President's Message

by Mike Howes, GBF President

In June we close out our books for the fiscal year, which runs from July to June. I am happy to say, we will finish the year with a balanced budget. Good job by all the committee leaders/members and the Board of Directors.

I would like to “Thank” Eric Palmer for doing an outstanding job as Fishmaster—I counted 26 fishouts for 2013. I also noticed Doug Kytonen is leading four of the fishouts, way-to-go Doug.

Another reminder that at the June meeting we will have elections for the 2013-2014 year Board of Directors. We are still looking for a volunteer to take over the Conservation Committee. Interested?? Let me know.

Don’t forget our Annual Picnic. It is an event designed to thank you for being a member. The event is free, other than bringing a side dish for the barbeque. The outing is scheduled for June 13th-16th. Saturday, the 15th, is the day of the “One Fly” contest, and fun family/fly-fishing-related games. We will have a barbeque on Saturday also. So, if you are a camper, come early to fish Fuller Lake Thursday and Friday. If you are not a camper, come up to the camp grounds at Fuller Lake on Saturday and join in the games and barbeque. Fuller Lake is only 1 ½ hours from Sacramento. The “One Fly” contest doesn’t start until 9:00 AM, but try to get there by 8:00 to get all the “Hi’s” out of the way before the launch of the one-fly-contest. Mark your calendar(s) for June 13th-16th Annual Picnic.

Volunteer! I have heard various excuses why some members will not volunteer: “I don’t know enough about fly fishing,” “I don’t know anybody,” and “I don’t have enough time.” Well, the way I look at it is, one way to learn is to volunteer, one way to meet new fly fishing friends is to volunteer, and as far as enough time, you will find that the satisfaction of helping out out-weighs the 2-3 hours you will put in. I have learned a lot in the time I have been in the club. I have met and have made many friends, and now I actually dedicate several hours to the club. The club is made up of a bunch of grumpy old and brilliant young fly fisher persons. We all have the same desire to better our skills and to have fun at it. Don’t hesitate to volunteer. There will always be someone there to help you, if you need it.

GBF Annual Election

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:

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Nominations were made final at the May general meeting except for the Vice President, Conservation position which is still open.

If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Frank Stolten 725-6894 or Mike Brune 723-4524 prior to the June meeting.
Our June speaker is **Trent Pridemore**, who will present a program on “**Fly Fishing the Upper Water Column for Large and Smallmouth Bass.**” As a life-long fly fisher who utilized his degree in zoology to spur his interest in angling conservation, he was Project Chairman of the Little Truckee River Restoration Project, and also orchestrated the regulation changes that resulted in Wild Trout status for the Truckee River and its tributaries between Trout Creek and the Nevada State Line.

Trent’s bass fishing presentation concentrates on the top ten feet of the water column, with an emphasis on fishing techniques using a floating line, hair bugs, poppers and sliders for shoreline orienting bass. For fish that can’t be seduced with top water lures, he describes simple effective flies that can be fished with a floating or intermediate line in the same zone to optimize fish interest. Bass physiology combined with the annual pre-spawn, spawn, post-spawn moods are covered with emphasis on how this relates to finding bass that can be reached with a fly rod.

For all those bass fisherman among us, this is a “can’t miss” presentation.

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### Monthly Program

**Rancho Murieta Fishout**

*by Bill Ossolinski*

Perfect weather greeted the 18 Granite Bay Flycasters who signed up to fish at the ponds at Rancho Murieta. This gated community is usually off-limits to anyone except the property owners who live there.

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So the ponds are usually teeming with fish ready to greet a fly. This year our local Kiwanis Club put on a "Kids Day" and stocked 600 trout into Lake Clementia a week before our fishout. The netted area was now open to all to fish.

Most Flycasters who attended are repeat anglers for this fishout as I have organized this event for the past 11 years. So these loyal Flycasters know the ponds well and have their favorite spots. The favorite lake of the group was Lake Clementia which produced the largest fish caught and the most fish caught. Guides for the individual lakes were club members: Dick Shannon guided for Lake Calero and Don Craig guided for Lake Chesbro. Dick and Don have been helping out on this project for years.

At high noon we held the barbecue at the Lake Clementia gazebo. Our BBQ was the best yet! The famous cajun cook, Bob DeRoss, manned the grill with his helper Rich Pontius; they did a fantastic job grilling the hamburgers, sweet Italian sausages and the Polish Kielbasa! Special kudos to my wife, Lynn, who made Chili Beans, Polish Noodles, and Roasted Rosemary Potato Wedges. Lots of beer & ales as well as sodas kept us cool.

Thanks to all who came, this was the best Rancho Murieta fishout ever.

GBF Annual Picnic and One-Fly Tournament
June 13 - 16, Fuller Lake

Chair: Don Van Sant - donvansant@pacbell.net

As an extra incentive to bring the young ones along to the picnic, we’ll have 24 kites donated by Joe Bania, to provide an opportunity for more youth activities in addition to the fishing and games. 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.

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Thursday, June 13th - Arrive any time after 2 pm, set-up camp, open a soda, and kick back. Or go fish!

Friday, June 14th - Go Fish!

Saturday, June 15th – The Picnic
9:00 AM - 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 lose their fly.

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. We'll hold the 8th annual “Not-So-Special Olympics.” This is open to all. It's like picnic games combined with fly fishing skills, drinking or not.

After BBQ the Awards ceremony for the One-Fly tournament and the games will be held. At dark we will start the bon-fire and roast marshmallows.

Sunday, June 16th: 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 the Bear River.

The Details:
1. Bring your family
2. Have a great time
3. GBF will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas. 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. 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 One-Fly Tournament.

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 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 15th of the month to be included in the following month’s Leader.

For Sale:

Pontoon boat rack for your vehicle, EZ packer double, sells for $600 new, will sell for $200. Follow link to the website for description and photos and a video. Rick Radoff, cell: 916-870-9637
Link:--- http://www.easypacker.com/index.html
Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer’s Corner
(Taken from the Article Written in June 2008)

Fly Patterns - Burk’s Hare’s Ear Bottom Roller

Materials:

- **Hook:** Daiichi 1130 (or Tiemco 2457) scud hook, size 8
- **Thread:** Tan monochord or similar thread
- **Bead:** 3.3 mm gold tungsten bead
- **Abdomen:** Arizona Peacock Synthetic Dubbing —Hare’s Ear color
- **Ribbing:** Monofilament tying thread, or a piece of 5x tippet material
- **Wing case:** Pearl “Sili-skin”
- **Thorax:** Arizona Peacock Synthetic Dubbing—Peacock color
- **Weight:** .025 lead, wrapped from mid-bend to behind bead

Description

Last year Andy Burk treated 6 Granite Bay Flycasters members to a clinic on “Czech Nymphing,” which is very similar to the short line method that I teach in my clinics and during guide gigs. Once properly learned, these methods are extremely productive. Learning the proper drift technique takes time and patience, but it pays significant, real dividends in the long run.

Andy’s rig differs somewhat from the rig that I use; actually, I like his rig so much that I’ve modified my own in a few respects to include some of Andy’s concepts. I’ve learned a lot from watching Andy tie and talking to him about fly construction. Above all, he is a practical tyer — meaning that he ties flies that do indeed catch fish, and are not overly difficult to tie. His “bottom roller” series certainly meets those criteria. The flies are very heavy; consequently they sink quickly and stay down when drifted properly. One of my favorites among the various rock roller patterns is the Hare’s Ear Bottom Roller. That’s the one we’ll tie for this month’s fly. If you want to watch Andy tie this fly, check out his YouTube video at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EO09Ys-8Po](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EO09Ys-8Po)

Tying Instructions

1. Smash the hook barb unless you are using a barbless version of the scud hook. .025 lead wire from the middle of the hook bend to the bead. Push the bead and lead back from the eye slightly, because the fly will be tied off in front of the bead. Apply a thin layer of Flexament to the bead and lead.

2. Tie the thread on in front of the bead and build up a small bump there to keep the bead from sliding forward. Jump the bead with the thread and cover the shank/lead with thread.

3. Cut a piece of Sili-Skin approximately ¼” wide and 1” long. Cut the end to a point, but leave the backing on for now. Peel the backing back slightly from the point you just cut, and tie that point in, sticky side up. It should be tied in on the lead wraps, and stretched rearward while wrapping the thread over it to the rear. Continue to leave the backing on for now, and let the Sili-Skin hang there out of the way.

4. Tie in the monofilament ribbing at the rear end of the abdomen and place it in your material clip for now.

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5. Dub a nicely tapered abdomen with the Hare’s Ear color dubbing material. End the abdomen approximately 1/8” behind the bead.

6. Dub a collar (thorax) of the Peacock color dubbing material.

7. Pull the Sili-Skin over the top of the body, stretching it slightly over the top of the bead. Tie it down in front of the bead.

8. Wrap the mono ribbing forward, making sure that the Sili-Skin does not move to the far side of the hook as you wrap. Tie the ribbing off in front of the bead and whip finish the fly.

9. Using a small wire brush or other dubbing teaser tool, rough up the bottom of the fly somewhat to create a fuzzy look.

Tying Tips

1. When you are ribbing the fly, start with close wraps at the rear, widening the gaps as you go forward. If you look at a living nymph’s segments, you will see this pattern.

2. Visit the following web site for some color ideas for Czech nymphs, which are very similar to Andy’s Bottom Roller flies: http://www.czechnymph.com/en/index.php?show_page=gallery&g1section=1.&g1archive=0&g1current_item=30

Fish bottom rollers in pocket water, using short line techniques. Go rip a few lips, and....see ya on the creek!

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

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Fishmaster’s Corner

by Eric Palmer

Fishouts! How do they work? How do I sign-up and how do I get more information?

We have many new GBF members in recent months and perhaps a few visitors who are just browsing or “kicking the tires” to see if our club is a good fit for them. So... it seems a good time to review how we do Fishouts around these parts to get everyone on the same page.

A Fishout can be a one day or a multi-day outing and the Fishout leader will provide info. on suitable camping or lodging opportunities for over-nighters. Fishouts are typically free except when a guide has been hired for a special venue or if the leader will be providing lunch at a small nominal charge. The Fishout schedule is posted on the GBF website here, but there are actually two near identical schedules. OK, that’s confusing, why two schedules, you ask?

The GBF website is wide open for the general public to browse (World-Wide Web, remember), so to provide added value restricted to club members only, we’ve gone the extra mile to provide all the information needed to fish the given venue on a special password protected page. Each event has its own page which includes recommended flies, leader/tippet rigging, suggested rods, and other gear, expected weather conditions, and maybe a map to the location, and of course the event leader’s phone and email contact info; in other words – everything you need for a successful trip. You get to this password protected information by either clicking a well-marked link at the top of the public schedule, or by going directly to the GBF Message Board (MB).

Once on the MB, if you have not already done so, you will need to register. To register, you select any desired userID and personal password known only to you. You then log in to the MB where you will immediately see two new forums magically appear in the forums list; one is the members-only Fishout schedule and the second, the Fishouts archives going back many years. When you click on either one, you will be prompted for a second password known only to club members. This is the same password for everyone and will remain unchanged for the foreseeable future, but I won’t tell you here what it is. IMPORTANT: this is not your personal password, but a 2nd password.

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To get this password, ask another member, or contact me directly or a board member. We can confirm that you are a member by checking the official club roster. See? Membership has its privileges. Once viewing the members-only schedule, you will see that the name of the destination is a hyperlink to another page. This is the Fishout Info. Page. Here’s a tip: Once you’re on the members-only schedule, bookmark it in your browser and you can then go to it directly in the future without logging in.

OK, how do I sign up for Fishouts you ask? For all Fishouts, we place sign-up sheets on the table at the front of our meeting room two meetings before the event. If you are unable to make a meeting or two and miss the signup sheet, you have the option of emailing or phoning the leader to request that your name be added to the list, or you can contact me (see below) and I’ll get you signed up. When you sign up, please provide your phone number and email address in the space indicated so the Fishout leader can send you additional information. If you later find you are unable to attend, please show the Fishout leader the courtesy of an email stating that you must cancel. This is important so the Fishout leader knows how many participants to expect and can plan accordingly. Also, when you place your name on the signup sheet, take note of the leader’s phone number and enter it in to your cell phone. This way, if you’re running late the day of the event, you can call ahead to give the leader a heads-up. Occasionally a Fishout will be limited to a small group – perhaps 10 or 15 - depending on the size of the venue. If the limit is exceeded on the signup sheet, at the discretion of the Fishout leader, there may be a lottery, or the “excess” names will be selected in sequence as earlier people cancel.

Next question: **Who leads Fishouts?** Answer: **Members like you do!** Ordinary walking around, one pant leg at a time, run-of-the-mill, garden-variety members like you (and me) run fishouts! Fishout leading is not restricted to wizened “mature” guru fly fishers who’ve been fly-fishing since the age of 8 and can ID every single fly in the bins at Kiene’s from 20 paces; anyone can lead a fishout! We have members who have been leading fishouts to their favorite water every year for many years, and we have new club members who are leading their very first Fishout this year. Leading a fishout is a great way to make new friends and establish fishing partners, all while learning more about fly fishing and perfecting your skills. Give it a try, I guarantee you’ll be glad you did. If any Fishout questions remain, my contact info. is below.

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

**Eric**  
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**Virginia Lakes Fishout**

**July 10 - 14**

Flycasters, it is time for the annual Virginia Lakes trip. We are looking at the 10th-14th of July. We will be going up on July 9th or 10th and coming home on July 14th. We will have a taco dinner on Saturday the 13th for all who attend.

For those of you unfamiliar with Virginia Lakes, they are on the eastern slope of the Sierra just past Bridgeport and before you drop down to Mono Lake. The scenery is “eastern side incredible.” We will be staying at Trumble Lake campground at 9,700 feet. This is a nice campground with water and incredibly pristine pit toilets. Reservations can be made on line, but we usually are able to secure sites without. The two Virginia Lakes are walking distance from the campground and Trumble Lake is connected with excellent fishing at all three lakes. There is also stream fishing in Virginia Creek and Green Creek and dry fly fishing for Brook trout in a couple of lakes a short walk up the trail. There is a store at Little Virginia with high priced goods, a little restaurant, and hot showers. They also rent cabins but usually want to rent them for a
week but will do a weekend at the last minute if they aren’t rented: http://www.virginialakesresort.com. Bridgeport is a 30 to 45 minute drive and there are motels if camping is not your thing.

The fishing is generally float tube with sinking line (intermediate -fast). Catching twenty fish in a day is not extraordinary and I will be available to help anyone who desires it. Flies will be plentiful as I will bring my tying stuff as will others. There will be extra equipment available for anyone to use. Rods from 3-6 wt. are the norm.

This is a great family outing, as there are a variety of things to do besides fishing. The hiking is excellent with relatively short distances between lakes. Just down the road there is horseback riding, and the old gold ghost-town of Bodie is within 45 minutes. The city of Mammoth is less than an hour away as is the entrance to Yosemite.

Please call me if you have any questions and let me know if you are planning to come so I can get enough camp sites and bring enough taco fixin’s. I will be out of the country from June 8 to July 3.

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Conservation Corner

by Henry Sandigo, VP Conservation

Now that summer is here, I would like to remind our members of some simple rules all GBF members should follow as we go to our favorite fishing spots, near or far.

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- De-Clutter - pack out your trash from your favorite fishing hole and recycle it at home
- Practice catch and release - leave that fish for someone else or place it gently back so it can recover from its ordeal
- Take a young person fishing
- Get involved locally
- Follow those important fishing regulations
- Prevent erosion, don’t trample those saplings near the water line
- Don’t disturb the wildlife by leaving your pet unattended, detour around sensitive areas
- Donate an extra dollar or two to a fishing cause
- Sign a petition
- Wash your boat, pontoon, float tube before and after you take it out (avoid transporting invasive species) - and watch that wake, there are many young critters out there
- Volunteer - even for the most mundane chore - in the end you’ll feel better
- Stay informed, join a local organization, make yourself heard by the decision makers (maybe they’ll make the right one next time)
- Practice safety on the water at all times, after all we do want to conserve your life
- Visit the many water rights organizations’ websites to get a better and clear understanding what they are doing for you and your future in fishing. You can find many of those organizations who we partner with on our website - http://www.qbflycasters.org/links.html

Don’t forget to mark your calendar to attend the Annual Picnic at Fuller Lake, July 13-16
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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, 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 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.

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

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