass, trout, stripers, and shad as well as saltwater varieties.

Some of the activities being featured are:

- Rod Building
- Net Building
- Rod Loaner Program
- Entomology
- Conservation & Education
- Classroom Egg Program
- Fly Tying
- Knot Tying
- Golden Trout Program
- Bass and Striper Fishing
- Places to fish locally
- Casting
- Library
- Welding of fly lines
- Club Merchandise

Come prepared to learn and explore. The talents and expertise of our members comprise decades of experience. Many of our members have fished internationally and want to share their stories. If you are a new member, this is an excellent way to learn and become involved in GBF. If you know someone who may be interested in fly fishing bring them to the meeting so they can see what GBF offers them to learn about the sport. It's also a great social time for all of our members, new and "old" alike.

## Kirman Lake Fishout May 19th

*by Scott Vaughn*

Have you ever dreamed of catching a 24" brookie? How about a 24" cutthroat? There is a beautiful little lake off highway 108 in Mono County that has both of these fish in it. To get to the lake is a casual 3 mile hike; the road in is slightly up hill, but it makes the hike out that much better. Kirman is approximately 45 acres and it sits at about 7,500 above the sea. The average size brookie is around 16", but the chance of getting a much bigger brookie is high. The lake is best fished from a float tube, since there is little shore line that is accessible due to reeds.

Good patterns for Kirman are: Green Scuds 10-16, Olive Leeches 10-12, Zug Bugs 14-18, BH Prince Nymphs 14-18, Palomino Midges 14-18 and BH Hare's Ear 12-16. The large size of the fish in Kirman is due to the immense population of Gammarus scuds that reside in the lake. The fish feed through thick concentrations of these scuds and gorge themselves into girthy football-sized fish. Try Scud patterns in orange, green and olive colors. Kirman is a barbless only lake, so make sure your flies have no barbs. It is also a lure only fishery so you won't see any empty worm containers. So, if you are up for a hike, join me and what may possibly become a day of fishing you will never forget. Sign up at the May meeting.

Any questions contact me at [scott.vaughn68@gmail.com](mailto:scott.vaughn68@gmail.com).

## 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

Sagehen Entomology Clinic: John Carroz

Fly Tying Basics: Jim Holmes

Stillwater Fly Fishing: Jim Holmes & Gene Goss

Ongoing

October 6 & 7

Dates To Be Determined in October or November

Dates To Be Determined in Fall

### **Other Possible Clinics**

Knots, Lines, and Leaders

Spey Casting

Swinging Flies

Steelhead/Shad Fishing

Stripper Fishing in the Delta

### **Class: Tying Your First Fly**

*by Jim Holmes*

Attention new fly tiers.

We will be having our Beginner-Beginners fly tying class on May 17 and 24 starting at 6:30 for those who are interested in fly tying, but need some help in either getting started, or re-started with this part of the sport of

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fly fishing. The first session will be mainly equipment...what you need to get started and some tools that would be nice to have. Bring your vise and scissor questions and we will talk about some materials that would be great to have to get started. In the next session, we will talk about using the tools, dubbing, hackles and tie a few flies.

Sign-ups will be at the May meeting, and via internet to Jim at [jwholmesjr@aol.com](mailto:jwholmesjr@aol.com). Or, contact me if you just have questions about the class.

## 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	Open
Vice President, Membership	John Hogg
Vice President, Conservation	Henry Sandigo
Secretary	John Pellegrin
Treasurer	Corley Phillips
Director, 3 year term	David Jones
Director, 3 year term	Scott Vaughn
Director-at-Large, 1 year term	Ed Lloyd
Director of Education	John Hogg

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.

## Fishmaster's Corner

by Eric Palmer, Fishmaster

We have probably all heard the maxim, *"A well-placed or well-drifted fly is more productive than the perfect fly poorly placed."* We have also all probably shared the humbling experience of walking into a well-stocked fly shop, surveying the fly bins stretching from horizon to horizon containing tens of thousands of flies, then recoiling in horror wondering, *"how the bleep can I ever master a sport that requires learning all these flies, not to mention buying most of them?"*

This is a serious conundrum which has caused me on multiple occasions to consider chucking fly fishing entirely and returning to my former passion of Competitive Karaoke. But, with the help of supportive GBF members, and a 12-step program I came to my senses. One of the keys to my recovery was an article by Northern California guide [Craig Nielsen](#) in the June 2011 [California Fly Fisher](#) that presents Craig's **Top-10 Summer Flies**. I've always been a sucker for a Top-10 list of anything since the catchy phrase suggests the simplification of an otherwise obtuse and complex subject....and Craig does not disappoint. I'm not going to paraphrase the full 3 page article here (and big pages too), but I will quickly cut to the punch line. For the full text if you



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are not a subscriber, check the GBF library or pester a friend who subscribes. I highly recommend you read the full article, and then read it again.

Here's Craig's **Top-10 Summer Flies**:

1. Humpy (dry) - Sparsely tied - Universal "If only one dry" favorite as it represents the Mayfly, Caddis, Stones, and some terrestrials.
2. Parachute Adams (dry)
3. Birds Nest - Sparsely tied - Universal "If only one fly" favorite as it also represents multiple bugs.
4. Pheasant Tail
5. Prince
6. Copper John
7. Micromay
8. Rubberlegs
9. Soft Hackles - Pheasant Tail good year-round.
10. Woolly Buggers

Bonus flies:

11. Iron Sally - Copper John substitute for Little Yellow Stones.
12. Fox Poopah (tan)

You can do your own research (which I encourage) and you will locate comparable Top-10 lists with flies that overlap this list, but for my money, Craig's 50 years of fly fishing seals-the-deal. I found one Top-10 list by an admitted non-fly fisher, so beware. There are several key "take-aways" I like about this list: 1) Each fly is very distinctive in appearance and thus easy to learn and recognize for a beginner, 2) only two dry flies on the list (i.e., "keep it simple"), 3) you will see in his article a common theme of tying these flies sparsely, which is typically not the case with commercial tied flies. This requires a plug for **Bill Carnazzo, and Jim Holmes, et al**: listen to them, attend their fly-tying clinics and learn to tie so you can customize your own flies, and most importantly, 4) these flies (albeit not the lean versions) have all been in my collection for several years.

One final recommendation for newcomers to the sport: Google each of these flies for a nice large photo and burn the image into your memory. Then a week later, do it again! That way, the next time you survey the fly bins you can approach the flies of interest with authority and confidence.

But what about Fishouts you ask? For May so far we have **Cameron Park** with **Ray Ito** on May 5th and a **Kirman Lake** hike-in with **Scott Vaughn** on May 19th, the **Fuller Lake annual club picnic** May 31st and June 1-2-3. For more events see here → [Click for Fishout info](#)

Thanks, and See you on the water.

**Lake Davis Fishout**  
**June 15/16 (Friday/Saturday), 2012**

The annual **Lake Davis** Fishout this year is planned for June 15th/16th (Friday/Saturday). Leader Jim Holmes plans to provide a "Tour" of Lake Davis similar to what Lance Gray presented at our last meeting. Jim will take as **many as wish on a tour of the Lake pointing out favorite places to fish, best times of day, flies, etc. Jim will also have maps for you to mark-up with notes so you can quickly find out what he knows and then go out then choose a spot based on this info and start fishing. Dispersing into many spots is best, then everyone can come together at dinner and see who has had some success.**

**Note: This is a two day event, so plan to arrive Friday by noon for a no later than 1pm meet-up with Jim at a spot to be announced later. The Tour will be either Friday afternoon or first thing Saturday morning, so check the Fishout page and/or message board as the date approaches.**

Visit the GBF website Fishout page for detailed info, on rigging, flies and camping/lodging suggestions. You can email Jim Holmes at [jwholmesjr@aol.com](mailto:jwholmesjr@aol.com) if you need more info. A sign-up sheet will be at the May meeting.





## Caster's Corner

**Overlining Your Single-Handed Fly Rod!?**

by John Hogg

First, let me forewarn you that this discussion is restricted to single-handed rods, typically of the 9-foot length. Choosing a line for a spey rod is a make or break decision. There is a truism in the spey casting world – “there are no bad spey rods, just bad spey lines!” And also, we are discussing floating lines here – not weighted sinking lines.

Have you ever had someone recommend that you buy a line that is one weight heavier than your rod? “Put a 6 weight line on that 5 weight rod!” goes the recommendation, or even, “I put a 9 weight line on my 7 weight rod, and now it casts a lot better!” What’s going on here? Shouldn’t we just match a rod to a line of the same weight?

To find an answer, (in less than 500 words), let’s first look at the construction of a fly line. First of all, weight: Fly line manufacturers adhere to standard weight in grains, (480 grains to the ounce) for the first 30 feet of the line. The “AFTMA” standard for a 5 weight rod is 140 grains, give or take 5 or 6 grains. For a six weight, it is 160, and for a 7 weight, 185.

But watch out now, don’t jump to that obvious conclusion: “A heavier line will put more load on my rod, so it will cast further!”

Let’s look a little more into line construction. All tapered fly lines have a configuration consisting of 5 parts: the level tip (about 12 inches), the front taper, the belly, the rear taper, and the thin, level running line. The first 4 elements comprise the ‘head’ of the line, and, these elements are endlessly modified by line manufacturers to get different performance. Want to turn over a bass bug? That would call for a short heavy head – with extremely short front and back tapers and a heavy belly – lots of mass! You can turn over a big fly, but all of that mass isn’t going to cast very far. So, how about a long distance cast? Long, long head so that maximum line can be extended beyond the rod tip, and maximum line speed applied via a double haul, all coupled with the line’s smooth dissipation of energy that all add up to a long cast. The drawback – caster’s form has to be expert and perfect.

So over lining is one change that may or may not improve a rod’s performance. But almost without exception, the better way is change to a line with a different taper construction that is selected according to the desired performance change. How to get that information? There’s lots of information on manufacturers’ websites. But the best way, is to borrow every line you can get your hands on, and throw it with your rod.

And maybe none of them will help with that particular rod.... Now you’ve got a good case to convince the spouse you need a new rod!

**The GBF Library — Check It Out**

The California state motto is “Eureka” and is Greek for “I’ve found it!” According to Wikipedia this statement became the state motto in 1849, which is interesting because California was not admitted into the Union until 1850. By the way, who knew there were so many well-educated, Greek-speaking 49ers?

But getting back on track; the state motto is deliberately vague. That is, it does not identify what was found, it only states the person found something. As fly fishermen, we are often

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looking for something—like a productive stretch of water—and we, too, are grateful when it is found. Not usually grateful enough to share the exact location with any other fishermen, and certainly not fluent enough to express our gratitude in Greek, but grateful nonetheless.

To help Members experience these types of “Eureka” moments, the Library has accumulated more than forty books in its “Destinations” category. These books not only cover California, but also a number of other western rivers and streams. For those that are looking for nearby home waters, there are a dozen books that identify trout streams in Northern California and the Sierras.

This list of “Destination” books can be found on the Club’s website (See Table of Contents, GBF Library) or you can browse through them at the next Club meeting. The point being, the Library contains a number of books that can give Members new ideas about finding productive waters both near and far. As an added bonus, all books are printed in English.

### Three Casting Clinics Held in March

by John Hogg

The blustery, wet weather of March gave GBF casters a break not just on one Saturday morning, but, on all three consecutive Saturdays. Amazingly, the rain and wind halted each of those mornings just long enough for us to conduct our clinics. That’s not to say conditions were ideal, but minor gusts and breezes, and a few sprinkles kept us all on our toes and helped simulate real fishing conditions.

Our location was Gibson Ranch Regional Park on Elverta Road which has now re-opened and is under management by a private contractor—Doug Ose—one of California’s former assemblymen. The club paid a small fee for

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### 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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each of the meetings, and the park also charged an entrance fee of \$5 per car. In return, Doug and crew taped off a very nice section of the shoreline for our exclusive use, and will continue to do that should we schedule future events, (which I certainly hope we do!)

And with the great turnout we had, we needed all of it of that shoreline! By my count a total of 31 different casters attended the sessions, with average attendance being 23 for each session.

The agenda had something for everyone, with Clinic 1 addressing fundamentals such as grip, line control, the roll cast, and pickup/lay down forward cast. Our second session addressed false casting, shooting line, and the double haul. And at our final meeting several specialty casts such as the steeple and reach casts and pointers for distance casting were introduced.

The instructional and coaching staff was headed by Casting Chairman Sturmer White with assistance from Jim Hunter, Larry Lee, Jon Peterson, Rick Radoff, and myself.

All of the staff were very impressed with the improvements made by our casters, and the skills of several casters may actually place them on the instructional side for future clinics.

Finally, our thanks to the GBF Board for funding the event in terms of paying the park's reservation fees.

### Annual Swap Meet and Chili Cook-Off Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

*by Denny Welch*

YEA! HIP HIP HOORAY! The improvements to the clubhouse have finally been completed and we are able to have our ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH ANNUAL SWAP MEET AND COOK-OFF. We use to do this in December of every year but for a variety of reason's this one is being held on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be held

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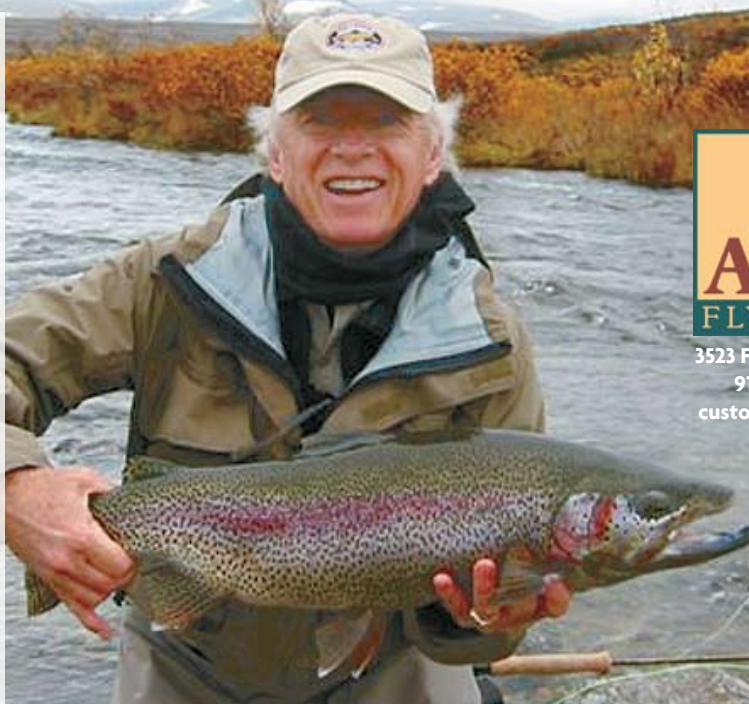
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at the Clubhouse. The official start time will be 8:00 AM and the official end time will be 12:00 noon. From past experience, however, people are going to start setting up at 7:00 and that's when you will start negotiating some pretty good deals. Chili's will start showing up by 8:00, they will be heated up by about 9:30, and will be gone (usually) by about 10:30. More about the chili later.

This is the one time each year where you are going to get some terrific deals on stuff you need and a better deal on stuff you don't. You'll get stuff cheaper this year but you'll sell it cheaper next year. We've had everything from golf clubs (don't ask me how that relates to fly fishing), to float tubes that don't float, to unicycle tires all in the name of a fly swap. Actually, what you'll find are the best deals around on fly rods, fly reels, fly lines, waders, boots, hackles, thread, splitshot, fly tying vices, wading vests, thermals, and anything else you can possibly think of that relates to fly fishing. You will find flies hand tied by our membership selling for less than 50 cents each. There will be too many items available to mention here but you won't go home disappointed (but you will go home with all your windows rolled down because of the chili.)

I'm going to copy some of the "rules" that we've used for past swap meets and chili cook-offs. They are every bit as true today as they have been over the past one hundred and twenty years. Please give me a call on my cell, **916-276-5866**, and let me know if you'll be bringing your own pot of chili. I'd encourage everybody to get involved with the chili making because it's what makes this whole event work. I'm going to have my famous "Just Passing Thru" again this year. It has proven to be a crowd pleasing favorite for many years and has left others like "Where's Rudolph," "Whore-Mel," and "Skunk Snot" in the dust.

Start saving your money and tell mama you're going out shopping for her mother's day gift.

I hope to see you all out there on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Now, the rules:

1. Get there early for the best selection.
2. Stay late for the best price.
3. If you are bringing chili, bring it in a crock pot and make sure you have a serving spoon with it. Put your name on your pot, on the lid, etc.
4. If you want, bring some of your special cornbread.
5. We'll have coffee and water available. If you want to bring something else go ahead and we'll throw it in the communal ice chest. Sorry, but no alcohol is allowed....park rule.
6. Name your chili. My last two entries "Just Passin' Thru" and "True Blue Spaghetti Chili" were both crowd favorites, but due to some voting irregularities I was denied the crown. Without Ron English participating, I'm sure my "Just Passin' Thru II" will be victorious.
7. Bring cash.
8. If you have one, bring a short extension cord for your chili. Label it.
9. First come, first served re the table space. Space will be at a premium so be prepared to share the space.
10. Feel free to bring your boats, float tubes, prams, pontoons, etc., but set them up outside. Those things usually sell better if they are inflated (with air, not price).
11. Bring a friend. Bring your checkbook.

### Welcome to Our Newest Members

Since November, GBF has added 26 new members. Please join me in welcoming them. Make sure you keep an eye out for them at our meetings and events so that we can all make them feel they are an active part of our great club!

Jerry Abreu  
Ron Bills  
Larry Boehm  
Kevin Clancy  
Rich Coyle  
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Bob Fallon  
Chris Forrester  
Brian Graham

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Howard Rice  
Rick Rusk  
Peter Swift  
John Wallace  
Tom Wise

## Fly Tyer's Corner

*by Bill Carnazzo*

### Bill's Articulated Damsel Fly Nymph

Last month we featured an articulated stonefly pattern. This month let's look at doing a damsel fly nymph using the articulated style of fly. Why do that to a damsel nymph? Well, if you've ever watched a damsel nymph swim, you'll see how difficult it is to imitate that action with a fly. While using the articulated style does not guarantee motion similar to the live bug, I believe it may generate a bit sexier motion than a pattern tied in the traditional style. Time and experience will prove it out (or not), but I like trying new ideas and tinkering outside the (fly)box. The instructions for the articulated style are found in the April, 2012 Fly of the Month article, so I won't repeat those steps here except where necessary for clarity. In this month's fly, we will use a scud type hook (short shank, curved, with nice wide gape). There are many good scud style hooks on the market. For this fly I chose the Tiemco 2488. Use whatever you have available. In the photos accompanying the article, I have used hooks that are larger than the specified sizes because the smaller sizes are hard to photograph accurately.

#### MATERIALS NEEDED

Hook:	Tiemco 2488; #18 rear hook, #14 front hook
Thread:	Danville or UTC 6/0 flat nylon, light olive
Beads:	Light olive translucent seed size glass beads
Tail:	Sparse damsel olive marabou
Sheath:	Fine damsel olive rabbit fur
Abdomen:	Same as sheath
Eyes:	Olive tinted clear mono eyes, size small
Ribbing:	Extra finen copper wire
Legs:	None
Thorax:	Same as abdomen
Weight:	None
Connector:	Monofilament (4x)



*Steps 1 & 2*



*Steps 5 & 6*

#### **Tying Instructions:**

1. See April, 2012 Fly of the Month article for general instructions on tying using the articulated style. To begin with the rear fly (#18), debarb it and cover the shank with thread, stopping at a point between the hook point and the rear of the barb. Cut a small bunch of damsel olive marabou from the shaft, and tie it in at that point, leaving the thread there.
2. Tie in the copper wire at the same point, dub a very sparse, thin body, and rib the fly. This finishes the rear piece, so whip finish and cut the thread.
3. Place the front (#14) hook in your vise, debarb it, and cover the shank with thread, stopping at a point between the hook point and the rear of the barb.
4. Cut an 8" piece of 4x monofilament tippet and run it through the eye of the rear hook. Add the beads and mount the mono with the beads and attached rear hook to the front hook shank as described in the April article.
5. After the mono loop, the beads, and the rear fly are attached properly to the front hook, create a small dubbing loop at the rear of the front hook and fill about 1" of the loop with dubbing. Twist it into a loose rope, take a couple of wraps, tie the loop off, and trim the loop away. Use a piece of Velcro or your bodkin to pick out the dubbing and



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- brush it to the rear. This serves to cover the attachment point of the connector loop and help make the front and rear “flies” appear to be continuous.
6. Move the thread forward and tie in a pair of eyes about one hook-eye width behind the eye, and tie in a piece of copper wire just ahead of the shroud.
  7. Dub a sparse abdomen, ending just behind the eyes. Leaving the thread there, rib the fly and tie the copper wire off behind the eyes.
  8. Cut a small clump of marabou from the stem and tie it in with the tips facing out over the eye of the hook. Move the thread to the area between the hook eye and the mono eyes, and again tie the marabou down there. The length of the clump should be such that the tips extend out over the hook eye about a shank’s length.
  9. Move the thread to the rear of the eyes and dub a thorax behind the eyes and between them. Don’t overdo this step, as the thorax should be only slightly larger than the abdomen. Return the thread to the area behind the eyes.
  10. Pull the marabou rearward by the tips, so that they extend backward over the body and tie them down with a few wraps. This creates a sparse wing case and “wing”. Whip finish at that point.

*Steps 7 & 8**Steps 9 & 10 Completed Fly***Tying tips:**

1. Keep everything very sparse. Damsel nymphs are not “robust” creatures; rather, they are small and delicate. Overly dressed damsel nymphs will routinely be ignored by fish.
2. Keep thread wraps to an absolute minimum. Even with flat nylon thread you can add too much bulk by over-dressing the hook shank with thread.

When fishing this or any other damsel nymph, use a loop knot to tie the fly to your tippet, and strip slowly. Be sure to watch your leader closely during those seconds before stripping, as fish will often take the fly “on the drop.” Many takes are missed during this interval.

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

**North Yuba Nymphing Clinic**
*by Bill Carnazzo*

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, June 23, 2012

**Clinic Leader:** 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 prior to the

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date of the outing, and have it with you. Rod—4 or 5 wt, 9' (preferably, but an 8 ½' rod will do); floating line; leader—Bill's Short Line Leader System (3x or 4x), 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 general meeting (Thursday, May 10th), and continuing into the June meeting if the clinic doesn't fill up before then. Members may sign up by email before/after the May meeting if unable to attend that meeting.

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

**GBF Annual Picnic and One-Fly Tournament  
May 31st - June 3rd**

**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, May 31** - Arrive any time after 2 PM, set-up camp, open a soda, and kick back. Or go fish!

**Friday, June 1st** - Go Fish!

**Saturday, June 2nd** -

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 to feed the hungry fishermen & women, and any one else, a lunch of hamburgers & hot dogs. Then, while chef Tony Hamamoto and the assistant chefs are busy cooking we'll hold the 7th annual "Not-So-Special Olympics". This is open to all. It's like picnic games combined with fly fishing skills, drinking or not.

**Dinner** will begin at 6:00PM. 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 3rd:** 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:**

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

Campsites are first-come/first-served. There is limited space at the main campground for RVs, but plenty of space within walking distance just outside the campground.

I will have a signup sheet at the May meeting or you can email me with your name & headcount. All are welcome; but I need to know how much food to buy and who is participating in the 1-Fly Tournament.

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## Conservation Corner

*by Henry Sandigo*

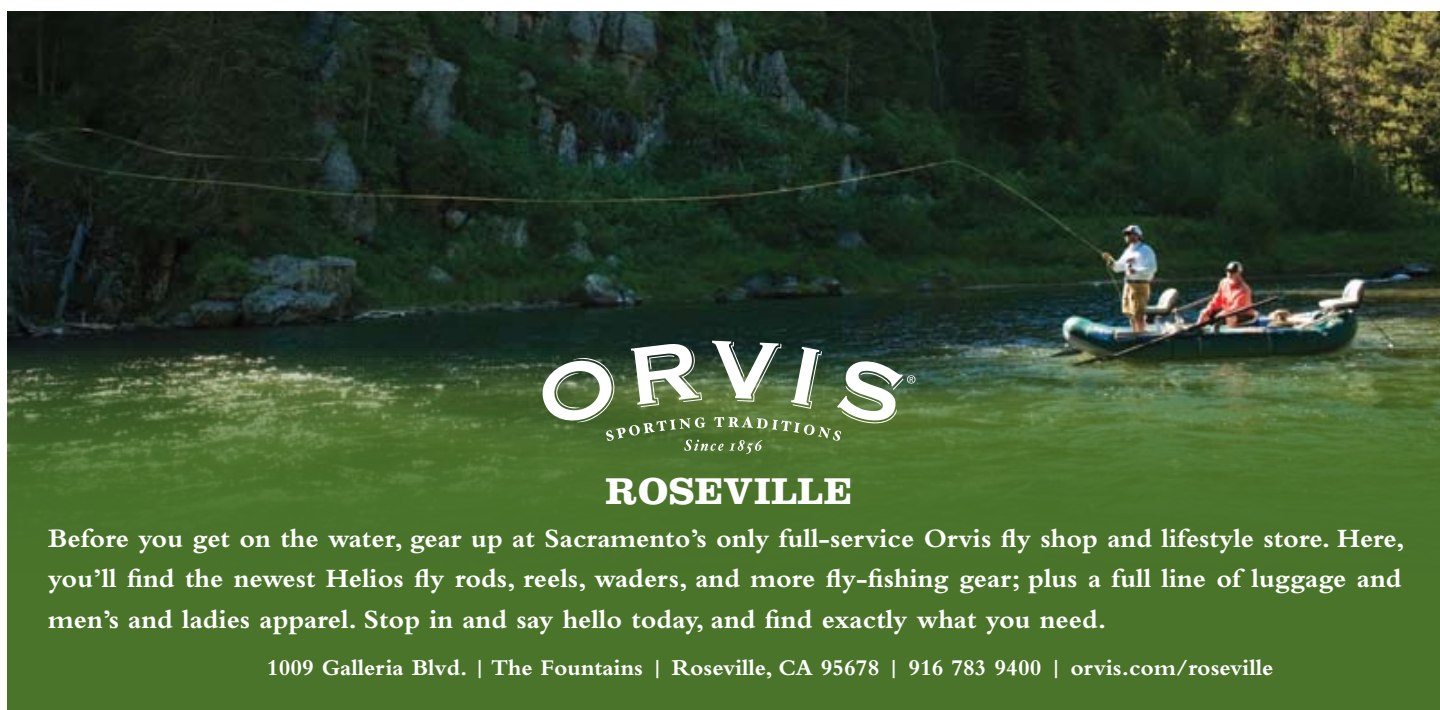
Earth Day is everyday on Planet Earth. At least that is, we as members of Granite Bay Flycasters should be thinking during our fishing hours, walking the dog or teaching your child or a family member how to fish.

Earth Day is a phenomenon that began sometime in 1969 with cause. The day itself is celebrated usually in April. But, I think it should be celebrated each time you fish or camp, a picnic and or any other outdoor activity you choose to participate in.

This celebration is world wide today, in fact in 175 countries, in some places it practiced as a teach-in and is also known as Saint Francis (named after the city of San Francisco).

My point is, don't turn a deaf ear to a few hours with your family and friends at participating in cleaning up a blighted area, even if you don't live there. Because we focus mainly on fishing in our club, then choose your favorite fishing hole and walk the banks, digging through the rocks to remove the miles of fishing line, cans, bottles and other debris, that's been discarded so carelessly by our fellow men and women.

Recently, my grandson, Cole, and I walked the Hidden Falls Regional Park trail near Auburn and Lincoln. A great place for family fun; streams, falls, pools of fresh clean water, and I suppose if you knew the ranchers that own the surrounding area and asked permission, you could walk the ravine and maybe spot a trout or two. Well, we ended up picking a sack full of plastic bottles, wrappers and other junk. My grandson, age 14, kept saying over and again, "I don't get it grandpa, why didn't they carry this stuff out?" Good question. The irony is there were 3 animal proof trash containers at the parks entrance just waiting to be used.



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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 Dennis Baker at 916-580-7639.

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 John Hogg at 916-663-2051, or visit the website at [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org).

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