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Leader's Line

by Tony Fabian, GBF President



May...May. The wonderful month of May. It's when old members meet new members and tell fish stories, show your fly rods built with Larry Lee and the nets with Art Hawkins. Don't forget the flies. All the program leaders and Board members will be there talking about what the club has to offer. This is a once-a-year get-together where we talk fishing, and you'll have an opportunity to learn about all the programs the club offers. Speaking of fishing...I will have those little gold fishes everyone loves to snack on, Thursday, May 14th, at our regular meeting night.

Annual Picnic — June 12-14. The One Fly Tournament at Fuller Lake is Saturday. If you are coming to fish, you must sign in at the campground by 8:15 AM to be entered in the contest for great prizes. This will leave you time to get up to the lake and start fishing by 9:00 AM. Saturday, June 13th at 1:30 PM is BBQ day—yummy tri-tip and chicken. Camping is at Bear Valley Campground. **It's all free to Members and Family.** Look on the web site for more details and directions, and also the article in this issue of *The Leader*.

Looking for a few good men or women. Elections are coming in June. Contact Frank Stolten at 725-6894 fstolten@comcast.net if you are interested in serving.

Here Fishy Fishy!

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.

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1. Tenkara #2 Fishout	2. Kirman Lake Fishout
3.	4.	5.	6. Greenstone #1 Fishout	7.	8. May 7 - 10 Upper Sac Fishout	9. Little Truckee Fishout
10. May 7 - 10 Upper Sac Fishout	11.	12. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	13.	14. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	15. May 15 - 17 Bridgeport Fishout	16.
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24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
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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.

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

by Ted Way, VP Membership

Please join me in welcoming new members who have joined us over the last few months. Make sure you keep an eye out for them at our meetings and events so that we can make them feel that they are an important part of our club.

Gerry Cusak

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.

Virginia Lakes Fishout June 24- 28, 2015

Flycasters, it is time for the annual Virginia Lakes trip. We are looking at the 24th to the 28th of June. We will be going up on June 23rd and coming home on June 28th. We will have a taco dinner on Saturday the 27th 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. If you are concerned about the elevation, you might consider staying a night at Twin Lakes or the Tahoe area on the way. This is a nice campground with water and very nice pit toilets. Reservations can be made on line, but we usually are able to secure sites without them. There is also unimproved camping a short distance down the road by the creek (Road 139). These are also very beautiful, and right next to a main stream, and free. The two Virginia Lakes are easy walking distance from the campground, which sits right next to Trumble Lake. There is excellent fishing at all three lakes. Great stream fishing is available all around: Virginia Creek, 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 (very nice breakfasts), and hot showers. They also rent cabins (usually for a week), but will do a weekend at the last minute if they aren't rented: <http://www.virginalakesresort.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.

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GBF Annual Picnic and One-Fly Tournament June 11- 14, Fuller Lake

Chair: Don Van Sant donvansant@pacbell.net

Once again it's time for our Annual Picnic and One-Fly Tournament, the one event for the entire family you won't want to miss.

Thursday, June 11th - Arrive any time after 2 pm, set-up camp, open a soda, and kick back. Or go fish!

Friday, June 12th - Go Fish!

Saturday, June 13th - The Picnic

9:00 AM - Start the One-Fly Tournament on Fuller Lake.

12:00 noon - the tournament ends.

This is a chance to test your skills in a friendly competition for bragging rights and some great prizes in categories of most fish, largest fish, smallest fish and 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. Then we'll hold the 9th annual "Not-So-Special Olympics," which is open to all. It's like picnic games combined with fly fishing skills.

After the 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 14th - 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 June 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.



The History of Fly Fishing, Issue #17

by Ed Lloyd, Monthly Program Chairman

In our last issue, we learned about some of the earlier origins of the fly, rods, reels, and a general description of just how everything fit together back in the 15th-16th centuries. Now, let's move on to the 17th century where most, if not all, of this information is recorded history.

As we know, there was very little information on the history of the sport that was recorded up through and including the 15th Century. However, now things began to change, and change rather quickly. All of a sudden, a complete change in the sport was recorded in books. It's very easy to assume that the authors of these books had in fact caused this change, yet it is more than likely that they (the authors) simply wrote what had changed. What is in fact quite clear, was that the sport of fly fishing, in terms of progression, moved as if in a quantum leap from the years of the 15th Century.

Just when the pace began to quicken, is still unclear. Unfortunately, the years intervening between the writing of Basurto's *"Dialogue Between a Hunter and a Fisher"* in 1539, and the end of the first quarter of the seventeenth century are a blank. It seems quite weird that with the invention of the printing press, nobody thought about writing anything about fly fishing for little more than a century. Yet, if someone did, it is now lost, and we need to be grateful we have the information we have. Now we can become grateful to those writers from the English waters of the 17th century for influencing the course of the sport more than any writers before or after this.

So, with the new century, fly fishing was not exactly the most important priority in England. After all, the country was still recovering from many years of a bloody civil war, which was cause for great change throughout the country. The increase in population and the increasing needs of the towns put severe strains on the rural economy, which began the century in crisis, but as a result of enclosure and agricultural reform, produced sufficient surpluses to export grain by 1700. As usual, productivity was not brought without pain, and the century was marked by revolts and starvation. So with this being said, you can see why not much, if any, fly fishing was recorded.

So, now with most of the wars concluded (yet not all of them), English fly fishing was now being recorded once again, along many other interests for the English people. Much of just why this had happened can be attributed to the restoration of Charles II to the throne. One of the first acts that Charles exercised was a kind of restoration of trust and interest, which was part of his terms for resuming the government, which was left to Parliament as to how it would be accomplished.

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A general pardon was to be issued, greater religious tolerance sought, and the security of private property guaranteed. Even though this was a tall order, and in the end actually fell short of what Charles envisioned, the gesture did indeed give England a new confidence after weathering many decades of uncertainty. One of the results was a flowering of literature: the novel, drama, biography, history, travel writing and journalism all found their feet during this period. One of the most important, at least where we are concerned, was the increase in angling literature, which is noteworthy here because Charles himself was a known fisherman. In the next issue we will look further into the development of fly fishing during Charles' restoration, specifically looking at the development of rods and lines.

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:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominated</u>
President	John Hogg
Vice President, Membership	Ted Way
Vice President, Conservation	Mel Odemar
Secretary	Doug Kytonen
Treasurer	Mike Howes
Director, 3 year term	Eric Palmer
Director, 3 year term	Gordon Tornberg
Director-at-Large, 1 year term	Ron Rabun

Nominations for all positions are still open, and will be made final at the May general meeting with the election held at the June meeting. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please contact Frank Stolten at 725-6894 fstolten@comcast.net.

Rigging for Still Water

by Eric Palmer

With still water season in full swing, it seemed a good idea to rerun something I wrote on the topic about this time last year.

With many new members, beginners, and older members too who might benefit from some expert information on rigging for lakes, I polled a few of our more seasoned and successful still water anglers to see what their preferences are in terms of lines, leaders, and rigging in general.

Opinions will vary, but it's still very educational, and you can decide for yourself what may work best for you on your target water. Space limitations have restricted me to select five club members at random.

A couple years ago, while picking **Jim Holmes'** brain on float tube selection and homemade PVC rod holders, I learned that he often takes 3 rods out on his tube in order to cover all the bases, and of course, many others do this too, including Scott Vaughn. Depending on the venue, Jim may arm himself with a floating line for dries, a "hover" line that sinks at under one inch-per-second (ips), and an intermediate line at 1.5 to 2 ips. These two lines are full sinking, not sinking tips, as Jim feels it's important to have the fly moving horizontally during the retrieve. Since the "hover" and "intermediate" terminology may vary from one

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manufacturer to the next, it's best get your brain around the actual sinking rates in ips instead, so you are always comparing apples to apples, regardless of a given manufacturer's jargon. For more serious sinking, Jim likes a 200 grain shooting head for which a Teeny 200 at 4-5 ips would do the job. Of course, this is also a fine line choice for steelhead and shad on rivers, so it's a worthwhile addition to your arsenal.

Jim and **Gene Goss**, who often fish together, typically rig a standard mono (nylon) 9 ft. 3x leader, and add 3 ft. or more of 6# or 8# bulk Berkley Vanish fluorocarbon as tippet to the 1st fly. If the fish are particularly spooky, that 3 ft. may be extended. This is where Gene starts fishing, while Jim will usually add a 2nd fly at the end of at least 20 in. of more Vanish of a lighter weight, depending on fish size. Both may fish sparsely tied wiggle tails or streamers—often in black—depending on the situation. They both use loop knots to the fly. You will find some of Gene's favorite streamers [here](#).

For the benefit of newcomers to the sport, the term "bulk" refers to the larger spools of leader material that may cost double that of the tiny tippet spools, but will contain over three times as much material. Of course, there are always trade-offs in life, and in this case, for a given test strength, the bulk material will usually be .001" or .002" thicker and slightly less supple than spools labeled "tippet." However, for still water, suppleness and even a precise taper is much less critical than when nymphing streams or fishing dries, especially when throwing larger streamers or buggers.

Checking in with **Bill Ossolinski**, I learned that his leaders tend to be shorter at 10 ½ to 12 ft. for easier casting; just his preference. Bill's tippets range from 2x to 5x, based on fish size and conditions. Bill always uses fluorocarbon tippets and loop knots at the fly for more lifelike action. When Bill is not attaching his leaders to his favorite Cortland clear camo intermediate line, he uses a Cortland sinker with a 7 ft. camo sinking tip engineered to sink to 2 ft. and hover in the zone where the pupa and emergers are coming off. Bill usually fishes two flies, with his favorites being Seal Buggers in black, brown and orange, along with *Hale Bopp Leaches* in bloody black. Bill is frequently fishing for Large Mouth bass in his home waters of Rancho Murieta with these flies, but they should be effective on all the bass waters we frequent.

Michael Kaul offered the following nuggets: Favoring the Eastern Sierra high lakes, he fishes about 80% of the time with a camo intermediate line, but deviates from the others with a shorter 8-9 ft. leader, usually all fluorocarbon, and a single fly. If conditions warrant, he'll switch to a faster full sinking type II or III line to get more depth, and he likes to add a little foam to his flies with the sinking lines to get the flies hovering just off the bottom. On the higher elevation lakes, Michael uses the lightest tippets he can get away with for stealth in clear water, depending on fish size. Michael uses a lot of streamers in multiple colors to give the fish more options, but he also fishes a good number of nymphs.

Scott Vaughn has a unique and very simple leader design scheme, and he believes that taper is not important on still water; Scott backs that up with his typically large count of fish netted on each outing. His total leader length is 10 ft., made up of a 4 ft. butt section of 15# bulk Berkley Vanish fluorocarbon with a perfection loop on both ends, with one attached to the fly line. The other end connects to a loop on one end of 6 ft. of 8# fluorocarbon with a single fly attached. That's it, end of story, except for the monotonous and demoralizing "fish on" if you happen to be tubing within ear shot as I found myself recently. Scott's rig is my personal favorite due to its simplicity, except I replace his loop-to-loop connection with a size 10 (the smallest) Spro swivel to combat any potential twisting of larger streamers or buggers.

A printable graphic representation of three of the above described rigs can be found on the GBF web site *Tech-Talk* page [here](#).

To summarize: An intermediate sinking line at 1.5 to 2 ips is a very popular

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starting point, with the Rio Camolux or equivalent being preferred by many. The next step in getting down would be a type II or III full sinking line or equivalent tip. For leaders, it's fluorocarbon, at least for tippets, and loop knots at the fly. Leaders generally exceed 10 ft. in length, except with fast-sinking lines where you will want to shorten up some. Opinions vary on use of one fly vs. two. Some would argue that using two flies doubles your chances of a hookup, while others claim the 2nd fly interferes with the lifelike swimming motion of the top fly. Try each method and you be the judge.

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

Eric

Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner (Taken from the Article Written in May 2011)

Fly Patterns - Burk's Aggravator Prince Nymph



Burk's Aggravator Prince Nymph

Materials:

Hook:	TMC 2312, Daiichi 1260, or similar hook, #6-14
Thread:	Black Danville 6/0
Head:	Gold bead, sized to match hook
Weight:	Lead free wire wraps
Tag:	Pearl Crystal Flash
Tail:	Brown/Olive marabou
Rib:	Gold wire
Abdomen:	Peacock Herl
Thorax:	Peacock Herl
Collar:	Peacock Herl
Wing Case:	White goose biots
Legs:	Olive Silli-Legs

Description

Andy Burk needs no introduction to the world of fly tying; he's practically a legend. But he's also a darned nice guy. Andy has produced many U-Tube videos on fly tying—and, of course, these are all free. He has also made or been featured in commercially marketed DVDs on fly tying. Andy has, over the years, developed many original patterns, some of which have (at least in my case) accounted for many "nice" fish. Andy formerly wrote the "At the Vise" column in the California Fly Fisher Magazine; I was honored to take over that column once Andy moved along to other ventures.

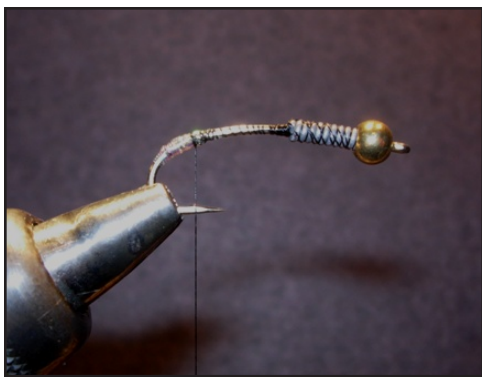
I've used Andy's Aggravator Prince Nymph for bass and trout in still water angling. The fly, with its sexy motion, attracts fish and induces strikes and takes. Tie up a few of these and toss them to still water trout and bass.

Tying Instructions

For best viewing: (1) Maximize your Computer Screen Window. (2) Type "Ctrl + or -" to enlarge or contract the photograph display. (3) Use the Horizontal and Vertical Scroll Bars to scroll right and up/down to display larger photos on your screen.

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Steps 1 & 2

1. Smash the hook barb, apply the bead to the hook, and wrap weighting wire in the thorax area.
2. Cover the shank with thread, leaving it at the rear of the hook, just above the back of the barb. Tie in two pieces of pearl Crystal Flash and wrap them down the bend to the half way point, and then back to the tie-in point. Tie it off and trim the excess.

3. Cut or strip a small bunch of olive-brown marabou from the quill, and tie it in at the front end of the Crystal Flash tag, to form the tail. The tail should be approximately the length of the hook shank.
4. Tie in a piece of gold wire at the same spot; this will be the ribbing material.



Steps 3 & 4

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6. Wind the peacock "chenille" forward to form the abdomen; stop winding when you have reached the 2/3 point on the shank, and tie off the herl. Don't trim it yet, as we will use the rest of it to finish the thorax.

*Step 7*

8. Pick up the herl chenille once again and take a few wraps in front of the first set of legs, sweeping them rearward. Tie off the herl again and move it out of the way. Apply a second set of legs in the same manner as the first set.

*Steps 9, 10, & 11*

Now go throw one of these beasts to some still water bass or trout with an intermediate sink line, and....

5. At the same spot, tie in 3 or 4 long strands of peacock herl and form a loop of the thread; leave the loop with the herl, but cut one leg of the loop at the shank. Move the thread forward to the hook eye. Using your hackle pliers, grab all of the peacock herl strands and the single strand of thread. Twist the thread and herl counterclockwise until you form a herl "chenille."

*Step 6*

7. At that same front 2/3 point, tie in the first set of legs by laying a section of leg material perpendicular across the hook shank and tying it down. Figure-8 wrap the leg material; don't trim it yet.

*Step 8*

9. Rib the abdomen and thorax areas with the fine gold wire and tie off the wire in front of the thorax.
10. Cut two long white biots from the stem. Tie them in at the front of the thorax and place a drop of glue at the tie-in point.
11. Using the remainder of the herl chenille, wrap a collar of peacock herl behind the bead and tie it off. Whip finish behind the bead.

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.

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 Ted Way at 916-761-7115, 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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