

# The Leader

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## Leader's Line

*by Mike Howes, GBF President*

Happy New Year! The ending of 2013 brought several events to the Granite Bay Flycasters. The November Board meeting was invaded by a troop of girl scouts. The young girls that helped us do restoration work on a section of Dry Creek showed up carrying cookies and a thank you card. It was a nice touch. The girls not only were able to sew on a step badge toward "making the world a better place," they also earned their baking merit badge. I look forward to working with the girls on another project, and thanked them and their leaders for helping us.

At the Chili Cook-off, we had 10 contestants compete for the bragging rights in 2014. Lester Grigsby was dethroned by Ron English with his "Better than Denny's" chili. Unfortunately, Denny's chili was not present because Denny was snowed in. Ron's chili won by one vote; Doug Kytonen's "Holy Moly" came in second. Next year should prove to be a very competitive cook-off.



The turn-out at the Holiday Pot Luck was tremendous. Plenty of stories were being told, and plenty of food being eaten. The deserts were from miniature bundt cakes, to a choc-a-holic's "Yuletide log." At the meeting, I conducted one piece of business, and that was to take a members' vote on electing Ted Way and Tim Billingsley to the Board of Directors. Ted will be the Membership VP, and Tim will be the Conservation VP. It was a unanimous vote to have them join the BOD. I would like to thank them for stepping up, and look forward to their contributions to the club.

On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Art Livingston set up a fish-out for a group of Veterans at Big M Fishery in Lincoln. 12 GBF members and 4 Vets landed over 20 rainbow trout. The number of GBF members versus vets is lopsided only because this was our first effort to put on such an event. But, I assure you that when these vets go back home and talk to other vets about the fun day they had, there will be more vets on the next outing. I would like to thank Art Livingston and the 11 members that helped to make this effort such a success.

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The "Beginning Fly Tying Clinic" is set for January 20, 27, February 3 and 10. The clinic is made up of 4 workshops. There is a fee of \$20, which covers the cost of reproduction of the handouts. The workshops are held at the community event center in the Granite Bay Raley's. The club supplies the fly tying material needed to tie three each of the four flies covered in the workshops. The club also has loaner tying kits for those that don't have fly tying tools. It is recommended that students wait until after the first workshop if they plan on buying fly tying equipment. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January general meeting, or contact Jim Holmes [jwholmes@yahoo.com](mailto:jwholmes@yahoo.com) to sign up. There is a limit of 12 students.

The Annual Dinner is just around the corner, so buy your tickets at the January meeting before the dinner is sold out. The dinner is on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Rocklin Event Center. This is our major

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5.	6.	7.	8.	9. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	10. ISE Show 9th - 12th	11.
12. ISE Show 9th - 12th	13.	14.	15.	16. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	17.	18.
19.	20. Beginning Fly Tying	21. Fly Tying Jam	22.	23.	24.	25.
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fundraiser. This year we are again pledging 10% of net proceeds to Casting for Recovery. If you would like to donate an item or cash, please contact Rick Radoff at [radoffcnst@jps.net](mailto:radoffcnst@jps.net).

Don't forget to pay your 2014 membership dues. Ted Way is ready to get to work as Membership VP.

Thanks to all the members that volunteered or supported the various efforts of our club in 2013 and making it one of the best years ever. Let's make 2014 even better.

## Monthly Program



Fat Flatiron Lake Rainbow

Our January program will be a presentation on fishing the Big Horn Mountains region of Wyoming, one of the most remote, scenic and productive fisheries in the country. Located in the Cloud Peak Wilderness Area, the crystal clear lakes and miles of trout streams of this region offer some of the best dry fly and streamer fishing anywhere with 50 plus fish days the rule, not the exception.

Our speakers will be Dustin Decroo and Rich Sweeny, the new owners of Flatiron Troutfitters which has generously supported GBF for many years with our annual dinner. They were born and raised in the foothills, and have 30 years of combined experience fishing, guiding and hiking the Big Horn Mountains. Together, they provide first class pack trips, family oriented, into the back country, which have been taken and enjoyed by many GBF members.

## 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:**

#### **Aluminum Boat and Motor**

12' aluminum Starcraft boat and 6 HP Evinrude outboard motor for sale. Boat registration expires at the end of the year. \$600 OBO. Contact: Kim Lloyd [kclloyd@comcast.net](mailto:kclloyd@comcast.net) or (916) 425-7680 - mobile.



### **For Sale:**

#### **Pontoon Boat, Buck's Bags "Bronco"**

7/8 ft. length. Comes with oars, 4 tackle bags and anchor lift. Asking \$400. Contact: Ron Van Sant at 916-991-0720 (home), or 916-335-0203 (cell).



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## Fishmaster's Corner

*by Eric Palmer, Fishmaster*

Procrastination and complacency; we're all guilty to some degree. How many of us occasionally complain to our fishing buddies—or perhaps just to ourselves under our breath—"why the heck aren't I catching more fish?" I'll bet we nearly all do it; but what are we doing about it?

I just stumbled across this thought provoking item:

*"If you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got."* – Albert Einstein

With the arrival of a new year, it's time to turn over a new leaf, get off the dime, get the lead out, and get with the program (Aren't metaphors great!). Here are a few ideas:

1. Read a book. No, not the latest special ops. adventure novel, but a classic fly fishing book written by a legend, or maybe a legend in the making. Some examples: Ray Bergman's *Trout*, Dave Hughes' *Nymph Fishing*, or anything else by Dave Hughes; Ralph Cutter's *Fish food*, or Denny Rickards' *Fly-Fishing Stillwaters for Trophy Trout*. For more ideas see my July 2012 "Fishmaster's Corner" [here](#).
2. Check videos out of our club library—we have a lot of them. Ask other members or the Librarians for suggestions.
3. Practice your casting! If you're new, sign up for the next round of casting classes. If you're a veteran of one or more of these clinics, find a local park, some local water or even your driveway (no, John Hogg says it won't ruin your fly line) and practice what you were taught by our top casting gurus who practice constantly to stay on top of their game.
4. Work on your knots. The faster you can tie knots, the more likely you are to frequently change flies or rigging mid-stream rather than fishing the same rig for hours. Pick a critical knot that you're lousy at, like maybe the blood knot, and if you can't tie it in 30 seconds or less, work on it. Shoot for 15 seconds; you can do it! I can tie an improved cinch knot in under 10 seconds (when no one's watching), but my blood knot is whole other story (yeah, practice what you preach), but I am working on it. Get some cheap 20# mono, some nippers and work on it in front of the TV at night till you can do it blindfolded.
5. If fly identification remains a challenge; if the image of a Birds Nest vs. a Hares Ear is a bit fuzzy, or you can't tell a Dark Lord from a Prince, work on it. Go online and find a fishing report for your favorite water and print the list of flies. If you can't readily find these flies in your fly box or in the fly shop bins without checking the labels, Google the name and photos will magically appear. Burn the images into

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your temporal lobes and you will become the master of your fly boxes and forever independent of the little name tags on fly shop bins (some don't even have tags).

6. Take up fly tying, and there's ample opportunity with our beginning classes and the monthly Tying Jam at the club house. You can even just go to watch and hopefully get inspired. One of the many benefits is you'll be able to duplicate the simple to tie but deadly flies fellow members are using on various lakes that are not found at fly shops. It's no coincidence that most of the more successful fish catchers in the club tie their own flies.
7. Join a fishout. We have many members who regularly attend most fishouts, but some who we never see at a fishout. Why go on a fishout? If you joined a fly club to learn or improve your fly fishing, the only way is to...go fly fishing! As a bonus, you'll make new friends and develop fishing partners.
8. Fish a new venue. Broaden your horizons. You may find a place you fall in love with and that has more fish. Another reason to participate in fishouts.

And finally, as our very own legend, *Bill Carnazzo*, was fond of saying:

"If you're fishing for 15 minutes and nothing is happening, change something...anything. Add weight, remove weight, change the fly, shorten or lengthen something, change locations."

Following these recommendations will build the confidence needed to become more flexible and adaptable on the water and you will be more inclined to frequently "change something." After all, the fish will take our fly at *their* convenience, not ours.

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

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Gary Eblen said **American Fly Fishing, AFF, has started an awards program.** You will earn 5% back on your purchases from our website or retail store. You can redeem your points at any time. Points are assigned to your email on our servers. Thank you for making our business fun and profitable for the past 22 years!

Rick Anderson said **Fly Fishing Specialties, FFS,** will have a booth at the ISE show, January 9-12. At the fly shop you can pick up a coupon for \$2.00 off of admission to the ISE show

Tim Au Young of **Fishwest** would like to thank the great tyers that gave up their weekend to demonstrate their talents at the Fishwest/Orvis Open House. GBF tyers were **Joe Bania, Terry Eggleston, Michael Gervais, Jim Holmes** and **John Peterson.** Also, mark your calendars for the Fishwest expo on April 12, 2014 10 AM - 4 PM.

## 2014 Yuba River UC Davis Fishout

*by Pete Koistinen*

The University of California at Davis has an agricultural research station on the banks of the Lower Yuba River. This property is closed to the public, but fishing clubs are allowed yearly access for fishing. This is a great deal because we get private access on a river that typically gets fairly heavy angler pressure. The property is beautiful (and private); there are shade trees, a new picnic pavilion with a charcoal grill, and a porta potty.

Pete Koistinen ([peterkoistinen@att.net](mailto:peterkoistinen@att.net) 916-435-9530) will lead the fishout on February 1. It's limited to 15 anglers, and there is no fee. There are two ways to sign up: contact Pete, or use the signup sheet at the January meeting. If more than 14 sign up, anglers will be selected by lottery. Sign up before January 10 to be included in the drawing. Signups received January 10 or later, and those who don't draw will go on a waiting list.

The Yuba River is a wild rainbow trout fishery, with some fish over 20 inches. These fish are some of the strongest, fastest trout you'll catch anywhere. It's not uncommon for a 16-inch fish to take you into the backing. The Yuba River is about the same size as the lower American; a water flow rate of 1000 -2000 CFS is ideal. A few hints for success on the Yuba: keep moving – if 2 or 3 good drifts or a few fly changes don't produce, move on to another spot. Also, the fish can be close to shore, so work the shoreline before you get in the river. It's possible you'll catch 50% of your fish while standing on dry land. The usual may-fly and stone fly nymphs will catch fish. Dry flies include PMD and blue wing olive mayflies, and Skwala stoneflies. Check our website's Fly Tyer's Corner archives July 2006, March 2008, and February 2009 for Bill Carnazzo's and Paul Egan's excellent Skwala dry flies. More detailed information about flies and rods will be available on our website's "Fishouts" section.

OK, I hope to see you on this great "private water" fishout.

## Membership Renewals are Due

*by Ted Way, VP Membership*

It's that time of year again! I know, Christmas is past, but it's not too late to give a gift to yourself that you'll enjoy all year.

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Membership fees are \$30 for individual members, and \$35 for family memberships. There are several payment options: cash, check, or credit card at the general meetings, OR, you can make your payment to PayPal through the email link sent by the Club.

If you prefer to mail your renewal, please send your check made payable to *Granite Bay Flycasters* to the following address:

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Membership fees and our annual dinner are the major sources of the funds needed to operate our club. As the best fly-fishing club around, the timely payment by our members is an important element in balancing our expenses and income each year.

Thank you in advance for supporting your club, and we look forward to your continued participation in 2014.

## Annual Dinner Tickets and Donations

### **With the Holidays Behind Us, It's Time to Think About Annual Dinner Tickets and Donations!**

The Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner is always the biggest and best fly-fishing party around! We'd like everyone to join us for this wonderful and important evening. And whether you can make the event or not, please consider donating something, fishing-related or otherwise, to help support the raffle...and your club...on this special night.

Here's everything you need to know about attending (and contributing to) this event...

- **Who:** Club members, friends, families, neighbors, co-workers... anyone who'd enjoy an evening out with good food, a great speaker, and an incredible raffle & silent auction.
- **What:** Great BBQ dinner, huge raffle and silent auction, and special guest speaker, Mikey Wier, who's sure to share some of his famous and exclusive video footage.
- **When:** Saturday, March 15th, 2014. Bar opens at 4:30; dinner starts around 6:00.
- **Where:** The dinner, raffle & auction will be at the Rocklin Event Center in Rocklin. The facility address is 2650 Sunset Blvd. There is plenty of free parking.
- **Why:** Because you want an evening of fun, friendships, and fishing stories – along with the chance to win thousands of dollars in fishing gear, guided trips, and other prizes.
- **How:** Buy your dinner tickets at next month's club meeting, online at [gbfc.eventbrite.com](http://gbfc.eventbrite.com), or call Henry Sandigo at 916-434-7792. Tickets are only \$40 each.
- **Lastly:** If you can't attend the dinner, please consider making a donation for the raffle or auction. If you can help in any possible way, just call Mike Howes at 916 863 6795 or email [lifeisreel@aol.com](mailto:lifeisreel@aol.com).



Swap Meet and Chili Contest Photos



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## History of Fly Fishing, Issue #1

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*by Ed Lloyd, Monthly Program Chairman*

**Hello everyone!! Happy New Year!**

This is the first in a long series of articles of what I hope will be an enjoyable look back in history on the earliest origins of our beloved sport. This month will feature a short article on the earliest beginnings of Fly Fishing, followed by an article in next month's newsletter on the earliest beginnings of the sport in our own country. The series of articles will continue each month, from the earliest recollections world-wide, to the history of the sport in our own country following that.

The sport of Fly Fishing has actually been going on for well over two thousand years. That much is known. What isn't known is when it actually started. For example, when was the first inclination by anyone with the idea of wrapping something around a hook? One can rely on the imagination to speculate just when this started and who started it. Unfortunately, there is not any recorded information that will answer this question. As a matter of fact there is not very much evidence at all, if any, of even any ancient fishing tackle surviving at all, yet there appears to be an early recollection of fly patters dating at the end of The Middle Ages, which is about the time information started being recorded for historic purposes. There is, however, some information on the origin of ancient hooks which may have been used to tie some fly patterns like sedges, wasps, and mayflies. The history of ancient hooks actually started to come about 3000 BC. Speculation on how material was tied to those hooks can now begin. The first known painted scene of an angler was around 2000 BC. Nothing was written down until later.

The fields of Art and Archeology still do not give us much in the area of recorded information. So now in order to truly understand the origins, the wait for any recorded information of the history of Fly Fishing, at least for the time being is left for the person to simply imagine. There are, however, some indications that there was some information on this if you look at ancient poetry. The earliest reference known of the sport of fly fishing is between AD 41 and AD 104. The name of the poet was Marcus Valerius Martialis. He is credited with about 1,561 epigrams (poems) that told of life in Ancient Rome. On one such epigram it reads

**"Namque quis nescit avidum vorata decipi scarum musca"  
("Who has not seen the scarus rise decoyed and killed by fraudulent flies!)**

So now speculation can really begin. I can only assume that Martialis was referring to an artificial fly, or was he?

Stay tuned.....

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## Conservation Corner

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*by Tim Billingsley, VP Conservation*

**Conservation. Complex issues and personal choices.**

Let me start by saying the loss of Dan Edwards (former Conservation V.P.) came with a sense of sadness and surprise, as I am sure it did most club members. I enjoyed Dan's warmth and enthusiasm as well as his courage while he contributed time and effort to maintain the worthy conservation goals of our organization. I hope that I can continue his efforts and bring as much vitality to the position as he did.

I guess I am an environmentalist. I admire the efforts of those who give much of their lives to causes that preserve and protect the threatened and dwindling natural world around us. Certainly, one of my greatest

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heroes has to be John Muir, who is considered by many a founding father of environmentalism. However, I can't say I was always so. Even though most of my life I have enjoyed an active and responsible life in the outdoors, I haven't always made the effort to educate myself or actively support causes that put natural systems in balance with man-made endeavors. I admit a past of indifference, and even denial about such issues as water and air quality, impacts of development and land use, even controversial subjects like global warming. I may not have actively campaigned or taken part in the willful destruction of natural habitats and ecosystems, but I didn't take a stand or act when I could have to help prevent problems we face today. So, my current status as environmentalist isn't one I was born into, rather a personal evolution in constant flux.

I have now come to understand that conservation issues are complex with many divergent viewpoints. I don't necessarily believe that solving these issues demand that we live in mud huts and eat raw vegetables. At the same time, we can't ignore the impact we have as a species on our planet. I am reminded that sometimes big benefits come from small changes, in attitude and behavior. Take for instance, the now common practice of catch and release. This was not always the convention, even for supporters of environmental causes. But, there are constantly new threats to the environment, large and small, that will demand we as individuals, and as a group, take a stand and actively place our support—challenges, such as how to approach the long-term health and restoration of California's delta region, or the removal of dams on local rivers like the Yuba. These issues are sure to have a profound effect on each of us as individuals, and on the sport we all enjoy.

I hope to explore both large and small topics of concern over the next few months. And, if any of the GBF family would like to delve into a specific environmental issue, by all means let me know. Until then, I hope we all will remain mindful of the need to keep the waters we fish clean and plentiful.

In other news, our own Bus Gehring walked GBF's adopted section of water in the annual Dry Creek Conservancy fish count, and logged nine adult salmon. The day was cold and the water icy, but a spirited group of volunteers (many GBF members) made the day a success. I will post the total numbers when they become available.

The next scheduled meeting of the Conservation Committee is Wednesday, Feb. 5. The meeting will be held at the Round Table Pizza, 8755 Sierra College Blvd. at 6:30PM. All club members are welcome.

May the fish be with you.

## Yuba River Pontoon Clinics and Fishouts

*by Ted Way, VP Membership*



*Art Hawkins navigating an instream obstacle*

During October, November, and December we held two clinics and two fishouts geared to better use our pontoons to safely access difficult to reach waters on the Yuba downstream of the Highway 20 Bridge. The clinics were led by Clay Hash, a Grass Valley guide and experienced drift boat guide. The two groups learned how to navigate moving water and using the pontoon oars effectively. Tips like "point your feet at what you don't want to hit, and then back row away" proved valuable in a couple of the more technical sections of the river. The two clinics were attended by 12 GBF'ers.

In late November and early December, 10 GBF members applied the techniques while fishing several good spots. The floats were conducted during the recent cold snap, initially a bit chilly, but the sun soon warmed us up and the float was very comfortable. We put in at the Hwy. 20 bridge without incident (other than a Dave Jones' flat tire and navigating very icy shore conditions) and spread out to access fishing spots.



*Beached pontoons*

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## Yuba River Pontoon Clinics and Fishouts - Continued from Page 10

Most participants used nymph techniques – Don Lounsbury was very successful, he landed a nice 19 inch rainbow! It was his first Yuba fish after several tries! As we moved downstream, we encountered a big *Baetis* hatch, the Blue Wing Olive mayflies were very small, size 22 or so. Several of us switched to dry flies, to no avail – the fish were rising everywhere but they were very selective, I suspect better line control may have helped.

We exited the river at the Sycamore Ranch County Park takeout, loaded up and completed a very enjoyable day.

## Veterans Fly Fishing Outing

by Art Livingston



*Vet Albert's first ever fish caught*

On Saturday, December 14, our club hosted four veterans from the Sacramento Veterans Center, to a day of fly fishing at Big M Fishery in Lincoln. Twelve club members worked in teams to instruct in fly-casting, and how to land the fish. The fish were very cooperative. They all caught several nice fish each. I think we just hooked all four of the veterans on fly fishing, and look forward to having them join our club in the near future. They will be going back to their group with some wonderful fish

stories. Their group leader, Albert, said that once the rest of his group finds out how much fun we all had, they will have more in attendance next time.

I am very proud of all the members who volunteered to help with this event. Special thanks to Mike Howes, Don Van Sant, Dick Davis, Mike Gervais, Rick Radoff, Frank Stolten, Chuck Garland, Ed Lloyd, Joe and Joey Tax, and David Chanell.



*Vet with a nice rainbow*



*Vet and GBF volunteers*

Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner  
(Taken from the Article Written in January 2009)

## Fly Patterns - Bill's Big Fish Fly



*Bill's Big Fish Fly*

### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	Daiichi 1260 #6, 8
<b>Thread:</b>	Orange 8/0
<b>Hackle post:</b>	Tippet material, at least 3X
<b>Hackle:</b>	Furnace or brown dry fly quality saddle hackle
<b>Abdomen:</b>	Orange closed cell foam, 2mm thickness
<b>Thorax:</b>	Creamy orange Buggy Nymph dubbing
<b>Underwing:</b>	Orange crystal flash
<b>Wing:</b>	Burnt orange deer hair
<b>Legs:</b>	Pumpkin colored Sili-Legs

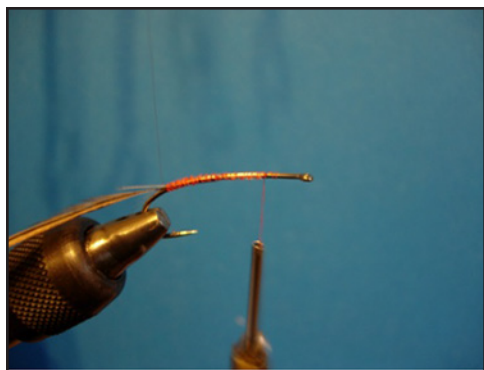
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## Description

This fly is based on a pattern created by Al Beatty. He calls it the Hackle-Top Hopper. When I read his article in Trout magazine, I immediately tied a few and tested them out. My findings were that, tied correctly, the fly floats high, has great appeal to fish, and is very easy to see on the water. It worked well fished by itself, but I really liked it fished as the surface fly in a "hopper-dropper" setup. It can support a couple of flies and 1 or two split shot. I have never liked Stimulators for October Caddis adults (heaven knows I have used them for many years) because of the very unrealistic way that they sit up on the water surface instead of floating flush on the surface film as do October Caddis adults. The name I have given the much-modified fly is "Bill's Big Fish Fly." The reason is contained in the name itself. The fly is not overly difficult to tie, but it does require some intermediate tying skills.

## Tying Instructions



Steps 1 & 2

1. Debarb the hook, place it in your vise, and cover the shank with thread.
2. Just above the back of the barb tie in a 12" piece of 2x or 3x monofilament. This will become the hackle post; we will wind the hackle around the monofilament. If you have a gallows tool with your vise, use it to hold the monofilament tightly in a vertical position. If you don't have a gallows tool, attach the mono to your light or figure out some other makeshift way.

3. At the same point, tie in a long furnace or brown saddle hackle. Wind it counterclockwise and

upward around the mono in widely spaced turns; when you reach the 1" point begin winding downward in very close turns. If done correctly, this method will allow you to achieve 30-40 turns. This helps to provide flotation.

4. When you have reached the shank with the saddle hackle turns, tie off the hackle in front of the post. It helps to let your hackle pliers hang over the shank and release the tension on the mono. You can pull the mono/hackle backward and out of the way while you are tying the hackle down.



Steps 3 & 4



Step 5

5. Cut a 1/8" strip of orange 2mm foam, making a point at one end. Tie the pointed end in just ahead of the hackle post and move your thread forward to the 1/3 point on the shank.

6. Wrap the foam strip forward in close, interlocked turns. Don't stretch the foam as it destroys its flotation

qualities. Tie the foam off at the 1/3 point. This leaves the front 1/3 of the hook for the rest of the steps.



Step 6

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Step 7

7. Apply some Flexament to the top of the body, and then bring the hackle post over the body. Pull it tightly forward, making sure it is directly on top of the body. Tie it off at the 1/3 point.



Steps 8 &amp; 9

8. At the same point, tie in a small bunch of orange crystal flash. Trim it so that it extends just slightly beyond the hook bend.

9. Cut a small bunch of burnt orange deer hair, measure it to shank length, and tie it in at the same point, tips facing to the rear. Don't stack the hair.



Step 10

10. Cut another, slightly larger bunch of the deer hair. Measure it so it equals approximately 1.5 times the length of the shank. Trim the butts even, and tie this bunch in directly behind the hook eye with the tips pointing out over the eye. Keep the hair directly on top of the hook. Wrap rearward, covering up all of the butts. Place a drop of superglue on the tied-down butts.

11. Dub a thorax of creamy orange Buggy Nymph, leaving the thread at the 1/3 point. To achieve this you'll need to dub rearward from the hook eye to the 1/3 point.



Step 11

12. Gather up the second bunch of deer hair and pull it directly upward; make sure you have all of the hair, and smooth it out as much as possible. Bring it over the thorax, forming a nice bullet head. Make sure that there is no space left between the front of the bullet head and the hook eye.



Steps 12 &amp; 13

13. Tie the hair down at the 1/3 point. As you do this, push the hair down at the tie-down point, in order to make the hair splay outward. Place a tiny drop of superglue at the tie-down point.

14. Double a strand of pumpkin Sili-Leg material. Place it on top of the fly with the middle of its length at the wing tie-down point. Wrap 3 loose turns of thread over the leg material, and then cut the doubled loop. Pull one of the two sections down onto the

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Step 14

far side of the hook, and the other onto the close side of the hook. Wrap the legs down tightly.

15. Whip finish between the legs and trim the thread. Apply glossy head cement to the top of the bullet head. This increases durability and provides a nice finish to the fly.



Step 15

## Tying & Fishing Tips

1. When making the wing sections on this fly, don't stack the hair—it gives the wing a more natural profile.
2. Make a black stripe on the top of the wing, along the shank axis, using a black Sharpie.
3. Before fishing the Big Fish Fly, apply silicone paste to the entire fly. Use only a small amount. When the fly begins to lose its floatation, immerse it in floatant powder and rub the powder in with your fingers. It will float like a cork after this treatment.
4. I tie this same fly with an amber body to imitate a Golden Stonefly; all black to imitate a cricket; in yellow and olive to imitate a hopper; and with a yellow-olive body and black wing to imitate a Skwala Stonefly.

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

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