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## President's Message

by Mike Howes

The Annual Dinner, our one and only fundraiser, is being held on March 16, 2013. The monies raised at this event will be used to run the club, support efforts to ensure healthy water sheds, and to finance the Robert E. Morton Fellowship Grant at Humboldt State University. We are also pledging 10% of the dinner proceeds to "Casting for Recovery." We are trying a new venue. The dinner will be at the Maidu Center in Roseville. Our speakers will be Ralph and Lisa Cutter. We are catering an Italian fare buffet from Buca di Beppo. There will be wine tasting from 4:30 to 6:00. We will have a bar run by GBF offering sodas, beer and wine by the glass. If you haven't already purchased your ticket, you can do so at the next general meeting. The tickets are \$35. If you are unable to make the meeting, you can also purchase a ticket by going to <http://gbfc.eventbrite.com>, or you get/buy tickets via the mail. Send checks made out to **GBF** to #306-356, 4120 Douglas Blvd, Granite Bay, 95746. Don't miss out on the great raffle and silent auction. If you would like to help out at the dinner, or have a donation for the dinner, please contact Dennis Baker at [baker0707@aol.com](mailto:baker0707@aol.com).



At our last General Meeting, Joey Tax thanked all the members that wrote letters supporting him for acceptance in the Air force Academy. We wish Joey the very best in his efforts to obtain a higher education.

We are looking for volunteers to be part of the Board of Directors. All positions are open for nominations, but some more than others need a volunteer. Our Board of Directors is made up of 13 members; President, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Conservation, Treasurer, Secretary, 2 third-year Directors, 2 second-year Directors, 2 first-year Directors, 1 Director-at-large, and Past President. The year for the Board runs from July to June. The Directors on the Board take on various projects during the year. Education is one area we ask a Director to take on. The Board meets the third Thursday of each month. We work from a budget, discuss the club's workings, and look for improvement or new areas we can take on. Our next election will be in June of this year—openings will be starting in July. Specific areas we are looking at are: VP of Conservation, VP of Membership, and First year Directors. If you are interested in finding out how your club operates and want to be in on the decisions that shape the club, contact me at [lifeisreel@aol.com](mailto:lifeisreel@aol.com), or 916-863-6795, or at the general meeting.

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### The Annual Dinner is March 16<sup>th</sup>

- \* To find out if tickets are still available for this event, please call Henry Sandigo at 916-434-7792.
- \* To find out how to make a donation to the dinner raffle, please call Dennis Baker at 916-580-7639.
- \* To find out more about the dinner (and why everyone should attend) go to [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org).

---We hope to see you there for a fantastic evening of great food, fly-fishing fellowship, and FUN!

# MARCH 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
10.	11.	12.	13.	14. Monthly Meeting	15.	16. Annual Dinner
17.	18.	19. Fly Tying Jam	20.	21. 7:00 PM Board Meeting	22.	23. Fundamentals of Fly Casting Class
24. /	31. 25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30. Fundamentals of Fly Casting Class

## Monthly Program



Our March program will be a presentation by **Steve Korbay** on **Czech Nymph Fishing**. Czech Nymphing originated in Poland and the Czech Republic during the mid 80's during a time when adding weight to the leader was no longer allowed. These fisherman came up with a large caddis type imitation that could be heavily weighted and fished two or three at a time on a specialized leader.

The actual technique involves flipping or lobbing the team of flies upstream and effectively dredging the bottom of the river in fast to medium currents. It is the best way for taking fish at close range and allows the angler to cover vast stretches of water very quickly.

Steve's presentation will include the history of Czech Nymphing, gear selection and leader design, reading the water for typical areas to fish and fishing technique.

Steve Korbay grew up in northern California fishing the streams and lakes of the Sierras and quickly made the switch to the fly rod. His passion for the sport led him to the creative art of fly tying and soon after he was searching out new and unique products for tying his flies. Unable to obtain some of these items, Steve started a company called [Fly Tying Specialties](#), an on-line resource for hard to find items from around the world. Fishing fast rivers and learning about European Nymphing, it was only a matter of time that he began to specialize in these techniques and enjoys teaching others just how effective they can be.

## Lower Yuba Fishout Report

by Pete Koistinen

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 15 GBF anglers braved the cold waters of the Lower Yuba River at the UC Davis property. River flow and weather conditions were perfect—1400 CFS and sunny skies. Unfortunately, the fishing (catching) was less than perfect. About ten fish hooked with half that many landed—this among the whole group, not one or two individuals. Possibly low water temps were to blame, 46 degrees. Also, several typical fish holding spots were shifted or erased by extremely high flows in December.

On big rivers like the Yuba (probably small rivers too), and definitely on lakes, fish move around, it's our job to find them. Keep moving—don't get rooted fishing the same spot or drift lane more than 2 or 3 times. Try a different method that covers a lot of water, like swinging a streamer or nymph, or fishing a big dry fly. Think of it more like hunting; go in with the mindset that you have to make an effort to find them first. You'll have more success, or at least the satisfaction that you made an honest effort.

Happy hunting!

## 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*.

### **For Sale**

- Sage SP - 4 weight, 9 foot, 2 piece rod: \$250
- Sage SP - 6 weight, 9 foot, 2 piece rod: \$250

Selling to change over to 4-piece rods for airline travel. Both rods are in excellent condition and come with the original Sage tube and sock plus a "rod & reel" travel case.

Also selling a Shakespeare 12 volt electric trolling motor: \$75. Sold my pontoon boat so don't need the motor.

**Art Hawkins 725-3026**

### **For Sale**

#### **Spey Rods and Reel**

I'm cleaning out the closet, reluctantly these rods have to go as I have too many.

!3'6" Albright EXS Spey rod 6 wt 4 pc with sock and tube. In great shape just a little cosmetic issue, great starter rod, casts beautifully. I'm asking \$100.00

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I also have a Okuma Integrity 4" 10/11 reel I'm selling, comes with sock and in a box. Great shape, no marks or scratches of any kind \$ 45.00

Contact **Jim Hunter, 408-8966** or [jimfishon@wavecable.com](mailto:jimfishon@wavecable.com)

Thanks for looking

## Annual Dinner Day Program Clarification

In many previous years, we have conducted a “day program” on the date of the Annual Dinner. This year we were unable to schedule a day program, so any reference to a day program in our previous communications about this year’s Annual Dinner were unintentionally inaccurate. There will not be a day program as part of this year’s Annual Dinner festivities—and we regret any confusion caused.

## Conservation Corner

*by Henry Sandigo, VP Conservation*

*This bit of info was borrowed from the DFG*

### Fishing for a Living

Many animals make their living as anglers. The waterways and nearby uplands are ideal for creatures that depend on fishing to survive. Divers such as mergansers, cormorants, grebes and river otters pursue bass and crappie in deeper water. Osprey, herons, egrets and kingfishers find their food closer to the surface or at the waters edge.

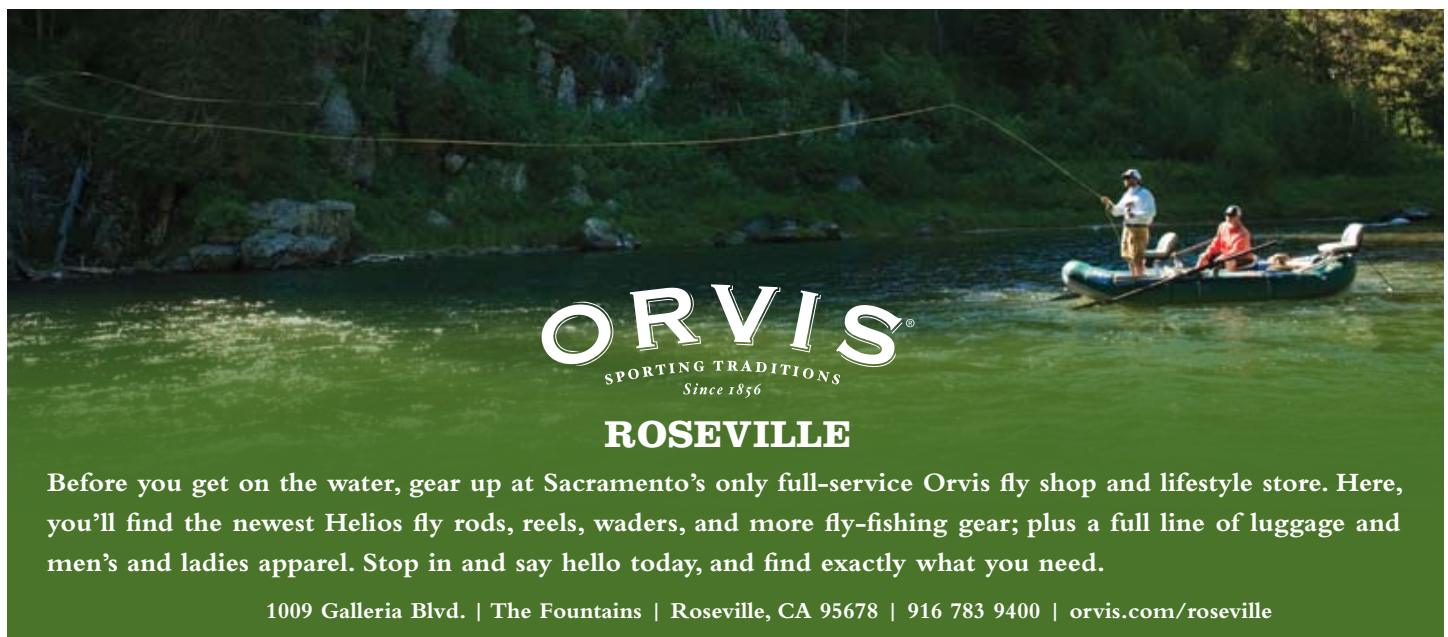
These anglers have to move around as water levels change when water is pumped back to a Dam as an example. This reuse of water provides additional hydroelectric power when it is needed most for human consumption (what about nature’s critters?). Fortunately, water levels are tightly controlled during nesting season in order to avoid swamping or stranding nests. Governments and the agencies within those governments must be reminded of how important it is to heed what nature designed and built over time. As you know, just 50 years ago or less it was not uncommon to see hundreds of fish you seek today working their way up a stream or river to begin a new cycle of life. It is important for you to follow simple rules to help keep this delicate balance strong so growth can continue in our waters so future fishermen/women can enjoy what you enjoy today and what our forefathers enjoyed during their time (though I personally think they lost sight of the future for us).

### Disturbance means death, be a good guest

Keep pets leashed. Domestic animals such as dogs and cats are predators and can and will harm/disturb wildlife

Watch your wake out in the water, whether in the open or in the byways. You can swamp a nest, drowning the eggs or the chicks

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Keep away from nesting areas. Before you venture out, do some research; what's happening out there in nature's wonderful land? Detour way out of their way, even if it's inconvenient to you

PACK out your trash. This is our biggest problem, some folks think it's okay, "someone will get it, and sometimes we do, and many times we don't, and it ends up in a turtle's belly, choking/starving it to death."

Remember to wash all your gear (clothes, rod, reel, boots and your boat or float tube/pontoon). This simple step, helps prevent invasive creatures.

## Robert B. Morton Fellowship

by Mel Odemar

One of the many worthwhile conservation and public service projects that the Granite Bay Flycasters gives financial support to is the Robert B. Morton Fellowship, named in memory of a former esteemed member of our club. This fellowship was initiated in 2009, and we have committed our support through at least FY 2013/14 for a total amount of \$10,800. Beyond that date, we have agreed to continue on a year-to-year basis.

When I first joined the club, I got involved with the Conservation Committee, and at the time they were interested in establishing a fellowship to support graduate fisheries students. Their first attempt was with UC Davis, but they soon found that dealing with the UC bureaucracy was more than they could handle. Being a graduate of Humboldt State University, I was familiar with their fisheries school, and I still had contacts with some of their staff. I agreed to take the lead and found the HSU staff to be very receptive to our offer. The terms of the fellowship were worked out with members of the Conservation Committee and the HSU Fisheries School, and with surprisingly little effort we soon had an agreement. Though many GBF members were involved, I want to recognize John Carroz, Tony Fabian, and Robin Egan for their advice and efforts in bringing this about.

The fellowship amount is \$2,160/year, with preference given to research on the links between freshwater and anadromous fishes (e.g. salmon and steelhead) and their habitats. Students should have completed their coursework, and should complete their thesis within the year in which the fellowship is awarded. Funds are also

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the latest products for 2013. Take the opportunity to cast the latest fly rods on our casting green. Feeling lucky? We will be having casting competitions - there will be mens, womens and kids groups for great prizes. There will also be raffles with lots of top prizes donated by the manufacturers, factory reps, fly tiers and guides. Want to get more involved with the sport? Most of the local fly fishing clubs will be at the expo as well. As usual, we will have free hot dogs, chips, bottled water and sodas for lunch, so bring the entire family. Hope to see you there!

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provided for the recipients to make a presentation of their thesis to the Granite Bay Flycasters.

To date, five students have received funding, and a sixth has been chosen for next year. Their theses are as follows:

- *RAMPANT DRIFT IN THE ENDANGERED TIDEWATER GOBY (EUCYCLOGUBIUS NEWBERRYI): COMPARING GENETIC VARIATION OF NATURALLY AND ARTIFICIALLY FRAGMENTED POPULATIONS*
- *POSSIBLE DECLINE IN THE HALF-POUNDER LIFE HISTORY AMONG TRINITY RIVER STEELHEAD (ONCHORHYNCHUS MYKISS)*
- *TEMPORAL GENETIC ANALYSIS OF STEELHEAD (ONCHORHYNCHUS MYKISS) REVEALS HATCHERY-INDUCED DRIFT IN CAPTIVITY*
- *LIFE HISTORY VARIATION AND DIET OF THE ENDANGERED TIDEWATER GOBY, EUCYCLOGOBIUS NEWBERRYI*
- *DEPLOYMENT OF STANDARD MONITORING UNITS FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF FISHES, SMURFS, IN TRINIDAD BAY, CALIFORNIA*

The next thesis to be funded is titled, *THE EFFECT OF FISHING PRESSURE ON THE SIZE STRUCTURE, AGE STRUCTURE, AND GROWTH PATTERNS OF FISHES ASSOCIATED WITH ROCKY HABITATS ALONG CALIFORNIA'S NORTH COAST*.

The real value in supporting these students is the training of the next generation of fisheries scientists/managers to protect our fragile natural resources, and HSU has a worldwide reputation for doing so. Of the five graduates that have completed their theses, two have received full scholarships into PhD programs, two are working as fisheries consultants, and one is working for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

We are fortunate in being able to partner with a school of HSU's stature, and their fisheries staff is very appreciative of our contribution to its graduate fisheries program. Remember, funds for this and other worthwhile projects are generated at our annual dinner. So, I'll see you at the dinner, and spend freely at the silent auction.

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## The Fisherman I Knew

*by Dominic Carnazzo*



*A Day to Remember*

As fishermen go, my dad was a master. Those who knew him as I did, who fished with him and tied flies with him, can attest to his wealth of knowledge and persistent mastery of angling skills. That being said, with us, it was never a question of seeking or attaining any kind of mastery. We were students of the art of relentless pursuit. But it was never just about pursuit, either. It was about attention to detail and keen awareness of your surroundings. It was positioning yourself streamside to turn over rocks and at the same time calculating the best possible route to “the spot.” It was the softness of your step into the water, the pinching of the hook barb while tying on your fly, the exactness of the knot, the art of the cast, the sensitivity in your fingertips for the feel of the hit, the quick and precise setting of the hook, the toils of the fight and the cautious finale . . . the landing of the fish. However, it didn’t ever stop there. It continued to the handling of the fish, the removal of the hook from its upper or lower lip, the gentle rocking of the fish in the water’s ripple to help reacclimatize it and lower its stress level when releasing it. It was cleaning your hands, resetting your view of the river, and then readying the fly for the next presentation.

In a gangly vest full of fly boxes, I would slosh around behind him in drip-leaky hip boots to destinations all over the Northwest. Forever teaching and admiring my developing skills, he would often tell me, “Dom, there are fishermen, and then there are fly fishermen.”

There are memorable moments in the lifelong journey of a son and fly fisher. . . . days that are engrained in the mind forever . . . spots in time: honing our casting skills while walking the edges of El Piojo Reservoir in Hunter Liggett, California, casting a little rubber-legged green foam spider that produced hundreds of the tenacious little black-and-red-finned bluegills. Summer vacation trips to Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and Oregon. Fishing the Blue-Winged Olive and Pale Morning Dun hatches on the Henry’s Fork in Harriman Park, Idaho, with its picturesque, windswept, grassy plains separated by sparse wood-and-barbed-wire fencing. Moose and elk would wander in and out of their favorite watering holes as we waded silently nearby. The aspen-laden banks of the Madison River in Yellowstone Park and near the sleepy little town of Ennis, Montana. Days that turned out rainbows, browns, and even a few whitefish. The high-desert terrain surrounding the outskirts of Dillon, Montana, flipping hoppers on the deep-cut banks of the Beaverhead for monster browns. Summers just outside Roseburg, Oregon, on the wide-cut, granite-strewn Umpqua River, home to some of the most beautiful, emerald-backed rainbows and enormous steelhead I’ve ever seen. Ospreys lining the treetops, waiting for just the right moment to fall from the sky in the hunt for a meal. Those sunrise hatches that we’d always try to be up for — once he even helped me design my own fly for them: Dom’s Bomber. The sunny and warm afternoons throwing Muddler Minnow to the bubbling tops of the deep, jade-colored pools filled with jacks and lazy steelhead. And of course, the epic evening caddis and stonefly hatches that would sometimes look as though the water was boiling. He was always there . . . guiding me to the most favorable place and teaching about both the fish and the environment.

I have my own boys now, and Dad schooled them in the arts and crafts of fly fishing with the same patience and fervor with which he taught me. I would stand at a bay window at my mom and dad’s house and peer out as he would lean over the shoulder of my oldest son, Nicholas, giving him tips on how to hold the rod, cast the line, and present the fly. Those bass and bluegills didn’t stand a chance.

Fast forward to last year, when my mom and dad traveled to Idaho, where I live, for an end-of-the-summer visit. I promised dad at least one full day’s float, with me at the oars of my drift boat, and you could sense the excitement and eagerness as we sat and pondered our trip. The day before, I got prepared for at least three different drifts we could shoot for and visited our local fly shop, Jimmy’s All Season Angler, to talk with Jimmy

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about the alternatives as well as what was working for bugs. It turned out that the first two stretches I had in mind, on the South Fork and North Fork of the Snake River, had not been fishing well that week, so it was set . . . the Henry's Fork of the Snake River and the float referred to locally as Warm River to Ashton.

We packed up and headed out early to get a head start on the other boats in order to avoid what we sometimes call the "boat hatch." Fortunately, this was not one of those days when it was on, and the weather was very cooperative. Blue skies with some billowing thunderheads in the distance and a light breeze from the west started the day off nicely. I had prepared lunch early that morning, loaded all of the gear in the boat, and off we floated.

As usual, it didn't take long for Dad to get a fish on with his patented BBFF (Bill's Big Fish Fly). As the day progressed, I put him on all of the fishiest spots on the river. He landed some of the largest and most beautiful brown trout I had ever seen caught on that stretch of river, and I managed to snap a photo of the largest of the day just before he released it. How could I have ever imagined that would be the last time I would get to fish with him?

It was one of those extraordinary days, and he would go on to write about the purity of it: *"Turnabout being fair play, there's something awfully nice about being rowed about by one's son on a brilliant big-sky day drifting a sparkling deep-green river, with nothing but a proven fly between me and huge trout. . . . Sometimes our frazzled world just seems to fall into a semblance of order and beauty, and what's really important sorts itself out right before our eyes and quietly within our souls, and the rest is simply carried downstream and away by the shifting, passing currents."*

Thanks, Dad, for all of the wonderful memories . . . and among many others, the gift of fly fishing. I'll look forward to fishing with you again someday in that great river in the sky.

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## Fishmaster's Corner

by Eric Palmer

The Northern California fly fishing community and Upper American River conservation efforts lost a good friend and an immeasurable asset with the January passing of Bill Carnazzo. Bill left such a huge footprint in so many areas of the sport, from education and instruction with his many articles and clinics to river habitat conservation, that it's hard to contemplate further participation in this sport without benefit from Bill's ongoing support and influence. In the fall of 2007, Bill gave me the nudge I needed to begin leading the Upper Sac fishouts. Countless members have perfected their fly tying skills with his advanced classes and prolific production of detailed tying instructions on the GBF website. I, and many others, learned *Short-Line Nymphing* from Bill on the Upper Sac or North Yuba. These clinics date back to 2001 and with some rough math; I calculate that at least 500 GBF members have learned this technique from Bill just at club fishouts over that period, and probably an equal number of members and others on guided trips.

At a time like this it's natural to wonder what we could or should do to honor Bill's memory and perpetuate his legacy. The two major areas in which Bill touched most of our lives directly were in his fly tying instruction and nymphing clinics. In the fly tying area, it was decided to preserve and perpetuate Bill's [Fly Tyer's Corner](#) on our website by repeating past entries each month—and there are so many, going back to January of 1997! There's also a wealth of tying information on Bill's website [here](#). If you should see anything you really like on Bill's site, realize that you can capture it to your computer's hard drive by entering "ctrl+s". That is, hold the *Ctrl* key down then press "s". I have confirmed that Bill's site will remain active through December of 2013.

So, what can we as individual members do to honor Bill's efforts and his strong belief in continually striving to improve one's fly fishing skills? For club members fortunate enough to have attended any of Bill's *Advanced Fly Tying* clinics or *Short-Line Nymphing* clinics, or who went out with Bill as a paying client of his guide service, here are two ideas:

If you're a fly tyer, revisit the material Bill presented and resolve to perfect the flies and techniques he covered in his classes. Visit the [Tying Archives](#) on the GBF website and Bill's [web site](#) and work on tying up the most challenging flies Bill presented. Then go back and do it again. Participate in Jim Holmes' monthly Fly Tying Jam to further hone your tying skills. Once you get really good, become an instructor to help Jim out at his tying jam and/or to tie flies at our booth at the ISE show....or even run your own *Fly Tying* class. Think big!

If Bill taught you *Short-Line Nymphing*, it's the same drill as above. Use and practice the technique at every opportunity until it's as reflexive as breathing. Read or re-read Bill's article on this technique now on our website [here](#). You will find the same article in the June 2011 *California fly Fisher*. Research *Euro Nymphing (Czech Nymphing)* on-line in order to put our Northern California variant in perspective. If you need a refresher on *Short-Line Nymphing*, attend one of my [fishouts](#) this year and I'll work with you on it.

Nothing could please Bill more than if he were able to look back over his shoulder and know that every member who's path he crossed at the tying table or stream took his teachings to heart, embraced them and made them their own.

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



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**Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner**  
(Taken from the Article Written in April 2008)

## Fly Patterns - Beadhead Flashback Swimming PT



*Beadhead Flashback Swimming PT*

### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	Daiichi 1130 (or Tiemco 2457) scud hook, sizes 16-20
<b>Thread:</b>	Brown 8/0
<b>Bead:</b>	Small gold bead (2mm)
<b>Tail:</b>	Three pheasant tail fibers
<b>Abdomen:</b>	Black crystal flash
<b>Ribbing:</b>	Hot orange and opal black Estaz or Jay Fair "Short Shuck"
<b>Wing case:</b>	Pheasant tail fibers
<b>Thorax:</b>	Peacock herl
<b>Legs:</b>	Pheasant tail fibers

### Description

Last month we featured a *baetis* cripple pattern. This month we'll tie a very popular *baetis* nymph.

Anyone who has experienced a *baetis* (or, blue winged olive mayfly) hatch knows that nymph patterns representing *baetis* larvae can be phenomenally successful at times. I recently had such an experience on the Upper Sacramento River on a cold overcast afternoon. At around 1:00 p.m. I began seeing tiny *baetis* adults on the surface, but no surface fish activity. I had been fishing two stonefly nymphs on a short line rig; the *baetis* hatch inspired me to add a tiny PT (pheasant tail) nymph as a "stinger" trailing behind the bottom stonefly. I selected a #18 "swimming" version of the PT, which also included a bead and a piece of mylar tinsel added over the wing case. The reaction was immediate—a series of large fish, all on the PT, taken from pocket water on one of my favorite Upper Sac stretches, including a lunker that I lost as he disappeared over the lip of the pool and threw the hook after straightening the hook. At around 3:00 p.m., the action stopped as if someone had dropped a curtain. Noticing that my hands and feet were nearly frozen, I headed for the truck with a smile and a loud "yes-s-s-s-s-s."

I talked to Bob Grace the next morning at the Ted Fay shop. When I told him about the tiny fly, he showed me his "two-minute PT"—but that's another story. I did watch him tie one and yes, it's done in two minutes. I promise to feature this fly in a future column, after I get Bob's permission. For the time being, let's build a Beadhead Flashback Swimming PT.

If you'd like to read more on *baetis* mayflies and their behavior, go to <http://www.troutnut.com/> for good, plain English angler-oriented information; once you are on that site, use their search tool to find *baetis* info.

### Tying Instructions

1. Smash the hook barb unless you are using a barbless hook. Slip the bead onto the hook and wrap 3 or 4 turns of fine (.010) lead wire behind the bead. Apply a thin layer of Flexament on the hook shank and cover the shank with thread, including about half of the hook bend.



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2. Tie in three pheasant tail fibers as tails, splaying them out. They should be short—no longer than half the shank length. Don't cut the butts.
3. At the same point, tie in a piece of small copper wire. Pull it back and out of the way.



4. Using your hackle pliers, grab the butts of all three PT fibers and wrap them forward, leaving room for the wing case behind the bead. Tie off the fibers and trim the butts.
5. Grab the copper wire with your hackle pliers, wrap it forward in even turns, and tie it off at the same place as the PT fibers were tied off. This strengthens the PT abdomen.



6. At the same point tie in a small strip of mylar ribbing material and let it lie back over the abdomen. Tie in four PT fibers at the same point. The mylar and PT fibers should be pointing to the rear and should be out of the way.
7. Tie in 4 peacock herls. Twist them together and wrap them into the thorax space, right up to the back of the bead, where they should be tied off.

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8. Bring the PT butts over the top of the peacock herl, tie them down behind the bead, and don't cut the remaining butts, as they will become the legs.
9. Bring the mylar over the top of the PT Wing case and tie it down behind the bead. Pull the PT fibers back and tie them down in that position. Tie everything down firmly behind the bead and apply a tiny drop of super glue at that point.
10. Whip finish.



## Tying Tips

1. Bob Grace substitutes black midge-size sparkle braid (made by UTC, and in spools) for the peacock herl. It looks nearly identical to peacock and is much more durable.
2. Substitute copper or black beads for the gold bead called for in the pattern to change the appearance of the fly slightly. I like to carry such different versions in case the fish start rejecting the "standard" tie.

Fish this little gem in pocket water during an afternoon *baetis* hatch and hold on. Go rip a few lips, and....

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

## Fly Casting Clinics Announced

*by John Hogg*

This is to announce GBF's annual Fly casting clinics. These clinics are appropriate for all skill levels of casters. If you are a novice, we will get you going, and if you are experienced, we will make you better. The clinics are conducted over three consecutive Saturdays—each day will offer new material.

Dates and times:

Saturday, March 23, 10 am to 12:30 pm

Saturday, March 30, 10 am to 12:30 pm

Saturday, April 6, 10 am to 12:30 pm

All classes will be held at Gibson Ranch Regional Park. There is a car pass charge of \$5.00 to enter the park.

We will address the following casts, topics, and techniques:

The 6 essential elements of a fly cast

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Roll cast

Pickup – Laydown forward cast

False casting

Shooting line to add distance

Introduction to the double haul

Maximizing your distance cast

Specialty casts

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